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METRIC SPACE

- **DEFINITION:***METRIC*

Let X be a non empty set. Define $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Then d is said to be a metric on X if it satisfies the following conditions

- Non negativity:

$$d(x,y) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x, y \in X$$

- Definiteness:

$$d(x, y)=0 \text{ iff } x=y$$

- Symmetry:

$$d(x,y) = d(y,x)$$

- Triangle inequality:

$$d(x,y) \leq d(x,z) + d(z,y) \quad \text{for all } x, y, z \in X$$

- **DEFINITION:** *METRIC SPACE*

A non empty set X along with the metric d on X is called Metric space. It is denoted by (X, d) or simply X .

- **Example:**

Let $X = \mathbb{R}$.

Define $d: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

To check: d is a metric on \mathbb{R} .

- Non negativity:

$$d(x, y) = |x - y| \geq 0$$

- Definiteness:

$$d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow |x - y| = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x - y = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = y$$

- Symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned}d(x, y) &= |x - y| \\&= |-(y - x)| \\&= |y - x| \\&= d(y, x)\end{aligned}$$

- Triangle inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Consider } d(x, y) &= |x - y| \\&= |x - z + z - y| \\&= |(x - z) - (y - z)| \\&= |(x - z) + (z - y)| \\&\leq |x - z| + |z - y| \\&= d(x, z) + d(z, y) \quad \text{for all } x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\end{aligned}$$

Since d satisfies all the axioms of the metric.

Hence d is the metric on \mathbb{R} called *Usual Metric* or *Standard Metric*.

Definition: NEIGHBOURHOOD OF A POINT

Let (X, d) be a Metric space.

Let $p \in X$, then a neighbourhood of a point p is a set $N_r(p)$ defined as $N_r(p) = \{ x \in X : d(x, p) < r \}$. The number $r > 0$ is called radius of $N_r(p)$.

● **DEFINITION: INTERIOR POINT**

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Let $E \subset X$. Let $p \in E$.

Then p is said to be an interior point of E if there exists a neighbourhood $N_r(p)$ such that $N_r(p) \subset E$.

EXAMPLE:

Let $X = \mathbb{R}$

$E = \mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\} \subset \mathbb{R}$.

W.K.T Neighbourhood of $x = N_x(x) = (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon)$

For $\epsilon = 2$, The neighbourhood of $-1 = (-3, 1) \not\subset \mathbb{Z}$.

That is, we cannot find any neighbourhood of any integer which is contained in \mathbb{Z} .

Therefore \mathbb{Z} has no interior points.

- **EXAMPLE OF INTERIOR POINT:**

Let $E = (2, 6) \subset \mathbb{R}$.

All reals between 2 and 6 are interior points.

- **DEFINITION: OPEN SET**

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Let $E \subset X$. then E is said to be an open set if every point of E is an interior point.

- **EXAMPLE OF OPEN SET:**

Let $X = \mathbb{R}$, with usual metric.

- Let $E = (-1, 5)$

Points of E = all reals between -1 and 5

Interior point of E = all reals between -1 and 5

Therefore E is open.

In General, Every open interval is open.

● Let $E = (0, 5) \cup \{7\} \subset \mathbb{R}$

Points of $E =$ all reals between 0 and 5, 7

Interior points of $E =$ all reals between 0 and 5.

Therefore E is not open.

● Let $E = [1, 5] \subset \mathbb{R}$

Points of $E = 1, 5$ and all reals between 1 and 5

Interior points of $E =$ all reals between 1 and 5.

Therefore E is not open.

Theorem:

Every neighbourhood is an open set.

Proof:

Let (X, d) be a Metric space.

Let $p \in X$. Let $N_r(p)$ be an arbitrary neighbourhood of p , $r > 0$.

To prove: $N_r(p)$ is an open set.

i.e., to prove : Every point of $N_r(p)$ is an interior point.

Let $q \in N_r(p)$

To prove: q is an interior point of $N_r(p)$.

Let $d(p, q) = h$ ($h > 0, h < r$)(1)

Let $N_{r-h}(q)$ be a neighbourhood of q .

To prove: $N_{r-h}(q) \subseteq N_r(p)$

Let $x \in N_{r-h}(q)$

Now to prove: $x \in N_r(p)$

now $x \in N_{r-h}(q) \Rightarrow d(x, q) < r - h$ (2)

Consider $d(x, p) \leq d(x, q) + d(q, p)$
(by triangle inequality)

$< r - h + h = r$ (by (1) & (2))

$d(x, p) < r \Rightarrow x \in N_r(p)$

Therefore we have $N_{r-h}(q) \subseteq N_r(p)$

i.e., there exists a neighbourhood of q which is contained in $N_r(p)$.

$\Rightarrow q$ is an interior point of $N_r(p)$.

Since q is arbitrary, every point of $N_r(p)$ is an interior point.

$N_r(p)$ is an open set and
since this is an arbitrary neighbourhood.

We can say that every neighbourhood is an open set.

DEFINITION: LIMIT POINT OF A SET

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Let $E \subset X$. Let $p \in X$.

Then p is said to be a limit point of E if every neighbourhood of p contains at least one point of E other than p .

DEFINITION: DERIVED SET

The set of all limit points of E is called derived set of E . It is denoted by E' .

EXAMPLE:

- Let $E = (-1, 10]$

Limit points of $E = -1, 10$ and all reals between -1 and 10 .

$$\begin{aligned} E' &= \{ -1, 10, \text{all reals between } -1 \text{ and } 10 \} \\ &= [-1, 10] \end{aligned}$$

- Let $E = (1, 5) \cup \{5\}$

Limit point of $E = 1, 5$, all reals between 1 and 5 .

DEFINITION: CLOSED SET

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Let $E \subset X$.

Then E is said to be closed set if every limit point of E is a point of E .

EXAMPLE:

● Let $E = [0, 1] \subset \mathbb{R}$

Limit points of $E = 0, 1, \text{ all reals between } 0 \text{ and } 1.$

Points of $E = 0, 1, \text{ all reals between } 0 \text{ and } 1.$

Therefore E is closed.

In General, every closed interval is a closed set.

DEFINITION: COMPLEMENT OF A SET

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Let $E \subset X$.

The complement of E is denoted by E^c and is defined as $E^c = \{ x \in X : x \notin E \}$

EXAMPLE:

○ Let (\mathbb{R}, d) be a Metric space.

$$\mathbb{R}^c = \emptyset, \emptyset^c = \mathbb{R}$$

THE RELATION BETWEEN OPEN AND CLOSED SETS

Theorem:

A set E is open iff its complement is closed.

Proof:

Necessary part:

Let E be open.

To prove: E^c is closed.

Let p be a limit point of E^c .

It is enough to show that $p \in E^c$.

Since p is a limit point of E^c , every neighbourhood of p contain at least one point of E^c other than p .

\Rightarrow No neighbourhood of p is contained in E .

$\Rightarrow p$ is not an interior point of E .

But E is open.

$\Rightarrow p \notin E$

$\Rightarrow p \in E^c$

Since p is arbitrary, we can say every limit point is a point of E^c .

Therefore E^c is closed.

Sufficient part:

Suppose E^c is closed.

To prove: E is open.

Let $p \in E$ (arbitrary).

To prove: p is an interior point of E .

Since $p \in E$ which implies $p \notin E^c$.

But E^c is closed.

$\Rightarrow p$ is not a limit point of E^c .

\Rightarrow there exists a neighbourhood N of p which contains no point of E^c .

Which implies that \exists a neighbourhood N of p such that $N \cap E^c = \emptyset$

i.e., \exists a neighbourhood N of p such that

$$N \subset (E^c)^c = E$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$ a neighbourhood N of p such that $N \subset E$

$\Rightarrow p$ is an interior point of E .

Since p is arbitrary, every point of E is an interior point of E .

Therefore E is open.



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