

B.Sc 3rd YEAR

PAPER - 1ST , UNIT- (IV) { METRIC SPACE }

METRIC:

Let $X \neq \phi$ be set then a function $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (set of real numbers) is called metric on X if it satisfies the following conditions -

- (i) $d(x, y) \geq 0$ (Non-negativity)
- (ii) $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$
- (iii) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ (Symmetry)
- (iv) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y), \forall x, y, z \in X$ (Triangle inequality)

Note: d is also called distance function.

METRIC SPACE:

The pair (X, d) is called metric space.

EXAMPLE: (1)

Let $X = \mathbb{R}$, $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ then d is a metric on X .

SOLUTION:

- (i) let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ then $x - y \in \mathbb{R} \implies |x - y| \geq 0 \implies d(x, y) \geq 0$
- (ii) $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow |x - y| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x - y = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$
- (iii) $d(x, y) = |x - y| = |-(y - x)| = |y - x| = d(y, x)$
- (iv) let $z \in \mathbb{R}$, $d(x, y) = |x - y| = |x - z + z - y| \leq |x - z| + |z - y| = d(x, z) + d(z, y)$
{by triangle inequality in modulus}

Thus d is a metric on \mathbb{R} .

REMARK: The above metric is called **usual metric on \mathbb{R}** .

EXAMPLE: (2) Let X be a non empty set and $d(x, y) =$

$$\begin{cases} 0, & x = y \\ 1, & x \neq y \end{cases} \quad \forall x, y \in X$$

then d is a metric and is called **discrete metric on X** .

SOLUTION:

(i) From the definition of d , for all $x, y \in X$, $d(x, y)$ is either 0 or 1 hence $d(x, y) \geq 0$

(ii) $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ (by def. of d)

(iii) let $x, y \in X$ then $x = y$ or $x \neq y$

if $x = y \implies y = x$, so $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$

if $x \neq y \implies y \neq x$, so $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
in both cases $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$

(iv) let $z \in X$

case I: if $x = y$ then either $x = y = z$ or $x = y \neq z$

\implies either $d(x, y) = d(x, z) = d(z, y) = 0$ or $d(x, y) = 0$ and $d(x, z) = d(z, y) = 1$

\implies either $d(x, y) = d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ or $d(x, y) < d(x, z) + d(z, y)$

so $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$

cases II: if $x \neq y$ then either $x \neq y = z$ or $x \neq y \neq z$

\implies either $d(x, y) = d(x, z) = 1$ and $d(z, y) = 0$ or $d(x, y) = d(x, z) = d(z, y) = 1$

\implies either $d(x, y) = d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ or $d(x, y) < d(x, z) + d(z, y)$

so, $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$

thus in either case $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y) \forall x, y, z \in X$, hence d is a metric on X

NOTE:

MINKOSWKI INEQUALITY: if $p \geq 1$, x_i, y_i are positive real numbers $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i)^p \right]^{1/p} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \right)^{1/p} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^p \right)^{1/p}$$

EXAMPLE: (3) Let $X = \mathbb{R}^2$, $d(x, y) = [(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2]^{1/2}$, $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ then d is a metric on \mathbb{R}^2 .

SOLUTION:

(i) since $(x_1 - y_1)^2 \geq 0, (x_2 - y_2)^2 \geq 0 \implies (x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 \geq 0$

$\implies [(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2]^{1/2} \geq 0 \implies d(x, y) \geq 0$

(ii) $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow [(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2]^{1/2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow (x_1 - y_1)^2 = 0$ and $(x_2 - y_2)^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_1 - y_1 = 0$ and $x_2 - y_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_1 = y_1$ and $x_2 = y_2$

$\Leftrightarrow x = y$

(iii) $d(x, y) = [(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2]^{1/2} = [(y_1 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - x_2)^2]^{1/2} = d(y, x)$

(iv) $d(x, y) = [(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2]^{1/2} = \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 (x_i + y_i)^2 \right]^{1/2}$

let $z = (z_1, z_2)$ then $d(x, y) = \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 (x_i - z_i + z_i - y_i)^2 \right]^{1/2}$

$$\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^2 (x_i - z_i)^2 \right)^{1/2} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^2 (z_i - y_i)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

(using Minkowski's Ineq.)

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

thus $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$

EXERCISE: Show that (X, d) is a metric space where, $X = \mathbb{R}^3$, $d(x, y) = \left[\sum_{i=1}^3 (x_i - y_i)^2 \right]^{1/2}$

EXAMPLE: (4) If d is metric on a set $X \neq \emptyset$ then $d^*(x, y) = \min\{1, d(x, y)\}$ is also a metric on X .

SOLUTION:

Given that d is a metric on X so we have -

(i) $d(x, y) \geq 0$

(ii) $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$

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

(iv) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y), \forall x, y, z \in X$

now to show d^* is metric on X

(i)* since $1 > 0$ and $d(x, y) \geq 0 \forall x, y \in X$ { using (i) }

$\Rightarrow \min\{1, d(x, y)\} \geq 0 \Rightarrow d^*(x, y) \geq 0$

(ii)* $d^*(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \min\{1, d(x, y)\} = 0 \Leftrightarrow d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ {since $1 \neq 0$ and using (ii)}

(iii)* $d^*(x, y) = \min\{1, d(x, y)\} = \min\{1, d(y, x)\} = d^*(y, x)$ {using (iii)}

(iv)* Let $z \in X$ from $d^*(x, y) = \min\{1, d(x, y)\}$ we have $d^*(x, y) \leq d(x, y) \forall x, y \in X$ (#)

case I : if either $d(x, z) \geq 1$ or $d(z, y) \geq 1 \Rightarrow$ either $\min\{1, d(x, z)\} = 1$ or $\min\{1, d(z, y)\} = 1$

\Rightarrow either $d^*(x, z) = 1$ or $d^*(z, y) = 1$

so $d^*(x, z) + d^*(z, y) \geq 1 \geq d^*(x, y)$

case II: if $d(x, z) < 1$ and $d(z, y) < 1$ then $\min\{1, d(x, z)\} = d(x, z)$ and $\min\{1, d(z, y)\} = d(z, y)$

$\Rightarrow d^*(x, z) = d(x, z)$ and $d^*(z, y) = d(z, y)$ (##)

now, $d^*(x, y) \leq d(x, y)$ (using equation (#))

$\leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ (using (iv))

$= d^*(x, z) + d^*(z, y)$ (using equation (##))

thus, in both cases $d^*(x, y) \leq d^*(x, z) + d^*(z, y), \forall x, y, z \in X$

OPEN SPHERE (OPEN BALL): Let X be a non empty set and d is a metric on X then open sphere

of radius $r > 0$ (positive real number) centred at $x_0 \in X$ denoted and defined by-

$$S(x_0, r) = S_r(x_0) = \{x \in X: d(x_0, x) < r\}$$

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EXAMPLE (1): Find open and closed sphere in usual metric space (\mathbb{R}, d) .

SOLUTION:

Since we know that usual metric on \mathbb{R} is defined by $d(x, y) = |x - y|$

let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ be the centre and $r > 0$ be a radius.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Open sphere } S(x_0, r) &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}: d(x_0, x) < r\} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}: |x_0 - x| < r\} \quad (\text{by def. of } d) \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}: |x - x_0| < r\} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}: -r < x - x_0 < r\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}: x_0 - r < x < x_0 + r\} = (x_0 - r, x_0 + r) \end{aligned}$$



thus we can see that open sphere in usual metric on \mathbb{R} is an open interval with end point $x_0 - r$ and $x_0 + r$.

Similarly, closed sphere $S[x_0, r] = \{x \in \mathbb{R}: x_0 - r \leq x \leq x_0 + r\} = [x_0 - r, x_0 + r]$ is closed



EXAMPLE (2) Find open and closed sphere in discrete metric space (X, d) .

SOLUTION:

To find open sphere : given that d is a discrete metric on X i.e.

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = y \\ 1, & x \neq y \quad \forall x, y \in X \end{cases}$$

let $x_0 \in X$ and $r > 0$ then $S(x_0, r) = \{x \in X: d(x_0, x) < r\}$

case I: if $0 < r < 1$ then $S(x_0, r) = \{x \in X: d(x_0, x) = 0\}$ because $d(x, y)$ either

$\implies S(x_0, r) = \{x \in X: x = x_0\} \implies S(x_0, r) = \{x_0\}$ [using (ii) property of metric]

case II: if $r \geq 1$ then $S(x_0, r) = \{x \in X: d(x_0, x) < 1\} = \{x \in X: d(x_0, x) = 0\} = \{x \in X: x = x_0\} = \{x_0\}$
 thus $\forall r > 0$, every singleton is an open sphere in discrete metric space.

To find closed sphere :

Case I : if $0 < r < 1$ then $S[x_0, r] = \{x \in X: d(x_0, x) \leq r\} = \{x \in X: d(x_0, x) = 0\}$ [since $r < 1$]
 $= \{x \in X: x = x_0\} = \{x_0\}$ [(ii) property]

Case II: if $r \geq 1$ then $S[x_0, r] = \{x \in X: d(x_0, x) \leq 1\} = X$ [by def. of d]
 thus $\forall r > 0$, every singleton and whole X are closed sphere in discrete metric space.

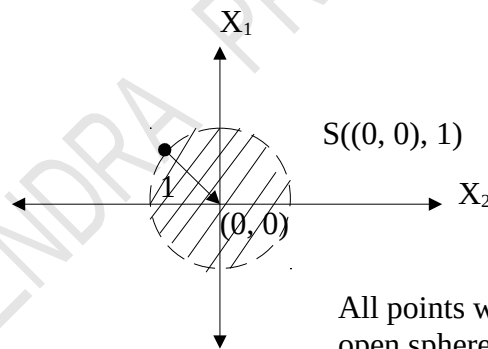
EXAMPLE (3) Find open and closed sphere of unit radius centred at origin in the metric space (\mathbb{R}^2, d) where $d(x, y) = [(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2]^{1/2}$, $x = (x_1, x_2)$, $y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

SOLUTION :

To find open sphere: given that centre $x_0 = (0, 0)$ and radius $r = 1$

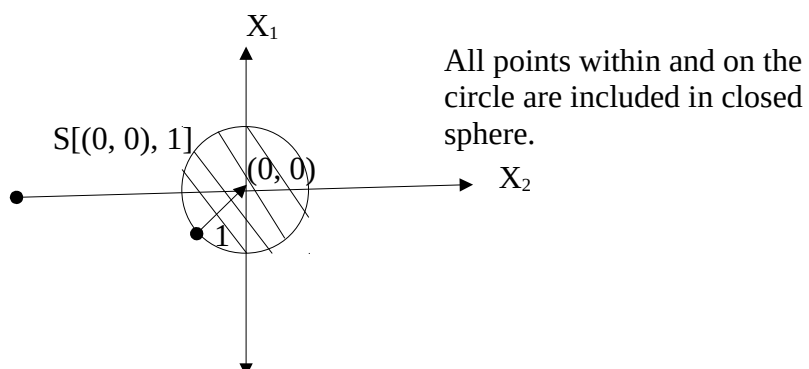
$$\begin{aligned} \text{so, } S(x_0, r) = \{x \in X: d(x_0, x) < r\} &\implies S((0, 0), 1) = \{x \in X: d((0, 0), (x_1, x_2)) < 1\} \\ &= \{x \in X: [(x_1 - 0)^2 + (x_2 - 0)^2]^{1/2} < 1\} \\ &= \{x \in X: x_1^2 + x_2^2 < 1\} \end{aligned}$$

=set of all points within a circle of radius 1 centred at origin except points on circumference



To find closed sphere:

in the similar way, closed sphere , $S[(0, 0), 1] = \{x \in X: x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 1\}$



Exercise: Show that (\mathbb{R}^2, d) , where $d(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| \quad \forall x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Also find open and closed sphere of unit radius centred at origin in this metric space.

NEIGHBOURHOOD (nbd) OF A POINT: let (X, d) be a metric space and $N \subseteq X$ then N is said to be nbd of $x \in X$ if there exist an open sphere of centred at x of radius $r > 0$ such that

$$S(x, r) \subseteq N$$

Remark: If for all $r > 0$, $S(x, r) \not\subseteq N$ then N is not nbd of x .

Example:1(a). In usual metric space on \mathbb{R} , let $N = (1, 2) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and $x = 1.5$ check whether N is a neighborhood of the point x or not.

solution: if we choose radius $r = 0.1 > 0$ then open sphere centred at $x = 1.5$

$$S(1.5, 0.1) = (1.5 - 0.1, 1.5 + 0.1) = (1.4, 1.6) \subseteq (1, 2) = N$$

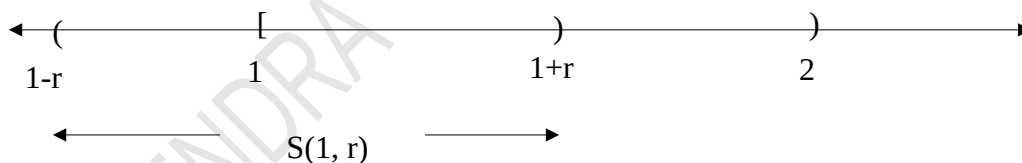
so $(1, 2)$ is a nbd of 1.5

1(b). If $N = [1, 2)$ and $x = 1$ check N is a nbd of x or not.

solution: if we choose any radius $r > 0$ then open sphere $S(1, r) = (1-r, 1+r)$ is not contained in $[1, 2)$

i.e. $(1-r, 1+r) \not\subseteq [1, 2)$

so $[1, 2)$ is not a nbd of 1



OPEN SET: let (X, d) be a metric space and $G \subseteq X$ then G is said to be an open set if it is nbd of its all points.

i.e. G is said to be an open set of X if $\forall x \in G$ there exists $r > 0$ such that $S(x, r) \subseteq G$.

EXAMPLES: In usual metric space on \mathbb{R} , the following subsets of \mathbb{R} are open or not ?

(a) \mathbb{N} (set of natural numbers)

(b) \mathbb{Z} (set of integers)

(c) \mathbb{Q} (set of rational numbers)

(d) \mathbb{Q}^c (set of irrational numbers)

(e) \mathbb{R} (set of real numbers)

Solution: (a) Let x be any natural no. then for any $r > 0$ $S(x, r) = (x-r, x+r) \not\subset \mathbb{N}$.

because $(x-r, x+r)$ also contains non-natural nos. Thus \mathbb{N} is not nbd of its all points , hence **not an open set**.

(b) Let x be any integer no. then for any $r > 0$ $S(x, r) = (x-r, x+r) \not\subset \mathbb{Z}$

because $(x-r, x+r)$ also contains non-integer nos. Thus \mathbb{Z} is not nbd of its all points , hence **not an open set**.

(c) Let x be any rational no. then for any $r > 0$ $S(x, r) = (x-r, x+r) \not\subset \mathbb{Q}$

because $(x-r, x+r)$ also contains irrational nos. Thus \mathbb{Q} is not nbd of its all points , hence **not an open set**.

(d) same as part (c)

(e) Let x be any real no. then there exists $r > 0$ (even for every $r > 0$), $S(x, r) = (x-r, x+r) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ because $(x-r, x+r)$ contains infinitely many rational and irrational points, so contained in \mathbb{R} . Thus \mathbb{R} is nbd of its all its points, hence \mathbb{R} is **an open set**.

PROPERTIES OF OPEN SET: Let (X, d) be a metric space-

(a) ϕ is always an open set in X

proof: ϕ is trivially an open set or we can say that there is no point in ϕ for which it is not a nbd, hence an open set.

(b) X is always open in X .

Proof: Let x be any point of X then there exists $r > 0$ (even for every $r > 0$) s. t.

$S(x, r) \subseteq X$, hence X is always an open set.

(c) Union of arbitrary collection of open sets is open.

Proof: Let $\{ G_\lambda : \lambda \in I \}$, where I is an index set, be an arbitrary collection of open sets.

To show $\bigcup_{\lambda \in I} G_\lambda$ is an open set, let $x \in \bigcup_{\lambda \in I} G_\lambda$ be an arbitrary point

$$\implies x \in G_{\lambda_0}, \quad \text{for some } \lambda_0 \in I$$

since G_{λ_0} is an open set so it is a neighbourhood of each of its points

so there exist $r > 0$ such that $x \in S(x, r) \subseteq G_{\lambda_0}$, for some $\lambda_0 \in I$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow S(x, r) &\subseteq \bigcup_{\lambda \in I} G_\lambda && \text{Since } G_{\lambda_0} \subseteq \bigcup_{\lambda \in I} G_\lambda \\ \Rightarrow \bigcup_{\lambda \in I} G_\lambda &\text{ is a nbd of } x \end{aligned}$$

since x is arbitrary so $\bigcup_{\lambda \in I} G_\lambda$ is a nbd of each of its points
 hence $\bigcup_{\lambda \in I} G_\lambda$ is an open set.

(d) Intersection of finite collection of open sets is open.

In particular, let G_1 and G_2 be two open set then $G_1 \cap G_2$ is open.

Proof: to show $G_1 \cap G_2$ is an open set, let $x \in G_1 \cap G_2$ be an arbitrary point

$$\Rightarrow x \in G_1 \text{ and } x \in G_2$$

since G_1 and G_2 are open so there exist $r_1 > 0$ and $r_2 > 0$ s.t. $x \in S(x, r_1) \subseteq G_1$ and $S(x, r_2) \subseteq G_2$

choose $\min\{r_1, r_2\} = r$ (say) > 0

$$\text{then } S(x, r) \subseteq G_1 \text{ and } S(x, r) \subseteq G_2 \Rightarrow S(x, r) \subseteq G_1 \cap G_2$$

since x is arbitrary, so we can say that for all $x \in G_1 \cap G_2$ there exists $r > 0$ s.t. $S(x, r) \subseteq G_1 \cap G_2$

$\Rightarrow G_1 \cap G_2$ is nbd of its all points

$\Rightarrow G_1 \cap G_2$ is an open set.

Remark: Intersection of arbitrary collection of open sets need not be an open set.

Example: Consider usual metric on \mathbb{R} and $\{(-1/n, 1/n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be collection of open sets in \mathbb{R} as open intervals in usual metric are open.

$$\text{Now, } \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (-1/n, 1/n) = \{0\}$$

to show $\{0\}$ is not open, let $0 \in \{0\}$ then for any $r > 0$, $(0-r, 0+r) = (-r, +r) \not\subseteq \{0\}$

$\Rightarrow \{0\}$ is not nbd of 0, hence not an open set.

THEOREM: In any metric space, every open sphere is an open set.

Proof: Let (X, d) be a metric space and $S(x, r)$ be an open sphere centred at x of radius $r > 0$

$$S(x, r) = \{ y \in X : d(x, y) < r \}$$

Let $y \in S(x, r)$ be an arbitrary point

$$\text{so } d(x, y) < r \implies r - d(x, y) > 0$$

$$\text{let } r' = r - d(x, y) \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

to show $S(y, r') \subseteq S(x, r)$

$$\text{let } z \in S(y, r') \implies d(z, y) < r'$$

$$\implies d(z, y) < r - d(x, y) \quad [\text{using (i)}]$$

$$\implies d(z, y) + d(x, y) < r \text{ or } d(x, y) + d(y, z) < r \quad [\text{since } d(z, y) = d(y, z)]$$

$$\implies d(x, z) < r \implies z \in S(x, r) \implies S(y, r') \subseteq S(x, r)$$

Thus $S(x, r)$ is a nbd of y which is arbitrary, hence $S(x, r)$ is nbd of its all points.

therefore $S(x, r)$ is an open set.

THEOREM: Let (X, d) be a metric space and G be a subset of X then G is open if and only if G is union of open spheres.

Proof: Case I: Let G is open

$\implies G$ is nbd of each of its points i.e. $\forall x \in G$ there exists $r_x > 0$ s. t. $S(x, r_x) \subseteq G$ so

$$\bigcup_{x \in G} S(x, r_x) \subseteq G \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

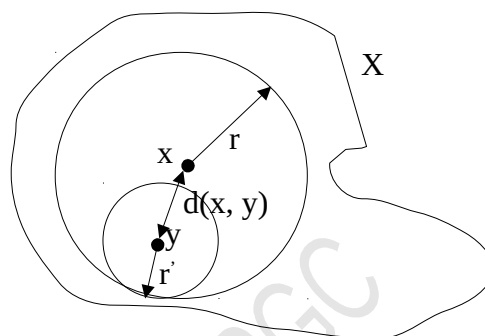
$$\text{since } x \in S(x, r_x) \implies \{x\} \subseteq S(x, r_x)$$

$$\implies \bigcup_{x \in G} \{x\} \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in G} S(x, r_x) \implies G \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in G} S(x, r_x) \quad \dots\dots(ii)$$

$$\text{from (i) and (ii), } G = \bigcup_{x \in G} S(x, r_x)$$

$\implies G$ is Union of open spheres.

Case II: let G is Union of open spheres.:



$$\Rightarrow G = \bigcup_{x \in G} S(x, r_x)$$

Since we know that open sphere is an open set and arbitrary Union of open sets is open,
hence G is open.

CLOSED SET:

Let (X, d) be a metric space then a subset F of X is said to be closed if its complement i.e. F^c is open.

Examples: In usual metric space on R

(i) $[a, b]$ is closed.

since $[a, b]^c = (-\infty, a) \cup (b, \infty)$

here, $(-\infty, a)$ and (b, ∞) are open so $(-\infty, a) \cup (b, \infty)$ is open

hence $[a, b]^c$ is open $\Rightarrow [a, b]$ is closed.

(ii) Set of natural no. N is closed.

since $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ and $N^c = R - N = (-\infty, 1) \cup (1, 2) \cup (2, 3) \cup \dots$

$$= (-\infty, 1) \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (n, n+1)$$

since for all $n \in N$, $(n, n+1)$ is open also $(-\infty, 1)$ is open and we know that arbitrary union of open sets is open, hence

$$(-\infty, 1) \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (n, n+1) \text{ is open}$$

So N^c is open therefore **N is closed.**

(iii) Similarly we can show **Z (set of all integers) is closed.**

(iv) **Q and Q^c are not closed** as its complements are not open.

(refer to examples of open set)

PROPERTIES OF CLOSEDSET: Let (X, d) be a metric space then-

(a). ϕ set is always closed in X

Proof: since we $\phi^c = X$ and X is open (refer to property of open set)

so ϕ^c is open , hence ϕ is closed.

(b). X is always closed in X

since $X^c = \phi$ and ϕ is open, so X^c is open and hence X is closed.

(c). Intersection of arbitrary collection of closed sets is closed.

Proof: Let $\{ F_\lambda : \lambda \in I \}$, where I is an index set, be a collection of closed sets.

to show $\bigcap_{\lambda \in I} F_\lambda$ is a closed set,

$$\left(\bigcap_{\lambda \in I} F_\lambda \right)^c = \bigcup_{\lambda \in I} F_\lambda^c \quad [\text{Using Demorgan's law}]$$

since F_λ is closed for all $\lambda \in I$, so F_λ^c is open for all $\lambda \in I$

also we know that union of arbitrary collection of open sets is open

$$\text{so } \bigcup_{\lambda \in I} F_\lambda^c \text{ is open } \Rightarrow \left(\bigcap_{\lambda \in I} F_\lambda \right)^c \text{ is open}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcap_{\lambda \in I} F_\lambda \text{ is closed}$$

(d). Union of finite collection of closed sets is closed.

In particular, let F_1 and F_2 are two closed sets then intersection of F_1 and F_2 is closed.

Proof: by Demorgan's law, $(F_1 \cup F_2)^c = F_1^c \cap F_2^c$

since F_1 and F_2 are closed $\Rightarrow F_1^c$ and F_2^c are open

$$\Rightarrow F_1^c \cap F_2^c \text{ is open } \quad [\text{since finite intersection of open sets is open}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup (F_1 \cap F_2)^c \text{ is open } \quad \bigcup \Rightarrow F_1 \cap F_2 \text{ is closed.}$$

Remark: Union of arbitrary collection of closed sets need not be closed.

Example: In usual metric space on \mathbb{R} , consider the collection $\{ [1/n, 1] : n \in \mathbb{N} \}$ so

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} [1/n, 1] = (0, 1]$$

now, since $(0, 1]^c = (-\infty, 0] \cup (1, \infty)$

here $(-\infty, 0]$ is not nbd of 0 [check it]

$\Rightarrow (-\infty, 0]$ is not nbd of its all points hence not open

$\Rightarrow (-\infty, 0] \cup (1, \infty)$ is not open $\Rightarrow (0, 1]^c$ is not open $\Rightarrow (0, 1]$ is not closed

hence the statement.

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