

# Metric Space

Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $E$  be any non-empty set  
Then a mapping

$$d: E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$$

is called metric over  $E$  if

- m<sub>1</sub>(i)  $d(x, y) \geq 0$  and  $d(x, y) = 0$  iff  $x = y$
- m<sub>2</sub>(ii)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  (Symmetric property)
- m<sub>3</sub>(iii)  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$   
Law of triangle inequality  
 $\forall x, y, z \in E$

Then the pair  $(E, d)$  is a metric space

eg (1) Let  $E$  be a non-empty set.

Let  $d: E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as

$$d(x, y) = 1 \text{ if } x \neq y$$

$$= 0 \text{ if } x = y$$

Then show that  $d$  is a metric over  $E$ .

Verification:-

To verify  $m_1$ , we have

$$d(x, y) \geq 0 \text{ (given)}$$

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

Hence  $m_1$  is satisfied

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

Hence  $m_2$  is satisfied

To verify  $m_3$ , let  $x, y, z \in E$  be

arbitrary.

If  $x = y$

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

is obviously satisfied.

If  $x \neq y$ , then at least one of  
 $x \neq z$  &  $y \neq z$

So,

$$d(x, z) + d(z, y) \geq 1 = d(x, y)$$

$$\text{i.e., } d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$$

Therefore in both cases  $m_1$  holds

Hence  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$  is metric space

e.g (2) Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the set of real numbers.

Let  $d: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{be defined as } d(x, y) = |x - y| \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

Proof: - For  $m_1$

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

$$\text{+ } d(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow |x - y| = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$$

Hence  $m_1$  holds

For  $m_2$

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

Hence  $m_2$  satisfied.

For  $m_3$

Let us take  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  be arbitrary

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

$$= |x - z + z - y|$$

$$\leq |x - z| + |z - y|$$

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

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

$(\mathbb{R}, d)$  is called m.s &  $d$  is called usual metric.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \text{Let } f(x, z) + f(z, y) &= \frac{d(x, z)}{1 + d(x, z)} + \frac{d(z, y)}{1 + d(z, y)} \\
 &\geq \frac{d(x, z)}{1 + d(x, z) + d(z, y)} \\
 &\quad + \frac{d(z, y)}{1 + d(z, y) + d(x, z)} \\
 &= \frac{d(x, z) + d(z, y)}{1 + d(x, z) + d(z, y)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x, z) + f(z, y) &\geq \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{f(x, z) + d(z, y)}} \\
 (\because d(x, z) + d(z, y) &\neq 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{d(x, y)}}$$

$$= \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} = f(x, y)$$

$$f(x, z) + f(z, y) \geq f(x, y)$$

or

$$f(x, y) \leq f(x, z) + f(z, y)$$

Hence  $m_f$  is holds

$\therefore (E, f)$  is a metric space.

e.g (3) Let  $(E, d)$  be a metric space.  
Let  $f$  be defined on  $E \times E$   
as  $f(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)}$ , then

Prove that  $f$  is metric over  $E$   
Proof:-

Since  $d(x, y) \geq 0$  &  
 $d(x, y) = 0$  iff  $x = y$   
 $\therefore f(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} \geq 0$

and  $f(x, y) = 0$  iff  $x = y$   
Hence  $m_1$  is satisfied  
for  $m_2$

$$f(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} \\ = \frac{d(y, x)}{1 + d(y, x)} = f(y, x)$$

Hence  $f$  is symmetric and  $f$  is ho  
for  $m_3$

Let  $x, y, z \in E$  be arbitrary  
Let us suppose  $d(x, z) + d(z, y) = f$

\*  $T_0 = \{ \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, X \}$   
Then  $T_1$  is topology over  $X$

$(X, T_2)$  is not a topological space  
because  $\{a, b\} \cap \{a, c\} = \{a\} \notin T_2$

Also  $(X, T_3)$  is not a topological space  
because  $\{a\} \cup \{b\} = \{a, b\} \notin T_3$

Ex-5 The topology  $(X, T)$  is called

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  
let  $T$  be the family of empty  
sets  $\emptyset$  together with all subsets  
of  $X$  whose complement is finite.  
Show that  $(X, T)$  is topological space.

Proof:-

By definition of  $T$ ,  $\emptyset \in T$  &  
 $X^c = \emptyset$  (finite)  
 $\Rightarrow X \in T$

Therefore, 1st condition of topological  
space i.e.,  $\emptyset, X \in T$  holds

Now

For each  $\alpha \in I$  (Index set)

let  $U_\alpha \in T$

Then we have to show that  
 $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha \in T$

We can assume that each  $U_\alpha$  is  
non-empty then  $U_\alpha^c$  is finite for  
each  $\alpha \in I$ .

Now by De Morgan's law

from  $\beta_1$ . But a singlet can only be the union of itself with  $\phi$ . Hence  $\exists x \exists \beta \in \beta_1$ .  
Therefore  $\beta \in \beta_1$ .

Conversely:-

Let  $\beta \in \beta_1$ , then  $\beta$  is base of  $\mathcal{J}$  and hence by the previous problem  $\beta_1$  is also base for  $\mathcal{J}$ .

\* Sub-base:-

Let  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  be a topological space. A family  $S$  of subsets of  $X$  is called (open) Sub-base for  $\mathcal{J}$  (on  $X$ ), if the family of all finite intersection of members of  $S$  is an open base for  $\mathcal{J}$ .

Ex:- Let us take a Topological space  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{J})$ , where  $\mathcal{J}$  is usual topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ . The family of open intervals of the form  $]-\infty, b[$  and  $]a, \infty[$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real number is an open subbase for  $\mathbb{R}$ . Since any open interval is either one of these or else the intersection of two of them.

For example  $]a, b[$

$$= ]-\infty, b[ \cap ]a, \infty[$$

where  $a \leq b$

and any open set in  $\mathbb{R}$  is the

$\mathcal{P}$  is a topology on  $X$

Then by theorem (B)

add the statement of theorem C

said are

$\mathcal{B}$  is an open base for this topology and by definition of sub base,  $\mathcal{S}$  is an open sub base for this topology.

Remark:-

$\mathcal{P}$  in the above topological space is called a topology  $\mathcal{S}$  generated by the family  $\mathcal{S}$  (of all subset of  $X$ )

Theorem:- If  $\mathcal{J}_1$  and  $\mathcal{J}_2$  be any two topologies on a set  $X$ . Then prove that  $\mathcal{J}_1 \cap \mathcal{J}_2$  is also a topology on  $X$ .

Proof:- Since  $\mathcal{J}_1$  is a topology on  $X$

$\Rightarrow \emptyset \in \mathcal{J}_1$  and  $X \in \mathcal{J}_1$

Again,  $\mathcal{J}_2$  is also a topology on  $X$

$\Rightarrow \emptyset \in \mathcal{J}_2$  and  $X \in \mathcal{J}_2$

$\Rightarrow \emptyset \in \mathcal{J}_1 \cap \mathcal{J}_2$  &  $X \in \mathcal{J}_1 \cap \mathcal{J}_2$

Therefore the 1st condition being a topology is satisfied.

Secondly,

Let  $U_\alpha \in \mathcal{J}_1 \cap \mathcal{J}_2$  for  $\alpha \in \mathcal{I}$

$\Rightarrow U_\alpha \in \mathcal{J}_1$  and  $U_\alpha \in \mathcal{J}_2$  for

union of open intervals.

Therefore the open interval  $[a, b]$  can be taken as sub-base for  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Proposition: - Let  $S$  be a family of subsets of a given non-empty set  $X$ . Let  $\beta$  be the family of all finite intersection of members from  $S$ . Then  $\beta$  is an open base for a topology on  $X$ .  
i.e.,  $\beta^*$  is a topology over  $X$  and  $S$  is an open sub-base for this topology.

Verification :-

We first observe that  $X \in \beta$  for  $X$  can be regarded as the intersection of an empty collection of members of  $S$ .

Hence  $\bigcup \{D : D \in \beta\} = X$

Next, let  $D_1, D_2 \in \beta$ , then each of  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  is a finite intersection of members of  $S$ , and therefore  $D_1 \cap D_2 \in \beta$ .

Now, for each  $x \in D_1 \cap D_2$  there is a member of  $\beta$  namely  $D_1 \cap D_2$  which contains  $x$  and is contained in  $D_1 \cap D_2$ .

It follows from theorem P that

(+) theorem or statement



is contained in  $E$ . Then by definition of open set  $E$  is an open set.

(Q2): Let  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be a family of open sets.

Let  $U = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha$ . Then we have to show

that  $U$  is open.

For this, let  $x \in U$  be arbitrary. Then  $x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha \Rightarrow x \in U_{\alpha_0}$  for some

$\alpha_0 \in I$ .

Since  $U_{\alpha_0}$  is open and  $x \in U_{\alpha_0}$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists$  an open sphere  $S_r(x)$  with centre  $x$  s.t.  $S_r(x) \subseteq U_{\alpha_0}$

$$\subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha = U$$

Thus  $S_r(x) \subseteq U$

Then by definition of open set  $U$  is open.

(Q3): It is sufficient to prove that if  $U$  and  $H$  are open sets in  $E$ , then we have to prove that  $U \cap H$  is also open.

For this let  $x \in U \cap H$  be arbitrary

$$\Rightarrow x \in U \text{ and } x \in H$$

Q Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  
let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the family of empty set  
 $\emptyset$  together with all subsets of  $X$   
whose complement is countable. Then  
show that  $\mathcal{T}$  is topology over  $X$ .

Co-countable topological space.