

2. (b) (i) Let, $\{G_i : i \in I\}$ be any collection of open sets in a metric space (X, ρ) . Prove that $\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i$ is open in X . (3)

Proof: Suppose, $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$ (where I denotes the indexing set) be a family of open sets.

Let, $\xi \in \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i$, clearly $\xi \in G_i$ for some $i \in I$

Since, each G_i is open, we have ξ is an interior point of G_i .
So, \exists an open ball, say $S_r(\xi)$ such that $S_r(\xi) \subset G_i$

$\therefore S_r(\xi) \subset \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i$

So, ξ is an interior point of $\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i$

Hence, $\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i$ is an open set.

(ii) Let, (X, ρ) and (Y, d) be a metric spaces and let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. If f is continuous then show that for every open set $V \subset Y$, the set $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X . (3)

Proof: Suppose, f is continuous function from X to Y .

If V is an open set ($\neq \emptyset$) in Y and $G = f^{-1}(V)$, then G is open if $G = f^{-1}(V)$ is empty.

So let, $G \neq \emptyset$

Take, $u \in G$, $f(u) \in V$.

Since, V is open, $f(u)$ is an interior point of V . and let,

$B_\epsilon(f(u)) \subseteq V$.

Using continuity of f at u , So corresponding to this $\epsilon > 0$, we find a ' δ ' such that $f(B_\delta(u)) \subseteq B_\epsilon(f(u)) \subseteq V$.

i.e. $B_\delta(u) \subseteq f^{-1}(V) = G$.

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i.e. u is an interior point of G .

Since, u being any elements of G , so G is open in X .

i.e. $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X .

2.c. (i) If ρ is a metric on a set X and if σ is defined by $\sigma(x,y) = \frac{\rho(x,y)}{1+\rho(x,y)}$, $x,y \in X$, then show that σ is also a metric on X .

Ans: For $x,y \in X$, $\sigma(x,y) = \frac{\rho(x,y)}{1+\rho(x,y)} \geq 0$
 $= 0$ iff $x=y$, $\therefore \rho(x,y)$ is a metric.

Now, $\sigma(x,y) = \sigma(y,x)$ is trivial.

For $x,y,z \in X$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(x,y) + \sigma(y,z) &= \frac{\rho(x,y)}{1+\rho(x,y)} + \frac{\rho(y,z)}{1+\rho(y,z)} \\ &\geq \frac{\rho(x,y)}{1+\rho(x,y)+\rho(y,z)} + \frac{\rho(y,z)}{1+\rho(y,z)+\rho(x,y)} \\ &= \frac{\rho(x,y) + \rho(y,z)}{1+\rho(x,y)+\rho(y,z)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\rho(x,y)+\rho(y,z)}} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\rho(x,z)}} \quad [\because \rho(x,z) \leq \rho(x,y)+\rho(y,z)] \\ &= \frac{\rho(x,z)}{1+\rho(x,z)} \\ &= \sigma(x,z). \end{aligned}$$

i.e. $\sigma(x,y) + \sigma(y,z) \geq \sigma(x,z)$.

i.e. $\sigma(x,z) \leq \sigma(x,y) + \sigma(y,z)$.

\therefore Triangle inequality holds.

Hence, σ is also a metric on X .

(ii) Let (X,ρ) be a metric space and let $A \subset X$. Then show that $\bar{A} = \{x \in X : \rho(x,A) = 0\}$, where \bar{A} is the closure of A w.r.to the metric ρ and $\rho(x,A)$ denotes the distance of x from A .

Ans: Let, $x \in \bar{A}$ and $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Then $\exists a \in A \cap B(x,\epsilon)$, so that $\rho(x,A) \leq \rho(x,a) < \epsilon$, for arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$.
 Hence, $\rho(x,A) = 0$.

If $x \notin \bar{A}$, then $\exists r > 0$ such that $A \cap B(x,r) = \emptyset$ i.e. $d(x,A) \geq r$, $\forall a \in A$ and hence $d(x,A) \neq 0 \geq r > 0$, showing that $x \notin \{y \in X : d(y,A) = 0\}$.

5. c. (i) If a sub-set E of a metric space (X, ρ) is connected then show that its closure \bar{E} is also connected. Give an example to show that connectedness of \bar{E} may not imply connectedness of E . (5+1=6)

Proof: Let, \bar{E} be not connected, then $\bar{E} = B \cup C$, where B and C are non-empty disjoint closed sets in \bar{E} .

Now, $E \subset \bar{E} = B \cup C$ and as E is connected either $E \subset B$ or $E \subset C$.

Thus, either $\bar{E} \subset B = B$ or $\bar{E} \subset C = C$.

which is a contradiction.

Hence, closure of a connected set is connected.

(ii) Let, (X, ρ) and (Y, d) be a metric spaces and let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be continuous. Show that if X is connected then the range $f(X)$ is also connected. (6)

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 d. (i) Let, (X, ρ) and (Y, d) be metric spaces and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. When is the function f is said to be uniformly continuous? Show that if X is compact then f is uniformly continuous. (1+6=7)

Ans: Let, $f: (X, \rho) \rightarrow (Y, d)$ is said to be uniformly continuous if given $\epsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that $d(fx, fy) < \epsilon$ whenever $\rho(x, y) < \delta$.

Let, (X, ρ) be a compact metric space and (Y, d) be any metric space. Also let, $f: (X, \rho) \rightarrow (Y, d)$ be continuous function.

If $\epsilon > 0$, $x \in X$ by continuity of f at x , we find a $\delta(x)$ such that $d(fx, fy) < \epsilon/2$, whenever $\rho(x, y) < \delta(x)$

Now, consider the family of open balls $\{B(x, \frac{1}{2}\delta(x))\}_{x \in X}$

clearly, this family $\{B(x, \frac{1}{2}\delta(x))\}_{x \in X}$ is an open cover for X . But X is compact, so there is an open finite sub-cover $\{B(x_1, \frac{1}{2}\delta(x_1)), B(x_2, \frac{1}{2}\delta(x_2)), \dots, B(x_n, \frac{1}{2}\delta(x_n))\}$

Let us choose δ such that $\delta < \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} (\frac{1}{2}\delta(x_i))$

Let, $u, v \in X$ with $\rho(u, v) < \delta$.

Let, $u \in B(x_i, \frac{1}{2}\delta(x_i))$, for some i [$1 \leq i \leq n$].

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \rho(v, x_i) &\leq \rho(v, u) + \rho(u, x_i) \\ &< \delta + \frac{1}{2}\delta(x_i) \\ &< \frac{1}{2}\delta(x_i) + \frac{1}{2}\delta(x_i) \\ &< \frac{1}{2}\delta(x_i). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore d(f(u), f(v)) &\leq d(f(u), f(x_i)) + d(f(x_i), f(v)) \\ &< \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the theorem.

5. d. (ii) For any two real numbers x, y define, $\sigma(x, y) = \left| \frac{|x|}{1+|x|} - \frac{|y|}{1+|y|} \right|$. Show that σ is a metric on the set of real numbers. (5)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ans: For any } x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma(x, y) &= \left| \frac{|x|}{1+|x|} - \frac{|y|}{1+|y|} \right| \geq 0 \\ &= 0 \quad \text{iff } x = y. \end{aligned}$$

For any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $\sigma(x, y) = \sigma(y, x)$ is trivial.

Let for $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(x, y) + \sigma(y, z) &= \left| \frac{|x|}{1+|x|} - \frac{|y|}{1+|y|} \right| + \left| \frac{|y|}{1+|y|} - \frac{|z|}{1+|z|} \right| \\ &\geq \left| \frac{|x|}{1+|x|} - \frac{|y|}{1+|y|} + \frac{|y|}{1+|y|} - \frac{|z|}{1+|z|} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{|x|}{1+|x|} - \frac{|z|}{1+|z|} \right| \\ &= \sigma(x, z). \end{aligned}$$

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

Triangle inequality holds.

Hence, σ is a metric on the set of all real numbers.

5. e. (ii) Let, (X, ρ) and (Y, d) be metric spaces and let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be continuous. Show that if X is connected then the range $f(X)$ is also connected. (6)

Ans: Let, f is continuous map from a metric space (X, ρ) to another (Y, d) .

Case-I If $A = \emptyset$, then $f(A) = f(\emptyset) = \emptyset$. Since, the null set

is considered to be connected, there is nothing to prove.

case-II. If A is a singleton set, say $A = \{a\}$, then $f(A) = \{f(a)\}$ is also a singleton set. In this case also, $f(A)$ is connected.

case-III. Let, $A \subset X$ contains atleast two points. We are to prove that $f(A)$ is connected in (Y, d) .

If possible let $f(A)$ is disconnected, then \exists two non-empty sets G_1 and G_2 open in (Y, d) such that

$$f(A) \subset G_1 \cup G_2, \quad f(A) \cap G_1 \neq \emptyset, \quad f(A) \cap G_2 \neq \emptyset$$

$$\text{but } f(A) \cap (G_1 \cap G_2) = \emptyset$$

Since, G_1, G_2 are open in the metric space (Y, d) and f is continuous, then their preimages $f^{-1}(G_1)$ and $f^{-1}(G_2)$ are open in (X, ρ) .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } A \cap (f^{-1}(G_1) \cap f^{-1}(G_2)) &= f^{-1}(f(A)) \cap \{f^{-1}(G_1) \cap f^{-1}(G_2)\} \\ &= f^{-1}\{f(A) \cap (G_1 \cap G_2)\} \\ &= f^{-1}(\emptyset) \\ &= \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

Since, $f(A) \subset G_1 \cup G_2$, it follows that $A \subset f^{-1}(G_1 \cup G_2)$

$$\text{Finally, } G_1 \cap f(A) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow f^{-1}(G_1 \cap f(A)) \neq \emptyset$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(G_1) \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

Similarly,

$$f^{-1}(G_2) \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

Thus, we can express $A = A_1 \cup A_2$, where

$$A_1 = f^{-1}(G_1) \cap A \quad \text{and} \quad A_2 = f^{-1}(G_2) \cap A, \quad A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$$

consequently A is disconnected in (X, ρ) . This is a contradiction to our hypothesis that A is connected.

$\therefore f(A)$ must be connected in the metric space

(Y, d) . This completes the proof.

B. b. i) Let, (X, ρ) and (Y, σ) be metric spaces and let f and g be continuous function from X to Y . Show that the set $\{x \in X; f(x) = g(x)\}$ is closed. Hence or otherwise prove that if $A \subset X$ is dense in X and $f(x) = g(x)$ for $x \in A$, then $f(x) = g(x), \forall x \in X$. (4+3=7)

Proof: Let, $A = \{x \in X; f(x) = g(x)\}$. and $\alpha \in X \setminus A$. Then $f(\alpha) \neq g(\alpha)$. and hence $\sigma(f(\alpha), g(\alpha)) = \epsilon$ (say) > 0 . Since f and g are continuous functions, $\exists \delta_1, \delta_2 > 0$ such that $\rho(x, \alpha) < \delta_1$ ($x \in X$) $\Rightarrow \sigma(f(x), f(\alpha)) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$

and $\rho(x, \alpha) < \delta_2$ ($x \in X$) $\Rightarrow \sigma(g(x), g(\alpha)) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$.

Let, $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$..

Then $\delta > 0$ $\rho(x, \alpha) < \delta$ ($x \in X$) $\Rightarrow \sigma(f(x), f(\alpha)) < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$

$\Rightarrow \sigma(f(\alpha), g(\alpha)) \leq \sigma(f(\alpha), f(x)) + \sigma(f(x), g(x)) + \sigma(g(x), g(\alpha))$
 $< \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \sigma(f(x), g(x)) + \frac{\epsilon}{3}$.

$$= \frac{2\epsilon}{3} + \sigma(f(x), g(x)).$$

$\Rightarrow \sigma(f(x), g(x)) > \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ [$\because \sigma(f(\alpha), g(\alpha)) = \epsilon$.]

$\Rightarrow \alpha \in X \setminus A$. $\Rightarrow \frac{\epsilon}{3} < \sigma(f(x), g(x))$]

Hence, for each $\alpha \in X \setminus A$, \exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$B_\rho(\alpha, \delta) \subseteq X \setminus A$. So, $X \setminus A$ is open and thus A is

a closed set.

From the above theorem, we get the set $B = \{x \in X; f(x) = g(x)\}$ is closed in X , and by hypothesis $A \subseteq B$.

Then $X = \bar{A} \subseteq \bar{B} = B$, so that $B = X$.

Hence, $f(x) = g(x), \forall x \in X$.

2.a. (i) Let, (X, ρ) be a metric space and let $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ be two sequences such that $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $y_n \rightarrow y$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, where $x, y \in X$. Show that $\rho(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow \rho(x, y)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. (3)

Proof: Let, (X, ρ) be a metric space.

Since, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$.

For given $\epsilon > 0$, \exists two constant m, k such that $\rho(x_n, x) < \epsilon/2$, $\forall n > m$.

and $\rho(y_n, y) < \epsilon/2$, $\forall n > k$.

Thus for $n > \max(m, k)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq r$.

we have, $|\rho(x_n, y_n) - \rho(x, y)| \leq \rho(x_n, x) + \rho(y_n, y)$.

[$\because \rho$ is a metric space]

and hence, $\rho(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow \rho(x, y)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

1.a. Let, X be a non-empty set. For any two points $x, y \in X$. Define

$$\rho(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y \\ 1 & \text{if } x \neq y. \end{cases}$$

Examine whether ρ is a metric on X .

Ans: Clearly ρ is non-negative and symmetric. From the defn it follows that $x = y$ iff $\rho(x, y) = 0$.

Now, we are to prove the triangle inequality,

$$\text{i.e. } \forall x, y, z \in X, \rho(x, z) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z).$$

If either $\rho(x, y) = 1$ or, $\rho(y, z) = 1$, then the inequality holds because the maximum possible values of $\rho(x, z)$ is 1, otherwise both $\rho(x, y) = 0$ and $\rho(y, z) = 0$. i.e. $x = y$ and $y = z$.

Hence, $x = z$. and consequently $\rho(x, z) = 0$. So, in all possible cases the triangle inequality satisfied.

This metric is termed as 'discrete metric' or 'trivial metric' on the set X .

1. b. Let $B[0, 1]$ be the set of all bounded real valued functions on $[0, 1]$, define $P(f, g) = \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - g(x)|$, $f, g \in B[0, 1]$. Examine whether P is a metric on $B[0, 1]$.

Ans: Clearly, $P(f, g) \geq 0$ always, further $f = g$, then $P(f, f) = 0$

Conversely if $P(f, g) = 0$, then $\sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - g(x)| = 0$ i.e. $f(x) = g(x)$, $\forall x \in [0, 1]$
i.e. $f \equiv g$.

Also, $P(f, g) = P(g, f)$, $\forall f, g \in C[a, b]$.

$\therefore P$ is symmetric.

Finally if $f, g, h \in B[0, 1]$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - h(x)| &\leq |f(x) - g(x)| + |g(x) - h(x)|, \quad \forall x \in [0, 1] \\ &\leq \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - g(x)| + \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |g(x) - h(x)| \\ &= P(f, g) + P(g, h). \end{aligned}$$

$$\sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - h(x)| = P(f, g) + P(g, h).$$

i.e. $P(f, h) = P(f, g) + P(g, h)$.

i.e. Triangle inequality is satisfied.

$\therefore P$ is a metric and $(B[0, 1], P)$ is a metric space.

1. (d) Let, C be the set of all real valued continuous functions $[0, 1]$.

Define $P(f, g) = \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx$, $f, g \in C$. Examine if P is a metric on C .

Ans: Clearly, $P(f, g) \geq 0$ always, further $f = g$ then $P(f, f) = 0$.

Conversely if, $P(f, g) = 0$ then $\int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx = 0 \Rightarrow |f(x) - g(x)| = 0$
 $\Rightarrow f(x) = g(x)$
 $\Rightarrow f \equiv g$.

Also, $P(f, g) = P(g, f)$, $\forall f, g \in C[0, 1]$

$\therefore P$ is symmetric.

Finally if $f, g, h \in C[0, 1]$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - h(x)| &\leq |f(x) - g(x)| + |g(x) - h(x)| \\ \Rightarrow \int_0^1 |f(x) - h(x)| dx &\leq \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx + \int_0^1 |g(x) - h(x)| dx \\ &= P(f, g) + P(g, h). \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 |f(x) - h(x)| dx = P(f, g) + P(g, h).$$

$$\Rightarrow P(f, h) \leq P(f, g) + P(g, h).$$

\therefore Triangle inequality holds. $\therefore P$ is a metric on $C[0, 1]$.