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Let X be a non-empty set. A function $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be a metric on X if it satisfies the following conditions:

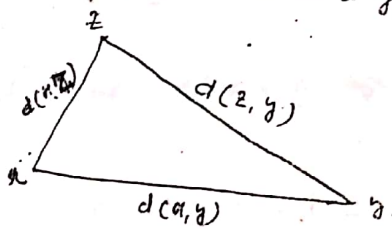
- i) $d(x, y) \geq 0$, $\forall x, y \in X$ (Positiveness)
- ii) $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$, $x, y \in X$
- iii) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$, $\forall x, y \in X$ (Symmetry)
- iv) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$, $\forall x, y, z \in X$ (triangular inequality)

The ordered pair (X, d) is called a metric space. If there is no confusion likely to occur we, sometimes, denote the metric space (X, d) by X .

Note \Rightarrow A metric d is also called a distance function, and the non-negative real number $d(x, y)$ is to be thought of as the distance between x and y .

Remarks:-

1. The triangle inequality may be interpreted as that "the length of one side of a triangle can not exceed the sum of the length of the other two sides". Equivalently, the distance from x to y via any intermediate point z can not be shorter than the direct distance from x to y .



2. The triangle inequality can be generalised for any number of additional points z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n in X , i.e.,

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, z_1) + d(z_1, z_2) + \dots + d(z_n, y)$$

Semi-metric space:-

A function $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which satisfies (i), (iii), (iv) is called a semi-metric and (X, d) is called a semi-metric space.

Ex 1 Let $X = \mathbb{R}$, the set of all real numbers. For $x, y \in X$, define $d(x, y) = |x - y|$. Then (X, d) is a metric space. This is called the metric space \mathbb{R} with the usual metric and denoted it by \mathbb{R}_M .

Solⁿ:
 i) we have $d(x, y) = |x - y|$, $x, y \in X$. — ①
 Here it is clear that $d(x, y) \geq 0$
 $\Rightarrow d(x, y) = |x - y| \geq 0 \quad \forall x, y \in X$.

ii) When $y = x$, we have from ①
 $d(x, x) = |x - x| = 0$

When $d(x, y) = 0$
 $\therefore |x - y| = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x = y$

$\therefore d(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y, \quad \forall x, y \in X$.

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

$\therefore d(x, y) = d(y, x), \quad \forall x, y \in X$.

iv) For any $x, y, z \in X$, we have by triangle inequality

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

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

$\therefore d(x, y)$ satisfies all the properties of distance function. So $d(x, y)$ is a distance function or metric on X .

Hence (X, d) is a metric space.

Q Let $X = \mathbb{C}$, the set of all complex numbers.
 For $x, y \in X$, define $d(x, y) = |x - y|$.
 then (X, d) is a metric space. This is called
 a metric space on \mathbb{C} with the usual metric and
 we denote it by \mathbb{C}_u . (2)

Solⁿ: We have $d(x, y) = |x - y|$, $x, y \in \mathbb{C}$ ①

i) $d(x, y) = |x - y| \geq 0 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{C}$.

ii) Also $d(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$

iii) $d(x, y) = |x - y| = |-(y - x)|$
 $= |y - x| = d(y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{C}$

iv) we have for any $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2| \quad \text{--- ②}$$

putting $z_1 = x - z$
 $z_2 = z - y$ in (2).

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

$$\text{or } |x - y| \leq |x - z| + |z - y|$$

$$\text{or } d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$$

$\therefore d(x, y)$ satisfies all the properties of
 distance function. So $d(x, y)$ is a distance
 function or metric.

Hence (X, d) is a metric space.

Ex: Let W denote the space of all sequences in \mathbb{K} .
 define $d(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|x_n - y_n|}{2^n (1 + |x_n - y_n|)}$

Where $x = \{x_n\}$ and $y = \{y_n\}$ are in W . Prove that
 d defines a metric on W .

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Ex: 8 Let X be an arbitrary non-empty set. For $x, y \in X$ define d by

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

then (X, d) is a metric space. The metric d is called the discrete metric and the space (X, d) is called discrete metric space and is denoted by X_d .

Solⁿ:- Here $d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = y \\ 1, & x \neq y \end{cases}$

i) $d(x, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall x, y \in X$

ii) $d(x, y) = 0$, when $x = y$.

Let $d(x, y) = 0$, then by definition we have $x = y$.

$\therefore d(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$

iii) $d(y, x) = \begin{cases} 0, & y = x \\ 1, & y \neq x \end{cases}$

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

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

iv)

	$d(x, y)$	$d(x, z)$	$d(y, z)$	$d(x, y) + d(y, z)$
$x = y = z$	0	0	0	0
$x \neq y = z$	1	1	0	1
$x \neq y \neq z$	0	1	1	1
$x \neq y, z \neq x, y \neq z$	1	0	1	2
$x \neq y \neq z$	1	1	1	2

From this table we can see that

$$d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z), \text{ in all cases.}$$

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

$\therefore (X, d)$ is a metric space.

Let \$A = (a_1, a_2)\$, \$B = (b_1, b_2)\$, \$C = (c_1, c_2)\$

1. \$d^*(A, B) = \max\{|a_1 - b_1|, |a_2 - b_2|\}\$

2. \$d^*(A, C) = \max\{|a_1 - c_1|, |a_2 - c_2|\}\$

3. \$d^*(B, C) = \max\{|b_1 - c_1|, |b_2 - c_2|\}\$

Now prove that \$d^*(A, B) + d^*(B, C) \geq d^*(A, C)\$

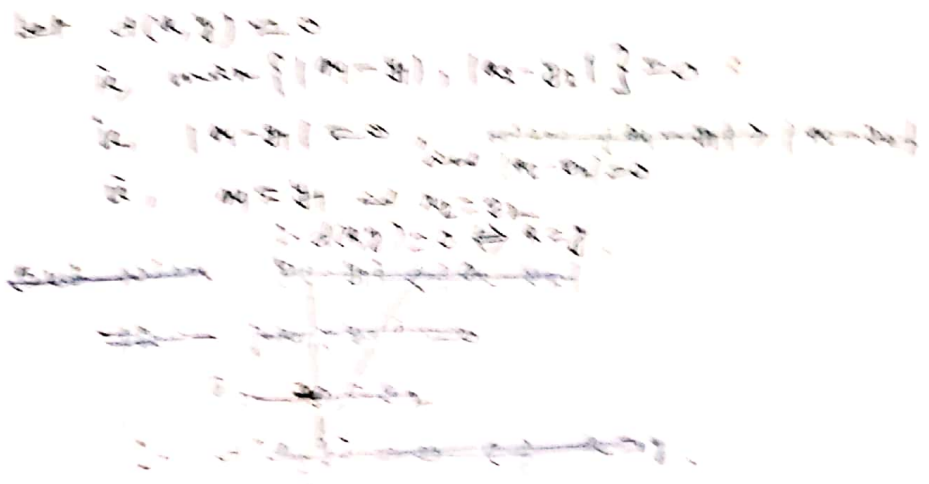
Proof

(i) We have \$d^*(A, B) = \max\{|a_1 - b_1|, |a_2 - b_2|\} \geq |a_1 - b_1|\$

\$d^*(B, C) = \max\{|b_1 - c_1|, |b_2 - c_2|\} \geq |b_1 - c_1|\$

(ii) \$d^*(A, C) = \max\{|a_1 - c_1|, |a_2 - c_2|\}\$

\$= 0\$



(iii) \$d^*(A, C) = \max\{|a_1 - c_1|, |a_2 - c_2|\}\$

\$= \max\{|a_1 - (b_1 - c_1)|, |a_2 - (b_2 - c_2)|\}\$

\$= \max\{|a_1 - b_1|, |a_2 - b_2|\}\$

\$= d^*(A, B)\$

(iv) Let \$A = (a_1, a_2)\$, \$B = (b_1, b_2)\$, \$C = (c_1, c_2)\$

Now \$|a_1 - c_1| = |a_1 - b_1 + b_1 - c_1|\$

\$= \max\{|a_1 - b_1|, |b_1 - c_1|\} \leq \max\{|a_1 - b_1|, |b_1 - c_1|\} + \max\{|b_1 - c_1|, |b_2 - c_2|\}\$

\$= d^*(A, B) + d^*(B, C)\$

Similarly, \$|a_2 - c_2| \leq d^*(A, B) + d^*(B, C)\$

THUS

$$d^*(x, z) = \max(|x_1 - z_1|, |x_2 - z_2|) \\ = d^*(x, y) + d^*(y, z)$$

$\therefore d^*$ satisfies all the conditions of the distance function. Hence (X, d^*) is a metric space.

Solⁿ: (ii)

(i) We have $d^{**}(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| > 0$
 $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$

(ii) $d(x, x) = |x_1 - x_1| + |x_2 - x_2| = 0$

Let $d(x, y) = 0$

i.e. $|x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| = 0$

$\therefore |x_1 - y_1| = 0$ and $|x_2 - y_2| = 0$

$\therefore x_1 = y_1$ and $x_2 = y_2$

$\Rightarrow x = y$

$\therefore d(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$

(iii)

$$d(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2|$$

$$= |-(y_1 - x_1)| + |-(y_2 - x_2)|$$

$$= |y_1 - x_1| + |y_2 - x_2|$$

$$= d(y, x)$$

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

(iv) Let z be any point which represent. as
 $z = (z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$d^{**}(x, z) = |x_1 - z_1| + |x_2 - z_2|$$

$$\leq |x_1 - y_1| + |y_1 - z_1| + |x_2 - y_2| + |y_2 - z_2|$$

$$= (|x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2|) + (|y_1 - z_1| + |y_2 - z_2|)$$

$$= d^{**}(x, y) + d^{**}(y, z)$$

$\therefore d^{**}(x, z) \leq d^{**}(x, y) + d^{**}(y, z)$

$\therefore d^{**}(x, y)$ satisfies all the condⁿ of the metric. Hence the ordered pair (X, d^{**}) is a metric space.

Similarly we can show that the following functions are form a metric space.

$$(i) \quad d(a, b) = \sqrt{(a_1 - b_1)^2 + (a_2 - b_2)^2} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^2 (a_i - b_i)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$(ii) \quad d(a, b) = \sqrt[3]{(|a_1 - b_1|)^3 + (|a_2 - b_2|)^3}$$

$$(iii) \quad d(a, b) = \sqrt[p]{|a_1 - b_1|^p + |a_2 - b_2|^p}$$

$$(iv) \quad d(a, b) = \sqrt[p]{(|a_1 - b_1|)^p + (|a_2 - b_2|)^p + (|a_3 - b_3|)^p}$$

Here X is the set of all 3-tuples i.e., all the points of the form (a_1, a_2, a_3) , (b_1, b_2, b_3) , (z_1, z_2, z_3) etc.

Th: Prove that a metric d is always non-negative.

Proof:

For $a, b \in X$, it follows that

$$d(a, b) + d(b, a) \geq d(a, a)$$

$$\text{i.e., } 2d(a, b) \geq 0, \quad [\text{since } d(a, a) \geq 0]$$

$$\text{i.e., } d(a, b) \geq 0. \quad \text{and } d(a, b) = d(b, a].$$

Ex: 6 Let $X = \mathbb{Q}$, the set of all rational numbers.

For $a, b \in X$, define $d(a, b) = |a - b|$

then prove that (X, d) is a metric space.

Ex: 7 Let $X = [0, 1)$. For $a, b \in X$, define

$$d(a, b) = |a - b|$$

then prove that (X, d) is a metric space.

Ex: The set l_∞ of all bounded sequences $\{a_n\}$ of real numbers with the function d defined by $d(\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}) = \sup \{|a_n - b_n| : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, + $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\} \in l_\infty$ is a metric on l_∞ .

Hints: - For the triangle inequality, + $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}, \{c_n\} \in l_\infty$

$$|a_n - b_n| = |(a_n - c_n) + (c_n - b_n)| \leq |a_n - c_n| + |c_n - b_n|$$

$$\therefore \sup_n |a_n - b_n| \leq \sup_n |a_n - c_n| + \sup_n |c_n - b_n|$$

Ex: 8 If d is a metric on a set X . then show that d_1 and d_2 are metric on X . where

VH-13 i) $d_1(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)}$

ii) $d_2(x, y) = \min\{1, d(x, y)\}$.

Solⁿ: - (1) Since d is a metric then we know it satisfies the following conditions

i) $d(x, y) > 0 \quad \forall x, y \in X$

ii) $d(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$

iii) $d(x, y) = d(y, x), \quad \forall x, y \in X$

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

Proof (1) \Rightarrow we have $d_1(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)}$

(a) Since $d(x, y) > 0 \quad \forall x, y \in X$, then we have $d_1(x, y) > 0 \quad \forall x, y \in X$

(b) when $y = x$, then

$$d_1(x, x) = \frac{d(x, x)}{1 + d(x, x)} = 0 \quad [\text{using (i)}]$$

Let $d_1(x, y) = 0$

ie, $\frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} = 0$

$\therefore d(x, y) = 0$

$\therefore x = y \quad [\text{using (ii)}]$

$\therefore d_1(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$

(c) $d_1(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)}$

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

$[\because d(x, y) = d(y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in X]$

$= d_1(y, x)$

$\therefore d_1(x, y) = d_1(y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in X$

(d) We have from (iv), for $x, y, z \in X$, (5)

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

$$\Rightarrow 1 + d(x, y) \leq 1 + d(x, z) + d(z, y)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{1 + d(x, y)} \leq 1 - \frac{1}{1 + d(x, z) + d(z, y)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} \leq \frac{d(x, z) + d(z, y)}{1 + d(x, z) + d(z, y)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} \leq \frac{d(x, z)}{1 + d(x, z)} + \frac{d(z, y)}{1 + d(z, y)}$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1(x, y) \leq d_1(x, z) + d_1(z, y)$$

$d_1(x, y)$ satisfy all the conditions of the distance function, then $d_1(x, y)$ is a metric.

proof (ii) \Rightarrow

(a) We have $d_2(x, y) = \min\{1, d(x, y)\}$
Since $d(x, y) > 0$ for $x, y \in X$, then
 $d_2(x, y) > 0$ for $x, y \in X$

(b) As $d(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } d_2(x, y) &= \min\{1, d(x, y)\} \\ &= \min\{1, 0\} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore d_2(x, y) = 0$, if $x = y$.

Let $d_2(x, y) = 0$, then we have

$$\min\{1, d(x, y)\} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d(x, y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y \quad [\text{inv (i)}]$$

$$\therefore d_2(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y.$$

(c) we have

$$\begin{aligned}d_2(a, b) &= \min\{1, d(a, b)\} \\ &= \min\{1, d(b, a)\}, \quad [\text{using (i)}] \\ &= d_2(b, a)\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore d_2(a, b) = d_2(b, a) \quad \forall a, b \in X$$

(d) Let $a, b, z \in X$, then

Case-I :- If $d(a, b) > 1$ or $d(b, z) > 1$, then we have

$$d_2(a, b) + d_2(b, z) > 1, \text{ while}$$

$$d_2(a, z) = \min\{1, d(a, z)\} \leq 1.$$

Thus in this case

$$d_2(a, z) \leq d_2(a, b) + d_2(b, z)$$

Case-II :- If $d(a, b) < 1$ and $d(b, z) < 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned}d(a, z) &\leq d(a, b) + d(b, z) \\ &= \min\{1, d(a, b)\} + \min\{1, d(b, z)\} \\ &= d_2(a, b) + d_2(b, z)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } d_2(a, z) \leq d(a, z)$$

$$\text{Hence } d_2(a, z) \leq d_2(a, b) + d_2(b, z)$$

$\forall a, b, z \in X$

$d_2(a, b)$ satisfy all the conditions of the distance function. Hence d_2 is a metric on X .

Ex 19 (i) For $a, b \in K$ (\mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C}), define

$$d(a, b) = \min\{1, |a - b|\}$$

prove that d is a metric on K .

(a) Let $X = \mathbb{R}$, for $a, b \in X$, define

$$(a) d(a, b) = |a^2 - b^2| \quad (b) d(a, b) = |\sin(a - b)|$$

then prove that (X, d) is not a metric space.

Ex 10 Let d and d^* be metrics defined on a set X . prove that

- (a) $d+d^*$ is a metric on X , in particular, $2d$ is a metric on X .
 (b) $\max\{d, d^*\}$ is a metric on X .

Solⁿ: Since d and d^* be metrics, then they satisfy all the conditions of the distance functions

i) $d(a, b) > 0$ and $d^*(a, b) > 0 \quad \forall a, b \in X$

ii) $d(a, b) = 0$ and $d^*(a, b) = 0$ iff $a = b$

iii) $d(a, b) = d(b, a)$
 $d^*(a, b) = d^*(b, a) \quad \forall a, b \in X$

iv) $d(a, b) \leq d(a, z) + d(z, b)$
 and $d^*(a, b) \leq d^*(a, z) + d^*(z, b)$
 $\forall a, b, z \in X$

Proof (a) \Rightarrow Let $\sigma_1 = d+d^*$.

Since $d(a, b) > 0$ and $d^*(a, b) > 0, \forall a, b \in X$

then we have

$$\sigma_1(a, b) = d(a, b) + d^*(a, b) > 0$$

$$\therefore \sigma_1(a, b) > 0, \forall a, b \in X$$

ii) Also, when $a = b$, then

$$\sigma_1(a, a) = d(a, a) + d^*(a, a) = 0$$

Let $\sigma_1(a, b) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow d(a, b) + d^*(a, b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d(a, b) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad d^*(a, b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b \quad [\text{use (ii)}]$$

$$\therefore \sigma_1(a, b) = 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad a = b$$

iii) We have

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1(a, b) &= d(a, b) + d^*(a, b) \\ &= d(b, a) + d^*(b, a) \quad [\text{using (ii)}] \\ &= \sigma_1(b, a)\end{aligned}$$

(iv) Let $a, b, z \in X$,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1(a, b) &= d_p(a, b) + d^*(a, b) \\ &\leq \{d(a, z) + d(z, b)\} + \{d^*(a, z) + d^*(z, b)\} \\ &= \{d(a, z) + d^*(a, z)\} + \{d(z, b) + d^*(z, b)\} \\ &= \sigma_1(a, z) + \sigma_1(z, b)\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sigma_1(a, b) \leq \sigma_1(a, z) + \sigma_1(z, b) \quad \forall a, b, z \in X.$$

$\therefore \sigma_1(a, b)$ satisfies all the conditions of the distance function, then $\sigma_1(a, b)$ is a metric on X .

Solⁿ (b)

$$\text{Let } \sigma_2(a, b) = \max\{d, d^*\}.$$

(i) Since $d(a, b) > 0$ and $d^*(a, b) > 0 \quad \forall a, b \in X$
then $\sigma_2(a, b) = \max\{d, d^*\} > 0 \quad \forall a, b \in X$

(ii) Also we see that $\sigma_2(a, b) = 0$ iff $a = b$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(iii)} \quad \sigma_2(a, b) &= \max\{d(a, b), d^*(a, b)\} \\ &= \max\{d(b, a), d^*(b, a)\} \\ &= \sigma_2(b, a)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(iv)} \quad \text{we have, for any } a, b, z \in X. \\ d(a, b) &\leq d(a, z) + d(z, b) \\ &\leq \max\{d(a, z), d^*(a, z)\} + \max\{d(z, b), d^*(z, b)\} \\ &= \sigma_2(a, z) + \sigma_2(z, b)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } d^*(a, b) \leq \sigma_2(a, z) + \sigma_2(z, b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Thus } \sigma_2(a, b) &= \max\{d(a, b), d^*(a, b)\} \\ &\leq \sigma_2(a, z) + \sigma_2(z, b) \quad \forall a, b, z \in X\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \sigma_2(a, b)$ satisfies all the conditions of the distance function then $\sigma_2(a, b)$ is a metric on X .

Show that (X, d) is a metric space, where $\textcircled{7}$

$X = \mathbb{N}$ and $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by

$$d(x, y) = \left| \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} \right|$$

Ex: 12 Let (X, d) be a metric space and let k be a fixed positive real number. For $x, y \in X$, define

$$d^*(x, y) = k \cdot d(x, y)$$

prove that d^* is a metric on X , and the ordered pair (X, d^*) is a metric space on X . [VH-10]

Ex: 13 For $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, define $d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & x=y \\ |x|+|y| & x \neq y \end{cases}$
 Prove that d is a metric on \mathbb{R} .

Th: 1 Let (X, d) be a metric space, prove that

$$|d(x, z) - d(z, y)| \leq d(x, y), \text{ for all } x, y, z \in X.$$

[VH-11]

Proof:

We apply triangle inequality to $d(x, z)$ and $d(z, y)$ separately,

We have

$$d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } d(z, y) \leq d(z, x) + d(x, y) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{or } d(z, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(x, y)$$

Now,

$$|d(x, z) - d(z, y)| \leq d(x, y)$$

~~$$|d(x, z) - d(z, y)| \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y) - d(x, y)$$~~

~~$$= |d(x, z) - d(x, y) + d(z, y) - d(x, y)|$$~~

from (1), we have,

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

$$\text{A } d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(z, y) \quad [\text{As } d \text{ is a metric on } X,$$

$$\text{in } d(x, z) - d(z, y) \leq d(x, y) \quad \text{--- (3)} \quad d(z, y) = d(y, z)]$$

$$\text{from (2), } |d(x, z) - d(z, y)| \leq d(x, y) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\therefore \text{From (3) and (4), } |d(x, z) - d(z, y)| \leq d(x, y) \quad [\text{as } d(x, y) \geq 0 \text{ for } x, y \in X]$$

(prove)

EX: 14 Let X consist of all real-valued continuous functions $x(t)$ defined on the closed interval $[a, b]$. If $x(t), y(t) \in X$, we define

$$d(x(t), y(t)) = \sup_{a \leq t \leq b} |x(t) - y(t)|,$$

Show that (X, d) is a metric space. This space is denoted by $C[a, b]$, and this metric d on $C[a, b]$ is called the Uniform metric.

Solⁿ:-

(i) We first note that for $x, y \in C[a, b]$, $x - y \in C[a, b]$ and since the supremum of any continuous function on a closed interval exists, $d(x, y)$ is finite. clearly $d(x, y) \geq 0$ and (ii) since supremum of a non-negative function vanishes iff the function vanishes identically, it follows that $d(x, y) = 0$ iff $x(t) = y(t)$, $\forall t \in [a, b]$. i.e. $x = y$.

(ii) Also, for any $x, y \in C[a, b]$, obviously $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$.

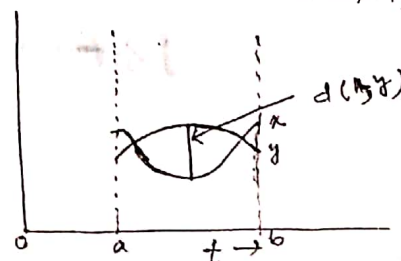
(iv) For proving the triangle inequality, let $x, y, z \in C[a, b]$. Then for any $t \in [a, b]$

$$\begin{aligned} |x(t) - y(t)| &\leq |x(t) - z(t)| + |z(t) - y(t)| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in [a, b]} (|x(t) - z(t)|) + \sup_{t \in [a, b]} (|z(t) - y(t)|) \\ &= d(x, z) + d(z, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } \sup_{t \in [a, b]} (|x(t) - y(t)|) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$$

$$\text{Hence } d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$$

This shows that (X, d) is a metric space.



Ex: 15 Let $B[a, b]$ be the set of all real valued functions defined and bounded on $[a, b]$.
 For $f, g \in B[a, b]$, define

$$d(f, g) = \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f(t) - g(t)|$$

then prove that $(B[a, b], d)$ is a metric space.

Ex: 16 Prove that the set $C[a, b]$ of all real-valued functions continuous on the interval $[a, b]$ with the function d defined by

$$d(f, g) = \left(\int_a^b (f(x) - g(x))^2 dx \right)^{1/2}$$

is a metric space.

Solⁿ: \Rightarrow To establish triangle inequality we need the following:

We consider the function, for $t \in [a, b]$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t) &= \int_a^b (t \cdot f(x) + g(x))^2 dx \\ &= \int_a^b (t^2 f^2(x) + 2t f(x)g(x) + g^2(x)) dx \\ &= t^2 \int_a^b f^2(x) dx + 2t \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx + \int_a^b g^2(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Since $\phi(t) \geq 0 \forall t \in [a, b]$, therefore the discriminant of the quadratic in t should be non-positive, and

So

$$\left(\int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx \right)^2 \leq \int_a^b f^2(x) dx \cdot \int_a^b g^2(x) dx$$

$$\text{i.e., } \left(\int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx \right) \leq \left(\int_a^b f^2(x) dx \right)^{1/2} \cdot \left(\int_a^b g^2(x) dx \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now we consider,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\left(\int_a^b (f(x) - h(x))^2 dx \right)^{1/2} + \left(\int_a^b (h(x) - g(x))^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \right]^2 \\ &= \int_a^b (f(x) - h(x))^2 dx + \int_a^b (h(x) - g(x))^2 dx \\ & \quad + 2 \left(\int_a^b (f(x) - h(x))^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \cdot \left(\int_a^b (h(x) - g(x))^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b (f(x) - h(x))^2 dx + \int_a^b (h(x) - g(x))^2 dx \\ & \quad + 2 \int_a^b (f(x) - h(x))(h(x) - g(x)) dx \\ &= \int_a^b (f(x) - h(x) + h(x) - g(x))^2 dx \\ &= \int_a^b (f(x) - g(x))^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\left(\int_a^b (f(x) - g(x))^2 dx \right)^{1/2} = \left(\int_a^b (f(x) - h(x))^2 dx \right)^{1/2} + \left(\int_a^b (h(x) - g(x))^2 dx \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\therefore d(f, g) \leq d(f, h) + d(h, g)$$

The other three conditions we can easily prove.

Hence $d(f, g)$ is a metric and $(C[a, b], d)$ is a metric space.

Ex! 17 Show that the set \mathbb{R}^n with d^* defined by $d^*(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|$, is a metric space. (d^* is called the rectangular metric on \mathbb{R}^n). [VII-11]

Solⁿ: (i) For triangle inequality, we consider

$$\begin{aligned} d^*(x, y) &= \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i| = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - z_i + z_i - y_i| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - z_i| + \sum_{i=1}^n |z_i - y_i| \\ &= d^*(x, z) + d^*(z, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore d^*(x, y) \leq d^*(x, z) + d^*(z, y) \quad \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

(ii) We have

$$d^*(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i| = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - x_i| = d^*(y, x)$$

$$\therefore d^*(x, y) = d^*(y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

⑪ When $a = b$, i.e., $a_i = b_i, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

then
$$d^*(a, a) = \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i - a_i|$$

$$= 0$$

Let $d^*(a, b) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i - b_i| = 0$
 $\Rightarrow |a_i - b_i| = 0 \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
 $\Rightarrow a_i = b_i \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
 $\Rightarrow a = b$.

$\therefore d^*(a, b) = 0$ iff $a = b$.

(i) Also we have

$$d^*(a, b) = \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i - b_i| \geq 0 \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$\therefore d^*(a, b)$ satisfies all the conditions of the distance function, then d^* is a metric on \mathbb{R}^n . and (\mathbb{R}^n, d^*) is a metric space.

Ex: 18 Let X be a non-empty set and a function d from $X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ into \mathbb{R} satisfy:-

- (i) $d(a, b) = 0$ if and only if $a = b$
 - and (ii) $d(a, b) \leq d(a, z) + d(b, z), \forall a, b, z \in X$. [VH-00]
- Prove that (X, d) is a metric space.

Proof 1

We take $b = a$ in (ii), then we have

$$d(a, a) \leq d(a, z) + d(a, z)$$

a. $2d(a, z) \geq 0$, [using (i)]

$\therefore d(a, z) \geq 0$

again putting $a = z$ in (ii), we have-

$$d(z, b) \leq d(z, z) + d(b, z)$$

a. $d(z, b) \leq d(b, z)$ — (7)

If we interchange the role of y and z in (i) then we get

$$d(b, z) \leq d(z, b) \text{ — (8)}$$

from ① and ②, it follows that

$$d(x, z) = d(z, x) \quad \forall x, z \in X$$

(X, d) is a metric space.

EX! For $x, y \in K$ define $d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = y \\ |x| + |y|, & x \neq y \end{cases}$

Prove that d is a metric on K .

Soln
i) Since $|x| + |y| \geq 0 \quad \forall x, y \in K$
then $d(x, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall x, y \in K$

ii) let $x = y$
 $\therefore d(x, y) = 0$ [by the given function]

Conversely
let $d(x, y) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x = y$ [by the given function]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{iii) } d(x, y) &= \begin{cases} 0 & x = y \\ |x| + |y| & x \neq y \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & y = x \\ |y| + |x| & y \neq x \end{cases} \\ &= d(y, x) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore d(x, y) = d(y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in K$

iv) let $x, y, z \in K$

	$d(x, y)$	$d(y, z)$	$d(x, z)$	$d(x, y) + d(y, z)$
$x = y = z$	0	0	0	0
$x \neq y = z$	$ x + y $	0	$ x + z $	$ x + y $
$x = y \neq z$	0	$ y + z $	$ x + z $	$ y + z $
$x \neq y \neq z$	$ x + y $	$ y + z $	$ x + z $	$ x + 2 y + z $
$x = y \neq z$	$ x + y $	$ z + y $	0	$ x + 2 y + z $

from the above table we have

$$d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in K$$

Since d satisfy all the condition of distance function, then d is a metric on K