

Chapter two

Metric space المقياس

Definition :- let X be any set. A function $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called Metric or distance function if it satisfy the following properties:-

(1) $d(x, y) > 0$ iff $x \neq y$

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

(3) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ for any $x, y \in X$

(4) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ for any $x, y, z \in X$
and the pair (X, d) is called metric space.

Remark :- $d(x, y)$ is called distance.

Examples :- let $X = \mathbb{R}$, $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined by $d(x, y) = |x - y|$, then (X, d) is a metric space (is called usual metric space).

Solution :-

① suppose $d(x, y) > 0$

$\Rightarrow |x - y| > 0 \Rightarrow x \neq y$

\Leftarrow Conversely, suppose $x \neq y$

$\Rightarrow x - y \neq 0$

Thus $|x - y| > 0 \Rightarrow d(x, y) > 0$

② suppose $d(x, y) = 0$

$\Rightarrow |x - y| = 0 \Rightarrow x - y = 0 \Rightarrow x = y$

\Leftarrow Conversely, suppose $x = y$

$\Rightarrow x - y = 0 \Rightarrow |x - y| = 0$

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