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Definition:-

A sequence

$\{P_n\}$ in a metric space (X, d) is said to be **converge** if there is a point $p \in X$

with the following property : $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$ an integer N such that $d(P_n, p) < \epsilon$,

whenever $n \geq N$.

We also say that $\{P_n\}$ converges to p , or that p is the limit of $\{P_n\}$, and we write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n = p$ or $P_n \rightarrow p$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, or simply $P_n \rightarrow p$.

Definition:-divergence

Equivalently, we say that $\{P_n\}$ converges to p , if for every open sphere $S_\epsilon(p)$ with a centre at P , \exists a positive integer N such that $P_n \in S_\epsilon(p)$, whenever $n \geq N$

It there is no such points p in X , the sequence $\{P_n\}$ is said to **diverge**.

Open sphere:-

Let (X, d) be a metric space and $p \in X$. Let r be a positive real number, The open sphere with a centre p and radius r is a subset of X denoted and defined by

$$S_\epsilon(p) = \{q \in X / d(p, q) < r\}$$

Complete metric space:-

A sequence $\{P_n\}$ in a metric space (X, d) is said to be a Cauchy sequence if

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$ an integer N such that $d(P_n, P_m) < \epsilon$, if $n \geq N$ and $m \geq N$

Ex:- If $\{P_n\} = \{\frac{1}{n}\}$, then sequence $\{P_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in R .

Solution:- We have $d(P_n, P_m) = |P_m - P_n|$ in R , $d(x, y) = |x - y|$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} \dots\dots (1)$$

If $m, n \geq N$, then $\frac{1}{m}, \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{N}$

from (1) and (2), $m, n \geq N \Rightarrow d(P_n, P_m) \leq \frac{1}{N} + \frac{1}{N} = \frac{2}{N}$

$\frac{2}{N} < \epsilon$, we have $d(P_n, P_m) < \epsilon$ whenever $n, m \geq N$.

$N > \frac{2}{\epsilon} \Rightarrow d(P_n, P_m) < \epsilon$ whenever $n, m \geq N$.

For given $\epsilon > 0, \exists$ an integer N such that $N > \frac{2}{\epsilon}$ such that $d(P_n, P_m) < \epsilon$ whenever $n, m \geq N$.

$\Rightarrow \{P_n\} = \{\frac{1}{n}\}$, is a Cauchy sequence in R

Theorem :-

Every convergent sequence in a metric space is a Cauchy sequence.

Proof:-

let $\{P_n\}$ be a convergent in a metric space (X, d) and it converges to $p \in X$.

Thus,

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$ an integer N such that $d(P_n, p) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$, whenever $n \geq N$.

Similarly, $d(P_m, p) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$, whenever $m \geq N$.

Now, since d is a metric, we have

$$d(P_n, P_m) \leq d(P_m, p) + d(p, P_n) \quad (\text{by triangle inequality})$$

$$< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon \quad \forall \epsilon > 0 \text{ whenever } n, m \geq N$$

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$ an integer N such that $d(P_n, P_m) < \epsilon$, if $n \geq N$ and $m \geq N$

$\{P_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

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Thank you