

§ Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $Y$  a subspace of  $X$ . Let  $z \in Y$  and  $\kappa > 0$ .

Then

$$S_Y(z, \kappa) = S_X(z, \kappa) \cap Y$$

where  $S_Y(z, \kappa)$  and  $S_X(z, \kappa)$  denotes the ball with centre  $z$  and radius  $\kappa$  in  $Y$  and  $X$  respectively.

Proof: 
$$\begin{aligned} S_X(z, \kappa) \cap Y &= \{x \in X : d(x, z) < \kappa\} \cap Y \\ &= \{x \in Y : d(x, z) < \kappa\} \\ &= S_Y(z, \kappa), \text{ since } Y \subseteq X \end{aligned}$$

Theorem: Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $Y$  a subspace of  $X$ . Let  $Z \subseteq Y$ . Then

(i)  $Z$  is open in  $Y$  if and only if  $\exists$  an open set  $G \subseteq X$  s.t.  $Z = G \cap Y$ .

(2)  $Z$  is closed in  $Y$  if and only if  $\exists$  a closed set  $F \subseteq X$  s.t.  $Z = F \cap Y$ .

Proof: (1) Let  $Z$  be open in  $Y$ .

Then, if  $z$  is any point of  $Z$ ,  $\exists$  an open ball  $S_Y(z, \kappa) \subseteq Z$ . We observe that the radius  $\kappa$  of the ball  $S_Y(z, \kappa)$  depends on the point  $z \in Z$ . We then have,

$$Z = \bigcup_{z \in Z} S_Y(z, \kappa)$$

$$= \bigcup_{z \in Z} S_X(z, \kappa) \cap Y \quad (\text{using previous result})$$

$$= \left( \bigcup_{z \in Z} S_X(z, \kappa) \right) \cap Y$$

$$= G \cap Y, \quad \text{where } G = \bigcup_{z \in Z} S_X(z, \kappa) \text{ is open in } X.$$

On the other hand, suppose  $Z = G \cap Y$  where  $G$  is open in  $X$ . If  $z \in Z$ , then  $z$  is a point of  $G$  and so there exists

an open ball  $S_X(z, \kappa)$  such that  $S_X(z, \kappa) \subseteq G$ ,

Hence,

$$S_Y(z, \kappa) = S_X(z, \kappa) \cap Y \quad (\text{By previous result}) \\ \subseteq G \cap Y = Z,$$

so that  $z$  is an interior point of the subset  $Z$  of  $Y$ .  
As  $z$  is an arbitrary point of  $Z$ , it follows that  $Z$  is open in  $Y$ .

(ii)  $Z$  is closed in  $Y$  if and only if  $(X \setminus Z) \cap Y$  is open in  $Y$ .

Hence,  $Z$  is closed in  $Y$  if and only if there exists an open set  $G$  in  $X$  such that

$$(X \setminus Z) \cap Y = G \cap Y \quad \text{using (i) above}$$

On taking complements in  $X$  on both sides, we have

$$Z \cup (X \setminus Y) = (X \setminus G) \cup (X \setminus Y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } Z &= Z \cap Y = (Z \cup (X \setminus Y)) \cap Y \\ &= ((X \setminus G) \cup (X \setminus Y)) \cap Y \\ &= (X \setminus G) \cap Y \end{aligned}$$

So,  $Z$  is the intersection of the closed set  $X \setminus G$  and  $Y$ .

Conversely,

let  $Z = F \cap Y$ , where  $F$  is closed in  $X$ . Then

$$X \setminus Z = (X \setminus F) \cup (X \setminus Y) \quad \text{and so}$$

$$(X \setminus Z) \cap Y = ((X \setminus F) \cup (X \setminus Y)) \cap Y = (X \setminus F) \cap Y,$$

where  $X \setminus F$  is open in  $X$ .

Hence,  $(X \setminus Z) \cap Y$  is open in  $Y$  i.e.,  $Z$  is closed in  $Y$ . //

§. Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a metric space  $(X, d)$ .

- (1) Every subset of  $Y$  that is open in  $Y$  is also open in  $X$  if  $Y$  is open in  $X$ .
- (2) Every subset of  $Y$  that is closed in  $Y$  is also closed in  $X$  if and only if  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ .

Proof: (1) Suppose every subset of  $Y$  open in  $Y$  is also open in  $X$ . We want to show that  $Y$  is open in  $X$ . Since  $Y$  is an open subset of  $Y$ , it must be open in  $X$ . Conversely,

Suppose  $Y$  is open in  $X$ . Let  $Z$  be an open subset of  $Y$ . By previous result (1),  $\exists$  an open subset  $G$  of  $X$  such that  $Z = G \cap Y$ .

Since  $G$  and  $Y$  are both open subsets of  $X$ , their intersection must be open in  $X$  i.e.,  $Z$  must be open in  $X$ .

- (2) Every subset of  $Y$  that is closed in  $Y$  is also closed in  $X$ . To show  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ .

Let us consider  $Y$  itself as a subset of  $Y$ . In any metric space, the space itself is always closed.

$\therefore Y$  is closed in  $Y$   
 $\therefore Y$  is closed in  $X$ .

Conversely,

let  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ .

To show every subset  $F \subset Y$  which is closed in  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ .

Let  $F$  be a subset of  $Y$  that is closed in  $Y$ . We know  $F$  is closed in  $Y$  iff  $\exists$  a set  $P$  that is closed in  $X$  s.t.  $F = Y \cap P$ .

$\therefore P$  is also closed in  $X$ .

We know, that the intersection of two closed sets in a metric space is also closed.

Since both  $Y$  and  $P$  are closed in  $X$ , their intersection  $Y \cap P$  must be closed in  $X$ .

Therefore,  $F$  is closed in  $X$ .