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If $x = (x_1, x_2)$, $y = (y_1, y_2)$ belong to \mathbb{R}^2 ①

then prove that the function

$d: \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as

$$d(x, y) = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2} \text{ is a metric}$$

on \mathbb{R}^2 .

Proof

We will verify all the four conditions of a metric space.

(i) Given that $d(x, y)$ is positive.

$\therefore d(x, y) \geq 0$ so first condition is ok.

(ii) we shall show that $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$.

$$d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 = 0$$

which is possible when

$$(x_1 - y_1)^2 = 0 \text{ and } (x_2 - y_2)^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_1 - y_1 = 0 \text{ and } x_2 - y_2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_1 = y_1 \text{ and } x_2 = y_2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x_1, x_2) = (y_1, y_2)$$

$\therefore d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ so, 2nd condition is satisfied.

(iii) we show that $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here, } d(x, y) &= +\sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2} \\ &= +\sqrt{(y_1 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - x_2)^2} \quad \left[\because (a-b)^2 = (b-a)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ 3rd condition is satisfied.

(iv) we have to prove that

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

$$\text{Let } a_1 = x_1 - z_1, \quad a_2 = x_2 - z_2, \\ b_1 = z_1 - y_1, \quad b_2 = z_2 - y_2$$

$$\text{Now } d(x, z) = +\sqrt{(x_1 - z_1)^2 + (x_2 - z_2)^2} = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2}$$

$$\text{Similarly } d(z, y) = +\sqrt{(z_1 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - y_2)^2} = \sqrt{b_1^2 + b_2^2}$$

$$\text{Now } x_1 - y_1 = (x_1 - z_1) + (z_1 - y_1) = a_1 + b_1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$x_2 - y_2 = (x_2 - z_2) + (z_2 - y_2) = a_2 + b_2$$

$$\therefore d(x, y) = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2} = \sqrt{(a_1 + b_1)^2 + (a_2 + b_2)^2}$$

~~we have~~ To show that $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(a_1 + b_1)^2 + (a_2 + b_2)^2} \leq \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2} + \sqrt{b_1^2 + b_2^2}$$

squaring both sides.

$$\Rightarrow (a_1 + b_1)^2 + (a_2 + b_2)^2 \leq a_1^2 + a_2^2 + b_1^2 + b_2^2 + 2\sqrt{(a_1^2 + a_2^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a_1b_1 + 2a_2b_2 \leq 2\sqrt{(a_1^2 + a_2^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 \leq \sqrt{(a_1^2 + a_2^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2)}$$

squaring both sides

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{a_1^2 b_1^2} + \cancel{a_2^2 b_2^2} + 2a_1 a_2 b_1 b_2 \leq \cancel{a_1^2 b_1^2} + \cancel{a_2^2 b_2^2} + a_1^2 b_2^2 + a_2^2 b_1^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a_1 a_2 b_1 b_2 \leq a_1^2 b_2^2 + a_2^2 b_1^2$$

Adding $2a_1 a_2 b_1 b_2$ both sides, we get

$$\Rightarrow 4a_1 a_2 b_1 b_2 \leq a_1^2 b_2^2 + a_2^2 b_1^2 + 2a_1 a_2 b_1 b_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a_1 a_2 b_1 b_2 \leq (a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1 \geq 2\sqrt{(a_1 b_2)(a_2 b_1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1}{2} \geq \sqrt{(a_1 b_2)(a_2 b_1)}$$

ie. A.M. of $a_1 b_2$ and $a_2 b_1 \geq$ G.M. of $a_1 b_2$ and $a_2 b_1$

which is true.

Hence 4th condition is satisfied.

Hence d is a metric on \mathbb{R}^2 .

It is also called

USUAL METRIC
ON \mathbb{R}^2

Q If $x = (x_1, x_2)$, $y = (y_1, y_2)$ belong to \mathbb{R}^2 , **4**

prove that function $d: \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as

$$d(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| \text{ is a metric on } \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Proof

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

Since $|x_1 - y_1| \geq 0$ and $|x_2 - y_2| \geq 0$

\Rightarrow both are modulus \Rightarrow their sum ≥ 0

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

(ii) $d(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| = 0$

Sum of two positive quantities is zero only if each is equal to zero

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

$\Rightarrow (x_1, x_2) = (y_1, y_2) \Rightarrow x = y$

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

(iii) $\because |x - y| = |y - x|$

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

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

(iv) Let $z = (z_1, z_2)$. put $a_1 = |x_1 - z_1|, a_2 = |x_2 - z_2|$

$b_1 = |z_1 - y_1|, b_2 = |z_2 - y_2|$.

$\therefore d(x, z) = |x_1 - z_1| + |x_2 - z_2| = a_1 + a_2$ similarly $d(z, y) = b_1 + b_2$

Now $d(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2| = |x_1 - z_1 + z_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - z_2 + z_2 - y_2|$

$= |a_1 + b_1| + |a_2 + b_2| \leq |a_1| + |b_1| + |a_2| + |b_2| \leq |a_1 + a_2| + |b_1 + b_2|$

$\Rightarrow d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ So d is a metric. Hence d is a metric.