

14. Compactness

(14.1)**Definition:** Let $F = \{A_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ is a family of subsets in X , and let $A \subseteq X$. We said that F is a covering of A , if $A \subseteq \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda$. If Λ is a finite, then F is a finite covering of A .

(14.2)**Example:** Let $X = \{1,2,3,4,5\}$, $A = \{1,2\}$, then

1. A family $\{\{1\}, \{2,3\}\}$ represents a covering of A , since $\{1,2,3\} = \{1\} \cup \{2,3\} \Rightarrow A \subseteq \{1\} \cup \{2,3\}$.
2. A family $\{\{2\}, \{4,5\}\}$ does not represent a covering of A , since $A \not\subseteq \{2\} \cup \{4,5\}$.
3. A family $\{\{1,2\}, \{3,4\}, \{1,3,5\}\}$ represents a covering of A and X .

(14.3)**Example:**

1. A family $F = \left\{ \left[1 - \frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n} \right] : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \right\}$ represents an infinite covering of $A = (0,1)$.
2. A family $F = \{(n, n + 3) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ represents an infinite covering of \mathcal{R} .
3. A family $F = \{(n, n + 1) : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ does not represent a covering of \mathcal{R} .

(14.4)**Definition:** Let $A \subseteq X$, $F = \{A_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$, $G = \{B_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Lambda'}$ are covering of A , we said that F is a sub covering from G , if for all $\lambda \in \Lambda \exists \gamma \in \Lambda' \ni A_\lambda = B_\gamma$.

(14.5)**Example:** Each of $F = \{(n, n + 3) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, $G = \{(r, r + 3) : r \in \mathcal{R}\}$ are covering of \mathcal{R} and F is a subfamily of G .

(14.6)**Definition:** Let A is a subset of (X, d) and let $F = \{A_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ is a covering of A . We said that F is an open cover, if A_λ is an open set in $X \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$.

(14.7)**Example:** In (\mathcal{R}, d_u) . Prove that a family $F = \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{n}, 2 \right) : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \right\}$ is an open cover of $A = (0,1)$.

Solution: let $x \in A \Rightarrow 0 < x < 1$,

Since $x > 0$ (by Archimedes property) $\Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \ni \frac{1}{k} < x$.

Since $x < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{k} < x < 2 \Rightarrow x \in \left(\frac{1}{k}, 2 \right) \Rightarrow x \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} \left(\frac{1}{n}, 2 \right)$

$\Rightarrow A \subset \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} \left(\frac{1}{n}, 2 \right) \Rightarrow F$ is a covering of A .

Since $(\frac{1}{n}, 2)$ is open set $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \Rightarrow F$ is an open set of A .

(14.8) **Example:** In (\mathcal{R}, d_u) , we have

$F_1 = \{(-n, n): n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$, $F_2 = \{(-3n, 3n): n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$, $F_3 = \{(2n - 1, 2n + 1): n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ are an open cover of \mathcal{R} , also F_2 is a sub cover of F_1 .

(14.9) **Example:** Let (X, d) be discrete metric space and $A \subseteq X$. Prove that $F = \{\{x\}: x \in A\}$ is an open cover of A .

Solution: since $A = \bigcup_{x \in A} \{x\} \Rightarrow F$ is a covering of A .

Since (X, d) is discrete metric space $\Rightarrow \{x\}$ an open set in $X \forall x \in X$

$\Rightarrow F$ is an open cover of A .

(14.10) **Definition:** Let (X, d) is metric space and let $A \subseteq X$. We said that A is a compact set in X , if for all open cover A contains a finite sub covering.

(14.11) **Example:** In (\mathcal{R}, d_u) , we have

1. $A = (0,1)$ does not compact in \mathcal{R} .
2. $A = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, 0\}$ is a compact in \mathcal{R} .
3. A space \mathcal{R} does not compact.

Solution: (1) Take $F = \{(\frac{1}{n}, 2): n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ is an open cover of A , but F does not contain on a finite sub cover $\Rightarrow A$ does not compact.

(14.12) **Example:** Every indiscrete metric space is a compact, since an unique open cover of X is X .

(14.13) **Theorem:** Every finite set in a metric space is a compact.

Proof: let A is a finite set in $(X, d) \Rightarrow A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$

Let $F = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda$ is a open cover of A in X .

$\Rightarrow A \subseteq \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda, G_\lambda$ is an open set in $X \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$.

Since $a_i \in A \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$\Rightarrow a_i \in \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$\Rightarrow \forall i \exists \lambda_i \in \Lambda \ni a_i \in G_{\lambda_i}$

$\Rightarrow \{G_{\lambda_1}, G_{\lambda_2}, \dots, G_{\lambda_n}\}$ is a finite sub covering from F of A .

$\Rightarrow A$ is a compact set.

(14.14)**Example:** Let (X, d) is discrete metric space, then X is a compact $\Leftrightarrow X$ is a finite.

(14.15)**Theorem:** Let (Y, d_Y) is a subspace of a metric space (X, d) and $A \subset Y$, then A is a compact in $X \Leftrightarrow A$ is a compact in Y .

(14.16)**Theorem:** Every closed set in a compact metric space is a compact.

(14.17)**Theorem:** Every compact set in a metric space is a closed and bounded.

(14.18)**Definition:** We said that a family of sets that satisfy a finite intersection property, if intersection every finite subfamily is a non- empty set.

(14.19)**Theorem;** A metric space (X, d) is a compact \Leftrightarrow if every family of a closed sets satisfies a finite intersection property, then its non-empty set.

(14.20)**Definition:** We said that a metric space (X, d) is a countable compact, if for all open cover and countable in X contains on a finite sub covering.

(14.21)**Theorem;** A metric space (X, d) is a countable compact \Leftrightarrow every countable family of a closed sets and satisfy a finite intersection property is a non- empty intersection.