

Theorem:- A subset  $G$  of  $R$  is open iff it is a union of open intervals.

Proof:- We assume that  $G$  is open.  
Let  $\{G_i\}$  be the collection of open intervals contained in  $G$ .

We have to show that  $G = \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i$

Obviously  $\bigcup_{i \in I} G_i \subseteq G$  — (1)

Further, if  $x \in G$ , since  $G$  is open then there exists some open interval  $x \in G_{i_0}$  in  $\{G_i\}$ .

Clearly,  $x \in G_{i_0} \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i$

$\Rightarrow G \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i$  — (2)

From (1) & (2)

we get  $G = \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i$

Conversely, let  $G$  be a union of open interval.  
Since each open interval is open set,  $G$  is a union of open sets.

Hence  $G$  is open.

Ex- (i) Give an example of each of the following  
(i) An open set which is not an open interval

$$G = (0, 1) \cup (2, 3)$$

(ii) An interval which is not an open set.  
Any close interval.

Ex -  $[0, 1]$

(iii) A set which is neither an interval nor an open set.

$$[0,1] \cup [2,3]$$

any finite set

(iv) It is not necessary for a super set to be open set.

(v) ~~Op~~ Any interval is not open set.

(vi) Set of Real numbers is open.

Ques: Show that the intersection of an arbitrary collection of open sets may or may not be an open set.