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Theorem:- If E is any subset of \mathbb{R} , then

- i) \bar{E} is closed
- ii) \bar{E} is the smallest closed superset of E .
- iii) E is closed iff $E = \bar{E}$

Proof:- i) We know that intersection of arbitrary collection of closed sets is closed. Since \bar{E} is defined as intersection of certain closed sets (which contain E), it follows that \bar{E} is closed.

ii) Since \bar{E} equals the intersection of all closed superset of E , it is contained in each closed superset of E . Now, since \bar{E} is closed it follows that \bar{E} is the smallest closed superset of E .

iii) Let $E = \bar{E}$, since \bar{E} is closed. Hence E is also closed.

Conversely

Let E is closed then it is the smallest closed set containing E . Hence $\bar{E} = E$