

Theorem If E is any subset of \mathbb{R} then—

$$\bar{E} = E \cup D(E)$$

Proof → First, we show that $E \cup D(E)$ is closed.

Let ' x ' be any limit point of $E \cup D(E)$.

Then x must be a limit point of E or $D(E)$.

Now, if x is a limit point of E

then $x \in D(E)$

Since, $D(E)$ is always closed. We have $x \in D(E)$.

Thus, in both cases $x \in D(E)$. Hence, $x \in E \cup D(E)$ and consequently,

$E \cup D(E)$ is closed.

We now show that $\bar{E} = E \cup D(E)$.

Since, $E \cup D(E)$ is closed superset of E and

E is the smallest closed superset of E .

$$\Rightarrow \bar{E} \subseteq E \cup D(E) \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Next, since \bar{E} is closed we have $D(\bar{E}) \subseteq \bar{E}$.
Now,

$$\begin{aligned} E \subseteq \bar{E} &\Rightarrow D(E) \subseteq D(\bar{E}) \subseteq \bar{E} \\ &\Rightarrow D(E) \subseteq \bar{E} \end{aligned}$$

Since,

$$\begin{aligned} E \subseteq \bar{E} \text{ and } D(E) \subseteq \bar{E} \\ \Rightarrow E \cup D(E) \subseteq \bar{E} \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{1} \end{aligned}$$

from eq. $\textcircled{1}$ & $\textcircled{2}$, we get \rightarrow

$$\bar{E} = E \cup D(E)$$

— Proved