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Neighbourhood of a point - If  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , then the open interval  $(p - \epsilon, p + \epsilon)$  is called an  $\epsilon$ -neighbourhood of  $p$  and is denoted by  $N_\epsilon(p)$ . A neighbourhood of  $p$  is any set which contains an  $\epsilon$ -neighbourhood of  $p$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ .

⊕ If  $N$  is the nbd of  $p$ , then the set  $N - \{p\}$  is called a deleted nbd of  $p$ .

Ex-1 If  $I = (2, 5)$  then  $I$  is a nbd of a point  $4 \in (2, 5)$  because  $\epsilon = 1/2$  such that —

$$\left(4 - \frac{1}{2}, 4 + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{7}{2}, \frac{9}{2}\right) \subset (2, 5)$$

Ex-2 The set  $\mathbb{R}$  of real number is a nbd of each of its points.

Ex-3 The set  $\mathbb{Q}$  of rational numbers is not a nbd of any of its point.

Theorem: Every open interval is a nbd of each of its points.

Proof  $\rightarrow$  Let  $(a, b)$  be an open interval and  $p$  be any point of  $(a, b)$ . We have  $p - a > 0$  and  $b - p > 0$ . Let us choose  $\rightarrow$

$\epsilon = \min\{p - a, b - p\}$ , so that  $\epsilon > 0$

We have to show that  $(p - \epsilon, p + \epsilon) \subseteq (a, b)$

Let  $x \in (p - \epsilon, p + \epsilon)$

$\Rightarrow p - \epsilon < x < p + \epsilon$

$-\epsilon < x - p < \epsilon$

Since,  $\epsilon \leq p - a$  i.e.  $a - p \leq -\epsilon$  and  $\epsilon \leq b - p$  it follows that  $\rightarrow a - p < x - p < b - p$  i.e.

$a < x < b$

Hence,  $(p - \epsilon, p + \epsilon) \subseteq (a, b)$

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