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Part I

Numbers
Natural, integer, and rational Numbers

Notation 1.1 Let \( \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \ldots \} \) denote the natural numbers, \( \mathbb{N}_0 = \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N} \), \( \mathbb{Z} := \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \ldots \} = \{\pm n : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\} \) be the integers, and \( \mathbb{Q} := \left\{ \frac{m}{n} : m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}\right\} \) be the rationale numbers.

I am going to assume that the reader is familiar with all the standard arithmetic operations (addition, multiplication, inverses, etc.) on \( \mathbb{N}_0, \mathbb{Z}, \) and \( \mathbb{Q}. \) However let us review the important induction axiom of the natural numbers.

Induction Axiom If \( S \subset \mathbb{N} \) is a subset such that \( 1 \in S \) and \( n + 1 \in S \) whenever \( n \in S, \) then \( S = \mathbb{N}. \)

This axiom leads takes on two other useful forms which we describe in the next Propositions.

Proposition 1.2 (Strong form of Induction). Suppose \( S \subset \mathbb{N} \) is a subset such that \( 1 \in S \) and \( n + 1 \in S \) whenever \( \{1, 2, \ldots, n\} \subset S \), then \( S = \mathbb{N}. \)

Proof. Let \( T := \{n \in \mathbb{N} : \{1, 2, \ldots, n\} \subset S\}. \) Then \( 1 \in T \) and if \( n \in T \) then \( n + 1 \in T \) by assumption. Therefore by the induction axiom, \( T = \mathbb{N} \) so that \( \{1, 2, \ldots, n\} \subset S \) in for all \( n \in \mathbb{N}. \) This suffices to show \( S = \mathbb{N}. \)

Proposition 1.3 (Well ordering principle). Suppose \( S \subset \mathbb{N} \) is a non-empty subset, then there exists a smallest element \( m \) of \( S. \)

Proof. Let \( S \) be a subset of \( \mathbb{N} \) for which there is no smallest element, \( m \in S. \) Let \( T = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n < s \text{ for all } s \in S\}. \)

If \( 1 \notin T, \) then \( 1 \in S \) and 1 would be a smallest element of \( S. \) Hence we must have \( 1 \in T. \) Now suppose that \( n \in T \) so that \( n < s \text{ for all } s \in S. \) If \( n + 1 \notin T \) then there exists \( s \in S \) such that \( n < s \leq n + 1 \) which would force \( s = n + 1 \in S. \) But we would then have \( n + 1 \) is the minimal element of \( S \) which is assumed not to exist. So we have shown if \( n \in T \) then \( n + 1 \in T. \) So by the induction axiom of \( \mathbb{N} \) it follows that \( T = \mathbb{N} \) and therefore \( n \notin S \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N}, \) i.e. \( S = \emptyset. \)

Remark 1.4. Let us further observe that the well ordering principle implies the induction axiom. Indeed, suppose that \( S \subset \mathbb{N} \) is a subset such that \( 1 \in S \) and \( n + 1 \in S \) whenever \( n \in S. \) For sake of contradiction suppose that \( S \neq \mathbb{N} \) so that \( T := \mathbb{N} \setminus S \) is not empty. By the well ordering principle there \( T \) has a unique minimal element \( m \) and in particular \( T \subset \{m, m + 1, \ldots \}. \) This implies that \( \{1, 2, \ldots, m - 1\} \subset S \) and then by assumption that \( \{1, 2, \ldots, m\} \subset S. \) But this then implies \( T \subset \{m + 1, \ldots \} \) and therefore \( m \notin T \) which violates \( m \) being the minimal element of \( T. \) We have arrived at the desired contradiction and therefore conclude that \( S = \mathbb{N}. \)

Remark 1.5. Recall that, for \( q \in \mathbb{Q}, \) we define

\[
|q| = \begin{cases} 
q & \text{if } q \geq 0 \\
-q & \text{if } q < 0.
\end{cases}
\]

Recall that, for all \( a, b \in \mathbb{Q}, \)

\[
|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|, \quad |ab| = |a||b|, \quad \text{and} \quad \left|\frac{1}{a}\right| = \frac{1}{|a|} \text{ when } a \neq 0.
\]

It is also often useful to keep in mind that the following statements are equivalent for \( a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \) with \( b \geq 0; \)

1. \(|a| \leq b, \)
2. \(|-b| \leq a \leq b, \) and
3. \( \pm a \leq b, \) i.e. \( a \leq b \) and \( -a \leq b. \)

Lemma 1.6. If \( a, b \in \mathbb{Q}, \) then

\[
||b| - |a|| \leq |b - a|. \tag{1.1}
\]

Proof. Since both sides of Eq. \( (1.1) \) are symmetric in \( a \) and \( b, \) we may assume that \( |b| \geq |a| \) so that \(||b| - |a|| \geq |b - |a|. \) Since

\[
|b| = |b - a + a| \leq |b - a| + |a|,
\]

it follows that

\[
||b| - |a|| = |b - |a|| \leq |b - a|.
\]
Theorem 1.8. The rationale b (i.e. in which would violate the assumption that \( \varepsilon \) now let \( b \).

The proof of the previous lemma illustrates one of the key techniques of adding 0 to an expression. In this case we added 0 in the form of \(-a + a\) to \( b \). The next remark records a couple of other very important "tricks" in this subject. Taking to heart the following remarks will greatly aid the student in real analysis.

Remark 1.7 (Some basic philosophies of real analysis). Let \( a, b, \varepsilon \) be numbers (i.e. in \( \mathbb{Q} \) or later real numbers). We will often prove;

1. \( a \leq b \) by showing that \( a \leq b + \varepsilon \) for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \). (See the next theorem.)
2. \( a = b \) by proving \( a \leq b \) and \( b \leq a \) or
3. prove \( a = b \) by showing \( |b - a| \leq \varepsilon \) for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \).

Theorem 1.8. The rational numbers have the following properties;

1. For any \( p \in \mathbb{Q} \) there exists \( N \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( p < N \).
2. For any \( \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q} \) with \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists an \( N \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( 0 < \frac{1}{N} < \varepsilon \).
3. If \( a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \) and \( a \leq b + \varepsilon \) for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \), then \( a \leq b \).

Proof. 1. If \( p \leq 0 \) we may take \( N = 1 \). So suppose that \( p = \frac{m}{n} \) with \( m, n \in \mathbb{N} \). In this case let \( N = m \).

2. Write \( \varepsilon = \frac{m}{n} \) with \( m, n \in \mathbb{N} \) and then take \( N = 2n \).

3. If \( a \leq b \) is false happens iff \( a > b \) which is equivalent to \( a - b > 0 \). If we now let \( \varepsilon := \frac{a - b}{|a - b|} > 0 \), then

\[
a = b + (b - a) > b + \varepsilon
\]

which would violate the assumption that \( a \leq b + \varepsilon \) for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \).

\footnote{Absolute values will be discussed in more generality in Section \ref{sec:absval} below.}

\footnote{We will see that the real numbers have these same properties as well.}

1.1 Limits in \( \mathbb{Q} \)

In this course we will often use the abbreviations, i.o. and a.a., which stand for infinitely often and almost always respectively. For example \( a_n \leq b_n \) a.a. \( n \) means there exists an \( N \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( a_n \leq b_n \) for all \( n \geq N \) while \( a_n \leq b_n \) i.o. \( n \) means for all \( N \in \mathbb{N} \) there exists a \( n \geq N \) such that \( a_n \leq b_n \). So for example, \( 1/n \leq 1/100 \) for a.a. \( n \) while and \((-1)^n \geq 0 \) i.o. By the way, it should be clear that if something happens for a.a. \( n \) then it also happens i.o. \( n \).

Definition 1.9. A sequence \( \{ a_n \}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{Q} \) converges to 0 in \( \mathbb{Q} \) if for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) in \( \mathbb{Q} \) there exists \( N \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \(|a_n| \leq \varepsilon \) for all \( n \geq N \). Alternatively put, for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) we have \(|a_n| \leq \varepsilon \) for a.a. \( n \). This may also be stated as for all \( M \in \mathbb{N} \), \(|a_n| \leq 1/\varepsilon \) for a.a. \( n \).

Definition 1.10. A sequence \( \{ a_n \}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{Q} \) converges to \( a \in \mathbb{Q} \) if \(|a - a_n| \to 0 \) as \( n \to \infty \), i.e. if for all \( N \in \mathbb{N} \), \(|a - a_n| \leq \frac{1}{N} \) for a.a. \( n \). As usual if \( \{ a_n \}_{n=1}^\infty \) converges to \( a \) we will write \( a_n \to a \) as \( n \to \infty \) or \( a = \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \).

Proposition 1.11. If \( \{ a_n \}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{Q} \) converges to \( a \in \mathbb{Q} \), then \( \lim_{n \to \infty} |a_n| = |a| \).

Proof. From Lemma 1.6 we have,

\[
|a| - |a_n| \leq |a - a_n|.
\]

Thus if \( \varepsilon > 0 \) is given, by definition of \( a_n \to a \) there exists \( N \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \(|a_n - a| < \varepsilon \) for all \( n \geq N \). From the previously displayed equation, it follows that \(|a| - |a_n| < \varepsilon \) for all \( n \geq N \) and hence we may conclude that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} |a_n| \) exists and is equal to \( |a| \).

Lemma 1.12 (Convergent sequences are bounded). If \( \{ a_n \}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{Q} \) converges to \( a \in \mathbb{Q} \), then there exists \( M \in \mathbb{Q} \) such that \(|a_n| \leq M \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \).

Proof. Taking \( \varepsilon = 1 \) in the definition of \( a = \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \) implies there exists \( N \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \(|a_n - a| < 1 \) for all \( n \geq N \). Therefore,

\[
|a_n| = |a_n - a + a| \leq |a_n - a| + |a| \leq 1 + |a| \text{ for } n \geq N.
\]

We may now take \( M := \max \left( \left\{ |a_n|_{n=1}^N \right\} \cup \{1 + |a|\} \right) \).

Theorem 1.13. If \( \{ a_n \}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{Q} \) converges to \( a \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\} \), then

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{a_n} = \frac{1}{a}.
\]

(1.2)

It is possible that \( a_n = 0 \) for small \( n \) so that \( \frac{1}{a_n} \) is not defined but for large \( n \) this can not happen and therefore it makes sense to talk about the limit which only depends on the tail of the sequences.
Proof. Since \( a \neq 0 \) we know that \( |a| > 0 \). Hence, there exists \( M := M_{|a|} \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( |a_n - a| < \frac{|a|}{2} \) for all \( n \geq M \). Therefore for \( n \geq M \)

\[
|a| = |a - a_n + a_n| \leq |a - a_n| + |a_n| < \frac{|a|}{2} + |a_n|
\]

from which it follows that \( |a_n| > \frac{|a|}{2} \) for all \( n \geq M \). If \( \varepsilon > 0 \) is given arbitrarily, we may choose \( N \geq M \) such that \( |a - a_n| < \varepsilon \) for all \( n \geq M \). Then for \( n \geq N \) we have,

\[
\left| \frac{1}{a_n} - \frac{1}{a} \right| = \frac{|a - a_n|}{|a_n a|} = \frac{|a - a_n|}{|a/a_n - 1|} = \frac{|a|}{|a/a_n - 1|} \leq \frac{2\varepsilon}{|a|} = \frac{2\varepsilon}{|a|^2}.
\]

As \( \varepsilon > 0 \) is arbitrary it follows that \( \frac{2\varepsilon}{|a|^2} > 0 \) is arbitrarily small as well (replace \( \varepsilon \) by \( \varepsilon |a|^2/2 \) if you feel it is necessary), and hence we may conclude that Eq. \ref{eq:1.2} holds.

Variation on the method. In order to make these arguments more routine, it is often a good idea to write \( a_n = a + \delta_n \), where \( \delta_n := a_n - a \) is the error between \( a_n \) and \( a \). By assumption, \( \lim_{n \to \infty} \delta_n = 0 \) and so for any \( \delta > 0 \) given there exists \( N(\delta) \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( |\delta_n| \leq \delta \). With this notation we have,

\[
\left| \frac{1}{a_n} - \frac{1}{a} \right| = \frac{1}{a + \delta_n} - \frac{1}{a} = \frac{-\delta_n}{a + \delta_n} \leq \frac{\delta}{|a|} \leq \frac{2\varepsilon}{|a|^2}.
\]

So if we assume that \( \delta \leq |a|/2 \) we find that

\[
\left| \frac{1}{a_n} - \frac{1}{a} \right| \leq \frac{2\varepsilon}{|a|^2} \text{ for all } n \geq N(\delta).
\]

EXERCISE 1.1. Show that all convergent sequences \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{Q} \) are Cauchy.

EXERCISE 1.2. Show all Cauchy sequences \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) are bounded – i.e. there exists \( M \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( |a_n| \leq M \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \).

EXERCISE 1.3. Suppose \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and \( \{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) are Cauchy sequences in \( Q \). Show \( \{a_n + b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and \( \{a_n \cdot b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) are Cauchy.

EXERCISE 1.4. Assume that \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and \( \{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) are convergent sequences in \( Q \). Show \( \{a_n + b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and \( \{a_n \cdot b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) are convergent in \( Q \) and

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} (a_n + b_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n + \lim_{n \to \infty} b_n \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} (a_n b_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \cdot \lim_{n \to \infty} b_n.
\]

EXERCISE 1.5. Assume that \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and \( \{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) are convergent sequences in \( Q \) such that \( a_n \leq b_n \) for all \( n \). Show \( A := \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} b_n =: B \).

EXERCISE 1.6 (Sandwich Theorem). Assume that \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and \( \{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) are convergent sequences in \( Q \) such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} b_n \). If \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is another sequence in \( Q \) which satisfies \( a_n \leq x_n \leq b_n \) for all \( n \), then

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} b_n.
\]

Please note that that main part of the problem is to show that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n \) exists in \( Q \). Hint: start by showing: if \( a \leq x \leq b \) then \( |x| \leq \max(|a|, |b|) \).

DEFINITION 1.15 (Subsequence). We say a sequence, \( \{y_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \) is a subsequence of another sequence, \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \), provided there exists a strictly increasing function, \( N \ni k \to n_k \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( y_k = x_{n_k} \) for all \( k \in \mathbb{N} \). [Example, \( n_k = k^2 + 3 \), and \( \{y_k := x_{n_k + 3}\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \) would be a subsequence of \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \).]

EXERCISE 1.7. Suppose that \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is a Cauchy sequence in \( Q \) (or \( \mathbb{R} \)) which has a convergent subsequence, \( \{y_k := x_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \) in \( Q \) (or \( \mathbb{R} \)). Show that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n \) exists and is equal to \( \lim_{k \to \infty} y_k \).

1.2 The Problem with \( Q \)

The problem with \( Q \) is that it is full of “holes.” To be more precise, \( Q \) is not “complete,” i.e. not all Cauchy sequences are convergent. In fact, according to Corollary 5.31 below, “most” Cauchy sequences of rational numbers do not converge to a rational number. Let us demonstrate some examples pointing out this flaw. We first pause to recall how to sum geometric series.

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Lemma 1.16 (Geometric Series). Let \( \alpha \in \mathbb{Q} \), \( m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \) with \( n \leq m \), and \( S := \sum_{k=n}^{m} \alpha^k \). Then
\[
S = \begin{cases} 
m - n + 1 & \text{if } \alpha = 1 \\
\frac{\alpha^{m+1} - \alpha^n}{\alpha - 1} & \text{if } \alpha \neq 1.
\end{cases}
\]
Moreover if \( 0 \leq \alpha < 1 \), then
\[
\sum_{k=n}^{m} \alpha^k = \alpha^n \frac{1 - \alpha^{m-n+1}}{1 - \alpha} \leq \frac{\alpha^n}{1 - \alpha}, \tag{1.4}
\]
Proof. When \( \alpha = 1 \),
\[
S = \sum_{k=n}^{m} 1^k = m - n + 1.
\]
If \( \alpha \neq 1 \), then
\[
\alpha S - S = \alpha^{m+1} - \alpha^n.
\]
Solving for \( S \) gives
\[
S = \sum_{k=n}^{m} \alpha^k = \frac{\alpha^{m+1} - \alpha^n}{\alpha - 1} \text{ if } \alpha \neq 1. \tag{1.5}
\]

Example 1.17. Let \( S_n := \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{1}{k!} \in \mathbb{Q} \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). For \( n > m \) in \( \mathbb{N} \) we have,
\[
0 \leq S_n - S_m = \sum_{k=m+1}^{n} \frac{1}{k!} = \sum_{j=1}^{n-m} \frac{1}{(m+j)!} \\
= \frac{1}{(m+1)!} + \cdots + \frac{1}{m!} \\
\leq \frac{1}{m!} \left( \frac{1}{m+1} + \left( \frac{1}{m+1} \right)^2 + \cdots + \left( \frac{1}{m+1} \right)^{n-m} \right) \\
\leq \frac{1}{m!} \left( \frac{1}{m+1} \right)^{n-m} = \frac{1}{m \cdot m!}. \tag{1.6}
\]
wherein we have used Eq. \( \text{(1.4)} \) for the last inequality. From this inequality it follows that \( \{S_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \) is a Cauchy sequence and we also have,
\[
\frac{1}{(m+1)!} \leq S_n - S_m \leq \frac{1}{m \cdot m!} \text{ for all } n > m. \tag{1.7}
\]
Suppose that \( e := \lim_{n \to \infty} S_n \) were to exist in \( \mathbb{Q} \). Then letting \( n \to \infty \) in Eq. \( \text{(1.7)} \) would show,
\[
0 < \frac{1}{(m+1)!} \leq e - S_m \leq \frac{1}{m \cdot m!}.
\]
Multiplying this inequality by \( m! \) then implies,
\[
0 < m! e - m! S_m \leq \frac{1}{m}.
\]
However for \( m \) sufficiently large \( m!e \in \mathbb{N} \) (as \( e \) is assumed to be rational) and \( m!S_m \) is always in \( \mathbb{N} \) and therefore \( k := m!e - m! S_m \in \mathbb{N} \). But there is no element \( k \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( 0 < k < \frac{1}{m} \) and hence we must conclude \( \lim_{n \to \infty} S_n \) can not exist in \( \mathbb{Q} \). Moral: the number \( e = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = \lim_{n \to \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n \) that you learned about in calculus is not in \( \mathbb{Q} \).

![Plotting the partial sums](image_url)

Plotting the partial sums \( \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{1}{k!} \) (black curve) and \( (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n \) (red curve) which are both converging to “e.”

Example 1.18 (Square roots need not exist). The square root, \( \sqrt{2} \), of 2 does not exist in \( \mathbb{Q} \). Indeed, if \( \sqrt{2} = \frac{m}{n} \) where \( m \) and \( n \) have no common factors (in particular no common factors of 2 so that either \( m \) or \( n \) is odd), then
\[
\frac{m^2}{n^2} = 2 \implies m^2 = 2n^2.
\]
This shows that \( m^2 \) is even which would then imply that \( m = 2k \) is even (since odd-odd=odd). However this implies \( 4k^2 = 2n^2 \) from which it follows that \( n^2 = 2k^2 \) is even and hence \( n \) is even. But this contradicts the assumption that \( m \) and \( n \) had no common factors (of 2).
1.3 Peano’s arithmetic (Highly Optional)

This section is for those who want to understand \( \mathbb{N} \) at a more fundamental level. Here we start with Peano’s rather minimalist axioms for \( \mathbb{N} \) and show how they lead to all the standard properties you are used to using for \( \mathbb{N} \). Here are the axioms;

1. Non-empty \( \mathbb{N} \) is a non-empty set which contains a distinguished element, 0. We let \( \mathbb{N} := \mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \{0\} \) and call these the natural numbers.
2. Successor Function There is an injective \(^4\) function, \( s : \mathbb{N}_0 \to \mathbb{N} \) and we let \( 1 := s(0) \in \mathbb{N} \).

Exercise 1.8. Use the following outline to construct another Cauchy sequence \( \{q_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{Q} \) which is \textbf{not} convergent in \( \mathbb{Q} \).

1. Recall that there is no element \( q \in \mathbb{Q} \) such that \( q^2 = 2 \). To each \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) let \( m_n \in \mathbb{N} \) be chosen so that
\[
\frac{m_n^2}{n^2} < 2 < \frac{(m_n + 1)^2}{n^2}
\tag{1.8}
\]
and let \( q_n := \frac{m_n}{n} \).
2. Verify that \( q_n^2 \to 2 \) as \( n \to \infty \) and that \( \{q_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is a Cauchy sequence in \( \mathbb{Q} \).
3. Show \( \{q_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) does not have a limit in \( \mathbb{Q} \).

Example 1.19. It is also a fact that \( \pi \notin \mathbb{Q} \) where
\[
\pi = 2 \lim_{N \to \infty} \int_0^N \frac{1}{1 + x^2} \, dx = 2 \lim_{N \to \infty} \int_0^N \frac{1}{1 + x^2} \, dx
= 2 \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{N^2} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{k}{N}\right)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{N}
= \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{N^2} \frac{2N}{N^2 + k^2}.
\]

The point is that the basic operations from calculus tend to produce “real numbers” which are not rational even though we start with only rational numbers.

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1.3 Peano’s arithmetic (Highly Optional)

Induction hypothesis If \( S \subset \mathbb{N}_0 \) is a set such that \( 0 \in S \) and \( s(n) \in S \) whenever \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), then \( S = \mathbb{N}_0 \).

Assuming these axioms one may develop all of the properties or \( \mathbb{N}_0 \) that you are accustomed to seeing. I will develop the basic properties of addition, multiplication, and the ordering on \( \mathbb{N}_0 \) in this section. For more on this point and then the further construction of \( \mathbb{Z} \) and \( \mathbb{Q} \) from \( \mathbb{N}_0 \), the reader is referred to the notes; \"\text{Numbers by M. Taylor}\". You may also consult E. Landau’s book \[\text{I} for a very detailed (but perhaps too long wined) exposition of these topics.

Lemma 1.20. The map \( s : \mathbb{N}_0 \to \mathbb{N} \) is a bijection.

Proof. Let \( S := s(\mathbb{N}_0) \cup \{0\} \subset \mathbb{N}_0 \). Then \( 0 \in S \) and \( s(0) \in s(\mathbb{N}_0) \subset S \). Moreover if \( x \in \mathbb{N} \cap S \) then \( s(x) \in s(\mathbb{N}_0) \subset S \) so that \( x \in \mathbb{N} \implies s(x) \in S \) and hence \( S = \mathbb{N}_0 \) and therefore \( s(\mathbb{N}_0) = \mathbb{N} \).

Theorem 1.21 (Addition). There exists a function \( p : \mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{N}_0 \to \mathbb{N}_0 \) such that \( p(x,0) = x \) for all \( x \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) and \( p(x,s(y)) = s(p(x,y)) \) for all \( x,y \in \mathbb{N}_0 \). Moreover, we may construct \( p \) so that \( p(s(x),y) = p(x,s(y)) \) for all \( x,y \in \mathbb{N}_0 \).

This function \( p \) satisfies the following properties:
1. \( p(x,0) = x = p(0,x) \) for all \( x \in \mathbb{N}_0 \),
2. \( p(x,1) = p(1,x) = s(x) \) for all \( x \in \mathbb{N}_0 \),
3. \( p(x,y) = p(y,x) \) for all \( x,y \in \mathbb{N}_0 \),
4. \( p(x,p(y,z)) = p(p(x,y),z) \) for all \( x,y,z \in \mathbb{N}_0 \).

Proof. We will construct \( p \) inductively. Let
\( S := \{x \in \mathbb{N} : \exists p_x : \mathbb{N}_0 \to \mathbb{N}_0 \ni p_x(0) = x \} \).

Taking \( p_0(y) = y \) shows \( 0 \in S \). Moreover if \( x \in S \) we define
\( p_x(y) := s(p_x(y)) \) for all \( y \in \mathbb{N}_0 \).

We then have \( p_s(x)(0) = s(p_x(0)) = s(x) \) and
\( p_{s(x)}(s(y)) := s(p_x(s(y))) = s \circ s(p_x(y)) = s(p_{s(x)}(y)) \)
which shows \( s(x) \in S \). Thus we may conclude \( S = \mathbb{N}_0 \) and we may now define \( p(x,y) := p_x(y) \) for all \( x,y \in \mathbb{N}_0 \). By construction this function satisfies,
\( p(s(x),y) = s(p(x,y)) = p(x,s(y)) \).

We now verify the properties in items 1. – 4.
Proposition 1.23 (Additive Cancellation).

Let \( x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) and suppose \( x + y = x + z \). Then we have \( y = z \) if and only if \( x = y \) and \( x = z \) are both true.

Proof. Suppose \( x + y = x + z \) holds. Then we have \( y = z \) since \( x = y \). Conversely, if \( y = z \) then \( x + y = x + z \) by the definition of addition. Thus the proposition is proved.

Notation 1.22 We now write \( x + y \) for \( p(x,y) \) and refer to the symmetric binary operator, \(+\), as addition.

To summarize we have now shown addition satisfies for all \( x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}_0 \):

1. \( x + 0 = 0 + x = x \),
2. \( s(x) + 1 = x + 1 = 1 + x \),
3. \( x + y = y + x \),
4. \((x + y) + z = x + (y + z)\).
5. The induction hypothesis may now be written as: if \( S \subseteq \mathbb{N}_0 \) is a subset such that \( 0 \in S \) and \( n + 1 \in S \) whenever \( n \in S \), then \( S = \mathbb{N}_0 \).

Proposition 1.23 (Additive Cancellation). If \( x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) and \( x + z = y + z \), then \( x = y \).

Proof. Let \( S \) be those \( z \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) for which the statement \( x + z = y + z \) implies \( x = y \) holds. It is clear that \( 0 \in S \). Moreover if \( z \in S \) and \( x + (z + 1) = y + (z + 1) \) then \( (x + 1) + z = (y + 1) + z \) and so by the inductive hypothesis \( s(x) = x + 1 = y + 1 = s(y) \). Recall that \( s \) is one to one by assumption and therefore we may conclude \( x = y \) and we have shown \( s(z) \in S \). Therefore \( S = \mathbb{N}_0 \) and the proposition is proved.

Definition 1.24. Given \( x, y \in \mathbb{N}_0 \), we say \( x < y \) iff \( y = x + n \) for some \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( x \leq y \) iff \( y = x + n \) for some \( n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \). We further let

\[ R_x := \{ x + n : n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \} \]

so that \( y \geq x \) iff \( y \in R_x \).

Proposition 1.25. If \( x, y \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) and \( x \leq y \) and \( y \leq x \) then \( x = y \). Moreover if \( x \leq y \) then either \( x < y \) or \( x = y \).

Proof. By assumption there exists \( m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) such that \( y = x + m \) and \( x = y + n \) and therefore \( y = y + (m + n) \). Hence by cancellation it follows that \( m + n = 0 \). If \( n \neq 0 \) then \( s(x) \) for some \( x \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) and we have \( m + n = m + s(x) = s(m + x) \in \mathbb{N} \) which would imply \( m + n \neq 0 \). Thus we conclude that \( m = 0 = n \) and therefore \( x = y \).

If \( x \leq y \) and \( x \neq y \) then \( y = x + n \) for some \( n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) with \( n \neq 0 \), i.e. \( x < y \). ■

Proposition 1.26. If \( x, y \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) then precisely one of the following three choices must hold, 1) \( x < y \), 2) \( x = y \), 3) \( y < x \).

Proof. Suppose that \( x < y \) does not hold, i.e. \( y \notin R_x \). We wish to show that \( y < x \), i.e. that \( x = y + n \) for some \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). We do this by induction on \( y \). That is let \( S \) be the the set of \( y \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) such that the statement \( y \notin R_x \) implies \( y < x \) holds. If \( y = 0 \notin R_x \) implies \( n := x \neq 0 \) so that \( x = y + n \), i.e. \( y = 0 < x \). This shows \( 0 \in S \). Now suppose that \( y \in S \) and that \( y + 1 \notin R_x = \{ x + m : m \in \mathbb{N}_0 \} \). It follows that \( y + 1 \neq x + m + 1 \) for all \( m \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) and hence that \( y \neq x + m \) for all \( m \in \mathbb{N}_0 \), i.e. \( y \notin R_x \). So by induction \( y < x \) and therefore \( x = y + k \) for some \( k \in \mathbb{N} \). Since \( k \in \mathbb{N} \) we know there exists \( k' \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) such that \( k = k' \) and it follows that \( x = y + 1 + k' \), i.e. \( y + 1 \leq x \). Since \( y + 1 \notin R_x \) we may conclude that in fact \( y + 1 < x \) and therefore \( y + 1 \in S \). So by induction \( S = \mathbb{N}_0 \) and we have shown if \( x < y \) does not hold iff \( y \leq x \). Combining this statement with the Proposition 1.23 completes the proof. ■

We have now set up a satisfactory addition operations and ordering on \( \mathbb{N}_0 \). Our next goal is to define multiplication on \( \mathbb{N}_0 \).

Theorem 1.27. There exists a function \( M : \mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{N}_0 \to \mathbb{N}_0 \) such that \( M(x,0) = 0 \) for all \( x \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) and \( M(x,y + 1) = M(x,y) + x \) for all \( x, y \in \mathbb{N}_0 \). This function \( M \) satisfies the following properties:

1. \( M(x,0) = 0 = M(0,x) \) for all \( x \in \mathbb{N}_0 \),
2. \( M(x,1) = M(1,x) = x \) for all \( x \in \mathbb{N}_0 \),
3. \( M(x,y) = M(y,x) \) for all \( x, y \in \mathbb{N}_0 \),
4. \( M(x,y + z) = M(x,y) + M(x,z) \) for all \( x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}_0 \),
5. \( M(x, y, z) = M(M(x,y), z) \) for all \( x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}_0 \).
Proof. Let $S$ denote those $x \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that there exists a function $M_x : \mathbb{N}_0 \to \mathbb{N}_0$ satisfying $M_x(0) = 0$ and $M_x(y + 1) = M_x(y) + x$ for all $y \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Taking $M_0(y) := 0$ shows $0 \in S$. Moreover if $x \in S$ we define $M_{x+1}(y) := M_x(y) + y$. Then $M_{x+1}(0) = 0$ and

$$M_{x+1}(y + 1) = M_x(y + 1) + y + 1 = M_x(y) + x + y + 1$$

while

$$M_{x+1}(y) + (x + 1) = M_x(y) + y + x + 1 = M_{x+1}(y + 1).$$

This shows that $x + 1 \in S$ and so by induction $S = \mathbb{N}_0$ and we may now define $M(x, y) := M_x(y)$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{N}_0$. We now prove the properties of $M$ stated above.

1. By construction $M(x, 0) = 0$ for all $x$. Let $S := \{x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : M(0, x) = 0\}$. Then $0 \in S$ and if $x \in S$ we have

$$M(0, x + 1) = M(0, x) + 0 = 0 + 0 = 0$$

which shows $x + 1 \in S$. Therefore by induction $S = \mathbb{N}_0$ and $M(0, x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

2. Let $S := \{x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : M(1, x) = x\}$. Then $0 \in S$ and if $x \in S$ we have

$$M(1, x + 1) = M(1, x) + 1 = x + 1$$

which shows $x + 1 \in S$. Therefore $S = \mathbb{N}_0$ and $M(1, x) = x$ for all $x \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

3. Let $S := \{x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : M(x, \cdot) = M(\cdot, x)\}$. Then by items 1. and 2. we know that $0, 1 \in S$. Now suppose that $x \in S$, then by construction,

$$M(x + 1, y) = M_{x+1}(y) = M(x, y) + y$$

while

$$M(y, x + 1) = M(y, x) + y.$$

The last two displayed equations along with the induction hypothesis shows $x + 1 \in S$ and therefore $S = \mathbb{N}_0$ and item 3. is proved.

4. Let $S$ denote those $x \in S$ such that $M(x, y + z) = M(x, y) + M(x, z)$ for all $y, z \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Then $0, 1 \in S$ and if $x \in S$ we have,

$$M(x + 1, y + z) = M(x, y + z) + y + z$$

$$= M(x, y) + M(x, z) + y + z$$

$$= M(x, y) + y + M(x, z) + z$$

$$= M(x + 1, y) + M(x + 1, z)$$

which shows $x + 1 \in S$. Therefore $S = \mathbb{N}_0$ and we have proved item 4.

5. Let

$$S := \{x \in \mathbb{N}_0 : M(x, M(y, z)) = M(M(x, y), z) \forall y, z \in \mathbb{N}_0\}.$$

Then $0 \in S$ and if $x \in S$ we find,

$$M(x + 1, M(y, z)) = M(x, M(y, z)) + M(y, z)$$

while

$$M(M(x + 1, y), z) = M(M(x, y) + y, z) = M(M(x, y), z) + (y, z).$$

The last two equations along with the induction hypothesis shows $x + 1 \in S$ and therefore $S = \mathbb{N}_0$ and item 5. is proved.

\[ \blacksquare \]

Notation 1.28 We now write $x \cdot y$ for $M(x, y)$ and refer to the symmetric binary operator, $\cdot$, as multiplication.

To summarize Theorem 1.27 we have shown multiplication satisfies for all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}_0$:

1. $x \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot x$,
2. $x \cdot 1 = x = 1 \cdot x$,
3. $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$,
4. $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$,
5. $(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$.

Proposition 1.29 (Multiplicative Cancellation). If $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $z \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x \cdot z = y \cdot z$, then $x = y$.

Proof. If $x \neq y$, say $x < y$, then $y = x + n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and therefore

$$y \cdot z = (x + n) \cdot z = x \cdot z + n \cdot z.$$ 

Hence if $x \cdot z = y \cdot z$, then by additive cancellation we must have $n \cdot z = 0$. As $n, x \in \mathbb{N}$ we may write $n = n' + 1$ and $z = z' + 1$ with $n', z' \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and therefore,

$$0 = n \cdot z = (n' + 1) \cdot (z' + 1) = n' \cdot z' + n' + z' + 1 \neq 0$$

which is a contradiction. \[ \blacksquare \]
Once these element of $\mathbb{N}_0$ have been defined, then given $a_0, \ldots, a_n \in \{0, 1, \ldots, 9\}$ with $a_n \neq 0$, we let

$$a_n a_{n-1} \ldots a_0 := \sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k 10^k.$$  

For example, $35 = 3 \cdot 10 + 5 = 34 + 1$, etc.

As mentioned above one can formalize $\mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathbb{Q}$ using $\mathbb{N}_0$ constructed above. I will omit the details here and refer the reader to the references already mentioned.
Fields

The basic question we want to eventually address is: What are the real numbers? Our answer is going to be: the real numbers is the essentially unique complete ordered field, see Theorem 3.3 below. In order to make sense of this answer we need to explain the terms, “complete,” “ordered,” and “field.” We will start with the notion of a field which loosely stated means something that can reasonably be interpreted a “numbers.”

Definition 2.1 (Fields, i.e. “numbers”). A field is a non-empty set $\mathbb{F}$ equipped with two operations called addition and multiplication, and denoted by $+$ and $\cdot$, respectively, such that the following axioms hold; (subtraction and division are defined implicitly in terms of the inverse operations of addition and multiplication):

1. **Closure of $\mathbb{F}$ under addition and multiplication.** For all $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$, both $a+b$ and $a \cdot b$ are in $\mathbb{F}$ (or more formally, $+$ and $\cdot$ are binary operations on $\mathbb{F}$).

2. **Associativity of addition and multiplication.** For all $a, b$, and $c$ in $\mathbb{F}$, the following equalities hold: $a+(b+c) = (a+b)+c$ and $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$.

3. **Commutativity of addition and multiplication.** For all $a$ and $b$ in $\mathbb{F}$, the following equalities hold: $a+b=b+a$ and $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$.

4. **Additive and multiplicative identity.** There exists an element of $\mathbb{F}$, called the additive identity element and denoted by $0 = 0_{\mathbb{F}}$, such that for all $a \in \mathbb{F}$, $a + 0 = a$. Likewise, there is an element, called the multiplicative identity element and denoted by $1 = 1_{\mathbb{F}}$, such that for all $a \in \mathbb{F}$, $a \cdot 1 = a$. It is assumed that $0_{\mathbb{F}} \neq 1_{\mathbb{F}}$.

5. **Additive and multiplicative inverses.** For every $a$ in $\mathbb{F}$, there exists an element $-a$ in $\mathbb{F}$, such that $a + (-a) = 0$. Similarly, for any $a \in \mathbb{F}$ other than 0, there exists an element $a^{-1}$ in $\mathbb{F}$, such that $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$. (The elements $a + (-b)$ and $a \cdot b^{-1}$ are also denoted $a-b$ and $a/b$, respectively.) In other words, subtraction and division operations exist.

6. **Distributivity of multiplication over addition.** For all $a, b$ and $c$ in $\mathbb{F}$, the following equality holds: $a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$.

(Note that all but the last axiom are exactly the axioms for a commutative group, while the last axiom is a compatibility condition between the two operations.)

2.1 Basic Properties of Fields

Here are some sample properties about fields. For more information about Fields see 5-8 of Rudin.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let $\mathbb{F}$ be a field, then;

1. There is only one additive and multiplicative inverses.
2. If $x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}$ with $x \neq 0$ and $xy = xz$ then $y = z$.
3. $0 \cdot x = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{F}$.
4. If $x, y \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $xy = 0$ then $x = 0$ or $y = 0$.
5. $(-x) y = -(xy)$.
6. $-(-x) = x$ for all $x \in \mathbb{F}$.
7. $(x) (-y) = xy$ or all $x, y \in \mathbb{F}$.

**Proof.** We take each item in turn.

1. Suppose that $x + y = 0 = x + y'$, then adding $-x$ to both sides of this equation shows $y = y'$.
2. If $xy = xz$ then multiplying this equation by $x^{-1}$ shows $y = x^{-1}$ and so there is only one multiplicative inverse.
3. $0 \cdot x + 0 = 0 \cdot x + 1 \cdot x = (0 + 1) \cdot x = 1 \cdot x = x$.
4. If $x \in \mathbb{F}\{0\}$ and $y \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $xy = 0$, then $0 = x^{-1} \cdot 0 = x^{-1} (xy) = (x^{-1} x) y = 1 y = y$.
5. $(x) y + xy = (x + x) \cdot y = 0 \cdot y = 0 \Rightarrow (x) y = -(xy)$.
6. Since $(-x) x = 0$ we have $-(-x) = x$.
7. $(x) (-y) = -(x \cdot (-y)) = -(-xy) = xy$ by 6.

**Example 2.3.** Here are a few examples of Fields;
1. $F_2 = \{0, 1\}$ with $0 + 0 = 0 = 1 + 1$, and $0 + 1 = 1 + 0 = 0$ and $0 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot 0 = 0$ and $1 \cdot 1 = 1$. In this case $-1 = 1$, $1^{-1} = 1$ and $-0 = 0$.

2. $\mathbb{Q}$ -- the rational numbers with the usual addition and multiplication of fractions. $(\frac{m}{n})^{-1} = \frac{n}{m}$ if $m \neq 0$ and $-\frac{m}{n} = -\frac{m}{n}$.

3. $F = \mathbb{Q}(t)$ where

$$Q(t) = \left\{ \frac{p(t)}{q(t)} : p(t) \text{ and } q(t) \text{ are polynomials over } \mathbb{Q} \ni q(t) \neq 0 \right\}.$$

Again the multiplication and addition are as usual.

Example 2.4. $\mathbb{Z}$ is not a field. For example, 2 has no multiplicative inverse in $\mathbb{Z}$. The inverse to 2, $2^{-1}$, should be $\frac{1}{2}$ but this is not in $\mathbb{Z}$.

**Definition 2.5.** We say a map $\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \to F$ is a (ring) homomorphism if $\varphi(1) = 1_F$, $\varphi(0) = 0_F$, and for all $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$:

$$\varphi(x + y) = \varphi(x) + \varphi(y) \text{ and } \varphi(xy) = \varphi(x) \varphi(y).$$

[The assumption that $\varphi(0) = 0$ is redundant since $\varphi(0) = \varphi(0 + 0) = \varphi(0) + \varphi(0)$ and therefore $\varphi(0) = 0_F$.]

**Lemma 2.6.** For every field $F$ there a unique (ring) homomorphism, $\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \to F$. In fact, $\varphi(n) = n1_F$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $0 \cdot 1_F = 0_F$,

$$n1_F := 1_F + \cdots + 1_F \text{ if } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } (-n)1_F := -(n1_F) \text{ if } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

[The map $\varphi$ need not be injective as is seen by taking $F = F_2$.]

**Proof.** Let us first work on $\mathbb{N}_0 \subset \mathbb{Z}$. We must define $\varphi(0) = 0$ and $\varphi(1) = 1$ and then $\varphi$ inductively by $\varphi(n + 1) = \varphi(n) + \varphi(1) = \varphi(n) + 1_F$ so that

$$\varphi(n) = 1_F + \cdots + 1_F \text{ n times}. $$

We now write $n1_F$ for $\varphi(n)$ with the convention that $01_F = 0_F$. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we must set $\varphi(-n) = -\varphi(n) = -(n1_F)$. Thus we have $\varphi(n) = n1_F$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We now must show $\varphi$ is a homomorphism.

**Additive homomorphism:** First suppose that $m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and let

$$S := \{ m \in \mathbb{N}_0 : \varphi(0) = \varphi(0) \text{ and } \varphi(m) = \varphi(m) \}.$$

One easily sees that $0 \in S$ and that $1 \in S$ by construction. Moreover if $m \in S$, then

$$\varphi((m + 1)n) = \varphi(mn + n) = \varphi(mn) + \varphi(n) = \varphi(m)\varphi(n) + \varphi(n) = (\varphi(m) + 1_F)\varphi(n) = \varphi(m + 1)\varphi(n),$$

which shows $m + 1 \in S$. Therefore by induction, $S = \mathbb{N}_0$ and $\varphi(m + n) = \varphi(m) + \varphi(n)$ for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

If $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ we have $\varphi(-m) = -\varphi(m)$ by construction. If $n > m \in \mathbb{N}_0$, then

$$\varphi(n + (m)) = \varphi(n) + \varphi(m) = \varphi(n + m),$$

so that

$$\varphi(n + (m)) = \varphi(n) + \varphi(m) = \varphi(n + m) = \varphi(n) + \varphi(-m).$$

If $n < m \in \mathbb{N}_0$, then

$$\varphi(n + (m)) = \varphi(n) + \varphi(m) = \varphi(n) + \varphi(-m) = \varphi(n) + \varphi(-m) = \varphi(n) + \varphi(-m).$$

Putting all of this together shows $\varphi$ is an additive homomorphism.

**Multiplicative homomorphism:** First suppose that $m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and let

$$S := \{ m \in \mathbb{N}_0 : \varphi(mn) = \varphi(m)\varphi(n) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \}.$$

It is easily seen that $0, 1 \in S$. Moreover if $m \in S$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, then

$$\varphi((m + 1)n) = \varphi(mn + n) = \varphi(mn) + \varphi(n) = \varphi(m)\varphi(n) + \varphi(n) = (\varphi(m) + 1_F)\varphi(n) = \varphi(m + 1)\varphi(n),$$

which shows $m + 1 \in S$. Therefore by induction, $S = \mathbb{N}_0$ and $\varphi(mn) = \varphi(m)\varphi(n)$ for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

If $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$, then

$$\varphi((-m)n) = \varphi(-mn) = -\varphi(mn) = -[\varphi(m)\varphi(n)] = [-\varphi(m)]\varphi(n) = \varphi(-m)\varphi(n).$$

and

$$\varphi((-m)(-n)) = \varphi(mn) = \varphi(mn) = -\varphi(m)(-\varphi(n)) = -\varphi(m)\varphi(-n) = \varphi(-m)\varphi(n),$$

which completes the verification that $\varphi$ is a multiplicative homomorphism. \(\square\)
2.2 Ordered Fields

**Definition 2.7 (Ordered Field)**. We say $F$ is an ordered field if there exists, $P \subseteq F$, called the positive elements, such that

Ord 1. $F$ is the disjoint union of $P$, $\{0\}$, and $-P$, i.e. if $x \in F$ then precisely one of following happens; $x \in P$, $x = 0$, or $-x \in P$.

Ord 2. $P + P \subset P$ and $P \cdot P \subset P$.

**Lemma 2.8.** Let $(F, P)$ be an ordered field, then;

1. For all $x \in F \setminus \{0\}$, $x^2 \in P$. In particular $1 = 1^2 \in P$.
2. If $x \in P$ and $y \in -P$ then $xy \in -P$.
3. If $x \in P$ then $x^{-1} \in P$.

**Proof.** If $x \in P$ then $x^2 \in P \cdot P \subset P$ while if $x \in -P$ then $-x \in P$ and $x^2 = (-x)^2 \in P$. For item 3. we have $x \cdot x^{-1} = 1$.

**Example 2.9.** The field $F = \{0, 1\}$ is not ordered. The only possible choice for $P$ is $P = \{1\}$ which does not work since $1 + 1 = 0 \notin P$.

**Example 2.10.** Take $F = Q$ and $P = \left\{ \frac{m}{n} : m, n > 0 \right\}$. This is in fact the unique choice we can make for $P$ in this case. Indeed suppose that $P$ is any order on $Q$. By Lemma 2.8, we know $1 \in P$ and then by induction it follows that $N \subseteq P$. Then again by Lemma 2.8 we must have $m \cdot n^{-1} \in P$ for all $m, n \in Q$.

**Example 2.11.** Take $F = Q(t)$ and

\[ P = \left\{ \frac{p(t)}{q(t)} : \begin{array}{l} p(t) \in F : p(t) > 0 \text{ for } t > 0 \text{ large} \end{array} \right\}, \]

i.e. $\frac{p(t)}{q(t)} \in P$ iff the highest order coefficients of $p(t)$ and $q(t)$ have the same sign. For example $\frac{t^2 - 25t + 7}{t^2 - 10t + 8} \in P$ while $\frac{t^2 + 25t + 7}{t^2 - 10t + 8} \in -P$.

Notice that $t > n$ for all $n \in N$ and $\frac{1}{t} < \frac{1}{n}$ for all $n \in N$. This is kind of strange and explains why you have to prove the “obvious” in this course!!

**Moral:** Obvious statements are often false.

**Notation 2.12 (Max and Min)** We will often use the following notation in the sequel. If $a, b$ are elements of an ordered field, let

\[ a \wedge b := \min(a, b) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a \leq b \\ b & \text{if } b \leq a \end{cases} \]

and

\[ a \vee b := \max(a, b) = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } a \leq b \\ a & \text{if } b \leq a \end{cases} \]

More generally if $\{a_i\}_{i=1}^n \subset F$ we let

\[ a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_n := \min(a_1, \ldots, a_n) \quad \text{and} \quad a_1 \vee \cdots \vee a_n := \max(a_1, \ldots, a_n) \]

be the smallest and largest element in the finite list $(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$.

**Definition 2.13.** Suppose that $F$ and $G$ are fields. A map, $\varphi : F \to G$ is a (field) homomorphism iff $\varphi(1_F) = 1_G$, $\varphi(0_F) = 0_G$, and for all $x, y \in F$;

\[ \varphi(x + y) = \varphi(x) + \varphi(y) \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(xy) = \varphi(x) \varphi(y). \]

**Lemma 2.14 (Q embeds into an ordered field).** For every ordered field $(F, P)$, there a unique field homomorphism, $\varphi : Q \to F$. In fact,

\[ \varphi\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \frac{m}{n} \cdot 1_F := m1_F \cdot (n1_F)^{-1} \]

for $n \text{ times}$

where $n1_F := 1_F + \cdots + 1_F$ and $(-n)1_F := -(n1_F)$ for $n \in N$ and $0 \cdot 1_F = 0_F$. Moreover;

1. $\varphi(x) \in P$ whenever $x > 0$,
2. and $\varphi$ is injective. Thus we may identify $Q$ with $\varphi(Q)$ and consider $Q$ as a sub-field of $F$.

[In particular, ordered fields must be fields with an infinite number of elements in it.]

**Proof.** From Lemma 2.6 we know there is a unique ring homomorphism, $\varphi : Z \to F$, given by $\varphi(m) = m \cdot 1_F$. So for $m \in Z$ and $n \in N$ we must have

\[ \varphi\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) \cdot n1_F = \varphi\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) \cdot \varphi(n) = \varphi\left(\frac{m}{n} \cdot n\right) = \varphi(m) = m1_F \]

which forces us to define $\varphi$ as in Eq. (2.1). Notice that is easy to verify by induction that $n1_F = \varphi(n) \in P$ for all $n \in N$ and in particular $n1_F \neq 0$ for $n \in N$. In particular $x = m/n > 0$ then $\varphi\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = m1_F \cdot (n1_F)^{-1} \in P$ by Lemma 2.8. We must still check that $\varphi$ is well defined homomorphism.

**Well defined.** Suppose that $k \in N$, we must show

\[ (km)1_F \cdot (kn1_F)^{-1} = m1_F \cdot (n1_F)^{-1}. \]

By cross multiplying, this will happen iff

\[ (km)1_F \cdot (n1_F) = ((kn)1_F) \cdot m1_F \]
which is the case as $\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \to F$ is a ring homomorphism.

**Homomorphism property.** We have

$$
\varphi \left( \frac{m}{n} + \frac{p}{n} \right) = \varphi \left( \frac{m + p}{n} \right) = \varphi (m + p) \cdot \varphi (n)^{-1}
$$

$$
= [\varphi (m) + \varphi (p)] \cdot \varphi (n)^{-1}
$$

$$
= \varphi (m) \cdot \varphi (n)^{-1} + \varphi (p) \cdot \varphi (n)^{-1}
$$

$$
= \varphi \left( \frac{m}{n} \right) + \varphi \left( \frac{p}{n} \right)
$$

and

$$
\varphi \left( \frac{m}{n} \right) \varphi \left( \frac{q}{p} \right) = \varphi (m) \varphi (n)^{-1} \varphi (q) \varphi (p)^{-1}
$$

$$
= \varphi (m) \varphi (q) [\varphi (n) \varphi (p)]^{-1}
$$

$$
= \varphi (mq) [\varphi (np)]^{-1} = \varphi \left( \frac{mq}{np} \right).
$$

**Injectivity.** If $0 = \varphi \left( \frac{m}{n} \right)$ then

$$
0 = \varphi (m) \cdot \varphi (n)^{-1}
$$

which implies $\varphi (m) = 0$ which happens iff $m = 0$, i.e. $m/n = 0$.

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**Notation 2.15** If $(F, P)$ is an ordered field we write $x > y$ iff $x - y \in P$. We also write $x \geq y$ iff $x > y$ or $x = y$.

Notice that if $x, y \in F$ then either $x - y = 0$ (i.e. $x = y$), or $x - y \in P$ (i.e. $x > y$), or $x - y \in -P$ (i.e. $y - x \in P$ and $y > x$). Also in this notation we have $P = \{ x \in F : x > 0 \}$, 

$$
P = \{ x \in F : x < 0 \} \cap \{ P, -P \}.
$$

**Lemma 2.16.** Suppose that $x < y$ and $y \in z$ and $a > 0$. Then $x < z$ and $ax < ay$.

**Proof.** By assumption $y - x \in P$ and $z - y \in P$, therefore $z - x = (y - x) + (z - y) \in P$, i.e. $z > x$. Moreover, $a \in P$ and $(y - x) \in P$ implies $P \ni a (y - x) = ay - ax$.

That is $ay > ax$.

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**Exercise 2.1.** Let $(F, P)$ be an ordered field and $x, y \in F$ with $y > x$. Show:

1. $y + a > x + a$ for all $a \in F$,
2. $-x > -y$,
3. if we further suppose $x > 0$, show $\frac{1}{x} > \frac{1}{y}$.

**Definition 2.17.** Given $x \in F$, we say that $y \in F$ is a square root of $x$ if $y^2 = x$. [From Lemma 2.8 it follows that if $x \in F$ has a square root then $x \geq 0$.]

**Lemma 2.18.** Suppose $x, y \in F$ with $x^2 = y^2$, then either $x = y$ or $x = -y$. In particular, there are at most 2 square roots of any number $x \geq 0$ in $F$.

**Proof.** Observe that

$$
(x - y)(x + y) = (x - y)x + (x - y)y
$$

$$
= x^2 - xy + xy - y^2 = x^2 - y^2 = 0.
$$

Thus it follows that either $x - y = 0$ or $x + y = 0$, i.e. $x = y$ or $x = -y$.

**Definition 2.19.** If $x > 0$ admits a square root we let $\sqrt{x}$ be the unique positive root. We also define $\sqrt{0} = 0$.

**Lemma 2.20.** Suppose that $0 < x < y$, i.e. $x, y - x \in P$, then $x^2 < y^2$.

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.16 we know $x \cdot x < x \cdot y$ and $x \cdot y < y \cdot y$ and therefore $x^2 < y^2$.

**Corollary 2.21.** If $0 \leq x < y$ and $\sqrt{x}$ and $\sqrt{y}$ exists, then $0 \leq \sqrt{x} < \sqrt{y}$.

**Proof.** If $\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{y}$ then $x = (\sqrt{x})^2 = (\sqrt{y})^2 = y$ which is impossible. Similarly if $\sqrt{x} > \sqrt{y}$ then

$$
x = (\sqrt{x})^2 > (\sqrt{y})^2 = y
$$

which is again false.

**Alternatively:** starting with $y^2 - x^2 = (y - x)(y + x)$ and then replacing $y$ and $x$ by $\sqrt{y}$ and $\sqrt{x}$ respectively (assuming they exist) shows,

$$
y - x = (\sqrt{y} - \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{x}) \implies \sqrt{y} - \sqrt{x} = (y - x)(\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{x})^{-1}
$$

from which it follows that $\sqrt{y} - \sqrt{x} \in P$ if $(y - x) \in P$. More importantly this shows $\sqrt{y}$ depends “continuously” in on $y$.

**Definition 2.22.** The absolute value, $|x|$, of $x$ in ordered field $F$ is defined by

$$
|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}
$$

**Alternatively we may define**

$$
|x| = \sqrt{x^2}.
$$
Proposition 2.23. For all \( x, y \in \mathbb{F} \), then

1. \(|x| \geq 0\)
2. \(|xy| = |x| |y|\)
3. \(|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|\).

Proof. 1. holds by definition since \(-x > 0\) if \(x < 0\).
2. As \(|x| |y| \geq 0\) and \((|x| |y|)^2 = |x|^2 |y|^2 = x^2 y^2 = (xy)^2\), we have
   \[|x| |y| = \sqrt{(xy)^2} = |xy|\).
3. It suffices to show \(|x + y|^2 \leq (|x| + |y|)^2\). However,
   \[|x + y|^2 = (x + y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy\]
   \[\leq x^2 + y^2 + 2|x|y| (xy \leq |xy|)\]
   \[= |x|^2 + |y|^2 + 2|x| |y|
   \[= (|x| + |y|)^2\).

Definition 2.24. Let \((\mathbb{F}, P)\) be an ordered field and \(S\) be a subset of \(\mathbb{F}\).

1. We say that \(S \subset \mathbb{F}\) is bounded from above (below) if there exists \(x \in \mathbb{F}\) such that \(x \geq s \ (x \leq s)\) for all \(s \in S\). Any such \(x\) is called an upper (lower) bound of \(S\).
2. If \(S\) is bounded from above (below), we say that \(y \in \mathbb{F}\) is a least upper bound (greatest lower bound) for \(S\) if \(y\) is an upper (lower) bound for \(S\) and \(y \leq x \ (y \geq x)\) for any other upper (lower) bound, \(x\), of \(S\).

Notice that least upper bounds and greatest lower bounds are unique if they exist. We will write and
\[y = \text{l.u.b.}(S) = \sup(S)\]
if \(y\) is the least upper bound for \(S\) and
\[y = \text{g.l.b.}(S) = \inf(S)\]
if \(y\) is the greatest lower bound for \(S\).

Example 2.25. Let \(\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Q}\), then:

1. \(\max(a, b)\) and \(\min(a, b)\) are least upper respectively greatest lower bounds respectively for \(S = \{a, b\}\). More generally, if \(S = \{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}\), then
   \[
   \sup(S) = a_1 \vee \cdots \vee a_n := \max(a_1, \ldots, a_n) \quad \text{and} \quad \inf(S) = a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_n := \min(a_1, \ldots, a_n).
   \]
2. \(S = \mathbb{N}\) is not bounded from above while \(\inf(S) = 1\).
3. \(S = \{1 - \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}\) is bounded from above and \(1 = \sup(S)\) while \(\inf(S) = \frac{1}{2}\).
4. Let
   \[S = \{1, 1.4, 1.41, 1.414, 1.4142, 1.41421, 1.414213, 1.4142135, \ldots\}\]
   where I am getting these digits from the decimal expansion of \(\sqrt{2}\).
   \[
   \sqrt{2} \cong 1.41421356237095505821687420968\ldots
   \]
   \[\mathbb{Q}\] In this case \(S\) is bounded above by 2, or 1.42, or 1.415, etc. Nevertheless \(\sqrt{2} = \sup(S)\) does not exists in \(\mathbb{Q}\).

Example 2.26. Now let \(\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Q}(t)\) be the field of rational functions described in Example 2.11 then; \(S = \mathbb{N}\) is bounded from above. For example \(t\) is an upper bound but there is not least upper bound. For example \(\frac{1}{m}t\) is also an upper bound for \(S\).

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Definition 2.27 (Dedekind Cuts). A subset \(\alpha \subset \mathbb{Q}\) is called a cut \(\alpha = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q < a\}\). Then \(\alpha\) is a cut and \(a\) is the least upper bound of \(\alpha\) in \(\mathbb{Q}\).

Example 2.28. To each \(a \in \mathbb{Q}\), let \(\alpha_a := \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q < a\}\). Then \(\alpha_a\) is a cut and \(a\) is the least upper bound of \(\alpha_a\) in \(\mathbb{Q}\).

Example 2.29. Let \(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{Q}\) be any bounded sequence such that \(S_n \leq S_{n+1}\) for all \(n\). Then
\[
\alpha := \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_{S_n} = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q < S_n \text{ a.a. } n\}
\]
is a cut as the reader should verify. Let us further suppose that \(\lim_{n \to \infty} S_n\) does not exist in \(\mathbb{Q}\). [For example from Example 1.17, we may take \(S_n := \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{1}{k!} \in \mathbb{Q}\).] If \(m \in \mathbb{Q}\) is an upper bound for \(\alpha\), then \(m \geq S_n\) for all \(n\) since if \(m < S_n\) for some \(n\) then \(q := \frac{1}{2}(m + S_n)\) is \(\in \alpha\) with \(q > m\). Since \(\lim_{n \to \infty} S_n \neq m\) as \(m \in \mathbb{Q}\) there must exists \(\varepsilon > 0\) such that
\[
m - S_n = |m - S_n| \geq \varepsilon \text{ i.o. } n.
\]
As \(m - S_n\) is decreasing we may conclude that \(m - S_n \geq \varepsilon\) for all \(n\), i.e. \(S_n \leq m - \varepsilon\) for all \(n\). From this it now follows that \(m - \varepsilon\) is an upper bound for \(\alpha\) which is strictly smaller that \(m\). So there can be no least upper bound.
Real Numbers

As we saw in Section 1.2, \( \mathbb{Q} \) is full of holes and calculus tends to produce answers which live in these holes. So it is imperative that we fill the holes. Doing so will lead to the real numbers provided we fill in the holes without adding too much extra filler along the way. One good answer to the question, What are the real numbers?, is contained in the statement of Theorem 3.3.

Definition 3.1. An order preserving field isomorphism between two ordered fields, \((\mathbb{F}_1, P_1)\) and \((\mathbb{F}_2, P_2)\), is a bijection, \( f : \mathbb{F}_1 \to \mathbb{F}_2 \) such that \( f(0) = 0, f(1) = 1, f(P_1) = P_2, \) and \( f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) \) and \( f(xy) = f(x)f(y) \) for all \( x, y \in \mathbb{F}_1 \).

Definition 3.2. An ordered field \((\mathbb{F}, P)\) is has the least upper bound property (or is complete) if every non-empty subset, \( S \subseteq \mathbb{F} \), which is bounded from above possesses a least upper bound in \( \mathbb{F} \). [As we have seen in examples above, \( \mathbb{Q} \) does not have the least upper bound property.]

Theorem 3.3 (The real numbers). Up to order preserving field isomorphism (see Definition 3.7), there is exactly one complete ordered field. It is this field that we refer to as the \textbf{real numbers} and denote by \( \mathbb{R} \).

Definition 3.4. We say two Cauchy sequences \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and \( \{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) of rational numbers are equivalent and write \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \sim \{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) iff

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} |a_n - b_n| = 0.
\]

We then define \( \alpha := \left\{ \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \right\} \) to be the equivalence class of the Cauchy sequence \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and refer to the collection of these equivalence classes as the \textbf{real numbers}. The set of real numbers will be denoted by \( \mathbb{R} \).

Notation 3.5 Let \( i : \mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{R} \) be defined by \( i(a) := \left[ (a, a, a, \ldots) \right] \), i.e. \( i(a) \) is the equivalence class of the constant sequence \( a \).

Notice that if \( i(a) = i(b) \) iff \( a = \lim_{n \to \infty} a = \lim_{n \to \infty} b = b \). Thus the map, \( i : \mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{R} \) is injective and we will often simply identify \( a \) with \( i(a) \) and in this way consider \( \mathbb{Q} \) as a subset of \( \mathbb{R} \).

Theorem 3.6. Let \( \mathbb{R} \) be as in Theorem 3.3. For \( \alpha := \{\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\} \) and \( \beta := \{\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\} \) in \( \mathbb{R} \) we define

\[
\alpha + \beta = \{\{a_n + b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha \cdot \beta = \{\{a_n \cdot b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\}.
\]

1. With these definitions, \( \mathbb{R} \), satisfies the axioms of a field.
2. Moreover, we can make this into an ordered field by setting \( P := \{\alpha \in \mathbb{R} : \alpha > 0\} \) where we say \( \alpha > 0 \) iff there exists \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( a_n > \frac{1}{n} \) for a.a. \( n \).
3. The ordered field \((\mathbb{R}, P)\) is complete, i.e. has the least upper bound property.

The proof of Theorem 3.6 and Theorem 3.3 will be relegated to Section 3.6 at the end of this chapter. For an alternative existence proof of \( \mathbb{R} \) using Dedekind cuts as the elements of \( \mathbb{R} \) is covered in Rudin [2] pages 17-21. One may also construct the Real numbers using decimal expansions, see [1]. Gower’s notes on real numbers as decimals. We will prove the uniqueness assertion of Theorem 3.3 in Section 3.6 at the end of this section. From now on we are going to take Theorem 3.3 for granted and derive from this the “familiar” properties of the real numbers.

Observe that \( \mathbb{Q} \), \( \mathbb{Q}(t) \), \( \mathbb{R}(t) \) are not complete and hence are not the real numbers, \( \mathbb{R} \). For example \( \mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Q}(t) \) (or \( \mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{R}(t) \)) is bounded by \( t \) say but has no least upper bound. However, we do know that \( \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R} \) by Lemma 2.14.

We will soon see that \( \mathbb{Q} \) is “dense” in \( \mathbb{R} \). We now pause to discuss some of the basic properties of \( \mathbb{R} \).

Theorem 3.7. Suppose that \( \mathbb{R} \) is a complete ordered field which we assume we have already embedded \( \mathbb{Q} \) into \( \mathbb{R} \) as in Lemma 2.14. Then;

1. For all \( x \geq 0 \) there exists \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( n \geq x \).
2. For all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) in \( \mathbb{R} \) there exists \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( 0 < \frac{1}{n} \leq \varepsilon \).
3. If \( \varepsilon > 0 \) satisfies \( \varepsilon \leq 1/n \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) then \( \varepsilon = 0 \).
4. If \( a, b \in \mathbb{R} \) and \( a \leq b + \varepsilon \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) or \( a \leq b + \varepsilon \) for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \), then \( a \leq b \).

Proof. We take each item in turn.

1. If \( n < x \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), then \( \mathbb{N} \) is bounded from above and so \( a := \sup(\mathbb{N}) \) exists in \( \mathbb{R} \) by the completeness axiom. As \( a \) is the least upper bound for \( \mathbb{N} \) there must be an \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( n > a - 1 \). However this implies \( n + 1 > a \) which violates \( a \) be an upper bound for \( \mathbb{N} \).

\[ \text{Roughly speaking here, you should think of } \alpha = \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \text{ and so } a > 0 \text{ should happen iff } a > \frac{1}{n} \text{ for some } N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ which then implies } a_n \geq \frac{1}{N} \text{ for a.a. } n.\]
2. If $\varepsilon > 0$ in $\mathbb{R}$ and $\frac{1}{n} > \varepsilon$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $n < \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ which is impossible by item 1.
3. If there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{n}$ for all $n$ then $n \leq 1/\varepsilon$ for all $n$ which is again impossible by item 1.
4. It suffices to prove the first assertion. We may assume $a \geq b$ for otherwise we are done. If $a \leq b + \frac{1}{n}$ for all $n$, then $0 \leq a - b \leq \frac{1}{n}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and hence $a = b$ and in particular $a \leq b$.

Proposition 3.8. If $\mathbb{R}$ is a complete ordered field, then every subset $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ which is bounded from below has a greatest lower bound, $\inf(S) = \inf(S)$. In fact,

$$\inf(S) = -\sup(-S).$$

Proof. We let $m := -\sup(-S)$. Then we have $-s \leq -m$ for all $s \in S$, i.e. $s \geq m$ for all $s \in S$ so that $m$ is a lower bound for $S$. Moreover if $\varepsilon > 0$ is given there exists $s_\varepsilon \in S$ such that $-s_\varepsilon \geq -m - \varepsilon$, i.e. $s_\varepsilon \leq m + \varepsilon$. This shows that any lower bound $m$ of $S$ must satisfy, $k \leq m + \varepsilon$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$, i.e. $k \leq m$. This shows that $m$ is the greatest lower bound for $S$.

Let me sketch one way to construct $\mathbb{R}$ based on Cauchy sequences of rational numbers.

Definition 3.9. A sequence $\{q_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{R}$ converges to $0 \in \mathbb{R}$ if for all $\varepsilon > 0$ in $\mathbb{R}$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|q_n| \leq \varepsilon$ for all $n \geq N$. Alternatively put, for all $M \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $|q_n| \leq \frac{1}{M}$ for a.a. $n$.

Definition 3.10. A sequence $\{q_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{R}$ converges to $q \in \mathbb{R}$ if $|q - q_n| \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$, i.e. if for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$, $|q - q_n| \leq \frac{1}{N}$ for a.a. $n$. As usual if $\{q_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges to $q$ we will write $q_n \to q$ as $n \to \infty$ or $q = \lim_{n \to \infty} q_n$.

Definition 3.11. A sequence $\{q_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{R}$ is Cauchy if $|q_n - q_m| \to 0$ as $m,n \to \infty$. More precisely we require for each $\varepsilon > 0$ in $\mathbb{R}$ that $|q_n \to q_n| \leq \varepsilon$ for a.a. pairs $(m,n)$, i.e. there should exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|q_n - q_m| \leq \varepsilon$ for all $m,n \geq N$.

The next few results are analogous to what you have already shown in the case $\mathbb{R}$ is replaced by $\mathbb{Q}$. As the proofs are essentially identical to those of Theorem 1.13 and Exercise 1.6.

Proposition 3.12. If $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{R}$ is a convergent sequence then it is Cauchy.

If $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is Cauchy sequence then it is bounded.

\textsuperscript{2} We are going to show shortly that the converse is true as well!

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Theorem 3.13 (Basic Limit Results). Suppose that $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ are sequences of real numbers such that $A := \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n$ and $B := \lim_{n \to \infty} b_n$ exists in $\mathbb{R}$. Then:

1. $\lim_{n \to \infty} |a_n| = |A|$.
2. If $A \neq 0$ then $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{a_n} = \frac{1}{A}$.
3. $\lim_{n \to \infty} (a_n + b_n) = A + B$.
4. $\lim_{n \to \infty} (a_n b_n) = A \cdot B$.
5. If $a_n \leq b_n$ for all $n$, then $A \leq B$.
6. If $\{x_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}$ is another sequence such that $a_n \leq x_n \leq b_n$ and $A = B$, then $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = A = B$.

Theorem 3.14. If $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ is a non-empty set which is bounded from above, then there exists $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset S$ such that $x_n \uparrow \sup S$ as $n \to \infty$, i.e. $x_n \leq x_{n+1}$ for all $n$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \sup S$.

Proof. Let $M := \sup S$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $y_n \in S$ such that $M \geq y_n \geq M - \frac{1}{n}$. We now let $x_n := \max \{y_1, \ldots, y_n\}$ in which case $M \geq x_n \geq M - \frac{1}{n}$ and $x_n$ is increasing. By the Sandwich theorem it follows that $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = M$.

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Theorem 3.15. If $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{R}$ is bounded from above and $x_n$ is non-decreasing, then $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \sup_x x_n$. Similarly if $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{R}$ is bounded from below and $x_n$ is non-increasing, then $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \inf_x x_n$.

Proof. Let $M := \sup_n x_n$, then for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $M \geq x_{N_\varepsilon} \geq M - \varepsilon$. As $x_n$ is non-decreasing it follows that $M \geq x_n \geq M - \varepsilon$ for all $n \geq N_\varepsilon$, i.e.

$$|M - x_n| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all $n \geq N_\varepsilon$. 

[Diagram with arrows pointing from $S$ to $M$ and $M$ to $\mathbb{R}$]
As \( \varepsilon > 0 \) was arbitrary, we may conclude that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = M \). If \( x_n \) is decreasing instead, then \(-x_n \uparrow \) and we have \(-\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \sup_n (-x_n) = -\inf_n x_n.\)

**Theorem 3.16.** Suppose that \( \mathbb{R} \) is a complete ordered field which we assume we have already embedded \( \mathbb{Q} \) into \( \mathbb{R} \) as in Lemma 2.14. Then;

1. For all \( m \in \mathbb{R} \), if \( \alpha_m := \{ y \in \mathbb{Q} : y < m \} \), then \( \sup \alpha_m = m \).
2. If \( a, b \in \mathbb{R} \) with \( a < b \), then there exists \( q \in \mathbb{Q} \) such that \( a < q < b \).
3. If \( \alpha \subset \mathbb{Q} \) is a cut and \( m := \sup \alpha \), then \( \alpha = \alpha_m \).

**Proof.** We take each item in turn.

1. **Proof 1.** Let \( \alpha_m := \{ y \in \mathbb{Q} : y < m \} \) and \( M := \sup \alpha_m \in \mathbb{R} \). Then \( M \leq m \). If \( M \neq m \) then \( M < m \). To see this last case is not possible \( \varepsilon := m - M > 0 \) and choose \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( 0 < \frac{1}{n} \leq \varepsilon \). Then choose \( y \in \mathbb{Q} \) such that
   \[
   M - \frac{1}{2n} < y < M.
   \]
   From this it follows that
   \[
   M < y + \frac{1}{2n} < M + \frac{1}{2n} < m
   \]
   which shows \( y + \frac{1}{2n} \in \alpha_m \) is greater than \( M \) violating the assumption that \( M \) is an upper bound for \( \alpha_m \).

2. By item 1. and **Theorem 3.14** we can choose \( q \in \alpha_b \) to be as close to \( b \) as we choose and in particular \( q \) can be chosen to be in \( \alpha_b \) with \( q > a \).
3. You are asked to prove this in Exercise 3.1 below.

**Exercise 3.1.** Suppose that \( \alpha \subset \mathbb{Q} \) is a cut as in Definition 2.27. Show \( \alpha \) is bounded from above. Then let \( m := \sup \alpha \) and show that \( \alpha = \alpha_m \), where \( \alpha_m := \{ y \in \mathbb{Q} : y < m \} \).

Also verify that \( \alpha_m \) is a cut for all \( m \in \mathbb{R} \). [In this way we see that we may identify \( \mathbb{R} \) with the cuts of \( \mathbb{Q} \). This should motivate Dedekind’s construction of the real numbers as described in Rudin.]

**Proposition 3.17 (Rationals are dense in the reals).** For all \( b \in \mathbb{R} \), there exists \( q_n \in \mathbb{Q} \) such that \( q_n \uparrow b \). Similarly there exists \( p_n \in \mathbb{Q} \) such that \( p_n \downarrow b \).

**Proof.** Given \( b \in \mathbb{Q} \) we know that \( b = \sup \alpha_b \) by **Theorem 3.16**. Then by **Theorem 3.14** there exists \( q_n \in \alpha_b \) such that \( q_n \uparrow b \) as \( n \to \infty \). The second assertion can be proved in much the same way as the first. Alternatively, let \( q_n \in \mathbb{Q} \) such that \( q_n \uparrow -b \) and set \( p_n := -q_n \in \mathbb{Q} \). Then \( p_n \downarrow b \).

**Definition 3.18.** The real numbers which are not rational are called **irrational**\(^3\), so the irrational numbers are \( \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \).

**Example 3.19 (Euler’s number).** Let \( S_n := \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{1}{k!} \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \). We define Euler’s number to be,

\[
\varepsilon := \lim_{n \to \infty} S_n = \sup \{ S_n : n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \} \in \mathbb{R}.
\]

From **Example 1.17** we have seen that \( \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \).

**Theorem 3.20 (\( n^{th} \) roots).** Let \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( x > 0 \) in \( \mathbb{R} \), then there exists a unique \( y \in \mathbb{R}_+ \) such that \( y^n = x \). We of course denote \( y \) by \( x^{1/n} \) for \( \sqrt[n]{x} \). The function \( x \to x^{1/n} \) is increasing. [See Rudin for more properties of \( x^{1/n} \) and \( x^{m/n} \) where \( m \in \mathbb{Z} \) and \( n \in \mathbb{N} \).]

**Proof. Uniqueness.** First of \( t > s \geq 0 \) then \( t^n > s^n \geq 0 \) as can be proved by induction.\(^4\) Thus if \( x, y \leq 0 \) and \( x^n = y^n \) then \( x = y \) for otherwise \( x > y \) or \( y > x \).

\(^3\) For what it is worth, as dictionary definition of irrational is “not consistent with or using reason.” Let’s try to use irrational numbers in a rational way!

\(^4\) The statement holds for \( n = 1 \) by assumption and if \( t^n > s^n \), then \( t^{n+1} > ts^n \) for \( s^{n+1} \). For the last equality we used \( t > s \) implies \( ts^n > s^n \).
y > x in which case \( x^n > y^n \) or \( y^n > x^n \) respectively. This shows that there is at most one \( n^{th} \) root if it exists. I also claim that \( x^{1/n} < y^{1/n} \) if \( x < y \). If not then \( x^{1/n} \geq y^{1/n} \) and this would then imply \( x = (x^{1/n})^n \geq (y^{1/n})^n = y \) which contradicts \( x < y \).

**Existence.** Let \( A := \{ t \in \mathbb{R}_+ : t^n \leq x \} \). If \( t = \frac{1}{n^{1/n}} \in (0, 1) \), then \( t^n \leq t \leq x \) so that \( t \in A \) and \( A \neq \emptyset \). If \( t = 1 + x \), then \( t^n = (1 + x)^n \geq 1 + nx > x \) and therefore \( A \) is bounded from above. Hence we may define \( y := \sup A \). We will now show that \( y^n = x \).

By Theorem 3.14 there exists \( t_k \in A \) such that \( t_k \uparrow y \) as \( k \to \infty \). By definition of \( A \), \( t_k \leq x \) for all \( k \). Passing to the limit as \( k \to \infty \) in this inequality implies \( y^n = \lim_{k \to \infty} t_k^n \leq x \).

If \( y^n < x \) then (using the Binomial theorem) and properties of limits,

\[
\left( y + \frac{1}{m} \right)^n = y^n + \sum_{k=1}^{n} \binom{n}{k} y^{n-k} \left( \frac{1}{m} \right)^k \to y^n < x \text{ as } m \to \infty.
\]

Hence for sufficiently large \( m \) we will have \( \left( y + \frac{1}{m} \right)^n < x \). But this shows that \( y + \frac{1}{m} \in A \) which violates \( y \) being an upper bound for \( A \). Therefore we conclude that \( y^n = x \).

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### 3.1 Extended real numbers

**Notation 3.21** The extended real numbers is the set \( \overline{\mathbb{R}} := \mathbb{R} \cup \{ \pm \infty \} \), i.e. it is \( \mathbb{R} \) with two new points called \( \pm \infty \) and \(-\infty \). We use the following conventions, \( \pm \infty \cdot a = \pm \infty \) if \( a \in \mathbb{R} \) with \( a > 0 \), \( \pm \infty \cdot a = \mp \infty \) if \( a \in \mathbb{R} \) with \( a < 0 \), \( \pm \infty + \pm \infty = \pm \infty \) for any \( a \in \mathbb{R} \), \( \infty + \infty = \infty \) and \(-\infty \cdot \infty = -\infty \) while the following expressions are not defined:

\[
-\infty \cdot \infty, -\infty + \infty, \infty / \infty, 0 \cdot \infty, \text{ and } \infty \cdot 0.
\]

A sequence \( a_n \in \overline{\mathbb{R}} \) is said to converge to \( \infty \) (\( -\infty \)) if for all \( M \in \mathbb{R} \) there exists \( m \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( a_n \geq M \) (\( a_n \leq M \)) for all \( n \geq m \). In these case we write

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = \pm \infty \text{ or } a_n \to \pm \infty \text{ as } n \to \infty.
\]

For any subset \( A \subset \overline{\mathbb{R}} \), let \( \sup A \) and \( \inf A \) denote the least upper bound and greatest lower bound of \( A \) respectively. The convention being that \( \sup A = \infty \) if \( \infty \in A \) or \( A \) is not bounded from above and \( \inf A = -\infty \) if \( -\infty \in A \) or \( A \) is not bounded from below. We will also use the conventions that \( \sup \emptyset = -\infty \) and \( \inf \emptyset = +\infty \). The next theorem is a fairly simple but often useful result about computing least upper bounds.

**Theorem 3.22 (Sup Sup Theorem).** Suppose that \( A \) is a subset of \( \mathbb{R} \) such that \( A = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \) where \( A_\alpha \subset A \) and \( I \) is some index set. Then

\[
\sup A = \sup_{\alpha \in I} \sup A_\alpha.
\]

The convention here is that the supremum of a set which is not bounded from above is \( \infty \) and the sup \( \emptyset = -\infty \).

**Proof.** Let \( M := \sup A \) and \( M_\alpha := \sup A_\alpha \) for all \( \alpha \in I \). As \( A_\alpha \subset A \) we have \( M_\alpha \leq M \) for all \( \alpha \in I \) and therefore \( \sup_{\alpha \in I} M_\alpha \leq M \). Conversely, if \( \lambda \in A \), then \( \lambda \in M_\alpha \) for some \( \alpha \in I \) and therefore \( \lambda \leq M_\alpha \). From this it follows that \( \lambda \leq \sup_{\alpha \in I} M_\alpha \) and as \( \lambda \in A \) is arbitrary we may conclude that \( M = \sup A \leq \sup_{\alpha \in I} M_\alpha \).

The next corollary records a typical way the Sup Sup theorem is used.

**Corollary 3.23.** Suppose that \( X \) and \( Y \) are sets and \( S : X \times Y \to \mathbb{R} \) is a function. Then

\[
\sup_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in Y} S(x, y) = \sup_{(x,y) \in X \times Y} S(x, y) = \sup_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in Y} S(x, y).
\]

In particular, if \( S_{m,n} \in \mathbb{R} \) for all \( m, n \in \mathbb{N} \), then

\[
\sup_{m} \sup_{n} S_{m,n} = \sup_{(m,n)} S_{m,n} = \sup_{mn} S_{m,n}.
\]

**Proof.** Let \( A := \{ S(x, y) : (x, y) \in X \times Y \} \), and for \( x \in X \) let \( A_x := \{ S(x, y) : y \in Y \} \). Then \( A = \bigcup_{x \in X} A_x \) and therefore,

\[
\sup_{(x,y) \in X \times Y} S(x, y) = \sup_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in Y} S(x, y).
\]

The same reasoning also shows,

\[
\sup_{(x,y) \in X \times Y} S(x, y) = \sup_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in Y} S(x, y).
\]

The next Lemma records some basic limit theorems involving the extended real numbers.

**Lemma 3.24.** Suppose \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) and \( \{b_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) are convergent sequences in \( \overline{\mathbb{R}} \), then:

1. If \( a_n \leq b_n \) for a.a. \( n \) then \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} b_n \).
2. If \( c \in \mathbb{R} \), \( \lim_{n \to \infty} (ca_n) = c \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \).

\footnote{The only sequences that do not converge in \( \overline{\mathbb{R}} \) are those which oscillate too much.}
3. If \( \{a_n + b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is convergent and
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} (a_n + b_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n + \lim_{n \to \infty} b_n
\]
provided the right side is not of the form \( \infty - \infty \).

4. \( \{a_n b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is convergent and
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} (a_n b_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \cdot \lim_{n \to \infty} b_n
\]
provided the right hand side is not of the for \( \pm \infty \cdot 0 \) of \( 0 \cdot (\pm \infty) \).

Before going to the proof consider the simple example where \( a_n = n \) and \( b_n = -\alpha n + c \) with \( \alpha > 0 \) and \( c \in \mathbb{R} \). Then⁶
\[
\lim (a_n + b_n) = \begin{cases} 
\infty & \text{if } \alpha < 1 \\
c & \text{if } \alpha = 1 \\
-\infty & \text{if } \alpha > 1
\end{cases}
\]
while
\[
\lim a_n + \lim_{n \to \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n + \lim_{n \to \infty} b_n = \infty - \infty.
\]

This shows that the requirement that the right side of Eq. (3.1) is not of form \( \infty - \infty \) is necessary in Lemma 3.24. Similarly by considering the examples \( a_n = n \) and \( b_n = n^{-\alpha} \) with \( \alpha > 0 \) shows the necessity for assuming right hand side of Eq. (3.2) is not of form \( \infty \cdot 0 \).

**Proof.** The proofs of items 1. and 2. are left to the reader.

**Proof of Eq. (3.1).** Let \( a := \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \) and \( b = \lim_{n \to \infty} b_n \).

*Case 1.* Suppose \( b = \infty \) in which case we must assume \( a > -\infty \). In this case, for every \( M > 0 \), there exists \( N \) such that \( b_n \geq M \) and \( a_n \geq a - 1 \) for all \( n \geq N \) and this implies
\[
a_n + b_n \geq M + a - 1 \quad \text{for all } n \geq N.
\]
Since \( M \) is arbitrary it follows that \( a_n + b_n \to \infty \) as \( n \to \infty \). The cases where \( b = -\infty \) or \( a = \pm \infty \) are handled similarly.

*Case 2.* If \( a, b \in \mathbb{R} \), then for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists \( N \in \mathbb{N} \) such that
\[
|a - a_n| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad |b - b_n| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } n \geq N.
\]
Therefore,
\[
|a + b - (a_n + b_n)| = |a - a_n + b - b_n| \leq |a - a_n| + |b - b_n| \leq 2\varepsilon.
\]

3.2 Limsups and Liminfs

**Notation 3.26** Suppose that \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{R} \) is a sequence of numbers. Then
\[
\liminf_{n \to \infty} x_n = \liminf_{n \to \infty} \{x_k : k \geq n\} \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{n \to \infty} x_n = \limsup_{n \to \infty} \{x_k : k \geq n\}.
\]

We will also write \( \liminf \) for \( \lim \inf \) and \( \limsup \) for \( \lim \sup \).

**Remark 3.27** Notice that if \( a_k := \inf \{x_k : k \geq n\} \) and \( b_k := \sup \{x_k : k \geq n\} \), then \( \{a_k\} \) is an increasing sequence while \( \{b_k\} \) is a decreasing sequence. Therefore the limits in Eq. (3.3) and Eq. (3.4) always exist in \( \mathbb{R} \) (see Theorem 3.15) and
\[
\liminf_{n \to \infty} x_n = \sup_{n \to \infty} \inf_{k \geq n} x_k \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{n \to \infty} x_n = \inf_{n \to \infty} \sup_{k \geq n} x_k.
\]

Owing to the following exercise, one may reduce properties of the lim inf to those of the lim sup.

**Exercise 3.5.** Show \( \liminf_{n \to \infty} (-a_n) = -\limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \).
Exercise 3.6. Let \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) be the sequence given by,
\[
(-1, 2, 3, -1, 2, 3, -1, 2, 3, \ldots).
\]
Find \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \) and \( \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n \).

Exercise 3.7. If \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and \( \{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) are two sequences such that \( a_n \leq b_n \) for a.a. \( n \), then
\[
\limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} b_n \quad \text{and} \quad \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} b_n.
\]
\[\text{(3.5)}\]

The following proposition contains some basic properties of \( \liminf \) and \( \limsup \).

Proposition 3.28. Let \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and \( \{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) be two sequences of real numbers. Then
1. \( \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \).
2. \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \) exists in \( \overline{\mathbb{R}} \) iff
\[
\liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n = \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}.
\]
3. \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} (a_n + b_n) \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n + \limsup_{n \to \infty} b_n \) \quad \text{(3.6)}
whenever the right side of this equation is not of the form \( \infty - \infty \).
4. If \( a_n \geq 0 \) and \( b_n \geq 0 \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), then
\[
\limsup_{n \to \infty} (a_n b_n) \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \cdot \limsup_{n \to \infty} b_n \quad \text{(3.7)}
\]
provided the right hand side of \( \text{(3.7)} \) is not of the form \( 0 \cdot \infty \) or \( \infty \cdot 0 \).

Proof. Items 1. and 2. will be proved here leaving the remaining items as an exercise to the reader. For item 1. we have
\[
\inf\{a_k : k \geq n\} \leq \sup\{a_k : k \geq n\} \ \forall \ n,
\]
and therefore by the Sandwich theorem, \( \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \).

2. \( \iff \) Let \( A := \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n = \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \in \overline{\mathbb{R}} \). Since
\[
\inf_{k \geq n} a_k \leq a_n \leq \sup_{k \geq n} a_k,
\]
if \( A \in \mathbb{R} \) then it follows by the sandwich theorem that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = A \). If \( A = \infty \), then for all \( M \in \mathbb{N} \) we have \( M \leq \inf_{k \geq n} a_k \) for a.a. \( n \). Therefore \( a_k \geq M \) for a.a. \( k \) and we have shown \( \lim_{k \to \infty} a_k = \infty \). If \( A = -\infty \) then for all \( M \in \mathbb{N} \) we have \( \sup_{k \geq n} a_k \leq -M \) for a.a. \( n \). Therefore \( a_k \leq -M \) for a.a. \( k \) and we have shown \( \lim_{k \to -\infty} a_k = -\infty \).

\( \implies \) Conversely, suppose that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = A \in \overline{\mathbb{R}} \) exists. If \( A \in \mathbb{R} \), then for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists \( N(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( |A - a_n| \leq \varepsilon \) for all \( n \geq N(\varepsilon) \), i.e.
\[
A - \varepsilon \leq a_n \leq A + \varepsilon \quad \text{for all} \quad n \geq N(\varepsilon).
\]
From this we learn that
\[
A - \varepsilon \leq \inf_{k \geq n} a_k \leq \sup_{k \geq n} a_k \leq A + \varepsilon \quad \text{for a.a.} \quad n
\]
and so passing to the limit as \( n \to \infty \) implies
\[
A - \varepsilon \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq A + \varepsilon.
\]
Since \( \varepsilon > 0 \) is arbitrary, it follows that
\[
A \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq A,
\]
i.e. that \( A = \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n = \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \).

If \( A = \infty \), then for all \( M > 0 \) there exists \( N = N(M) \) such that \( a_n \geq M \) for all \( n \geq N \). This show that \( \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n \geq M \) and since \( M \) is arbitrary it follows that
\[
\infty \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n.
\]
The proof for the case \( A = -\infty \) is analogous to the \( A = \infty \) case.

Exercise 3.8. Show that
\[
\limsup_{n \to \infty} (a_n + b_n) \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n + \limsup_{n \to \infty} b_n \quad \text{(3.8)}
\]
provided that the right side of Eq. (3.8) is well defined, i.e. \( \infty - \infty \) or \( -\infty + \infty \) type expressions. (It is OK to have \( \infty + \infty = \infty \) or \( -\infty - \infty = -\infty \), etc.)

Exercise 3.9. Suppose that \( a_n \geq 0 \) and \( b_n \geq 0 \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). Show
\[
\limsup_{n \to \infty} (a_n b_n) \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \cdot \limsup_{n \to \infty} b_n \quad \text{(3.9)}
\]
provided the right hand side of (3.9) is not of the form \( 0 \cdot \infty \) or \( \infty \cdot 0 \).

Exercise 3.10. Suppose that \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and \( \{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) are two non-negative sequences and assume \( A = \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \) exists in \( (0, \infty) \). Show
\[
\limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n b_n = A \cdot \limsup_{n \to \infty} b_n.
\]
Definition 3.29. A sequence, \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \), of positive numbers is said to have sub-geometric growth iff for all \( \alpha > 1 \) there exists \( c = c(\alpha) < \infty \) such that
\[
a_n \leq c\alpha^n \text{ for a.a. } n \in \mathbb{N}.
\]

Lemma 3.30. Suppose that \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is a sequence of non-negative numbers.

1. If \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) has sub-geometric growth, then \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n^{1/n} \leq 1 \).
2. If \( a_n > 0 \) for a.a. \( n \) and \( \{a_n^{1/n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) has sub-geometric growth (i.e. for all \( \alpha > 1 \) there exists \( \varepsilon = \varepsilon(\alpha) < \infty \) such that \( a_n \geq \varepsilon \alpha^n \) for a.a. \( n \)), then \( \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n^{1/n} \geq 1 \).
3. In particular if \( a_n > 0 \) for a.a. \( n \) and both \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and \( \{a_n^{-1}\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) have sub-geometric growth, then \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n^{1/n} = 1 \).

Proof. 1. For any \( \beta > 1 \) choose \( \alpha \in (1, \beta) \) and let \( c = c(\alpha) \). Since \( \lim_{n \to \infty} c \left( \frac{2}{\alpha} \right)^n = 0 < 1 \), it follows that \( a_n \leq c\alpha^n = c \left( \frac{2}{\alpha} \right)^n \beta^n \leq \beta^n \) for a.a. \( n \) and therefore
\[
a_n^{1/n} \leq \beta \text{ for a.a. } n \implies \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n^{1/n} \leq \beta.
\]

As \( \beta > 1 \) is arbitrary we may conclude that \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n^{1/n} \leq 1 \).

2. This may be proved similarly to item 1. or it can be reduced to item 1 as we show here. By item 1. applies to \( \{a_n^{-1}\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \),
\[
\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{a_n^{1/n}} = \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n^{-1/n} \leq 1.
\]
The proof is completed because \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{a_n^{1/n}} = \frac{1}{\liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n^{1/n}} \) as the reader should prove.

3. From items 1. and 2. we learn that
\[
1 \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n^{1/n} \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n^{1/n} \leq 1
\]
from which the result follows.

Example 3.31. If \( c^{-1/n-p} \leq a_n \leq cn^p \) for some \( p \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( c < \infty \), then \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n^{1/n} = 1 \). Indeed using Exercise 3.5 \( \gamma \) we may easily verify the hypothesis of Lemma 3.30.

Exercise 3.11. Suppose that \( p(t) \) is a non-zero polynomial of \( t \in \mathbb{R} \) with (possibly) complex coefficients. Show
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} |p(n)|^{1/n} = 1.
\]

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Exercise 3.12. If \( a_n \geq 0 \), then \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = 0 \) iff \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n = 0 \).

Proposition 3.32. Suppose that \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is a sequence of real numbers and let
\[
B := \{ y \in \mathbb{R} : a_n \geq y \text{ for i.o. } n \}.
\]
Then \( \sup B = \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \) with the convention that \( \sup B = -\infty \) if \( B = \emptyset \).

Proof. If \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is not bounded from above, then \( B \) is not bounded from above and \( \sup B = -\infty = \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \). If \( B = \emptyset \) so that \( \sup B = -\infty \), then for all \( y \in \mathbb{R} \) we must have \( a_n < y \) for a.a. \( n \). This then implies \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq y \) for all \( y \in \mathbb{R} \) from which we conclude that \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n = -\infty \). Let us now assume that \( B \neq \emptyset \) and \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is bounded in which case \( B \) is bounded from above. Let us set \( \beta := \sup B \in \mathbb{R} \) and \( a^* := \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \).

If \( y > \beta \), then \( a_n < y \) for a.a. \( n \) from which it follows that \( a^* := \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq y \). We may now let \( y \uparrow \beta \) in order to see that \( a^* \leq \beta \). Now suppose that \( y < \beta \), then \( a_n \geq y \) for a.a. \( n \) and hence \( a^* = \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \geq y \). Letting \( y \downarrow \beta \) then shows \( a^* \geq \beta \). Thus we have shown \( a^* = \beta \).

Theorem 3.33. There is a subsequence \( \{a_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \) of \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_{n_k} = \sup_{n \to \infty} a_n \). Similarly, there is a subsequence \( \{a_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \) of \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_{n_k} = \inf_{n \to \infty} a_n \). Moreover, every convergent subsequence, \( \{b_k := a_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \) of \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) satisfies
\[
\liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} b_k \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} b_k \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n.
\]

Proof. Let me prove the last assertion first. Suppose that \( b_k := a_{n_k} \) is some convergent subsequence of \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \). Then we have,
\[
\inf a_n \leq b_k \leq \sup a_n \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}.
\]
Passing to the limit in this equation then implies,
\[
\liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n = \liminf_{k \to \infty} \inf_{n \geq n_k} a_n \leq \limsup_{k \to \infty} b_k \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} b_k \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n = \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n.
\]
We have used, \( \{\inf_{n \geq n_k} a_n\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \) and \( \{\sup_{n \geq n_k} a_n\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \) are subsequence of the convergent sequences \( \{\inf_{n \geq n_k} a_n\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \) and \( \{\sup_{n \geq n_k} a_n\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \), respectively and therefore converge to the same limits respectively, see Lemma 3.23.

Now let us prove the first assertions. I will cover the limsup case here as the lim inf case is similar or can be deduced from the lim sup case with the aid of Exercise 3.5. Let \( A := \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \). We will need to consider three cases, \( A \in \mathbb{R} \), \( A = \infty \), and \( A = -\infty \).

\footnote{\textsuperscript{7} This can be done more formally by choosing a sequence \( \{y_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \) such that \( y_k \downarrow \alpha \) so that \( a^* \leq y_k \). Now let \( k \to \infty \) to conclude \( a^* \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} y_k = \alpha \).}
Theorem 3.35 (\(\mathbb{R}\) is Cauchy complete). If \(\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{R}\) is a Cauchy sequence, then \(\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n\) exists in \(\mathbb{R}\) and in fact,

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n = \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n.
\]

Proof. We will give two proofs of this important theorem. Each proof uses the fact that \(\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{R}\) is Cauchy implies \(\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\) is bounded. This is proved exactly in the same way as the solution to Exercise 1.2.

First proof. By Corollary 3.34 there is a subsequence, \(\{a_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}\), such that \(\lim_{k \to \infty} a_{n_k} = L \in \mathbb{R}\). As in the proof of Exercise 1.7 it follows that \(\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n\) exists and is equal to \(L\).

Second proof. Let \(a := \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n\) and \(b := \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n\). It suffices to show \(a = b\). As we always know that \(a \leq b\) it will suffice to show \(b \leq a\).

Given \(\varepsilon > 0\), there exists \(N \in \mathbb{N}\) such that

\[
|m - n| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for all} \quad m, n \geq N.
\]

In particular, for \(m, n \geq k \geq N\) we have \(a_m \leq a_n + \varepsilon\) and hence

\[
b \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n = a_n + \varepsilon \quad \text{for all} \quad n \geq k.
\]

From this inequality we may further conclude,

\[
b \leq \inf_{n \geq k} a_n + \varepsilon \leq a + \varepsilon.
\]

As \(\varepsilon > 0\) is arbitrary, we have indeed shown \(b \leq a\).

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3.3 Partitioning the Real Numbers

Notation 3.36 (Intervals) For \( a, b \in \mathbb{R} \) with \( a < b \) we define,
\[
(a, b) := \{ x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b \}, \\
[a, b) := \{ x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x < b \}, \\
(a, b] := \{ x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x \leq b \}, \text{ and} \\
[a, b] := \{ x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b \}.
\]
We also also \( a = -\infty \) in the intervals, \((a, b)\) and \((a, b]\) and allows \( b = +\infty \) in the intervals \((a, b)\) and \([a, b)\).

Notation 3.37 (Pairwise disjoint unions) If \( X \) is a set and \( A_\alpha \subset X \) for \( \alpha \in I \), we write \( X = \sum_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \) to mean: \( X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \) and \( A_\alpha \cap A_\beta \) for all \( \alpha \neq \beta \).

Exercise 3.16. Suppose that \( a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \) such that \( a < b \leq c < d \). Show \((a, b] \cap [c, d) = \emptyset \) and \([a, b) \cap [c, d] = \emptyset \).

Lemma 3.38 (Well Ordering II). Suppose that \( S \) is a non-empty subset of \( \mathbb{Z} \) which is bounded from below, then inf \( (S) \in S \), i.e. \( S \) has a (unique) minimizer.

Proof. As \( S \) is bounded from below, there exists \( k \in \mathbb{Z} \) such that \( k \leq s \) for all \( s \in S \). Therefore \( \hat{S} := \{ s - k + 1 : s \in S \} \subset \mathbb{N} \) and hence by the Well ordering principle, \( \min (\hat{S}) := m \in \mathbb{N} \) exists. That is \( m \leq s - k + 1 \) for all \( s \in S \) and there exists \( s_0 \in S \) such that \( m = s_0 - k + 1 \). These last statements are equivalent to saying,
\[
s_0 = m + k - 1 \leq s \text{ for all } s \in S,
\]
which is to say \( s_0 = \min (S) \).

Proposition 3.39. Suppose that \( \{S_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{R} \) such that \( S_n \leq S_{n+1} \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{Z} \), \( \lim_{n \to \infty} S_n = \infty \) and \( \lim_{n \to -\infty} S_n = -\infty \). Then
\[
\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (S_{n-1}, S_n] = \mathbb{R} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} [S_n, S_{n+1}). \tag{3.11}
\]

Proof. The fact that \((S_n, S_{n+1}) \cap (S_m, S_{m+1}) = \emptyset \) follows from Exercise 3.16. For \( x \in \mathbb{R} \), let
\[
n_0 := \min \{ n \in \mathbb{Z} : x \leq S_n \}
\]
which exists since \( \{ n \in \mathbb{Z} : x \leq S_n \} \) is non-empty as \( S_n \to \infty \) as \( n \to \infty \) and is bounded from below since \( S_n \to -\infty \) as \( n \to -\infty \). It then follows that \( x \leq S_{n_0} \) while \( x \not\leq S_{n_0-1} \), i.e. \( S_{n_0-1} < x \leq S_{n_0} \) and we have shown \( x \in (S_{n_0-1}, S_{n_0}] \) which completes the proof of the first equality in Eq. (3.11). The proof of the second equality is similar and so will be omitted.

Proposition 3.40. Suppose that \( -\infty < a < b < \infty \) and \( \{S_n\}_{n=0}^{N} \subset [a, b] \) such that \( a = S_0 < S_1 < \cdots < S_{N-1} < S_N = b \), then
\[
[a, b) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} (S_{n-1}, S_n].
\]

This result also holds if \( N = \infty \) provided we now assume \( S_n < S_{n+1} \) for all \( n \), \( a = S_0 \), and \( S_n \uparrow b \) as \( n \to \infty \).

Proof. This proof is very similar to the proof of Proposition 3.39 and so will be omitted.

3.4 The Decimal Representation of a Real Number

Lemma 3.41 (Geometric Series). Let \( \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \) or \( \alpha \in \mathbb{Q} \), \( m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \) and \( S := \sum_{k=n}^{m} \alpha^k \). Then
\[
S = \begin{cases} 
m - n + 1 & \text{if } \alpha = 1 \\
\frac{\alpha^{m+1} - \alpha^n}{\alpha - 1} & \text{if } \alpha \neq 1.
\end{cases}
\]

Proof. When \( \alpha = 1 \),
\[
S = \sum_{k=n}^{m} 1^k = m - n + 1.
\]

If \( \alpha \neq 1 \), then
\[
\alpha S = S = \alpha^{m+1} - \alpha^n.
\]

Solving for \( S \) gives
\[
S = \sum_{k=n}^{m} \alpha^k = \frac{\alpha^{m+1} - \alpha^n}{\alpha - 1} \quad \text{if } \alpha \neq 1. \tag{3.12}
\]

Taking \( \alpha = 10^{-1} \) in Eq. (3.12) implies
\[
\sum_{k=n}^{m} 10^{-k} = \frac{10^{-1} - 10^{-n}}{10^{-1} - 1} = \frac{1}{10^{n-1}} - \frac{1 - 10^{-1-m+n+1}}{9}
\]
and in particular, for all \( M \geq n \),
\[
\lim_{m \to \infty} \sum_{k=n}^{m} 10^{-k} = \frac{1}{9} \cdot 10^{-n-1} \geq \sum_{k=n}^{M} 10^{-k}.
\]
**Definition 3.42 (Decimal Numbers).** Let $\mathbb{D}$ denote those sequences $\alpha \in \{0,1,2,\ldots,9\}^\mathbb{N}$ with the following properties:

1. there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\alpha_{-n} = 0$ for all $n \geq N$ and
2. $\alpha_n \neq 0$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

A decimal number is then an expression of the form

$$\alpha = \alpha_{-N}\alpha_{-N+1}\ldots \alpha_0.\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\ldots$$

For example

$$52 + \sqrt{2} \approx 52.4142135623730950480168872420969807856967187537694807\ldots$$

To every decimal number $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ is the sequence $a_n = a_n(\alpha)$ defined for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ by

$$a_n := \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n} \alpha_k 10^{-k}.$$  

Since for $m > n$,

$$|a_m - a_n| = \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^{m} \alpha_k 10^{-k} \right| \leq 9 \sum_{k=n+1}^{m} 10^{-k} \leq 9 \cdot \frac{1}{10^n} = \frac{9}{10^n},$$

it follows that

$$|a_m - a_n| \leq \frac{1}{10^{\min(m,n)}} \to 0 \text{ as } m, n \to \infty$$

which shows $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is a Cauchy sequence. Thus to every decimal number we may associate the real number

$$a(\alpha) := \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n.$$

**Theorem 3.43.** If $x \geq 0$ is a real number, there exists $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ such that $x = a(\alpha)$, i.e. all real numbers can be represented in decimal form.

**Proof.** If $x = 0$, we can take $a_n = 0$ for all $n$ so that $0 = a(\alpha)$. So suppose that $x > 0$ and let $p := \min(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x < n\})$. Set $m = p - 1$, then $m \leq x < m + 1$. We then define $\alpha_k$ for $k \leq 0$ so that $m = \alpha_{-N}\ldots \alpha_0$. We now construct $\alpha_k$ for $k \geq 1$. For $k = 1$ we write

$$[m, m+1) = \sum_{l=0}^{9} (m + \frac{l}{10} + \frac{l+1}{10}),$$

and then choose $\alpha_1 = l$ if $x \in [m + \frac{l}{10}, m + \frac{l+1}{10})$. We then construct $\alpha_2$, using,

$$\alpha = \frac{m + \alpha_1 + \frac{1}{10}}{10} \sum_{l=0}^{9} (m + \frac{l}{100} + \frac{l+1}{100}),$$

and set $\alpha_2 = l$ for $x \in [m + \frac{\alpha_1 + \frac{1}{10}}{10}, m + \frac{\alpha_1 + \frac{l+1}{10}}{10})$. Continuing this way inductively we construct $\{\alpha_k\}_{k=1}$ such that

$$x \in [m + \frac{k-1}{10}, m + \frac{k}{10} + \frac{1}{10})$$

It is now easy to see that $x = a(\alpha)$.

**Remark 3.44.** The representation of $x \geq 0$ as a decimal number may not be unique. For example,

$$0.999\ldots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{9}{10^k} = \frac{9}{10} - \frac{1}{10} = 0.9.$$  

[Or note that

$$1 - 0.9\ldots = 0.0\ldots 01 = 10^{-n} \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$]

On the other hand if we agree to not allow a tail of repeated 9’s as an element of $\mathbb{D}$, then the representation would be unique.

### 3.5 Summary of Key Facts about Real Numbers

1. The real numbers, $\mathbb{R}$, is the unique (up to order preserving field isomorphism) ordered field with the least upper bound property or equivalently which is Cauchy complete.
2. Informally the real numbers are the rational numbers with the (irrational) hole filled in.
3. Monotone bounded sequence always converge in $\mathbb{R}$.
4. A sequence converges in $\mathbb{R}$ iff it is Cauchy.
5. Cauchy sequences are bounded.
6. $\mathbb{N}$ is unbounded from above in $\mathbb{R}$.
7. For all $\varepsilon > 0$ in $\mathbb{R}$ there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$.
8. $\mathbb{Q}$ and $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ is dense in $\mathbb{R}$. In particular, between any two real numbers $a < b$, there are infinitely many rational and irrational numbers.
9. Decimal numbers map (almost 1-1) into the real numbers by taking the limit of the truncated decimal number.
10. If $a, b, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$, then
11. A number of standard limit theorems hold, see Theorem \[\ref{thm:3.13}\].

12. Unlike limits, \(\limsup\) and \(\liminf\) always exist. Moreover we have:
\[\liminf_{n\to\infty} a_n \leq \limsup_{n\to\infty} a_n\] with equality if \(\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n\) exists in that case:
\[\liminf_{n\to\infty} a_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = \limsup_{n\to\infty} a_n.\]

We may allow the values of \(\pm\infty\) in these statements.

13. If \(b_k := \{a_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^\infty\) is a convergent subsequence of \(\{a_n\}\), then
\[\liminf_{n\to\infty} a_n \leq \lim_{k\to\infty} b_k \leq \limsup_{n\to\infty} a_n\]
and we may choose \(\{b_k\}\) so that \(\lim_{k\to\infty} b_k = \limsup_{n\to\infty} a_n\) or \(\lim_{k\to\infty} b_k = \liminf_{n\to\infty} a_n\).

14. Bounded sequences of real numbers always have convergence subsequences.

15. If \(S \subset \mathbb{R}\) and \(A := \sup(S)\), then there exists \(\{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset S\) such that \(a_n \leq a_{n+1}\) for all \(n\) and \(\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = \sup(S)\).

16. If \(S \subset \mathbb{R}\) and \(A := \inf(S)\), then there exists \(\{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset S\) such that \(a_{n+1} \leq a_n\) for all \(n\) and \(\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = \inf(S)\).

### 3.6 (Optional) Proofs of Theorem \[\ref{thm:3.6}\] and Theorem \[\ref{thm:3.3}\]

In this section, we assume that \(\mathbb{R}\) is as describe in Theorem \[\ref{thm:3.6}\]. The next exercise is relatively straight forward.

**Exercise 3.17.** Prove the following properties of \(\mathbb{R}\).

1. Show addition and multiplication in Theorem \[\ref{thm:3.6}\] are well defined.
2. Show \((\mathbb{R}, +,\cdot)\) satisfies the axioms of a field. Hint: for constructing multiplicative inverses, make use of Proposition \[\ref{prop:3.45}\] below to conclude if \(\alpha := \{[a_n]_{n=1}^\infty\} \in \mathbb{R}\) and \(a \neq 0 = i(0)\), then there exists \(N \in \mathbb{N}\) such that \(|a_n| \geq \frac{1}{N}\) for a.a. \(n\). By redefining the first few terms of \(a_n\) if necessary, you may assume that \(|a_n| \geq \frac{1}{N}\) for all \(n\) and then take
\[\alpha^{-1} = \{[a_n^{-1}]_{n=1}^\infty\}.\]
3. Show \(i: \mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{R}\) is injective homomorphism of fields.

To finish the proof of Theorem \[\ref{thm:3.6}\] we must show that \(P\) is an ordering on \(\mathbb{R}\) with the least upper bound property. This will be carried out in the remainder of this section.

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**Proposition 3.45.** Suppose that \(\alpha := \{[a_n]_{n=1}^\infty\} \text{ and } \beta := \{[b_n]_{n=1}^\infty\} \text{ are real numbers. Then precisely one of the following three cases can happen:}

1. \(\lim_{n\to\infty} (a_n - b_n) = 0\), i.e. \(\alpha = \beta\),
2. there exists \(\varepsilon = \frac{1}{N} > 0\) such that \(a_n \geq b_n + \varepsilon\) for a.a. \(n\) in which case \(\alpha > \beta\), or
3. there exists \(\varepsilon = \frac{1}{N} > 0\) such that \(b_n \geq a_n + \varepsilon\) for a.a. \(n\) in which case \(\beta > \alpha\).

**Proof.** If case 1. does not hold then there exists \(\delta > 0\) such that \(|a_n - b_n| \geq \delta\) for infinitely many \(n\). There are now two possibilities (which will turn out to me mutually exclusive):

i) \(a_n - b_n \geq \delta\) i.o. \(n\),
ii) \(b_n - a_n \geq \delta\) i.o. \(n\).

Since \(\{a_n\}\) and \(\{b_n\}\) are Cauchy sequences, there exists \(N \in \mathbb{N}\) such that
\[|a_n - a_m| \geq \delta/3\] and \(|b_n - b_m| \geq \delta/3\) for all \(m, n \geq N\).

If case i) holds, we may choose an \(m \geq N\) such that \(a_m - b_m \geq \delta\) and so for \(n \geq N\) we find,
\[\delta \leq a_m - b_m = a_m - a_n + a_n - b_n + b_n - b_m\]
\[\leq |a_m - a_n| + |a_n - b_n| + |b_n - b_m|\]
\[= \delta/3 + a_n - b_n + \delta/3\]
from which it follows that \(a_n - b_n \geq \varepsilon := \delta/3\) for all \(n \geq N\) and we are in case 2. Similarly if case ii) holds then we are in fact in case 3. of the proposition. \(\blacksquare\)

**Corollary 3.46.** Suppose that \(\alpha := \{[a_n]_{n=1}^\infty\} \text{ and } \beta := \{[b_n]_{n=1}^\infty\} \text{ are real numbers, then } \alpha \geq \beta \text{ iff for all } N \in \mathbb{N},\]
\[a_n - b_n \geq -\frac{1}{N} \text{ for a.a. } n. \quad (3.13)\]

Alternatively put, \(\alpha \geq \beta \text{ iff for all } N \in \mathbb{N},\]
\[b_n \leq a_n + \frac{1}{N} \text{ for a.a. } n.\]

**Proof.** If \(\alpha = \beta\), then \(\lim_{n\to\infty} (a_n - b_n) = 0\) and therefore Eq. \[\ref{eq:3.13}\] holds.

If \(\alpha > \beta\), then in fact \(a_n - b_n \geq \varepsilon > 0 > -1/N\) for a.a. \(n\).

Conversely, if \(\alpha < \beta\), then there exists \(\varepsilon > 0\) such that \(b_n \geq a_n + \varepsilon\) for a.a. \(n\). Thus if Eq. \[\ref{eq:3.13}\] were to also hold we could conclude for each \(N \in \mathbb{N}\) that
\[a_n \geq b_n - \frac{1}{N} \geq a_n + \varepsilon - \frac{1}{N} \text{ for a.a. } n.\]
This leads to a contradiction as soon as we choose \(N\) so large as to make \(1/N < \varepsilon\). Thus if Eq. \[\ref{eq:3.13}\] holds we must have \(\alpha \geq \beta\). \(\blacksquare\)
Proposition 3.47. Suppose that \( \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \), \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) be a Cauchy sequence in \( \mathbb{Q} \), and \( \alpha := \left\{ \{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \right\} \). If \( \lambda \leq i(a_k) \) for all \( k \) then \( \lambda \leq \alpha \). Similarly if \( i(a_k) \leq \lambda \) for all \( k \) then \( \alpha \leq \lambda \).

Proof. Let \( \lambda = \left\{ \{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \right\} \) and suppose that \( \lambda \leq i(a_n) \) for all \( n \). For sake of contradiction, suppose that \( \lambda > \alpha \), i.e. there exists an \( N \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( \lambda_n > a_n + \frac{1}{N} \) for a.a. \( n \). The assumption that \( \lambda \leq i(a_k) \) implies that \( \lambda_n \leq a_k + \frac{1}{N} \) for all \( k \) and \( \lambda \). Because \( \{a_k\} \) is Cauchy, we may conclude there exists \( M \in \mathbb{N} \) such that
\[
\lambda_n \leq a_k + \frac{1}{2N} \quad \text{for all } n, k \geq M.
\]
By making \( M \) even larger if necessary, we may assume that \( \lambda_n \geq a_n + \frac{1}{N} \) for all \( n \geq M \) as well. From these two inequalities with \( k = n \geq M \) we learn
\[
an_n + \frac{1}{N} \leq \lambda_n \leq a_n + \frac{1}{2N} \implies \frac{1}{2N} \geq \frac{1}{N}
\]
and we have reached the desired contradiction. The fact that \( i(a_k) \leq \lambda \) for all \( k \) implies \( \alpha \leq \lambda \) is proved similarly. Alternatively if \( i(a_k) \leq \lambda \) then \( -\lambda \leq i(-a_k) \) which implies \( -\lambda \leq -\alpha \), i.e. \( \alpha \leq \lambda \).

With these results in hand, let us now show that \( \mathbb{R} \) as defined in Theorem

Proof of the least upper bound property. So suppose that \( A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \) is a non empty set which is bounded from above. For each \( m \in \mathbb{N} \), let \( k_m \in \mathbb{Z} \) be the smallest integer such that \( i(a_m) := i \left( \frac{1}{k_m} \right) \) is an upper bound for \( A \). Since, for all \( n \geq m \), \( a_m - 2^{-m} \leq a_n \leq a_m \), we may conclude that
\[
|a_n - a_m| \leq 2^{-\min(n,m)} \to 0 \quad \text{as } n, m \to \infty.
\]
This shows \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) is Cauchy and hence we defined an element \( \alpha \) := \( \left\{ \{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \right\} \in \mathbb{R} \). We now will show \( \alpha = \sup A \).

If \( \lambda \in A \), then \( \lambda \leq i(a_n) \) for all \( n \) and so by Proposition 3.47 we conclude that \( \lambda \leq \alpha \), i.e. \( \alpha \) is an upper bound for \( A \). Now suppose that \( \beta \) is another upper bound for \( A \). As \( i(a_n - 2^{-n}) \) is not an upper bound for \( A \) there exists \( \lambda \in A \) such that
\[
i(a_n - 2^{-n}) < \lambda < \beta.
\]
So by another application of Proposition 3.47 we learn that
\[
\alpha = \left\{ \{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \right\} = \left\{ \{a_n - 2^{-n}\}_{n=1}^\infty \right\} \leq \beta.
\]
This shows that \( \alpha \) is in fact the least upper bound for \( A \).

Theorem 3.48 (Real numbers are unique). Suppose that \( \mathbb{F} \) and \( \mathbb{G} \) are two complete ordered fields. Then there is a unique order preserving isomorphism, \( \varphi : \mathbb{F} \to \mathbb{G} \).

(Sketch). Suppose that \( \varphi : \mathbb{F} \to \mathbb{G} \) is an order preserving homomorphism. The usual arguments show that any homomorphism, \( \varphi : \mathbb{F} \to \mathbb{G} \) must satisfy \( \varphi(q1_F) = q1_G \). We know that \( \{q \cdot 1_F : q \in \mathbb{Q}\} \) and \( \{q \cdot 1_G : q \in \mathbb{Q}\} \) are dense copies of \( \mathbb{Q} \) inside of \( \mathbb{F} \) and \( \mathbb{G} \) respectively. Now for general \( \alpha \in \mathbb{F} \) choose \( q_n, p_n \in \mathbb{Q} \) that \( q_n 1_F \uparrow \alpha \) and \( p_n 1_F \downarrow \alpha \). Since \( \varphi \) is order preserving we must have \( q_n 1_G = \varphi(q_n 1_F) \) is increasing and \( p_n 1_G = \varphi(p_n 1_F) \) is decreasing. Moreover, since \( p_n - q_n \to 0 \) we must have \( \lim_{n \to \infty} \varphi(q_n 1_F) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \varphi(p_n 1_F) \). Since \( \varphi(q_n 1_F) \leq \varphi(\alpha) \leq \varphi(p_n 1_F) \) for all \( n \) it then follows that \( \varphi(\alpha) = \lim_{n \to \infty} q_n 1_G = \lim_{n \to \infty} p_n 1_G \) and we have shown \( \varphi \) is uniquely determined.

For the converse, if \( q_n \in \mathbb{Q} \) we know that
\[
|q_n 1_F - q_m 1_F| = |q_n - q_m| 1_F \quad \text{and}
\]
\[
|q_n 1_G - q_n 1_G| = |q_n - q_m| 1_G.
\]
Thus if \( \{q_n 1_F\}_{n=1}^\infty \) is convergent in \( \mathbb{F} \) iff \( \{q_n 1_G\}_{n=1}^\infty \) is convergent in \( \mathbb{G} \). Thus for any \( \alpha \in \mathbb{F} \) we choose \( q_n \in \mathbb{Q} \) such that \( q_n 1_F \to \alpha \) and then define \( \varphi(\alpha) := \lim_{n \to \infty} q_n 1_G \). One now checks that this formula is well defined (independent of the choice of \( \{q_n\} \subset \mathbb{Q} \) such that \( q_n 1_F \to \alpha \)) and defines an order preserving isomorphism. For example, if \( a \leq b \) we may choose \( q_n \in \mathbb{Q} \) and \( p_n \in \mathbb{Q} \) such that \( q_n 1_F \uparrow a \) and \( p_n 1_F \downarrow b \). Then \( q_n 1_G \leq p_n 1_G \) for all \( n \) and letting \( n \to \infty \) shows,
\[
\varphi(\alpha) = \lim_{n \to \infty} q_n 1_G \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} p_n 1_G = \varphi(b).
\]
The other properties of \( \varphi \) are proved similarly.

3.7 Supremum and Infimums of sets

Definition 3.49. Given a set \( A \subseteq \mathbb{X} \), let
\[
1_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}
\]
be the indicator function of \( A \).

Lemma 3.50 (Properties of \( \inf \) and \( \sup \)). We have:
1. \( \left( \cup_n A_n \right)^c = \cap_n \overline{A}_n \),
2. \( \{A_n \text{ i.o.}\}^c = \{A_n^{\text{a.a.}}\} \),
3. \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} A_n = \{x \in \mathbb{X} : \sum_{n=1}^\infty 1_{A_n}(x) = \infty \} \),
4. \( \liminf_{n \to \infty} A_n = \{x \in \mathbb{X} : \sum_{n=1}^\infty 1_{A_n}(x) < \infty \} \),
5. \( \sup_{k \geq n} 1_{A_k}(x) = 1_{\bigcup_{k \geq n} A_k} = 1_{\bigcup_{k \geq n} A_k}, \)
6. \( \inf_{k \geq n} 1_{A_k}(x) = 1_{\bigcap_{k \geq n} A_k} = 1_{\bigcap_{k \geq n} A_k} \),
7. \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} A_n = \limsup_{n \to \infty} 1_{A_n} \), and

8. \( \liminf_{n \to \infty} A_n = \liminf_{n \to \infty} 1_{A_n} \).

**Proof.** These results follow fairly directly from the definitions and so the proof is left to the reader. (The reader should definitely provide a proof for herself.)
Complex Numbers

**Definition 4.1 (Complex Numbers).** Let $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}^2$ equipped with multiplication rule

\[(a, b)(c, d) \equiv (ac - bd, bc + ad)\]

and the usual rule for vector addition. As is standard we will write $0 = (0, 0)$, $1 = (1, 0)$ and $i = (0, 1)$ so that every element $z$ of $\mathbb{C}$ may be written as $z = x + yi$ which in the future will be written simply as $z = x + iy$. If $z = x + iy$, let $\Re z = x$ and $\Im z = y$.

Writing $z = a + ib$ and $w = c + id$, the multiplication rule in Eq. (4.1) becomes

\[(a + ib)(c + id) \equiv (ac - bd) + i(bc + ad)\]

and in particular $1^2 = 1$ and $i^2 = -1$.

**Proposition 4.2.** The complex numbers $\mathbb{C}$ with the above multiplication rule satisfies the usual definitions of a field – see Definition 2.1. For example $z$ and in particular 1 has a multiplicative inverse given by $z^{-1} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} - i\frac{b}{a^2 + b^2}$. (4.3)

Moreover $\mathbb{C}$ contains $\mathbb{R}$ as sub-field under the identification

\[\mathbb{R} \ni a \to a1 + 0i = (a, 0) \in \mathbb{C}.\]

**Proof.** Suppose $z = a + ib \neq 0$, we wish to find $w = c + id$ such that $zw = 1$ and this happens by Eq. (4.2) iff

\[ac - bd = 1\]

\[bc + ad = 0.\]

Solving these equations as follows

\[a(4.4) + b(4.5) \implies (a^2 + b^2)c = a \implies \Re w = c = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}\]

\[-b(4.4) + a(4.5) \implies (a^2 + b^2)d = -b \implies \Im w = d = -\frac{b}{a^2 + b^2},\]

gives implies the result in Eq. (4.3).

Probably the most painful thing to check directly is the associative law, namely that $[z_1z_2]z_3 = z_1[z_2z_3]$ for all $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C}$. This is equivalent to showing for all $a, b, u, v, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ that

\[(a + ib)(u + iv)(x + iy) = (a + ib)[(u + iv)(x + iy)] .\]

We do this by working out both sides as follows;

\[\text{LHS} = [(au - bv) + i(au + bv)](x + iy)\]

\[= (au - bv)x - (av + bu)y + i[(av + bu)x + (au - bv)y];\]

\[\text{RHS} = (a + ib)[(ux - vy) + i(uy + vx)]\]

\[= a(ux - vy) - b(uv + vx) + i[b(ux - vy) + a(uy + vx)].\]

The reader should now easily see that both of these expressions are in fact equal. The remaining axioms of a field are checked similarly. \qed

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- Test 1 took place of lecture 10, 10/22/2012.

**Notation 4.3** We will write $1/z$ for $z^{-1}$ and $w/z$ to mean $z^{-1} \cdot w$.

**Notation 4.4 (Conjugation and Modulus)** If $z = a + ib$ with $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ let $\bar{z} = a - ib$ and

\[|z|^2 \equiv z\bar{z} = a^2 + b^2.\]

Notice that

\[\Re z = \frac{1}{2}(z + \bar{z}) \text{ and } \Im z = \frac{1}{2i}(z - \bar{z}).\]

**Proposition 4.5.** Complex conjugation and the modulus operators satisfy:

1. $\bar{\bar{z}} = z$.
2. $zw = \bar{z}\bar{w}$ and $\bar{z} + \bar{w} = \bar{z + w}$.
3. $|\bar{z}| = |z|$. 
4. \(|zw| = |z||w|\) and in particular \(|z^n| = |z|^n\) for all \(n \in \mathbb{N}\).

5. \(|\text{Re} z| \leq |z|\) and \(|\text{Im} z| \leq |z|\).

6. \(|z + w| \leq |z| + |w|\).

7. \(z = 0\) iff \(|z| = 0\).

8. If \(z \neq 0\) then

\[
z^{-1} := \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2}
\]

(also written as \(\frac{1}{z}\)) is the inverse of \(z\).

9. \(|z^{-1}| = |z|^{-1}\) and more generally \(|z^n| = |z|^n\) for all \(n \in \mathbb{Z}\).

**Proof.** 1. and 3. are geometrically obvious as well as easily verified.

2. Say \(z = a + ib\) and \(w = c + id\), then \(\bar{z}\bar{w}\) is the same as \(zw\) with \(b\) replaced by \(-b\) and \(d\) replaced by \(-d\), and looking at Eq. (4.2) we see that

\[
\bar{z}\bar{w} = (ac - bd) - i(bc + ad) = zw.
\]

4. \(|zw|^2 = zw\bar{w} = z\bar{z}w\bar{w} = |z|^2|w|^2\) as real numbers and hence \(|zw| = |z||w|\).

5. Geometrically obvious or also follows from

\[
|z| = \sqrt{|\text{Re} z|^2 + |\text{Im} z|^2}.
\]

6. This is the triangle inequality which may be understood geometrically or by the computation

\[
|z + w|^2 = (z + w)(\bar{z} + \bar{w}) = |z|^2 + |w|^2 + w\bar{z} + \bar{w}z
\]

\[
= |z|^2 + |w|^2 + w\bar{z} + \bar{w}z
\]

\[
= |z|^2 + |w|^2 + 2\text{Re}(w\bar{z}) \leq |z|^2 + |w|^2 + 2|z||w|
\]

\[
= (|z| + |w|)^2.
\]

7. Obvious.

8. Follows from Eq. (4.3). Alternatively if \(\rho = \rho + i0 > 0\) is a real number then \(\rho^{-1} = \rho^{-1} + i0\) as is easily verified since \(\mathbb{R}\) is a sub-field of \(\mathbb{C}\). Thus since \(\bar{z}z = |z|^2\) we find

\[
\frac{1}{|z|^2} \bar{z} = \frac{1}{|z|^2} |z|^2 = 1 \implies z^{-1} = \frac{1}{|z|^2} z = \frac{\text{Re} z}{|z|^2} - i\frac{\text{Im} z}{|z|^2}.
\]

9. \(|z^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|z|^2} = \left|\frac{1}{|z|^2}\right||z| = \frac{1}{|z|}.

**Corollary 4.6.** If \(w, z \in \mathbb{C}\), then

\[
||z| - |w|| \leq |z - w|.
\]

**Proof.** Just copy the proof of Lemma 4.6.

**Lemma 4.7.** For complex numbers \(u, v, w, z \in \mathbb{C}\) with \(v \neq 0 \neq z\), we have

\[
\frac{1}{uv} = \frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{v}, \text{ i.e. } u^{-1}v^{-1} = (uv)^{-1}
\]

\[
u w = \frac{uw}{vz}, \quad \text{ and } \quad u + \frac{w}{z} = \frac{uz + vw}{vz}.
\]

[These statements hold in any field.]
The rest follow using
\[ \frac{u}{v} \left( \frac{1}{u} v^{-1} \right) = u^{-1} w v^{-1} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1. \]

The proof is complete.

**Definition 4.8.** A sequence \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{C} \) is **Cauchy** if \( |z_n - z_m| \to 0 \) as \( m, n \to \infty \) and is **convergent** to \( z \in \mathbb{C} \) if \( |z - z_n| \to 0 \) as \( n \to \infty \). As usual if \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) converges to \( z \) as \( n \to \infty \) or \( z = \lim_{n \to \infty} z_n \).

**Theorem 4.9.** The complex numbers are complete, i.e. all Cauchy sequences are convergent.

**Proof.** This follows from the completeness of real numbers and the easily proved observations that if \( z_n = a_n + ib_n \in \mathbb{C} \), then
1. \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{C} \) is Cauchy if \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{R} \) and \( \{b_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{R} \) are Cauchy and
2. \( z_n \to z = a + ib \) as \( n \to \infty \) iff \( a_n \to a \) and \( b_n \to b \) as \( n \to \infty \).

The complex numbers satisfy all the same limit theorems as the real numbers.

**Theorem 4.10.** If \( \{w_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) and \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) are convergent sequences of complex numbers, then
1. \( \{w_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) and \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) are Cauchy sequences.
2. \( \lim_{n \to \infty} (w_n + z_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} w_n + \lim_{n \to \infty} z_n \).
3. \( \lim_{n \to \infty} (w_n \cdot z_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} w_n \cdot \lim_{n \to \infty} z_n \).
4. if we further assume that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} z_n \neq 0 \), then
\[ \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{w_n}{z_n} \right) = \frac{\lim_{n \to \infty} w_n}{\lim_{n \to \infty} z_n}. \]

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**Lemma 4.11 (Bolzano–Weierstrass property).** Every bounded sequence, \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{C} \), has a convergent subsequence.

**Proof.** By assumption there exists \( M < \) such that \( |z_n| \leq M \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). Writing \( z_n = a_n + ib_n \) with \( a_n, b_n \in \mathbb{R} \) we may conclude that \( |a_n|, |b_n| \leq M \).

According to Corollary 3.34 there exists an increasing function \( N \ni k \to n_k \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( \lim_{k \to \infty} a_{n_k} = A \), similarly, we can apply Corollary 3.34 again to find an increasing function \( N \ni l \to k_l \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( \lim_{k \to \infty} b_{n_k} = B \). We now let \( w_l := z_{n_{k_l}} \) for \( l \in \mathbb{N} \). Then \( \{w_l\}_{l=1}^\infty \) is a subsequence of \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) which is convergent to \( A + iB \in \mathbb{C} \). Indeed,
\[ |w_l - (A + iB)| = \left| a_{n_{k_l}} - A + i \left( b_{n_{k_l}} - B \right) \right| \leq |a_{n_{k_l}} - A| + \left| b_{n_{k_l}} - B \right| \to 0 \text{ as } l \to \infty. \]

**Notation 4.12 (Euclidean Spaces).** Let \( \mathbb{C}^n := \{a := (a_1, \ldots, a_n) : a_i \in \mathbb{C}\} \) and \( \mathbb{R}^n := \{a := (a_1, \ldots, a_n) : a_i \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset \mathbb{C}^n \). For \( a, b \in \mathbb{C}^n \) we let \( \bar{a} = (\bar{a_1}, \ldots, \bar{a_n}) \),
\[ a \cdot b := a_1 b_1 + \cdots + a_n b_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i, \text{ and } \]
\[ \|a\| = \|a\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2}. \quad (4.7) \]

**Exercise 4.1.** If \( a, b \in \mathbb{C}^n \) and \( \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \), then \( a \cdot b = b \cdot a \),
\[ (\lambda a) \cdot b = a \cdot (\lambda b) = \lambda (a \cdot b) \text{ and } \|\lambda a\| = |\lambda| \|a\| = |\lambda| \|a\|. \]

If we further assume that \( c \in \mathbb{C}^n \), then \( (a + b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c \).

### 4.1 A Matrix Perspective (Optional)

Here is a way to understand some of the basic properties of \( \mathbb{C} \) using your knowledge of linear algebra. Let \( M_z : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C} \) denote multiplication by \( z = a + ib \).

We now identify \( \mathbb{C} \) with \( \mathbb{R}^2 \) by
\[ \mathbb{C} \ni c + id \cong \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2. \]

Using this identification, the product formula
\[ zw = (ac - bd) + i(bc + ad), \]
becomes
\[ M_z w = \begin{pmatrix} ac - bd \\ bc + ad \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a - b \\ b a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} \]

so that

\[ M_z = \begin{pmatrix} a - b \\ b a \end{pmatrix} = aI + bJ \]

where

\[ J := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} . \]

We now have the following simple observations;

1. \( J^2 = -I \) and \( J^* = -J \),
2. \( M_z M_w = M_w M_z \) because \( J \) and \( I \) commute,
3. we have

\[ M_z M_w = (aI + bJ) (cI + dJ) = (ac - bd) I + (ad + bc) J = M_{zw}, \]

4. the associativity of complex multiplication follows from the associativity properties of matrix multiplication,
5. \( M_z^* = aI - bJ = M_{\bar{z}} \) and in particular
6. \( M_z M_z^{tr} = (M_z M_{\bar{w}})^{tr} = M^{tr}_z M^{tr}_z = M_{\bar{w}} M_{\bar{z}} = M_{wz} \),
7. \( M_z^t M_z = M_{\bar{z}} M_z = M_{|z|^2} = \det(M_z) \),
8. \(|wz| = \det(M_{wz}) = \det(M_{w} M_{z}) = \det(M_{w}) \det(M_{z}) = |w| |z| \),
9. \( M_z \) is invertible iff \( \det(M_z) \neq 0 \) which happens iff \(|z|^2 \neq 0 \) and in this case we know from basic linear algebra that

\[ M_z^{-1} = \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{|z|^2} M_z^{tr} = M_{\frac{1}{|z|^2} \bar{z}}, \]

10. With this notation we have \( M_z M_w = M_{zw} \) and since \( I \) and \( J \) commute it follows that \( zw = wz \). Moreover, since matrix multiplication is associative so is complex multiplication. Also notice that \( M_z \) is invertible iff \( \det(M_z) = a^2 + b^2 = |z|^2 \neq 0 \) in which case

\[ M_z^{-1} = \frac{1}{|z|^2} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} = M_{\frac{1}{|z|^2} \bar{z}}, \]

as we have already seen above.
5 Set Operations, Functions, and Counting

Let \( \mathbb{N} \) denote the positive integers, \( \mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \) be the non-negative integers and \( \mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{N}_0 \cup (-\mathbb{N}) \) – the positive and negative integers including 0, \( \mathbb{Q} \) the rational numbers, \( \mathbb{R} \) the real numbers, and \( \mathbb{C} \) the complex numbers. We will also use \( \mathbb{F} \) to stand for either of the fields \( \mathbb{R} \) or \( \mathbb{C} \).

5.1 Set Operations and Functions

**Notation 5.1** Given two sets \( X \) and \( Y \), let \( Y^X \) denote the collection of all functions \( f : X \to Y \). If \( X = \mathbb{N} \), we will say that \( f \in Y^\mathbb{N} \) is a sequence with values in \( Y \) and often write \( f_n \) for \( f(n) \) and express \( f \) as \( \{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \). If \( X = \{1, 2, \ldots, N\} \), we will write \( Y^N \) in place of \( Y^{\{1, 2, \ldots, N\}} \) and denote \( f \in Y^N \) by \( f = (f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_N) \) where \( f_n = f(n) \).

**Notation 5.2** More generally if \( \{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\} \) is a collection of non-empty sets, let \( X_A = \prod \limits_{\alpha \in A} X_\alpha \) and \( \pi_\alpha : X_A \to X_\alpha \) be the canonical projection map defined by \( \pi_\alpha(x) = x_\alpha \). If \( X_A = X \) for some fixed space \( X \), then we will write \( \prod \limits_{\alpha \in A} X_\alpha \) as \( X^A \) rather than \( X_A \).

Recall that an element \( x \in X_A \) is a “choice function,” i.e. an assignment \( x_\alpha := x(\alpha) \in X_\alpha \) for each \( \alpha \in A \). The **axiom of choice** states that \( X_A \neq \emptyset \) provided that \( X_\alpha \neq \emptyset \) for each \( \alpha \in A \).

**Notation 5.3** Given a set \( X \), let \( 2^X \) denote the **power set** of \( X \) – the collection of all subsets of \( X \) including the empty set.

The reason for writing the power set of \( X \) as \( 2^X \) is that if we think of 2 meaning \( \{0, 1\} \), then an element of \( a \in 2^X = \{0, 1\}^X \) is completely determined by the set

\[
A := \{x \in X : a(x) = 1\} \subset X.
\]

In this way elements in \( \{0, 1\}^X \) are in one to one correspondence with subsets of \( X \).

For \( A \in 2^X \) let

\[
A^c := X \setminus A = \{x \in X : x \notin A\}
\]

and more generally if \( A, B \subset X \) let

\[
B \setminus A := \{x \in B : x \notin A\} = A \cap B^c.
\]

We also define the symmetric difference of \( A \) and \( B \) by

\[
A \triangle B := (B \setminus A) \cup (A \setminus B).
\]

As usual if \( \{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I} \) is an indexed collection of subsets of \( X \) we define the union and the intersection of this collection by

\[
\bigcup \limits_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha := \{x \in X : \exists \alpha \in I \; x \in A_\alpha\} \quad \text{and} \quad \bigcap \limits_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha := \{x \in X : x \in A_\alpha \; \forall \alpha \in I\}.
\]

**Example 5.4.** Let \( A, B, \) and \( C \) be subsets of \( X \). Then

\[
A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C).
\]

Indeed, \( x \in A \cap (B \cup C) \iff x \in A \) and \( x \in B \cup C \iff x \in A \) and \( x \in B \) or \( x \in A \) and \( x \in C \iff x \in A \cap B \) or \( x \in A \cap C \iff x \in [A \cap B] \cup [A \cap C] \).

**Notation 5.5** We will also write \( \bigcup \limits_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \) for \( \bigcup \limits_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \) in the case that \( \{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I} \) are pairwise disjoint, i.e. \( A_\alpha \cap A_\beta = \emptyset \) if \( \alpha \neq \beta \).

Notice that \( \cup \) is closely related to \( \exists \) and \( \cap \) is closely related to \( \forall \). For example let \( \{A_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) be a sequence of subsets from \( X \) and define

\[
\{A_n \; \text{i.o.}\} := \{x \in X : \# \{n : x \in A_n\} = \infty\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{A_n \; \text{a.a.}\} := \{x \in X : x \in A_n \; \forall n \; \text{sufficiently large}\}.
\]

(One should read \( \{A_n \; \text{i.o.}\} \) as \( A_n \) infinitely often and \( \{A_n \; \text{a.a.}\} \) as \( A_n \) almost always.) Then \( x \in \{A_n \; \text{i.o.}\} \) iff

\[
\forall N \in \mathbb{N} \; \exists n \geq N \; x \in A_n
\]

and this may be expressed as

\[
\{A_n \; \text{i.o.}\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty \bigcup_{n \geq N} A_n.
\]

Similarly, \( x \in \{A_n \; \text{a.a.}\} \) iff
which may be written as
\[ \{A_n \text{ a.a.}\} = \bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n \geq N} A_n. \]

We end this section with some notation which will be used frequently in the sequel.

**Definition 5.6.** If \( f : X \to Y \) is a function and \( B \subset Y \), then
\[ f^{-1}(B) := \{ x \in X : f(x) \in B \}. \]

If \( A \subset X \) we also write,
\[ f(A) := \{ f(x) : x \in A \} \subset Y. \]

**Example 5.7.** If \( f : X \to Y \) is a function and \( B \subset Y \), then \( f^{-1}(B^c) = [f^{-1}(B)]^c \) or to be more precise,
\[ f^{-1}(Y \setminus B) = X \setminus f^{-1}(B). \]

To prove this notice that
\[ x \in f^{-1}(B^c) \iff f(x) \in B^c \iff f(x) \notin B \iff x \notin f^{-1}(B) \iff x \in [f^{-1}(B)]^c. \]

On the other hand, if \( A \subset X \) it is not necessarily true that \( f(A^c) = [f(A)]^c \).

For example, suppose that \( f : \{1,2\} \to \{1,2\} \) is the defined by \( f(1) = f(2) = 1 \) and \( A = \{1\} \). Then \( f(A) = f(A^c) = \{1\} \) where \( [f(A)]^c = \{1\}^c = \{2\} \).

**Notation 5.8** If \( f : X \to Y \) is a function and \( \mathcal{E} \subset 2^Y \) let
\[ f^{-1}\mathcal{E} := f^{-1}(\mathcal{E}) := \{ f^{-1}(E) | E \in \mathcal{E} \}. \]

If \( \mathcal{G} \subset 2^X \), let
\[ f_* \mathcal{G} := \{ A \in 2^Y | f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{G} \}. \]

**Definition 5.9.** Let \( \mathcal{E} \subset 2^X \) be a collection of sets, \( A \subset X \), \( i_A : A \to X \) be the inclusion map (\( i_A(x) = x \) for all \( x \in A \)) and
\[ \mathcal{E}_A = i_A^{-1}(\mathcal{E}) = \{ A \cap E : E \in \mathcal{E} \}. \]

### 5.1.1 Exercises

Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a function and \( \{A_i\}_{i \in I} \) be an indexed family of subsets of \( Y \), verify the following assertions.

**Exercise 5.1.** \( (\cap_{i \in I} A_i)^c = \cup_{i \in I} A_i^c \).

**Exercise 5.2.** Suppose that \( B \subset Y \), show that \( B \setminus (\cup_{i \in I} A_i) = \cap_{i \in I} (B \setminus A_i) \).

**Exercise 5.3.** \( f^{-1}(\cup_{i \in I} A_i) = \cup_{i \in I} f^{-1}(A_i) \).

**Exercise 5.4.** \( f^{-1}(\cap_{i \in I} A_i) = \cap_{i \in I} f^{-1}(A_i) \).

**Exercise 5.5.** Find a counterexample which shows that \( f(C \cap D) = f(C) \cap f(D) \) need not hold.

### 5.2 Cardinality

In this section, \( X \) and \( Y \) be sets.

**Definition 5.10 (Cardinality).** We say \( \text{card}(X) \leq \text{card}(Y) \) if there exists an injective map, \( f : X \to Y \) and \( \text{card}(Y) \geq \text{card}(X) \) if there exists a surjective map \( g : Y \to X \). We say \( \text{card}(X) = \text{card}(Y) \) (also denoted as \( X \sim Y \)) if there exists a bijections, \( f : X \to Y \).
Proposition 5.11. If $X$ and $Y$ are sets, then $\text{card}(X) \leq \text{card}(Y)$ iff $\text{card}(Y) \geq \text{card}(X)$.

Proof. If $f : X \to Y$ is an injective map, define $g : Y \to X$ by $g[f(x)] = f^{-1}$ and $g[y \setminus f(X)] = x \in X$ chosen arbitrarily. Then $g : Y \to X$ is surjective. If $g : Y \to X$ is a surjective map, then $Y_x := g^{-1}(\{x\}) \neq \emptyset$ for all $x \in X$ and so by the axiom of choice there exists $f \in \prod_{x \in X} Y_x$. Thus $f : X \to Y$ such that $f(x) \in Y_x$, for all $x$. As the $\{Y_x\}_{x \in X}$ are pairwise disjoint, it follows that $f$ is injective.

Theorem 5.12 (Schröder-Bernstein Theorem). If $X$ and $Y$ are sets then either $\text{card}(X) \leq \text{card}(Y)$ or $\text{card}(Y) \leq \text{card}(X)$. Moreover, if $\text{card}(X) \leq \text{card}(Y)$ and $\text{card}(Y) \leq \text{card}(X)$, then $\text{card}(X) = \text{card}(Y)$. [Stated more explicitly: if there exists injective maps $f : X \to Y$ and $g : Y \to X$, then there exists a bijective map, $h : X \to Y$.]

Proof. These results are proved in the appendices. For the first assertion see [13.8] and for the second see Theorem [14.11].

Exercise 5.6. If $X = X_1 \cup X_2$ with $X_1 \cap X_2 = \emptyset$, $Y = Y_1 \cup Y_2$ with $Y_1 \cap Y_2 = \emptyset$, and $X_i \sim Y_i$ for $i = 1, 2$, then $X \sim Y$. This exercise generalizes to an arbitrary number of factors.

5.3 Finite Sets

Notation 5.13 (Integer Intervals) For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we let

$J_n := \{1, 2, \ldots, n\} := \{k \in \mathbb{N} : k \leq n\}$.

Definition 5.14. We say a non-empty set, $X$, is finite if $\text{card}(X) = \text{card}(J_n)$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. We will also write $\#(X) = n$ to indicate that $\text{card}(X) = \text{card}(J_n)$. [It is shown in Theorem 5.17 below that $\#(X)$ is well defined, i.e. it is not possible for $\text{card}(X) = \text{card}(J_n)$ and $\text{card}(X) = \text{card}(J_m)$ unless $m = n$.]

Lemma 5.15. Suppose $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $k \in J_{n+1}$, then $\text{card}(J_{n+1} \setminus \{k\}) = \text{card}(J_n)$.

Proof. Let $f : J_n \to J_{n+1} \setminus \{k\}$ be defined by

$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x < k \\ x + 1 & \text{if } x \geq k \end{cases}$

Then $f$ is the desired bijection.

Alternatively. If $n = 1$, then $J_2 = \{1, 2\}$ and either $J_2 \setminus \{k\} = J_1$ or $J_2 \setminus \{k\} = \{2\}$, either way $\text{card}(J_2 \setminus \{k\}) = \text{card}(J_1)$. Now suppose that result holds for a given $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $k \in J_{n+2}$. If $k = \{n+2\}$ we have $J_{n+2} \setminus \{k\} = J_{n+1}$ so $\text{card}(J_{n+2} \setminus \{k\}) = \text{card}(J_{n+1})$ while if $k \in J_{n+1} \subset J_{n+2}$, then $J_{n+2} \setminus \{k\} = (J_{n+1} \setminus \{k\}) \cup \{n+2\} \sim J_n \cup \{n+2\} \sim J_n \cup \{n+1\} = J_{n+1}$.

Lemma 5.16. If $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n > m$, then every map, $f : J_n \to J_m$, is not injective.

Proof. If $f : J_n \to J_m$ were injective, then $f|_{J_{m+1}} : J_{m+1} \to J_m$ would be injective as well. Therefore it suffices to show there is no injective map, $f : J_{m+1} \to J_m$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. We prove this last assertion by induction on $m$.

The case $m = 1$ is trivial as $J_1 = \{1\}$ so the only function, $f : J_2 \to J_1$ is the function, $f(1) = 1 = f(2)$ which is not injective.

Now suppose $m \geq 1$ and there were an injective map, $f : J_{m+2} \to J_{m+1}$. Letting $k := f(m+2)$ we would have, $f|_{J_{m+1}} : J_{m+1} \to J_{m+1} \setminus \{k\}$, which would produce and injective map from $J_{m+1}$ to $J_m$. However this contradicts the induction hypothesis and thus completes the proof.

Theorem 5.17. If $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\text{card}(J_m) \leq \text{card}(J_n)$ iff $m \leq n$. Moreover, $\text{card}(J_n) = \text{card}(J_m)$ iff $m = n$ and hence $\text{card}(J_m) < \text{card}(J_n)$ iff $m < n$.

Proof. As $J_m \subset J_n$ if $m \leq n$ and $J_m = J_n$ if $m = n$, it is only the forward implications that have any real content. If $\text{card}(J_m) \leq \text{card}(J_n)$, there exists an injective map, $g : J_m \to J_n$. According to Lemma 5.16 this can only happen if $m \leq n$. If $\text{card}(J_n) = \text{card}(J_m)$, then $\text{card}(J_n) \leq \text{card}(J_m)$ and $\text{card}(J_m) \leq \text{card}(J_n)$ and hence $m \leq n$ and $m \leq i$, i.e. $m = n$.

Proposition 5.18. If $X$ is a finite set with $\#(X) = n$ and $S$ is a non-empty subset of $X$, then $S$ is a finite set and $\#(S) = k \leq n$. Moreover if $\#(S) = n$, then $S = X$.

Proof. It suffices to assume that $X = J_n$ and $S \subset J_n$. We now give two proofs of the result.

Proof 1. Let $S_1 = S$ and $f (1) := \min S \geq 1$. If $S_2 := S_1 \setminus \{f (1)\}$ is not empty, let $f (2) := \min S_2 \geq 2$. We then continue this construction inductively. So if $f (k) = \min S_k \geq k$ has been constructed, then we define $S_{k+1} := S_k \setminus \{f (k)\}$. If $S_{k+1} \neq \emptyset$ we define $f (k+1) := \min S_{k+1} \geq k + 1$. As $f (k) \geq k$ 1 You should read $\#(X) = n$, as $X$ is a set with $n$ elements.
for all $k$ that $f$ is defined, this process has to stop after at most $n$ steps. Say it stops at $k$ so that $S_{k+1} = \emptyset$. Then $f : J_k \to S$ is a bijection and therefore $S$ is finite and $\#(S) = k \leq n$. Moreover, the only way that $k = n$ is if $f(k) = k$ at each step of the construction so that $f : J_n \to S$ is the identity map in this case, i.e. $S = J_n$.

**Proof.** We prove this by induction on $n$. When $n = 1$ the only no-empty subset of $S$ of $J_1$ is $J_1$ itself. Thus $\#(S) = 1$ and $S = J_1$. Now suppose that the result hold for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $S \subset J_{n+1}$. If $n + 1 \notin S$, then $S \subset J_n$ and by the induction hypothesis we know $\#(S) = k \leq n < n + 1$. So now suppose that $n + 1 \in S$ and let $S' := S \setminus \{n + 1\} \subset J_n$. Then by the induction hypothesis, $S'$ is a finite set and $\#(S') = k \leq n$, i.e. there exists a bijection, $f' : J_k \to S'$ and $S' = J_k$ is $k = n$. Therefore $f : J_{k+1} \to S$ given by $f = f'$ on $J_k$ and $f(k + 1) = n + 1$ is a bijections from $J_{k+1}$ to $S$. Therefore $\#(S) = k + 1 \leq n + 1$ with equality iff $S' = J_n$ which happens iff $S = J_{n+1}$.

**Corollary 5.21.** Suppose $S$ is a non-empty subset of $\mathbb{N}$. Then $S$ is an unbounded subset of $\mathbb{N}$ iff card ($J_n \leq \#(S)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

**Proof.** If $S$ is bounded we know card ($S$) = card ($J_k$) for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$ which would violate the hypothesis that card ($J_n$) $\leq$ card ($S$) for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Conversely if card ($S$) $\leq$ card ($J_n$) for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then there exists an injective map, $f : S \to J_n$. Therefore card ($S$) = card ($f(S)$) = card ($J_k$) for some $k \leq n$. So $S$ is finite and hence bounded in $\mathbb{N}$ by Theorem 5.20.

**Exercise 5.7.** Suppose that $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, show $J_m \times J_n = J_m \cup (m + J_n)$ and $(m + J_m) \cap J_m = \emptyset$. Use this to conclude if $X$ is a disjoint union of two non-empty finite sets, $X_1$ and $X_2$, then $\#(X) = \#(X_1) + \#(X_2)$.

**Exercise 5.8.** Suppose that $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, show $J_m \times J_n \sim J_{mn}$. Use this to conclude if $X$ and $Y$ are two non-empty sets, then $\#(X \times Y) = \#(X) \cdot \#(Y)$.

### 5.4 Countable and Uncountable Sets

**Definition 5.22 (Countability).** A set $X$ is said to be **countable** if $X = \emptyset$ or if there exists a surjective map, $f : \mathbb{N} \to X$. Otherwise $X$ is said to be **uncountable**.

**Remark 5.23.** From Proposition 5.11 it follows that $X$ is countable iff there exists an injective map, $g : X \to \mathbb{N}$. This may be succinctly stated as: $X$ is countable iff card ($X$) $\leq$ card ($\mathbb{N}$). From a practical point of view as set $X$ is countable iff the elements of $X$ may be arranged into a linear list,

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \ldots \}.$$
In more detail, let \( S = \{n_1 < n_2 < \cdots < n_k\} \) for some \( k \in \mathbb{N} \) or
\[ S = \{n_1 < n_2 < \cdots < n_k < \ldots\}. \]
In the first case card \((X) = \text{card} (J_k)\) while in the second card \((S) = \text{card} (\mathbb{N})\).
[Define \( f(j) := n_j \) to set up the bijections between \( J_k \) or \( \mathbb{N} \) and \( S \).] The above arguments demonstrate that the following statements are equivalent;
1. \( X \) is countable, i.e. there exists a surjective map \( f : \mathbb{N} \to X \).
2. card \((X) \leq \text{card} (\mathbb{N})\), i.e. there exists an injective map, \( g : X \to \mathbb{N} \).
3. There exists \( S \subset \mathbb{N} \) such that card \((X) = \text{card} (S)\). Furthermore card \((S) = \text{card} (J_k)\) for some \( k \in \mathbb{N} \) if \( S \) is bounded and card \((S) = \text{card} (\mathbb{N})\) if \( S \) is unbounded.
4. Either card \((X) = \text{card} (\mathbb{N})\) for card \((X) = \text{card} (J_k)\) for some \( k \in \mathbb{N} \).

Formal proofs of these observations are given above and below.

**Lemma 5.26.** If \( S \subset \mathbb{N} \) is an unbounded set, then card \((S) = \text{card} (\mathbb{N})\).

**Proof.** The main idea is that any subset, \( S \subset \mathbb{N} \), may be given as an finite or infinite list written in increasing order, i.e.
\[ S = \{n_1, n_2, n_3, \ldots\} \text{ with } n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \ldots \]
If the list is finite, say \( S = \{n_1, \ldots, n_k\} \), then \( n_k \) is an upper bound for \( S \). So \( S \) will be unbounded iff only if the list is infinite in which case \( f : \mathbb{N} \to S \) defined by \( f(k) = n_k \) defines a bijection.

**Formal proof.** Define \( f : \mathbb{N} \to S \) via, let
\[ S_1 := S \text{ and } f(1) := \min S_1, \]
\[ S_2 := S_1 \setminus \{f(1)\} \text{ and } f(2) := \min S_2, \]
\[ S_3 := S_2 \setminus \{f(2)\} \text{ and } f(3) := \min S_3 \]
\[ \vdots \]
In more detail, let \( T \) denote those \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) such that there exists \( f : J_n \to S \) and \( \{S_k \subset S\}_{k=1}^n \) satisfying, \( S_1 = S \), \( f(k) = \min S_k \) and \( S_{k+1} = S_k \setminus \{f(k)\} \) for \( 1 \leq k < n \). If \( n \in T \), we may define \( S_{n+1} := S_n \setminus \{f(n)\} \) and \( f(n+1) := \min S_{n+1} \) in order to show \( n+1 \in T \). Thus \( T = \mathbb{N} \) and we have constructed an injective map, \( f : \mathbb{N} \to S \). Moreover \( \cap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} S_k \subset \mathbb{N} \setminus J_n \) for all \( n \) and therefore \( \cap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} S_k = \emptyset \). Thus it follows that \( f \) is a bijection.

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The following theorem summarizes most of what we need to know about counting and countability.

**Theorem 5.27.** The following properties hold;
1. \( \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \) is countable and in fact \( \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \sim \mathbb{N} \), i.e. there exists a bijective map, \( h, \) from \( \mathbb{N} \) to \( \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \).
2. If \( X \) and \( Y \) are countable, then \( X \times Y \) is countable.
3. If \( \{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) are countable sets then \( X := \cup_{n=1}^\infty X_n \) is a countable set.
4. If \( X \) is countable, then either there exists \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( X \sim J_n \) or \( X \sim \mathbb{N} \).
5. If \( S \subset \mathbb{N} \) and \( S \sim J_n \) for some \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) then \( S \) is bounded.
6. If \( X \) is a set and \( J_n \leq \text{card} X \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) then \( \text{card} N \leq \text{card} X \).
7. If \( A \subset X \) is a subset of a countable set \( X \) then \( A \) is countable.

**Proof.** We take each item in turn.

1. Put the elements of \( \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \) into an array of the form
\[
(1,1) (1,2) (1,3) \\
(2,1) (2,2) (2,3) \\
(3,1) (3,2) (3,3) \\
\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \ddots
\]
and then “count” these elements by counting the sets \( \{(i,j) : i+j=k\} \) one at a time. For example let \( h(1) = (1,1), h(2) = (2,1), h(3) = (1,2), h(4) = (3,1), h(5) = (2,2), h(6) = (1,3) \) and so on. In other words we put \( \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \) into the following list form,
\[ \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3), \ldots, (1,4), \ldots \} \]
2. If \( f : \mathbb{N} \to X \) and \( g : \mathbb{N} \to Y \) are surjective functions, then the function \((f \times g) \circ h : \mathbb{N} \to X \times Y \) is surjective where \((f \times g)(m,n) := (f(m), g(n))\) for all \((m,n) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \).
3. By assumption there exists surjective maps, \( f_n : \mathbb{N} \to X_n \), for each \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). Let \( h(n) := (a(n), b(n)) \) be the bijection constructed for item 1. Then \( f : \mathbb{N} \to X \) defined by \( f(n) := f_{a(n)}(b(n)) \) is a surjective map.
4. To see this let \( f : \mathbb{N} \to X \) be a surjective map and let \( g(x) := \min f^{-1}(\{x\}) \) for all \( x \in X \). Then \( g : X \to \mathbb{N} \) is an injective map. Let \( S := g(X) \), then \( g : X \to S \subset \mathbb{N} \) is a bijection. So it remains to show \( S \sim \mathbb{N} \) or \( S \sim J_n \) for some \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). If \( S \) is unbounded, then \( S \sim \mathbb{N} \) as we have already seen. So it suffices to consider the case where \( S \) is bounded. If \( S \) is bounded by \( 1 \) then \( S = \{1\} = J_1 \) and we are done. Now assume the result is true if \( S \) is bounded by \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) and now suppose that \( S \) is bounded by \( n+1 \). If \( n+1 \notin S \), then \( S \) is bounded by \( n \) and so by induction, \( S \sim J_k \) for some \( k \leq n \). If \( n+1 \in S \), then from above, \( S \setminus \{n+1\} \sim J_k \) for some \( k \leq n \), i.e. there exists a bijection, \( f : J_k \to S \setminus \{n+1\} \). We then extend \( f \) to \( J_{k+1} \) by setting \( f(k+1) := n+1 \) which shows \( J_{k+1} \sim S \).
5. We again prove this by induction on \( n \). If \( n = 1 \), then \( S = \{ m \} \) for some \( m \in \mathbb{N} \) which is bounded. So suppose for some \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), every subset \( S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \) with \( S \sim J_n \) is bounded. Now suppose that \( S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \) with \( S \sim J_{n+1} \). Then \( f(J_n) \sim J_n \) and hence \( f(J_n) \) is bounded in \( \mathbb{N} \). Then \( \max f(J_n) \nabla \{ f(n+1) \} \) is an upper bound for \( S \). This completes the inductive argument.

6. For each \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) there exists and injection, \( f_n : J_n \to X \). By replacing \( X \) by \( X_0 := \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n(J_n) \) we may assume that \( X = \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n(J_n) \). Thus there exists a surjective map, \( f : \mathbb{N} \to X \) by item 3. Let \( g : \mathbb{N} \to X \) be defined by \( g(x) := \min f^{-1}\{ \{ x \} \} \) for all \( x \in X \) and set \( S := g(X) \). To finish the proof we need only show that \( S \) is unbounded. If \( S \) were bounded, then we would find \( k \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( J_k \sim X \). However this is impossible since \( \text{card } J_n \leq \text{card } X = \text{card } J_k \) would imply \( n \leq k \) even though \( n \) can be chosen arbitrarily in \( \mathbb{N} \).

7. If \( g : X \to \mathbb{N} \) is an injective map then \( g|_A : A \to \mathbb{N} \) is an injective map and therefore \( A \) is countable.

**Lemma 5.28.** If \( X \) is a countable set which contains \( Y \subset X \) with \( Y \sim \mathbb{N} \), then \( X \sim \mathbb{N} \).

**Proof.** By assumption there is an injective map, \( g : X \to \mathbb{N} \) and a bijective map, \( f : \mathbb{N} \to Y \). It then follows that \( g \circ f : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N} \) is injective from which it follows that \( g(X) \) is unbounded. Indeed, \( (g \circ f)(J_n) \subset g(X) \) for all \( n \) implies \( \text{card } (J_n) \leq \text{card } (g(X)) \) for all \( n \) which implies \( g(X) \) is unbounded by Corollary 5.21. Therefore \( X \sim g(X) \sim \mathbb{N} \) by Lemma 5.26.

**Corollary 5.29.** We have \( \text{card } (\mathbb{Q}) = \text{card } (\mathbb{N}) \) and in fact, for any \( a < b \) in \( \mathbb{R} \), \( \text{card } (\mathbb{Q} \cap (a,b)) = \text{card } (\mathbb{N}) \).

**Proof.** First off \( \mathbb{Q} \) is a countable since \( \mathbb{Q} \) may be expressed as a countable union of countable sets;

\[
\mathbb{Q} = \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ \frac{n}{m} : n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.
\]

From this it follows that \( \mathbb{Q} \cap (a,b) \) is countable for all \( a < b \) in \( \mathbb{R} \). As these sets are not finite, they must have the cardinality of \( \mathbb{N} \).

**Theorem 5.30 (Uncountability results).** If \( X \) is an infinite set and \( Y \) is a set with at least two elements, then \( Y^X \) is uncountable. In particular \( 2^X \) is uncountable for any infinite set \( X \).

**Proof.** Let us begin by showing \( 2^\mathbb{N} = \{0,1\}^\mathbb{N} \) is uncountable. For sake of contradiction suppose \( f : \mathbb{N} \to \{0,1\}^\mathbb{N} \) is a surjection and write \( f(n) \) as \( (f_1(n), f_2(n), f_3(n), \ldots) \). Now define \( a \in \{0,1\}^\mathbb{N} \) by \( a_n := 1 - f_n(n) \). By construction \( f_n(n) \neq a_n \) for all \( n \) and so \( a \notin f(\mathbb{N}) \). This contradicts the assumption that \( f \) is surjective and shows \( 2^\mathbb{N} \) is uncountable. For the general case, since \( Y_0^X \subset Y^X \) for any subset \( Y_0 \subset Y \), if \( Y_0^X \) is uncountable then so is \( Y^X \). In this way we may assume \( Y_0 \) is a two point set which may as well be \( Y_0 = \{0,1\} \). Moreover, since \( X \) is an infinite set we may find an injective map \( x : \mathbb{N} \to X \) and use this to set up an injection, \( i : 2^\mathbb{N} \to 2^X \) by setting \( i(A) := \{ x_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \} \subset X \) for all \( A \subset \mathbb{N} \). If \( 2^X \) were countable we could find a surjective map \( f : 2^X \to \mathbb{N} \) in which case \( f \circ i : 2^\mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N} \) would be surjective as well. However this is impossible since we have already seen that \( 2^\mathbb{N} \) is uncountable.

**Corollary 5.31.** The set \( \{0,1\} := \{ a \in \mathbb{R} : 0 < a < 1 \} \) is uncountable while \( \mathbb{Q} \cap (0,1) \) is countable. More generally, for any \( a < b \) in \( \mathbb{R} \), \( \text{card } (\mathbb{Q} \cap (a,b)) = \text{card } (\mathbb{N}) \) while \( \text{card } (\mathbb{Q} \cap (a,b)) > \text{card } (\mathbb{N}) \).

**Proof.** From Section 3.4 the set \( \{0,1,2 \ldots, 8\}^\mathbb{N} \) can be mapped injectively into \( (0,1) \) and therefore it follows from Theorem 5.30 that \( (0,1) \) is uncountable. For each \( m \in \mathbb{N} \), let \( A_m := \{ \frac{n}{m} : n \in \mathbb{N} \) with \( n < m \} \). Since \( \mathbb{Q} \cap (0,1) = \bigcup_{m=1}^\infty X_m \) and \( \# (X_m) < \infty \) for all \( m \), another application of Theorem 5.27 shows \( \mathbb{Q} \cap (0,1) \) is countable.

The fact that these results hold for any other finite interval follows from the fact that \( (0,1) = (a,b) \) defined by \( f(t) := a + t (b-a) \) is a bijection.

**Definition 5.32.** We say a non-empty set \( X \) is infinite if \( X \) is not a finite set.

**Example 5.33.** Any unbounded subset, \( S \subset \mathbb{N} \), is an infinite set according to Theorem 5.20.

**Theorem 5.34.** Let \( X \) be a non-empty set. The following are equivalent:

1. \( X \) is an infinite set,
2. \( \text{card } (J_n) \leq \text{card } (X) \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \),
3. \( \text{card } (\mathbb{N}) \leq \text{card } (X) \),
4. \( \text{card } (X \setminus \{x\}) = \text{card } (X) \) for some (or all) \( x \in X \).

**Proof.** 1. \( \Rightarrow \) 2. Suppose that \( X \) is an infinite set. We show by induction that \( \text{card } (J_n) \leq \text{card } (X) \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). Since \( X \) is not empty, there exists \( x \in X \) and we may define \( f : J_1 \to X \) by \( f(1) = x \) in order to learn \( \text{card } (J_1) \leq \text{card } (X) \). Suppose we have shown \( \text{card } (J_n) \leq \text{card } (X) \) for some \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), i.e. there exists and injective map, \( f : J_n \to X \). If \( f(J_n) = X \) it would follow that \( \text{card } (X) = \text{card } (J_n) \) and would violate the assumption that \( X \) is not a finite set. Thus there exists \( x \in X \setminus f(J_n) \) and we may define \( f' : J_{n+1} \to X \).
by \( f'_{|J_n} = f \) and \( f'(n+1) = x \). Then \( f' : J_{n+1} \rightarrow X \) is injective and hence \( \text{card}(J_{n+1}) \leq \text{card}(X) \).

2. \( \iff \) 3. This is the content of Theorem \[B.19\]  
3. \( \implies \) 4. Let \( x_1 \in X \) and \( f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X \) be an injective map such that \( f(1) = x_1 \). We now define a bijections, \( \psi : X \rightarrow X \setminus \{x_1\} \) by 
   
   \[
   \psi(x) = \begin{cases} 
   x & \text{if } x \notin f(\mathbb{N}) \\
   f(i+1) & \text{if } x = f(i) \in f(\mathbb{N}). 
   \end{cases}
   \]

4. \( \implies \) 1. We will prove the contrapositive. If \( X \) is a finite and \( x \in X \), we have seen that \( \text{card}(X \setminus \{x\}) < \text{card}(X) \), namely \( \#(X \setminus \{x\}) = \#(X) - 1 \).

The next two theorems summarizes the properties of cardinalities that have been proven above.

**Theorem 5.35 (Cardinality/Counting Summary I).** Given a non-empty set \( X \), then one and only one of the following statements holds:

1. There exists a unique \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( \text{card}(X) = \text{card}(J_n) \).
2. \( \text{card}(X) = \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \).
3. \( \text{card}(X) > \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \).
   
   **Cases 2. or 3. hold iff \( \text{card}(J_n) \leq \text{card}(X) \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) which happens iff \( \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \leq \text{card}(X) \).
   
   If \( X \) satisfies case 1, we say \( X \) is a finite set. If \( X \) satisfies case 2 we say \( X \) is a countably infinite set and if \( X \) satisfies case 3, we say \( X \) is an uncountably infinite set.

**Theorem 5.36 (Cardinality/Counting Summary II).** Let \( X \) and \( Y \) be sets and \( S \) be a subset of \( \mathbb{N} \).

1. If \( S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \) is an unbounded set, then \( \text{card}(S) = \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \).
2. If \( S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \) is a bounded set then \( \text{card}(S) = \text{card}(J_n) \) for some \( n \in \mathbb{N} \).
3. If \( \{X_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \) are subsets of \( X \) such that \( \text{card}(X_k) \leq \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \), then \( \text{card}(\bigcup_{k=1}^\infty X_k) \leq \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \).
4. If \( X \) and \( Y \) are sets such that \( \text{card}(X) \leq \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \) and \( \text{card}(Y) \leq \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \), then \( \text{card}(X \times Y) \leq \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \).
5. \( \text{card}(\mathbb{Q}) = \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) = \text{card}(\mathbb{Z}) \).
6. For any \( a < b \) in \( \mathbb{R} \), \( \text{card}(\mathbb{Q} \cap (a,b)) = \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \) while \( \text{card}(\mathbb{Q} \cap (a,b)) > \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \).

### 5.4.1 Exercises

**Exercise 5.9.** Show that \( \mathbb{Q}^n \) is countable for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \).
Part II

Normed and Metric Spaces
Metric Spaces

**Definition 6.1.** A function \( d : X \times X \to [0, \infty) \) is called a metric if

1. (Symmetry) \( d(x, y) = d(y, x) \) for all \( x, y \in X \).
2. (Non-degenerate) \( d(x, y) = 0 \) if and only if \( x = y \in X \), and
3. (Triangle inequality) \( d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z) \) for all \( x, y, z \in X \).

**Example 6.2.** Here are a few immediate examples of metric spaces;

1. Let \( X \) be any set and then define,
   \[
   d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 
   0 & \text{if } x = y \\
   1 & \text{if } x \neq y
   \end{cases}.
   \]

2. Let \( X = \mathbb{R} \) with \( d(x, y) := |y - x| \). Notice that
   \[
   d(x, z) = |x - y + y - z| 
   \leq |x - y| + |y - z| = d(x, y) + d(y, z).
   \]

3. Let \( X \) be any subset of \( \mathbb{C} \) and define \( d(w, z) := |z - w| \).

   In general our typical example of a metric space will often be a generalization of the last example above, see Example 6.12.

6.1 Normed Spaces [Linear Algebra Meets Analysis]

6.1.1 Review of Vector Spaces and Subspaces

**Definition 6.3 (Vector Space).** A vector space is a non-empty set \( Z \) of objects, called vectors, equipped with an addition operation “+” and scalar \((= \mathbb{R} \) or maybe \( \mathbb{C} \)) multiplication “.” satisfying all of the properties above: i.e. For all \( u, v, w \in Z \) and \( a, b \in \mathbb{R} \):

1. ** Associativity of addition: \( u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w \).
2. ** Commutativity of addition: \( v + w = w + v \).
3. ** Identity element of addition: \( 0 + v = v \) for all \( v \).
4. ** Inverse elements of addition: \( -v + v = 0 \) for all \( v \in Z \). (In fact \( -v = (-1) \cdot v \)).
5. ** Distributivity of scalar multiplication with vector addition: \( a \cdot (v + w) = a \cdot v + a \cdot w \).
6. ** Distributivity of scalar multiplication with respect to field addition \( (a + b) \cdot v = a \cdot v + b \cdot v \).
7. ** Compatibility of scalar multiplication with the multiplication on \( \mathbb{R} \): \( a \cdot (b \cdot v) = (ab) \cdot v \).
8. ** Identity element of scalar multiplication \( 1 \cdot v = v \) for all \( v \in Z \).

**Example 6.4.** Here are two fundamental examples of vector spaces.

1. \( \mathbb{R} \) with usual vector addition and scalar multiplication is vector space over \( \mathbb{R} \).
2. \( \mathbb{C}^n \) with usual vector addition and scalar multiplication is vector space over \( \mathbb{C} \).

**Notation 6.5** If \( T \) and \( X \) are sets, let \( X^T \) denote the collection of functions, \( f : T \to X \).

**Example 6.6 (The Main Umbrella Example).** Let \( T \) be a non-empty set and let \( Z := \mathbb{R}^T \). For \( f, g \in Z \) and \( \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \) we define \( f + g \) and \( \lambda \cdot f \) by

\[
(f + g)(t) = f(t) + g(t) \quad \text{(addition in } \mathbb{R}) \quad \text{for all } t \in T \\
(\lambda \cdot f)(t) = \lambda f(t) \quad \text{(multiplication in } \mathbb{R}) \quad \text{for all } t \in T.
\]

It can now be checked that \( Z \) is a vector space so that functions have now become vectors! Essentially all other examples of vector spaces we give will be related to an example of this form. The same observations show \( \mathbb{C}^T \) is a complex vector space.

**Example 6.7.** For example; \( \mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R}^{\{1, 2, 3\}} \) and more generally \( \mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{J_n} \) where \( J_n := \{1, 2, \ldots, n\} \). In this setting we usually specify \( x \in \mathbb{R}^{J_n} \) by listing its values \((x(1), \ldots, x(n))\). To abbreviate notation a bit more we will usually write \( x(i) \) as \( x_i \) so that \((x(1), \ldots, x(n))\) becomes \((x_1, \ldots, x_n)\).
Example 6.8. The vector space of 2 × 2 matrices;

\[ M_{2 \times 2} = \{ A : A \text{ is a } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrix } \} = \{ A : \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2)\} \to \mathbb{R} \}. \]

This can be generalized.

Definition 6.9 (Subspace). Let \( Z \) be a vector space. A non-empty subset, \( H \subset Z \), is a subspace of \( Z \) if \( H \) is closed under addition and scalar multiplication. Note, if \( H \) is a subspace and \( v \in H \), then \( 0 = 0 \cdot v \in H \).

The vector space \( \mathbb{R}^T \) and \( \mathbb{C}^T \) are typically the “largest” vector spaces we will consider in this course.

Example 6.10. Here are three common subspaces of \( \mathbb{R}^n \):

1. \( H = \{ f \in Z : f \text{ is continuous} \} \).
2. \( H = \{ f \in Z : f \text{ is continuously differentiable} \} \).
3. \( H = \{ f \in Z : f \text{ is differentiable at } \pi \} \).

6.1.2 Normed Spaces

Definition 6.11. A norm on a vector space \( Z \) is a function \( \| \cdot \| : Z \to [0, \infty) \) such that

1. (Homogeneity) \( \| \lambda f \| = |\lambda| \| f \| \) for all \( \lambda \in \mathbb{F} \) and \( f \in Z \).
2. (Triangle inequality) \( \| f + g \| \leq \| f \| + \| g \| \) for all \( f, g \in Z \).
3. (Positive definite) \( \| f \| = 0 \) implies \( f = 0 \).

A pair \((Z, \| \cdot \|)\) where \( Z \) is a vector space and \( \| \cdot \| \) is a norm on \( Z \) is called a normed vector space or normed space for short.

Example 6.12. If \((Z, \| \cdot \|)\) is a normed space, then \( d(x, y) := \| x - y \| \) is a metric on \( Z \) and restricts to a metric on any subset of \( Z \).

Example 6.13 (Normed Spaces). The following are normed spaces;

1. \( Z = \mathbb{R} \) with \( \| x \| = |x| \).
2. \( Z = \mathbb{C} \) with \( \| z \| = |z| \).
3. \( Z = \mathbb{C}^n \) with

\[ \| z \|_1 := \sum_{i=1}^{n} |z_i| \text{ for } z = (z_1, \ldots, z_n) \in Z. \]

The triangle inequality is easily verified here since,

\[ \| z + w \|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |z_i + w_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} (|z_i| + |w_i|) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |z_i| + \sum_{i=1}^{n} |w_i| = \| z \|_1 + \| w \|_1. \]

4. Let \( X \) be a set and for any function \( f : X \to \mathbb{C} \), let

\[ \| f \|_u := \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)|. \]

Then \( Z := \{ f : X \to \mathbb{C} : \| f \|_u < \infty \} \) is a vector space and \( \| \cdot \|_u \) is a norm on \( Z \).

Exercise 6.1. Verify the last item of Example 6.13. That is let \( X \) be a set and for any function \( f : X \to \mathbb{C} \), let

\[ \| f \|_u := \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)|. \]

Show \( Z := \{ f : X \to \mathbb{C} : \| f \|_u < \infty \} \) is a vector space and \( \| \cdot \|_u \) is a norm on \( Z \).

Our next goal is to show that \( \| \cdot \| \) defined in Eq. (4.7) defines a norm on \( \mathbb{R}^n \) and \( \mathbb{C}^n \). We will begin by proving the important Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

Lemma 6.14. If \( x, y \geq 0 \) and \( \rho > 0 \), then

\[ xy \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \rho x^2 + \frac{1}{\rho} y^2 \right) \tag{6.1} \]

with equality when \( \rho = y/x \) in the case \( x > 0 \).

Proof. Since

\[ 0 \leq \left( \sqrt{\rho}x - \frac{y}{\sqrt{\rho}} \right)^2 = \rho x^2 + \frac{1}{\rho} y^2 - 2xy, \]

with equality iff \( \sqrt{\rho}x = \frac{y}{\sqrt{\rho}} \), i.e. iff \( \rho = y/x \), we see that

\[ xy \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \rho x^2 + \frac{1}{\rho} y^2 \right) \]

with equality iff \( \rho = y/x \).\[ \blacksquare \]
**Definition 6.15.** The two norm, \( \| \cdot \|_2 \) on \( \mathbb{C}^n \) is the function defined by
\[
\| z \|_2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} |z_i|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ for all } z \in \mathbb{C}^n.
\]

**Theorem 6.16 (Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality).** For \( a, b \in \mathbb{C}^n \), \( |a \cdot b| \leq \| a \|_2 \cdot \| b \|_2 \).

**Proof.** The inequality holds true if \( a = 0 \) so we may now assume \( a \neq 0 \). Using Lemma 6.14 with \( x = |a_i| \) and \( y = |b_i| \) we find for any \( \rho > 0 \) that
\[
|a \cdot b| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} |a_i| |b_i| = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |a_i| \cdot |b_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{2} \left( \rho |a_i|^2 + \frac{1}{\rho} |b_i|^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \rho \| a \|_2^2 + \frac{1}{\rho} \| b \|_2^2 \right).
\]

Taking \( \rho = \| b \|_2 / \| a \|_2 \) then completes the proof. \( \blacksquare \)

**Theorem 6.17 (Triangle Inequality).** The function, \( \| \cdot \|_2 \), on \( \mathbb{C}^n \) is a norm and in particular for \( a, b \in \mathbb{C}^n \),
\[
\| a + b \|_2 \leq \| a \|_2 + \| b \|_2.
\]

**Proof.** The main point is to prove the triangle inequality. The proof is as follows;
\[
\| a + b \|_2^2 = (a + b) \cdot (\overline{a + b}) = (a + b) \cdot (\overline{a} + \overline{b})
\]
\[
= (a + b) \cdot \overline{a} + (a + b) \cdot \overline{b} = \| a \|_2^2 + b \cdot \overline{a} + a \cdot \overline{b} + \| b \|_2^2
\]
\[
= \| a \|_2^2 + \| b \|_2^2 + 2Re(a \cdot \overline{b}) \leq \| a \|_2^2 + \| b \|_2^2 + 2 |Re(a \cdot \overline{b})|
\]
\[
\leq \| a \|_2^2 + \| b \|_2^2 + 2 \| a \|_2 \cdot \| b \|_2 \quad \text{(Theorem 6.16)}
\]
\[
= \| a \|_2^2 + \| b \|_2^2 + 2 \| a \|_2 \cdot \| b \|_2 = (\| a \|_2 + \| b \|_2)^2.
\]

The remaining properties of a norm are easily checked. For example, if \( \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \) and \( a \in \mathbb{C}^n \), then
\[
\| \lambda a \|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |\lambda a_i|^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |\lambda|^2 |a_i|^2}
\]
\[
= |\lambda| \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |a_i|^2} = |\lambda| \cdot \| a \|_2.
\]

**Fact 6.18** For \( 0 < p < \infty \), let \( \| \cdot \|_p : \mathbb{C}^n \to [0, \infty) \) be defined by
\[
\| z \|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} |z_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \text{ for all } z \in \mathbb{C}^n.
\]

Then \( \| \cdot \|_p \) is a norm on \( \mathbb{C}^n \) for all \( 1 \leq p < \infty \) but is not a norm (the triangle inequality fails) for \( 0 < p < 1 \).

**Definition 6.19 (Balls).** Let \( (X, d) \) be a metric space. For \( x \in X \) and \( r \geq 0 \) let
\[
B_x(r) := \{ y \in X : d(x, y) < r \} \quad \text{and} \quad C_x(r) := \{ y \in X : d(x, y) \leq r \}.
\]

We refer to \( B_x(r) \) and \( C_x(r) \) as the open and closed ball respectively about \( x \) with radius \( r \).

**Example 6.20.** Let us consider \( \| \cdot \|_p \) to \( \mathbb{R}^2 \). Figure 6.1 shows the boundary of the balls of radius 1 centered at 0 for some of the different \( p \)-norms.

![Fig. 6.1. Balls in \( \mathbb{R}^2 \) corresponding to \( p \in \{ \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2, 5, 20 \} \). The case \( p = \frac{1}{2} \) is not convex like the other balls which is an indication that the triangle inequality fails.](image)

**Example 6.21.** The next figures explain how to understand balls in \( C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}) \) equipped with the uniform norm.
Fig. 6.2. The ball in $C([0,1], \mathbb{R})$ of radius $1/4$ centered at $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$ are all the continuous functions whose graphs lie between the green envelope.

Exercise 6.2 (Weighted $2 -$ norms). Suppose that $\rho_i \in (0, \infty)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and for $a, b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ let

$$a \ast b := \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i b_i \rho_i$$

and $\|a\| := \sqrt{a \ast \bar{a}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |a_i|^2 \rho_i}.$

Show, for all $a, b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ that $|a \ast b| \leq \|a\| \cdot \|b\|$ and that $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm on $\mathbb{C}^n.$

[Hint: reduce to the case where $\rho_i = 1$ for all $i.$]

Fig. 6.3. Here are some unit balls in $\mathbb{R}^2$ relative to some weighted $2 -$ norms. Each of these “balls” is the interior of an ellipse. It would be possible to construct norms where these ellipses are rotated as well.

For the next two exercise you will be using some concepts from calculus which we will developed in detail next quarter. For now, I assume you know what the Riemann integral is for continuous functions on $[0,1]$ with values in $\mathbb{R}.$ Let $Z$ denote the continuous functions on $[0,1]$ with values in $\mathbb{R}.$ The only properties that you need to know about the Riemann integral are:

1. The integral is linear, namely for all $f, g \in Z$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R},$

$$\int_{0}^{1} (f(t) + \lambda g(t)) dt = \int_{0}^{1} f(t) dt + \lambda \int_{0}^{1} g(t) dt.$$

2. If $f, g \in Z$ and $f(t) \leq g(t)$ for all $t \in [0,1],$ then

$$\int_{0}^{1} f(t) dt \leq \int_{0}^{1} g(t) dt.$$

3. For all $f \in Z,$

$$\left| \int_{0}^{1} f(t) dt \right| \leq \int_{0}^{1} |f(t)| dt.$$

In fact this item follows from items 1. and 2. Indeed, since $\pm f(t) \leq |f(t)|$ for all $t,$ we find

$$\pm \int_{0}^{1} f(t) dt = \int_{0}^{1} \pm f(t) dt \leq \int_{0}^{1} |f(t)| dt \iff \left| \int_{0}^{1} f(t) dt \right| \leq \int_{0}^{1} |f(t)| dt.$$

The notion of continuity will be formally developed shortly.
Exercise 6.3. Let $Z$ denote the continuous function on $[0,1]$ with values in $\mathbb{R}$ for $f \in Z$ let
\[
\|f\|_1 := \int_0^1 |f(t)| \, dt.
\]
Show $\|\cdot\|_1$ satisfies,
1. (Homogeneity) $\|\lambda f\| = |\lambda| \|f\|$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f \in Z$.
2. (Triangle inequality) $\|f + g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|$ for all $f, g \in Z$.

Remark 6.22 (An interpretation of $\|f\|_1$). If we interpret $f(t)$ as the speed of a particle on the real line at time $t$, then $\|f\|_1$ represents the total distance (including retracing of its path) the particle travels over the time interval $[0,1]$.

Exercise 6.4. Let $Z$ denote the continuous function on $[0,1]$ with values in $\mathbb{R}$ for $f \in Z$ let
\[
\|f\|_2 := \sqrt{\int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 \, dt}.
\]
Show:
1. for $f, g \in Z$ that
\[
\left| \int_0^1 f(t) g(t) \, dt \right| \leq \|f\|_2 \cdot \|g\|_2,
\]
2. Homogeneity $\|\lambda f\|_2 = |\lambda| \|f\|_2$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f \in Z$, and
3. (Triangle inequality) $\|f + g\|_2 \leq \|f\|_2 + \|g\|_2$ for all $f, g \in Z$.

Remark 6.23 (An interpretation of $\|f\|_2$). Let us suppose that $f(t)$ is the voltage across a 1 Ohm resistor. By Ohm's law the current through this resistor is $f(t)/1 = f(t)$ and the power dissipated by the resistor at time $t$ is (Voltage-CURRENT) $f(t)^2$. The work done over the time interval, $[0,1]$ is then
\[
\int_0^1 \text{Power}(t) \, dt = \int_0^1 f^2(t) \, dt = \|f\|_2^2.
\]
On the other hand, if we had a constant voltage of $\|f\|_2$ across the resistor over the time interval $[0,1]$, the work done over this period would again be $\|f\|_2^2$. Thus $\|f\|_2$ is often referred to as the RMS voltage (root mean squared voltage) and represents the equivalent DC (Direct Current, i.e. constant) voltage necessary to produce the same amount of work over the time interval $[0,1]$.

Exercise 6.5. Let $\|\cdot\|$ be a norm on $\mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\|a\| \leq \|b\|$ whenever $0 \leq a_i \leq b_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$\footnote{For example we could take $\|\cdot\|$ to be $\|\cdot\|_1$, $\|\cdot\|_1$, or $\|\cdot\|_2$ on $\mathbb{R}^n$. Not all norms satisfy this assumption though. For example, take $\|(x,y)\| = |x-y| + |y|$ on $\mathbb{R}^2$, then $\|(x,y)\|$ is decreasing in $x$ when $0 \leq x < y.$}. Further suppose that $(X_i, d_i)$ for $i = 1, \ldots, n$ is a finite collection of metric spaces and for $x = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$ and $y = (y_1, \ldots, y_n)$ in $X := \prod_{i=1}^n X_i$, let
\[
d(x, y) = \|d_1(x_1, y_1), d_2(x_2, y_2), \ldots, d_n(x_n, y_n)\|.
\]
Show $(X, d)$ is a metric space.

- End of Lecture 13, 10/28/2012. [We started Section 5.1 above as well this day.]

6.2 Sequences in Metric Spaces

Definition 6.24. A sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ in a metric space $(X, d)$ is said to be convergent if there exists a point $x \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x, x_n) = 0$. In this case we write $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x$ or $x_n \to x$ as $n \to \infty$.

Exercise 6.6. Show that $x$ in Definition 6.24 is necessarily unique.

Definition 6.25 (Cauchy sequences). A sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ in a metric space $(X, d)$ is Cauchy provided that $\lim_{m,n \to \infty} d(x_n, x_m) = 0$, i.e. for all $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $N(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$ such that
\[
d(x_n, x_m) \leq \varepsilon \text{ when } m, n \geq N(\varepsilon).
\]
- End of Lecture 15, 11/2/2012.

Exercise 6.7. Show that convergent sequences in metric spaces are always Cauchy sequences. The converse is not always true. For example, let $X = \mathbb{Q}$ be the set of rational numbers and $d(x, y) = |x - y|$. Choose a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{Q}$ which converges to $\sqrt{2}$ in $\mathbb{R}$, then $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is $(\mathbb{Q}, d)$-Cauchy but not $(\mathbb{Q}, \bar{d})$-convergent. Of course the sequence is convergent in $\mathbb{R}$.

Exercise 6.8. If $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is a Cauchy sequence in a metric space $(X, d)$, $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, y)$ exists in $\mathbb{R}$ for all $y \in X$. In particular, $\{d(x_n, y)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is a bounded sequence in $\mathbb{R}$ for all $y \in X$.

Definition 6.26. A metric space $(X, d)$ (or normed space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$) is complete if all Cauchy sequences are convergent sequences. A complete normed space is called a Banach space.

Lemma 6.27. Let $X$ be a non-empty set and
\[
\|f\|_u := \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)| \text{ for all } f \in \mathbb{C}^X.
\]
Then the subspace, $Z := \{f \in \mathbb{C}^X : \|f\|_u < \infty\}$ is a Banach space, i.e. $(Z, \|\cdot\|_u)$ is a complete normed space.
Exercise 6.9. Show that two norms, $\| \cdot \|_a$ and $\| \cdot \|_b$, on a vector space $X$ are equivalent if there are constants $C_1, C_2 \in (0, \infty)$ such that

$$\|x\|_a \leq C_1 \|x\|_b \quad \text{and} \quad \|x\|_b \leq C_2 \|x\|_a \quad \text{for all} \quad x \in X.$$  

Similarly two metrics, $d_a$ and $d_b$, on a set $X$ are said to be equivalent if there are constants $C_1, C_2 \in (0, \infty)$ such that

$$d_a(x, y) \leq C_1 d_b(x, y) \quad \text{and} \quad d_b(x, y) \leq C_2 d_a(x, y) \quad \text{for all} \quad x, y \in X.$$  

Exercise 6.10 (Equivalence of 3 norms on $\mathbb{C}^n$). Let $\| \cdot \|_1$, $\| \cdot \|_u$, and $\| \cdot \|_2$ be the three norms on $\mathbb{C}^n$ given above. Show for all $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ that

$$\|z\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \|z\|_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|z\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n} \|z\|_2.$$  

Hint: use Cauchy Schwarz.

Exercise 6.11. Let $X$ be a set and $(Y, \rho)$ be a complete metric space. Suppose that $f_n : X \to Y$ are functions such that

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \sup_{x \in X} d(f_n(x), f_m(x)) = 0 \quad \text{as} \quad m, n \to \infty.$$  

Show there exists a (unique) function $f : X \to Y$ such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{x \in X} d(f_n(x), f(x)) = 0.$$  

Hint: mimic the proof of Lemma 6.27.

Exercise 6.12. Let $Z$ denote the continuous functions on $[0, 1]$ with values in $\mathbb{R}$ and as above let

$$\|f\|_1 := \int_0^1 |f(t)| \, dt, \quad \|f\|_2 := \sqrt{\int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 \, dt}, \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_u = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |f(t)|.$$  

Show for all $f \in Z$ that:

$$\|f\|_1 \leq \|f\|_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_2 \leq \|f\|_u.$$  

[Hint: for the first inequality use Cauchy Schwarz.] Also show there is no constant $C < \infty$ such that

$$\|f\|_u \leq C \|f\|_2 \quad \text{for all} \quad f \in Z.$$  

[Hint: consider the sequence, $f_n(t) = t^n$.]

Proof. Let $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset Z$ be a Cauchy sequence. Since for any $x \in X$, we have

$$|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \leq \|f_n - f_m\|_u$$

which shows that $\{f_n(x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{C}$ is a Cauchy sequence of complex numbers. Because $\mathbb{C}$ is complete, $f(x) := \lim_{n \to \infty} f_n(x)$ exists for all $x \in X$. Passing to the limit $n \to \infty$ in Eq. (6.2) implies

$$|f(x) - f_m(x)| \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \inf \|f_n - f_m\|_u$$

and taking the supremum over $x \in X$ of this inequality implies

$$\|f - f_m\|_u \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \inf \|f_n - f_m\|_u \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad m \to \infty$$

showing $f_m \to f$ in $Z$.  

Definition 6.28. We say that two norms, $\| \cdot \|_a$ and $\| \cdot \|_b$, on a vector space $X$ are equivalent if there are constants $C_1, C_2 \in (0, \infty)$ such that

$$\|x\|_a \leq C_1 \|x\|_b \quad \text{and} \quad \|x\|_b \leq C_2 \|x\|_a \quad \text{for all} \quad x \in X.$$  

Exercise 6.9. Show that two norms, $\| \cdot \|_1$ and $\| \cdot \|_u$, on a vector space $X$ are equivalent iff the corresponding metrics, $d_a(x, y) := \|y - x\|_u$ and $d_b(x, y) := \|y - x\|_1$, on $X$ are equivalent metrics.

Corollary 6.29. If $d_a$ and $d_b$ are two equivalent metrics on a set $X$ then $(X, d_a)$ is a complete metric space iff $(X, d_b)$ is a complete metric space.

Proof. Suppose that $(X, d_b)$ is complete. If $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is $d_a$ Cauchy implies

$$d_b(x_n, x_m) \leq C_2 d_a(x_n, x_m) \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad m, n \to \infty$$

which shows that $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is $d_b$ Cauchy. As $(X, d_b)$ is complete, there exists $x \in X$ such that $d_b(x, x_n) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. Since

$$d_a(x, x_n) \leq C_1 d_b(x, x_n) \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty$$

we see that $x_n \to x$ in the $d_a$ metric as well. This shows $(X, d_a)$ is complete. The reverse implication is proved the same way.
Example 6.31. Let \( Z = C ([0, 1], \mathbb{R}) \) be the vector space of continuous functions on \([0, 1]\) with values in \( \mathbb{R} \) and for \( f \in Z \) let
\[
\| f \|_1 := \int_0^1 |f(t)| \, dt.
\]
Let us show that \((Z, \| \cdot \|_1)\) is not complete. To this end let
\[
g(t) := \begin{cases} 
2t & \text{if } t \leq 1/2 \\
1 & \text{if } 1/2 < t \leq 1 
\end{cases}
\]
and then set \( f_n(t) = g(t)^n \) or all \( t \in [0, 1] \). Then

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} f_n(t) = h(t) = \begin{cases} 
0 & \text{if } t < \frac{1}{2} \\
1 & \text{if } t \geq \frac{1}{2} 
\end{cases}
\]
which is discontinuous at 1/2. Let us now observe that \( \| h \|_1 = \frac{1}{2} \) and
\[
\| f_n - h \|_1 = \int_0^1 (2t)^n \, dt = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{n+1} \right)
\]
so that \( f_n \to h \) in \( \| \cdot \|_1 \). If there were some \( f \in Z \) so that \( \| f - f_n \|_1 \to 0 \) we would have to have \( \| f - h \|_1 = 0 \). If \( \varepsilon := |f(t_0) - h(t_0)| \) for some \( t_0 \neq \frac{1}{2} \), by continuity we would have \( |f(t) - h(t)| \geq \varepsilon/2 \) for \( t \) near \( t_0 \) from which it would follow that \( \| f - h \|_1 > 0 \). Therefore we must have \( f(t) = h(t) \) for all \( t \neq t_0 \). Since

6.3 General Limits and Continuity in Metric Spaces

Suppose now that \((X, \rho)\) and \((Y, d)\) are two metric spaces and \( f : X \to Y \) is a function.

Definition 6.32 (Limits of functions). If \( x_0 \in X \) and \( f : X \setminus \{x_0\} \to Y \) is a function, then we say \( \lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) = y_0 \in Y \) if for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there is a \( \delta = \delta(\varepsilon, x_0) > 0 \) such that
\[
d(f(x), y_0) \leq \varepsilon \text{ provided that } 0 < \rho(x, x_0) \leq \delta(\varepsilon, x_0).
\]
(6.4)
[In generally when we write \( \lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) \) we do not need to assume that \( f(x_0) \) is defined.]

Theorem 6.33 (Computing Limits Using Sequences). If \( x_0 \in X \) and \( f : X \setminus \{x_0\} \to Y \) is a function as above, then \( \lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) = y_0 \in Y \) if \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = y_0 \) for all sequences \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset X \setminus \{x_0\} \) such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x_0 \).
Continuity and sequential continuity are the same notions.

Definition 6.34 (Continuity). A function \( f : X \to Y \) is continuous at \( x \in X \) if for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there is a \( \delta > 0 \) such that
\[
d(f(x), f(x')) < \varepsilon \quad \text{provided that} \quad \rho(x, x') < \delta.
\] (6.5)
The function \( f \) is said to be continuous if \( f \) is continuous at all points \( x \in X \).
We will write \( C(X,Y) \) for the collection of continuous functions from \( X \) to \( Y \).

Definition 6.35 (Sequential Continuity). A function \( f : X \to Y \) is continuous at \( x \in X \) if
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = f(x) \quad \text{for all} \quad \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset X \quad \text{with} \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x.
\]
We say \( f \) is sequentially continuous on \( X \) if it is continuous at all points in \( X \).

Example 6.37. The functions \( f : \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \to \mathbb{C} \) defined by \( f(z) = 1/z \) is continuous. Indeed, if \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \) and \( \lim_{n \to \infty} z_n = z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \), then
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} f(z_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{z_n} = \frac{1}{z} = f(z).
\]

Example 6.38. Let \( f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \) be the function defined by
\[
f(x) = \begin{cases} 
1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\
0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q}.
\end{cases}
\]
The function \( f \) is discontinuous at all points in \( \mathbb{R} \). For example, if \( x_0 \in \mathbb{Q} \) we may choose \( x_n \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \) such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x_0 \) while
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} 0 = 0 \neq 1 = f(x_0).
\]
Similarly if \( x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \) we may choose \( x_n \in \mathbb{Q} \) such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x_0 \) while
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} 1 = 1 \neq 0 = f(x_0).
\]

Exercise 6.13. Consider \( \mathbb{N} \) as a metric space with \( d(m,n) := |m-n| \) and suppose that \( (Y,d) \) is a metric space. Show that every function, \( f : \mathbb{N} \to Y \) is continuous.

Exercise 6.14. Suppose that \( (X,d) \) is a metric space and \( f,g : X \to \mathbb{C} \) are two continuous functions on \( X \). Show:
1. \( f + g \) is continuous,
2. \( f \cdot g \) is continuous,
3. \( f/g \) is continuous provided \( g(x) \neq 0 \) for all \( x \in X \).

Exercise 6.15. Show the following functions from \( \mathbb{C} \) to \( \mathbb{C} \) are continuous.
1. \( f(z) = c \) for all \( z \in \mathbb{C} \) where \( c \in \mathbb{C} \) is a constant.
2. \( f(z) = |z| \).
3. \( f(z) = z \) and \( f(z) = \bar{z} \).
4. \( f(z) = \text{Re} z \) and \( f(z) = \text{Im} z \).
5. \( f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{N} a_{m,n} z^m \bar{z}^n \) where \( a_{m,n} \in \mathbb{C} \).

Exercise 6.16. Suppose now that \( (X,\rho), (Y,d), \) and \( (Z,\delta) \) are three metric spaces and \( f : X \to Y \) and \( g : Y \to Z \). Let \( x \in X \) and \( y = f(x) \in Y \), show \( g \circ f : X \to Z \) is continuous at \( x \) if \( f \) is continuous at \( x \) and \( g \) is continuous at \( y \). Recall that \( (g \circ f)(x) := g(f(x)) \) for all \( x \in X \). In particular this implies that if \( f \) is continuous on \( X \) and \( g \) is continuous on \( Y \) then \( f \circ g \) is continuous on \( X \).
Example 6.39. If \( f : X \to \mathbb{C} \) is a continuous function then \( |f| \) is continuous and 
\[
F := \sum_{m,n=0}^{N} a_{mn} f^m \cdot f^n
\]
is continuous.

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Definition 6.40 (One sided limits). Suppose \((Y,d)\) is a metric space, \(-\infty < a < b < \infty\), and \(f : (a,b) \to Y\) is a function. For \(x_0 \in (a, b)\) we say
\[
\lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) = y_0 \iff \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0 \implies d(f(x), y_0) \leq \varepsilon \text{ if } 0 < x - x_0 \leq \delta.
\]

Theorem 6.41 (One sided limit criteria). Suppose that \((Y,d)\) is a metric space, \((a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}, f : (a, b) \to Y\) is a function, and \(x_0 \in (a, b)\). Then the following are equivalent:

1. \(\lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) = y_0\)
2. \(\lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = y_0 \forall \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset (x_0, b)\) such that \(\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x_0\).
3. \(\lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = y_0 \forall \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset (a, x_0)\) such that \(x_n \uparrow x_0\), i.e. \(x_{n+1} \leq x_n\) and \(x_0 < x_n\) for all \(n\) and \(\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x_0\).

We also have the following equivalent statements:

a. \(\lim_{x \to x_0^-} f(x) = y_0\)

b. \(\lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = y_0 \forall \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset (a, x_0)\) such that \(\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x_0\).

Proof. (1. \(\implies\) 2.) If \(\lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) = y_0\) then for all \(\varepsilon > 0\) there exists \(\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0\) such that \(d(f(x), y_0) \leq \varepsilon\) if \(0 < x - x_0 \leq \delta\). Hence if \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset (x_0, b)\) such that \(x_n \to x_0\) then \(0 < x_n - x_0 \leq \delta\) for a.a. \(n\) and hence \(d(f(x_n), y_0) \leq \varepsilon\) for a.a. \(n\). Since \(\varepsilon > 0\) was arbitrary, it follows that \(\lim_{n \to \infty} d(f(x_n), y_0) = 0\), i.e. \(\lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = y_0\). It is trivial that (2. \(\implies\) 3).

(3. \(\implies\) 1.) If \(\lim_{x \to x_0} f(x) \neq y_0\) there exists \(\varepsilon > 0\) such that for all \(\delta = \frac{1}{n} > 0\) there exists \(x_n' \in (x_0, b)\) such that \(0 \leq x_n' - x_0 \leq \frac{1}{n}\) while \(d(f(x_n'), y_0) \geq \varepsilon\).

Exercise 6.17 (Continuity of \(x^{1/m}\)). Show for each \(m \in \mathbb{N}\) that the function \(f(x) := x^{1/m}\) is continuous on \([0, \infty)\).

Exercise 6.18 (Differentiability of \(x^{1/m}\)). Show for each \(m \in \mathbb{N}\) that the function \(f(x) := x^{1/m}\) is differentiable on \((0, \infty)\) and that
\[
\frac{d}{dx} x^{1/m} = \lim_{y \to x} \frac{y^{1/m} - x^{1/m}}{y - x} = \frac{m}{x^{1/m-1}}.
\]

Exercise 6.19 (Intermediate value theorem). Suppose that \(-\infty < a < b < \infty\) and \(f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}\) is a continuous function such that \(f(a) < f(b)\). Show for any \(y \in [f(a), f(b)]\), there exists a \(c \in [a, b]\) such that \(f(c) = y\). Hint: Let \(S := \{t \in [a, b] : f(t) \leq y\}\) and let \(c := \sup(S)\).

Exercise 6.20 (Inverse Function Theorem I). Let \(f : [a, b] \to [c, d]\) be a strictly increasing (i.e. \(f(x_1) < f(x_2)\) whenever \(x_1 < x_2\)) continuous function such that \(f(a) = c\) and \(f(b) = d\). Then \(f\) is bijective and the inverse function, \(g := f^{-1} : [c, d] \to [a, b]\), is strictly increasing and is continuous.

Notes 6.43 Let \((X, \rho)\) and \((Y, d)\) be metric spaces and \(f : X \to Y\) be a function.

\footnote{The same result holds for \(y \in [f(b), f(a)]\) if \(f(b) \leq f(a)\) – just replace \(f\) by \(-f\) in this case.}
1. We say \( f \) is **uniformly continuous**, iff for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists \( \delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0 \) such that

\[
\forall x, x' \in X \text{ with } \rho(x, x') \leq \delta \implies d(f(x), f(x')) \leq \varepsilon.
\]

2. A function, \( f : X \to Y \), is said to be **Lipschitz** if there is a constant \( C < \infty \) such that

\[
d(f(x), f(x')) \leq C \rho(x, x') \text{ for all } x, x' \in X.
\]

Recall that a function \( f : X \to Y \) is continuous at \( x_0 \in X \) if for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists \( \delta = \delta(\varepsilon, x_0) > 0 \) such that

\[
\forall x \in X \text{ with } \rho(x, x_0) \leq \delta \implies d(f(x), f(x_0)) \leq \varepsilon.
\]

Thus we see that a function is uniformly provided we can take \( \delta(\varepsilon, x_0) > 0 \) to be independent of \( x_0 \). If \( f \) is Lipschitz and \( \varepsilon > 0 \), we may take \( \delta := \varepsilon/C \) in order to see that if

\[
\rho(x, x') \leq \delta \implies d(f(x), f(x')) \leq C \rho(x, x') \leq C \delta = \varepsilon
\]

which shows \( f \) is uniformly continuous.

**Example 6.44.** Any function, \( f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \) which is everywhere differentiable is Lipschitz iff \( K := \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} |f'(t)| < \infty \). Indeed if

\[
|f(y) - f(x)| \leq K |y - x| \text{ for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}
\]

then

\[
|f'(x)| = \lim_{y \to x} \frac{|f(y) - f(x)|}{|y - x|} \leq K \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.
\]

Conversely, if \( K := \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} |f'(t)| < \infty \), then by the mean value theorem, for all \( y > x \) there exists \( c \in (x, y) \) such that

\[
\left| \frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y - x} \right| = |f'(c)| \leq K.
\]

It turns out that every metric spaces with an infinite number of elements comes equipped with a large collection of Lipschitz functions.

**Lemma 6.45 (Distance to a Set).** For any non empty subset \( A \subset X \), let

\[
d_A(x) := \inf \{d(x, a) | a \in A\},
\]

then

\[
|d_A(x) - d_A(y)| \leq d(x, y) \forall x, y \in X.
\]

In particular, \( d_A : X \to [0, \infty) \) is continuous.

**Proof.** Let \( a \in A \) and \( x, y \in X \), then

\[
d_A(x) \leq d(x, a) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, a).
\]

Take the infimum over \( a \) in the above equation shows that

\[
d_A(x) \leq d(x, y) + d_A(y) \forall x, y \in X.
\]

Therefore, \( d_A(x) - d_A(y) \leq d(x, y) \) and by interchanging \( x \) and \( y \) we also have that \( d_A(y) - d_A(x) \leq d(x, y) \) which implies Eq. (6.6).

**Corollary 6.46.** The function \( d \) satisfies,

\[
|d(x, y) - d(x', y')| \leq d(y, y') + d(x, x').
\]

Therefore \( d : X \times X \to [0, \infty) \) is continuous in the sense that \( d(x, y) \) is close to \( d(x', y') \) if \( x \) is close to \( x' \) and \( y \) is close to \( y' \). In particular, if \( x_n \to x \) and \( y_n \to y \) then

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, y_n) = d(x, y) = d \left( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n, \lim_{n \to \infty} y_n \right).
\]

**Proof. First Proof.** By Lemma 6.45 for single point sets and the triangle inequality for the absolute value of real numbers,

\[
|d(x, y) - d(x', y')| \leq |d(x, y) - d(x, y')| + |d(x, y') - d(x', y')| \\
\leq d(y, y') + d(x, x').
\]

**Second Proof.** By the triangle inequality,

\[
d(x, y) \leq d(x, x') + d(x', y) \leq d(x, x') + d(x', y') + d(y', y)
\]

from which it follows that

\[
d(x, y) - d(x', y') \leq d(x', x') + d(y', y).
\]

Interchanging \( x \) with \( x' \) and \( y \) with \( y' \) in this inequality shows,

\[
d(x', y) - d(x, y) \leq d(x, x') + d(y', y)
\]

and the result follows from the last two inequalities.

**Exercise 6.21 (Continuity of integration).** Let \( Z = C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}) \) be the continuous functions from \([0, 1]\) to \( \mathbb{R} \) and \( \|\|_u \) be the uniform norm, \( \|f\|_u := \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |f(t)| \). Define \( K : Z \to Z \) by

\[
K(f)(x) := \int_0^x f(t) \, dt \text{ for all } x \in [0, 1].
\]
Show that \( K \) is a Lipschitz function. In more detail, show
\[
\|K(f) - K(g)\|_u \leq \|f - g\|_u \text{ for all } f, g \in Z.
\]

In this problem please take for granted the standard properties of the integral including

1. The function \( x \to K(f)(x) \) is indeed continuous (in fact differentiable by the fundamental theorem of calculus).
2. \( K : Z \to Z \) is a linear transformation.
3. If \( f(t) \leq g(t) \) for all \( t \in [0, 1] \), then \( \int_0^x f(t) \, dt \leq \int_0^x g(t) \, dt \) for all \( x \in X \).
4. From 3. it follows that \( \|f\|_u : = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |p(t)| \). Define \( D : Z \to Z \) by
\[
D(p)(t) = \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k t^{k-1}.
\]

1. Show \( D \) is discontinuous at 0 – where 0 represents the zero polynomial.
2. Show \( D \) is discontinuous at all points \( p \in Z \).

**Exercise 6.22 (Discontinuity of differentiation).** Let \( Z \) be the polynomial functions in \( C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}) \), i.e. functions of the form \( p(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k t^k \) with \( a_k \in \mathbb{R} \). As above we let \( \|p\|_u := \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |p(t)| \). Define \( D : Z \to Z \) by \( D(p) = p' \), i.e. if \( p(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k t^k \) then
\[
D(p)(t) = \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k t^{k-1}.
\]

**Definition 6.47 (Pointwise Convergence).** Let \((X, d) \) and \((Y, \rho)\) be metric spaces and \( f_n : X \to Y \) be functions for each \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). We say that \( f_n \) converges pointwise to \( f : X \to Y \) provided \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f_n(x) = f(x) \) for all \( x \in X \), i.e. provided
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} d(f(x), f_n(x)) = 0 \text{ for each } x \in X.
\]

**Definition 6.48 (Uniform Convergence).** Let \((X, d) \) and \((Y, \rho)\) be metric spaces and \( f_n : X \to Y \) be functions for each \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). We say that \( f_n \) converges uniformly to \( f : X \to Y \) provided
\[
\delta_n := \sup_{x \in X} d(f(x), f_n(x)) \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty.
\]

**Theorem 6.49 (Uniform Convergence Preserves Continuity).** Suppose that \( \{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) are continuous functions from \( X \) to \( Y \) and \( f_n \) converges uniformly to \( f : X \to Y \). If \( f_n \) is continuous at \( x \in X \) for all \( n \) then \( f \) is continuous at \( x \) as well. In particular if \( f_n \) is continuous on \( X \) for all \( n \) then \( f \) is continuous on \( X \) as well.

**Proof.** We will give three proofs of this important theorem. In these proofs we will let
\[
\delta_n := \sup_{x \in X} d(f(x), f_n(x)).
\]

**First Proof.** Suppose that \( f \) were discontinuous at some point \( x_0 \in X \). Then there would exist \( \varepsilon > 0 \) and \( x_k \in X \setminus \{x_0\} \) such that \( \lim_{k \to \infty} x_k = x_0 \) while \( \rho(f(x_k), f(x_0)) \geq \varepsilon \) for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \). Let \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) and set \( g := f_n \), then
\[
\varepsilon \leq \rho(f(x_k), f(x_0)) \leq \rho(f(x_k), g(x_k)) + \rho(g(x_k), g(x_0)) + \rho(g(x_0), f(x_0))
\]
\[
\leq \delta_n + \rho(g(x_k), g(x_0)) + \delta_n + 2\delta_n + \rho(g(x_k), g(x_0))
\]
\[
\leq 2\delta_n + \rho(g(x_k), g(x_0)) + \delta_n = 2\delta_n + \rho(g(x_k), g(x_0)).
\]

Fig. 6.5. Here is a sequence of continuous functions converging pointwise to a discontinuous function. This convergence is not uniform.

**Hopefully it is clear to the reader the uniform convergence implies pointwise convergence. The next theorem is a basic fact about uniform convergence which does not hold in general for pointwise convergence. The proof of this theorem is a bit subtle but well worth mastering as the method will arise over and over again.**
which upon passing to the limit as $0$ shown

wherein we have used the continuity of $\epsilon > 0$ such a sequence $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$. Then for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have,

\[
\rho(f(x), f(x_k)) \leq \rho(f(x), f_n(x)) + \rho(f_n(x), f(x_k)) \\
\leq \rho(f(x), f_n(x)) + \rho(f_n(x), f_n(x_k)) + \rho(f_n(x_k), f(x_k)) \\
\leq \delta_n + \rho(f_n(x), f_n(x_k)) + \delta_n.
\]

Therefore,

\[
\limsup_{k \to \infty} \rho(f(x), f(x_k)) \leq \limsup_{k \to \infty} \rho(f_n(x), f_n(x_k)) + 2\delta_n = 2\delta_n,
\]

which upon passing to the limit as $n \to \infty$ shows $\limsup_{k \to \infty} \rho(f(x), f(x_k)) = 0$. This suffices to show $\lim_{k \to \infty} f(x_k) = f(x)$.

**Third Proof.** Let $x \in X$ and $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Choose $n \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $\delta_n \leq \epsilon$ and let $g := f_n$. Since $g$ is continuous there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

\[
\rho(g(x), g(x')) \leq \epsilon \quad \text{when} \quad d(x, x') \leq \delta.
\]

So if $d(x, x') \leq \delta$, then

\[
\rho(f(x), f(x')) \leq \rho(f(x), g(x)) + \rho(g(x), f(x')) \\
\leq \rho(f(x), g(x)) + \rho(g(x), g(x')) + \rho(g(x'), f(x')) \\
\leq \delta_n + \rho(g(x), g(x')) + \delta_n \leq \epsilon + \epsilon + \epsilon = 3\epsilon.
\]

As $\epsilon > 0$ and $x \in X$ were arbitrary, we have shown $f$ is continuous on $X$. ■

**Example 6.50 (Non-uniform convergence).** For an example of nonuniform convergence, suppose that $g(x) = \max(1 - 4x^2, 0)$ and $f_n(x) := g(x - 3n)$ for all $n$, see Figure 6.7 Notice that for each $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$, $f_n(x) = 0$ for a.a. $n$ and therefore $\lim_{n \to \infty} f_n(x) = 0$. On the other hand, $\|f_n\|_u = 1$ for all $n$ so $f_n$ converges to $0$ pointwise but not uniformly in $x$. Nevertheless the limiting function is still continuous. This is not always the case as you will see in the next exercise.

**Exercise 6.24.** Let $f_n : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f_n(x) = x^n$ for $x \in [0, 1]$. Show $f(x) := \lim_{n \to \infty} f_n(x)$ exists for all $x \in [0, 1]$ and find $f$ explicitly. Show that $f_n$ does not converge to $f$ uniformly.

### 6.4 Density and Separability

**Definition 6.51.** Let $(X, d)$ be a metric space. We say $A \subset X$ is **dense** in $X$ if for all $x \in X$, there exists $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset A$ such that $x = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n$. [In words, all points in $X$ are limit points of sequences in $A$.] A metric space is said to be **separable** if it contains a countable dense subset, $A$.

**Example 6.52.** The spaces $\mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbb{C}^n$ with their Euclidean metrics are separable. Indeed we can take $D = \mathbb{Q}^n$ and $D = (\mathbb{Q} + i\mathbb{Q})^n$ respectively for the
countable dense subsets. For example given $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we may choose $q^k = (q^k_1, \ldots, q^k_n) \in D$ such that $|x_i - q^k_i| \leq \frac{1}{k}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

We then have:

$$d(x, q^k) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i - q^k_i|^2} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^2} = \sqrt{n} \cdot \frac{1}{k} \to 0 \text{ as } k \to \infty.$$ 

The $\mathbb{C}^n$ case now follows from this case as $\mathbb{C}^n$ is really $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ in disguise.

**Example 6.53.** Let $Y := \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ which we equip with the usual metric, $d(y, y') = |y - y'|$ for all $y, y' \in Y$. I now claim that $Y$ is separable. We can no longer use $\mathbb{Q}$ as the countable dense subset of $Y$ since $\mathbb{Q}$ is not contained in $Y!$ On the other hand, for each $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ we may choose $y_n(q) \in Y$ such that $\lim_{n \to \infty} y_n(q) = q$. Then if $y \in Y$ and $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2} > 0$ is given, we may choose $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $|y - q| \leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon}$. We then take $a_k := y_n(q)$ for some large $n$ so that $|a_k - q| \leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon}$. It then follows that $|y - a_k| \leq \frac{1}{k} \to 0$ as $k \to \infty$ and this shows that $A := \cup_{q \in \mathbb{Q}} \{y_n(q) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a dense subset of $Y$. Moreover $A$ is countable, why?

**Remark 6.54.** An equivalent way to say that $A \subset X$ is dense is to say $d_A \equiv 0$, i.e. $d_A(x) = 0$ for all $x \in X$. Indeed if $x \in X$, you should show that $d_A(x) = 0$ if and only if there exists $a_n \in A$ such that $d(x, a_n) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$.

**Exercise 6.25.** Suppose that $(X, d)$ is a separable metric space and $Y$ a non-empty subset of $X$ which is also a metric space by restricting $d$ to $Y$. Show $(Y, d)$ is separable. **Hint:** suppose that $A \subset X$ be a countable dense subset of $X$. For each $a \in A$ choose $(y_n(a))_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset Y$ so that $d_Y(a) = \sup_{n} d_Y(a, y_n(a)) \leq d_Y(a) + \frac{1}{n}$. Now show $A_Y := \cup_{a \in A} \{y_n(a) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a countable dense subset of $Y$.

**Exercise 6.26.** Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Show any non-empty subset $Y \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ equipped with the metric,

$$d(x, y) = \|y - x\| \text{ for all } x, y \in Y$$

is separable, where $\|\cdot\|$ is either $\|\cdot\|_1$, $\|\cdot\|_1$, or $\|\cdot\|_2$.

**Exercise 6.27.** For $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, let

$$d(x, y) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y \\ 1 & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}.$$

Then $(\mathbb{R}, d)$ is a non-separable metric space. (This metric space is also complete.)

**Exercise 6.28.** Suppose $(X, \rho)$ and $(Y, d)$ are metric spaces and $A$ is a dense subset of $X$.

1. Show that if $F : X \to Y$ and $G : X \to Y$ are two continuous functions such that $F = G$ on $A$ then $F = G$ on $X$.
2. Now suppose that $(Y, d)$ is complete and $f : A \to Y$ is a function which is uniformly continuous (Notation 6.43). Recall this means for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$d(f(a), f(b)) \leq \varepsilon \text{ for all } a, b \in A \text{ with } \rho(a, b) \leq \delta. \quad (6.7)$$

Show there is a unique continuous function $F : X \to Y$ such that $F = f$ on $A$.

**Hint:** Define $F(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n)$ where $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset A$ is chosen to converge $x \in X$. You must show the limit exists and is independent of the choice of sequence $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset A$ which converges for $x$.

3. Let $X = \mathbb{R} = Y$ and $A = \mathbb{Q} \subset X$, find a function $f : \mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{R}$ which is continuous on $\mathbb{Q}$ but does not extend to a continuous function on $\mathbb{R}$.

### 6.5 Test 2: Review Topics

1. Understand the basic properties of complex numbers.
2. **Coutability.** Key facts are that countable union of countable sets is countable and the finite product of countable sets is countable.
3. Definitions of **metric** and **normed spaces** and their basic properties which in the end of the day typically follow from the **triangle inequality**.
4. Be aware of different norms, $\|\cdot\|_1$, $\|\cdot\|_1$, and $\|\cdot\|_2$.
5. Understand the notion of: **limits** of sequences, **Cauchy** sequences, **completeness**, limits and **continuity** of functions.
6. Know what is meant by **pointwise** and **uniform convergence**. You should be able to compute pointwise limits and know how to test if the limit is uniform or not. A key theorem is the uniform limit of continuous functions is still continuous.
Series and Sums in Banach Spaces

Definition 7.1. Suppose \((X, \|\cdot\|)\) is a normed space and \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty\) is a sequence in \(X\). Then we say \(\sum_{n=1}^\infty x_n\) converges in \(X\) iff \(\lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n\) exists in \(X\) otherwise we say \(\sum_{n=1}^\infty x_n\) diverges. We often let \(S_N := \sum_{n=1}^N x_n\) and refer to \(\{S_N\}_{N=1}^\infty \subset X\) as the sequence of partial sums.

If \(X = \mathbb{R}\) and \(x_n \geq 0\), then \(\sum_{n=1}^\infty x_n\) diverges iff \(\lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n = \infty\) and we will write \(\sum_{n=1}^\infty x_n = \infty\) in this case to indicate that \(\sum_{n=1}^\infty x_n\) diverges to infinity.

Theorem 7.2 (Comparison Theorem). Suppose that \(\{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty\) and \(\{b_n\}_{n=1}^\infty\) are sequences in \([0, \infty)\). If \(a_n \leq b_n\) for all \(n\), then
\[
\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n \leq \sum_{n=1}^\infty b_n
\]
where we allow for these sums to be infinite. Moreover if \(a_n \leq b_n\) for a.a. \(n\) then \(\sum_{n=1}^\infty b_n < \infty\) implies \(\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n < \infty\) and if \(\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n = \infty\) then \(\sum_{n=1}^\infty b_n = \infty\).

**Proof.** Let \(A_k := \sum_{n=1}^k a_n\) and \(B_k := \sum_{n=1}^k b_n\). Then a simple induction argument shows that \(a_k \leq b_k\) for all \(k\) and therefore
\[
\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n = \lim_{k \to \infty} A_k \leq \lim_{k \to \infty} B_k = \sum_{n=1}^\infty b_n
\]
by the sandwich lemma.

Theorem 7.3 (Telescoping Series / Fundamental Theorem of Summation). Let \(\{f(n)\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset X\) be a sequence, then
\[
\sum_{n=1}^N [f(n+1) - f(n)] = f(N+1) - f(1) \quad \text{for all } N \in \mathbb{N}
\]
and \(\sum_{n=1}^\infty [f(n+1) - f(n)]\) is convergent in \(X\) iff \(\lim_{N \to \infty} f(N)\) exists in \(X\) in which case,
\[
\sum_{n=1}^\infty (f(n+1) - f(n)) = \lim_{N \to \infty} f(N) - f(1).
\]
We also have,
\[
\sum_{n=M}^N [f(n+1) - f(n)] = f(N+1) - f(M) \quad \text{for } N \geq M.
\]

**Proof.** When \(N = 3\) we have,
\[
\sum_{n=1}^3 (f(n+1) - f(n)) = (f(2) - f(1)) + (f(3) - f(2)) + (f(4) - f(3))
\]
\[
= f(4) - f(1).
\]
In general, Eqs. (7.1) and (7.2) are easily verified by a simple induction argument. The rest of the theorem is now evident.

Example 7.4 (Geometric Series). Suppose that \(f(n) = \alpha^n\) where \(\alpha \in \mathbb{C}\). Then
\[
f(n+1) - f(n) = \alpha^{n+1} - \alpha^n = \alpha^n(\alpha - 1)
\]
and we find,
\[
(\alpha - 1)\sum_{n=1}^N \alpha^n = \alpha^{N+1} - \alpha.
\]
If \(\alpha \neq 1\) it follows that
\[
\sum_{n=1}^N \alpha^n = \frac{\alpha^{N+1} - \alpha}{\alpha - 1}
\]
and if \(|\alpha| < 1\), it follows that \(|\alpha^{N+1}| = |\alpha|^{N+1} \to 0\) as \(N \to \infty\) and therefore
\[
\sum_{n=1}^\infty \alpha^n = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}.
\]

Theorem 7.5 (Integral Test). Let \(f : (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}\) be a \(C^1\) function such that \(f'(x) \geq 0\) and \(f'(x)\) is decreasing in \(x\) (i.e. \(f''(x) \leq 0\) if it exists) and \(f(\infty) := \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x)\), see Figure 7.1. (As \(f\) is an increasing function, \(f(\infty)\) exists in \((-\infty, \infty)\).) Then
and in particular,
\[ f(n) - f(n-1) = f'(c_n), \]
where \( c_n \in (n-1, n) \) such that \( f(n) - f(n-1) = f'(c_n) \).
Since \( f' \) is decreasing, it follows that
\[ f'(n) \leq f'(c_n) \leq f'(n-1) \]
for all \( n \), or equivalently
\[ f'(n) \leq f(n) - f(n-1) \leq f'(n-1) \]
for all \( n \).

This is a standard inequality involving convex functions. The reader should draw the picture and note that \( f(n) - f(n-1) \) is the slope of the cord joining \((n-1, f(n-1))\) to \((n, f(n))\).

Proof. By the mean value theorem, there exists \( c_n \in (n-1, n) \) such that \( f(n) - f(n-1) = f'(c_n) \).
Since \( f' \) is decreasing, it follows that
\[ f'(n) \leq f'(c_n) \leq f'(n-1) \]
for all \( n \), or equivalently
\[ f'(n) \leq f(n) - f(n-1) \leq f'(n-1) \]
for all \( n \).

Summing these inequalities on \( n \), using
\[
\sum_{n=M}^{N+1} [f(n) - f(n-1)] = f(N+1) - f(M),
\]
shows,
\[
\sum_{n=M}^{N+1} f'(n) = f(N+1) - f(M) \leq \sum_{n=M+1}^{N+1} f'(n-1) = \sum_{n=M}^{N} f'(n).
\]
This inequality is equivalent to Eq. (7.3) because it gives,
\[
[f(N+1) - f(M)] \leq \sum_{n=M}^{N} f'(n) = \sum_{n=M+1}^{N+1} f'(n) + f'(M) - f'(N+1)
\]
and so
\[
\frac{1}{(p-1)M^{p-1}} \leq \sum_{n=M}^{N} \frac{1}{n^p} \leq \frac{1}{(p-1)M^{p-1}} + \frac{1}{M^p}.
\]
In particular for \( M = 1 \),
\[
\frac{1}{p-1} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \leq \frac{1}{p-1} + 1.
\]
Since
\[
\frac{1}{p-1} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n},
\]

**Corollary 7.6 (\( p - \)series).** Let \( p \in \mathbb{R} \), then
\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } p \leq 1, \\ < \infty & \text{if } p > 1. \end{cases}
\]

Proof. If \( p \leq 0 \), then \( \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \neq 0 \) and hence the series diverges and we may assume that \( p > 0 \). For \( p > 1 \), let \( f(x) = -x^{-(p-1)} \) so that \( f'(x) = (p-1)x^{-p} \) which is decreasing in \( x \) and therefore by Theorem 7.5,
\[
f(\infty) - f(M) \leq \sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{p-1}{n^p} \leq f(\infty) - f(M) + f'(M) = \frac{1}{M^{p-1}} + \frac{p-1}{M^p} \]
and so
\[
\frac{1}{(p-1)M^{p-1}} \leq \sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \leq \frac{1}{(p-1)M^{p-1}} + \frac{1}{M^p}.
\]
Exercise 7.1. Take \( f(x) = \ln x \) in Theorem 7.5 in order to directly conclude that \( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty \).

Exercise 7.2. Let \( 0 \leq p < \infty \). Prove,
\[
\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n (\ln n)^p} = \begin{cases} 
\infty & \text{if } 0 \leq p \leq 1 \\
< \infty & \text{if } p > 1 
\end{cases}.
\]

by applying Theorem 7.5 with the following functions:
1. for \( 0 \leq p < 1 \) take \( f(x) = (\ln x)^{1-p} \),
2. for \( p = 1 \) take \( f(x) = \ln \ln x \), and
3. for \( p > 1 \) take \( f(x) = -(\ln x)^{1-p} \).

Theorem 7.7. Let \((X, \| \cdot \|)\) be a Banach space and \( \{x_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \subset X \) be a sequence. Then;

1. \( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \) converges iff
\[
\left\| \sum_{k=m}^{n} x_k \right\| \to 0 \text{ as } n, m \to \infty \text{ with } n \geq m.
\]

2. If \( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \) converges then \( \lim_{k \to \infty} x_k = 0 \) or alternatively if \( \lim_{k \to \infty} x_k \neq 0 \) then \( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \) diverges.

3. If \( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \) converges then \( \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{k=N}^{\infty} x_k = 0 \), i.e. the N - tail, \( \sum_{k=N}^{\infty} x_k \), of a convergent series, \( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \), go to zero as \( N \to \infty \).

Remark: the only place we use \( X \) is complete is in the implication (\( \Leftarrow \)) in item 1. All of the remaining statements hold for any normed space \( X \).

Proof. Let \( S_n := \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k \) so that \( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \) converges iff \( \lim_{n \to \infty} S_n \) exists iff \( \{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is Cauchy since \( X \) is a Banach space which gives item 1. since
\[
S_n - S_{m-1} = \sum_{k=m}^{n} x_k.
\]
For the second item apply the first with \( n = m+1 \). For the third item let \( S := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \), then \( \lim_{N \to \infty} S_N = S \) and so by very definition,
\[
\sum_{k=N}^{\infty} x_k = S - S_{N+1} \to 0 \text{ as } N \to \infty.
\]

Exercise 7.3. Let \((X, d)\) be a metric space. Suppose that \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset X \) is a sequence and set \( \varepsilon_n := d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \). Show that for \( m > n \) that
\[
d(x_n, x_m) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} \varepsilon_k \leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \varepsilon_k.
\]

Conclude from this that if
\[
\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon_k = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(x_n, x_{n+1}) < \infty
\]
than \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is Cauchy. Moreover, show that if \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is a convergent sequence and \( x = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n \) then
\[
d(x, x_n) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \varepsilon_k.
\]

Theorem 7.8 (Absolute Convergence Implies Convergence). Let \((X, \| \cdot \|)\) be a Banach space \( \{x_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \subset X \) be a sequence. Then \( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|x_k\| < \infty \) implies \( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \) is convergent. [We say \( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \) is absolutely convergent if \( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|x_k\| < \infty \).]

Exercise 7.4. Prove Theorem 7.8. Namely if \((X, \| \cdot \|)\) is a Banach space and \( \{x_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \subset X \) is a sequence, then \( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|x_k\| < \infty \) implies \( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \) is convergent.

Proposition 7.9 (Alternating Series Test). If \( \{a_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \subset [0, \infty) \) is a non-increasing sequence (i.e. \( a_k \geq a_{k+1} \) for all \( k \)) such that \( \lim_{k \to \infty} a_k = 0 \), then \( s := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} a_k \) is convergent. Moreover, for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \)
\[
s - \sum_{k=1}^{n} (-1)^{k+1} a_k \right| = \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} a_k \right| \leq a_{n+1}. \quad (7.5)
\]
wherein we have used the fact that \( S_{2n} \) is an increasing sequence while \( S_{2(n+1)} = S_{2n} + (a_{2n+1} - a_{2n+2}) \geq S_{2n} \),

Proof. The proof is essentially contained in Figure 7.2. Let \( S_n := \sum_{k=1}^{n} (-1)^{k+1} a_k \). For \( n \in \mathbb{N} \),

\[
S_{2n+1} = S_{2n-1} - (a_{2n} - a_{2n+1}) \leq S_{2n-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \quad S_{2(n+1)} = S_{2n} + (a_{2n+1} - a_{2n+2}) \geq S_{2n},
\]

so that \( S_{2n+1} - S_{2n} = a_{2n} - a_{2n+1} \to 0 \) as \( n \to \infty \) it follows that \( S_{ev} = s_{odd} \in \mathbb{R} \). It is now easy to conclude (You prove!) that

\[
S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} a_k = \lim_{n \to \infty} S_n = s_{ev} = s_{odd} \in \mathbb{R}.
\]

In summary, \( S_{2n} \uparrow S \) while \( S_{2n+1} \downarrow S \) as \( n \to \infty \) and in particular, for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \),

\[
S_{2n+1} - a_{2n} = S_{2n} \leq S \leq S_{2n+1} = S_{2n} + a_{2n+1}.
\]

These inequalities then implies

\[
0 \leq S - S_{2n} = \sum_{k=2n+1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} a_k \leq a_{2n+1}
\]

and

\[
0 \leq S_{2n+1} - S = \sum_{k=2n}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} a_k \leq a_{2n}.
\]

which imply Eq. (7.5).

Alternatively, here is another way to think about the error estimates;

\[
0 \leq a_1 - a_2 = S_2 \leq S \leq S_1 \leq a_1
\]

so that \( 0 \leq S \leq a_1 \). Applying these results to \( \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} a_k \) shows,

\[
|s - \sum_{k=1}^{n} (-1)^{k+1} a_k| = \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} a_k \leq a_{n+1}.
\]

Example 7.10. By the alternating series test,

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n} \frac{1}{n^p}
\]

is convergent for all \( p > 0 \). On the other hand, by Corollary 7.6 the series is absolutely convergent if \( p > 1 \).

Theorem 7.11 (Uniform convergence and the Weierstrass M-test). Suppose that \((X, \|\cdot\|)\) is a Banach space, \((Y, d)\) is a metric space, for each \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), \( f_n : Y \to X \) is a function, and there exists \( \{M_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset [0, \infty) \) satisfying;

\[
\sup_{y \in Y} \|f_n(y)\|_X \leq M_n \quad \forall \ n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n < \infty.
\]

Then \( S_N(y) := \sum_{n=1}^{N} f_n(y) \) converges absolutely and uniformly to \( S(y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(y) \). Moreover, if we further assume that \( \{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset C(Y, X) \) (i.e. \( f_n \) is continuous for all \( n \)), then the function \( S : Y \to X \) is also continuous.

Proof. For any \( y \in Y \),

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|f_n(y)\|_X \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n < \infty
\]

and therefore \( S(y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(y) \) converges absolutely. Moreover we have,

\[
\|S(y) - S_N(y)\| = \lim_{M \to \infty} \|S_M(y) - S_N(y)\| = \lim_{M \to \infty} \left\| \sum_{n=N+1}^{M} f_n(y) \right\|
\]

\[
\leq \liminf_{M \to \infty} \sum_{n=N+1}^{M} \|f_n(y)\| = \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \|f_n(y)\| \leq \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} M_n.
\]
Theorem 7.12 (Root test). Suppose that \( \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is a sequence in \( \mathbb{C} \) and let \( \alpha := \limsup_{n \to \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} \). Then
1. If \( \alpha < 1 \) then \( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| < \infty \) and \( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \) is absolutely convergent.
2. If \( \alpha > 1 \), then \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} |a_n| = \infty \) and \( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \) diverges.
3. If \( \alpha = 1 \), the test fails, i.e. you must work harder!

Proof. We take each item in turn.

1. If \( \alpha < 1 \), let \( \beta \in (\alpha, 1) \), then \( |a_n|^{1/n} \leq \beta \) for a.a. \( n \) which implies that \( |a_n| \leq \beta^n \) for a.a. \( n \) and so the result follows by the comparison Theorem 7.2 as
   \[
   \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta^n = \frac{\beta}{1 - \beta} < \infty.
   \]

2. If \( \alpha > 1 \) and \( \beta \in (1, \alpha) \), then \( |a_n|^{1/n} \geq \beta \) i.o. \( n \) and hence \( |a_n| \geq \beta^n \) i.o. \( n \).

   As \( \beta^n \to \infty \) as \( n \to \infty \) it follows that \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} |a_n| = \infty \).

3. From Corollary 7.6 we know that \( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty \) while \( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} < \infty \). However from Lemma 3.30

   \[
   \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)^{1/n} = 1 = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^p} \right)^{1/n}
   \]

   which shows the test has failed. In fact, if \( 0 < p < \infty \) and \( k \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( k \geq p \), then \( \frac{1}{n^p} \leq \frac{1}{n^k} \leq 1 \) which implies

   \[
   \left( \frac{1}{n^k} \right)^{1/n} \leq \left( \frac{1}{n^p} \right)^{1/n} \leq (1)^{1/n} = 1.
   \]

   By Lemma 3.30 we know \( \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^p} \right)^{1/n} = 1 \) and therefore by the sandwich lemma, \( \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^p} \right)^{1/n} = 1. \)

Exercise 7.5. For every \( p \in \mathbb{N} \), show \( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n)^{n/p} z^n \) is convergent if \( z = 0 \).
By definition, the radius of convergence of a power series is defined to be

\[
R := \sup_{n \to \infty} \|a_n\|^{1/n} \in [0, \infty].
\]

We may also characterize \(R\) as

\[
R := \sup \left\{ |z - z_0| : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n \text{ converges} \right\}.
\]

**Proposition 7.16.** If \(R\) is the radius of convergence of a power series in Eq. (7.6), then:

1. If \(|z - z_0| < R\), the series converges.
2. If \(|z - z_0| > R\), the series diverges.
3. If \(|z - z_0| = R\), the series may or may not converge.

**Corollary 7.17.** If \(\mu = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\|a_{n+1}\|}{\|a_n\|}\) exists, the radius (\(R\)) of convergence of a power series in Eq. (7.6) is \(R = \frac{1}{\mu} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\|a_n\|}{\|a_{n+1}\|}\).

**Proof.** If \(\mu = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\|a_{n+1}\|}{\|a_n\|}\), then

\[
\rho(z) := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\|a_{n+1} (z - z_0)^{n+1}\|}{\|a_n (z - z_0)^n\|} = \frac{|z - z_0| \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\|a_{n+1}\|}{\|a_n\|} = \mu \cdot |z - z_0|}.
\]

The ratio test in Theorem 7.13 now implies \(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n\) converges if \(|z - z_0| < \frac{1}{\mu}\) (\(\rho(z) < 1\)) and diverges if \(|z - z_0| > \frac{1}{\mu}\) (\(\rho(z) > 1\)), i.e. \(R = \frac{1}{\mu}\) from Eq. (7.8).

**Theorem 7.18.** If the radius of convergence (\(R\)) of a power series \(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n\) is positive (\(R > 0\)), then the functions

\[
S : D(z_0, R) := \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| < R \} \to \mathbb{C},
\]

defined by \(S(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n\) is continuous and the series is uniformly convergent on \(D(z_0, \rho)\) for all \(\rho < R\).

**Proof.** For any \(\rho < R\) let \(M_n := \|a_n\| \rho^n\). Then \(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n < \infty\) by the root test or the definition of \(R\). So if \(z \in D(z_0, \rho)\) we find,

\[
\|a_n (z - z_0)^n\| \leq \|a_n\| \rho^n = M_n.
\]

It follows from the Weierstrass \(M - test\), Theorem 7.11, that the series is uniformly convergent and \(S\) is continuous on \(D(z_0, \rho)\) for all \(\rho < R\). Hence \(S : D(z_0, R) \to \mathbb{C}\) is continuous on \(D(z_0, R)\).

**Exercise 7.6.** Show that each of the following power series have an infinite radius of convergence and hence define continuous functions from \(\mathbb{C}\) to \(\mathbb{C}\):

1. \(\exp(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}\),
2. \(\sin(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}\), and
3. \(\cos(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!}\).

**Proposition 7.19.** Suppose that \((X, \|\cdot\|)\) is a normed space and \(\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\), \(\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\) \(\subseteq X\) such that \(A := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n\) and \(B := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n\) exist in \(X\). Then for all \(\lambda \in \mathbb{F}\) (\(\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}\) or \(\mathbb{C}\) if \(X\) is a real or complex vector space respectively), we have the series, \(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + \lambda b_n)\), is convergent and

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + \lambda b_n) = A + \lambda B.
\]
The easy proof of this proposition is left to the reader. Our next goal is to consider the multiplication of series. In this case we will need a multiplication on $X$ itself. We start with the case where $X = \mathbb{C}$ or $X = \mathbb{R}$. Let $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$, $\{b_n\}_{n=0}^\infty \subset \mathbb{C}$ and let us consider the power series,

$$A(z) := \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n z^n \text{ and } B(z) := \sum_{n=0}^\infty b_n z^n.$$ 

Working formally,

$$A(z) B(z) = \left(\sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n z^n\right) \left(\sum_{m=0}^\infty b_m z^m\right) = \sum_{m,n=0}^\infty a_n b_m z^n z^m = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \left(\sum_{m+n=k} a_n b_m\right) z^k.$$

Thus we expect $A(z) B(z)$ to be represented by a power series

$$C(z) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty c_k z^k \text{ where } c_k := \sum_{m+n=k} a_n b_m = \sum_{m=0}^k a_{k-m} b_m. \hspace{1cm} (7.9)$$

Theorem 7.20 (Multiplication of Series). Suppose that $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$, $\{b_n\}_{n=0}^\infty \subset \mathbb{C}$ and $\sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n$ and $\sum_{n=0}^\infty b_n$ are absolutely convergent series. Let $\{c_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ be defined by

$$c_k := \sum_{m=0}^k a_{k-m} b_m. \hspace{1cm} (7.9)$$

Then $\sum_{k=0}^\infty c_k$ converges absolutely and

$$\sum_{k=0}^\infty c_k = \left(\sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n=0}^\infty b_n\right). \hspace{1cm} (7.10)$$

**Proof.** Let $J_N = \{0, 1, 2, \ldots, N\}$, $\Gamma_N := \{(m,n) \in J_N^2 : m+n > N\}$, and

$$R_N = \sum_{(m,n) \in \Gamma_N} |a_n b_m|.$$ 

I now claim that $\lim_{N \to \infty} R_N = 0$. To see this let $A := \sum_{n=0}^\infty |a_n|$, $B := \sum_{m=0}^\infty |b_m|$ and observe $m+n > N$ implies either $m > N/2$ or $n > N/2$, see Figure 7.3. Hence we find,

$$R_N \leq \sum_{\frac{N}{2} < m \leq N} \sum_{n=0}^N |a_n b_m| + \sum_{\frac{N}{2} < n \leq N} \sum_{m=0}^N |a_n b_m|$$

$$\leq \sum_{\frac{N}{2} < m \leq N} |b_m| \sum_{n=0}^N |a_n| + \sum_{\frac{N}{2} < n \leq N} |a_n| \sum_{m=0}^N |b_m|$$

$$\leq \sum_{m > \frac{N}{2}} |b_m| \cdot A + \sum_{n > \frac{N}{2}} |a_n| \cdot B \to 0 \text{ as } N \to \infty$$

because the tails of convergent series tend to zero.

We now have the identity,
Lastly observe that
\[
\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_m = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=0}^{N} a_n b_m + r_N = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k + r_N,
\]
where \( r_N := \sum_{(m,n) \in \Gamma_N} a_n b_m \). Since \( |r_N| \leq R_N \to 0 \), it follows that
\[
\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{N} c_k = \lim_{N \to \infty} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{N} a_n \sum_{m=0}^{N} b_m - r_N \right] = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_m = \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \right).
\]

Lastly observe that
\[
|c_k| \leq \sum_{m=0}^{k} |a_{k-m}| |b_m| =: \tilde{c}_k
\]
and so applying what we have just proved to \( \{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \) and \( \{b_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \) shows
\[
\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |c_k| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{c}_k = \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n| \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |b_n| \right) < \infty.
\]

Here is the short summary of the argument;
\[
\left| \sum_{n,m=0}^{N} a_n \cdot b_m - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k \right| = \left| \sum_{(m,n) \in \Gamma_N} a_n \cdot b_m \right| \\
\leq \sum_{(m,n) \in \Gamma_N} |a_n \cdot b_m| \\
\leq \sum_{N \leq m \leq N, 0 \leq n \leq N} |a_n \cdot b_m| + \sum_{N \leq n \leq N, 0 \leq m \leq N} |a_n \cdot b_m| \\
\leq \sum_{m>N} |b_m| \cdot A + \sum_{n>N} |a_n| \cdot B \to 0 \text{ as } N \to \infty.
\]

**Corollary 7.21.** Let \( \{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}, \{b_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{C} \) and \( c_k := \sum_{m+n=k} a_m b_n \). If
\[
R := \min \left( \frac{1}{\limsup_{n \to \infty} |a_n|^{1/n}}, \frac{1}{\limsup_{n \to \infty} |b_n|^{1/n}} \right) > 0,
\]
then \( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k \) is convergent for \( |z| < R \) and
\[
\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k = \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \right) \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_m z^m \right).
\]

**Proof.** For \( |z| < R \), the root test shows
\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n z^n| < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |b_m z^m| < \infty.
\]
The result now follows by applying Theorem 7.20 with \( a_n \to |a_n z^n| \) and \( b_n \to |b_n z^n| \).

**Example 7.22.** For \( |z| < 1 \) we have
\[
(1 - z) \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n = 1.
\]

This shows that power series, \( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k \), in Corollary 7.21 may in fact have radius of convergence larger than \( R \) in Eq. (7.11).

**Theorem 7.23.** The function \( \exp : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C} \) satisfies the following properties:
1. \( \exp(0) = 1 \),
2. \( \exp(w) \exp(z) = \exp(w + z) \) for all \( w, z \in \mathbb{C} \),
3. \( \exp(w) \) is never 0 and \( [\exp(w)]^{-1} = \exp(-w) \) for all \( w \in \mathbb{C} \).

**Proof.** The first assertion is clear and item 3. easily follows from item 2. with \( z = -w \). We now prove item 2. by applying Theorem 7.20 with \( a_n := \frac{1}{n!} z^n \) and \( b_n := \frac{1}{n!} w^n \). In this case,
\[
c_k = \sum_{m=0}^{k} \frac{1}{m!} z^m \cdot \frac{1}{(k-m)!} w^{k-m} = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{m=0}^{k} \binom{k}{m} z^m w^{k-m} = \frac{1}{k!} (z + w)^k
\]
wherein we have used the Binomial theorem for the last equality, see Exercise 7.10. It now follows from Theorem 7.20 that
\[
\exp(w) \exp(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{w^m}{n!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (z + w)^k = \exp(w + z).
\]
Definition 7.24 (Euler’s Number). Euler’s number is defined by
\[ e := \exp(1) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!}. \]
If \( m \in \mathbb{N} \), then
\[ e = \exp(1) = \exp \left( \frac{1}{m} \right) = \left[ \exp \left( \frac{1}{m} \right) \right]^m. \]
As \( \exp \left( \frac{1}{m} \right) > 0 \) we may conclude that \( \exp \left( \frac{1}{m} \right) = e^{1/m} \). Now if \( n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) we find,
\[ e^{\frac{n}{m}} = \left[ e^{1/m} \right]^n = \left[ \exp \left( \frac{1}{m} \right) \right]^n = \exp \left( \frac{n}{m} \right). \]
As
\[ e^{-\frac{n}{m}} = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{n}{m}}} = \frac{1}{\exp \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)} = \exp \left( -\frac{n}{m} \right), \]
we have in fact shown that \( e^q = \exp(q) \) for all \( q \in \mathbb{Q} \). Owing to this identity, we will often write \( e^z \) for \( \exp(z) \).

With the definitions in Exercise 7.6, we have
\[ \exp(iz) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(iz)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(iz)^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(iz)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \]
\[ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} + i \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \]
\[ = \cos(z) + i \sin(z), \]
i.e.
\[ \exp(iz) = \cos(z) + i \sin(z) \text{ for all } z \in \mathbb{C}. \]
This is called Euler’s formula. If \( z = \theta \in \mathbb{R} \), it states that
\[ \Re \exp(i\theta) = \cos \theta \text{ and } \Im \exp(i\theta) = \sin \theta. \]
Thus if \( \alpha, \theta \in \mathbb{R} \), we have the following addition formulas;
\[ \cos(\theta + \alpha) = \Re \exp(i(\theta + \alpha)) = \Re [\exp(i\theta) \exp(i\alpha)] \]
\[ = \Re [(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \cdot (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)] \]
\[ = \cos \theta \cos \alpha - \sin \theta \sin \alpha \quad (7.12) \]
and
\[ \sin(\theta + \alpha) = \Im \exp(i(\theta + \alpha)) = \Im [\exp(i\theta) \exp(i\alpha)] \]
\[ = \Im [(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \cdot (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)] \]
\[ = \cos \theta \sin \alpha + \sin \theta \cos \alpha. \quad (7.13) \]

We also define
\[ \sinh(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \text{ and } \]
\[ \cosh(z) = \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!}. \]
The following identities are now easily verified;
\[ \cos(-z) = \cos(z) \text{ and } \cosh(-z) = \cosh(z) \]
\[ \sin(-z) = -\sin(z) \text{ and } \sinh(-z) = -\sinh(z), \]
\[ e^z = \cosh(z) + \sin(z) \]
\[ \sin(z) = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i} = \sinh(iz) \text{ and } \]
\[ \cos(z) = \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2} = \cosh(iz). \]

Exercise 7.7 (Addition Formulas). Prove the addition formulas in Eqs. (7.12) and (7.13) extend to \( \alpha, \theta \in \mathbb{C} \), i.e. show for all \( w, z \in \mathbb{C} \) that
\[ \cos(w + z) = \cos(w) \cos(z) - \sin(w) \sin(z) \]
\[ \text{ and } \sin(w + z) = \cos(w) \sin(z) + \sin(z) \cos(w). \]

Exercise 7.8. Suppose that \( p(t) \) and \( q(t) \) are non-zero polynomials of \( t \in \mathbb{R} \) with (possibly) complex coefficients. Further assume that \( q(n) \neq 0 \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \). Show for any sequence \( \{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{C} \) that the power series;
\[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{p(n)}{q(n)} a_n z^n \text{ and } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \]
have the same radius of convergence.

Theorem 7.25 (Hilbert Schmidt norm). Let \( Z = \mathbb{C}^{J_N \times J_N} \) denote the space of \( N \times N \) complex matrices, \( A = (A_{ij})_{i,j=1}^{N} \) with \( A_{ij} \in \mathbb{C} \). We let
\[ \|A\|_2 := \sqrt{\sum_{i,j=1}^{N} |A_{ij}|^2} \]
which is called the Hilbert Schmidt norm on \( Z \). This norm satisfies,
1. \( \|I\|_2 = \sqrt{N} \) where \( I \) is the \( N \times N \) identity matrix.

2. \( \|AB\|_2 \leq \|A\|_2 \cdot \|B\|_2 \) for all \( A, B \in \mathbb{Z} \).

3. \( \|A^n\|_2 \leq \|A\|_{2n} \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \).

4. If \( A_n \rightarrow A \) and \( B_n \rightarrow B \) then \( A_nB_n \rightarrow AB \) and \( A_n + B_n \rightarrow A + B \) as \( n \rightarrow \infty \). Thus matrix multiplication and addition are continuous operations on \( (\mathbb{Z}, \|\cdot\|_2) \).

5. If \( (K, d) \) is a metric space and \( f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \) and \( g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \) are continuous functions then so is \( f \cdot g \) (order matters) and \( f + g \).

6. The functions \( f(A) = A^n \) is continuous on \( \mathbb{Z} \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \), where by convention \( A^0 = I \).

7. \((\mathbb{Z}, \|\cdot\|_2) \) is a Banach space.

**Proof.** Item 1 is clear. From the definition of matrix multiplication and the Cauchy Schwarz inequality we find

\[
\|(AB)_{ij}\|^2 = \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N} A_{ik}B_{kj} \right)^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^{N} |A_{ik}|^2 \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{N} |B_{kj}|^2.
\]

Therefore,

\[
\|AB\|^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} (AB)_{ij} \leq \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N} |A_{ik}|^2 \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{N} |B_{kj}|^2 \right)
\]

\[
= \sum_{i,k=1}^{N} |A_{ik}|^2 \cdot \sum_{j,k=1}^{N} |B_{kj}|^2 = \|A\|^2 \cdot \|B\|^2
\]

which proves item 2. Item 3 follows by an easy induction argument.

Item 4. Let \( \delta A_n := A_n - A \) and \( \delta B_n := B_n - B \) so that \( A_n = A + \delta A_n \) and \( B_n = B + \delta B_n \) where \( \|\delta A_n\|_2 \rightarrow 0 \) and \( \|\delta B_n\|_2 \rightarrow 0 \) as \( n \rightarrow \infty \). Then

\[
\|A_nB_n - AB\|^2 = \|(A + \delta A_n)(B + \delta B_n) - AB\|^2
\]

\[
= \|\delta A_nB + \delta A_n\delta B_n + \delta B_n\|_2^2
\]

\[
\leq \|\delta A_nB\|^2 + \|\delta A_n\delta B_n\|^2 + \|\delta B_n\|^2
\]

\[
\leq \|\delta A_n\|_2 \cdot \|B\|_2 + \|A\| \cdot \|\delta B_n\|_2 + \|\delta A_n\|_2 \cdot \|\delta B_n\|_2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.
\]

Similarly,

\[
\|A_n + B_n - (A + B)\|_2 = \|\delta A_n + \delta B_n\|_2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.
\]

Item 5. Suppose that \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset X \) and \( x_n \rightarrow x \) as \( n \rightarrow \infty \), then using item 4,

\[
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f \cdot g)(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [f(x_n)g(x_n)] = f(x)g(x) = (f \cdot g)(x)
\]

and

\[
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f + g)(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [f(x_n) + g(x_n)] = f(x) + g(x) = (f + g)(x).
\]

This shows \( f \cdot g \) and \( f + g \) are continuous.

Item 6. follows from item 5 with \( X = \mathbb{Z} \) along with an induction argument.

Item 7. follows from the fact that \((\mathbb{Z}, \|\cdot\|_2) \) is \( \mathbb{C}^{N^2} \) with the \( 2 \) - norm in a slight disguise.

**Definition 7.26 (Matrix Functions).** If \( f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n \) for some \( c_n \in \mathbb{C} \) and \( A \in \mathbb{C}^{J_N \times J_N} \), then we define

\[ f(A) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n A^n \] provided the sum is convergent.

For example,

\[
\sin(A) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} A^{2n+1}.
\]

**Theorem 7.27.** Suppose that \( \{c_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is a sequence in \( \mathbb{C} \) and \( R := \left( \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |c_n|^{1/n} \right)^{-1} \). If \( A \in \mathbb{C}^{J_N \times J_N} \) with \( \|A\| < R \), then

\[
f(A) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n A^n
\]

is convergent and \( f : B_0(R) := \{ A : \|A\| < R \} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{J_N \times J_N} \) is continuous. Moreover, for any \( \rho < R \), the sum converges absolutely and uniformly on \( B_0(\rho) \).

**Proof.** Let \( \rho \in (\|A\|, R) \) and let \( M_n := |c_n| \rho^n \). Then \( \lim sup_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n^{1/n} = \rho/R < 1 \) and therefore by the Root test, \( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n < \infty \). Since, for \( n \geq 1 \),

\[
|c_n A^n| = |c_n| \|A^n\| \leq |c_n| \|A\|^n \leq M_n,
\]

the results are now again a consequence of the Weierstrass M – test in Theorem 7.11.

**Theorem 7.28 (Matrix Exponentials and etc.).** The series for \( e^A \), \( \sin(A) \), \( \cos(A) \), \( \sinh(A) \), and \( \cosh(A) \) are all absolutely convergent define continuous functions from \( \mathbb{C}^{J_N \times J_N} \) to \( \mathbb{C}^{J_N \times J_N} \) in the Hilbert Schmidt norm.

**Proof.** Since the corresponding numerical series all of infinite radius of convergence the result follows from Theorem 7.27.
Exercise 7.9 (Inverting perturbations of the identity). For \( \|A\|_2 < 1 \) in \( \mathbb{C}^{J_N \times J_N} \), \( I - A \) is invertible and

\[
(I - A)^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A^n
\]

where the sum is absolutely convergent. Moreover the function \( A \to (I - A)^{-1} \) is continuous on the ball, \( B := \{ A : \|A\|_2 < 1 \} \) and

\[
\left\| (I - A)^{-1} \right\|_2 \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|A^n\|_2 \leq \frac{\|A\|_2}{1 - \|A\|_2} + \sqrt{N}.
\]

Exercise 7.10 (Binomial Theorem). Suppose that \( A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{J_N \times J_N} \) are commuting matrices, i.e. \( AB = BA \). For any \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), show by induction that

\[
\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} A^k B^{n-k} = (A + B)^n. \tag{7.14}
\]

Exercise 7.11 (Matrix Addition Formula). If \( A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{J_N \times J_N} \) are commuting matrices, show \( \exp(A + B) = \exp(A) \cdot \exp(B) \). **Hint:** mimic the proof of Theorem 7.23.

Example 7.29 (exp \((A + B) \neq \exp(A) \cdot \exp(B)\)). Let \( \theta \in \mathbb{R} \) and

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \theta \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \theta & 0 \end{bmatrix}.
\]

Since \( A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = B^2 \) it follows that

\[
e^A = I + A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \theta \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad e^B = I + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \theta & 1 \end{bmatrix}
\]

and in particular,

\[
e^A e^B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \theta \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \theta & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \theta^2 & \theta \\ -\theta & 1 \end{bmatrix}.
\]

Let us now compute \( e^{A+B} \). First observe that

\[
A + B = \theta J \quad \text{where} \quad J := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.
\]

Since

\[
J^2 = -I \quad \text{where} \quad I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},
\]

it follows that \( J^{2n} = (-I)^n = (-1)^n I \) and \( J^{2n+1} = J^{2n} J = (-1)^n J \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). Therefore,

\[
e^{A+B} = e^{\theta J} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\theta^n}{n!} J^n
\]

\[
= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)!} \theta^{2n} J^{2n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)!} \theta^{2n+1} J^{2n+1}
\]

\[
= \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)!} \theta^{2n} (-1)^n \right) I + \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)!} \theta^{2n+1} (-1)^n \right) J
\]

\[
= \cos \theta \cdot I + \sin \theta \cdot J = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}.
\]

From these formula it is evident (using facts that you know about sin \( \theta \) and cos \( \theta \)) that \( e^A e^B \neq e^{A+B} \) unless \( \theta = 0 \). There is no contradiction to Exercise 7.11 since

\[
[A, B] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \theta \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -\theta & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \theta \end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
= \begin{bmatrix} -\theta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \theta^2 \end{bmatrix} = -\theta^2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
\]

which is zero iff \( \theta = 0 \).

Exercise 7.12. Let \((X, \|\cdot\|)\) be a normed space and \( T : X \to X \) be a linear transformation and suppose \( T \) is continuous at 0 \( \in X \). Show;

1. There exists \( C < \infty \) such that \( \|T(x)\| \leq C \|x\| \) for all \( x \in X \). **Hint:** for sake of contradiction suppose that no such \( C < \infty \) exists. Then construct a sequence \( \{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset X \) such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} y_n = 0 \) while \( \|T(y_n)\| = 1 \) for all \( n \).

2. Show \( T \) is continuous on all of \( X \).
More Sums and Sequences

Warning: this chapter is a bit rough and will be edited later when it becomes needed.

8.1 Rearrangements

[The stuff about sums of positive numbers could go much earlier in fact.]

Definition 8.1. If $A$ is a countable set and $a : A \to [0, \infty]$ is a function, let

$$\sum_{x \in A} a(x) := \sup_{A_0 \subset_f A} \sum_{x \in A_0} a(x).$$

Notice that if $0 \leq a(x) \leq b(x)$, then $\sum_{x \in A} a(x) \leq \sum_{x \in A} b(x)$. Moreover if $B \subset A$, then

$$\sum_{x \in B} a(x) = \sum_{x \in A} a(x) 1_B(x).$$

Theorem 8.2 (Monotone Convergence Theorem for Sums). If $A$ is a countable set and $a_n : A \to [0, \infty]$ is an increasing sequence of functions, then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A} a_n(x) := \sum_{x \in A} \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n(x).$$

Proof. This is an easy consequence of the sup – sup theorem. Indeed, $\sum_{x \in A} a_n(x)$ is an increasing sequence of numbers, therefore,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A} a_n(x) = \sup_n \sum_{x \in A} a_n(x) = \sup_{A_0 \subset_f A} \sup_n \sum_{x \in A_0} a_n(x)$$

$$= \sup_{A_0 \subset_f A} \sum_{x \in A_0} \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n(x) = \sup_{A_0 \subset_f A} \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A_0} a_n(x)$$

$$= \sup_{A_0 \subset_f A} \sum_{x \in A_0} \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n(x) = \sum_{x \in A_0} \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n(x).$$

Corollary 8.3. Again suppose that $A$ is a countable set and $a : A \to [0, \infty]$ is a function. If $A_n \subset A$ and $A_n \uparrow A$, then

$$\sum_{x \in A} a(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{A_n} a(x).$$

Proof. Apply Theorem 8.2 with $a_n(x) := a(x) 1_{A_n}(x).$

Corollary 8.4. If $A = A \cup B$ with $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then

$$\sum_{x \in A} a(x) = \sum_{x \in A} a(x) + \sum_{x \in B} a(x).$$

Proof. Choose $A_n \subset_f A$ such that $A_n \uparrow A$. Then $A_n \cap A \uparrow A$ and $A_n \cap B \uparrow B$ and hence,

$$\sum_{x \in A} a(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A_n} a(x)$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left[ \sum_{x \in A_n \cap A} a(x) + \sum_{x \in A_n \cap B} a(x) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A_n \cap A} a(x) + \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A_n \cap B} a(x)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in A} a(x) + \sum_{x \in B} a(x).$$

Corollary 8.5. If $A$ is a countable set, $a : A \to [0, \infty]$ is a function, and $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$, then

$$\sum_{x \in A} a(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{A_n} a(x).$$

Proof. We have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{A_n} a(x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{A_n} a(x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A} a(x) = \sum_{x \in A} a(x).$$
Corollary 8.6. If $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is any enumeration of $\Lambda$ then
\[
\sum_{x \in \Lambda} a(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(x_n).
\]

Proof. $\Lambda = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x_n\}$ and therefore
\[
\sum_{x \in \Lambda} a(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{x \in \{x_n\}} a(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(x_n).
\]

Corollary 8.7 (Tonelli Theorem for Sums). Suppose that $\Lambda$ is a countable set and $a_n : \Lambda \to [0, \infty]$ is a sequence of functions, then
\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} a_n(x) = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(x).
\]

Proof. This is a simple consequence of MCT,
\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} a_n(x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} a_n(x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{N} a_n(x) = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{N} a_n(x) = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(x).
\]

Lemma 8.8 (Fatou’s Lemma). If $\Lambda$ is a countable set and $a_n : \Lambda \to [0, \infty]$ is a sequence of functions, then
\[
\sum_{x \in \Lambda} \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n(x) \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} a_n(x).
\]

Proof. By definition and MCT,
\[
\sum_{x \in \Lambda} \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n(x) = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \lim_{n \to \infty} \inf_{k \geq n} a_k(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \inf_{k \geq n} a_k(x) = \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \inf_{k \geq n} a_k(x) \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} a_n(x).
\]

Theorem 8.9 (Dominated Convergence Theorem for Sums I). If $\Lambda$ is a countable set and $a_n : \Lambda \to [0, \infty]$ is a sequence of functions such that $\sum_{x \in \Lambda} \sup_n a_n(x) < \infty$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n(x) = 0$ for all $x \in A$, then
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} a_n(x) := 0.
\]

Proof. For all $\varepsilon > 0$ there $A_{\varepsilon} \subset A$ such that $\sum_{x \in \Lambda} \sup_n a_n(x) \leq \varepsilon$. Therefore,
\[
\sum_{x \in \Lambda} a_n(x) = \sum_{x \in A_{\varepsilon}} a_n(x) + \sum_{x \notin A_{\varepsilon}} a_n(x) \leq \sum_{x \in A_{\varepsilon}} a_n(x) + \varepsilon
\]
and therefore,
\[
\limsup_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} a_n(x) \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A_{\varepsilon}} a_n(x) + \varepsilon = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A_{\varepsilon}} a_n(x) + \varepsilon = \varepsilon.
\]

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, it follows that
\[
\limsup_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} a_n(x) = 0.
\]

Alternative Proof. Let $\alpha(x) := \sup_n a_n(x)$, then $\alpha(x) - a_n(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in A$. Therefore by Fatou’s Lemma 8.8
\[
\sum_{x \in \Lambda} \liminf_{n \to \infty} [\alpha(x) - a_n(x)] \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} [\alpha(x) - a_n(x)] = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \alpha(x) + \liminf_{n \to \infty} \left[ - \sum_{x \in \Lambda} a_n(x) \right] = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \alpha(x) - \limsup_{n \to \infty} \left[ \sum_{x \in \Lambda} a_n(x) \right]
\]
while similarly,
\[
\sum_{x \in \Lambda} \liminf_{n \to \infty} [\alpha(x) - a_n(x)] = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \left[ \alpha(x) + \liminf_{n \to \infty} [-a_n(x)] \right] = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \left[ \alpha(x) - \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n(x) \right] = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \alpha(x).
\]

This then implies that
\[
\sum_{x \in A} \alpha(x) \leq \sum_{x \in A} \alpha(x) - \limsup_{n \to \infty} \left[ \sum_{x \in A} a_n(x) \right]
\]
and hence that
\[
\limsup_{n \to \infty} \left[ \sum_{x \in A} a_n(x) \right] \leq 0
\]
as before.

Now suppose that \((Z, \| \cdot \|)\) is a Banach space and \(a : A \to Z\) is a function such that \(\sum_{x \in A} \| a(x) \| < \infty\).

**Theorem 8.10.** Let \(\ell^1(A, Z)\) be the space of functions \(a : A \to Z\) such that
\[
\|a\|_1 := \sum_{x \in A} \| a(x) \| < \infty.
\]

Then;
1. \((\ell^1(A, Z), \| \cdot \|_1)\) is a Banach space.
2. The set \(D = \{ a : A \to Z : \# \{ x \in A : a(x) \neq 0 \} < \infty \}\) is dense subspace of \(\ell^1(A, Z)\).
3. For \(a \in D\) we may define
\[
\sum_{x \in A} a(x) = \sum_{x : a(x) \neq 0} a(x) \in Z.
\]

Since
\[
\left\| \sum_{x \in A} a(x) \right\| \leq \sum_{x \in A} \| a(x) \| = \|a\|_1,
\]
this linear operator has a unique continuous extension to a linear operator \(\Sigma : \ell^1(A, Z) \to Z\).

**Proof.** We take each item in turn.

1. Let \(\{ a_n \}_{n=1}^{\infty}\) be a Cauchy sequence in \(\ell^1(A, Z)\). Since
\[
\| a_n(x) - a_m(x) \| \leq \| a_n - a_m \|_1 \to 0 \quad \text{as } m, n \to \infty,
\]
it follows that \(\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n(x) =: a(x)\) exists for all \(x \in A\). Moreover, using Fatou’s Lemma 8.8,
\[
\|a - a_n\|_1 = \sum_{x \in A} \|a(x) - a_n(x)\| = \sum_{x \in A} \liminf_{m \to \infty} \|a_m(x) - a_n(x)\| \leq \liminf_{m \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A} \|a_m(x) - a_n(x)\| = \liminf_{m \to \infty} \|a_m - a_n\|_1 \to 0 \quad \text{as } n \to \infty.
\]

2. Choose \(A_n \subseteq A\) such that \(A_n \uparrow A\) and set \(a_n(x) = a(x)1_{A_n}(x)\) for all \(n \in \mathbb{N}\) and \(x \in A\). Then
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \|a - a_n\|_1 = 0 \quad \text{by DCT}.
\]

3. This is a consequence of the BLT theorem.

**Theorem 8.11 (DCT II).** Suppose that \(\{ a_n \}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \ell^1(A, Z)\) and \(A(x) := \sup_n \| a_n(x) \|\) satisfy;

1. \(a(x) := \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n(x)\) existing in \(Z\) for all \(x \in A\), [Conflict of notation and]
2. \(\sum_{x \in A} A(x) < \infty\),

then
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \|a - a_n\|_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A} a_n(x) = \sum_{x \in A} a(x).
\]

**Proof.** It suffices to prove the first assertion since the sum operation is continuous relative to the \(\| \cdot \|_1\)-norm on \(\ell^1(A, Z)\). Since
\[
\|a(x)\| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \|a_n(x)\| \leq A(x)
\]

it follows that
\[
\|a(x) - a_n(x)\| \leq \|a(x)\| + \|a_n(x)\| \leq 2A(x).
\]

Since
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \|a(x) - a_n(x)\| = \|a(x) - \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n(x)\| = \|a(x) - a(x)\| = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in A,
\]
we may use the dominated convergence theorem for sums (Theorem 8.9) to conclude,
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \|a - a_n\|_1 = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A} \|a(x) - a_n(x)\| = \sum_{x \in A} \lim_{n \to \infty} \|a(x) - a_n(x)\| = 0.
\]

**Corollary 8.12.** Suppose \((Z, \| \cdot \|)\) and \(a \in \ell^1(A, Z)\). If \(A_n \uparrow A\), then
\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A_n} a(x) = \sum_{x \in A} a(x).
\]
Proof. Let \( a_n (x) := 1_{A_n} (x) a (x) \) for all \( n \). Then \( \|a_n (x)\| \leq \|a (x)\| \) and \( \sum_{x \in A} \|a (x)\| < \infty \). Since \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n (x) = a (x) \) for all \( x \in A \), it follows by DCT that

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A_n} a (x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A} a_n (x) = \sum_{x \in A} \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n (x) = \sum_{x \in A} a (x).
\]

Corollary 8.13. Suppose \((Z, \|\|)\) is a Banach space, \( A \) is a countable set, and \( a \in \ell^1 (A, Z) \). If \( A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \), then

\[
\sum_{x \in A_n} a (x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{x \in A_n} a (x).
\]

Proof. We have

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{x \in A_n} a (x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{x \in A_n} a (x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{N} A_n} a (x) = \sum_{x \in A} a (x).
\]

Because \( \bigcup_{n=1}^{N} A_n \uparrow A \) as \( N \to \infty \). [Bruce: we need to prove the finite additivity here, namely that if \( A = A \cup B \), then

\[
\sum_{x \in A} a (x) = \sum_{x \in A} a (x) + \sum_{x \in B} a (x).
\]

But this is simple, since \( a = 1_A a + 1_B a \) and

\[
\sum_{x \in A} 1_A a = \sum_{x \in A} a
\]

where this last equality follow by choosing \( A_n \subset_f A \) such that \( A_n \uparrow A \) so that

\[
\sum_{x \in A} 1_A a = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A_n} 1_A a = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in A \cap A_n} a = \sum_{x \in A} a.
\]

Corollary 8.14. If \( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{x \in A} \|a_n (x)\| < \infty \), then

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{x \in A} a_n (x) = \sum_{x \in A} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (x) \in Z.
\]

Proof. First observe that

\[
\left\| \sum_{n=1}^{N} a_n (x) \right\| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{N} \|a_n (x)\| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|a_n (x)\| \in \ell^1 (A, Z)
\]

and \( \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{N} a_n (x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (x) \). Therefore by DCT,

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{x \in A_n} a (x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{x \in A_n} a (x) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{N} A_n} a (x) = \sum_{x \in A} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (x).
\]

Better proof. By assumption,

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|a_n\| < \infty \implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ converges in } \ell^1 (A, Z).
\]

Therefore,

\[
\sum_{A} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{A} a_n.
\]

Exercise 8.1 (Differentiating past an infinite sum). Suppose that

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sup_{x} |f'_n (x)| < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n (0) \text{ exists.}
\]

Then \( S (x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n (x) \) exists and

\[
S' (x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f'_n (x).
\]

Exercise 8.2 (Differentiating past a limit). Suppose \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f_n (x) = f (x) \) and \( f'_n \to g \) uniformly. Show \( f' (x) = g (x) \), i.e. we have in this case that

\[
\frac{d}{dx} \lim_{n \to \infty} f_n (x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{d}{dx} f_n (x).
\]

Exercise 8.3. Suppose that

\[
f (z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n
\]

has radius of convergence \( R \). Show \( f' (z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} na_n z^n \) for all \( |z| < R \) and the radius of convergence of \( f' \) is still \( R \).
Theorem 8.15 (Changing the center of a power series). Suppose that $A(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} z^n$ has radius of convergence $R > 0$. For $|z| < R$ and $|h| < R - |z|$ we have

$$A(z + h) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} a_m(z) h^m$$

where

$$a_m(z) := \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(n-m)!} z^{n-m} = A^{(m)}(z).$$

Proof. Working formally for the moment,

$$A(z + h) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} (z + h)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{n} \binom{n}{m} z^m h^{n-m} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{0 \leq m \leq n < \infty} \frac{a_n}{m! (n-m)!} z^{n-m} h^m$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} \left[ \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{(n-m)!} z^{n-m} \right] h^m$$

which gives the result provided the interchange of order of sums was permissible. To check this we consider,

$$\sum_{0 \leq m \leq n < \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{m! (n-m)!} z^{n-m} h^m \right| = \sum_{0 \leq m \leq n < \infty} \frac{|a_n|}{m! (n-m)!} |z|^{n-m} |h|^m$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{n!} (|z| + |h|)^n < \infty$$

as we know for all $0 \leq \rho < R$ that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{n!} \rho^n < \infty$. Hence we may apply Fubini’s theorem for sums in order to conclude the result. 

8.2 Double Sequences

In this chapter we will consider doubly indexed sequences, \(\{S_{m,n}\}_{m,n=1}^{\infty}\), of complex numbers. To be more precise \(\{S_{m,n}\}_{m,n=1}^{\infty}\) is simply a function from \(\mathbb{N}^2\) to \(\mathbb{C}\). In this chapter we are interested in the following limits;

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n}, \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} \lim_{m \to \infty} S_{m,n}, \quad \lim_{m \to \infty} S_{m,n}, \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{m \wedge n \to \infty} S_{m,n},$$

where the last two limits are defined as follows.

\(^1\) Much of what we will say holds for sequences taking values in “complete metric spaces” to be covered later.
A plot of $S_{m,n} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{m}{n}}$ in terms of the variables $\frac{1}{m}$ and $\frac{1}{n}$.

With this change of variables, $m \to \infty \iff x \to 0$ and $n \to \infty \iff y \to 0$ and $m = \infty$ and $n = \infty$ correspond to $x = 0$ and $y = 0$ respectively. It is now quite clearly that $\lim_{x \to 0} A(x,y) = 0$ for all $y > 0$ and $\lim_{y \to 0} A(x,y) = 1$ for all $x > 1$.

Example 8.18 (Switching Limits is Dangerous II). Let

$$S_{m,n} := \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{1 + \frac{m}{n}} = -\frac{\cos(\pi m)}{1 + \frac{m}{n}}.$$ 

Then $\lim_{m \to \infty} S_{m,n} = 0$ (but not uniformly in $n$) so that $\lim_{n \to \infty} \lim_{m \to \infty} S_{m,n} = 0$. We also have $\lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = (-1)^m$ and $\lim_{m \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \lim_{m \to \infty} (-1)^m$ does not exists. In order to visualize better what is going on here let us again make the change of variables, $x = \frac{1}{m}$ and $y = \frac{1}{n}$, i.e. let

$$S(x,y) = S_{m,n} = -\frac{x}{x+y} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{x}\right)$$

whose plot appears in Figure 8.18.

Example 8.19 (Switching Limits is Dangerous III). If

$$S_{m,n} := \frac{(-1)^n}{m} + \frac{(-1)^m}{n} = -\frac{\cos(n\pi)}{m} - \frac{\cos(m\pi)}{n}$$

and we let $x = \frac{1}{m}$ and $y = \frac{1}{n}$. Then

$$S(x,y) = S_{m,n} = -x \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{y}\right) - y \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{x}\right)$$

whose plot appears in Figure 8.19.
A plot of \(-\frac{\cos(n\pi)}{m} - \frac{\cos(m\pi)}{n}\) in terms of the variables \(\frac{1}{m}\) and \(\frac{1}{n}\).

In this case, \(\lim_{m \land n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = 0\) exists but \(\lim_{m \to \infty} S_{m,n}\) and \(\lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n}\) do not exist!

**Remark 8.20.** However, if \(\lim_{m \land n \to \infty} S_{m,n}\) exists then we do always have,

\[
\lim_{m \land n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \lim_{m \to \infty} \limsup_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \liminf_{m \to \infty} S_{m,n}.
\]

On the other hand if \(\lim_{m \lor n \to \infty} S_{m,n}\) exists then we will have

\[
\lim_{m \lor n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \lim_{m \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \lim_{m \to \infty} S_{m,n}.
\]

One way to avoid these types of behaviors is to assume \(S_{m,n} \geq 0\) and is increasing in each index.

**Example 8.21 (Monotonicity is good).** If

\[
S_{m,n} := \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}}
\]

and we let \(x = \frac{1}{m}\) and \(y = \frac{1}{n}\). Then

\[
S(x,y) = S_{m,n} = \frac{1}{1 + y + x^2}
\]

whose plot appears in Figure 8.21.

This example is covered by Theorem 8.22 below.

**Theorem 8.22 (Equality of monotone iterated limits).** Suppose that \(S_{m,n} \geq 0\) for all \(m,n \in \mathbb{N}\) and \(S_{m+1,n} \geq S_{m,n}\) and \(S_{m,n+1} \geq S_{m,n}\) for all \(m,n \in \mathbb{N}\). Then

\[
L := \lim_{n \to \infty} \lim_{m \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \lim_{m \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \sup_{(m,n)} S_{m,n} \tag{8.2}
\]

where all limits exist but may take on the value infinity. Moreover \(\lim_{m \land n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = L\).

**Proof.** Because \(S_{m,n}\) is increasing in each of its variables, we find,

\[
\lim_{m \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \sup_{m} \sup_{n} S_{m,n} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} \lim_{m \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \sup_{m} \sup_{n} S_{m,n}
\]

and therefore Eq. (8.2) follows from Corollary 8.2 of the sup-sup Theorem. So it only remains to show \(\lim_{m \land n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = L\).

Cases 1. If \(L = \infty\), then for any \(N \in \mathbb{N}\), there exists \((m_N,n_N)\) such that \(S_{m_N,n_N} \geq N\) and since \(S_{m,n}\) is increasing in each of its variables it follows that \(S_{m,n} \geq N\) for all \(m \geq m_N\) and \(n \geq n_N\)
and it follows that $\lim_{m,n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \infty$.

Case 2. $L < \infty$. In this case if $\varepsilon > 0$ is given, there exists $(m_\varepsilon, n_\varepsilon)$ such that $S_{m_\varepsilon, n_\varepsilon} \geq L - \varepsilon$. Since $S_{m,n}$ is increasing in each of its variables it follows that

$$L \geq S_{m,n} \geq L - \varepsilon$$

and so $|L - S_{m,n}| \leq \varepsilon$ for all $m \geq m_\varepsilon$ and $n \geq n_\varepsilon$. So by definition, $\lim_{m,n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = L$. ■

Exercise 8.4. If $\{f_n(x)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is a sequence of increasing continuous functions on $\mathbb{R}$ such that $f_n(x) \uparrow f(x) < \infty$ as $n \to \infty$, then $f(x)$ is continuous and increasing as well.

Exercise 8.5. Show $\lim_{m,n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = L$ iff for all $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $M,N \in \mathbb{N}$ such

$$|L - S_{m,n}| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all $m \geq M$ and $n \geq N$.

Lemma 8.23. Suppose that $\{S_{m,n}\}_{m,n=1}^\infty$ is Cauchy in the sense that for all $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $M,N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|S_{m,n} - S_{m',n'}| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all $m,m' \geq M$ and $n,n' \geq N$. (8.3)

Then $\lim_{m,n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = L$ exists.

Proof. Let $s_n := S_{n,n}$. Then the assumption shows that $\{s_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is a Cauchy sequence and hence convergent. Let $L := \lim_{n \to \infty} s_n$. Now take $m' = n'$ and then let $n' \to \infty$ in Eq. (8.3) in order to learn,

$$|S_{m,n} - L| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all $m \geq M$ and $n \geq N$.

From this we conclude that $\lim_{m,n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = L$.

Another way to ensure that the iterated limits are equal is to assume some uniformity in one of the limits as in the next key theorem. [This theorem will be used in one guise or another repeatedly throughout these notes.]

Theorem 8.24. Suppose that $\{S_{m,n}\}_{m,n=1}^\infty$ is a sequence of complex numbers (or more generally elements of a complete metric space $(X, \rho)$). Assume that

$$S_{m,\infty} := \lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n} \text{ exists uniformly in } m$$

and $S_{\infty,n} := \lim_{m \to \infty} S_{m,n}$ exists pointwise in $n$.

Then $\lim_{m \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n}$, $\lim_{n \to \infty} \lim_{m \to \infty} S_{m,n}$, and $\lim_{m \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n}$ all exist and are equal, i.e.

$$L := \lim_{m \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \lim_{m \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \lim_{m \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n}$$

[In words, the existence of limits in both variables along with uniformity in one of the variables implies the iterated limits exists and agree.]

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Choose $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\sup_m |S_{m,\infty} - S_{m,n}| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all $n \geq N$.

Now choose $M \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|S_{\infty,N} - S_{m,n}| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all $m \geq M$.

Then for $n \geq N$ and $m \geq M$ we have,

$$|S_{m,n} - S_{\infty,N}| \leq |S_{m,n} - S_{m,\infty}| + |S_{m,\infty} - S_{\infty,N}|$$

$$\leq |S_{m,n} - S_{m,\infty}| + |S_{m,\infty} - S_{m,n}| + |S_{m,n} - S_{\infty,N}|$$

$$\leq \varepsilon + \varepsilon + \varepsilon = 3\varepsilon.$$
8.3 Iterated Limits

Theorem 8.26. Let \( \{a_{m,n}\}_{m,n=1}^\infty \) be a sequence of complex numbers and assume that

\[
\lim_{m \to \infty} a_{m,n} = A_n \quad \text{exists uniformly in } n \\
\lim_{n \to \infty} A_n = L \quad \text{exists}
\]

then \( \lim_{m \wedge n \to \infty} a_{m,n} = L \) and in particular,

\[
\lim_{m \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} a_{m,n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \lim_{m \to \infty} a_{m,n}.
\]

**Idea.** The first assumption guarantees the rows of \( a_{m,n} \cong A \) for large \( m \). The second assertion say that \( A_n \cong L \) for large \( n \). Thus we must have \( a_{m,n} \cong A_n \cong L \) for large \( m \) and \( n \).

**Theorem 8.27.** Let \( \{a_{m,n}\}_{m,n=1}^\infty \) be a sequence of complex numbers and assume that

\[
\lim_{m \to \infty} a_{m,n} = a_n \quad \text{exists uniformly in } n \\
\lim_{n \to \infty} a_{m,n} = b_m \quad \text{exists} \\
\lim_{m \to \infty} b_m = B \quad \text{exists.}
\]

Then, \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = B \). In other words under the above conditions,

\[
\lim_{m \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} a_{m,n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \lim_{m \to \infty} a_{m,n}.
\]

Moreover \( \lim_{m \wedge n \to \infty} a_{m,n} = B \) as well.

**Idea.** As above we know that \( a_{m,n} \cong a \) for \( m \) large. We are also given that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_{m,n} \cong B \) for \( m \) large. Thus \( B \cong \lim_{n \to \infty} a_{m,n} \cong \lim_{m \to \infty} a_n \) for \( m \) large. Hence we may now apply the previous theorem.

**[Details]** We have

\[
|B - a_n| \leq |B - b_m| + |b_m - a_{m,n}| + |a_{m,n} - a_n| \\
\leq |B - b_m| + |b_m - a_{m,n}| + \sup_k |a_{m,k} - a_k|
\]

and then taking \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} \) of this inequality shows,

\[
\limsup_{n \to \infty} |B - a_n| \leq |B - b_m| + \sup_k |a_{m,k} - a_k| \to 0 \quad \text{as } m \to \infty.
\]

We now prove the second assertion. For this we have,

\[
|B - a_{m,n}| \leq |B - a_n| + |a_n - a_{m,n}| \\
\leq |B - a_n| + \sup_k |a_k - a_{m,k}|
\]

Thus given \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists \( M \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( N \in \mathbb{N} \) such that

\[
|B - a_{m,n}| \leq |B - a_n| + \sup_k |a_k - a_{m,k}| \leq \varepsilon + \varepsilon
\]

for \( n \geq N \) and \( m \geq M \). This proves the stronger statement that \( \lim_{m \wedge n \to \infty} a_{m,n} = B \), i.e. \( a_{m,n} \) is near \( B \) as long as both \( m, n \) are sufficiently large.

**Exercise 8.6.** Suppose that \( f_n \to f \) uniformly and \( f_n \) is continuous for all \( n \), then \( f \) is continuous. [Use sequential notion of continuity here.]
8.4 Double Sums and Continuity of Sums

Here are a couple of very useful consequences of these theorems.

**Theorem 8.28 (Monotone convergence theorem for sums).** Let \( \{a_{k,n}\}_{k,n=1}^\infty \) be a sequence of non-negative numbers, assume that \( a_{k,n+1} \geq a_{k,n} \) for all \( k, n \). Then

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_{k,n} = \lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^\infty a_{k,n} = \lim_{m,n \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^m a_{k,n}.
\]

**Proof.** Let \( S_{m,n} := \sum_{k=1}^m a_{k,n} \), then \( \{S_{m,n}\}_{m,n=1}^\infty \) satisfies the hypothesis of Theorem 8.22 and the conclusions now follows from that Theorem upon noting that

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_{k,n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^\infty a_{k,n} = \lim_{m,n \to \infty} S_{m,n}.
\]

**Theorem 8.29 (Tonelli’s Theorem for sums).** Let \( \{a_{k,l}\}_{k,l=1}^\infty \) be any sequence of non-negative numbers, then

\[
\sum_{k=1}^\infty \sum_{l=1}^\infty a_{k,l} = \sum_{l=1}^\infty \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_{k,l}.
\]

**Proof.** Apply Theorem 8.22 with \( S_{m,n} := \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{l=1}^n a_{k,l} \).

**Theorem 8.30 (Dominated convergence theorem for sums).** Let \( \{a_{k,n}\}_{k,n=1}^\infty \) be a sequence of complex numbers such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_{k,n} = a_k \) exists for all \( n \) and there exists a summable dominating sequence, \( \{M_k\} \), such that \( |a_{k,n}| \leq M_k \) for all \( k, n \in \mathbb{N} \). Then

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_{k,n} = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \lim_{n \to \infty} a_{k,n} = \lim_{m,n \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^m a_{k,n}.
\]

**Proof.** Let \( S_{m,n} := \sum_{k=1}^m a_{k,n} \), then \( \{S_{m,n}\}_{m,n=1}^\infty \) satisfies the hypothesis of Theorem 8.27. Indeed,

\[
|S_{m,n} - \sum_{k=1}^m a_{k,n}| = \sum_{k=m+1}^\infty |a_{k,n}| \leq \sum_{k=m+1}^\infty M_k
\]

and hence,

\[
\sup_n \left| S_{m,n} - \sum_{k=1}^m a_{k,n} \right| \leq \sum_{k=m+1}^\infty M_k \to 0 \text{ as } m \to \infty.
\]

Therefore \( S_{m,n} \to \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_{k,n} \) uniformly in \( n \) as \( m \to \infty \). Moreover,

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \sum_{k=1}^m \lim_{n \to \infty} a_{k,n} = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \to \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_k \text{ as } m \to \infty.
\]

Thus the hypothesis of Theorem 8.27 are satisfied and so we may conclude,

\[
\lim_{m,n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \lim_{m \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \lim_{m \to \infty} S_{m,n} = \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_k
\]

which is exactly Eq. (8.4).

**Theorem 8.31 (Fubini’s Theorem for sums).** Let \( \{a_{k,l}\}_{k,l=1}^\infty \) be any sequence of complex numbers. If \( \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_{k,l}| < \infty \), then

\[
\sum_{k=1}^\infty \sum_{l=1}^\infty a_{k,l} = \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_{k,l} = \sum_{l=1}^\infty a_{k,l}.
\]

8.5 Sums of positive functions

In this and the next few sections, let \( X \) and \( Y \) be two sets. We will write \( \alpha \subset \subset X \) to denote that \( \alpha \) is a finite subset of \( X \) and write \( 2^X \) for those \( \alpha \subset \subset X \).

**Definition 8.32.** Suppose that \( a : X \to [0, \infty) \) is a function and \( F \subset X \) is a subset, then

\[
\sum_F a = \sum_{x \in F} a(x) := \sup \left\{ \sum_{x \in \alpha} a(x) : \alpha \subset \subset F \right\}.
\]

**Remark 8.33.** Suppose that \( X = \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\} \) and \( a : X \to [0, \infty) \), then

\[
\sum_{n=1}^\infty a(n) := \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N a(n).
\]

Indeed for all \( N \), \( \sum_{n=1}^N a(n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^\infty a(n) \), and thus passing to the limit we learn that

\[
\sum_{n=1}^\infty a(n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^\infty a(n).
\]
Conversely, if $\alpha \subset \subset \mathbb{N}$, then for all $N$ large enough so that $\alpha \subset \{1,2,\ldots,N\}$, we have $\sum_{\alpha} a \leq \sum_{n=1}^{N} a(n)$ which upon passing to the limit implies that

$$\sum_{\alpha} a \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n).$$

Taking the supremum over $\alpha$ in the previous equation shows

$$\sum_{\mathbb{N}} a \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n).$$

Remark 8.34. Suppose $a : X \to [0, \infty]$ and $\sum_{X} a < \infty$, then $\{x \in X : a(x) > 0\}$ is at most countable. To see this first notice that for any $\varepsilon > 0$, the set $\{x : a(x) \geq \varepsilon\}$ must be finite for otherwise $\sum_{X} a = \infty$. Thus

$$\{x \in X : a(x) > 0\} = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{x : a(x) \geq 1/k\}$$

which shows that $\{x \in X : a(x) > 0\}$ is a countable union of finite sets and thus countable by Lemma 8.3.

Lemma 8.35. Suppose that $a, b : X \to [0, \infty]$ are two functions, then

$$\sum_{X} (a + b) = \sum_{X} a + \sum_{X} b$$

for all $\lambda \geq 0$.

I will only prove the first assertion, the second being easy. Let $\alpha \subset \subset X$ be a finite set, then

$$\sum_{\alpha} (a + b) = \sum_{\alpha} a + \sum_{\alpha} b \leq \sum_{X} a + \sum_{X} b$$

which after taking sups over $\alpha$ shows that

$$\sum_{X} (a + b) \leq \sum_{X} a + \sum_{X} b.$$

Similarly, if $\alpha, \beta \subset \subset X$, then

$$\sum_{\alpha} a + \sum_{\beta} b \leq \sum_{\alpha \cup \beta} a + \sum_{\alpha \cup \beta} b = \sum_{\alpha \cup \beta} (a + b) \leq \sum_{X} (a + b).$$

Taking sups over $\alpha$ and $\beta$ then shows that

$$\sum_{X} a + \sum_{X} b \leq \sum_{X} (a + b).$$

Lemma 8.36. Let $X$ and $Y$ be sets, $R \subset X \times Y$ and suppose that $a : R \to \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ is a function. Let $\mathcal{R} := \{y \in Y : (x, y) \in R\}$ and $R_{y} := \{x \in X : (x, y) \in R\}$. Then

$$\sup_{(x, y) \in R} a(x, y) = \sup_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in R_{x}} a(x, y) = \sup_{y \in Y} \inf_{x \in R_{y}} a(x, y)$$

in the previous equation shows that $\{x : a(x) > 0\}$ is a countable union of finite sets and thus

$$\sum_{X} a(x) < \infty.$$
Fig. 8.1. The \( x \) and \( y \) – slices of a set \( R \subset X \times Y \).

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_X f_n = \sup_n \sum_X f_n = \sup_{\alpha \in 2^X} \sum_{\alpha} f_n = \sup_{\alpha \in 2^X} \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{\alpha} f_n
\]

\[
= \sup_{\alpha \in 2^X} \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{\alpha} f_n = \sum_\alpha f = \sum_X f.
\]

Second Proof. Let \( S_n = \sum_X f_n \) and \( S = \sum_X f \). Since \( f_n \leq f_m \leq f \) for all \( n \leq m \), it follows that

\[
S_n \leq S_m \leq S
\]

which shows that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} S_n \) exists and is less that \( S \), i.e.

\[
A := \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_X f_n \leq \sum_X f.
\] (8.7)

Noting that \( \sum_\alpha f_n \leq \sum_X f_n = S_n \leq A \) for all \( \alpha \subset X \) and in particular,

\[
\sum_{\alpha} f_n \leq A \text{ for all } n \text{ and } \alpha \subset X.
\]

Letting \( n \) tend to infinity in this equation shows that

\[
\sum_{\alpha} f \leq A \text{ for all } \alpha \subset X
\]

and then taking the sup over all \( \alpha \subset X \) gives

\[
\sum_X f \leq A = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_X f_n
\] (8.8)

which combined with Eq. (8.7) proves the theorem.

Lemma 8.38 (Fatou’s Lemma for Sums). Suppose that \( f_n : X \to [0, \infty] \) is a sequence of functions, then

\[
\sum_X \liminf_{n \to \infty} f_n \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sum_X f_n.
\]

Proof. Define \( g_k := \inf_{n \geq k} f_n \) so that \( g_k \uparrow \inf_{n \to \infty} f_n \) as \( k \to \infty \). Since \( g_k \leq f_n \) for all \( n \geq k \),

\[
\sum_X g_k \leq \sum_X f_n \text{ for all } n \geq k
\]

and therefore

\[
\sum_X g_k \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sum_X f_n \text{ for all } k.
\]

We may now use the monotone convergence theorem to let \( k \to \infty \) to find

\[
\sum_X \liminf_{n \to \infty} f_n = \sum_X \lim_{k \to \infty} g_k \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sum_X f_n.
\]

Remark 8.39. If \( A = \sum_X a < \infty \), then for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists \( \alpha_\varepsilon \subset X \) such that

\[
A \geq \sum_{\alpha} a \geq A - \varepsilon
\]

for all \( \alpha \subset X \) containing \( \alpha_\varepsilon \) or equivalently,

\[
\left| A - \sum_{\alpha} a \right| \leq \varepsilon
\] (8.9)

for all \( \alpha \subset X \) containing \( \alpha_\varepsilon \). Indeed, choose \( \alpha_\varepsilon \) so that \( \sum_{\alpha_\varepsilon} a \geq A - \varepsilon \).

8.6 Sums of complex functions

Definition 8.40. Suppose that \( a : X \to \mathbb{C} \) is a function, we say that

\[
\sum_X a = \sum_{x \in X} a(x)
\]

exists and is equal to \( A \in \mathbb{C} \), if for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there is a finite subset \( \alpha_\varepsilon \subset X \) such that for all \( \alpha \subset X \) containing \( \alpha_\varepsilon \) we have

\[
\left| A - \sum_{\alpha} a \right| \leq \varepsilon.
\]
The following lemma is left as an exercise to the reader.

**Lemma 8.41.** Suppose that \(a, b: X \to \mathbb{C}\) are two functions such that \(\sum_X a\) and \(\sum_X b\) exist, then \(\sum_X (a + \lambda b)\) exists for all \(\lambda \in \mathbb{C}\) and

\[
\sum_X (a + \lambda b) = \sum_X a + \lambda \sum_X b.
\]

**Definition 8.42 (Summable).** We call a function \(a: X \to \mathbb{C}\) *summable* if

\[
\sum_X |a| < \infty.
\]

**Proposition 8.43.** Let \(a: X \to \mathbb{C}\) be a function, then \(\sum_X a\) exists iff \(\sum_X |a| < \infty\), i.e. iff \(a\) is summable. Moreover if \(a\) is summable, then

\[
\left| \sum_X a \right| \leq \sum_X |a|.
\]

**Proof.** If \(\sum_X |a| < \infty\), then \(\sum_X (\Re a)^+ < \infty\) and \(\sum_X (\Im a)^+ < \infty\) and hence by Remark 8.39 these sums exists in the sense of Definition 8.40. Therefore by Lemma 8.41, \(\sum_X a\) exists and

\[
\sum_X a = \sum_X (\Re a)^+ - \sum_X (\Re a)^- + i \left( \sum_X (\Im a)^+ - \sum_X (\Im a)^- \right).
\]

Conversely, if \(\sum_X |a| = \infty\) then because \(|a| \leq |\Re a| + |\Im a|\), we must have

\[
\sum_X |\Re a| = \infty \text{ or } \sum_X |\Im a| = \infty.
\]

Thus it suffices to consider the case where \(a: X \to \mathbb{R}\) is a real function. Write \(a = a^+ - a^-\) where

\[
a^+(x) = \max(a(x), 0) \text{ and } a^-(x) = \max(-a(x), 0).
\]

Then \(|a| = a^+ + a^-\) and

\[
\infty = \sum_X |a| = \sum_X a^+ + \sum_X a^-
\]

which shows that either \(\sum_X a^+ = \infty\) or \(\sum_X a^- = \infty\). Suppose, with out loss of generality, that \(\sum_X a^+ = \infty\). Let \(X' := \{x \in X : a(x) \geq 0\}\), then we know that \(\sum_{X'} a = \infty\) which means there are finite subsets \(\alpha_n \subset X' \subset X\) such that \(\sum_{\alpha_n} a \geq n\) for all \(n\). Thus if \(\alpha \subset X\) is any finite set, it follows that

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{\alpha_n \subset \alpha} a = \infty,
\]

and therefore \(\sum_X a\) can not exist as a number in \(\mathbb{R}\). Finally if \(a\) is summable, write \(\sum_X a = \rho e^{i\theta}\) with \(\rho \geq 0\) and \(\theta \in \mathbb{R}\), then

\[
\left| \sum_X a \right| = \rho = e^{-i\theta} \sum_X a = \sum_X e^{-i\theta a}
\]

\[
= \sum_X \Re \left[ e^{-i\theta a} \right] \leq \sum_X \left( \Re \left[ e^{-i\theta a} \right] \right)^+
\]

\[
\leq \sum_X |\Re \left[ e^{-i\theta a} \right] | \leq \sum_X |e^{-i\theta a}| \leq \sum_X |a|.
\]

Alternatively, this may be proved by approximating \(\sum_X a\) by a finite sum and then using the triangle inequality of \(|.|\).

**Remark 8.44.** Suppose that \(X = \mathbb{N}\) and \(a: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{C}\) is a sequence, then it is not necessarily true that

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} a(n).
\]

This is because

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{N} a(n)
\]

depends on the ordering of the sequence \(a\) where as \(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} a(n)\) does not. For example, take \(a(n) = (-1)^n/n\) then \(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |a(n)| = \infty\) i.e. \(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} a(n)\) does not exist while \(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n)\) does exist. On the other hand, if

\[
\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |a(n)| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a(n)| < \infty
\]

then Eq. (8.11) is valid.

**Theorem 8.45 (Dominated Convergence Theorem for Sums).** Suppose that \(f_n: X \to \mathbb{C}\) is a sequence of functions on \(X\) such that \(f(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} f_n(x) \in \mathbb{C}\) exists for all \(x \in X\). Further assume there is a *dominating function* \(g: X \to [0, \infty)\) such that

\[
|f_n(x)| \leq g(x) \text{ for all } x \in X \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}
\]

and that \(g\) is summable. Then

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{x \in X} f_n(x) = \sum_{x \in X} f(x).
\]
Proof. Notice that $|f| = \lim |f_n| \leq g$ so that $f$ is summable. By considering the real and imaginary parts of $f$ separately, it suffices to prove the theorem in the case where $f$ is real. By Fatou’s Lemma,

$$\sum_X (g \pm f) = \sum_X \lim_{n \to \infty} (g \pm f_n) \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_X (g \pm f_n)$$

$$= \sum_X g + \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \pm \sum_X f_n \right).$$

Since $\lim_{n \to \infty} (-a_n) = -\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n$, we have shown,

$$\sum_X g \pm \sum_X f \leq \sum_X g + \left( \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_X f_n - \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_X f_n \right)$$

and therefore

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup \sum_X f_n \leq \sum_X f \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \inf \sum_X f_n.$$

This shows that $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_X f_n$ exists and is equal to $\sum_X f$.

Proof. (Second Proof.) Passing to the limit in Eq. (8.12) shows that $|f| \leq g$ and in particular that $f$ is summable. Given $\varepsilon > 0$, let $\alpha \subset X$ such that

$$\sum_{X \setminus \alpha} g \leq \varepsilon.$$

Then for $\beta \subset X$ such that $\alpha \subset \beta$,

$$\left| \sum_{\beta} f - \sum_{\beta} f_n \right| = \left| \sum_{\beta} (f - f_n) \right|$$

$$\leq \sum_{\beta} |f - f_n| = \sum_{\alpha} |f - f_n| + \sum_{\beta \setminus \alpha} |f - f_n|$$

$$\leq \sum_{\alpha} |f - f_n| + 2\sum_{\beta \setminus \alpha} g$$

$$\leq \sum_{\alpha} |f - f_n| + 2\varepsilon.$$

and hence that

$$\left| \sum_{\beta} f - \sum_{\beta} f_n \right| \leq \sum_{\alpha} |f - f_n| + 2\varepsilon.$$

Since this last equation is true for all such $\beta \subset X$, we learn that

$$\lim \sup_{n \to \infty} \left| \sum_{X} f - \sum_{X} f_n \right| \leq \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} \sum_{\alpha} |f - f_n| + 2\varepsilon$$

which then implies that

$$\lim \sup_{n \to \infty} \left| \sum_{X} f - \sum_{X} f_n \right| \leq \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} \sum_{\alpha} |f - f_n| + 2\varepsilon$$

$$= 2\varepsilon.$$

Because $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary we conclude that

$$\lim \sup_{n \to \infty} \left| \sum_{X} f - \sum_{X} f_n \right| = 0.$$

which is the same as Eq. (8.13). $\blacksquare$

Remark 8.46. Theorem 8.45 may easily be generalized as follows. Suppose $f_n, g_n, g$ are summable functions on $X$ such that $f_n \to f$ and $g_n \to g$ pointwise, $|f_n| \leq g_n$ and $\sum_X g_n \to \sum_X g$ as $n \to \infty$. Then $f$ is summable and Eq. (8.13) still holds. For the proof we use Fatou’s Lemma to again conclude

$$\sum_X (g \pm f) = \sum_X \lim_{n \to \infty} (g_n \pm f_n) \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_X (g_n \pm f_n)$$

$$= \sum_X g + \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \pm \sum_X f_n \right)$$

and then proceed exactly as in the first proof of Theorem 8.45.

8.7 Iterated sums and the Fubini and Tonelli Theorems

Let $X$ and $Y$ be two sets. The proof of the following lemma is left to the reader.

Lemma 8.47. Suppose that $a : X \to \mathbb{C}$ is function and $F \subset X$ is a subset such that $a(x) = 0$ for all $x \notin F$. Then $\sum_F a$ exists if $\sum_X a$ exists and when the sums exists,

$$\sum_X a = \sum_F a.$$

Theorem 8.48 (Tonelli’s Theorem for Sums). Suppose that $a : X \times Y \to [0, \infty]$, then

$$\sum_{X \times Y} a = \sum_X \sum_Y a = \sum_Y \sum_X a.$$
Proof. It suffices to show, by symmetry, that
\[ \sum_{x \times y} a = \sum_{x} \sum_{y} a. \]

Let \( A \subseteq X \times Y \). Then for any \( \alpha \subseteq X \) and \( \beta \subseteq Y \) such that \( A \subseteq \alpha \times \beta \), we have
\[ \sum_{\alpha \times \beta} a = \sum_{\beta} a \cdot \sum_{\alpha} a \leq \sum_{\beta} a \leq \sum_{\alpha} a, \]
i.e. \( \sum_{A} a \leq \sum_{X} \sum_{Y} a \). Taking the sup over \( A \) in this last equation shows
\[ \sum_{X \times Y} a \leq \sum_{X} \sum_{Y} a. \]
For the reverse inequality, for each \( x \in X \) choose \( \beta_{\alpha}^{x} \subseteq Y \) such that \( \beta_{\alpha}^{x} \uparrow Y \) as \( n \uparrow \infty \) and
\[ \sum_{y \in \beta_{\alpha}^{x}} a(x, y) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{y \in \beta_{\alpha}^{x}} a(x, y). \]
If \( \alpha \subseteq X \) is a given finite subset of \( X \), then
\[ \sum_{y \in Y} a(x, y) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{y \in \beta_{\alpha}^{x}} a(x, y) \text{ for all } x \in \alpha \]
where \( \beta_{n} := \cup_{x \in \alpha} \beta_{\alpha}^{x} \subseteq Y \). Hence
\[ \sum_{x \in \alpha} \sum_{y} a(x, y) = \sum_{x \in \alpha} \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{y \in \beta_{\alpha}^{x}} a(x, y) \]
\[ = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{(x, y) \in \alpha \times \beta_{n}} a(x, y) \leq \sum_{X \times Y} a. \]
Since \( \alpha \) is arbitrary, it follows that
\[ \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} a(x, y) = \sup_{\alpha \subseteq X} \sum_{x \in \alpha} \sum_{y \in Y} a(x, y) \leq \sum_{X \times Y} a, \]
which completes the proof. \( \square \)

Theorem 8.49 (Fubini’s Theorem for Sums). Now suppose that \( a : X \times Y \to \mathbb{C} \) is a summable function, i.e. by Theorem 8.48 any one of the following equivalent conditions hold:

1. \( \sum_{X \times Y} |a| < \infty \),
2. \( \sum_{X} \sum_{Y} |a| < \infty \) or
3. \( \sum_{Y} \sum_{X} |a| < \infty \).

Proof. If \( a : X \to \mathbb{R} \) is real valued the theorem follows by applying Theorem 8.48 to \( a^{+} \) – the positive and negative parts of \( a \). The general result holds for complex valued functions \( a \) by applying the real version just proved to the real and imaginary parts of \( a \). \( \square \)

8.8 \( \ell^{p} \) – spaces, Minkowski and Holder Inequalities

In this chapter, let \( \mu : X \to (0, \infty) \) be a given function. Let \( \mathbb{F} \) denote either \( \mathbb{R} \) or \( \mathbb{C} \). For \( p \in (0, \infty) \) and \( f : X \to \mathbb{F} \), let
\[ \| f \|_{p} := \left( \sum_{x \in X} |f(x)|^{p} \mu(x) \right)^{1/p} \]
and for \( p = \infty \) let
\[ \| f \|_{\infty} = \sup \{|f(x)| : x \in X\}. \]
Also, for \( p > 0 \), let
\[ \ell^{p}(\mu) = \{ f : X \to \mathbb{F} : \| f \|_{p} < \infty \}. \]
In the case where \( \mu(x) = 1 \) for all \( x \in X \) we will simply write \( \ell^{p}(X) \) for \( \ell^{p}(\mu) \).

Definition 8.50. A norm on a vector space \( Z \) is a function \( \| \cdot \| : Z \to [0, \infty) \) such that

1. (Homogeneity) \( \| \lambda f \| = |\lambda| \| f \| \) for all \( \lambda \in \mathbb{F} \) and \( f \in Z \).
2. (Triangle inequality) \( \| f + g \| \leq \| f \| + \| g \| \) for all \( f, g \in Z \).
3. (Positive definite) \( \| f \| = 0 \) implies \( f = 0 \).

A function \( p : Z \to [0, \infty) \) satisfying properties 1. and 2. but not necessarily 3. above will be called a semi-norm on \( Z \).

A pair \( (Z, \| \cdot \|) \) where \( Z \) is a vector space and \( \| \cdot \| \) is a norm on \( Z \) is called a normed vector space.

The rest of this section is devoted to the proof of the following theorem.

Theorem 8.51. For \( p \in [1, \infty) \), \( (\ell^{p}(\mu), \| \cdot \|_{p}) \) is a normed vector space.

Proof. The only difficulty is the proof of the triangle inequality which is the content of Minkowski’s Inequality proved in Theorem 8.57 below. \( \square \)
Proposition 8.52. Let \( f : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty) \) be a continuous strictly increasing function such that \( f(0) = 0 \) (for simplicity) and \( \lim_{s \to \infty} f(s) = \infty \). Let \( g = f^{-1} \) and for \( s, t \geq 0 \) let
\[
F(s) = \int_0^s f(s')ds' \quad \text{and} \quad G(t) = \int_0^t g(t')dt'.
\]
Then for all \( s, t \geq 0 \),
\[
st \leq F(s) + G(t)
\]
and equality holds iff \( t = f(s) \).

Proof. Let
\[
A_s := \{(\sigma, \tau) : 0 \leq \tau \leq f(\sigma) \text{ for } 0 \leq \sigma \leq s\}
\]
and
\[
B_t := \{(\sigma, \tau) : 0 \leq \sigma \leq g(\tau) \text{ for } 0 \leq \tau \leq t\}
\]
then as one sees from Figure 8.2, \((0, s] \times [0, t] \subset A_s \cup B_t\). (In the figure: \( s = 3 \), \( t = 1 \). \( A_2 \) is the region under \( t = f(s) \) for \( 0 \leq s \leq 3 \) and \( B_1 \) is the region to the left of the curve \( s = g(t) \) for \( 0 \leq t \leq 1 \).) Hence if \( m \) denotes the area of a region in the plane, then
\[
st = m((0, s] \times [0, t]) \leq m(A_s) + m(B_t) = F(s) + G(t).
\]

As it stands, this proof is a bit on the intuitive side. However, it will become rigorous if one takes \( m \) to be “Lebesgue measure” on the plane which will be introduced later.

We can also give a calculus proof of this theorem under the additional assumption that \( f \) is \( C^1 \). (This restricted version of the theorem is all we need in this section.) To do this fix \( t \geq 0 \) and let
\[
h(s) = st - F(s) = \int_0^s (t - f(\sigma))d\sigma.
\]
If \( \sigma > g(t) = f^{-1}(t) \), then \( t - f(\sigma) < 0 \) and hence if \( s > g(t) \), we have
\[
h(s) = \int_0^s (t - f(\sigma))d\sigma = \int_0^{g(t)} (t - f(\sigma))d\sigma + \int_{g(t)}^s (t - f(\sigma))d\sigma
\]
\[
\leq \int_0^{g(t)} (t - f(\sigma))d\sigma = h(g(t)).
\]
Combining this with \( h(0) = 0 \) we see that \( h(s) \) takes its maximum at some point \( s \in (0, g(t)) \) and hence at a point where \( 0 = h'(s) = t - f(s) \). The only solution to this equation is \( s = g(t) \) and we have thus shown
\[
st - F(s) = h(s) \leq \int_0^{g(t)} (t - f(\sigma))d\sigma = h(g(t))
\]
with equality when \( s = g(t) \). To finish the proof we must show \( \int_0^{g(t)} (t - f(\sigma))d\sigma = G(t) \). This is verified by making the change of variables \( \sigma = g(\tau) \) and then integrating by parts as follows:
\[
\int_0^{g(t)} (t - f(\sigma))d\sigma = \int_0^t (t - f(g(\tau)))g'(\tau)d\tau = \int_0^t (t - \tau)g'(\tau)d\tau = \int_0^t g(\tau)d\tau = G(t).
\]

![Fig. 8.2. A picture proof of Proposition 8.52](image)

Definition 8.53. The conjugate exponent \( q \in [1, \infty] \) to \( p \in [1, \infty] \) is \( q := \frac{p}{p-1} \) with the conventions that \( q = \infty \) if \( p = 1 \) and \( q = 1 \) if \( p = \infty \). Notice that \( q \) is characterized by any of the following identities:
\[
\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \quad 1 + \frac{q}{p} = q, \quad p - \frac{p}{q} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad q(p-1) = p.
\]

(8.14)

Lemma 8.54. Let \( p \in (1, \infty) \) and \( q := \frac{p}{p-1} \in (1, \infty) \) be the conjugate exponent. Then
\[
st \leq \frac{s^p}{p} + \frac{t^q}{q} \quad \text{for all } s, t \geq 0
\]
with equality if and only if \( t^q = s^p \). (See Example ?? below for a generalization of the inequality in Eq. (8.15).)
Proof. Let $F(s) = \frac{sp}{p}$ for $p > 1$. Then $f(s) = s^{p-1} = t$ and $g(t) = t^{\frac{1}{p}} = t^{q-1}$, wherein we have used $q - 1 = p/(p-1) - 1 = 1/(p-1)$. Therefore $G(t) = t^q/q$ and hence by Proposition 8.52

$$st \leq \frac{sp}{p} + \frac{tq}{q}$$

with equality iff $t = s^{p-1}$, i.e. $t^q = s^{q(p-1)} = s^p$.

** For those who do not want to use Proposition 8.52, here is a direct calculus proof. Fix $t > 0$ and let

$$h(s) := st - \frac{sp}{p}.$$ 

Then $h(0) = 0$, $\lim_{s \to \infty} h(s) = -\infty$ and $h'(s) = t - s^{p-1}$ which equals zero iff $s = t^{\frac{1}{p}-1}$. Since

$$h\left(t^{\frac{1}{p}}\right) = t^{\frac{1}{p}} - t - t^{\frac{1}{p}} = t^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) = \frac{tq}{q},$$

it follows from the first derivative test that

$$\max h = \max \left\{ h(0), h\left(t^{\frac{1}{p}}\right) \right\} = \max \left\{ 0, \frac{tq}{q} \right\} = \frac{tq}{q}.$$ 

So we have shown

$$st - \frac{sp}{p} \leq \frac{tq}{q} \text{ with equality iff } t = s^{p-1}.$$ 

Theorem 8.55 (Hölder’s inequality). Let $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ be conjugate exponents. For all $f, g : X \to \mathbb{F}$,

$$\|fg\|_1 \leq \|f\|_p \cdot \|g\|_q.$$ 

If $p \in (1, \infty)$ and $f$ and $g$ are not identically zero, then equality holds in Eq. 8.16 iff

$$\left( \frac{|f|}{\|f\|_p} \right)^p = \left( \frac{|g|}{\|g\|_q} \right)^q.$$ 

Proof. For $p = 1$,

$$\|f + g\|_1 = \sum_X |f + g| \mu \leq \sum_X (|f| \mu + |g| \mu) = \sum_X |f| \mu + \sum_X |g| \mu$$

with equality iff

$$|f| + |g| = |f + g| \iff \text{sgn}(f) = \text{sgn}(g).$$

For $p = \infty$,

$$\|f + g\|_\infty = \sup_X |f + g| \leq \sup_X (|f| + |g|) \leq \sup_X |f| + \sup_X |g| = \|f\|_\infty + \|g\|_\infty.$$ 

Now assume that $p \in (1, \infty)$. Since
it follows that
\[ \|f + g\|^p \leq 2^p \max (\|f\|, \|g\|)^p \]

Making use of Eq. (8.14), it is easily verified if \(\|f + g\|_p = 0\), so we may assume \(\|f + g\|_p > 0\). Multiplying the inequality,
\[ \|f + g\| \lesssim \|f\| + |g|, \]
by \(\mu\), then summing on \(x\) and applying Holder’s inequality on each term gives
\[ \sum_X |f(x)|^p \mu \leq \sum_X |f(x)|^{p-1} \mu \|f\|^p \mu + \sum_X |g(x)|^{p-1} \mu \|g\|^p \mu \leq (\|f\|_p + \|g\|_p) \|f + g\|^{p-1} \mu. \]

Since \(q(p - 1) = p\), as in Eq. (8.14),
\[ \|f + g\|^{p-1} \|g\|_q = \sum_X (|f(x)| + |g(x)|)^{p-1} \mu = \sum_X |f(x)|^{p-1} \mu \|f\|^p \mu = \|f + g\|_p^p. \]

Combining Eqs. (8.21) and (8.22) shows
\[ \|f + g\|_p \leq (\|f\|_p + \|g\|_p) \|f + g\|_p^{p/q} \]
and solving this equation for \(\|f + g\|_p\) (making use of Eq. (8.14)) implies Eq. (8.19). Now suppose that \(f\) and \(g\) are not identically zero and \(p \in (1, \infty)\). Equality holds in Eq. (8.19) iff equality holds in Eq. (8.23) iff equality holds in Eq. (8.21) and Eq. (8.20). The latter happens iff
\[ \text{sgn}(f) = \text{sgn}(g) \] and
\[ \left( \frac{|f|}{\|f\|_p} \right)^p = \left( \frac{|g|}{\|g\|_p} \right)^p, \]
wherein we have used
\[ \left( \frac{|f + g|^{p-1}}{\|f + g\|_p} \right)^q = \left( \frac{|f + g|^p}{\|f + g\|_p} \right)^q. \]

Finally Eq. (8.24) is equivalent to \(|f| = c |g|\) with \(c = (\|f\|_p/\|g\|_p) > 0\) and this equality along with \(\text{sgn}(f) = \text{sgn}(g)\) implies \(f = cg\).

\section{Exercises}

\begin{enumerate}
\item \textbf{Exercise 8.7.} Now suppose for each \(n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \ldots\}\) that \(f_n : X \to \mathbb{R}\) is a function. Let
\[ D := \{x \in X : \lim_{n \to \infty} f_n(x) = +\infty\} \]
show that
\[ D = \bigcap_{M=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n \geq N} \{x \in X : f_n(x) \geq M\}. \]
\item \textbf{Exercise 8.8.} Let \(f_n : X \to \mathbb{R}\) be as in the last problem. Let
\[ C := \{x \in X : \lim_{n \to \infty} f_n(x) \text{ exists in } \mathbb{R}\}. \]
Find an expression for \(C\) similar to the expression for \(D\) in (8.25). (Hint: use the Cauchy criteria for convergence.)
\end{enumerate}

\subsection{Limit Problems}

\begin{enumerate}
\item \textbf{Exercise 8.9.} Show \(\lim \inf_{n \to \infty} (-a_n) = -\lim \sup_{n \to \infty} a_n\).
\item \textbf{Exercise 8.10.} Suppose that \(\lim \sup_{n \to \infty} a_n = M \in \mathbb{R}\), show that there is a subsequence \(\{a_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}\) of \(\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\) such that \(\lim_{k \to \infty} a_{n_k} = M\).
\item \textbf{Exercise 8.11.} Show that
\[ \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} (a_n + b_n) \leq \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} a_n + \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} b_n \]
provided that the right side of Eq. (8.26) is well defined, i.e. \(\infty - \infty\) or \(-\infty + \infty\) type expressions. (It is \textit{OK} to have \(\infty + \infty = \infty\) or \(-\infty - \infty = \infty\), etc.)
\item \textbf{Exercise 8.12.} Suppose that \(a_n \geq 0\) and \(b_n \geq 0\) for all \(n \in \mathbb{N}\). Show
\[ \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} (a_n b_n) \leq \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} a_n \cdot \lim \sup_{n \to \infty} b_n, \]
provided the right hand side of (8.27) is not of the form \(0 \cdot \infty\) or \(\infty \cdot 0\).
\item \textbf{Exercise 8.13.} Prove Lemma 8.41.
\item \textbf{Exercise 8.14.} Prove Lemma 8.44.
8.9.2 Monotone and Dominated Convergence Theorem Problems

**Exercise 8.15.** Let $M < \infty$, show there are polynomials $p_n(t)$ and $q_n(t)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq M} |\sqrt{t} - q_n(t)| = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{|t| \leq M} |t| - p_n(t)| = 0$$

using the following outline.

1. Let $f(x) = \sqrt{1-x}$ for $|x| \leq 1$ and use Taylor’s theorem with integral remainder (see Eq. ?? of Appendix ??), or analytic function theory if you know it, to show there are constants $c_n > 0$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\sqrt{1-x} = 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n x^n \text{ for all } |x| < 1.$$  

2. Let $\tilde{q}_n(x) := 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{m} c_n x^n$. Use (8.30) to show $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n = 1$ and conclude from this that

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \sup_{|x| \leq 1} |\sqrt{1-x} - \tilde{q}_m(x)| = 0.$$  

3. Conclude that $q_n(t) := \sqrt{\frac{M}{n}} \tilde{q}_n(1 - t/M)$ and $p_n(t) := q_n(t^2)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ are polynomials verifying Eqs. (8.28) and (8.29) respectively.

**Notation 8.58** For $u_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\delta > 0$, let $B_{u_0}(\delta) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x - u_0| < \delta\}$ be the ball in $\mathbb{R}^n$ centered at $u_0$ with radius $\delta$.

**Exercise 8.16.** Suppose $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a set and $u_0 \in U$ is a point such that $U \cap (B_{u_0}(\delta) \setminus \{u_0\}) \neq \emptyset$ for all $\delta > 0$. Let $G : U \setminus \{u_0\} \to \mathbb{C}$ be a function on $U \setminus \{u_0\}$. Show that $\lim_{u \to u_0} G(u)$ exists and is equal to $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ if for all sequences $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset U \setminus \{u_0\}$ which converge to $u_0$ (i.e. $\lim_{n \to \infty} u_n = u_0$) we have $\lim_{n \to \infty} G(u_n) = \lambda$.

**Exercise 8.17.** Suppose that $Y$ is a set, $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a set, and $f : U \times Y \to \mathbb{C}$ is a function satisfying:

1. For each $y \in Y$, the function $u \mapsto f(u, y)$ is continuous on $U$.
2. There is a summable function $g : Y \to [0, \infty)$ such that $|f(u, y)| \leq g(y)$ for all $y \in Y$ and $u \in U$.

Show that

$$F(u) := \sum_{y \in Y} f(u, y)$$

is a continuous function for $u \in U$.

**Exercise 8.18.** Suppose that $Y$ is a set, $J = (a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$ is an interval, and $f : J \times Y \to \mathbb{C}$ is a function satisfying:

1. For each $y \in Y$, the function $u \mapsto f(u, y)$ is differentiable on $J$.
2. There is a summable function $g : Y \to [0, \infty)$ such that $|\partial_u f(u, y)| \leq g(y)$ for all $y \in Y$ and $u \in J$.

3. There is a $u_0 \in J$ such that $\sum_{y \in Y} |f(u_0, y)| < \infty$.

Show:

a) for all $u \in J$ that $\sum_{y \in Y} |f(u, y)| < \infty$.

b) Let $F(u) := \sum_{y \in Y} f(u, y)$, show $F$ is differentiable on $J$ and that

$$\dot{F}(u) = \sum_{y \in Y} \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f(u, y).$$

(Hint: Use the mean value theorem.)

8.9.3 $\ell^p$ Exercises

**Exercise 8.19.** Generalize Proposition 8.52 as follows. Let $a \in [-\infty, 0]$ and $f : \mathbb{R} \cap [a, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ be a continuous strictly increasing function such that $\lim_{s \to \infty} f(s) = \infty$, $f(a) = 0$ if $a > -\infty$ or $\lim_{s \to -\infty} f(s) = 0$ if $a = -\infty$. Also let $g = f^{-1}$, $b = f(0) \geq 0$,

$$F(s) = \int_{s}^{\infty} f(s')ds'$$

and

$$G(t) = \int_{0}^{t} g(t')dt'.$$

Then for all $s, t \geq 0$,

4 To say $g := f(\cdot, y)$ is continuous on $U$ means that $g : U \to \mathbb{C}$ is continuous relative to the metric on $\mathbb{R}^n$ restricted to $U$. 

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} G(t) = \frac{1}{g(t)} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F(s).$$
\[ st \leq F(s) + G(t \lor b) \leq F(s) + G(t) \]

and equality holds iff \( t = f(s) \). In particular, taking \( f(s) = e^s \), prove Young’s inequality stating
\[ st \leq e^s + (t \lor 1) \ln (t \lor 1) - (t \lor 1) \leq e^s + t \ln t - t, \]
where \( s \lor t := \min(s, t) \). \textbf{Hint:} Refer to Figures 8.3 and 8.4.

\[ \text{Fig. 8.3.} \quad \text{Comparing areas when } t \geq b \text{ goes the same way as in the text.} \]

\[ \text{Fig. 8.4.} \quad \text{When } t \leq b, \text{ notice that } g(t) \leq 0 \text{ but } G(t) \geq 0. \text{ Also notice that } G(t) \text{ is no longer needed to estimate } st. \]

where \( v(y) = y (u')^{-1}(y) - u \left( (u')^{-1}(y) \right) \). \textbf{Hint:} consider the function, \( g(x) := xy - u(x) \).

\[ \text{Exercise 8.20.} \quad \text{Using differential calculus, prove the following inequalities} \]

1. For \( y > 0 \), let \( g(x) := xy - e^x \) for \( x \in \mathbb{R} \). Use calculus to compute the maximum of \( g(x) \) and use this prove Young’s inequality;

\[ xy \leq e^x + y \ln y - y \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } y > 0. \]

2. For \( p > 1 \) and \( y \geq 0 \), let \( g(x) := xy - x^p / p \) for \( x \geq 0 \). Again use calculus to compute the maximum of \( g(x) \) and show that your result gives the following inequality;

\[ xy \leq \frac{x^p}{p} + \frac{y^q}{q} \text{ for all } x, y \geq 0. \]

where \( q = \frac{p}{p-1} \), i.e. \( \frac{1}{q} = 1 - \frac{1}{p} \).

3. Suppose now that \( u : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty) \) is a \( C^1 \) - function such that: \( u(0) = 0, \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{u(x)}{x} = \infty \), and \( u'(x) > 0 \) for all \( x > 0 \). Show

\[ xy \leq u(x) + v(y) \text{ for all } x, y \geq 0, \]
Topological Considerations

9.1 Closed and Open Sets

Let \((X, d)\) be a metric space.

**Definition 9.1.** Let \((X, d)\) be a metric space. The open ball \(B(x, \delta) \subset X\) centered at \(x \in X\) with radius \(\delta > 0\) is the set

\[
B(x, \delta) := \{ y \in X : d(x, y) < \delta \}.
\]

We will often also write \(B(x, \delta)\) as \(B_x(\delta)\). We also define the closed ball centered at \(x \in X\) with radius \(\delta > 0\) as the set \(C_x(\delta) := \{ y \in X : d(x, y) \leq \delta \}\).

Fig. 9.1. Balls in \(\mathbb{R}^2\) corresponding to the 1–norm, 2–norm, 5–norm, and \(\frac{1}{2}\)–“norm.”

Fig. 9.2. The ball in \(C([0,1], \mathbb{R})\) of radius 1/4 centered at \(f(x) = \sin(x^2)\) are all the continuous functions whose graphs lie between the green envelope.
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Definition 9.2. A set $E \subset X$ is bounded if $E \subset B(x, R)$ for some $x \in X$ and $R < \infty$. A set $F \subset X$ is closed if every convergent sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ which is contained in $F$ has its limit back in $F$. A set $V \subset X$ is open iff $V^c$ is closed. We will write $F \subset X$ to indicate $F$ is a closed subset of $X$ and $V \subset_o X$ to indicate $V$ is an open subset of $X$. We also let $\tau_d$ denote the collection of open subsets of $X$ relative to the metric $d$.

Lemma 9.3. If $f : X \to \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function and $k \in \mathbb{R}$, then the following sets are closed,

$$A := \{x \in X : f(x) \leq k\}, \quad B := \{x \in X : f(x) = k\}, \quad \text{and} \quad C := \{x \in X : f(x) \geq k\}.$$  

Proof. The proof that $A$, $B$, and $C$ are closed all go the same way so let me just check that $A$ is closed. To this end, suppose that $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence in $A$ such that $x := \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n$ exists in $X$. Since $x_n \in A$, $f(x_n) \leq k$ and therefore,

$$k \geq \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = f(x)$$

wherein the last equality we have used the definition of $f$ being continuous. By definition of $A$ it then follows that $x \in A$ and so we have checked that $A$ is closed.

Example 9.4 (Closed Balls). Closed balls are closed. Indeed, we have seen $f(y) := d(x,y)$ is continuous and therefore

$$C_x(\delta) := \{y \in X : d(x,y) \leq \delta\} = \{y \in X : f(y) \leq \delta\}$$

is a closed set. Notice that $\{x\} = C_x(0)$ is a closed set for all $x \in X$.

Example 9.5. The following subsets of $\mathbb{C}$ are closed:

1. $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : a \leq \text{Im } z \leq b\}$ for all $a \leq b$ in $\mathbb{R}$.
2. $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : a \leq \text{Re } z \leq b\}$ for all $a \leq b$ in $\mathbb{R}$.
3. $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im } z = 0 \text{ and } a \leq \text{Re } z \leq b\}$ for all $a \leq b$ in $\mathbb{R}$.

Example 9.6 (Open Balls). Open balls in metric spaces are open sets. Indeed let $f(y) := d(x,y)$, then

$$B_x(\delta)^c := X \setminus B_x(\delta) = \{y \in X : d(x,y) \geq \delta\} = \{y \in X : f(y) \geq \delta\}$$

which is closed since $f$ is continuous. Thus $B_x(\delta)$ is open.

Theorem 9.7. The closed subsets of $(X,d)$ have the following properties:

1. $X$ and $\emptyset$ are closed.
2. If $\{C_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ is a collection of closed subsets of $X$, then $\cap_{\alpha \in I} C_\alpha$ is closed in $X$.
3. If $A$ and $B$ are closed sets then $A \cup B$ is closed.

Proof. 3. Let $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset A \cup B$ such that $\lim_{n \to \infty} z_n =: z$ exists. Then $z_n \in A$ i.o. or $z_n \in B$ i.o. For sake of definiteness say $z_n \in A$ i.o. in which case we may choose a subsequence, $w_k := z_{n_k}$ for all $k$. Since $\lim_{k \to \infty} w_k = z$ and $A$ is closed it follows that $z \in A$ and hence $z \in A \cup B$. Thus we have shown $A \cup B$ is closed.

Exercise 9.1. Prove item 2. of Theorem 9.7. If $\{C_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ is a collection of closed subsets of $X$, then $\cap_{\alpha \in I} C_\alpha$ is closed in $X$.

Exercise 9.2. Give an example of a collection of closed subsets, $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$, of $\mathbb{C}$ such that $\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ is not closed.

Corollary 9.8. Let $(X,d)$ be a metric space. Then the collection of open subsets, $\tau_d$, of $X$ satisfy:

1. $X$ and $\emptyset$ are in $\tau_d$.
2. $\tau_d$ is closed under taking arbitrary unions, i.e. if $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ is a collection of open sets then $\cup_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha$ is open.
3. $\tau_d$ is closed under taking finite intersections, i.e. if $U$ and $V$ are open sets then $U \cap \tau_d V$ is open as well.


Exercise 9.4. Let $U$ be a subset of a metric space $(X,d)$. Show the following are equivalent:

1. $U$ is open.
2. for all $z \in U$ there exists $\rho > 0$ such that $B_z(\rho) \subset U$.
3. $U$ can be written as a union of open balls.

Exercise 9.5 (Redundant now). Show that $V \subset X$ is open iff for every $x \in V$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that $B_x(\delta) \subset V$. In particular show $B_x(\delta)$ is open for all $x \in X$ and $\delta > 0$. Hint: by definition $V$ is not open iff $V^c$ is not closed.

Exercise 9.6. Let $(X,d)$ be a metric space and $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ be a finite subset of $X$. Show $X \setminus \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ is an open subset.

Exercise 9.7. Let $(X,d)$ be a complete metric space. Let $A \subset X$ be a subset of $X$ viewed as a metric space using $d|_{A \times A}$. Show that $(A,d|_{A \times A})$ is complete iff $A$ is a closed subset of $X$.
Lemma 9.9. For any non-empty subset $A \subset X$, let $d_A(x) := \inf\{d(x,a) | a \in A\}$, then
\[ |d_A(x) - d_A(y)| \leq d(x,y) \quad \forall x, y \in X \] (9.1)
and in particular if $x_n \to x$ in $X$ then $d_A(x_n) \to d_A(x)$ as $n \to \infty$. Moreover the set $F_\varepsilon := \{x \in X | d_A(x) \geq \varepsilon\}$ is closed in $X$.

**Proof.** Let $a \in A$ and $x, y \in X$, then
\[ d_A(x) \leq d(x,a) \leq d(x,y) + d(y,a). \]
Take the infimum over $a$ in the above equation shows that
\[ d_A(x) \leq d(x,y) + d_A(y) \quad \forall x, y \in X. \]
Therefore, $d_A(x) - d_A(y) \leq d(x,y)$ and by interchanging $x$ and $y$ we also have that $d_A(y) - d_A(x) \leq d(x,y)$ which implies Eq. (9.1). If $x_n \to x$ in $X$, then by Eq. (9.1)
\[ |d_A(x) - d_A(y)| \leq d(x,x_n) \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty \]
so that $\lim_{n \to \infty} d_A(x_n) = d_A(x)$. Now suppose that $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset F_\varepsilon$ and $x_n \to x$ in $X$, then
\[ d_A(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} d_A(x_n) \geq \varepsilon \]
since $d_A(x_n) \geq \varepsilon$ for all $n$. This shows that $x \in F_\varepsilon$ and hence $F_\varepsilon$ is closed. □

**Definition 9.10.** A subset $A \subset X$ is a **neighborhood** of $x$ if there exists an open set $V \subset_\circ X$ such that $x \in V \subset A$. We will say that $A \subset X$ is an open **neighborhood** of $x$ if $A$ is open and $x \in A$.

**Example 9.11.** Let $x \in X$ and $\delta > 0$, then $C_x(\delta)$ and $B_x(\delta)^c$ are closed subsets of $X$. For example if $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset C_x(\delta)$ and $y_n \to y \in X$, then $d(y_n, x) \leq \delta$ for all $n$ and using Corollary 6.46 it follows $d(y, x) \leq \delta$, i.e. $y \in C_x(\delta)$. A similar proof shows that $B_x(\delta)^c$ is closed, see Exercise 9.5.

**Lemma 9.12 (Approximating open sets from the inside by closed sets).** Let $U \subset X$ be an open set and $F_\varepsilon := \{x \in X | d_U(x) \geq \varepsilon\} \subset X$ be as in Lemma 9.9. Then $F_\varepsilon \cup U$ as $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$.

**Proof.** It is clear that $d_U(x) = 0$ for $x \in U^c$ so that $F_\varepsilon \subset U$ for each $\varepsilon > 0$ and hence $U_{\varepsilon > 0}F_\varepsilon \subset U$. Now suppose that $x \in U \subset_\circ X$. By Exercise 9.5 there exists an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $B_x(\varepsilon) \subset U$, i.e. $d(x,y) \geq \varepsilon$ for all $y \in U^c$. Hence $x \in F_\varepsilon$ and we have shown that $U \subset \cup_{\varepsilon > 0}F_\varepsilon$. Finally it is clear that $F_\varepsilon \subset F_{\varepsilon'}$ whenever $\varepsilon' \leq \varepsilon$. □

**Definition 9.13.** Given a set $A$ contained in a metric space $X$, let $\bar{A} \subset X$ be the **closure** of $A$ defined by
\[ \bar{A} := \{x \in X : \exists \{x_n\} \subset A \ni x = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n\}. \]
That is to say $\bar{A}$ contains all limit points of $A$. We say $A$ is **dense in** $X$ if $\bar{A} = X$, i.e. every element $x \in X$ is a limit of a sequence of elements from $A$. A metric space is said to be **separable** if it contains a countable dense subset, $D$.

**Lemma 9.14.** For any $A \subset X$, then
1. $A = \bar{A}$ if $A$ is closed.
2. $\bar{A} = \{x : d_A(x) = 0\}$ and $\bar{A}$ is closed.
3. $\bar{A} = \{x \in X : A \cap B_x(\rho) \neq \emptyset \forall \rho > 0\}$.
4. $d_A(x) > 0$ for all $x \in A^c$ if $A$ is closed.

**Proof.**
1. We always have $A \subset \bar{A}$. If $A$ is closed we can not leave $A$ by taking limits and hence $\bar{A} \subset A$, i.e. $A = \bar{A}$ if $A$ is closed.
2. Let $F := \{x : d_A(x) = 0\}$ which is a closed set since $d_A$ is continuous. If $x \in F$ (i.e. $d_A(x) = 0$), there exists $x_n \in A$ such that $d(x, x_n) \leq 1/n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x$ and $x \in \bar{A}$. This shows $F \subset \bar{A}$. Conversely if $x \in A$, there exists $\{x_n\} \subset A$ such that $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x$ and so
\[ d_A(x) = d_A\left(\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n\right) = \lim_{n \to \infty} d_A(x_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} 0 = 0 \]
which shows $x \in F$.
3. $\iff$ 3. Since $A \cap B_x(\rho) \neq \emptyset$ happens iff $d_A(x) < \rho$ we see that $A \cap B_x(\rho) \neq \emptyset \forall \rho > 0$ iff $d_A(x) < \rho$ for all $\rho > 0$, i.e. $d_A(x) = 0$.
4. If $A$ is closed then $\bar{A} = \bar{A} = \{x \in X : d_A(x) = 0\}$ and therefore $A^c = \{x \in X : d_A(x) > 0\}$.

**Exercise 9.8.** If $A$ is a non-empty subset of $X$, then $d_A = d_{\bar{A}}$.

**Exercise 9.9.** Given $A \subset X$, show $\bar{A}$ is a closed set and in fact
\[ \bar{A} = \cap \{F : A \subset F \subset X \text{ with } F \text{ closed}\}. \]
That is to say $\bar{A}$ is the smallest closed set containing $A$.

**Definition 9.15.** Let $(X,d)$ be a metric space and $A$ be a subset of $X$.
1. The **closure** of $A$ is the smallest closed set $\bar{A}$ containing $A$, i.e.
\[ \bar{A} := \cap \{F : A \subset F \subset X\}. \]
(Because of Exercise 9.9 this is consistent with Definition 9.13 for the closure of a set in a metric space.)
2. The interior of $A$ is the largest open set $A^o$ contained in $A$, i.e.,

$$A^o = \{ V \in \tau : V \subset A \} .$$

3. $A \subset X$ is a neighborhood of a point $x \in X$ if $x \in A^o$.
4. The accumulation points of $A$ is the set

$$\text{acc}(A) = \{ x \in X \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset \text{ for all } V \in \tau_x \} .$$

5. The boundary of $A$ is the set $bd(A) := \bar{A} \setminus A^o$.

6. $A$ is dense in $X$ if $A = X$ and $X$ is said to be separable if there exists a countable dense subset of $X$.

Lemma 9.16. Let $(X,d)$ be a metric space and $A$ be a subset of $X$, then

$$A^o = \{ x \in X : B_x(\rho_x) \subset A \text{ for some } \rho_x > 0 \} .$$

**Proof.** Let $V := \{ x \in X : B_x(\rho) \subset A \text{ for some } \rho = \rho_x > 0 \}$. If $B_x(\rho) \subset A$ and $y \in B_x(\rho)$ and $\delta = \rho - d(x,y)$, then $B_y(\delta) \subset B_x(\rho) \subset A$ which shows that $y \in V$, i.e., $B_x(\rho) \subset V$. Thus we may write

$$V = \bigcup \{ B_x(\rho) : B_x(\rho) \subset A \} .$$

This shows that $V$ is an open subset of $A$. Moreover if $W$ is another open subset of $A$, then

$$W = \bigcup \{ B_x(\rho) : B_x(\rho) \subset W \} \subset \bigcup \{ B_x(\rho) : B_x(\rho) \subset A \} = V$$

so that $V$ is the largest open subset contained in $A$. This completes the proof.

**Exercise 9.10.** Let $(X,\|\|)$ be a normed space and $d(x,y) := \|y - x\|$. Show;

1. $B_x(\rho)(\rho) = B_x(\rho)$,
2. $B_{2x}(\rho) = C_x(\rho)$,
3. $bd(C_x(\rho)) = bd(C_x(\rho)) = \{ y \in X : \|y - x\| = \rho \} .$$

**Example 9.17 (Words of Caution).** Let $(X,d)$ be a metric space. It is always true that $B_x(\varepsilon) \subset C_x(\varepsilon)$ since $C_x(\varepsilon)$ is a closed set containing $B_x(\varepsilon)$. However, it is not always true that $B_x(\varepsilon) = C_x(\varepsilon)$. For example let $X = \{1,2\}$ and $d(1,2) = 1$, then $B_1(1) = \{1\}$, $B_1(\bar{1}) = \{1\}$ while $C_1(1) = X$. For another counterexample, take

$$X = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x = 0 \text{ or } x = 1\}$$

with the usually Euclidean metric coming from the plane. Then

$$B_{(0,0)}(1) = \{(0,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |y| < 1\} ,$$

$$B_{(0,0)}(\bar{1}) = \{(0,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |y| \leq 1\} ,$$

$$C_{(0,0)}(1) = \overline{B_{(0,0)}(1)} \cup \{(1,0)\} .$$

**Exercise 9.11.** Suppose that $A$ and $B$ are subsets of a metric space, show $A \cup B = \bar{A} \cup B$.

**Exercise 9.12.** Given an example showing that $\overline{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n}$ need not be equal to $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{A_n}$.

**Remark 9.18.** The relationships between the interior and the closure of a set are:

$$(A^o)^c = \bigcap \{ V^c : V \in \tau \text{ and } V \subset A \} = \bigcap \{ C : C \text{ is closed } C \supset A^c \} = \overline{A^c}$$

and similarly, $(\bar{A})^c = (A^c)^o$.

**Proposition 9.19.** If $A$ is a subset of a metric space, $(X,d)$, then $bd(A)$ may be computed using either:

1. $bd(A) = \overline{A} \cap \overline{A^o}$,
2. $bd(A) = \{ x \in X : d_A(x) = 0 = d_{A^c}(x) \}$,
3. $bd(A) = \{ x \in X : B_{x}(\rho) \cap A \neq \emptyset \neq B_{x}(\rho) \cap A^c \text{ for all } \rho > 0 \}$, or
4. $bd(A) = \{ x \in X : \exists \{ x_n \} \subset A \text{ and } \{ y_n \} \subset A^c \neq \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} y_n \}$.

**Proof.** From the definition of $bd(A)$ and the relation, $(\bar{A})^c = (A^c)^o$, we find

$$bd(A) = \bar{A} \setminus A^o = \bar{A} \cap (A^c)^o = \bar{A} \cap \overline{A^c} .$$

**Exercise 9.13.** If $D$ is a dense subset of a metric space $(X,d)$ and $E \subset X$ is a subset such that to every $x \in D$ there exists $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset E$ with $x = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n$, then $E$ is also a dense subset of $X$. If points in $E$ well approximate every point in $D$ and the points in $D$ well approximate the points in $X$, then the points in $E$ also well approximate all points in $X$.

**Exercise 9.14.** Suppose $(X,d)$ is a metric space which contains an uncountable subset $A \subset X$ with the property that there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $d(a,b) \geq \varepsilon$ for all $a,b \in A$ with $a \neq b$. Show that $(X,d)$ is not separable.

**Exercise 9.15.** Let $Y = BC(\mathbb{R},C)$ be the Banach space of continuous bounded complex valued functions on $\mathbb{R}$ equipped with the uniform norm, $\|f\|_u := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f(x)|$. Further let $C_0(\mathbb{R},C)$ denote those $f \in C(\mathbb{R},C)$ such that vanish at infinity, i.e. $\lim_{x \to \pm \infty} f(x) = 0$. Also let $C_c(\mathbb{R},C)$ denote those $f \in C(\mathbb{R},C)$ with compact support, i.e. there exists $N < \infty$ such that $f(x) = 0$ if $|x| \geq N$. Show $C_0(\mathbb{R},C)$ is a closed subspace of $Y$ and that

$$C_c(\mathbb{R},C) = C_0(\mathbb{R},C) .$$
9.2 Continuity Revisited

Suppose now that \((X, \rho)\) and \((Y, d)\) are two metric spaces and \(f : X \to Y\) is a function.

**Definition 9.20.** A function \(f : X \to Y\) is **continuous** at \(x \in X\) if for all \(\varepsilon > 0\) there is a \(\delta > 0\) such that

\[
d(f(x), f(x')) < \varepsilon \quad \text{provided that} \quad \rho(x, x') < \delta.
\]

The function \(f\) is said to be **continuous** if \(f\) is continuous at all points \(x \in X\).

The following lemma gives two other characterizations of continuity of a function at a point.

**Lemma 9.21 (Local Continuity Lemma).** Suppose that \((X, \rho)\) and \((Y, d)\) are two metric spaces and \(f : X \to Y\) is a function defined in a neighborhood of a point \(x \in X\). Then the following are equivalent:

1. \(f\) is continuous at \(x \in X\).
2. For all neighborhoods \(A \subseteq Y\) of \(f(x)\), \(f^{-1}(A)\) is a neighborhood of \(x \in X\).
3. For all sequences \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty\) in \(X\) such that \(x = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n\), \(\{f(x_n)\}\) is convergent in \(Y\) and

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = f \left( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n \right).
\]

**Proof.** \(1 \implies 2\). If \(A \subseteq Y\) is a neighborhood of \(f(x)\), there exists \(\varepsilon > 0\) such that \(B_{f(x)}(\varepsilon) \subseteq A\) and because \(f\) is continuous there exists a \(\delta > 0\) such that Eq. \(9.4\) holds. Therefore

\[
\begin{equation}
B_X(\delta) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_{f(x)}(\varepsilon)) \subseteq f^{-1}(A).
\end{equation}
\]

showing \(f^{-1}(A)\) is a neighborhood of \(x\).

\(2 \implies 3\). Suppose that \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq X\) and \(x = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n\). Then for any \(\varepsilon > 0\), \(B_{f(x)}(\varepsilon)\) is a neighborhood of \(f(x)\) and so \(f^{-1}(B_{f(x)}(\varepsilon))\) is a neighborhood of \(x\) which must contain \(B_X(\varepsilon)\) for some \(\delta > 0\). Because \(x_n \to x\), it follows that \(x_n \in B_X(\delta) \subseteq f^{-1}(B_{f(x)}(\varepsilon))\) for a.a. \(n\) and this implies \(f(x_n) \in B_{f(x)}(\varepsilon)\) for a.a. \(n\), i.e. \(d(f(x_n), f(x)) < \varepsilon\) for a.a. \(n\). Since \(\varepsilon > 0\) is arbitrary it follows that \(\lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = f(x)\).

\(3. \implies 1\). We will show not \(1 \implies 3\). If \(f\) is not continuous at \(x\), there exists an \(\varepsilon > 0\) such that for all \(n \in \mathbb{N}\) there exists a point \(x_n \in X\) with \(\rho(x_n, x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\) yet \(d(f(x_n), f(x)) \geq \varepsilon\). Hence \(x_n \to x\) as \(n \to \infty\) yet \(f(x_n)\) does not converge to \(f(x)\).

Here is a global version of the previous lemma.

**Lemma 9.22 (Global Continuity Lemma).** Suppose that \((X, \rho)\) and \((Y, d)\) are two metric spaces and \(f : X \to Y\) is a function defined on all of \(X\). Then the following are equivalent:

1. \(f\) is continuous.
2. \(f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_f\) for all \(V \in \tau_d\), i.e. \(f^{-1}(V)\) is open in \(X\) if \(V\) is open in \(Y\).
3. \(f^{-1}(C)\) is closed in \(X\) if \(C\) is closed in \(Y\).
4. For all convergent sequences \(\{x_n\} \subseteq X\), \(\{f(x_n)\}\) is convergent in \(Y\) and

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = f \left( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n \right).
\]

**Proof.** Since \(f^{-1}(A^c) = [f^{-1}(A)]^c\), it is easily seen that 2. and 3. are equivalent. So because of Lemma \(9.21\) it only remains to show 1. and 2. are equivalent. If \(f\) is continuous and \(V \subset Y\) is open, then for every \(x \in f^{-1}(V), V\) is a neighborhood of \(f(x)\) and so \(f^{-1}(V)\) is a neighborhood of \(x\). Hence \(f^{-1}(V)\) is a neighborhood of all of its points and from this and Exercise \(9.5\) it follows that \(f^{-1}(V)\) is open. Conversely, if \(x \in X\) and \(A \subseteq Y\) is a neighborhood of \(f(x)\) then there exists \(V \subset \tau_d X\) such that \(f(x) \in V \subseteq A\). Hence \(x \in f^{-1}(V) \subset f^{-1}(A)\) and by assumption \(f^{-1}(V)\) is open showing \(f^{-1}(A)\) is a neighborhood of \(x\). Therefore \(f\) is continuous at \(x\) and since \(x \in X\) was arbitrary, \(f\) is continuous.

**Exercise 9.16.** Use Example \(9.28\) and Lemma \(9.22\) to recover the results of Example \(9.11\).

The next result shows that there are lots of continuous functions on a metric space \((X, d)\).

**Lemma 9.23 (Urysohn’s Lemma for Metric Spaces).** Let \((X, d)\) be a metric space and suppose that \(A, B\) are two disjoint closed subsets of \(X\). Then

\[
f(x) = \frac{d_B(x)}{d_A(x) + d_B(x)}\end{equation}
\]

for \(x \in X\) defines a continuous function, \(f : X \to [0, 1]\), such that \(f(x) = 1\) for \(x \in A\) and \(f(x) = 0\) if \(x \in B\).

**Proof.** By Lemma \(9.9\) \(d_A\) and \(d_B\) are continuous functions on \(X\). Since \(A, B\) are closed, \(d_A(x) > 0\) if \(x \notin A\) and \(d_B(x) > 0\) if \(x \notin B\). Since \(A \cap B = \emptyset\) and \(d_A(x) + d_B(x) > 0\) for all \(x\), \(d_A + d_B\) is continuous as well.

The remaining assertions about \(f\) are all easy to verify. Sometimes Urysohn’s lemma will be use in the following form. Suppose \(F \subset V \subset X\) with \(F\) being closed and \(V\) being open, then there exists \(f \in C(X, [0, 1])\) such that \(f = 1\) on \(F\) while \(f = 0\) on \(V^c\). This of course follows from Lemma \(9.23\) by taking \(A = F\) and \(B = V^c\).
9.3 Metric spaces as topological spaces (Not required Reading!)

Let \((X,d)\) be a metric space and let \(\tau = \tau_d\) denote the collection of open subsets of \(X\). (Recall \(V \subseteq X\) is open iff \(V^c\) is closed iff for all \(x \in V\) there exists an \(\varepsilon = \varepsilon_x > 0\) such that \(B(x, \varepsilon_x) \subseteq V\) iff \(V\) can be written as a (possibly uncountable) union of open balls.) Although we will stick with metric spaces in this chapter, it will be useful to introduce the definitions needed here in the more general context of a general “topological space,” i.e. a space equipped with a collection of “open sets.”

Definition 9.24 (Topological Space). Let \(X\) be a set. A topology on \(X\) is a collection of subsets \((\tau)\) of \(X\) with the following properties:

1. \(\tau\) contains both the empty set \((\emptyset)\) and \(X\).
2. \(\tau\) is closed under arbitrary unions.
3. \(\tau\) is closed under finite intersections.

The elements \(V \in \tau\) are called open subsets of \(X\). A subset \(F \subseteq X\) is said to be closed if \(F^c\) is open. I will write \(V \subseteq_\tau X\) to indicate that \(V \subseteq X\) and \(V \in \tau\) and similarly \(F \subseteq_\tau X\) will denote \(F \subseteq X\) and \(F\) is closed.

Given \(x \in X\) we say that \(V \subseteq X\) is an open neighborhood of \(x\) if \(V \in \tau\) and \(x \in V\). Let \(\tau_x = \{V \in \tau : x \in V\}\) denote the collection of open neighborhoods of \(x\).

Definition 9.25 (Continuity at a point in topological terms). Let \((X, \tau_X)\) and \((Y, \tau_Y)\) be topological spaces. A function \(f : X \to Y\) is continuous at \(x \in X\) if for every open neighborhood \(V\) of \(f(x)\) there is an open neighborhood \(U\) of \(x\) such that \(U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)\). See Figure 9.3.

![Fig. 9.3. Checking that a function is continuous at \(x \in X\).](image)

Definition 9.26 (Global continuity in topological terms). Let \((X, \tau_X)\) and \((Y, \tau_Y)\) be topological spaces. A function \(f : X \to Y\) is continuous if

\[
f^{-1}(\tau_Y) := \{f^{-1}(V) : V \in \tau_Y\} \subseteq \tau_X.
\]

We will also say that \(f\) is \(\tau_X/\tau_Y\) – continuous or \((\tau_X, \tau_Y)\) – continuous. Let \(C(X, Y)\) denote the set of continuous functions from \(X\) to \(Y\).

Exercise 9.17. Show \(f : X \to Y\) is continuous (Definition ??) iff \(f\) is continuous at all points \(x \in X\).

Exercise 9.18. Show \(f : X \to Y\) is continuous iff \(f^{-1}(C)\) is closed in \(X\) for all closed subsets \(C\) of \(Y\).

Definition 9.27. A map \(f : X \to Y\) between topological spaces is called a homeomorphism provided that \(f\) is bijective, \(f\) is continuous and \(f^{-1} : Y \to X\) is continuous. If there exists \(f : X \to Y\) which is a homeomorphism, we say that \(X\) and \(Y\) are homeomorphic. (As topological spaces \(X\) and \(Y\) are essentially the same.)

Example 9.28. The function \(d_A\) defined in Lemma 9.9 is continuous for each \(A \subseteq X\). In particular, if \(A = \{x\}\), it follows that \(y \in X \to d(y, x)\) is continuous for each \(x \in X\).

9.4 Exercises

Exercise 9.19. Show that \((X, d)\) is a complete metric space iff every sequence \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq X\) such that \(\sum_{n=1}^\infty d(x_n, x_{n+1}) < \infty\) is a convergent sequence in \(X\). You may find it useful to prove the following statements in the course of the proof.

1. If \(\{x_n\}\) is Cauchy sequence, then there is a subsequence \(y_j := x_{n_j}\) such that \(\sum_{j=1}^\infty d(y_{j+1}, y_j) < \infty\).
2. If \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty\) is Cauchy and there exists a subsequence \(y_j := x_{n_j}\) of \(\{x_n\}\) such that \(x = \lim_{j \to \infty} y_j\) exists, then \(\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n\) also exists and is equal to \(x\).

Exercise 9.20. Suppose that \(f : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)\) is a \(C^2\) – function such that \(f(0) = 0\), \(f' > 0\) and \(f'' \leq 0\) and \((X, \rho)\) is a metric space. Show that \(d(x, y) = f(\rho(x, y))\) is a metric on \(X\). In particular show that

\[
d(x, y) := \frac{\rho(x, y)}{1 + \rho(x, y)}
\]

is a metric on \(X\). (Hint: use calculus to verify that \(f(a + b) \leq f(a) + f(b)\) for all \(a, b \in [0, \infty)\).)
Exercise 9.21. Let \( \{(X_n, d_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) be a sequence of metric spaces, \( X := \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n \), and for \( x = (x(n))_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and \( y = (y(n))_{n=1}^{\infty} \) in \( X \) let

\[
d(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \frac{d_n(x(n), y(n))}{1 + d_n(x(n), y(n))}.
\]

Show:

1. \( (X, d) \) is a metric space,
2. a sequence \( \{x_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \subset X \) converges to \( x \in X \) iff \( x_k(n) \to x(n) \in X_n \) as \( k \to \infty \) for each \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) and
3. \( X \) is complete if \( X_n \) is complete for all \( n \).

9.5 Sequential Compactness

Suppose that \( (X, d) \) and \( (Y, \rho) \) are metric spaces.

Definition 9.29. As subset \( K \subset X \) is (sequentially) compact if every sequence \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset K \) has a convergent subsequence, \( \{w_k := z_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \) such that \( \lim_{k \to \infty} w_k \in K \).

Example 9.30. Suppose that \( F \subset X \) is an unbounded set, i.e. for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) there exists \( z_n \in F \) such that \( d(z_n, F) \geq n \). The sequence \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and all of its subsequences are unbounded and therefore not Cauchy in \( X \) and hence not convergent in \( X \). This shows that sequentially compact sets must be bounded.

Example 9.31. Suppose that \( F \subset X \) is not closed. Then there exists \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset F \) such that \( z := \lim_{n \to \infty} z_n \notin F \). Moreover, although every subsequence of \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is convergent, they all still converge to \( z \notin F \). This shows that a sequentially compact set must be closed.

Lemma 9.32 (Bolzano–Weierstrass property for \( \mathbb{C}^D \)). Let \( D \in \mathbb{N} \). Every bounded sequence, \( \{z(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{C}^D \), has a convergent subsequence.

Proof. By assumption there exists \( M < \infty \) such that \( \|z(n)\| = d(z(n), 0) \leq M \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). Writing \( z(n) = (z_1(n), \ldots, z_D(n)) \in \mathbb{C}^D \). Since \( |z_i(n)| \leq \|z(n)\| \) it follows that \( \{z_i(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is a bounded sequence in \( \mathbb{C} \). Hence by the Bolzano–Weierstrass property for \( \mathbb{C} \) we replace \( z(n) \) by a subsequence \( z(n_k) \) such that \( \lim_{k \to \infty} z(n_k) = z_1 \) exists. We may now replace the original \( z \) by this new subsequence and then find a further subsequence \( z(n_k) \) such that \( \lim_{k \to \infty} z_i(n_k) = z_i \) exists for \( i = 1, 2 \). We may continue this way inductively to find a subsequence such that \( \lim_{k \to \infty} z(n_k) = z \), and for all \( 1 \leq i \leq D \). It then follows that \( \lim_{k \to \infty} \|z - z(n_k)\| = 0 \) as desires where \( z := (z_1, \ldots, z_D) \).

Theorem 9.33 (Bolzano–Weierstrass / Heine–Borel theorem). As subset \( K \subset \mathbb{C}^D \) is sequentially compact iff it is closed and bounded.

Proof. In light of Examples 9.30 and 9.31 we are left to show that closed and bounded sets are sequentially compact. So let \( K \subset \mathbb{C}^D \) be a closed and bounded set and \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) be any sequence in \( K \). According to Lemma 9.32 \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) has a convergent subsequence, \( \{w_k := z_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \). Since \( w_k \in K \) for all \( k \) and \( K \) is closed it necessarily follows that \( \lim_{k \to \infty} w_k \in K \) which shows \( K \) is sequentially compact.

Example 9.34 (Warning!). It is not true that a closed and bounded subset of an arbitrary metric space \( (X, d) \) is necessarily sequentially compact. For example let \( Z \) denote the vector space of continuous functions on \([0, 1]\) with values in \( \mathbb{R} \) and for \( f \in Z \) let \( \|f\| = \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |f(t)| \). Then the set \( C := \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \) where

\[
f_n(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \in [0, 2^{-(n+1)}] \cup [2^{-n}, 1] \\ t - 2^{-(n+1)} & \text{if } 2^{-(n+1)} \leq t \leq 3 \cdot 2^{-(n+2)} \\ 2^{-n} - t & \text{if } 3 \cdot 2^{-(n+2)} \leq t \leq 2^{-n} \end{cases}
\]

[So \( f_n(t) \) is a shark tooth over the interval \([2^{-(n+1)}, 2^{-n}]\). Notice that \( \|f_n\| = 1 \) for all \( n \) so that \( C \) is bounded. Moreover \( \|f_n - f_m\| = 1 \) for all \( m \neq n \), therefore there are no convergent subsequences of \( C \). The reader should use this fact to see that \( C \) is closed and bounded but not sequentially compact!]

Fig. 9.4. Here are the plots of \( f_0 \) and \( f_1 \).

Exercise 9.22 (Extreme value theorem). Let \( K \) be sequentially compact subset of \( X \) and \( f : K \to \mathbb{R} \) be a continuous function. Show \(-\infty <
\( \inf_{x \in K} f(x) \leq \sup_{x \in K} f(x) < \infty \) and there exists \( a, b \in K \) such that \( f(a) = \inf_{x \in K} f(x) \) and \( f(b) = \sup_{x \in K} f(x) \). \textbf{Hint:} first argue that there exists \( \{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset K \) such that \( f(z_n) \uparrow \sup_{x \in K} f(x) \) as \( n \to \infty \).

**Exercise 9.23 (Extreme value theorem II).** Suppose that \( f : X \to \mathbb{R} \) is a continuous function on a metric space \((X,d)\). Further assume there exists a sequentially compact subset \( K \subset X \) and \( x_0 \in K \) such that \( f(x_0) \leq f(x) \) for all \( x \in X \setminus K \). Show there exists \( k \in K \) such that \( \inf_{x \in X} f(x) = f(k) \).

**Theorem 9.35 (Fundamental Theorem of Algebra).** Suppose that \( p(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k \) is a polynomial on \( \mathbb{C} \) with \( a_n \neq 0 \) and \( n > 0 \). Then there exists \( z_0 \in \mathbb{C} \) such that \( p(z_0) = 0 \).

**Proof.** Since \[
\lim_{|z| \to \infty} \frac{|p(z)|}{|z|^n} = \lim_{|z| \to \infty} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{a_k}{z^{n-k}} + a_n \right| = |a_n|,
\]
if \( R > 0 \) is sufficiently large, then \[
|p(z)| \geq |a_n| |z|^n / 2 \geq |a_n| R^n / 2 \geq |a_n| = |p(0)| \quad \text{for } |z| > R.
\]

Applying Exercise 9.23 with \( K = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq R\} \) and \( x_0 = 0 \) there exists \( z_0 \in K \subset \mathbb{C} \) such that \( |p(z_0)| \leq |p(z)| \) for all \( z \in \mathbb{C} \). It now follows from Lemma 9.36 below that \( p(z_0) = 0 \).

**Lemma 9.36.** Suppose that \( p(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k \) is a polynomial on \( \mathbb{C} \) with \( a_n \neq 0 \) and \( n > 0 \). If \( |p(z)| \) has a minimum at \( z_0 \in \mathbb{C} \), then \( |p(z_0)| \leq 0 \).

**Proof.** For sake of contradiction, let us suppose that \( p(z_0) \neq 0 \) and set \[
q(z) := p(z_0 + z) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k (z + z_0)^k = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k.
\]

Then \( 0 < |q(0)| = |a_0| \leq |q(z)| \) for all \( z \in \mathbb{C} \) and \( a_n = a_n \neq 0 \). Let \( l \geq 1 \) be the first index such that \( a_l \neq 0 \) so that \[
q(z) = a_0 + a_l z^l + \cdots + a_n z^n
= a_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{a_l}{a_0} z^l + \cdots + \frac{a_n}{a_0} z^n \right].
\]

Evaluating this at \( z = re^{i\theta} \) with \( \theta \) chosen so that \( \frac{a_l}{a_0} e^{i\theta} = -\frac{|a_l|}{|a_0|} = -\varepsilon \) implies for \( r > 0 \) small that
\[
|a_0| \leq |q(re^{i\theta})| = |a_0| |1 - \varepsilon r^l + cr^{l+1} + \cdots + c_n r^n|
\leq |a_0| |1 - \varepsilon r^l + Cr^{l+1} + \cdots + C_n r^n|
\leq |a_0| |1 - r^l |\varepsilon - Cr |
\]
where \( \{c_k\} \) and \( C \) are certain appropriate constants. Choosing \( r \in (0, \varepsilon/C) \) then gives the \( |a_0| < |a_0| \) which is absurd and we have reached the desired contradiction.

**Remark 9.37.** The fundamental theorem of algebra does not hold for polynomials in \( z \) and \( \bar{z} \) or in \( x \) and \( y \). For example consider the polynomial \[
p(z,\bar{z}) = 1 + z \bar{z} = 1 + x^2 + y^2.
\]
The point is that Lemma 9.36 does not hold for these more general classes of polynomials.

**Exercise 9.24 (Uniform Continuity).** Let \( K \) be sequentially compact subset of \( X \) and \( f : K \to \mathbb{C} \) be a continuous function. Show that \( f \) is uniformly continuous, i.e. if \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists \( \delta > 0 \) such that \( |f(z) - f(w)| < \varepsilon \) if \( w, z \in K \) with \( d(w,z) < \delta \). \textbf{Hint:} prove the contrapositive.

**Exercise 9.25.** If \( (X,d) \) is a metric space and \( K \subset X \) is sequentially compact. Show subset, \( C \subset K \), which is closed is sequentially compact as well.

**Exercise 9.26.** If \( K \subset \mathbb{R} \) is sequentially compact then \( \sup(K) \in K \), i.e. \( \text{sup}(K) = \text{max}(K) \).

**Exercise 9.27.** Let \( (X,d) \) and \( (Y,\rho) \) be metric spaces, \( K \subset X \) be a sequentially compact set, and \( f : K \to Y \) be a continuous function. Show \( f(K) \) is sequentially compact in \( Y \). In particular, for \( C \subset K \) closed, we have \( f(C) \) is closed and in fact sequentially compact in \( Y \).

**Exercise 9.28.** Let \( f : [a,b] \to [c,d] \) be a strictly increasing continuous function such that \( f(a) = c \) and \( f(b) = d \) and \( g := f^{-1} : [c,d] \to [a,b] \) as in Exercise 9.20. Give one or better yet two alternative proofs that \( g \) is continuous based on sequentially compactness arguments.

**Definition 9.38.** Let \( Z \) be a vector space. We say that two norms, \( |\cdot| \) and \( \|\cdot\| \), on \( Z \) are equivalent if there exists constants \( \alpha, \beta \in (0, \infty) \) such that \[
\|f\| \leq \alpha |f| \quad \text{and} \quad |f| \leq \beta \|f\| \quad \text{for all } f \in Z.
\]

**Theorem 9.39.** Let \( Z \) be a finite dimensional vector space. Then any two norms \( |\cdot| \) and \( \|\cdot\| \) on \( Z \) are equivalent. (This is typically not true for norms on infinite dimensional spaces.)
Proof. Let \( \{f_i\}_{i=1}^n \) be a basis for \( Z \) and define a new norm on \( Z \) by
\[
\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_i \right\|_2 := \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2}
\]
for \( a_i \in \mathbb{F} \).

By the triangle inequality for the norm \( |\cdot| \), we find
\[
\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_i \right\| \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2} \leq \sqrt{M^2} \leq M
\]
where \( M = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n |f_i|^2} \). Thus we have \( |f| \leq M \|f\|_2 \) for all \( f \in Z \) and this inequality shows that \( |\cdot| \) is continuous relative to \( \|\cdot\|_2 \). Since the normed space \( (Z, \|\cdot\|_2) \) is homeomorphic and isomorphic to \( \mathbb{F}^n \) with the standard euclidean norm, the closed bounded set, \( S := \{f \in Z : \|f\|_2 = 1\} \subset Z \), is a sequentially compact subset of \( Z \) relative to \( \|\cdot\|_2 \). Therefore by Exercise 9.22 there exists \( f_0 \in S \) such that
\[
m = \inf \{|f| : f \in S\} = |f_0| > 0.
\]

Hence given \( 0 \neq f \in Z \), then \( \frac{f}{\|f\|_2} \in S \) so that
\[
m \leq \left| \frac{f}{\|f\|_2} \right| = \frac{|f|}{\|f\|_2}.
\]

or equivalently
\[
\|f\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{m} |f|.
\]

This shows that \( |\cdot| \) and \( \|\cdot\|_2 \) are equivalent norms. Similarly one shows that \( \|\cdot\| \) and \( |\cdot| \) are equivalent and hence so are \( |\cdot| \) and \( \|\cdot\| \).

Corollary 9.40. If \( (Z, |\cdot|) \) is a finite dimensional normed space, then \( A \subset Z \) is sequentially compact iff \( A \) is closed and bounded relative to the given norm, \( |\cdot| \).

Corollary 9.41. Every finite dimensional normed vector space \( (Z, \|\cdot\|) \) is complete. In particular any finite dimensional subspace of a normed vector space is automatically closed.

Proof. If \( \{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset Z \) is a Cauchy sequence, then \( \{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) is bounded and hence has a convergent subsequence, \( g_k = f_{n_k} \), by Corollary 9.40. It is now routine to show \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f_n = f := \lim_{k \to \infty} g_k \).

9.6 Open Cover Compactness

Definition 9.42. Let \( A \) be a subset of a metric space, \( (X, d) \). An open cover of \( A \) is a collection of, \( U \), of open subsets of \( X \) such that \( A \subset \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{U}} U \).

Definition 9.43. The subset \( A \subset X \) is open cover compact if every open cover \( (\text{Definition 9.42}) \) of \( A \) has finite sub-cover, i.e. if \( U \) is an open cover of \( A \) there exists finite subcollection, \( U_0 \subset U \) such that \( U_0 \) is still a cover of \( A \). (We will write \( A \subset X \) to denote that \( A \subset X \) and \( A \) is compact.) A subset \( A \subset X \) is precompact if \( \overline{A} \) is compact.

Remark 9.44. If \( (X, d) \) is a metric space, we will see below in Theorem 9.53 that \( X \) is sequentially compact iff it is open cover compact. We will not use this fact in this section however. In the future though we will just refer to compact sets with out the any extra adjectives.

Example 9.45. Suppose that \( A \) is an unbounded subset of \( X \). Pick \( a_1 \in A \) and then choose \( \{a_n\}_{n=2}^\infty \) inductively so that \( d(a_1, a_n) \geq 1 \) for all \( n \). This sequence then has the property that \( d(a_k, a_l) \geq 1 \) for all \( k \neq l \) and from this it follows that \( F := \{a_1, a_2, \ldots, \} \) is a closed set. We then define an open cover of \( A \) by taking,
\[
U = \{F^c, B(a_1, 1/3), B(a_2, 1/3), B(a_3, 1/3), \ldots \}.
\]
This cover has no finite subcover. Therefore \( A \) can not be open cover compact.

Alternatively. Given \( x \in X \), the collection \( U := \{B_x(n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \) is an open cover of \( X \). So if \( K \) is an open cover compact subset of \( X \), there must exist \( n_1 < n_2 < \cdots < n_l \) so that
\[
K \subset B_x(n_1) \cup B_x(n_2) \cup \cdots \cup B_x(n_l) = B_x(n_l).
\]
This shows \( K \) is bounded.

Lemma 9.46. Suppose that \( K \subset X \) is an open cover compact set, then \( K \) is closed.

Proof. We will shows that \( K \) is open. To this end suppose \( x \in K^c \). Then let \( \varepsilon_k := \frac{1}{2} d(x, k) > 0 \) for all \( k \in K \). It then follows that \( B_x(\varepsilon_k) \cap B_k(\varepsilon_k) = \emptyset \) for all \( k \in K \). As \( \{B_k(\varepsilon_k)\}_{k \in K} \) is an open cover \( K \), there exists \( A \subset K \) such that \( K \subset \bigcup_{k \in A} B_k(\varepsilon_k) \). If we now let \( \delta := \min_{k \in A} \varepsilon_k > 0 \), then
\[
B_x(\delta) \cap B_k(\varepsilon_k) \subset B_x(\varepsilon_k) \cap B_k(\varepsilon_k) = \emptyset \text{ for all } k \in A
\]
and therefore
\[
B_x(\delta) \cap K \subset B_x(\delta) \cap \bigcup_{k \in K} B_k(\varepsilon_k) = \emptyset.
\]

We will usually simply say \( A \) is compact in this case.
Theorem 9.47. The open cover compact subsets of \( \mathbb{R}^n \) are the closed and bounded sets.

Proof. Let us first suppose that \( K = [-M, M]^n \) for some positive integer \( M \) and for sake of contradiction let us suppose that \( U \) is an open cover of \( K \) with no finite subcover. For any \( k \in \mathbb{N} \) let \( A_k := [-M, M] \cap \{ \ell 2^{-k} : \ell \in \mathbb{Z} \} \) and for \( x \in A_k \), let

\[
C^k_x := [x_1, x_1 + 2^{-k}] \times \cdots \times [x_n, x_n + 2^{-k}].
\]

We now let \( C^k = \{ C^k_x : x \in A_k \} \). The cubes have the following properties;

1. \( K = \bigcup_{C \in C^k} C \) for all \( k \) and if \( C \in \mathcal{C}^k \), then \( C = \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{C}^{k+1}} F \).
2. \( \text{diam}(C) = \sqrt{n} \cdot 2^{-k} \) for all \( C \in \mathcal{C}^k \).

By item 1. there must be a \( C_1 \in \mathcal{C}^1 \) such that \( U \) has no finite subcover of \( C_1 \). Similarly there exists \( C_2 \in \mathcal{C}^2 \) such that \( C_2 \subseteq C_1 \) such that \( U \) has no finite subcover of \( C_2 \). Continuing this way inductively we may construct \( C_k \in \mathcal{C}^k \) such that \( C_1 \supseteq C_2 \supseteq C_3 \supseteq \ldots \) and \( U \) has no finite subcover of \( C_k \) for any \( k \). Choose a point \( z_k \in C_k \) for all \( k \in \mathbb{N} \). Because \( \text{diam}(C_k) = \sqrt{n} \cdot 2^{-k} \rightarrow 0 \) one learns that \( \{z_k\}^\infty_{k=1} \) is a Cauchy sequence and hence convergent. Let \( z = \lim_{k \to \infty} z_k \) which is in \( C_k \) for all \( k \) as each of these cubes are closed sets. Since \( U \) is an open cover of \( K \), there exists \( V \subseteq U \) such that \( z \in V \). As \( V \) is open, there exists \( \varepsilon > 0 \) such that \( B_z(\varepsilon) \subseteq V \). On the other hand because \( \text{diam}(C_k) \rightarrow 0 \) as \( k \to \infty \), it follows that \( C_k \subseteq B_z(\varepsilon) \subseteq V \) for all \( k \) sufficiently large which violates the condition that \( U \) has no finite subcover of \( C_k \) for any \( k \).

Now suppose that \( K \) is a general closed and bounded subset of \( \mathbb{R}^n \) and \( U \) is an open cover of \( K \). Since \( K \) is bounded, \( K \subseteq [-M, M]^n \) for some \( M \in \mathbb{N} \). Since \( \mathcal{U} := \{ \bigcup \{K^c \} \} \) is an open cover of \( [-M, M]^n \) it has a finite subcover, say \( \{U_1, \ldots, U_l\} \cup \{K^c\} \). As \( K^c \cap K = \emptyset \) we must have that \( \{U_1, \ldots, U_l\} \subseteq \mathcal{U} \) is a finite subcover of \( K \).

Exercise 9.29. Suppose \( f : X \to Y \) is continuous and \( K \subseteq X \) is open cover compact, then \( f(K) \) is an open cover compact subset of \( Y \). Give an example of continuous map, \( f : X \to Y \), and an open cover compact subset \( K \) of \( X \) such that \( f^{-1}(K) \) is not open cover compact.

Exercise 9.30 (Extreme value theorem III). Let \( (X, d) \) be an open cover compact metric space and \( f : X \to \mathbb{R} \) be a continuous function. Show \( -\infty < \inf f \leq \sup f \leq \infty \) and there exists \( a, b \in X \) such that \( f(a) = \inf f \) and \( f(b) = \sup f \). Hint: use Exercise 9.29 and Theorem 9.47.

Exercise 9.31 (Uniform Continuity). Let \( (X, d) \) be an open cover compact metric space, \((Y, \rho)\) be a metric space and \( f : X \to Y \) be a continuous function. Show that \( f \) is uniformly continuous, i.e. if \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists \( \delta > 0 \) such that \( \rho(f(y), f(x)) < \varepsilon \) if \( y, x \in X \) with \( d(x, y) < \delta \).

Exercise 9.32. Suppose \( f : X \to Y \) is continuous and \( K \subseteq X \) is open cover compact, then \( f(K) \) is an open cover compact subset of \( Y \). Give an example of continuous map, \( f : X \to Y \), and an open cover compact subset \( K \) of \( Y \) such that \( f^{-1}(K) \) is not open cover compact.

Exercise 9.33 (Dini’s Theorem). Let \( X \) be an open cover compact metric space and \( f_n : X \to [0, \infty] \) be a sequence of continuous functions such that \( f_n(x) \downarrow 0 \) as \( n \to \infty \) for each \( x \in X \). Show that in fact \( f_n \downarrow 0 \) uniformly in \( x \), i.e. \( \sup_{x \in X} f_n(x) \downarrow 0 \) as \( n \to \infty \). Hint: Given \( \varepsilon > 0 \), consider the open sets \( V_n := \{ x \in X : f_n(x) < \varepsilon \} \).

Definition 9.49. A collection \( \mathcal{F} \) of closed subsets of a metric space \((X, d)\) has the finite intersection property if \( \bigcap \mathcal{F}_0 \neq \emptyset \) for all \( \mathcal{F}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{F} \).
The notion of open cover compactness may be expressed in terms of closed sets as follows.

**Proposition 9.50.** A metric space $X$ is open cover compact iff every family of closed sets $\mathcal{F} \subset 2^X$ having the finite intersection property satisfies $\bigcap \mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$.

**Proof.** The basic point here is that complementation interchanges open and closed sets and open covers go over to collections of closed sets with empty intersection. Here are the details.

$(\Rightarrow)$ Suppose that $X$ is open cover compact and $\mathcal{F} \subset 2^X$ is a collection of closed sets such that $\bigcap \mathcal{F} = \emptyset$. Let

$$\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{F}^c := \{C^c : C \in \mathcal{F}\} \subset \tau,$$

then $\mathcal{U}$ is a cover of $X$ and hence has a finite subcover, $\mathcal{U}_0$. Let $\mathcal{F}_0 = \mathcal{U}_0^c \subset \mathcal{F}$, then $\bigcap \mathcal{F}_0 = \emptyset$ so that $\mathcal{F}$ does not have the finite intersection property.

$(\Leftarrow)$ If $X$ is not open cover compact, there exists an open cover $\mathcal{U}$ of $X$ with no finite subcover. Let

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{U}^c := \{U^c : U \in \mathcal{U}\},$$

then $\mathcal{F}$ is a collection of closed sets with the finite intersection property while $\bigcap \mathcal{F} = \emptyset$.

9.7 Equivalence of Sequential and Open Cover Compactness in Metric Spaces

**Definition 9.51.** A metric space $(X, d)$ is $\varepsilon$ -- bounded ($\varepsilon > 0$) if there exists a finite cover of $X$ by balls of radius $\varepsilon$. We further say $(X, d)$ is totally bounded if it is $\varepsilon$ -- bounded for all $\varepsilon > 0$.

**Remark 9.52 (Totally bounded means almost finite).** An equivalent way to state that $(X, d)$ is $\varepsilon$ -- bounded is to say there exists a finite subset $A = A_\varepsilon \subset_f X$ such that $d_A(x) < \varepsilon$ for all $x \in X$. In other words, $(X, d)$ is $\varepsilon$ -- bounded iff $X$ is a finite subset within an $\varepsilon$ -- error.

**Theorem 9.53.** Let $(X, d)$ be a metric space. The following are equivalent.

(a) $X$ is open cover compact.
(b) $X$ is sequentially compact.
(c) $X$ is totally bounded and complete.

**Proof.** The proof will consist of showing that $a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow c \Rightarrow a$.

(a $\Rightarrow$ b) We will show that not $b$ $\Rightarrow$ not a. Suppose there exists $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset X$ which has no convergent subsequence. In this case the set $S := \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ must be an infinite set as we have already seen finite sets are sequentially compact. For every $x \in X$ we must have

$$\varepsilon(x) := \liminf_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, x) > 0$$

since otherwise there would be a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ such that $\lim_{k \to \infty} d(x_{n_k}, x) = 0$, i.e. $\lim_{k \to \infty} x_{n_k} = x$. We now let $V_x := B_x(1/\varepsilon(x))$, and observe that $x_n$ can be in $V_x$ for only finitely many $n$ -- otherwise we would conclude that $\liminf_{n \to \infty} d(x_n, x) \leq \varepsilon(x)/2$. From these observations, $\mathcal{U} := \{V_x : x \in X\}$ is an open cover of $X$ with no finite subcover. Indeed, if $A \subset_f X$, then we must still have $x_n \in \bigcup_{x \in A} V_x$ for only finitely many $n$ and in particular $\bigcup_{x \in A} V_x$ can not cover $S$.

(b $\Rightarrow$ c) Suppose $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset X$ is a Cauchy sequence. By assumption there exists a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ which is convergent to some point $x \in X$. Since $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is Cauchy it follows that $x_n \to x$ as $n \to \infty$ showing $X$ is complete.

Now for sake of contradiction suppose that $X$ is not totally bounded. There exists $\varepsilon > 0$ for which $X$ is not $\varepsilon$ -- bounded. In particular, $\mathcal{U} := \{B_x(\varepsilon) : x \in X\}$ is an open cover of $X$ with no finite subcover. We now use this to construct a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset X$. Choose $x_1 \in X$ at random, then choose $x_2 \in X \setminus B_{x_1}(\varepsilon)$, then $x_3 \in X \setminus [B_{x_1}(\varepsilon) \cup B_{x_2}(\varepsilon)]$ ...

$$x_n \in X \setminus [B_{x_1}(\varepsilon) \cup B_{x_2}(\varepsilon) \cup \cdots \cup B_{x_{n-1}}(\varepsilon)], \ldots.$$

The process may be continued indefinitely as $\mathcal{U}$ has no finite subcover. By construction we have chosen $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ such that $d(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \geq \varepsilon$ for all $n$ and therefore $d(x_k, x_{n_k}) \geq \varepsilon$ for all $k \neq l$. Every subsequence will share this property, i.e. not be Cauchy, and hence can not be convergent.

(c $\Rightarrow$ a) For sake of contradiction, assume there exists an open cover $\mathcal{V} = \{V_n\}_{n \in A}$ of $X$ with no finite subcover. Since $X$ is totally bounded for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $A_n \subset_f X$ such that

$$X = \bigcup_{x \in A_n} B_x(1/n) \subset \bigcup_{x \in A_n} C_x(1/n).$$

Choose $x_1 \in A_1$ such that no finite subset of $\mathcal{V}$ covers $K_1 := C_{x_1}(1)$. Since $K_1 = \bigcup_{x \in A_1} K_1 \cap C_x(1/2)$, there exists $x_2 \in A_2$ such that $K_2 := K_1 \cap C_{x_2}(1/2)$ can not be covered by a finite subset of $\mathcal{V}$, see Figure 9.6. Continuing this way inductively, we construct sets $K_n = K_{n-1} \cap C_{x_n}(1/n)$ with $x_n \in A_n$ such that no $K_n$ can be covered by a finite subcover of $\mathcal{V}$. Now choose $y_n \in K_n$ for each $n$. Since $\{K_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a decreasing sequence of closed sets such that diam$(K_n) \leq 2/n$, it follows that $\{y_n\}$ is a Cauchy and hence convergent with
which shows that $y = \lim_{n \to \infty} y_n \in \cap_{m=1}^{\infty} K_m$.

Since $\mathcal{V}$ is a cover of $X$, there exists $V \in \mathcal{V}$ such that $y \in V$. Since $K_n \downarrow \{y\}$ and $\text{diam}(K_n) \to 0$, it now follows that $K_n \subset V$ for some $n$ large. But this violates the assertion that $K_n$ cannot be covered by a finite subset of $\mathcal{V}$.

\begin{figure}[h]
\centering
\includegraphics[width=0.5\textwidth]{nested_sequence_of_cubes.png}
\caption{Nested Sequence of cubes.}
\end{figure}

Corollary 9.54. The compact subsets of $\mathbb{R}^n$ are the closed and bounded sets.

Proof. If $K$ is closed and bounded then $K$ is complete (being the closed subset of a complete space) and $K$ is contained in $[-M, M]^n$ for some positive integer $M$. For $\delta > 0$, let

$$A_\delta = \delta Z^n \cap [-M, M]^n := \{\delta x : x \in \mathbb{Z}^n \text{ and } \delta |x_i| \leq M \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \ldots, n\}.$$ 

We will show, by choosing $\delta > 0$ sufficiently small, that

$$K \subset [-M, M]^n \subset \cup_{x \in A_\delta} B(x, \delta) \tag{9.7}$$

which shows that $K$ is totally bounded. Hence by Theorem 9.53 $K$ is compact. Suppose that $y \in [-M, M]^n$, then there exists $x \in A_\delta$ such that $|y_i - x_i| \leq \delta$ for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$. Hence

$$d^2(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - x_i)^2 \leq n \delta^2$$

which shows that $d(x, y) \leq \sqrt{n} \delta$. Hence if choose $\delta < \varepsilon/\sqrt{n}$ we have shows that $d(x, y) < \varepsilon$, i.e. Eq. (9.7) holds.

9.8 Connectedness

Definition 9.55. Let $(X, d)$ be a metric space. Two subset $A$ and $B$ of $X$ are separated\(^2\) if $A \cap B = \emptyset = A \cap \overline{B}$. A set $E \subset X$ is disconnected if $E = A \cup B$ where $A$ and $B$ are two non-empty separated sets, otherwise $E$ is said to be connected.

Theorem 9.56 (The Connected Subsets of $\mathbb{R}$). The connected subsets of $\mathbb{R}$ are intervals.

Proof. We will break the proof into two parts. First we show if $E$ is connected then $E$ is an interval. Then we show if $E$ is disconnected then $E$ is not an interval.

1) Suppose that $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ is a connected subset and that $a, b \in E$ with $a < b$. If there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that $c \notin E$, then $A := (-\infty, c) \cap E$ and $B := (c, \infty) \cap E$ would be two non-empty separated subsets such that $E = A \cup B$. Hence $(a, b) \subset E$. Let $\alpha := \inf(E)$ and $\beta := \sup(E)$ and choose $\alpha_n, \beta_n \in E$ such that $\alpha_n < \beta_n$ and $\alpha_n \downarrow \alpha$ and $\beta_n \uparrow \beta$ as $n \to \infty$. By what we have just shown, $(\alpha_n, \beta_n) \subset E$ for all $n$ and hence $(\alpha, \beta) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_n, \beta_n) \subset E$. From this it follows that $E = (\alpha, \beta)$, $[\alpha, \beta)$, $(\alpha, \beta]$ or $[\alpha, \beta]$, i.e. $E$ is an interval.

2) Now suppose that $E$ is a disconnected subset of $\mathbb{R}$. Then $E = A \cup B$ where $A$ and $B$ are non-empty separated sets and let $a \in A$ and $b \in B$. After relabelling $A$ and $B$ if necessary we may assume that $a < b$. Let $p = \sup ([a, b] \cap A)$. Since $p \in A \cap [a, b]$ it follows that $p \notin B$ and $a \leq p \leq b$. Since $b \in B$, $p \neq b$ and hence $a \leq p < b$.

i) If $p \notin A$ then $p \notin A$ and $a < p < b$ which shows $E$ is not an interval.

ii) If $p \in A$, then $p \notin A$ and there exist $p_1 \subset A$ such that $a \leq p_1 < p_1 < b$ and $p_1 \notin B \cap B$. Again $p_1 \notin A$ (for otherwise $p \geq p_1$) and so $p_1 \notin A$ and hence again $E$ is not an interval.

Lemma 9.57. Suppose that $f : X \to Y$ is a continuous function between two metric spaces $(X, d)$ and $A$ and $B$ are separated subsets of $Y$. Then $\alpha := f^{-1}(A)$ and $\beta := f^{-1}(B)$ are separated subsets of $X$. In particular, if $E \subset X$ is connected, then $f(E)$ is connected in $Y$.

Proof. Since $\alpha := f^{-1}(A) \subset f^{-1}(A)$ and $f^{-1}(A)$ is the closed being the inverse image under a continuous function of the closed set $A$, it follows that $\alpha \subset f^{-1}(A)$. Thus if $x \in \alpha \cap \beta$, then $f(x) \in \alpha \cap f^{-1}(B) = \emptyset$ and hence $\alpha \cap \beta \subset \emptyset$. Similarly one shows $\alpha \cap \beta \subset \emptyset$ as well.

\(^2\)Notice that separated sets are disjoint. The sets $A = (0, 1)$ and $B = [1, \infty)$ are disjoint but not separated.

\(^3\)This is because $B^c$ is an open subset of $\mathbb{R}$.
If \( f(E) \) disconnected, there exists non-empty separated subsets, \( A \) and \( B \) of \( f(E) \), so that \( f(X) = A \cup B \). The sets \( \alpha := f^{-1}(A) \) and \( \beta := f^{-1}(B) \) are now non-empty separated subsets of \( X \). It now follows that \( \alpha_0 := \alpha \cap E \) and \( \beta_0 := \beta \cap E \) are non-empty sets such that

\[
\alpha_0 \cap \beta_0 \subset \alpha \cap \beta = \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_0 \cap \beta_0 \subset \alpha \cap \beta = \emptyset
\]

which would imply \( E \) is disconnected. Thus if \( E \) is connected we must have that \( f(E) \) is connected.

\[\text{Theorem 9.58 (Intermediate Value Theorem). Suppose that \((X,d)\) is a connected metric space and } f : X \to \mathbb{R} \text{ is a continuous map. Then } f \text{ satisfies the\quad intermediate\quad value\quad property. \quad Namely, \quad for\quad every\quad pair } x, y \in X \text{ such that } f(x) < f(y) \text{ and } c \in (f(x), f(y)), \text{ there exists } z \in X \text{ such that } f(z) = c.\]

**Proof.** By Lemma 9.57 \( f(X) \) is a connected subset of \( \mathbb{R} \). So by Theorem 9.56 \( f(X) \) is a subinterval of \( \mathbb{R} \) and this completes the proof.

**Lemma 9.59.** If \( E \subset X \) is a connected set and \( E \subset A \cup B \) where \( A \) and \( B \) are two separated sets, then \( E \subset A \) or \( E \subset B \).

**Proof.** Let \( \alpha := E \cap A \) and \( \beta := E \cap B \), then \( \alpha \cap \beta \subset \overline{A} \cap \overline{B} = \emptyset \) and similarly \( \alpha \cap \beta = \emptyset \). Thus \( E = \alpha \cup \beta \) with \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) being separated sets. Since \( E \) is connected we must have \( \alpha = \emptyset \) or \( \beta = \emptyset \), i.e. \( E \subset A \) or \( E \subset B \).

**Proposition 9.60.** Suppose that \( F \) and \( G \) are connected subsets of \( X \) such that \( F \cap G \neq \emptyset \), then \( E = F \cup G \) is connected in \( X \) as well.

**Proof.** Suppose that \( E = A \cup B \) where \( A \) and \( B \) are separated sets. Then from Lemma 9.59 we know that \( F \subset A \) or \( F \subset B \) and similarly \( G \subset A \) or \( G \subset B \). If both \( F \) and \( G \) are in the same set (say \( A \)), then \( E \subset A \subset E \) and \( B \) must be empty. On the other hand if \( F \subset A \) and \( G \subset B \), then \( \emptyset \neq F \cap G \subset \overline{A} \cap \overline{B} \) which would violate \( A \) and \( B \) being separated. Thus we have shown there does not exist two non-empty separated sets \( A \) and \( B \) such that \( E = A \cup B \), i.e. \( E \) is connected.

**Definition 9.61.** A subset \( E \) of a metric space \( X \) is **path connected** if to every pair of points \( \{x_0, x_1\} \subset E \) there exists \( \sigma \in C([0,1], E) \), such that \( \sigma(0) = x_0 \) and \( \sigma(1) = x_1 \). We refer to \( \sigma \) as a path joining \( x_0 \) to \( x_1 \).

**Proposition 9.62.** Every path connected subset, \( E \), of a metric space \( X \) is connected.

**Exercise 9.34.** Prove Proposition 9.62 i.e. if \( E \subset X \) is path connected then \( E \) is connected.. **Hint:** for sake of contradiction suppose that \( A \) and \( B \) are two non-empty separated subsets of \( X \) such that \( E = A \cup B \) and choose a path connecting a point in \( A \) to a point in \( B \).

**Definition 9.63.** A subset, \( C \), of a vector space, \( X \), is **convex** if for all \( a, b \in C \) the path,

\[
\sigma(t) = a + t(b - a) = (1 - t)a + tb \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 1
\]

is contained in \( C \).

**Example 9.64.** Every convex subset, \( C \), of a normed vector space \( (X, \|\cdot\|) \) is path connected and hence connected.

**Exercise 9.35.** Suppose that \((X, ||\cdot||)\) is a normed space, \( x \in X \), and \( R > 0 \). Show the open and closed balls in \( X, B_x(R) \) and \( C_x(R) \), are both convex sets and hence path connected.

**Definition 9.65.** A metric space \( X \) is **locally path connected** if for each \( x \in X \), there is an open neighborhood \( V \subset X \) of \( x \) which is path connected.

**Proposition 9.66.** Let \( X \) be a metric space.

1. If \( X \) is connected and locally path connected, then \( X \) is path connected.
2. If \( X \) is any connected open subset of \( \mathbb{R}^n \), then \( X \) is path connected.

**Exercise 9.36.** Prove item 1. of Proposition 9.66 i.e. if \( X \) is connected and locally path connected, then \( X \) is path connected. **Hint:** fix \( x_0 \in X \) and let \( W \) denote the set of \( x \in X \) such that there exists \( \sigma \in C([0,1], X) \) satisfying \( \sigma(0) = x_0 \) and \( \sigma(1) = x \). Then show \( W \) is both open and closed.

**Exercise 9.37.** Prove item 2. of Proposition 9.66 i.e. if \( X \) is any connected open subset of \( \mathbb{R}^n \), then \( X \) is path connected.

**9.8.1 Connectedness Problems**

**Exercise 9.38.** In this exercise we will work inside the metric space \( \mathbb{Q} \) with \( d(x, y) := |x - y|\) for all \( x, y \in \mathbb{Q} \). Let \( a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \) with \( a < b \) and let

\[
J := [a, b] \cap \mathbb{Q} = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : a \leq x \leq b\}
\]

Show \( J \) is disconnected in \( \mathbb{Q} \).

**Exercise 9.39.** Suppose \( a < b \) and \( f : (a, b) \to \mathbb{R} \) is a non-decreasing function. Show if \( f \) satisfies the intermediate value property (see Theorem 9.58), then \( f \) is continuous.

**Exercise 9.40.** Suppose \( -\infty < a < b \leq \infty \) and \( f : [a, b) \to \mathbb{R} \) is a strictly increasing continuous function. Using the intermediate value theorem, one sees that \( f([a, b]) \) is an interval and since \( f \) is strictly increasing it must of the form \([c, d]\) for some \( c \in \mathbb{R} \) and \( d \in \mathbb{R} \) with \( c < d \). Show the inverse function \( f^{-1} : [c, d) \to (a, b) \) is continuous and is strictly increasing. In particular if \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), apply this result to \( f(x) = x^n \) for \( x \in [0, \infty) \) to construct the positive \( n^{\text{th}} \) – root of a real number. Compare with Exercise ??.
Exercise 9.41. Let

\[ X := \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = \sin(x^{-1}) \text{ with } x \neq 0 \} \cup \{(0, 0)\} \]
equipped with the relative topology induced from the standard topology on \( \mathbb{R}^2 \).
Show \( X \) is connected but not path connected.

Remark 9.67 (Structure of open sets in \( \mathbb{R} \)). Let \( V \subset \mathbb{R} \) be an open set. For \( x \in V \), let \( a_x := \inf \{ a : (a, x] \subset V \} \) and \( b_x := \sup \{ b : [x, b) \subset V \} \). Since \( V \) is open, \( a_x < x < b_x \) and it is easily seen that \( J_x := (a_x, b_x) \subset V \). Moreover if \( y \in V \) and \( J_x \cap J_y \neq \emptyset \), then \( J_x = J_y \). The collection, \( \{ J_x : x \in V \} \), is at most countable since we may label each \( J \in \{ J_x : x \in V \} \) by choosing a rational number \( r \in J \). Letting \( \{ J_n : n < N \} \), with \( N = \infty \) allowed, be an enumeration of \( \{ J_x : x \in V \} \), we have \( V = \bigsqcup_{n < N} J_n \) as desired.
Part III

Calculus
10.1 Basics of the Calculus in One Real Variable

**Definition 10.1.** If \( f : J \to X \) is a function we say \( \lim_{t \to t_0} f(t) = x \in X \) iff for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists \( \delta > 0 \) such that
\[
\|f(t) - x\| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{whenever} \quad 0 < |t - t_0| \leq \delta.
\]
A function \( f : J \to X \) is said to be differentiable at \( t_0 \in J \) iff \( \lim_{t \to t_0} \frac{f(t) - f(t_0)}{t - t_0} \) exists in \( X \). We denote the limit by \( \dot{f}(t_0) \) or \( f'(t_0) \) or by \( \frac{df}{dt}(t_0) \), i.e.
\[
\dot{f}(t_0) = \lim_{t \to t_0} \frac{f(t) - f(t_0)}{t - t_0}.
\]

**Remark 10.2.** One may also define the derivative of \( f \) by \( \dot{f}(t_0) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(t_0 + h) - f(t_0)}{h} \) provided the limit exists. To see this is the case let \( \Delta(t) := \frac{f(t) - f(t_0)}{t - t_0} - L \). Then \( \lim_{h \to 0} \Delta(t_0 + h) = 0 \) iff for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists \( \delta > 0 \) such that \( \Delta(t_0 + h) \leq \varepsilon \) if \( 0 < |h| \leq \delta \). Letting \( t = t_0 + h \), we see this is equivalent to \( \Delta(t) \leq \varepsilon \) if \( 0 < |h| = |t - t_0| \leq \delta \), i.e. iff \( \lim_{t \to t_0} \Delta(t) = 0 \).

**Proposition 10.4.** The function \( f(t) := 1/t = t^{-1} \) defined for \( t \neq 0 \) is differentiable and \( \dot{f}(t) = -1/t^2 \) for all \( t \neq 0 \).

**Proof.** We have
\[
\frac{f(t+h) - f(t)}{h} = \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{1}{t+h} - \frac{1}{t} \right] = \frac{1}{h} \cdot \frac{t-(t+h)}{(t+h)t} = -\frac{1}{(t+h)t} \to -\frac{1}{t^2} \quad \text{as} \quad h \to 0.
\]
Here we have used the fact that \( \frac{1}{t} \) is continuous for the last limit.

**Notation 10.5 (\( \varepsilon(\cdot), O(\cdot), o(\cdot) \text{ Notation} \)** To simplify proofs below, we will often let \( \varepsilon(h), O(h), \text{ and } o(h) \denote generic \ X \text{ or } \mathbb{R} \text{-valued functions defined in some deleted neighborhood of } 0 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ (i.e. for } h \in (-\delta, \delta) \setminus \{0\} \text{ such that}
\]

1. \( \lim_{h \to 0} \varepsilon(h) = 0 \),
2. there exists \( C < \infty \) such that \( \|O(h)\| \leq C|h| \text{ for } h \text{ near } 0 \text{ or equivalently,} \)
\[\limsup_{h \to 0} \frac{\|O(h)\|}{|h|} < \infty,\]
3. \( \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{o(h)}{h} = 0 \), i.e. for all \( c > 0 \) there exists \( \delta = \delta(c) > 0 \) such that \( \|o(h)\| \leq c|h| \text{ for } 0 < |h| \leq \delta. \)

We will often assume that each of these functions has been extended to \( h = 0 \) by setting there values at \( 0 \) to be 0.

**Remark 10.6.** Using the above notation we have, \( O(h)\varepsilon(h) = o(h) \), \( O(h) + O(h) = O(h) = O(h) + o(h) \), \( O(h) + \varepsilon(h) = \varepsilon(h) = \varepsilon(h) + \varepsilon(h) \), etc. etc. We may also write, \( \lim_{t \to t_0} f(t) = x \text{ as } f(t_0 + h) = x + \varepsilon(h) \) and \( f \) is differentiable at \( t_0 \) with derivative \( f(t_0) \) iff
\[
f(t_0 + h) = f(t_0) + \dot{f}(t_0) h + o(h).
\]

**Lemma 10.7.** If \( f \) is differentiable at \( t_0 \) then it is continuous at \( t_0 \).

**Proof.** By definition,
\[
f(t_0 + h) = f(t_0) + f'(t_0) h + o(h) = f(t_0) + \varepsilon(h)
\]
and so \( \lim_{h \to 0} f(t_0 + h) = f(t_0) \).

**Theorem 10.8 (Linearity of \( \frac{d}{dt} \text{).}** Suppose that \( f : (a,b) \to X \text{ and } g : (a,b) \to X \) are differentiable at \( t_0 \in (a,b) \text{ and } \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \), then
\[
\frac{d}{dt}(f + \lambda g)(t_0) = f'(t_0) + \lambda g'(t_0).
\]

**Proof.** We are given,
\[
f(t_0 + h) = f(t_0) + \dot{f}(t_0) h + o(h) \text{ and } \]
\[
g(t_0 + h) = g(t_0) + \dot{g}(t_0) h + o(h)
\]
and therefore,
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\[ f(t_0 + h) + \lambda g(t_0 + h) = f(t_0) + \dot{f}(t_0) h + o(h) + \lambda g(t_0) + \dot{g}(t_0) h + o(h) \]
\[ = f(t_0) + \lambda g(t_0) + \left[ \dot{f}(t_0) + \dot{g}(t_0) \right] h + o(h) \]

from which the result follows.

**Theorem 10.9 (Product Rule I).** Suppose that \( f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) and \( g : (a, b) \rightarrow X \) are differentiable at \( t_0 \in (a, b) \), then

\[ \frac{d}{dt} (f \cdot g)(t_0) = f'(t_0) g(t_0) + f(t_0) g'(t_0). \]  

**Proof.** We have,

\[ (f \cdot g)(t_0 + h) = f(t_0 + h) \cdot g(t_0 + h) \]
\[ = \left( f(t_0) + \dot{f}(t_0) h + o(h) \right) \left( g(t_0) + \dot{g}(t_0) h + o(h) \right) \]
\[ = f(t_0) g(t_0) + \left[ \dot{f}(t_0) g(t_0) + f(t_0) \dot{g}(t_0) \right] h + o(h) \quad (10.2) \]

wherein we have used \( h^2 = o(h) \), \( h o(h) = o(h) \), and \( o(h) o(h) = o(h) \). From Eq. (10.2) we deduce Eq. (10.1).  

**Exercise 10.1.** Suppose that \( f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \) and \( g : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \) are differentiable at \( t_0 \in (a, b) \), show

\[ \frac{d}{dt} (f \cdot g)(t_0) = f'(t_0) \cdot g(t_0) + f(t_0) \cdot g'(t_0) \]

where now “\( \cdot \)” denotes the usual dot product in \( \mathbb{R}^n \), i.e.

\[ x \cdot y := \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i y_i \text{ for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n. \]  

(10.3)

**Exercise 10.2.** Let \( f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \) and write \( f(t) = (f_1(t), \ldots, f_n(t)) \) where \( f_k : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) are functions for \( 1 \leq k \leq n \). Show: if \( f(t) \) exists at \( t \in (a, b) \), then \( \dot{f}_k(t) \) exists for all \( k \) and

\[ \dot{f}(t) = \left( \dot{f}_1(t), \ldots, \dot{f}_n(t) \right). \]

**Hint:** \( f_k(t) = e_k \cdot f(t) \) where \( e_k \) is the \( k^{th} \) standard basis vector for \( \mathbb{R}^n \)

**Exercise 10.3.** Suppose that \( f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \) and write \( f(t) = (f_1(t), \ldots, f_n(t)) \) where \( f_k : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \). Show: if \( \dot{f}_k(t) \) exists at \( t \in (a, b) \) for all \( k \), then \( \dot{f}(t) \) exists and

\[ \dot{f}(t) = \left( \dot{f}_1(t), \ldots, \dot{f}_n(t) \right). \]

**Hint:** \( f(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} f_k(t) e_k \).

**Theorem 10.10 (Chain Rule).** Suppose that \( g : (c, d) \rightarrow X \) and \( f : (a, b) \rightarrow (c, d) \) are given functions such that \( f(t_0) \) at \( t_0 \in (a, b) \) and \( g'(w_0) \) exists at \( z_0 := f(t_0) \). Then

\[ \frac{d}{dt} g(f(t)) \bigg|_{t=t_0} = g'(z_0) f'(t_0) = g'(f(t_0)) f'(t_0). \]

**Proof.** Let \( h(t) := g(f(t)) \). Then by assumption,

\[ f(t_0 + \Delta t) = f(t_0) + f'(t_0) \Delta t + o(\Delta t) \]
\[ g(z_0 + \Delta z) = g(z_0) + g'(z_0) \Delta z + o(\Delta z) \]

Letting \( \Delta z := f(t_0 + \Delta t) - f(t_0) = f'(t_0) \Delta t + o(\Delta t) \)

which is small for \( \Delta t \) small, we find,

\[ h(t_0 + \Delta t) = g(f(t_0 + \Delta t)) = g(z_0 + \Delta z) \]
\[ = g(z_0) + g'(z_0) \Delta z + o(\Delta z) \]
\[ = h(t_0) + g'(z_0) [f'(t_0) \Delta t + o(\Delta t)] + o(f'(t_0) \Delta t + o(\Delta t)) \]
\[ = h(t_0) + g'(z_0) f'(t_0) \Delta t + o(\Delta t). \]

wherein we have used, \( o(f'(t_0) \Delta t + o(\Delta t)) = o(\Delta t) \). The result follows from this equation and the definition of the derivative.

**Corollary 10.11 (Quotient Rule).** Suppose that \( f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) and \( g : (a, b) \rightarrow X \) are differentiable at \( t_0 \in (a, b) \) and \( f(t_0) \neq 0 \), then

\[ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{g}{f} \right)(t_0) = \frac{f(t_0) g'(t_0) - f'(t_0) g(t_0)}{f^2(t_0)}. \]

**Proof.** First of let \( \psi(z) := \frac{1}{z} \), then \( \frac{1}{z} = \psi(f) \) and so by the chain rule,

\[ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{f} \right)(t_0) = \psi'(f(t_0)) f'(t_0) = - \frac{1}{f^2(t_0)} f'(t_0). \]

Hence by the product rule,

\[ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{g}{f} \right)(t_0) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{f} \cdot g \right)(t_0) = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{f} (t_0) \cdot g(t_0) + \frac{1}{f(t_0)} g'(t_0) \]
\[ = - \frac{1}{f^2(t_0)} f'(t_0) \cdot g(t_0) + \frac{1}{f(t_0)} g'(t_0) \]
\[ = \frac{f(t_0) g'(t_0) - f'(t_0) g(t_0)}{f^2(t_0)}. \]
Example 10.12. Any polynomial function in $t$, $1/t$ is differentiable where it is defined.

Definition 10.13. A function $f : (a, b) \to \mathbb{R}$ has as local minimum (maximum) at $t_0 \in (a, b)$ if there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $f(t) \geq f(t_0)$ ($f(t) \leq f(t_0)$) when $|t - t_0| \leq \delta$.

10.2 First Derivative Test and Mean Value and Taylor Theorems

Theorem 10.14 (First Derivative Test). If $f : (a, b) \to \mathbb{R}$ has a local extremum (i.e. local minimum or maximum) at $t_0 \in (a, b)$ and $f$ is differentiable at $t_0$, then $f'(t_0) = 0$.

Proof. For sake of definiteness, suppose that $t_0$ is a local minimum for $f$. Then for $h > 0$ small,
\[
\frac{f(t_0 + h) - f(t_0)}{h} \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{f(t_0 - h) - f(t_0)}{-h} \leq 0.
\]
Therefore letting $h \downarrow 0$ in these two inequalities leads to $f'(t_0) \geq 0$ and $f'(t_0) \leq 0$ which implies $f'(t_0) = 0$.

Exercise 10.4 (Existence of Eigenvectors for Symmetric Matrices). Let $A$ be an $n \times n$ symmetric real matrix. Recall this implies (and is equivalent to) $Ax \cdot y = x \cdot Ay$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ where “$\cdot$” is the dot product on $\mathbb{R}^n$ as in Eq. 10.3. In this problem you are going to show that $A$ has an eigenvector by proving the following statements.

1. Show $|Ax \cdot y| \leq C \|x\| \|y\|$ where $C := \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} A_{ij}^2}$ is the Hilbert-Schmidt norm of $A$.

2. Show $q(x) := Ax \cdot x$ is a continuous function on $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Let $S := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\| = 1\}$ be the closed and bounded and hence compact unit sphere in $\mathbb{R}^n$. By the extreme value theorem, $\lambda := \max_{x \in S} q(x)$ exists. Let $x_0 \in S$ be chosen so that
\[
\lambda = q(x_0) = Ax_0 \cdot x_0.
\]

3. Explain why $R(x) = \frac{Ax \cdot x}{\|x\|^2} = q \left( \frac{x}{\|x\|} \right)$ is a continuous function on $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ and show $x_0$ is also a maximizer of $R$.

4. For any $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ let $f_v(t) = R(x_0 + tv)$ which is defined for $t$ such that $\|x_0 + tv\| \neq 0$ and in particular for $t$ near zero. Compute $\dot{f}_v(t)$ for $t$ near 0 and in particular show
\[
\dot{f}_v(0) = 2(Ax_0 - \lambda x_0) \cdot v.
\]

5. Noting that $f_v(t)$ has a maximum at $t = 0$, the first derivative implies $f_v(0) = 0$. By making a judicious choice for $v$, show $Ax_0 = \lambda x_0$, i.e. $x_0$ is an eigenvector of $A$ with eigenvalue $\lambda$.

Exercise 10.5 (Multiplication Operators). Let $V := C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$ and $A : V \to V$ be the operation of multiplication by $t$, i.e. for $f \in V$ let $Af \in V$ be define by
\[
(Af)(t) = tf(t) \quad \text{for all} \quad t \in [0, 1].
\]
Show; if there is a $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f \in V$ such that $Af = \lambda f$, then $f \equiv 0$, i.e. $A$ has no eigenvectors (or eigenfunctions if you prefer).

[Moral: The reader should compare this exercise with Exercise 10.4. Notice that if we define an inner product on $V$ by
\[
(f, g) = \int_0^1 f(t) g(t) \, dt
\]
then $(Af, g) = (f, Ag)$, i.e. $A$ is symmetric. Nevertheless, $A$ has no eigenvectors. This may be considered as another proof the the unit sphere in $V$ is not compact!]

Theorem 10.15 (Rolle’s Theorem). Suppose that $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function such that $f(a) = L = f(b)$ and $f$ is differentiable on $(a, b)$. Then there exists $t_0 \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(t_0) = 0$.

Proof. If $f$ is not constant then there exists $t \in (a, b)$ such that either $f(t) > L$ or $f(t) < L$. For definiteness let assume the first case. Then by the extreme value theorem, there exists $t_0 \in [a, b]$ such that $f(t_0) \geq f(t)$ for all $t \in [a, b]$. Moreover this maximizer can not be at $a$ or $b$ as $\max f ([a, b]) = L = f(a) = f(b)$. Therefore $f$ has a maximum at some point $t_0 \in (a, b)$. It then follows by the first derivative test that $f'(t_0) = 0$.

Theorem 10.16 (Mean Value Theorem). Suppose that $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function such that $f$ is differentiable on $(a, b)$. Then there exists $t_0 \in (a, b)$ such that
\[
\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f'(t_0).
\]

Proof. Let
\[
h(t) := f(t) - \left( f(a) + \frac{t - a}{b - a} (f(b) - f(a)) \right).
\]
Then $h(a) = 0 = h(b)$ and so by Rolle’s theorem, there exist $t_0 \in (a, b)$ such that
The result easily follow from this identity.

**Corollary 10.17.** Suppose that $f : (a, b) \to \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable on $(a, b)$.

1. If $f' \geq 0$ on $(a, b)$ then $f$ is non-decreasing on $(a, b)$.
2. If $f' \leq 0$ on $(a, b)$ then $f$ is non-increasing on $(a, b)$.
3. If $f' = 0$ on $(a, b)$, then $f$ is constant.

**Proof.** For $a < x_1 < x_2 < b$ there exists $c = c(x_1, x_2) \in (x_1, x_2)$ such that

$$f(x_2) - f(x_1) = f'(c(x_1, x_2))(x_2 - x_1).$$

The result easily follow from this identity.

**Remark 10.18.** The mean value Theorem 10.16 does not hold for vector valued functions and in particular not for $C$-valued functions. For example let $f(t) = (u(t), v(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ be differentiable function such that $f(0) = f(1) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$. We can arrange for $\dot{u}(t)$ to only be zero at $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\dot{v}(t)$ to be zero only at $3/4$. In this case both $u$ and $v$ satisfy the mean value theorem with two different times and there is no common time $t_0$ such that $\dot{u}(t_0) = 0 = \dot{v}(t_0)$. However, the following mean value inequality does still hold.

**Theorem 10.19 (Mean Value Inequality).** Suppose that $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $f : [a, b] \to X = \mathbb{R}^n$ is a continuous function which is differentiable on $(a, b)$. Then there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that

$$\|f(b) - f(a)\| \leq \|\dot{f}(c)\|(b - a).$$

In particular, if $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$ then there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that

$$|f(b) - f(a)| \leq |\dot{f}(c)|(b - a).$$

[Although we do not prove it now, this result remains true when $X$ is any normed vector space however the proof would require the “Hahn-Banach” theorem. We will give a proof of a closely related result later based on the fundamental theorem of calculus.]

**Proof.** For $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, let $f_v(t) := v \cdot f(t)$. Applying the mean value theorem to $f_v$ shows there exists $c(v) \in (a, b)$ such that

$$v \cdot [f(b) - f(a)] = v \cdot f(b) - v \cdot f(a) = \frac{d}{dt}v \cdot f(t) \big|_{t = c(v)}(b - a) = \left[v \cdot \dot{f}(c(v))\right](b - a)$$

wherein we have made use of Exercise 10.1. If $f(b) = f(a)$ there is nothing to prove so we will assume that $f(b) \neq f(a)$. In the latter case we take,

$$v := \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{\|f(b) - f(a)\|}$$

in Eq. (10.4) in order to learn,

$$\|f(b) - f(a)\| = v \cdot [f(b) - f(a)] = \left[v \cdot \dot{f}(c(v))\right](b - a) \leq \|v\| \|\dot{f}(c(v))\|(b - a) = \|\dot{f}(c(v))\|(b - a).$$

**Corollary 10.20.** Suppose that $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}^n$ is a continuous function such that $f'(t) = 0$ for all $t \in (a, b)$, then $f(t) = f(a)$ for all $t \in [a, b]$, i.e. $f$ is constant on $[a, b]$.

**Proof.** By the mean value inequality for all $\beta \in (a, b)$ we have

$$\|f(\beta) - f(a)\| \leq \|f'(c)\| ||\beta - a|| = 0$$

for some $c \in (a, b)$. This shows that $f(\beta) = f(a)$ for all $\beta \in [a, b]$.

**Definition 10.21.** We say $f : (a, b) \to \mathbb{R}$ if the iterated derivatives of $f$ up to order $n$ exist. That is we assume $f'$ exists and then $f^{(2)} := (f')'$ exists on $(a, b)$, and $f^{(3)} = (f^{(2)})'$ exists on $(a, b)$, ..., $f^{(n)} = (f^{(n-1)})'$ exists on $(a, b)$.

**Exercise 10.6.** Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function such that $f$ is differentiable to all orders on $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Further suppose that $\lim_{t \to 0} f^{(n)}(t) = L_n$ exists in $\mathbb{R}$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Show $f$ is differentiable at $t = 0$ to all orders and that $f^{(n)}(0) = L_n$. Let $M_n := \sup_{|t| \leq 1}$
10.3 Limsup and Liminf revisited

For proofs to follow it will be convenient to introduce the notion of lim sup and lim inf for function $g: Y \setminus \{y_0\} \to \mathbb{R}$, where $Y$ is a metric space and $y_0 \in Y$. [The reader will find many more details regarding the material in this section in the Appendix D which has been generously supplied by Ali Behzadan.]

**Notation 10.22** The deleted open ball at $y_0$ with radius $\delta > 0$ is defined by

$$B^*_y (\delta) := B_y (\delta) \setminus \{y_0\} = \{y \in Y: 0 < d(y, y_0) < \delta\}.$$

**Definition 10.23.** Given $g: Y \setminus \{y_0\} \to \mathbb{R}$ we let

$$\limsup_{y \to y_0} g(y) := \limsup_{\delta \downarrow 0} \sup_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y)$$

and

$$\liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y) := \liminf_{\delta \downarrow 0} \inf_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y).$$

These limits always exist since $\sup_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y)$ decreases as $\delta$ decreases while $\inf_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y)$ increases as $\delta$ decreases. Moreover

$$\inf_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y) \leq \sup_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y) \text{ for all } \delta > 0,$$

and hence by passing to the limit as $\delta \downarrow 0$,

$$\liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y) \leq \limsup_{y \to y_0} g(y).$$

The following proposition is analogous to Proposition 3.28 and the reader may find a more general version in Proposition D.9

**Proposition 10.24.** Keeping the notation introduced above, $\liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y)$ exists in $\mathbb{R}$ iff

$$\liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y) = \limsup_{y \to y_0} g(y)$$

in which case

$$\lim_{y \to y_0} g(y) = \liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y) = \limsup_{y \to y_0} g(y). \quad (10.5)$$

**Proof.** ($\Rightarrow$) Suppose that $L := \liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y) = \limsup_{y \to y_0} g(y)$. If $L \in \mathbb{R}$, then given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\left| \inf_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y) - L \right| \leq \varepsilon \text{ and } \left| \sup_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y) - L \right| \leq \varepsilon.$$

In particular we will have

$$L - \varepsilon \leq \inf_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y) \leq \sup_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y) \leq L + \varepsilon$$

and so

$$L - \varepsilon \leq g(y) \leq L + \varepsilon \text{ for all } y \in B^*_y (\delta)$$

which, by definition, implies $\lim_{y \to y_0} g(y) = L$.

Next suppose that

$$\infty = L = \liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y) = \liminf_{\delta \downarrow 0} \inf_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y).$$

Then for all $0 < M < \infty$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $\inf_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y) \geq M$, i.e. $g(y) \geq M$ if $0 < d(y, y_0) \leq \delta$. By definition, this implies $\lim_{y \to y_0} g(y) = \infty$. The case $L = -\infty$ is similar and will be omitted.

($\Leftarrow$) Suppose that $L := \liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y)$ exists in $\mathbb{R}$. If $L \in \mathbb{R}$ then for all $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|g(y) - L| \leq \varepsilon \text{ if } 0 < d(y, y_0) < \delta,$$

i.e.

$$L - \varepsilon \leq g(y) \leq L + \varepsilon \text{ if } y \in B^*_y (\delta).$$

From this it follows that

$$L - \varepsilon \leq \inf_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y) \leq \sup_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y) \leq L + \varepsilon$$

and therefore letting $\delta \downarrow 0$ shows

$$L - \varepsilon \leq \liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y) \leq \limsup_{y \to y_0} g(y) \leq L + \varepsilon.$$

We may now let $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ to conclude that

$$L = \liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y) \leq \limsup_{y \to y_0} g(y) = L$$

which suffices to prove omitted (10.5) in this case.

Next suppose that $L = \infty$. Then for every $M \in (0, \infty)$ there exists $\delta = \delta(M)$ such that $g(y) \geq M$ if $y \in B^*_y (\delta)$ and therefore,

$$\liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y) = \liminf_{\delta \downarrow 0} \inf_{y \in B^*_y (\delta)} g(y) \geq M.$$

We may now let $M \uparrow \infty$ to learn

$$\liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y) = \infty \leq \liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y) \leq \limsup_{y \to y_0} g(y)$$

which again proves Eq. (10.5). The case where $L = -\infty$ is proved similarly so will be omitted.
Corollary 10.25. If \( g : Y \setminus \{y_0\} \to [0, \infty) \) and \( \limsup_{y \to y_0} g(y) = 0 \), then \( \lim_{y \to y_0} g(y) = 0 \).

Proof. This is a direct consequence of Proposition 10.24 and the observation that
\[
0 \leq \liminf_{y \to y_0} g(y) \leq \limsup_{y \to y_0} g(y) \leq 0.
\]

Lemma 10.26. If \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( g_k : Y \setminus \{y_0\} \to [0, \infty] \) are given functions for \( 1 \leq k \leq n \), then
\[
\limsup_{y \to y_0} \sum_{k=1}^{n} g_k(y) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{n} \limsup_{y \to y_0} g_k(y).
\]

Proof. Since
\[
\sum_{k=1}^{n} g_k(z) \leq \sup_{y \in B_{y_0}(\delta)} g_k(y) \text{ for all } z \in B_{y_0}(\delta),
\]
it follows that
\[
\limsup_{z \in B_{y_0}(\delta)} \sum_{k=1}^{n} g_k(z) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sup_{y \in B_{y_0}(\delta)} g_k(y).
\]
Passing the the limit as \( \delta \to 0 \) in this inequality gives Eq. (10.6).

10.4 Differentiating past infinite sums

Theorem 10.29 (Weierstrass M – test II). Suppose that \( (X, \|\cdot\|) \) is a Banach space, \( (Y, d) \) is a metric space, for each \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), \( f_n : Y \setminus \{y_0\} \to X \) is a function, and there exists \( \{M_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq [0, \infty) \) with \( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n < \infty \) such that
\[
\sup_{y \in Y} \|f_n(y)\|_X \leq M_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.
\]
Under the above assumptions, if \( \lim_{y \to y_0} f_n(y) \) exists in \( X \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), then
\[
\lim_{y \to y_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lim_{y \to y_0} f_n(y).
\]

Proof. Let \( x_n := \lim_{y \to y_0} f_n(y) \). Ass the norm on \( X \) is continuous it follows that \( \|x_n\| \leq M_n \) for all \( n \) and therefore \( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \) is absolutely convergent. To finish the proof we must show \( \lim_{y \to y_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(y) = x \). We begin with the estimate;
\[
\left\| x - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(y) \right\| = \left\| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [x_n - f_n(y)] \right\|
\]
\[
= \left\| \sum_{n=1}^{N} [x_n - f_n(y)] + \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} [x_n - f_n(y)] \right\|
\]
\[
\leq \sum_{n=1}^{N} \|x_n - f_n(y)\| + \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} [\|x_n\| + \|f_n(y)\|]
\]
\[
\leq \sum_{n=1}^{N} \|x_n - f_n(y)\| + 2 \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} M_n.
\]
Taking the \( \limsup_{y \to y_0} \) of this inequality and letting \( N \to \infty \) shows
\[
\limsup_{y \to y_0} \left\| x - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(y) \right\| \leq \limsup_{y \to y_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [\|x_n - f_n(y)\| + 2 \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} M_n]
\]
\[
\leq \sum_{n=1}^{N} \limsup_{y \to y_0} \|x_n - f_n(y)\| + 2 \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} M_n
\]
\[
= 2 \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} M_n \to 0 \text{ as } N \to \infty.
\]
Theorem 10.30 (Differentiating past a sum). Suppose that \( f_n : J := (a, b) \to X \) is a sequence of functions satisfying:

1. there exists \( c \in J \) such that \( F(c) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(c) \) is convergent in \( X \).
2. For all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), \( f_n \) is differentiable on \( J \) and \( f_n \) is continuous on \( J \).
3. If \( M_n := \| f_n(t) \|_X \), then \( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n < \infty \).

Then \( F(t) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(t) \) is convergent for \( t \in J \), \( F \) is differentiable on \( J \), and

\[
\dot{F}(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dot{f}_n(t) \quad \text{for all } t \in J. \tag{10.7}
\]

Proof. For this proof we will need the mean value inequality for \( X \) - valued functions. As of yet we have only proved this when \( X = \mathbb{R}^n \) but we will see later that it holds more generally. By the mean value inequality for any \( s, t \in J \),

\[
\| f_n(t) - f_n(s) \| \leq M_n |t - s|
\]

and hence,

\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \| f_n(t) - f_n(s) \| \leq |t - s| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n < \infty
\]

from which it follows \( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [f_n(t) - f_n(s)] \) is absolutely convergent. Therefore,

\[
F(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (f_n(c) + [f_n(t) - f_n(c)])
\]

is convergent as well. Furthermore the assumptions imply \( G(t) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dot{f}_n(t) \) is absolutely convergent and that \( G \) is a continuous function by the Weierstrass M - test, Theorem 7.11. Since for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( h \neq 0 \) but small,

\[
\left\| \frac{f_n(t+h) - f_n(t)}{h} \right\| \leq M_n,
\]

it follows from Theorem 10.29 that

\[
\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{F(t+h) - F(t)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_n(t+h) - f_n(t)}{h}
\]

\[
= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f_n(t+h) - f_n(t)}{h}
\]

\[
= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dot{f}_n(t) = G(t)
\]

which completes the proof of Eq. (10.7).

Theorem 10.31 (Differentiation of Power Series). Suppose \( x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \) and \( \{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \) is a sequence of complex numbers such that \( R := \limsup_{n \to \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} < 1 \). Then \( f(x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n \) defines an infinitely differentiable function \( f : (x_0 - R, x_0 + R) \to \mathbb{C} \). Moreover,

\[
f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n (x - x_0)^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n (x - x_0)^{n-1} \tag{10.8}
\]

and this series has the same radius of convergence as the series for \( f \). [This theorem holds more generally when \( \{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \) is a sequence in a Banach space \( X \) such that \( R := \limsup_{n \to \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} < 1 \).]

Proof. We are going to apply Theorem 10.30. To this end suppose that \( r \in (0, R) \) and that \( x \) satisfies \( |x - x_0| < r \). Letting \( f_n(x) := a_n (x - x_0)^n \) we have

\[
|f'_n(x)| = |n a_n (x - x_0)^{n-1}| \leq n |a_n| r^{n-1} =: M_n = \frac{n}{r} |a_n| r^{n-1}
\]

where

\[
\limsup_{n \to \infty} M_n^{1/n} = \lim sup_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{n}{r} \right)^{1/n} |a_n|^{1/n} = \frac{r}{R} < 1
\]

wherein we have used Lemma 3.30 to see that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{n}{r} \right)^{1/n} = 1 \). So by the root test it follows that \( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n < \infty \) and so we may apply Theorem 10.30 in order to conclude Eq. (10.8) holds for \( |x - x_0| < r \). As \( r < R \) was arbitrary, we may conclude that Eq. (10.8) holds for \( |x - x_0| < R \). The computation above shows the series for \( f'(x) \) converges of \( f'(x) \) converges on \( (x_0 - R, x_0 + R) \). Thus these same results apply to \( f''(x) \) and then \( f'''(x) \), etc. etc. So the result now follows by a straightforward induction argument.

Exercise 10.7. For \( z \in \mathbb{C} \) recall we have defined

\[
e^z := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}.
\]

Show:

1. \( \frac{d}{dt} e^{tz} = e^{tz} \) with \( e^{0z} = 1 \).
2. Use this results and the obvious product rule to show

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \left[ e^{tx} e^{t} w e^{-(t + w)} \right] = 0 \quad \text{for all } z, w \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } t \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{10.9}
\]

3. Use Eq. (10.9) to show \( e^z e^w e^{-(z + w)} = 1 \) for all \( z, w \in \mathbb{C} \).
4. Now, using item 3., show $e^{-x} = (e^x)^{-1}$ and then that $e^x e^w = e^{x+w}$ for all $x, w \in \mathbb{C}$.

**Exercise 10.8.** Show the functions

$$e^x := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!},$$

$$(10.10)$$

$$\sin x := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\cos x := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!},$$

$$(10.11)$$

$$(10.12)$$

are infinitely differentiable and they satisfy

$$\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x \text{ with } e^0 = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x \text{ with } \sin (0) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x \text{ with } \cos (0) = 1.$$

**Exercise 10.9.** Continue the notation of Exercise 10.8

1. Use the product and the chain rule to show,

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ e^{-x} e^{(x+y)} \right] = 0$$

and conclude from this, that $e^{-x} e^{(x+y)} = e^y$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. In particular

taking $y = 0$ this implies that $e^{-x} = 1/e^x$ and hence that $e^{(x+y)} = e^x e^y$.

Use this result to show $e^x \uparrow \infty$ as $x \uparrow \infty$ and $e^x \downarrow 0$ as $x \downarrow -\infty$.

2. Use the product rule to show

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x \right) = 0$$

and use this to conclude that $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

**Exercise 10.10.** Let $\{a_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ be a summable sequence of complex numbers, i.e. $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |a_n| < \infty$. For $t \geq 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$, define

$$F(t, x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n e^{-tn^2} e^{inx},$$

where as usual $e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i \sin(x)$, this is motivated by replacing $x$ in Eq. (10.10) by $ix$ and comparing the result to Eqs. (10.11) and (10.12).

1. $F(t, x)$ is continuous for $(t, x) \in [0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$. **Hint:** Let $Y = \mathbb{Z}$ and $u = (t, x)$ and use Exercise S.17

2. $\partial F(t, x)/\partial t, \partial F(t, x)/\partial x$ and $\partial^2 F(t, x)/\partial x^2$ exist for $t > 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$. **Hint:** Let $Y = \mathbb{Z}$ and $u = t$ for computing $\partial F(t, x)/\partial t$ and $u = x$ for computing $\partial F(t, x)/\partial x$ and $\partial^2 F(t, x)/\partial x^2$ via Exercise 8.18. In computing the $t$ derivative, you should let $\varepsilon > 0$ and apply Exercise 8.18 with $t = u \varepsilon$ and then afterwards let $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$.

3. $F$ satisfies the heat equation, namely

$$\partial F(t, x)/\partial t = \partial^2 F(t, x)/\partial x^2$$

for $t > 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

### 10.5 Taylor’s Theorem

**Remark 10.32.** If $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ converges of $x \in (-R, R)$, then by induction along with Theorem 10.31 one shows for $|x| < R$ that,

$$f^{(k)} (x) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n(n-1)(n-2)\ldots(n-k+1)x^{n-k},$$

and in particular that

$$f^{(k)} (0) = k! \cdot a_k.$$

Therefore we may express $f$ as,

$$f (x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)} (0)}{k!} x^k.$$

**Exercise 10.11.** [In this exercise we will take for granted that $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$. This will be proved a little later in this chapter.] Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be the function defined by

$$f(t) := \begin{cases} 
0 & \text{if } t \leq 0 \\
\varepsilon^{-1/t} & \text{if } t > 0.
\end{cases}$$

Show $f$ is differentiable to all orders on $\mathbb{R}$ and that $f^{(n)}(0) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. **Hints:** First show there exists a polynomial functions, $p_n (x)$, such that $f^{(n)} (t) = p_n (t^{-1}) f (t)$ for $t > 0$. You may also use $e^x \geq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ when $x \geq 0$ and therefore $\lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{x^n}{e^x} = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Suppose that $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $f : (a, b) \to X$ is differentiable on $(a, b)$ to order $n+1$. Given $\alpha \in (a, b)$ we would like to approximate $f$ near $\alpha$ by a polynomial,

$$p(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} p_k (t-\alpha)^k$$

where $p_k \in X$. 

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One scheme to make such an approximation would be to choose the \(\{p_k\}_{k=0}^n\) so that \(p^{(l)}(\alpha) = f^{(l)}(\alpha)\) for \(0 \leq l \leq n\). A simple computation shows, \(p^{(l)}(\alpha) = p_l \cdot l!\) and so this scheme suggests we take \(p_l := f^{(l)}(\alpha) / l!\) and hence

\[
p_n(t) := \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{f^{(k)}(\alpha)}{k!} (t - \alpha)^k.
\]

(10.13)

The question now becomes what is the error between \(f\) and \(p_n\).

**Theorem 10.33 (Taylor’s Theorem).** Suppose that \(f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}\) is \(n+1\) times differentiable on \((a, b)\) and \(\alpha \in (a, b)\). Let \(p_n(t)\) be as in Eq. (10.13). Then for all \(\beta \in (a, b)\) there exists a real number \(c\) between \(\alpha\) and \(\beta\) such that

\[
f(\beta) = p_n(\beta) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} (\beta - \alpha)^{n+1}
\]

**Proof.** Let \(\beta \in (a, b)\) and choose \(M\) so that

\[
f(\beta) - p_n(\beta) - M(\beta - \alpha)^{n+1} = 0
\]

and then define

\[h(t) := f(t) - p_n(t) - M(t - \alpha)^{n+1}.
\]

One easily sees that \(h(\beta) = 0, h^{(k)}(\alpha) = 0\) for \(0 \leq k \leq n\) and \(h^{(n+1)}(t) = f^{(n+1)}(t) - M \cdot (n+1)!\). So to finish the proof it suffices to find a \(c\) between \(\alpha\) and \(\beta\) such that \(h^{(n+1)}(c) = 0\). In order to illustrate the idea, let us suppose that \(n = 3\).

By repeated use of the mean value theorem we find,

\[
0 = h(\beta) - h(\alpha) = h'(c_1) = h'(c_1) - h'(\alpha)
\]

\[
= h''(c_2) = h''(c_2) - h''(\alpha)
\]

\[
= h'''(c_3) = h'''(c_3) - h'''(\alpha) = h^{(4)}(c_4)
\]

where \(c_1\) is between \(\alpha\) and \(\beta\), \(c_2\) is between \(\alpha\) and \(c_1\), \(c_3\) is between \(\alpha\) and \(c_2\), and \(c_4\) is between \(\alpha\) and \(c_3\) and in particular \(c_4\) is between \(\alpha\) and \(\beta\).

**Example 10.34 (Exponential Function revisited).** Suppose \(f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}\), such that \(\dot{f}(t) = f(t)\) for all \(t \in \mathbb{R}\) and \(f(0) = 0\). Then by Taylor’s theorem with \(\alpha = 0\), for all \(t \in \mathbb{R}\) and \(n \in \mathbb{N}_0\) there exists a point \(c = c_n(t)\) between \(0\) and \(t\) such that

\[
f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{1}{k!} t^k + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c_n(t))}{(n+1)!}.
\]

wherein we have used \(f^{(n)} = f\) for all \(n\). Letting \(M_t := \max \{\|f(s)\| : |s| \leq |t|\}\) we may conclude that

\[
\left| f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{1}{k!} t^k \right| = \frac{t^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} |f(c_n(t))| \leq \frac{t^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} M_t \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty.
\]

Thus there is at most one such function and if it exists it must be given by

\[
f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} t^k,
\]

i.e. the function we have defined previously to be \(e^t\). We will see shortly that \(e^t\) is differentiable and the \(\frac{d}{dt} e^t = e^t\) as required.

**Exercise 10.12 (Taylor’s Theorem II).** Suppose that \(f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^d\) is \(n + 1\) times differentiable on \((a, b)\) and \(\alpha \in (a, b)\). Let

\[
p_n(t) := \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{f^{(k)}(\alpha)}{k!} (t - \alpha)^k
\]

as in Eq. (10.13). Then for all \(\beta \in (a, b)\) there exists a \(c\) between \(\alpha\) and \(\beta\) such that

\[
\|f(\beta) - p_n(\beta)\| \leq \left\| f^{(n+1)}(c) \right\| \frac{|\beta - \alpha|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}.
\]
Appendix: Notation and Logic

The following abbreviations along with their negations are used throughout these notes.

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Here are some examples.

1. \( a_n = b_n \) i.o. \( n \Leftrightarrow \# \{ n : a_n = b_n \} = \infty \). The negation of \( \# \{ n : a_n = b_n \} = \infty \) is \( \# \{ n : a_n = b_n \} < \infty \Leftrightarrow a_n \neq b_n \) for a.a. \( n \).

2. \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = L \) is by definition the statement;
\[
\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \geq N, \ |L - a_n| \leq \varepsilon.
\]
This may also be written as
\[
\forall \varepsilon > 0, \ |L - a_n| \leq \varepsilon \text{ for a.a. } n.
\]

3. The negation of the previous statement is \( \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \neq L \) which translates to
\[
\exists \varepsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \geq N \ \exists |L - a_n| > \varepsilon.
\]
This last statement is also equivalent to;
\[
\exists \varepsilon > 0 \exists |L - a_n| > \varepsilon \text{ i.o. } n.
\]
It is sometimes useful to reformulate this last statement as; there exists \( \varepsilon > 0 \) and an increasing function \( \mathbb{N} \ni k \to n_k \in \mathbb{N} \) such that
\[
|L - a_{n_k}| > \varepsilon \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}.
\]
Appendix: More Set Theoretic Properties (highly optional)

B.1 Appendix: Zorn’s Lemma and the Hausdorff Maximal Principle (optional)

Definition B.1. A partial order \( \leq \) on \( X \) is a relation with following properties:

1. If \( x \leq y \) and \( y \leq z \) then \( x \leq z \).
2. If \( x \leq y \) and \( y \leq x \) then \( x = y \).
3. \( x \leq x \) for all \( x \in X \).

Example B.2. Let \( Y \) be a set and \( X = 2^Y \). There are two natural partial orders on \( X \):

1. Ordered by inclusion, \( A \leq B \) is \( A \subset B \) and
2. Ordered by reverse inclusion, \( A \leq B \) if \( B \subset A \).

Definition B.3. Let \( (X, \leq) \) be a partially ordered set we say \( X \) is linearly or totally ordered if for all \( x, y \in X \) either \( x \leq y \) or \( y \leq x \). The real numbers \( \mathbb{R} \) with the usual order \( \leq \) is a typical example.

Definition B.4. Let \( (X, \leq) \) be a partial ordered set. We say \( x \in X \) is a maximal element if for all \( y \in X \) such that \( y \geq x \) implies \( y = x \), i.e. there is no element larger than \( x \). An upper bound for a subset \( E \) of \( X \) is an element \( x \in X \) such that \( x \geq y \) for all \( y \in E \).

Example B.5. Let

\[
X = \{ a = \{ 1 \}, b = \{ 1, 2 \}, c = \{ 3 \}, d = \{ 2, 4 \}, e = \{ 2 \} \}
\]

ordered by set inclusion. Then \( b \) and \( d \) are maximal elements despite that fact that \( b \not\leq d \) and \( d \not\leq b \). We also have:

1. If \( E = \{ a, c, e \} \), then \( E \) has no upper bound.
2. If \( E = \{ a, e \} \), then \( b \) is an upper bound.
3. If \( E = \{ e \} \), then \( b \) and \( d \) are upper bounds.

Theorem B.6. The following are equivalent.

1. The axiom of choice: to each collection, \( \{ X_\alpha \}_{\alpha \in A} \), of non-empty sets there exists a “choice function,” \( x : A \to \prod_{\alpha \in A} X_\alpha \) such that \( x(\alpha) \in X_\alpha \) for all \( \alpha \in A \), i.e. \( \prod_{\alpha \in A} X_\alpha \neq \emptyset \).

2. The Hausdorff Maximal Principle: Every partially ordered set has a maximal (relative to the inclusion order) linearly ordered subset.

3. Zorn’s Lemma: If \( X \) is partially ordered set such that every linearly ordered subset of \( X \) has an upper bound, then \( X \) has a maximal element.\(^1\)

Proof. (2 \( \Rightarrow \) 3) Let \( X \) be a partially ordered subset as in 3 and let \( \mathcal{F} = \{ E \subset X : E \text{ is linearly ordered} \} \) which we equip with the inclusion partial ordering. By 2, there exist a maximal element \( E \in \mathcal{F} \). By assumption, the linearly ordered set \( E \) has an upper bound \( x \in X \). The element \( x \) is maximal, for if \( y \in Y \) and \( y \geq x \), then \( E \cup \{ y \} \) is still an linearly ordered set containing \( E \). So by maximality of \( E \), \( E = E \cup \{ y \} \), i.e. \( y \in E \) and therefore \( y \leq x \) showing which combined with \( y \geq x \) implies that \( y = x \).

(3 \( \Rightarrow \) 1) Let \( \{ X_\alpha \}_{\alpha \in A} \) be a collection of non-empty sets, we must show \( \prod_{\alpha \in A} X_\alpha \) is not empty. Let \( \mathcal{G} \) denote the collection of functions \( g : D(g) \to \prod_{\alpha \in A} X_\alpha \) such that \( D(g) \) is a subset of \( A \), and for all \( \alpha \in D(g) \), \( g(\alpha) \in X_\alpha \). Notice that \( \mathcal{G} \) is not empty, for we may let \( \alpha_0 \in A \) and \( x_0 \in X_{\alpha_0} \) and then set \( D(g) = \{ \alpha_0 \} \) and \( g(\alpha_0) = x_0 \) to construct an element of \( \mathcal{G} \). We now put a partial order on \( \mathcal{G} \) as follows. We say that \( f \leq g \) for \( f, g \in \mathcal{G} \) provided that \( D(f) \subset D(g) \) and \( f = g|_{D(f)} \). If \( \Phi \subset \mathcal{G} \) is a linearly ordered set, let \( \Phi(h) = \cup_{g \in \Phi} D(g) \) and for \( \alpha \in D(g) \) let \( h(\alpha) = g(\alpha) \). Then \( h \in \mathcal{G} \) is an upper bound for \( \Phi \). So by Zorn’s

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1. If \( X \) is a countable set we may prove Zorn’s Lemma by induction. Let \( \{ x_n \}_{n=1}^\infty \) be an enumeration of \( X \), and define \( E_n \subset X \) inductively as follows. For \( n = 1 \) let \( E_1 = \{ x_1 \} \), and if \( E_n \) have been chosen, let \( E_{n+1} = E_n \cup \{ x_{n+1} \} \) if \( x_{n+1} \) is an upper bound for \( E_n \) otherwise let \( E_{n+1} = E_n \). The set \( E = \cup_{n=1}^\infty E_n \) is a linearly ordered (you check) subset of \( X \) and hence by assumption \( E \) has an upper bound, \( x \in X \). I claim that his element is maximal, for if there exists \( y = x_m \in X \) such that \( y \geq x \), then \( x_m \) would be an upper bound for \( E_{m-1} \) and therefore \( y = x_m \in E_{m-1} \subset E \). That is to say if \( y \geq x \), then \( y \in E \) hence \( y \leq x \), so \( y = x \). (Hence we may view Zorn’s lemma as a “jazded” up version of induction.)

2. Similarly one may show that \( 3 \Rightarrow 2 \). Let \( \mathcal{F} = \{ E \subset X : E \text{ is linearly ordered} \} \) and order \( \mathcal{F} \) by inclusion. If \( M \subset \mathcal{F} \) is linearly ordered, let \( E = \cup M = \bigcup_{\alpha \in M} A \). If \( x, y \in E \) then \( x \in A \) and \( y \in B \) for some \( A, B \subset M \). Now \( M \) is linearly ordered by set inclusion so \( A \subset B \) or \( B \subset A \) i.e. \( x, y \in A \) or \( x, y \in B \). Since \( A \) and \( B \) are linearly ordered we must have either \( x \leq y \) or \( y \leq x \), that is to say \( E \) is linearly ordered. Hence by 3, there exists a maximal element \( E \in \mathcal{F} \) which is the assertion in 2.
Lemma there exists a maximal element \( h \in \mathcal{G} \). To finish the proof we need only show that \( D(h) = A \). If this were not the case, then let \( \alpha_0 \in A \setminus D(h) \) and \( x_0 \in X_{\alpha_0} \). We may now define \( D(h) = D(h) \cup \{ \alpha_0 \} \) and

\[
\hat{h}(\alpha) = \begin{cases} h(\alpha) & \text{if } \alpha \in D(h) \\ x_0 & \text{if } \alpha = \alpha_0. \end{cases}
\]

Then \( h \leq \hat{h} \) while \( h \neq \hat{h} \) violating the fact that \( h \) was a maximal element.

(1 \( \Rightarrow \) 2) Let \( (X, \leq) \) be a partially ordered set. Let \( \mathcal{F} \) be the collection of linearly ordered subsets of \( X \) which we order by set inclusion. Given \( x_0 \in X \), \( \{x_0\} \in \mathcal{F} \) is linearly ordered set so that \( \mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset \). Fix an element \( P_0 \in \mathcal{F} \). If \( P_0 \) is not maximal there exists \( P_1 \in \mathcal{F} \) such that \( P_0 \subsetneq P_1 \). In particular we may choose \( x \notin P_0 \) such that \( P_0 \cup \{x\} \in \mathcal{F} \). The idea now is to keep repeating this process of adding points \( x \in X \) until we construct a maximal element \( P \) of \( \mathcal{F} \). We now have to take care of some details. We may assume with out loss of generality that \( \tilde{\mathcal{F}} = \{ P \in \mathcal{F} : P \text{ is not maximal} \} \) is a non-empty set. For \( P \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}} \), let \( P^* = \{ x \in X : P \cup \{x\} \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}} \} \). As the above argument shows, \( P^* \neq \emptyset \) for all \( P \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}} \). Using the axiom of choice, there exists \( f \in \prod_{P \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}} P^* \).

We now define \( g : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F} \) by

\[
g(P) = \begin{cases} P & \text{if } P \text{ is maximal} \\ P \cup \{ f(x) \} & \text{if } P \text{ is not maximal}. \end{cases}
\] (B.1)

The proof is completed by Lemma B.7 below which shows that \( g \) must have a fixed point \( P \in \mathcal{F} \). This fixed point is maximal by construction of \( g \).

**Lemma B.7.** The function \( g : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F} \) defined in Eq. (B.1) has a fixed point. \( ^3 \)

**Proof.** The idea of the proof is as follows. Let \( P \in \mathcal{F} \) be chosen arbitrarily. Notice that \( \Phi = \{ g(\alpha)(P_0) \}_{\alpha=0}^\infty \subset \mathcal{F} \) is a linearly ordered set and it is therefore easily verified that \( P_1 = \bigcup_{\alpha=0}^{\infty} g(\alpha)(P_0) \in \mathcal{F} \). Similarly we may repeat the process to construct \( P_2 = \bigcup_{\alpha=0}^{\infty} g(\alpha)(P_1) \in \mathcal{F} \) and \( P_3 = \bigcup_{\alpha=0}^{\infty} g(\alpha)(P_2) \in \mathcal{F} \), etc. etc. Then take \( P_\infty = \bigcup_{\alpha=0}^{\infty} P_\alpha \) and start again with \( P_0 \) replaced by \( P_\infty \). Then keeping this way until eventually the sets stop increasing in size, in which case we have found our fixed point. The problem with this strategy is that we may never win. (This is very reminiscent of constructing measurable sets and the way out is to use measure theoretic like arguments.)

Let us now start the formal proof. Again let \( P_0 \in \mathcal{F} \) and let \( \mathcal{F}_1 = \{ P \in \mathcal{F} : P_0 \subset P \} \). Notice that \( \mathcal{F}_1 \) has the following properties:

1. \( P_0 \in \mathcal{F}_1 \).
2. If \( \Phi \subset \mathcal{F}_1 \) is a totally ordered (by set inclusion) subset then \( \cup \Phi \in \mathcal{F}_1 \).
3. If \( P \in \mathcal{F}_1 \) then \( g(P) \in \mathcal{F}_1 \).

Let us call a general subset \( \mathcal{F}' \subset \mathcal{F} \) satisfying these three conditions a tower and let

\[
\mathcal{F}_0 = \cap \{ \mathcal{F}' : \mathcal{F}' \text{ is a tower} \}.
\]

Standard arguments show that \( \mathcal{F}_0 \) is still a tower and clearly is the smallest tower containing \( P_0 \). (Morally speaking \( \mathcal{F}_0 \) consists of all of the sets we were trying to constructed in the “idea section” of the proof.) We now claim that \( \mathcal{F}_0 \) is a linearly ordered subset of \( \mathcal{F} \). To prove this let \( \Gamma \subset \mathcal{F}_0 \) be the linearly ordered set

\[
\Gamma = \{ C \in \mathcal{F}_0 : \text{ for all } A \in \mathcal{F}_0 \text{ either } A \subset C \text{ or } C \subset A \}.
\]

Shortly we will show that \( \Gamma \subset \mathcal{F}_0 \) is a tower and hence that \( \mathcal{F}_0 = \Gamma \). That is to say \( \mathcal{F}_0 \) is linearly ordered. Assuming this for the moment let us finish the proof.

Let \( P = \cup \mathcal{F}_0 \) which is in \( \mathcal{F}_0 \) by property 2 and is clearly the largest element in \( \mathcal{F}_0 \). By 3. it now follows that \( P \in g(P) \in \mathcal{F}_0 \) and by maximality of \( P \), we have \( g(P) = P \), the desired fixed point. So to finish the proof, we must show that \( \Gamma \) is a tower. First off it is clear that \( P_0 \in \Gamma \) so in particular \( \Gamma \) is not empty. For each \( C \in \Gamma \) let

\[
\Phi_C = \{ A \in \mathcal{F}_0 : \text{ either } A \subset C \text{ or } C \subset A \}.
\]

We will begin by showing that \( \Phi_C \subset \mathcal{F}_0 \) is a tower and therefore that \( \Phi_C = \mathcal{F}_0 \).

1. \( P_0 \in \Phi_C \) since \( P_0 \subset C \) for all \( C \in \Gamma \subset \mathcal{F}_0 \). 2. If \( \Phi \subset \Phi_C \subset \mathcal{F}_0 \) is totally ordered by set inclusion, then \( A_\Phi := \cup \Phi \in \mathcal{F}_0 \). We must show \( A_\Phi \subset \Phi_C \), that is that \( A_\Phi \subset C \subset A \). Now if \( A \subset C \) for all \( A \in \Phi \), then \( A_\Phi \subset C \subset \Phi_C \). On the other hand if there is some \( A \notin \Phi \) such that \( g(C) \subset A \) then clearly \( g(C) \subset A \) and again \( A_\Phi \subset \Phi_C \). 3. Given \( A \in \Phi_C \) we must show \( g(A) \in \Phi_C \), i.e. that

\[
g(A) \subset C \text{ or } C \subset g(A) \text{. (B.2)}
\]

There are three cases to consider: either \( A \subset C \), \( A = C \), or \( g(C) \subset A \). In the case \( A = C \), \( g(C) = g(A) \subset g(A) \) and if \( g(C) \subset A \) then \( g(C) \subset A \). We now show Eq. (B.2) holds in either of these cases. So assume that \( A \subset C \). Since \( C \in \Gamma \), either \( g(A) \subset C \) (in which case we are done) or \( C \subset g(A) \). Hence we may assume that

\[
A \subset C \subset g(A).
\]

Now if \( C \) were a proper subset of \( g(A) \) it would then follow that \( g(A) \setminus A \) would consist of at least two points which contradicts the definition of \( g \). Hence we
must have \( g(A) = C \subset C \) and again Eq. (B.2) holds, so \( \Phi_C \) is a tower. It is now easy to show \( \Gamma \) is a tower. It is again clear that \( P_0 \in \Gamma \) and Property 2. may be checked for \( \Gamma \) in the same way as it was done for \( \Phi_C \) above. For Property 3., if \( C \in \Gamma \) we may use \( \Phi_C = \mathcal{F}_0 \) to conclude for all \( A \in \mathcal{F}_0 \), either \( A \subset C \subset g(C) \) or \( g(C) \subset A \), i.e. \( g(C) \in \Gamma \). Thus \( \Gamma \) is a tower and we are done.

Here is an example of using Zorn’s lemma.

**Proposition B.8.** Suppose that \( X \) and \( Y \) are non-empty sets, then either there exists an injective function, \( f : X \to Y \), or an injective function \( g : Y \to X \). In other words, either \( \text{card} (X) \leq \text{card} (Y) \) or \( \text{card} (Y) \leq \text{card} (X) \).

**Proof.** Let \( \mathcal{F} \) be the collection of injective functions, \( u : \mathcal{D}(u) \to Y \) where \( \mathcal{D}(u) \) is a non-empty subset of \( X \). We say that \( u \leq v \) for \( u, v \in \mathcal{F} \) provided \( \mathcal{D}(u) \subset \mathcal{D}(v) \) and \( u = v|_{\mathcal{D}(u)} \). One now checks that \( (\mathcal{F}, \leq) \) is a partially ordered set such that every linearly ordered subset of \( \mathcal{F} \) has an upper bound. Therefore, by an application of Zorn’s lemma, \( \mathcal{F} \) has a maximal element, \( U \).

If \( \mathcal{D}(U) = X \), we take \( f = U \) and we have constructed an injective map from \( X \) to \( Y \). If \( \mathcal{D}(U) \neq X \), then \( \text{ran}(U) := U(\mathcal{D}(U)) = Y \). Indeed, if not we could find \( x \in X \setminus \mathcal{D}(U) \) and \( y \in Y \setminus \text{ran}(U) \) and then extend \( U \) to \( \mathcal{D}(U) \cup \{x\} \) by setting \( U(x) = y \). The extended \( U \) is still injective and hence would violate the maximality of \( U \). In this case we take \( g := U^{-1} : Y \to \mathcal{D}(U) \subset X \).

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**B.2 Cardinality**

In mathematics, the essence of counting a set and finding a result \( n \), is that it establishes a one to one correspondence (or bijection) of the set with the set of numbers \( \{1, 2, \ldots, n\} \). A fundamental fact, which can be proved by mathematical induction, is that no bijection can exist between \( \{1, 2, \ldots, n\} \) and \( \{1, 2, \ldots, m\} \) unless \( n = m \); this fact (together with the fact that two bijections can be composed to give another bijection) ensures that counting the same set in different ways can never result in different numbers (unless an error is made). This is the fundamental mathematical theorem that gives counting its purpose; however you count a (finite) set, the answer is the same. In a broader context, the theorem is an example of a theorem in the mathematical field of (finite) combinatorics—hence (finite) combinatorics is sometimes referred to as “the mathematics of counting.”

Many sets that arise in mathematics do not allow a bijection to be established with \( \{1, 2, \ldots, n\} \) for any natural number \( n \); these are called infinite sets, while those sets for which such a bijection does exist (for some \( n \)) are called finite sets. Infinite sets cannot be counted in the usual sense; for one thing, the mathematical theorems which underlie this usual sense for finite sets are false for infinite sets. Furthermore, different definitions of the concepts in terms of which these theorems are stated, while equivalent for finite sets, are inequivalent in the context of infinite sets.

The notion of counting may be extended to them in the sense of establishing (the existence of) a bijection with some well understood set. For instance, if a set can be brought into bijection with the set of all natural numbers, then it is called “countably infinite.” This kind of counting differs in a fundamental way from counting of finite sets, in that adding new elements to a set does not necessarily increase its size, because the possibility of a bijection with the original set is not excluded. For instance, the set of all integers (including negative numbers) can be brought into bijection with the set of natural numbers, and even seemingly much larger sets like that of all finite sequences of rational numbers are still (only) countably infinite. Nevertheless there are sets, such as the set of real numbers, that can be shown to be “too large” to admit a bijection with the natural numbers, and these sets are called “uncountable.” Sets for which there exists a bijection between them are said to have the same cardinality, and in the most general sense counting a set can be taken to mean determining its cardinality. Beyond the cardinalities given by each of the natural numbers, there is an infinite hierarchy of infinite cardinalities, although only very few such cardinalities occur in ordinary mathematics (that is, outside set theory that explicitly studies possible cardinalities).

Counting, mostly of finite sets, has various applications in mathematics. One important principle is that if two sets \( X \) and \( Y \) have the same finite number of elements, and a function \( f : X \to Y \) is known to be injective, then it is also surjective, and vice versa. A related fact is known as the pigeonhole principle, which states that if two sets \( X \) and \( Y \) have finite numbers of elements \( n \) and \( m \) with \( n > m \), then any map \( f : X \to Y \) is not injective (so there exist two distinct elements of \( X \) that \( f \) sends to the same element of \( Y \)); this follows from the former principle, since if \( f \) were injective, then so would its restriction to a strict subset \( S \) of \( X \) with \( m \) elements, which restriction would then be surjective, contradicting the fact that for \( x \) in \( X \) outside \( S \), \( f(x) \) cannot be in the image of the restriction. Similar counting arguments can prove the existence of certain objects without explicitly providing an example. In the case of infinite sets this can even apply in situations where it is impossible to give an example; for instance there must exists real numbers that are not computable numbers, because the latter set is only countably infinite, but by definition a non-computable number cannot be precisely specified.

The domain of enumerative combinatorics deals with computing the number of elements of finite sets, without actually counting them; the latter usually being impossible because infinite families of finite sets are considered at once, such as the set of permutations of \( \{1, 2, \ldots, n\} \) for any natural number \( n \).
B.3 Formalities of Counting

Definition B.9. We say \( \text{card}(X) \leq \text{card}(Y) \) if there exists an injective map, \( f : X \to Y \) and \( \text{card}(Y) \geq \text{card}(X) \) if there exists a surjective map \( g : Y \to X \). We say \( \text{card}(X) = \text{card}(Y) \) if there exists bijections, \( f : X \to Y \).

Proposition B.10. We have \( \text{card}(X) \leq \text{card}(Y) \) if and only if \( \text{card}(Y) \geq \text{card}(X) \).

Proof. If \( f : X \to Y \) is an injective map, define \( g : Y \to X \) by \( g(f(x)) = f^{-1} \) and \( g(y) = x_0 \in X \) chosen arbitrarily. Then \( g : Y \to X \) is surjective.

If \( g : Y \to X \) is a surjective map, then \( Y_x := g^{-1}(\{y\}) \neq \emptyset \) for all \( x \in X \) and so by the axiom of choice there exists \( f \in \prod_{x \in X} Y_x \). Thus \( f : X \to Y \) such that \( f(x) \in Y_x \) for all \( x \). As the \( \{Y_x\}_{x \in X} \) are parwise disjoint, it follows that \( f \) is injective.

Theorem B.11 (Schröder-Bernstein Theorem). If \( \text{card}(X) \leq \text{card}(Y) \) and \( \text{card}(Y) \leq \text{card}(X) \), then \( \text{card}(X) = \text{card}(Y) \). Stated more explicitly: if there exists injective maps \( f : X \to Y \) and \( g : Y \to X \), then there exists a bijective map, \( h : X \to Y \).

Proof. Starting with an \( x \in X \) we may form the sequence of “ancestors” of \( x \), namely ancestor \( (x) := (x, y_1, x_1, y_2, \ldots) \) where \( y_1 = g^{-1}(x) \), \( x_1 = f^{-1}(y_1) \), \( y_2 = g^{-1}(x_1) \), \ldots, i.e.

\[
x \to y_1 \to f^{-1} \to x_1 \to y_2 \to f^{-1} \to \ldots
\]

We continue this process of inverse iterates as long as it is possible, i.e. we can construct \( y_{n+1} \) if \( x_n \in g(Y) \) and \( x_{n+1} \) if \( y_{n+1} \in f(X) \). There are now three possibilities:

1. ancestor \( (x) \) has infinite length so the process never gets stuck in which case we say \( x \in X_\infty \), read as start in \( X \) and end never get stuck.
2. ancestor \( (x) \) is finite and the last term in the sequence is in \( X \), in which case we say \( x \in X_X \) (read as start in \( X \) and end in (get stuck in) \( X \)).
3. ancestor \( (x) \) is finite and the last term in the sequence is \( Y \), in which case we say \( x \in X_Y \) (read as start in \( X \) and end in (get stuck in) \( Y \)).

In this way we partition \( X \) into three disjoint sets, \( X_\infty, X_X, \) and \( X_Y \). Similarly we may partition \( Y \) into \( Y_\infty, Y_Y, \) and \( Y_X \). Let us now observe that,

1. \( f(X_\infty) = Y_\infty \). Indeed if \( x \in X_\infty \) then ancestor \( (f(x)) = (x, \text{ancestor}(x)) \) is an infinite sequence, i.e. \( f(x) \in Y_\infty \). Moreover if \( y \in Y_\infty \), then ancestor \( (y) = (y, \text{ancestor}(x)) \) where \( f(x) = y \) so that \( x \in X_\infty \) and \( y \in f(X_\infty) \). Thus we have shown \( f : X_\infty \to Y_\infty \) is a bijection, i.e. \( \text{card}(X_\infty) = \text{card}(Y_\infty) \).

2. \( f(X_X) = Y_X \). Indeed if \( x \in X_X \) then again ancestor \( (f(x)) = (x, \text{ancestor}(x)) \) which ends in \( X \) so that \( f(x) \in Y_X \). Moreover if \( y \in Y_X \), then ancestor \( (y) = (y, \text{ancestor}(x)) \) where \( f(x) = y \) so that \( \text{ancestor}(x) \) ends in \( X \), i.e. \( y \in f(X_X) \). Thus we have shown \( f : X_X \to Y_X \) is a bijection, i.e. \( \text{card}(X_X) = \text{card}(Y_X) \).

3. By the same argument as in item 2. it follow that \( g : Y_Y \to Y_X \) is a bijection, i.e. \( \text{card}(Y_Y) = \text{card}(Y_X) \).

The last three statement implies \( \text{card}(X) = \text{card}(Y) \). We may in fact define a bijection, \( h : X \to Y \), by

\[
h(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & x \in X_\infty \cup X_X \\ g^{-1}(x) & x \in X_Y \end{cases}
\]

Definition B.12. We say \( \text{card}(X) < \text{card}(Y) \) if \( \text{card}(X) \leq \text{card}(Y) \) and \( \text{card}(X) \neq \text{card}(Y) \), i.e. \( \text{card}(X) < \text{card}(Y) \) if there exists an injective map, \( f : X \to Y \), but not bijective map exists. Similarly we say \( \text{card}(Y) > \text{card}(X) \) if \( \text{card}(Y) \geq \text{card}(X) \) and \( \text{card}(Y) \neq \text{card}(X) \), i.e. \( \text{card}(Y) > \text{card}(X) \) if there exists a surjective map \( g : Y \to X \) but no bijective map exists.

Proposition B.13. For any non-empty set \( X \), \( \text{card}(X) < \text{card}(2^X) \).

Proof. Define \( f : X \to 2^X \) by \( f(x) = \{x\} \). Then \( f \) is an injective map and hence \( \text{card}(X) \leq \text{card}(2^X) \). Now suppose that \( g : X \to 2^X \) is any map. Let \( X_0 = \{x \in X : x \notin g(x)\} \subset X \). I claim that \( X_0 \notin g(X) \).

Indeed suppose there exists \( x_0 \in X \) such that \( g(x_0) = X_0 \). If \( x_0 \in X_0 \), then \( x_0 \notin g(x_0) = X_0 \) which is impossible. Similarly if \( x_0 \notin X_0 = g(x_0) \) then \( x_0 \in X_0 \) and again we have reached a contradiction. Thus we must conclude that \( X_0 \notin g(X) \). Thus there are no surjective maps, \( g : X \to 2^X \) so that \( \text{card}(X) \neq \text{card}(2^X) \).

Proposition B.14. If \( \text{card}(X) < \text{card}(Y) \) and \( \text{card}(Y) \leq \text{card}(Z) \), then \( \text{card}(X) < \text{card}(Z) \).

Proof. If there exists an injective map, \( f : Z \to X \) then composing this with and injective map, \( g : X \to Y \) gives an injective map, \( g \circ f : Z \to X \) and therefore \( \text{card}(Z) \leq \text{card}(X) \). But this would imply that \( \text{card}(X) = \text{card}(Z) \).

Definition B.15. Let \( A_n := \{1, 2, \ldots , n\} \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) and write \( n \) for \( \text{card}(A_n) \).

Proposition B.16. We have \( \text{card}(A_m) < \text{card}(A_n) \) for all \( m < n \). Moreover if \( \emptyset \neq X \subseteq A_n \) then \( \text{card}(X) = \text{card}(A_k) \) for some \( k < n \).
Proof. If \( f : A_1 \to A_2 \), then either \( f(1) = 1 \) or \( f(1) = 2 \). In either case \( f \) is injective but not bijective so that \( \text{card}(A_2) < \text{card}(A_1) \). Let \( S_n \) be the statement that \( \text{card}(A_k) < \text{card}(A_l) \) for all \( 1 \leq k < l \leq n \) and for any proper subset \( X \subset A_n \) we have \( \text{card}(X) = \text{card}(A_m) \) for some \( m < n \). Then we have just shown that \( S_2 \) is true. So suppose that \( S_n \) is now true. As \( f : A_k \to A_l \) defined by \( f(m) = m \) for all \( m \in A_k \) is a injection when \( k < l \) we always have \( \text{card}(A_l) \leq \text{card}(A_k) \). Now suppose that \( \text{card}(A_k) = \text{card}(A_{n+1}) \) for some \( k \leq n \). Then there exists a bijection, \( f : A_{n+1} \to A_k \). In this case \( f(A_n) \) is a proper subset of \( A_k \) and therefore \( \text{card}(f(A_n)) < \text{card}(A_k) \) but on the other hand \( \text{card}(f(A_n)) = \text{card}(A_n) \geq \text{card}(A_k) \) which is a contradiction. So no such bijection can exists and we have shown \( \text{card}(A_k) < \text{card}(A_{n+1}) \) for all \( k \leq n \). Finally suppose that \( X \subset A_n \) is proper subset. If \( X \subset A_n \) then \( \text{card}(X) = \text{card}(A_k) \) for some \( k \leq n \) by the induction hypothesis. On the other hand if \( n+1 \in X \), let \( X' := X \setminus \{n+1\} \subsetneq A_n \). Therefore by the induction hypothesis \( \text{card}(X') = \text{card}(A_k) \) for some \( k < n \). It is then clear that \( \text{card}(X) = \text{card}(A_{k+1}) \) where \( k+1 < n \), indeed we map \( X := X' \cup \{n+1\} \to A_k \cup \{k+1\} = A_{k+1} \).

Example B.17. \( \text{card}(A_n \setminus \{k\}) = n - 1 \) for \( k \in A_n \). Indeed, let \( f : A_{n-1} \to A_n \setminus \{k\} \) be defined by

\[
  f(x) = \begin{cases} 
    x & \text{if } x < k \\ 
    x + 1 & \text{if } x \geq k 
  \end{cases}
\]

Then \( f \) is the desired bijection. More generally if \( X \subset Y \) and \( \text{card}(X) = m < n = \text{card}(Y) \), then \( \text{card}(Y \setminus X) = n - m \) and if \( X \) and \( Y \) are finite disjoint sets then \( \text{card}(X \cup Y) = \text{card}(X) + \text{card}(Y) \). Similarly, \( \text{card}(X \times Y) = \text{card}(X) \cdot \text{card}(Y) \).

Proposition B.18. If \( f : A_n \to A_n \) is a map, then the following are equivalent,

1. \( f \) is injective,
2. \( f \) is surjective,
3. \( f \) is bijective.

Moreover \( \text{card}(\text{Bijec}(A_n)) = n! \).

Proof. If \( n = 1 \), the only map \( f : A_1 \to A_1 \) is \( f(1) = 1 \). So in this case there is nothing to prove. So now suppose the proposition holds for level \( n \) and \( f : A_{n+1} \to A_{n+1} \) is a given map.

If \( f : A_{n+1} \to A_{n+1} \) is an injective map and \( f(A_{n+1}) \) is a proper subset of \( A_{n+1} \), then \( \text{card}(A_{n+1}) < \text{card}(f(A_{n+1})) = \text{card}(A_{n+1}) \) which is absurd.

Thus \( f \) is injective implies \( f \) is surjective.

Conversely suppose that \( f : A_{n+1} \to A_{n+1} \) is surjective. Let \( g : A_{n+1} \to A_{n+1} \) be a right inverse, i.e. \( f \circ g = id \), which is necessarily injective, see the proof of Proposition [B.10]. By the previous paragraph we know that \( g \) is necessarily surjective and therefore \( f = g^{-1} \) is a bijection.

It now only remains to prove \( \text{card}(\text{Bijec}(A_n)) = n! \) which we again do by induction. For \( n = 1 \) the result is clear. So suppose it holds at level \( n \). If \( f : A_{n+1} \to A_{n+1} \) is a bijection. Given \( 1 \leq k \leq n + 1 \) let

\[
  \text{bij}_k(A_{n+1}) := \{ f \in \text{Bij}(A_{n+1}) : f(n+1) = k \}.
\]

For \( f \in \text{bij}_k(A_{n+1}) \), we have \( f : A_n \to A_{n+1} \setminus \{k\} \cong A_n \) is a bijection. Thus \( \text{bij}_k(A_{n+1}) \cong \text{bij}(A_n) \) and

\[
  \text{ Bij}(A_{n+1}) = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \text{ bij}_k(A_{n+1})
\]

we have

\[
  \text{card}(\text{bij}(A_{n+1})) = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \text{card}(\text{bij}_k(A_{n+1}))
  = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \text{card}(\text{bij}(A_n)) = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} n!
  = (n + 1) n! = (n + 1)!
\]

Theorem B.19. Suppose that \( X \) is a set. Then \( \text{card}(J_n) \leq \text{card}(X) \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) iff \( \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \leq \text{card}(X) \).

Proof. Since \( \text{card}(J_n) \leq \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) it suffices to prove \( \text{card}(J_n) \leq \text{card}(X) \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) implies \( \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \leq \text{card}(X) \). The intuitive idea is as follows.

Suppose we have constructed \( f_n : J_n \to X \) which is injective. If \( f_n \) were bijective we would have \( \text{card}(J_n) = \text{card}(X) \) and in particular \( \text{card}(J_n) > \text{card}(J_n) = \text{card}(X) \) for all \( m > n \). Thus there exists \( x \in X \setminus f_n(J_n) \) and we then define \( f_{n+1} : J_{n+1} \to X \) so that \( f_{n+1}(n+1) = x \) and \( f_{n+1}|J_n = f_n \). This process continues indefinitely and so we may construct injective maps \( f_n : J_n \to X \) such that \( f_n = f_n|J_m \) for all \( m \leq n \). We then define \( f(m) := f_n(m) \) where \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) is any integer such that \( n \geq m \). In this way we construct a function, \( f : \mathbb{N} \to X \) such that \( f|J_n = f_n \) for all \( n \). This function is easily seen to be injective.

Formalities Version 1. Consider the collection of injective maps \( f : \mathcal{D}(f) \subset \mathbb{N} \to X \), where \( \mathcal{D}(f) \) is either \( J_n \) for some \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) or is \( \mathbb{N} \). We say \( f \leq g \) if \( \mathcal{D}(f) \subset \mathcal{D}(g) \) and \( f = g|\mathcal{D}(f) \). It is easy to see that every linearly ordered collection of such maps has an upper bound and so by Zorn’s lemma (see
Theorem B.6, there exists a maximal element, \( f \). If \( D(f) \neq \mathbb{N} \) then \( D(f) = J_n \) for some \( n \). By the last paragraph we could extend \( f \) to injective map on \( J_{n+1} \) violating the maximality of \( f \). Thus \( D(f) = \mathbb{N} \) and we have found an injective map from \( \mathbb{N} \) to \( X \).

**Formalities Version 2.** (This argument will avoid the use of Zorn’s Lemma.) By assumption, for each \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) there exists an injective map, \( f_n : J_n \to X \). We now let \( Y := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n(J_n) \subset X \). We may construct a surjective map (but not necessarily injective map) \( F : \mathbb{N} \to Y \). From this map we then define \( \psi : Y \to \mathbb{N} \) by \( \psi(y) := \min F^{-1}(\{y\}) \) so that \( \psi : Y \to \mathbb{N} \) is now injective. Suppose for the sake of contradiction that \( \psi(Y) \subset J_N \) for some \( N \in \mathbb{N} \), i.e. \( \psi(Y) \) is a bounded set. Then using our above arguments, we know that \( \text{card}(\psi(Y)) = \text{card}(J_k) \) for some \( k \leq N \). On the other hand, \( f_n : J_n \to Y \) being injective implies \( \text{card}(\psi(Y)) \geq \text{card}(J_n) \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). As both of these statements can not be correct at the same time we conclude that \( \psi(Y) \) is unbounded. We may now apply Lemma 5.26 in order to see that \( \text{card}(Y) = \text{card}(\psi(Y)) = \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \). From this it follows that \( \text{card}(\mathbb{N}) \leq \text{card}(X) \).

**Alternate Proof.** By assumption, there exists and injective map, \( f_n : J_n \to X \) for each \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). By replacing \( X \) by \( X_0 := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n(J_n) \) we may assume that \( X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n(J_n) \). As \( X \) is the countable union of finite sets it follows that there exists a surjective map, \( f : \mathbb{N} \to X \) by item 2 of Theorem 5.27. Let \( g : X \to \mathbb{N} \) be defined by \( g(x) := \min f^{-1}(\{x\}) \) for all \( x \in X \) and let \( S := g(\mathbb{N}) \). To finish the proof we need only show that \( S \) is unbounded. If \( S \) were bounded, then we would find \( k \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( J_k \sim X \). However this is impossible since \( \text{card} J_n \leq \text{card} X = \text{card} J_k \) would imply \( n \leq k \). ■
Appendix: Aspects of General Topological Spaces

C.1 Compactness

Definition C.1. The subset $A$ of a topological space $(X, \tau)$ is said to be compact if every open cover (Definition 9.42) of $A$ has a finite sub-cover, i.e. if $U$ is an open cover of $A$ there exists $U_0 \subset U$ such that $U_0$ is a cover of $A$. (We will write $A \subseteq X$ to denote that $A \subset X$ and $A$ is compact.) A subset $A \subset X$ is precompact if $A$ is compact.

Proposition C.2. Suppose that $K \subset X$ is a compact set and $F \subset K$ is a closed subset. Then $F$ is compact. If $\{K_i\}_{i=1}^n$ is a finite collections of compact subsets of $X$ then $K = \bigcup_{i=1}^n K_i$ is also a compact subset of $X$.

Proof. Let $U \subset \tau$ be an open cover of $F$, then $U \cup \{F^c\}$ is an open cover of $K$. The cover $U \cup \{F^c\}$ of $K$ has a finite subcover which we denote by $U_0 \cup \{F^c\}$ where $U_0 \subset U$. Since $F \cap F^c = \emptyset$, it follows that $U_0$ is the desired subcover of $F$. For the second assertion suppose $U \subset \tau$ is an open cover of $K$. Then $U$ covers each compact set $K_i$ and therefore there exists a finite subcover $U_0 \subset U$ for each $i$ such that $K_i \subset U_0$. Then $U_0 := \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_0_i$ is a finite cover of $K$.

Exercise C.1 (Suggested by Michael Gurvich). Show by example that the intersection of two compact sets need not be compact. (This pathology disappears if one assumes the topology is Hausdorff, see Definition ?? below.)

Exercise C.2. Suppose $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous and $K \subset X$ is compact, then $f(K)$ is a compact subset of $Y$. Give an example of a continuous function, $f : X \rightarrow Y$, and a compact subset $K$ of $Y$ such that $f^{-1}(K)$ is not compact.

Exercise C.3 (Dini’s Theorem). Let $X$ be a compact topological space and $f_n : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a sequence of continuous functions such that $f_n(x) \downarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for each $x \in X$. Show that in fact $f_n \downarrow 0$ uniformly in $x$, i.e. $\sup_{x \in X} f_n(x) \downarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hint: Given $\varepsilon > 0$, consider the open sets $V_n := \{x \in X : f_n(x) < \varepsilon\}$.

Definition C.3. A collection $\mathcal{F}$ of closed subsets of a topological space $(X, \tau)$ has the finite intersection property if $\bigcap F_0 \neq \emptyset$ for all $F_0 \subset \subset \mathcal{F}$.

The notion of compactness may be expressed in terms of closed sets as follows.

Proposition C.4. A topological space $X$ is compact iff every family of closed sets $\mathcal{F} \subset 2^X$ having the finite intersection property satisfies $\bigcap \mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$.

Proof. The basic point here is that complementation interchanges open and closed sets and open covers go over to collections of closed sets with empty intersection. Here are the details.

$(\Rightarrow)$ Suppose that $X$ is compact and $\mathcal{F} \subset 2^X$ is a collection of closed sets such that $\bigcap \mathcal{F} = \emptyset$. Let $U = \mathcal{F}^c := \{C^c : C \in \mathcal{F}\} \subset \tau$, then $U$ is a cover of $X$ and hence has a finite subcover, $U_0$. Let $\mathcal{F}_0 = U_0 \subset \subset \mathcal{F}$, then $\bigcap \mathcal{F}_0 = \emptyset$ so that $\mathcal{F}$ does not have the finite intersection property.

$(\Leftarrow)$ If $X$ is not compact, there exists an open cover $\mathcal{U}$ of $X$ with no finite subcover. Let $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{U}^c := \{U^c : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$, then $\mathcal{F}$ is a collection of closed sets with the finite intersection property while $\bigcap \mathcal{F} = \emptyset$.

Exercise C.4. Let $(X, \tau)$ be a topological space. Show that $A \subset X$ is compact iff $(A, \tau_A)$ is a compact topological space.

Let $(X, d)$ be a metric space and for $x \in X$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ let

$B(x) := B(x) \setminus \{x\}$

be the ball centered at $x$ of radius $\varepsilon > 0$ with $x$ deleted. Recall from Definition 9.15 that a point $x \in X$ is an accumulation point of a subset $E \subset X$ if $\emptyset \neq E \cap V \setminus \{x\}$ for all open neighborhoods, $V$, of $x$. The proof of the following elementary lemma is left to the reader.

Lemma C.5. Let $E \subset X$ be a subset of a metric space $(X, d)$. Then the following are equivalent:

1. $x \in X$ is an accumulation point of $E$.
2. $B(x) \cap E \neq \emptyset$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$.
3. $B(x) \cap E$ is an infinite set for all $\varepsilon > 0$.
4. There exists $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset E \setminus \{x\}$ with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$. 


Definition C.6. A metric space \((X, d)\) is \(\varepsilon - \text{bounded} (\varepsilon > 0)\) if there exists a finite cover of \(X\) by balls of radius \(\varepsilon\) and it is \(\text{totally bounded}\) if it is \(\varepsilon - \text{bounded}\) for all \(\varepsilon > 0\).

Theorem C.7. Let \((X, d)\) be a metric space. The following are equivalent.

(a) \(X\) is compact.
(b) Every infinite subset of \(X\) has an accumulation point.
(c) Every sequence \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset X\) has a convergent subsequence.
(d) \(X\) is totally bounded and complete.

Proof. The proof will consist of showing that \((a) \Rightarrow (b) \Rightarrow (c) \Rightarrow (d) \Rightarrow (a)\).

\((a \Rightarrow b)\) We will show that \(\neg b \Rightarrow \neg a\). Suppose there exists an infinite subset \(E \subset X\) which has no accumulation points. Then for all \(x \in E\) there exists \(\delta_x > 0\) such that \(V_x := B_x(\delta_x)\) satisfies \((V_x \setminus \{x\}) \cap E = \emptyset\). Clearly \(\forall \subseteq X\) is a cover of \(X\), yet \(\forall\) has no finite sub cover. Indeed, for each \(x \in X, V_x \cap E \subset \{x\}\) and hence if \(A \subset X\) \(\subseteq \bigcup_{x \in A} V_x\) can only contain a finite number of points from \(E\) (namely \(\Lambda \cap E\)). Thus for any \(A \subset X\), \(E \not\subseteq \bigcup_{x \in A} V_x\) and in particular \(E \not\subseteq \bigcup_{x \in A_x} V_x\). (See Figure C.1.)

\((b \Rightarrow c)\) Let \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset X\) be a sequence and \(E := \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}\). If \#(\(E\)) < \(\infty\), then \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\) has a subsequence \(\{x_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}\) which is constant and hence convergent. On the other hand if \#(\(E\)) = \(\infty\) then by assumption \(E\) has an accumulation point and hence by Lemma C.5 \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\) has a convergent subsequence.

\((c \Rightarrow d)\) Suppose \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset X\) is a Cauchy sequence. By assumption there exists a subsequence \(\{x_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}\) which is convergent to some point \(x \in X\). Since \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\) is Cauchy it follows that \(x_n \rightarrow x\) as \(n \rightarrow \infty\) showing \(X\) is complete. We now show that \(X\) is totally bounded. Let \(\varepsilon > 0\) be given and choose an arbitrary point \(x_1 \in X\). If possible choose \(x_2 \in X\) such that \(d(x_2, x_1) \geq \varepsilon\), then if possible choose \(x_3 \in X\) such that \(d(x_3, x_2) \geq \varepsilon\) and continue inductively choosing points \(\{x_j\}_{j=1}^{n} \subset X\) such that \(d(x_j, x_{j-1}) \geq \varepsilon\). (See Figure C.2.) This process must terminate, for otherwise we would produce a sequence \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\) \(X\) which can have no convergent subsequences. Indeed, the \(x_n\) have been chosen so that \(d(x_n, x_m) \geq \varepsilon > 0\) for every \(m \neq n\) and hence no subsequence of \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\) can be Cauchy.

\((d \Rightarrow a)\) For sake of contradiction, assume there exists an open cover \(\mathcal{V} = \{V_a\}_{a \in A}\) of \(X\) with no finite subcover. Since \(X\) is totally bounded for each \(n \in \mathbb{N}\) there exists \(A_n \subset X\) such that

\[X = \bigcup_{x \in A_n} B_x(1/n) \subset \bigcup_{x \in A_n} C_x(1/n).\]

Choose \(x_1 \in A_1\) such that no finite subset of \(\mathcal{V}\) covers \(K_1 := C_{x_1}(1)\). Since \(K_1 = \bigcup_{x \in A_1} K_1 \cap C_x(1/2)\), there exists \(x_2 \in A_2\) such that \(K_2 := K_1 \cap C_{x_2}(1/2)\) can not be covered by a finite subset of \(\mathcal{V}\), see Figure C.3. Continuing this way inductively, we construct sets \(K_n = K_{n-1} \cap C_{x_n}(1/n)\) with \(x_n \in A_n\) such that no \(K_n\) can be covered by a finite subset of \(\mathcal{V}\). Now choose \(y_n \in K_n\) for each \(n\). Since \(\{K_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}\) is a decreasing sequence of closed sets such that \(\text{diam}(K_n) \leq 2/n\), it follows that \(\{y_n\}\) is a Cauchy and hence convergent with

\[y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \in \cap_{m=1}^{\infty} K_m.\]

Since \(\mathcal{V}\) is a cover of \(X\), there exists \(V \in \mathcal{V}\) such that \(y \in V\). Since \(K_n \downarrow \{y\}\) and \(\text{diam}(K_n) \rightarrow 0\), it now follows that \(K_n \subset V\) for some \(n\) large. But this violates the assertion that \(K_n\) can not be covered by a finite subset of \(\mathcal{V}\).

\[\square\]

Corollary C.8. Any compact metric space \((X, d)\) is second countable and hence also separable by Exercise ?? (See Example ?? below for an example of a compact topological space which is not separable.)

Proof. To each integer \(n\), there exists \(A_n \subset X\) such that \(X = \bigcup_{x \in A_n} B(x, 1/n)\). The collection of open balls,

![Diagram](https://via.placeholder.com/150)
forms a countable basis for the metric topology on \( X \). To check this, suppose that \( x_0 \in X \) and \( \varepsilon > 0 \) are given and choose \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( 1/n < \varepsilon/2 \) and \( x \in A_n \) such that \( d(x_0, x) < 1/n \). Then \( B(x, 1/n) \subset B(x_0, \varepsilon) \) because for \( y \in B(x, 1/n) \),

\[
d(y, x_0) \leq d(y, x) + d(x, x_0) < 2/n < \varepsilon.
\]

**Corollary C.9.** The compact subsets of \( \mathbb{R}^n \) are the closed and bounded sets.

**Proof.** This is a consequence of Theorem ?? and Theorem [C.7]. Here is another proof. If \( K \) is closed and bounded then \( K \) is complete (being the closed subset of a complete space) and \( K \) is contained in \( [-M, M]^n \) for some positive integer \( M \). For \( \delta > 0 \), let

\[
A_\delta = \delta \mathbb{Z}^n \cap [-M, M]^n := \{ \delta x : x \in \mathbb{Z}^n \text{ and } \delta|\langle x_i \rangle| \leq M \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \ldots, n \}.
\]

We will show, by choosing \( \delta > 0 \) sufficiently small, that

\[
K \subset [-M, M]^n \subset \bigcup_{x \in A_\delta} B(x, \varepsilon)
\]

(C.1)

which shows that \( K \) is totally bounded. Hence by Theorem [C.7], \( K \) is compact. Suppose that \( y \in [-M, M]^n \), then there exists \( x \in A_\delta \) such that \( |y_i - x_i| \leq \delta \) for \( i = 1, 2, \ldots, n \). Hence

\[
d^2(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - x_i)^2 \leq n\delta^2
\]

which shows that \( d(x, y) \leq \sqrt{n}\delta \). Hence if choose \( \delta < \varepsilon/\sqrt{n} \) we have shows that \( d(x, y) < \varepsilon \), i.e. Eq. (C.1) holds. 

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**Example C.10.** Let \( X = \ell^p(\mathbb{N}) \) with \( p \in [1, \infty) \) and \( \mu \in \ell^p(\mathbb{N}) \) such that \( \mu(k) \geq 0 \) for all \( k \in \mathbb{N} \). The set

\[
K := \{ x \in X : |x(k)| \leq \mu(k) \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N} \}
\]

is compact. To prove this, let \( \{ x_n \}_{n=1}^\infty \subset K \) be a sequence. By compactness of closed bounded sets in \( \mathbb{C} \), for each \( k \in \mathbb{N} \) there is a subsequence of \( \{ x_n \}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{C} \) which is convergent. By Cantor’s diagonalization trick, we may choose a subsequence \( \{ y_n \}_{n=1}^\infty \) of \( \{ x_n \}_{n=1}^\infty \) such that \( y(k) := \lim_{n \to \infty} y_n(k) \) exists for all \( k \in \mathbb{N} \). Since \( |y_n(k)| \leq \mu(k) \) for all \( n \) it follows that \( |y(k)| \leq \mu(k) \), i.e. \( y \in K \).

Finally

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \| y - y_n \|_p = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^\infty |y(k) - y_n(k)|^p = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \lim_{n \to \infty} |y(k) - y_n(k)|^p = 0
\]

wherin we have used the Dominated convergence theorem. (Note

\[
|y(k) - y_n(k)|^p \leq 2^p \mu^p(k)
\]

and \( \mu^p \) is summable.) Therefore \( y_n \to y \) and we are done.

Alternatively, we can prove \( K \) is compact by showing that \( K \) is closed and totally bounded. It is simple to show \( K \) is closed, for if \( \{ x_n \}_{n=1}^\infty \subset K \) is a convergent sequence in \( X \), \( x := \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n \), then

\[
|x(k)| = \lim_{n \to \infty} |x_n(k)| \leq \mu(k) \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}.
\]

This shows that \( x \in K \) and hence \( K \) is closed. To see that \( K \) is totally bounded, let \( \varepsilon > 0 \) and choose \( N \) such that \( \left( \sum_{k=N+1}^\infty |x_k|^p \right)^{1/p} < \varepsilon \). Since \( \prod_{k=1}^N C(\mu(k))(0) \subset \mathbb{C}^N \) is closed and bounded, it is compact. Therefore there exists a finite subset \( A \subset \prod_{k=1}^N C(\mu(k))(0) \) such that

\[
\prod_{k=1}^N C(\mu(k))(0) \subset \bigcup_{x \in A} B_x^N(\varepsilon)
\]

The argument is as follows. Let \( \{ n_j^1 \}_{j=1}^\infty \) be a subsequence of \( \mathbb{N} = \{ n_j^1 \}_{j=1}^\infty \) such that \( \lim_{j \to \infty} x_{n_j^1}(1) \) exists. Now choose a subsequence \( \{ n_j^2 \}_{j=1}^\infty \) of \( \{ n_j^1 \}_{j=1}^\infty \) such that \( \lim_{j \to \infty} x_{n_j^2}(2) \) exists and similarly \( \{ n_j^3 \}_{j=1}^\infty \) of \( \{ n_j^2 \}_{j=1}^\infty \) such that \( \lim_{j \to \infty} x_{n_j^3}(3) \) exists. Continue on this way inductively to get

\[
\{ n \}_{n=1}^\infty \supset \{ n_j^1 \}_{j=1}^\infty \supset \{ n_j^2 \}_{j=1}^\infty \supset \{ n_j^3 \}_{j=1}^\infty \supset \ldots
\]

such that \( \lim_{j \to \infty} x_{n_j^k}(k) \) exists for all \( k \in \mathbb{N} \). Let \( m_j := n_j^k \) so that eventually \( \{ m_j \}_{j=1}^\infty \) is a subsequence of \( \{ n_j^k \}_{j=1}^\infty \) for all \( k \). Therefore, we may take \( y_j := x_{m_j} \).
So we have

\[ K \subset \bigcup_{\varepsilon \in \Lambda} B_{\varepsilon}(2\varepsilon) \]

which, when verified, shows \( K \) is totally bounded. To verify Eq. \((C.2)\), let \( x \in K \) and write \( x = u + v \) where \( u(k) = x(k) \) for \( k \leq N \) and \( u(k) = 0 \) for \( k < N \). Then by construction \( u \in B_{\varepsilon}(\varepsilon) \) for some \( \varepsilon \in \Lambda \) and

\[ \|v\|_p \leq \left( \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} |\mu(k)|^p \right)^{1/p} < \varepsilon. \]

So we have

\[ \|x - \tilde{z}\| = \|u + v - \tilde{z}\| \leq \|u - \tilde{z}\| + \|v\| < 2\varepsilon. \]

**Exercise C.5 (Extreme value theorem).** Let \((X, \tau)\) be a compact topological space and \( f : X \to \mathbb{R} \) be a continuous function. Show \( -\infty < \inf f \leq \sup f < \infty \) and there exists \( a, b \in X \) such that \( f(a) = \inf f \) and \( f(b) = \sup f \). Hint: use Exercise C.2 and Corollary C.9.

**Exercise C.6 (Uniform Continuity).** Let \((X, d)\) be a compact metric space, \((Y, \rho)\) be a metric space and \( f : X \to Y \) be a continuous function. Show that \( f \) is uniformly continuous, i.e. if \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists \( \delta > 0 \) such that \( \rho(f(x), f(y)) < \varepsilon \) if \( x, y \in X \) with \( d(x, y) < \delta \). Hint: you could follow the argument in the proof of Theorem \(??\).

**Theorem C.11.** Suppose that \((X, \|\cdot\|)\) is a normed vector in which the unit ball, \( V := B_0(1) \), is precompact. Then \( \dim X < \infty \).

An alternate proof is given in Proposition C.13. Since \( V \) is compact, we may choose \( A \subset X \) such that

\[ V \subset \bigcup_{x \in A} \left( x + \frac{1}{2} V \right) \]

\[ \text{where, for any } \delta > 0, \]

\[ \delta V := \{ \delta x : x \in V \} = B_0(\delta). \]

Let \( Y := \text{span}(A) \), then Eq. \((C.3)\) implies,

\[ V \subset \tilde{V} \subset Y + \frac{1}{2} V. \]

Multiplying this equation by \( \frac{1}{2} \) then shows

\[ \frac{1}{2} V \subset \frac{1}{2} Y + \frac{1}{4} V = Y + \frac{1}{4} V \]

and hence

\[ V \subset Y + \frac{1}{2} V \subset Y + \frac{1}{4} V = Y + \frac{1}{4} V. \]

Continuing this way inductively then shows that

\[ V \subset Y + \frac{1}{2^n} V \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}. \]

Indeed, if Eq. \((C.4)\) holds, then

\[ V \subset Y + \frac{1}{2^n} V \subset Y + \frac{1}{2^n} \left( Y + \frac{1}{2^n} V \right) = Y + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} V. \]

Hence if \( x \in V \), there exists \( y_n \in Y \) and \( z_n \in B_0(2^{-n}) \) such that \( y_n + z_n \to x \). Since \( \lim_{n \to \infty} z_n = 0 \), it follows that \( x = \lim_{n \to \infty} y_n \in Y \). Since \( \dim Y \leq \#(A) < \infty \), Corollary \[9.4\] implies \( Y = \tilde{Y} \) and so we have shown that \( V \subset \tilde{Y} \).

Since for any \( x \in X, \frac{1}{2^n} x \in Y \subset V \), we have \( x \in Y \) for all \( x \in X \), i.e. \( X = Y \).

**Lemma C.12.** Let \( H \) be a normed linear space and \( H_0 \) a closed proper subspace.

For any \( \varepsilon > 0 \), there exists \( x_0 \in H \) such that \( \|x_0\| = 1 \) and \( \|x - x_0\| \geq 1 - \varepsilon \) whenever \( x \in H_0 \).

**Proof.** Can assume \( \varepsilon < 1 \). Take any \( z_0 \notin H_0 \). Let \( d = \inf_{x \in H_0} \|x - z_0\| \). For any \( \delta > 0 \), there exists \( z \in H_0 \), such that \( \|z - z_0\| \leq d + \delta \). Take \( \delta = \frac{d}{2(1 - \varepsilon)} \). Let \( x_0 = (z - z_0)/\|z - z_0\| \), where \( z \) is determined for this \( \delta \). Then \( \|x_0\| = 1 \), and if \( x \in H_0 \),

\[ \|x - x_0\| = \|z - z_0\| \frac{\|x - z + z_0\|}{\|z - z_0\|} \geq \frac{d}{\|z - z_0\|} \geq \frac{d}{d + \delta} = 1 - \varepsilon. \]

[Here is the proof again at a higher level. Choose \( h \in H_0 \) such that \( d := \text{dist} (z_0, H_0) \equiv \|h - z_0\| \) and then take \( x_0 := (h - z_0)/\|h - z_0\| \) as above. Then

\[ \text{dist} (x_0, H_0) = \frac{1}{\|h - z_0\|} \text{dist} (h - z_0, H_0) \]

\[ = \frac{1}{\|h - z_0\|} \text{dist} (z_0, H_0) \equiv 1, \]

where we have used the easily verified fact that \( \text{dist} (ax + h, H) = |a| \text{dist} (x, H) \) for all \( a \in \mathbb{R} \) and \( h \in H \).]
Proposition C.13. A locally compact Banach space is finite dimensional.

Proof. We prove that an infinite dimensional Banach space is not locally compact. We construct a sequence \( x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n, \ldots \) such that \( \| x_n \| = 1, \| x_i - x_j \| \geq 1/2, i \neq j \). Take \( x_1 \) to be any unit vector. Suppose vectors \( x_1, \ldots, x_n \) are constructed. Let \( H_0 \) be the linear span of \( x_1, \ldots, x_n \). By Corollary \[9.41\] there exists \( x_{n+1} \) such that \( \| x_i - x_{n+1} \| \geq 1/2, i = 1, \ldots, n \). Now the sequence just constructed has no Cauchy subsequence. Hence the closed unit ball is not compact. Similarly the closed ball of radius \( r > 0 \) is also not compact.

Exercise C.7. Suppose \((Y, \| \cdot \|_Y)\) is a normed space and \((X, \| \cdot \|_X)\) is a finite dimensional normed space. Show every linear transformation \( T : X \to Y \) is necessarily bounded.

C.2 Exercises

C.2.1 General Topological Space Problems

Exercise C.8. Let \( V \) be an open subset of \( \mathbb{R} \). Show \( V \) may be written as a disjoint union of open intervals \( J_n = (a_n, b_n) \), where \( a_n, b_n \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{ \pm \infty \} \) for \( n = 1, 2, \ldots < N \) with \( N = \infty \) possible.

Exercise C.9. Let \((X, \tau)\) and \((Y, \tau')\) be topological spaces, \( f : X \to Y \) be a function, \( U \) be an open cover of \( X \) and \( \{ F_j \}_{j=1}^n \) be a finite cover of \( X \) by closed sets.
1. If \( A \subset X \) is any set and \( f : X \to Y \) is \((\tau, \tau')\) continuous then \( f|_A : A \to Y \) is \((\tau_A, \tau')\) continuous.
2. Show \( f : X \to Y \) is \((\tau, \tau')\) continuous iff \( f|_U : U \to Y \) is \((\tau_U, \tau')\) continuous for all \( U \in \mathcal{U} \).
3. Show \( f : X \to Y \) is \((\tau, \tau')\) continuous iff \( f|_{F_j} : F_j \to Y \) is \((\tau_{F_j}, \tau')\) continuous for all \( j = 1, 2, \ldots, n \).

Exercise C.10. Suppose that \( X \) is a set, \( \{ (Y_\alpha, \tau_\alpha) : \alpha \in A \} \) is a family of topological spaces and \( f_\alpha : X \to Y_\alpha \) is a given function for all \( \alpha \in A \). Assuming that \( S_\alpha \subset \tau_\alpha \) is a sub-base for the topology \( \tau_\alpha \) for each \( \alpha \in A \), show \( S := \cup_{\alpha \in A} f_\alpha^{-1}(S_\alpha) \) is a sub-base for the topology \( \tau := \tau(f_\alpha : \alpha \in A) \).

C.2.2 Metric Spaces as Topological Spaces

Definition C.14. Two metrics \( d \) and \( p \) on a set \( X \) are said to be equivalent if there exists a constant \( c \in (0, \infty) \) such that \( c^{-1}p \leq d \leq cp \).

Exercise C.11. Suppose that \( d \) and \( p \) are two metrics on \( X \).
1. Show \( \tau_d = \tau_p \) if \( d \) and \( p \) are equivalent.
2. Show by example that it is possible for \( \tau_d = \tau_p \) even though \( d \) and \( p \) are inequivalent.

Exercise C.12. Let \( (X_i, d_i) \) for \( i = 1, \ldots, n \) be a finite collection of metric spaces and for \( 1 \leq p \leq \infty \) and \( x = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \) and \( y = (y_1, \ldots, y_n) \) in \( X := \prod_{i=1}^n X_i \), let

\[
\rho_p(x, y) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n d_i(x_i, y_i)^p \right)^{1/p} \quad \text{if } p \neq \infty,
\]

\[
\max d_i(x_i, y_i) \quad \text{if } p = \infty.
\]

1. Show \( (X, \rho_p) \) is a metric space for \( p \in [1, \infty] \). Hint: Minkowski’s inequality.
2. Show for any \( p, q \in [1, \infty] \), the metrics \( \rho_p \) and \( \rho_q \) are equivalent. Hint: This can be done with explicit estimates or you could use Theorem \[9.39\] below.

Notation C.15 Let \( X \) be a set and \( p := \{ p_n \}_{n=0}^\infty \) be a family of semi-metrics on \( X \), i.e. \( p_n : X \times X \to [0, \infty) \) are functions satisfying the assumptions of metric except for the assertion that \( p_n(x, y) = 0 \) implies \( x = y \). Further assume that \( p_n(x, y) \leq p_{n+1}(x, y) \) for all \( n \) and if \( p_n(x, y) = 0 \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) then \( x = y \). Given \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( x \in X \) let

\[
B_n(x, \varepsilon) := \{ y \in X : p_n(x, y) < \varepsilon \}.
\]

We will write \( \tau(p) \) form the smallest topology on \( X \) such that \( p_n(x, \cdot) : X \to [0, \infty) \) is continuous for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( x \in X \), i.e. \( \tau(p) := \tau(p_n(x, \cdot) : n \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( x \in X \).

Exercise C.13. Using Notation \[C.15\] show that collection of balls,

\[
\mathcal{B} := \{ B_n(x, \varepsilon) : n \in \mathbb{N}, x \in X \text{ and } \varepsilon > 0 \},
\]
forms a base for the topology \( \tau(p) \). Hint: Use Exercise \[C.10\] to show \( \mathcal{B} \) is a sub-base for the topology \( \tau(p) \) and then use Exercise \[??\] to show \( \mathcal{B} \) is in fact a base for the topology \( \tau(p) \).

Exercise C.14 (A minor variant of Exercise \[9.21\]). Let \( p_n \) be as in Notation \[C.15\] and

\[
d(x, y) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \frac{p_n(x, y)}{1 + p_n(x, y)}.
\]

Show \( d \) is a metric on \( X \) and \( \tau_d = \tau(p) \). Conclude that a sequence \( \{ x_k \}_{k=1}^\infty \subset X \) converges to \( x \in X \) iff

\[
\lim_{k \to \infty} p_n(x_k, x) = 0 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.
\]
Exercise C.15. Let \( \{(X_n, d_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) be a sequence of metric spaces, \( X := \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n \), and for \( x = (x(n))_{n=1}^{\infty} \) and \( y = (y(n))_{n=1}^{\infty} \) in \( X \) let
\[
d(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \frac{d_n(x(n), y(n))}{1 + d_n(x(n), y(n))}.
\]
(See Exercise 9.21.) Moreover, let \( \pi_n : X \to X_n \) be the projection maps, show
\[
\tau_d = \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \tau_{d_n} := \tau(\{\pi_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}).
\]
That is show the \( d \) - metric topology is the same as the product topology on \( X \). Suggestions: 1) show \( \pi_n \) is \( \tau_n \) continuous for each \( n \) and 2) show for each \( x \in X \) that \( d(x, \cdot) \) is \( \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \tau_{d_n} \) - continuous. For the second assertion notice that \( d(x, \cdot) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n \) where \( f_n = 2^{-n} \left( \frac{d_n(x(n), \cdot)}{1 + d_n(x(n), \cdot)} \right) \circ \pi_n \).

2.3 Compactness Problems

Exercise C.16 (Tychonoff’s Theorem for Compact Metric Spaces). Let us continue the Notation used in Exercise 9.21. Further assume that the spaces \( X_n \) are compact for all \( n \). Show (without using Theorem ?? below) that \( (X, d) \) is compact. Hint: Either use Cantor’s method to show every sequence \( \{x_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty} \subset X \) has a convergent subsequence or alternatively show \( (X, d) \) is complete and totally bounded. (Compare with Example C.10 and see Theorem ?? below for the general version of this theorem.)

C.3 Connectedness in General Topological Spaces

(You may safely skip this section on first reading.) As a warm up suppose that \( (X, d) \) is a metric space and \( Y \) be a non-empty subset of \( X \). If \( A \subset Y \), the closure of \( A \) in the metric space \( (Y, d) \) is denote by \( \overline{A}^Y \) and is defined by
\[
\overline{A}^Y := \{ y \in Y : \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \text{ for some } \{a_n\} \subset A \} = \overline{A} \cap Y.
\]

Lemma C.16. A set \( A \subset Y \) is closed in \( Y \) iff \( A = \overline{A}^Y = \overline{A} \cap Y \) iff there exists \( C \subset X \) closed such that \( A = C \cap Y \). Similarly, \( A \) is open in \( Y \) iff there exists \( V \) open in \( X \) such that \( A = V \cap Y \).

Proof. The assertion that \( A \subset Y \) is closed in \( Y \) iff \( A = \overline{A}^Y = \overline{A} \cap Y \) follows directly from the definition. Hence if \( A \) is closed in \( Y \), then \( A = \overline{A} \cap Y \) where we may take \( C = \overline{A} \) - a closed subset of \( X \). Conversely, if \( A = C \cap Y \), then \( \overline{A} \subset C \) and hence \( A \subset \overline{A}^Y = \overline{A} \cap Y \subset C \cap Y = A \) which shows that \( A = \overline{A}^Y \) and so \( A \) is closed in \( Y \).

If \( A \subset Y \) is open, then \( Y \setminus A \) is closed and hence \( Y \setminus A = Y \cap C \) for some closed subset, \( C \subset X \). Since,
\[
A = Y \setminus (Y \setminus A) = Y \cap [Y \cap C]^c = Y \cap [Y^c \cup C]^c = Y \cap C^c
\]
we see that \( A = Y \cap V \) where \( V := C^c \) is open in \( X \). Conversely if \( A = Y \cap V \), then
\[
Y \setminus A = Y \cap [Y \cap V]^c = Y \cap [Y^c \cup V]^c = Y \cap V^c
\]
which shows that \( Y \setminus A \) is closed in \( Y \).

Proposition C.17. Let \( E \) be a subset of a metric space, \( (X, d) \). Then \( E \) is disconnected iff \( E \) is the disjoint union of two non-empty relatively open subset of \( E \), i.e. there exists open subset \( U \) and \( V \) of \( X \) such that;
1. \( U \cap E \neq \emptyset \neq V \cap E \) while \( U \cap V \cap E = \emptyset \),
2. and \( E = (U \cap E) \cup (V \cap E) \).

Proof. Suppose that \( E \) is a disconnected and write \( E = A \cup B \) where \( A \) and \( B \) are two non-empty separated sets. Let \( U := \overline{B}^E \) and \( V := \overline{A}^E \). Then \( A \subset U \) and \( B \subset V \). Moreover, \( E \cap U = (A \cup B) \cap \overline{B}^E = A \setminus \overline{B} = A \neq \emptyset \) and similarly \( E \cap V = B \neq \emptyset \) while \( U \cap V \cap E = A \cap B = \emptyset \). Therefore \( E \) is the disjoint union of two non-empty relatively open sets.

Conversely, suppose that \( E = A \cup B \) where \( A \) and \( B \) are relatively open non-empty disjoint open subsets of \( E \). Then both \( A \) and \( B \) are relatively closed in \( E \) and hence,
\[
A = \overline{A}^E := \{ x \in E : \exists \{a_n\} \subset A \ni \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = x \} = \overline{A} \cap E
\]
and similarly \( B = \overline{B}^E = \overline{B} \cap E \). Since
\[
A = \overline{A} \cap E = \overline{A} \cap [A \cup B] = A \cup [\overline{A} \cap B]
\]
and \( A \cap B = \emptyset \) we conclude,
\[
\emptyset = A \cap B = (A \cup [\overline{A} \cap B]) \cap B = \overline{A} \cap B.
\]
Similarly we may show \( A \cap \overline{B} = \emptyset \) and hence \( E \) is written as the union of two non-empty separated sets.

Definition C.18. \( (X, \tau) \) is disconnected if there exist non-empty open sets \( U \) and \( V \) of \( X \) such that \( U \cap V = \emptyset \) and \( X = U \cup V \). We say \( \{U, V\} \) is a disconnection of \( X \). The topological space \( (X, \tau) \) is called connected if it is not disconnected, i.e. if there is no disconnection of \( X \). If \( A \subset X \) we say \( A \) is connected iff \( (A, \tau_A) \) is connected where \( \tau_A \) is the relative topology on \( A \). Explicitly, \( A \) is disconnected in \( (X, \tau) \) iff there exists \( U, V \in \tau\) such that \( U \cap A \neq \emptyset \), \( U \cap A \neq \emptyset \), \( U \cap V \neq \emptyset \) and \( A \subset U \cup V \).
The reader should check that the following statement is an equivalent definition of connectivity. A topological space \((X, \tau)\) is connected iff the only sets \(A \subset X\) which are both open and closed are the sets \(X\) and \(\emptyset\). This version of the definition is often used in practice.

**Remark C.19.** Let \(A \subset Y \subset X\). Then \(A\) is connected in \(X\) iff \(A\) is connected in \(Y\).

**Proof.** Since

\[ \tau_A := \{ V \cap A : V \subset X \} = \{ V \cap A \cap Y : V \subset X \} = \{ U \cap A : U \subset Y \}, \]

the relative topology on \(A\) inherited from \(X\) is the same as the relative topology on \(A\) inherited from \(Y\). Since connectivity is a statement about the relative topologies on \(A\), \(A\) is connected in \(X\) iff \(A\) is connected in \(Y\). \(\blacksquare\)

**Theorem C.20 (The Connected Subsets of \(\mathbb{R}\)).** The connected subsets of \(\mathbb{R}\) are intervals.

**Proof.** Suppose that \(A \subset \mathbb{R}\) is a connected subset and that \(a, b \in A\) with \(a < b\). If there exists \(c \in (a, b)\) such that \(c \notin A\), then \(U := (-\infty, c) \cap A\) and \(V := (c, \infty) \cap A\) would form a disconnection of \(A\). Hence \((a, b) \subset A\). Let \(\alpha := \inf(A)\) and \(\beta := \sup(A)\) and choose \(\alpha_n, \beta_n \in A\) such that \(\alpha_n < \beta_n\) and \(\alpha_n \downarrow \alpha\) and \(\beta_n \uparrow \beta\) as \(n \to \infty\). By what we have just shown, \((\alpha_n, \beta_n) \subset A\) for all \(n\) and hence \((\alpha, \beta) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_n, \beta_n) \subset A\). From this it follows that \(A = (\alpha, \beta)\), \([\alpha, \beta]\), \((\alpha, \beta)\) or \([\alpha, \beta]\), i.e. \(A\) is an interval.

Conversely suppose that \(A\) is a sub-interval of \(\mathbb{R}\). For the sake of contradiction, suppose that \(\{U, V\}\) is a disconnection of \(A\) with \(a < b\). Since \(A\) is an interval \([a, b] \subset A\). Let \(p = \sup([a, b] \cap U)\), then because \(U\) and \(V\) are open, \(a < p < b\). Now \(p\) can not be in \(U\) for otherwise \(sup([a, b] \cap U) > p\) and \(p\) can not be in \(V\) for otherwise \(sup([a, b] \cap U) < p\). From this it follows that \(p \notin U \cup V\) and hence \(A \neq U \cup V\) contradicting the assumption that \(\{U, V\}\) is a disconnection of \(A\).

**Alternative proof of the converse.** Because of Theorem C.22 below, it suffices to assume that \(A\) is an open interval. For the sake of contradiction, suppose that \(\{U, V\}\) is a disconnection of \(A\) with \(a \in U\), \(b \in V\). After relabelling \(U\) and \(V\) if necessary we may assume that \(a < b\). Let \(J_a = (\alpha, \beta)\) be the maximal open interval in \(U\) which contains \(a\). (See Exercise C.8 or Remark 9.67 for the structure of open subsets of \(\mathbb{R}\).) If \(\beta \in U\) we could extend \(J_a\) to the right and still be in \(U\) violating the definition of \(\beta\). Moreover we can not have \(\beta \in V\) because in this case \(J_a\) would not be in \(U\). Therefore \(\beta \notin U \cup V = A\) while on the other hand \(a < \beta < b\) and so \(\beta \in A\) as \(A\) is an interval and we have reached the desired contradiction. \(\blacksquare\)

Here is a typical way these connectedness ideas are used.

**Example C.21.** Suppose that \(f : X \to Y\) is a continuous map between two topological spaces, the space \(X\) is connected and the space \(Y\) is \(T_1\), i.e. \(\{y\}\) is a closed set for all \(y \in Y\) as in Definition ?? below. Further assume \(f\) is locally constant, i.e. for all \(x \in X\) there exists an open neighborhood \(V\) of \(x\) in \(X\) such that \(f|_V\) is constant. Then \(f\) is constant, i.e. \(f(X) = \{y_0\}\) for some \(y_0 \in Y\). To prove this, let \(y_0 \in f(X)\) and let \(W := f^{-1}(\{y_0\})\). Since \(\{y_0\} \subset Y\) is a closed set and since \(f\) is continuous \(W \subset X\) is also closed. Since \(f\) is locally constant, \(W\) is open as well and since \(X\) is connected it follows that \(W = X\), i.e. \(f(X) = \{y_0\}\).

As a concrete application of this result, suppose that \(X\) is a connected open subset of \(\mathbb{R}^d\) and \(f : X \to Y\) is a \(C^1\) function such that \(\nabla f \equiv 0\). If \(x \in X\) and \(\varepsilon > 0\) such that \(B(x, \varepsilon) \subset X\), we have, for any \(|v| < \varepsilon\) and \(t \in [-1, 1]\), that

\[ \frac{d}{dt} f(x + tv) = \nabla f(x + tv) \cdot v = 0. \]

Therefore \(f(x + tv) = f(x)\) for all \(|v| < \varepsilon\) and this shows \(f\) is locally constant. Hence, by what we have just proved, \(f\) is constant on \(X\).

**Theorem C.22 (Properties of Connected Sets).** Let \((X, \tau)\) be a topological space.

1. If \(B \subset X\) is a connected set and \(X\) is the disjoint union of two open sets \(U\) and \(V\), then either \(B \subset U\) or \(B \subset V\).
2. If \(A \subset X\) is connected,
   a) then \(\overline{A}\) is connected.
   b) More generally, if \(A\) is connected and \(B \subset \text{acc}(A)\) or \(B \subset \text{bd}(A)\), then \(A \cup B\) is connected as well. (Recall that \(\text{acc}(A)\) – the set of accumulation points of \(A\) was defined in Definition 9.14 above. Moreover by Exercise ??, we know that \(\text{acc}(A) \setminus A = \text{bd}(A) \setminus A\). What we are really showing here is that for any \(B\) such that \(A \subset B \subset A\), then \(B\) is connected.)
3. If \(\{E_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in A}\) is a collection of connected sets such that \(E_{\alpha} \cap E_{\beta} \neq \emptyset\) for all \(\alpha, \beta \in A\) then \(E := \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_{\alpha}\) is connected as well.
4. Suppose \(A, B \subset X\) are non-empty connected subsets of \(X\) such that \(A \cap B \neq \emptyset\), then \(A \cup B\) is connected in \(X\).
5. Every point \(x \in X\) is contained in a unique maximal connected subset \(C_x\) of \(X\) and this subset is closed. The set \(C_x\) is called the connected component of \(x\).

\(^2\) One may assume much less here. What we really need is for any \(\alpha, \beta \in A\) there exists \(\{\alpha_i\}_{i=0}^{n}\) in \(A\) such that \(\alpha_0 = \alpha, \alpha_n = \beta,\) and \(E_{\alpha_i} \cap E_{\alpha_{i+1}} \neq \emptyset\) for all \(0 \leq i < n\). Moreover if we make use of item 4, it suffices to assume that

\[ E_{\alpha_1} \cap E_{\alpha_1} \cup E_{\alpha_i} \cap E_{\alpha_{i+1}} \neq \emptyset \text{ for all } 0 \leq i < n. \]
Proof.

1. Since $B$ is the disjoint union of the relatively open sets $B \cap U$ and $B \cap V$, we must have $B \cap U = B$ or $B \cap V = B$ for otherwise $\{B \cup U, B \cup V\}$ would be a disconnection of $B$.

2. a) Let $Y = A$ be equipped with the relative topology from $X$. Suppose that $U, V \subset \alpha Y$ form a disconnection of $Y = A$. Then by 1. either $A \subset U$ or $A \subset V$. Say that $A \subset U$. Since $U$ is both open and closed in $Y$, it follows that $Y = A \subset U$. Therefore $V = \emptyset$ and we have a contradiction to the assumption that $\{U, V\}$ is a disconnection of $Y = A$. Hence we must conclude that $Y = \bar{A}$ is connected as well.

b) Now let $Y = A \cup B$ with $B \subset \text{acc}(A)$, then

\[ \bar{A}^Y = \bar{A} \cap Y = (A \cup \text{acc}(A)) \cap Y = A \cup B.\]

Because $A$ is connected in $Y$, by (2a) $Y = A \cup B = \bar{A}^Y$ is also connected.

3. Let $Y := \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_{\alpha}$. By Remark C.19, we know that $E_{\alpha}$ is connected in $Y$ for each $\alpha \in A$. If $\{U, V\}$ were a disconnection of $Y$, by item (1), either $E_{\alpha} \subset U$ or $E_{\alpha} \subset V$ for all $\alpha$. Let $A = \{ \alpha \in A : E_{\alpha} \subset U \}$ then $U = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_{\alpha}$ and $V = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A \setminus A} E_{\alpha}$. (Notice that neither $A$ or $A \setminus A$ can be empty since $U$ and $V$ are not empty.) Since

\[ \emptyset = U \cap V = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A, \beta \in A^c} (E_{\alpha} \cap E_{\beta}) \neq \emptyset.\]

we have reached a contradiction and hence no such disconnection exists.

4. (A good example to keep in mind here is $X = \mathbb{R}, A = (0,1)$ and $B = [1,2]$.) For sake of contradiction suppose that $\{U, V\}$ were a disconnection of $Y = A \cup B$. By item (1) either $A \subset U$ or $A \subset V$, say $A \subset U$ in which case $B \subset V$. Since $Y = A \cup B$ we must have $A = U$ and $B = V$ and so we may conclude: $A$ and $B$ are disjoint subsets of $Y$ which are both open and closed. This implies

\[ A = \bar{A}^Y = \bar{A} \cap Y = \bar{A} \cap (A \cup B) = A \cup (\bar{A} \cap B)\]

and therefore

\[ \emptyset = A \cap B = [A \cup (\bar{A} \cap B)] \cap B = \bar{A} \cap B \neq \emptyset\]

which gives us the desired contradiction.

**Alternative proof.** Let $A' := A \cup [B \cap \bar{A}]$ so that $A \cup B = A' \cup B$. By item 2b, we know $A'$ is still connected and since $A' \cap B \neq \emptyset$ we may now apply item 3. to finish the proof.

5. Let $C$ denote the collection of connected subsets $C \subset X$ such that $x \in C$. Then by item 3., the set $C_x := \cup C$ is also a connected subset of $X$ which contains $x$ and clearly this is the unique maximal connected set containing $x$. Since $C_x$ is also connected by item (2) and $C_x$ is maximal, $C_x = \bar{C}_x$, i.e. $C_x$ is closed.

**Proposition C.23 (Stability of Connectedness Under Products).** Let $(X_\alpha, \tau_\alpha)$ be connected topological spaces. Then the product space $X_A = \prod_{\alpha \in A} X_\alpha$ equipped with the product topology is connected.

**Proof.** Let us begin with the case of two factors, namely assume that $X$ and $Y$ are connected topological spaces, then we will show that $X \times Y$ is connected as well. Given $x \in X$, let $f_x : Y \to X \times Y$ be the map $f_x(y) = (x, y)$ and notice that $f_x$ is continuous since $\pi_X \circ f_x(y) = x$ and $\pi_Y \circ f_x(y) = y$ are continuous maps. From this we conclude that $\{x\} \times Y = f_x(Y)$ is connected by Lemma 9.57. A similar argument shows $X \times \{y\}$ is connected for all $y \in Y$.

Let $p = (x_0, y_0) \in X \times Y$ and $C_p$ denote the connected component of $p$. Since $\{x_0\} \times Y$ is connected and $p \in \{x_0\} \times Y$ it follows that $\{x_0\} \times Y \subset C_p$ and hence $C_p$ is also the connected component $(x_0, y)$ for all $y \in Y$. Similarly, $X \times \{y\} \subset C(x_0, y) = C_p$ is connected, and therefore $X \times \{y\} \subset C_p$. So we have shown $(x, y) \in C_p$ for all $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$, see Figure C.4. By induction the theorem holds whenever $A$ is a finite set, i.e. for products of a finite number of connected spaces.

![Figure C.4](image_url)

**Fig. C.4.** This picture illustrates why the connected component of $p$ in $X \times Y$ must contain all points of $X \times Y$.

For the general case, again choose a point $p \in X_A = X^A$ and again let $C = C_p$ be the connected component of $p$. Recall that $C_p$ is closed and therefore
if \( C_p \) is a proper subset of \( X_A \), then \( X_A \setminus C_p \) is a non-empty open set. By the definition of the product topology, this would imply that \( X_A \setminus C_p \) contains a non-empty open set of the form

\[
V := \cap_{\alpha \in A} \pi_{\alpha}^{-1}(V_\alpha) = V_A \times X_{A \setminus A} \subset X_A \setminus C_p
\]  

(C.5)

where \( A \subset A \) and \( V_\alpha \in \tau_\alpha \) for all \( \alpha \in A \).

On the other hand, let \( \varphi : X_A \to X_A \) by \( \varphi(y) = x \) where

\[
x_\alpha = \begin{cases} y_\alpha & \text{if } \alpha \in A \\ p_\alpha & \text{if } \alpha \notin A. \end{cases}
\]

If \( \alpha \in A, \pi_{\alpha} \circ \varphi(y) = y_\alpha = \pi_{\alpha}(y) \) and if \( \alpha \in A \setminus A \) then \( \pi_{\alpha} \circ \varphi(y) = p_\alpha \) so that in every case \( \pi_{\alpha} \circ \varphi : X_A \to X_A \) is continuous and therefore \( \varphi \) is continuous. Since \( X_A \) is a product of a finite number of connected spaces and so is connected and thus so is the continuous image, \( \varphi(X_A) = X_A \times \{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A \setminus A} \subset X_A \). Since \( p \in \varphi(X_A) \) we must have

\[
X_A \times \{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A \setminus A} \subset C_p.
\]  

(C.6)

Hence it follows from Eqs. (C.5) and (C.6) that

\[
V_A \times \{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A \setminus A} = \left( X_A \times \{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A \setminus A} \right) \cap V \subset C_p \cap [X_A \setminus C_p] = \emptyset
\]

which is a contradiction since \( V_A \times \{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A \setminus A} \neq \emptyset \).

\[\tag*{\blacksquare}\]

C.4 Completions of Metric Spaces

**Exercise C.17 (Completions of Metric Spaces).** Suppose that \((X,d)\) is a (not necessarily complete) metric space. Using the following outline show there exists a complete metric space \((\bar{X}, \bar{d})\) and an isometric map \(i : X \to \bar{X}\) such that \(i(X)\) is dense in \(\bar{X}\), see Definition 9.13.

1. Let \( C \) denote the collection of Cauchy sequences \( a = \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset X \). Given two elements \( a, b \in C \) show \( d_C(a,b) := \lim_{n \to \infty} d(a_n, b_n) \) exists, \( d_C(a,b) \geq 0 \) for all \( a,b \in C \) and \( d_C \) satisfies the triangle inequality,

\[
d_C(a,c) \leq d_C(a,b) + d_C(b,c)
\]

for all \( a,b,c \in C \).

Thus \((C,d_C)\) would be a metric space if it were true that \( d_C(a,b) = 0 \) iff \( a = b \). This however is false, for example if \( a_n = b_n \) for all \( n \geq 100 \), then \( d_C(a,b) = 0 \) while \( a \) need not equal \( b \).

2. Define two elements \( a,b \in C \) to be equivalent (write \( a \sim b \)) whenever \( d_C(a,b) = 0 \). Show “\( \sim \)” is an equivalence relation on \( C \) and that \( d_C(a',b') = d_C(a,b) \) if \( a \sim a' \) and \( b \sim b' \). (Hint: see Corollary 6.46)

3. Given \( a \in C \) let \( \bar{a} := \{b \in C : b \sim a\} \) denote the equivalence class containing \( a \) and let \( \bar{X} := \{\bar{a} : a \in C\} \) denote the collection of such equivalence classes. Show that \( d_C(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) := d_C(a,b) \) is well defined on \( \bar{X} \times \bar{X} \) and verify \((\bar{X}, \bar{d})\) is a metric space.

4. For \( x \in X \) let \( i(x) = \bar{a} \) where \( a \) is the constant sequence, \( a_n = x \) for all \( n \).

Verify that \( i : X \to \bar{X} \) is an isometric map and that \( i(X) \) is dense in \( \bar{X} \).

5. Verify \((\bar{X}, \bar{d})\) is complete. (Hint: if \( \{\bar{a}(m)\}_{m=1}^{\infty} \) is a Cauchy sequence in \( \bar{X} \) choose \( b_m \in X \) such that \( d(\bar{a}(m), \bar{b}(m)) \leq 1/m \). Then show \( \bar{a}(m) \to \bar{b} \) where \( b = \{b_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty} \).

C.5 Supplementary Remarks

C.5.1 Riemannian Metrics

This subsection is not completely self contained and may safely be skipped.

**Lemma C.24.** Suppose that \( X \) is a Riemannian (or sub-Riemannian) manifold and \( d \) is the metric on \( X \) defined by

\[
d(x,y) = \inf \{\ell(\sigma) : \sigma(0) = x \text{ and } \sigma(1) = y\}
\]

where \( \ell(\sigma) \) is the length of the curve \( \sigma \). We define \( \ell(\sigma) = \infty \) if \( \sigma \) is not piecewise smooth.

Then

\[
\overline{B_x(\epsilon)} = C_x(\epsilon) \text{ and } bd(B_x(\epsilon)) = \{y \in X : d(x,y) = \epsilon\}
\]

where the boundary operation, \( bd(\cdot) \) is defined in Definition 9.15 below.

**Proof.** Let \( C := C_x(\epsilon) \subset \overline{B_x(\epsilon)} =: \bar{B} \). We will show that \( C \subset \bar{B} \) by showing \( \bar{B} \subset C \). Suppose that \( y \in \bar{B} \) and choose \( \delta > 0 \) such that \( B_y(\delta) \cap B = \emptyset \). In particular this implies that

\[
B_y(\delta) \cap B_x(\epsilon) = \emptyset.
\]

We will finish the proof by showing that \( d(x,y) \geq \epsilon + \delta > \epsilon \) and hence that \( y \in C \). This will be accomplished by showing: if \( d(x,y) < \epsilon + \delta \) then \( B_y(\delta) \cap B_x(\epsilon) \neq \emptyset \). If \( d(x,y) < \max(\epsilon, \delta) \) then either \( x \in B_y(\delta) \) or \( y \in B_x(\epsilon) \). In either case \( B_y(\delta) \cap B_x(\epsilon) \neq \emptyset \). Hence we may assume that \( \max(\epsilon, \delta) \leq d(x,y) < \epsilon + \delta \). Let \( \alpha > 0 \) be a number such that

\[\tag*{\blacksquare}\]
max(ε, δ) ≤ d(x, y) < α < ε + δ

and choose a curve σ from x to y such that ℓ(σ) < α. Also choose 0 < δ' < δ such that 0 < α − δ' < ε which can be done since α − δ < ε. Let k(t) = d(y, σ(t)) a continuous function on [0, 1] and therefore k([0, 1]) ⊂ R is a connected set which contains 0 and d(x, y). Therefore there exists t₀ ∈ [0, 1] such that d(y, σ(t₀)) = k(t₀) = δ'.

Let z = σ(t₀) ∈ B_y(δ) then

d(x, z) ≤ ℓ(σ|₀, t₀) = ℓ(σ) − ℓ(σ|₀, t₀) < α − d(z, y) = α − δ' < ε

and therefore z ∈ B_x(ε) ∩ B_x(δ) ≠ ∅.

**Remark C.25.** Suppose again that X is a Riemannian (or sub-Riemannian) manifold and

\[ d(x, y) = \inf \{ ℓ(σ) : σ(0) = x \text{ and } σ(1) = y \}. \]

Let σ be a curve from x to y and let ε = ℓ(σ) − d(x, y). Then for all 0 ≤ u < v ≤ 1,

\[ d(x, y) + ε = ℓ(σ) = ℓ(σ|₀, u) + ℓ(σ|u, v) + ℓ(σ|v, 1) \]
\[ \geq d(x, σ(u)) + ℓ(σ|u, v) + d(σ(v), y) \]

and therefore, using the triangle inequality,

\[ ℓ(σ|u, v) \leq d(x, y) + ε - d(x, σ(u)) - d(σ(v), y) \]
\[ \leq d(σ(u), σ(v)) + ε. \]

This leads to the following conclusions. If σ is within ε of a length minimizing curve from x to y then σ|u,v is within ε of a length minimizing curve from σ(u) to σ(v). In particular if σ is a length minimizing curve from x to y then σ|u,v is a length minimizing curve from σ(u) to σ(v).

**Appendix: Limsup and liminf of functions**
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[Thanks go to Ali Behzadan from providing this appendix.] Our goal in this appendix is to introduce the notion of limit superior and limit inferior for functions. The definitions and properties will be very similar to those that were previously discussed for sequences. Here we will assume the domain is a metric space and the destination set is the set of extended real numbers. One may easily generalize the definitions to the case where domain and codomain are topological spaces and of course the codomain must be an ordered set. By introducing a proper topology on the set of extended real numbers one can consider the limit superior and limit inferior of sequences as a special case of what will be discussed here.

First let’s review the definition of limit points in a metric space.

**Definition D.1.** Let \((X,d)\) be a metric space and \(E \subseteq X\). A point \(p \in X\) is a limit point of the set \(E\) if every open ball about \(p\) contains a point \(q \neq p\) such that \(q \in E\).

**Exercise D.1.** Prove that \(p\) is a limit point of \(E\) iff there exists a sequence \(\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq E \setminus \{p\}\) such that \(\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = p\).

**Example D.2.** Consider \(\mathbb{R}\) (with the Euclidean metric \(d(x,y) = |x - y|\)). Let \(E = \{2,3\} \cup \{5\}\). \(p = 2\) is a limit point of \(E\) because \(2 = \lim_{n \to \infty} (2 + 1/n)\). \(p = 5\) is not a limit point of \(E\) because the open ball of radius 1/2 centered at 5 does not intersect \(E \setminus \{5\}\).

**Definition D.3.** Let \((X,d)\) be a metric space. Suppose \(E \subseteq X\) and \(p\) is a limit point of \(E\). Let \(f\) be a real (or extended real) valued function on \(E\), i.e., \(f : E \to \mathbb{R}\) (or \(f : E \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}\)). Then

\[
\liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \inf \{ f(x) : x \in E \cap B_p(\delta) \setminus \{p\} \},
\]

\[
\limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \sup \{ f(x) : x \in E \cap B_p(\delta) \setminus \{p\} \}.
\]

**Remark D.4.** Clearly if \(\nu > 0\) is such that \(B_p(\nu) \subseteq E\) and \(\hat{f} := f|_{B_p(\nu)}\) then

\[
\liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \liminf_{x \to p} \hat{f}(x), \quad \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = \limsup_{x \to p} \hat{f}(x).
\]

So in fact if \(f_1\) and \(f_2\) agree on an open ball about \(p\) in \(X\) then

\[
\liminf_{x \to p} f_1(x) = \liminf_{x \to p} f_2(x), \quad \limsup_{x \to p} f_1(x) = \limsup_{x \to p} f_2(x).
\]

**Remark D.5.** Notice that if we set,

\[
g(\delta) := \inf \{ f(x) : x \in E \cap B_p(\delta) \setminus \{p\} \},
\]

\[
h(\delta) := \sup \{ f(x) : x \in E \cap B_p(\delta) \setminus \{p\} \},
\]

then as \(\delta \downarrow 0\) \(g(\delta)\) increases and \(h(\delta)\) decreases. i.e., if \(\delta_1 > \delta_2\) then \(g(\delta_1) \leq g(\delta_2)\) and \(h(\delta_1) \geq h(\delta_2)\). Therefore the limits in the definition of \(\limsup\) and \(\liminf\) always exist in the set of extended real numbers and we have:

\[
\liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \sup \{ f(x) : x \in E \cap B_p(\delta) \setminus \{p\} \},
\]

\[
\limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = \inf \{ f(x) : x \in E \cap B_p(\delta) \setminus \{p\} \}.
\]

**Notation D.6** \(S_{p,\delta} := E \cap B_p(\delta) \setminus \{p\}\).

**Remark D.7.** In the special case where \(X = \mathbb{R}\) and \(E\) is an open interval in \(\mathbb{R}\) containing \(p\) we have:

\[
\liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \inf_{0 < |x - p| < \delta} f(x),
\]

\[
\limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \sup_{0 < |x - p| < \delta} f(x).
\]

In the following two propositions we list some of the most important properties of limit superior and limit inferior of functions. The reader may check that these properties are completely analogous to those of sequences (Proposition 3.28).

**Proposition D.8.** Let \((X,d)\) be a metric space. Suppose \(E \subseteq X\), \(f : E \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}\), \(g : E \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}\) and \(p\) is a limit point of \(E\).

1. \(\liminf_{x \to p} (-f(x)) = -\limsup_{x \to p} f(x)\).
2. \(\liminf_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x)\).
3. If \(f(x) \leq g(x)\) on the intersection of an open ball about \(p\) with \(E\) (or on \(S_{p,\nu}\) for some \(\nu > 0\)) then

\[
\liminf_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \liminf_{x \to p} g(x), \quad \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} g(x).
\]
Proof.

1. From Proposition \[8.8\] one can easily conclude that if \( S \) is a nonempty subset of the extended real numbers then \( \inf(S) = -\sup(-S) \). Thus

\[
\liminf_{x \to p} (-f(x)) = \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \inf_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} (-f(x)) = \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} (-\sup_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} f(x)) = -\lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \sup_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} (f(x)) = -\limsup_{x \to p} f(x).
\]

2. We have

\[
\forall \delta > 0 \quad \inf_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} f(x) \leq \sup_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} f(x).
\]

Since the limit of both sides as \( \delta \downarrow 0 \) exists (in the extended real numbers) we get

\[
\liminf_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x),
\]

therefore, \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \).

3. By assumption there exists \( \nu > 0 \) such that \( f(x) \leq g(x) \) on \( S_{p,\nu} \). Thus if

\[
0 < \delta \leq \nu \quad \text{then} \quad f(x) \leq \sup_{y \in S_{p,\delta}} g(y)
\]

for all \( x \in S_{p,\delta} \). Therefore

\[
\sup_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} f(x) \leq \sup_{y \in S_{p,\delta}} g(y).
\]

Similarly, if \( 0 < \delta \leq \nu \) then \( \inf_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} f(x) \leq g(y) \) for all \( y \in S_{p,\delta} \) and hence

\[
\inf_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} f(x) \leq \inf_{y \in S_{p,\delta}} g(y).
\]

Passing to the limit (as \( \delta \downarrow 0 \)) in each of these inequalities gives the desired inequalities.

Proposition D.9. Let \((X, d)\) be a metric space. Suppose \( E \subseteq X \), \( f : E \to \mathbb{R} \), \( g : E \to \mathbb{R} \) and \( p \) is a limit point of \( E \).

1. \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) \) exists in \( \mathbb{R} \) iff \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \in \mathbb{R} \). In this case \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \).

2. \( \limsup_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) \), provided the right side of this equation is not of the form \( -\infty \) or \( -\infty + \infty \).

3. \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) + \liminf_{x \to p} g(x) \leq \liminf_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) \), provided the left side of this equation is not of the form \( -\infty \) or \( -\infty + \infty \).

4. \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) \), provided the left side of this equation is not of the form \( -\infty \) or \( -\infty + \infty \).

5. \( \liminf_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) \leq \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) \), provided the right side of this equation is not of the form \( -\infty \) or \( -\infty + \infty \).

6. \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) \) exists in \( \mathbb{R} \) then,

\[
\limsup_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) = \lim_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x),
\]

\[
\liminf_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) = \lim_{x \to p} f(x) + \liminf_{x \to p} g(x).
\]

7. If \( f(x), g(x) \geq 0 \) on the intersection of an open ball with \( E \) (or on \( S_{p,\nu} \) for some \( \nu > 0 \)) then

\[
\limsup_{x \to p} (f(x)g(x)) \leq (\limsup_{x \to p} f(x))\limsup_{x \to p} g(x),
\]

provided the right hand side of this equation is not of the form \( 0 \cdot \infty \) or \( \infty \cdot 0 \).

8. If \( f(x), g(x) \geq 0 \) on the intersection of an open ball with \( E \) (or on \( S_{p,\nu} \) for some \( \nu > 0 \)) and \( A = \lim_{x \to p} f(x) \) exists in \( (0, \infty) \) then

\[
\limsup_{x \to p} (f(x)g(x)) = (\limsup_{x \to p} f(x))\limsup_{x \to p} g(x).
\]

Proof.

1. \( (\Leftarrow) \) Let \( A := \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \in \mathbb{R} \). We may consider 3 cases:

a) \( A \in \mathbb{R} \). Let \( \{x_n\} \) be a sequence in \( E \setminus \{p\} \) such that \( x_n \to p \) as \( n \to \infty \). In what follows we will prove that \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = A \) and hence by Theorem 6.33 we can conclude that \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = A \). Let \( \varepsilon > 0 \) be given. By assumption there exists \( \delta_1 > 0 \) such that \( A - \varepsilon \leq \inf_{x \in S_{p,\delta_1}} f(x) \) and there exists \( \delta_2 > 0 \) such that \( \sup_{x \in S_{p,\delta_2}} f(x) \leq A + \varepsilon \).

Let \( \delta := \min(\delta_1, \delta_2) \). Since \( x_n \to p \) and \( \{x_n\} \subseteq E \setminus \{p\} \) we can conclude that \( x_n \in S_{p,\delta} \) a.a. \( n \). Therefore

\[
\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \quad A - \varepsilon \leq \inf_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} f(x) \leq f(x_n) \leq \sup_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} f(x) \leq A + \varepsilon \quad a.a.\ n.
\]

This precisely means that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = A \).

b) \( A = \infty \). Let \( M > 0 \) be given. Since \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = \infty \) we may conclude that there exists \( \nu > 0 \) such that \( \inf_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} f(x) > M \) proved \( 0 < \delta \leq \nu \). Therefore

\[
\forall M > 0 \quad \exists \nu > 0 \quad s.t. \quad \forall x \in S_{p,\nu} \quad f(x) > M.
\]

This precisely means that \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \infty \).

c) \( A = -\infty \). Let \( M < 0 \) be given. Since \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = -\infty \) we may conclude that there exists \( \nu > 0 \) such that \( \sup_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} f(x) < M \) provided \( 0 < \delta \leq \nu \). Therefore

\[
\forall M < 0 \quad \exists \nu > 0 \quad s.t. \quad \forall x \in S_{p,\nu} \quad f(x) < M.
\]

This precisely means that \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = -\infty \).
3. We have, 

\[ a) \quad \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = A \]

Passing to the limit (as \( \delta \downarrow 0 \)) we get

\[ A - \varepsilon \leq \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \leq A + \varepsilon. \]

Since \( \varepsilon > 0 \) is arbitrary, it follows that,

\[ A \leq \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \leq A, \]

i.e. that \( A = \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \).

b) \( A = -\infty \). Let \( M > 0 \) be given. There exists \( \nu > 0 \) such that \( f(x) > M \) provided \( x \in S_{p,\nu} \). So for all \( 0 < \delta \leq \nu \) we have \( \inf_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} f(x) \geq M \).

Passing to the limit (as \( \delta \downarrow 0 \)) we get \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) \geq M \). Since \( M > 0 \) is arbitrary it follows that \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \infty \).

2. Let \( \delta > 0 \)

\[ \forall x \in S_{p,\delta} \quad f(x) + g(x) \leq \sup_{y \in S_{p,\delta}} f(y) + \sup_{y \in S_{p,\delta}} g(y). \]

So

\[ \sup_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} (f(x) + g(x)) \leq \sup_{y \in S_{p,\delta}} f(y) + \sup_{y \in S_{p,\delta}} g(y). \]

Passing to the limit as \( \delta \downarrow 0 \) in this equation then implies

\[ \limsup_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x). \]

3. We have,

\[ \lim_{x \to p} f(x) + \lim_{x \to p} g(x) = -\left( \limsup_{x \to p} (f(x) - f(x)) + \limsup_{x \to p} (-g(x)) \right) \]

\[ \leq -\left( \limsup_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) \right) \]

\[ = \liminf_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)). \]

4. We may consider 3 cases:

a) \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) \in \mathbb{R} \). We have

\[ \lim_{x \to p} g(x) = \limsup_{x \to p} (g(x) + f(x) - f(x)) \]

\[ \leq \limsup_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) + \limsup_{x \to p} (-f(x)) \]

\[ = \limsup_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) - \liminf_{x \to p} (f(x)). \]

Therefore

\[ \lim_{x \to p} f(x) + \lim_{x \to p} g(x) \leq \lim_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)). \]

b) \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = -\infty \). By assumption \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) \) cannot be \( \infty - \infty \), so either \( \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) \in \mathbb{R} \) or \( \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) = -\infty \). In both cases \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) = -\infty \). So obviously the claimed inequality holds true.

c) \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \infty \). By assumption \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) \) cannot be \( \infty - \infty \), so either \( \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) \in \mathbb{R} \) or \( \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) = \infty \). Also note that in general \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \), so we can conclude that \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = \infty \) and hence \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \infty \).

In what follows we will show that \( \limsup_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) = \infty \) and hence the desired inequality obviously holds true. First let’s consider the case where \( A := \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) \in \mathbb{R} \). Let \( M > 0 \) be given.

\[ \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \infty \quad \implies \quad \exists \delta_1 > 0 \quad \forall x \in S_{p,\delta_1} \quad f(x) \geq M + |A|, \]

\[ A = \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) \quad \implies \quad \exists \delta_2 > 0 \quad \forall 0 < \nu \leq \delta_2 \quad \sup_{x \in S_{p,\nu}} g(x) > A/2. \]

Therefore if we let \( \delta := \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\} \) then

\[ \forall 0 < \nu \leq \delta \quad \exists x \in S_{p,\nu} \quad f(x) + g(x) \geq M + |A| + A/2 \geq M. \]

Consequently

\[ \forall 0 < \nu \leq \delta \quad \sup_{x \in S_{p,\nu}} (f(x) + g(x)) \geq M. \]
By using item 4. we can write
\[
\lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \infty \Rightarrow \exists \delta_1 > 0 \quad \forall x \in S_{p,\delta_1} \quad f(x) > M/2,
\]

\[
\limsup_{x \to p} g(x) = \infty \Rightarrow \exists \delta_2 > 0 \quad \forall 0 < \nu \leq \delta_2 \quad \sup_{x \in S_{p,\nu}} g(x) > M/2.
\]

Therefore if we let \( \delta := \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\} \) then
\[
\forall 0 < \nu \leq \delta \quad \exists x \in S_{p,\nu} \quad f(x) + g(x) \geq M/2 + M/2 = M.
\]

Consequently
\[
\forall 0 < \nu \leq \delta \quad \sup_{x \in S_{p,\nu}} (f(x) + g(x)) \geq M.
\]

Passing to the limit as \( \nu \downarrow 0 \) we get \( \limsup_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) \geq M \). Since \( M \) is arbitrary we can conclude that \( \limsup_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) = \infty \).

5. By using item 4. we can write
\[
\liminf_{x \to p} (g(x) + f(x)) = -\limsup_{x \to p} (-g(x) - f(x))
\]

\[
\leq - (\limsup_{x \to p} (-f(x)) + \liminf_{x \to p} (-g(x)))
\]

\[
= \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x).
\]

6. By item 2. and item 4. we have
\[
\liminf_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) + g(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x)
\]

But by item 1. we know
\[
\liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{x \to p} f(x).
\]

Therefore
\[
\lim_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) \leq \lim_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x)
\]

Consequently
\[
\limsup_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) = \lim_{x \to p} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to p} g(x).
\]

Similarly by item 3. and item 5. we have
\[
\liminf_{x \to p} f(x) + \liminf_{x \to p} g(x) \leq \liminf_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) + \liminf_{x \to p} g(x)
\]

and so
\[
\liminf_{x \to p} f(x) + \liminf_{x \to p} g(x) \leq \liminf_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) + \liminf_{x \to p} g(x)
\]

Therefore
\[
\liminf_{x \to p} (f(x) + g(x)) = \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) + \liminf_{x \to p} g(x).
\]

7. By assumption there exists \( \nu > 0 \) such that \( f(x), g(x) \geq 0 \) for all \( x \in S_{p,v} \). For all \( 0 < \delta \leq \nu \) we have
\[
\forall x \in S_{p,\delta} \quad f(x), g(x) \leq (\sup_{y \in S_{p,\delta}} f(y))(\sup_{y \in S_{p,\delta}} g(y)),
\]

and therefore,
\[
\sup_{x \in S_{p,\delta}} (f(x), g(x)) \leq (\sup_{y \in S_{p,\delta}} f(y))(\sup_{y \in S_{p,\delta}} g(y)).
\]

Letting \( \delta \downarrow 0 \) in this inequality implies,
\[
\liminf_{\delta \downarrow 0} (f(x), g(x)) \leq \liminf_{\delta \downarrow 0}(\sup_{y \in S_{p,\delta}} f(y))(\sup_{y \in S_{p,\delta}} g(y))
\]

\[
= \limsup_{x \to p} f(x), \limsup_{x \to p} g(y)
\]

\[
= (\limsup_{x \to p} f(x))(\limsup_{x \to p} g(x)).
\]

provided \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \)(\limsup_{x \to p} g(x)) is not of the form \( 0 \cdot \infty \) or \( \infty \cdot 0 \).

8. Note that by item 1. \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{x \to p} f(x) \); so considering the previous item we just need to show that
\[
\limsup_{x \to p} (f(x), g(x)) \geq A \limsup_{x \to p} g(x).
\]

Let \( \alpha \in (0, A] \). By assumption there exists \( \nu_1 > 0 \) such that \( f(x), g(x) \geq 0 \) for all \( x \in S_{p,\nu_1} \). Since \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = A \) there exists \( \nu_2 > 0 \) such that \( f(x) \geq \alpha \) for all \( x \in S_{p,\nu_2} \) and hence \( f(x)g(x) \geq \alpha g(x) \) for all \( x \in S_{p,\nu} \) where \( \nu = \min\{\nu_1, \nu_2\} \). Therefore by item 3. of Proposition D.8 we can conclude that
\[
\limsup_{x \to p} (f(x), g(x)) \geq \limsup_{x \to p} (\alpha g(x)) = \alpha \limsup_{x \to p} g(x).
\]

Now we may consider two cases:
a) If \( \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) < \infty \) we may let \( \alpha \uparrow A \) in order to see that
\[
\limsup_{x \to p} (f(x), g(x)) \geq A, \limsup_{x \to p} g(x).
\]

b) If \( \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) = \infty \) it follows that
\[
\limsup_{x \to p} (f(x), g(x)) = \alpha, \limsup_{x \to p} g(x) = \infty.
\]

Remark D.10. By item 1. of the previous proposition if limit exists, then \( \limsup \) and \( \liminf \) are both equal to the limit. So whenever the limit exists we may replace the limit by \( \limsup \) and \( \liminf \). The important point is that even if the limit does not exist, \( \limsup \) and \( \liminf \) always exist. Therefore if we want to take limit but we do not know whether the limit exists we should take \( \limsup \) or \( \liminf \) instead.

Exercise D.2. Prove that if \( f(x) \geq 0 \) on the intersection of an open ball about \( p \) with \( E \) (or on \( S_p, \nu \) for some \( \nu > 0 \)) then
\[
\liminf_{x \to p} (f(x), g(x)) = \liminf_{x \to p} (f(x)) (\liminf_{x \to p} g(x)),
\]
provided the right hand side of this equation is not of the form \( 0, \infty \) or \( \infty, 0 \).

Exercise D.3. Prove the followings:

1. If \( f(x), g(x) \geq 0 \) on the intersection of an open ball about \( p \) with \( E \) (or on \( S_p, \nu \) for some \( \nu > 0 \)) then
\[
\liminf_{x \to p} (f(x), g(x)) = \liminf_{x \to p} (f(x)) (\liminf_{x \to p} g(x)),
\]

The claim of the following theorem is similar to that of Exercise 3.14

Theorem D.11. Let \( (X, d) \) be a metric space. Suppose \( E \subseteq X \) and \( p \) is a limit point of \( E \). Let \( f \) be a real (or extended real) valued function on \( E \) and suppose \( A \in \mathbb{R} \).

1. \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \leq A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \) such that \( f(x) \leq A + \varepsilon \) provided \( x \in S_{p, \delta} \).
2. \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \forall \delta > 0 \exists x_{\delta, \varepsilon} \in S_{p, \delta} \) such that \( f(x_{\delta, \varepsilon}) \geq A - \varepsilon \).
3. \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \) such that \( f(x) \leq A + \varepsilon \) provided \( x \in S_{p, \delta} \).

Proof.

1. \( \Rightarrow \) Let \( \varepsilon > 0 \) be given. \( \lim_{x \to p} \sup_{x \in S_{p, \varepsilon}} f(x) \leq A \) so there exists \( \delta > 0 \) such that for all \( 0 < \nu \leq \delta \), \( \sup_{x \in S_{p, \nu}} f(x) \leq A + \varepsilon \). So in particular \( f(x) \leq A + \varepsilon \) provided \( x \in S_{p, \delta} \).
2. \( \Leftarrow \) Conversely, if \( \varepsilon > 0 \) then by assumption there exists \( \delta > 0 \) such that \( f(x) \leq A + \varepsilon \) on \( S_{p, \delta} \). Therefore, by item 3. of Proposition D.8 \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} (A + \varepsilon) = \limsup_{A \to p} (A + \varepsilon) = A + \varepsilon \).

Corollaries D.11. Conversely, if \( \varepsilon > 0 \) then the assumption implies that for all \( \delta > 0 \), \( \sup_{x \in S_{p, \delta}} f(x) \geq A - \varepsilon \). Therefore \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = \sup_{x \in S_{p, \delta}} f(x) > A - \varepsilon \).

5. This one is a direct consequence of the previous items.

Exercise D.4. Let \( (X, d) \) be a metric space. Suppose \( E \subseteq X \) and \( p \) is a limit point of \( E \). Let \( f \) be a real (or extended real) valued function on \( E \) and suppose \( A \in \mathbb{R} \).

1. \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) \geq A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \) such that \( f(x) \geq A - \varepsilon \) provided \( x \in S_{p, \delta} \).
2. \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \forall \delta > 0 \exists x_{\delta, \varepsilon} \in S_{p, \delta} \) such that \( f(x_{\delta, \varepsilon}) \leq A + \varepsilon \).
3. \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \) such that \( f(x) \leq A + \varepsilon \) provided \( x \in S_{p, \delta} \).

Theorem D.12. Let \( (X, d) \) be a metric space. Suppose \( E \subseteq X \) and \( p \) is a limit point of \( E \). Let \( f \) be a real (or extended real) valued function on \( E \) and suppose \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = A \in \mathbb{R} \).

1. \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \) such that \( f(x) \leq A + \varepsilon \) provided \( x \in S_{p, \delta} \).
2. \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \) such that \( f(x) \leq A + \varepsilon \) provided \( x \in S_{p, \delta} \).

Proof.
1. We may consider 3 cases:

Case 1: \( A = +\infty \). Clearly \( \operatorname{lim sup}_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \leq A = +\infty \).

Case 2: \( A = -\infty \). In general \( \operatorname{lim inf}_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \operatorname{lim sup}_{x \to p} f(x) \) so we may conclude that \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = -\infty \) and hence \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = -\infty \). Since \( \{x_n\} \subseteq E - \{p\} \) and \( x_n \to p \), it follows that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = -\infty \). Therefore \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = -\infty \leq A = -\infty \).

Case 3. \( A \in \mathbb{R} \). Let \( \varepsilon > 0 \) be given. By Theorem D.11 there exists \( \delta > 0 \) such that \( f(x) \leq A + \varepsilon \) for all \( x \in S_{p,\delta} \). Since \( \{x_n\} \subseteq E - \{p\} \) and \( x_n \to p \), we have \( x_n \in S_{p,\delta} \) a.a.n. Therefore \( f(x_n) \leq A + \varepsilon \) a.a.n. Consequently \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} (A + \varepsilon) = A + \varepsilon \). Since \( \varepsilon > 0 \) is arbitrary we can conclude that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \leq A \).

2. By item ii. of Theorem D.11 for all \( n \geq 1 \) (let \( \delta = \varepsilon = 1/n \)), there exists \( x_n \in S_{p,1/n} \) such that \( f(x_n) \geq A - 1/n \). Therefore \( x_n \in S_{p,1/n} \Rightarrow d(x_n,p) < 1/n, \{x_n\} \subseteq E - \{p\} \Rightarrow x_n \to p, \{x_n\} \subseteq E - \{p\} \).

Moreover, \( f(x_n) \geq A - 1/n \Rightarrow \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \geq \lim_{n \to \infty} (A - 1/n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} (A - 1/n) = A \).

But by item i. \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \leq A \) and so \( A \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \leq A \).

Consequently \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = A \) which implies \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = A \).

\[ \square \]

**Exercise D.5.** Let \( (X, d) \) be a metric space. Suppose \( E \subseteq X \) and \( p \) is a limit point of \( E \). Let \( f \) be a real (or extended real) valued function on \( E \). Suppose \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) \) is \( A \in \mathbb{R} \).

1. If \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) is a sequence in \( E - \{p\} \) such that \( p = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n \), then \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \geq A \).

2. There exists a sequence \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \) in \( E - \{p\} \) such that \( p = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n \) and \( A = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \).

**Remark D.13.** Considering the above theorem and exercise, one can give the following interpretation of \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) \) and \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) \):

\[ \lim_{x \to p} f(x) \] is the largest limiting value of \( \{f(x_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty \) over all sequences \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq E - \{p\} \) that converge to \( p \).

\[ \lim_{x \to p} f(x) \] is the smallest limiting value of \( \{f(x_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty \) over all sequences \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq E - \{p\} \) that converge to \( p \).

**Definition D.14.** Let \( X = \mathbb{R} \) and \( E = (a,b) \) be an open interval in \( \mathbb{R} \) containing \( p \) (or let \( E = (a,b) - \{p\} \) where \( p \in (a,b) \)). Let \( f \) be a real (or extended real) valued function on \( E \). We define

\[ \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \sup_{0 < |x - p| < \delta} f(x), \]

\[ \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \inf_{0 < |x - p| < \delta} f(x), \]

\[ \lim_{x \uparrow p} f(x) = \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \sup_{0 < x - p < \delta} f(x), \]

\[ \lim_{x \downarrow p} f(x) = \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \inf_{0 < p - x < \delta} f(x). \]

(Note that the set \( E \) can be unbounded.)

**Remark D.15.** Note that clearly if we let \( f_1 := f|_{(a,p)} \) and \( f_2 := f|_{(p,b)} \) then

\[ \lim_{x \to p} f_1(x) = \lim_{x \to p} f_2(x), \]

\[ \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{x \to p} f_1(x), \]

\[ \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{x \to p} f_1(x). \]

So in fact the properties that were previously mentioned for limsup and liminf of functions (e.g. Proposition 10) will hold true for one sided limsup and liminf as well (with obvious modifications).

Also it will be helpful to note that \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = A \in \mathbb{R} \) iff \( \lim_{x \to p} f_1(x) = A \in \mathbb{R} \). Similarly \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = A \in \mathbb{R} \) iff \( \lim_{x \to p} f_1(x) = A \in \mathbb{R} \).

**Corollary D.16.** An immediate consequence of the above remark, item 1. of Proposition D.9 and Theorem 6.41 is that if \( f \) is a real valued function on the open interval \( E = (a,b) \) which contains \( p \) (or on \( E = (a,b) - \{p\} \) where \( p \in (a,b) \) then

1. \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = A \in \mathbb{R} \) iff \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = A \in \mathbb{R} \).

2. \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = A \in \mathbb{R} \) iff \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = A \in \mathbb{R} \).

3. \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = A \in \mathbb{R} \) iff \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = A \in \mathbb{R} \).

**Theorem D.17.** Let \( X = \mathbb{R} \) and \( E = (a,b) \) be an open interval in \( \mathbb{R} \) containing \( p \) (or let \( E = (a,b) - \{p\} \) where \( p \in (a,b) \)). If \( f \) is a real valued function on \( E \) then

\[ \lim_{x \to p} f(x) = \max \{\lim_{x \to p} f(x), \lim_{x \to p} f(x)\}. \]
Proof. We have

\[ \forall \delta > 0 \sup_{0 < x - p < \delta} f(x) \leq \sup_{0 < |x - p| < \delta} f(x) \implies \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x), \]

\[ \forall \delta > 0 \sup_{0 < x - p < \delta} f(x) \leq \sup_{0 < |x - p| < \delta} f(x) \implies \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x). \]

Therefore, \( \max\{\limsup_{x \to p} f(x), \limsup_{x \to p} f(x)\} \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \). To prove the reverse inequality we will proceed as follows:

By Theorem D.12 there exists a sequence \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) in \( E - \{p\} \) such that \( p = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n \) and \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \). Clearly at least one of the sets \( A_1 = \{n : x_n \in (a, p)\} \) or \( A_2 = \{n : x_n \in (p, b)\} \) is infinite. If \( A_1 \) is infinite then \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) has a subsequence \( \{y_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \subseteq (a, p) \). So in particular \( y_k \to p \) and \( \lim_{k \to \infty} f(y_k) = \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \). Since \( y_k \to p \) we can conclude that \( \limsup_{k \to \infty} f(y_k) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \) (by Theorem D.12 and Remark D.15). But \( \limsup_{k \to \infty} f(y_k) = \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \) and hence \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \). Similarly, if \( A_2 \) is infinite then \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) \). So in either case \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = \max\{\limsup_{x \to p} f(x), \limsup_{x \to p} f(x)\} \).

Exercise D.6. Let \( X = \mathbb{R} \) and \( E = (a, b) \) be an open interval in \( \mathbb{R} \) containing \( p \) (or let \( E = (a, b) - \{p\} \) where \( p \in (a, b) \)). Let \( f \) be a real valued function on \( E \). Prove that

\[ \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \min\{\liminf_{x \to p} f(x), \liminf_{x \to p} f(x)\}. \]

Example D.18. Let \( f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}, \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}^c \end{cases} \) and \( p \in \mathbb{R} \). Since \( \mathbb{Q} \) and \( \mathbb{Q}^c \) are both dense in \( \mathbb{R} \), we have

\[ \forall \delta > 0 \sup_{0 < x - p < \delta} f(x) = 1 \implies \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = 1 \implies \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = 1, \]

\[ \forall \delta > 0 \sup_{0 < x - p < \delta} f(x) = 1 \implies \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = 1 \implies \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = 1, \]

\[ \forall \delta > 0 \inf_{0 < x - p < \delta} f(x) = 0 \implies \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = 0 \implies \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = 0, \]

\[ \forall \delta > 0 \inf_{0 < x - p < \delta} f(x) = 0 \implies \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = 0 \implies \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = 0. \]

Also by Theorem D.17 and Exercise D.6 \( \limsup_{x \to p} f(x) = \max\{1, 1\} = 1 \) and \( \liminf_{x \to p} f(x) = \min\{0, 0\} = 0 \). In particular, considering Corollary D.16 we can conclude that \( \lim_{x \to p} f(x) \) does not exist.

Example D.19. Let

\[ f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/x & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} - \{0\}, \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}^c, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases} \]

Let’s determine one sided limsup and liminf of \( f \) as \( x \) approaches 0. First note that for \( \{x_n = 1/n\} \subseteq (0, 2) \) we have \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = 0 \) and \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = \infty \). So by Theorem D.12 and Remark D.15 we can conclude that \( \infty = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = \limsup_{x \to 0} f(x) \) and therefore \( \limsup_{x \to 0} f(x) = \infty \). Similarly, for \( \{x_n = -1/n\} \subseteq (-2, 0) \) we have \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = 0 \) and \( \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = -\infty \). So by Exercise D.5 and Remark D.15 we can conclude that \( -\infty = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = \liminf_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \) and \( \liminf_{x \to 0} f(x) = -\infty \). Also since \( \mathbb{Q}^c \) is dense in \( \mathbb{R} \),

\[ \forall \delta > 0 \sup_{0 < x - p < \delta} f(x) = 1 \implies \limsup_{x \to 0} f(x) = 1 \implies \limsup_{x \to 0} f(x) = 1, \]

\[ \forall 0 < \delta < \frac{1}{2} \inf_{0 < x - p < \delta} f(x) = 1 \implies \liminf_{x \to 0} f(x) = 1 \implies \liminf_{x \to 0} f(x) = 1. \]

Now, clearly \( \limsup_{x \to 0} f(x) = \max\{1, \infty\} = \infty \) and \( \liminf_{x \to 0} f(x) = \min\{1, -\infty\} = -\infty \).

Definition D.20. Let \( f \) be a real (or extended real) valued function on \( \mathbb{R} \). We define

\[ \liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x) := \lim_{t \to \infty} \inf_{x \geq t} f(x), \]

\[ \limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x) := \lim_{t \to \infty} \sup_{x \geq t} f(x). \]

Previously mentioned properties for limsup and liminf of a function at a finite point hold for limsup and liminf at infinity as well (with obvious modifications). For completeness here we will state those properties again.

Proposition D.21. Let \( f \) be a real (or extended real) valued function on \( \mathbb{R} \).

1. \( \liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x) = -\limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x) \).
2. \( \liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x) = \limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x) \).
3. If \( g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \) is such that \( f(x) \leq g(x) \) on \( [M, \infty) \) for some \( M > 0 \), then

\[ \liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x) \leq \liminf_{x \to \infty} g(x), \]

\[ \limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to \infty} g(x). \]

(Proof is completely analogous to the proofs of the corresponding items of Proposition D.8)

Proposition D.22. Let \( f \) and \( g \) be a real valued function on \( \mathbb{R} \), i.e., \( f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \) and \( g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \).
1. \( \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) \) exists in \( \mathbb{R} \) iff \( \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = \limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x) \in \mathbb{R} \). In this case \( \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = \liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x) = \limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x) \).

2. \( \limsup_{x \to \infty} (f(x) + g(x)) \leq \limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to \infty} g(x) \), provided the right side of this equation is not of the form \(-\infty - \infty = \infty + \infty\).

3. \( \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) + \liminf_{x \to \infty} g(x) \leq \liminf_{x \to \infty} (f(x) + g(x)) \), provided the left side of this equation is not of the form \(-\infty - \infty = \infty + \infty\).

4. \( \liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to \infty} g(x) \leq \limsup_{x \to \infty} (f(x) + g(x)) \), provided the left side of this equation is not of the form \(-\infty - \infty = \infty + \infty\).

5. \( \lim_{x \to \infty} (f(x) + g(x)) \leq \liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to \infty} g(x) \), provided the right side of this equation is not of the form \(-\infty - \infty = \infty + \infty\).

6. \( \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) \) exists in \( \mathbb{R} \) then,

\[
\limsup_{x \to \infty} (f(x) + g(x)) = \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) + \limsup_{x \to \infty} g(x),
\]

\[
\liminf_{x \to \infty} (f(x) + g(x)) = \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) + \liminf_{x \to \infty} g(x).
\]

7. If \( f(x), g(x) \geq 0 \) on \([M, \infty)\) for some \( M > 0 \), then

\[
\limsup_{x \to \infty} (f(x), g(x)) \leq (\limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x))(\limsup_{x \to \infty} g(x)),
\]

provided the right hand side of this equation is not of the form \(0 \cdot 0\) or \(\infty \cdot 0\).

8. If \( f(x), g(x) \geq 0 \) on \([M, \infty)\) for some \( M > 0 \) and \( A = \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) \) exists in \((0, \infty)\) then

\[
\limsup_{x \to \infty} (f(x), g(x)) \leq (\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x))(\limsup_{x \to \infty} g(x))
\]

(Proof is completely analogous to the proofs of the corresponding items of Proposition D.9)

**Exercise D.7.** Prove that if \( f(x) \geq 0 \), then \( \limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x) = 0 \) if and only if \( \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = 0 \). Conclude that, even if \( f \) is not necessarily nonnegative, \( \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = 0 \) iff \( \limsup_{x \to \infty} |f(x)| = 0 \).

**Exercise D.8.** Prove the followings:

1. If \( f(x), g(x) \geq 0 \) on \([M, \infty)\) for some \( M > 0 \) then

\[
\liminf_{x \to \infty} (f(x), g(x)) \geq (\liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x))(\liminf_{x \to \infty} g(x)),
\]

provided the right hand side of this equation is not of the form \(0 \cdot 0\) or \(\infty \cdot 0\).

2. If \( f(x), g(x) \geq 0 \) on \([M, \infty)\) for some \( M > 0 \) and \( A = \lim_{x \to p} f(x) \) exists in \((0, \infty)\) then

\[
\liminf_{x \to \infty} (f(x), g(x)) = (\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x))(\liminf_{x \to \infty} g(x)).
\]

**Theorem D.23.** Let \( f \) be a real (or extended real) valued function on \( \mathbb{R} \) and suppose \( A \in \mathbb{R} \).

1. \( \limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x) \leq A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \) \( \exists M > 0 \) such that \( f(x) \leq A + \varepsilon \) provided \( x \geq M \).

2. \( \limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x) \geq A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \) \( \forall M > 0 \) \( \exists x, M, \varepsilon \geq M \) such that \( f(x, M, \varepsilon) \geq A - \varepsilon \).

3. \( \limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x) \) = \( A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \) \( \exists M > 0 \) such that \( f(x, M, \varepsilon) \geq A - \varepsilon \).

(Proof is completely analogous to the proof of Theorem D.11)

**Exercise D.9.** Let \( f \) be a real (or extended real) valued function on \( \mathbb{R} \) and suppose \( A \in \mathbb{R} \).

1. \( \liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x) \geq A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \) \( \exists M > 0 \) such that \( f(x) \geq A - \varepsilon \) provided \( x \geq M \).

2. \( \liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x) \leq A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \) \( \forall M > 0 \) \( \exists x, M, \varepsilon \geq M \) such that \( f(x, M, \varepsilon) \leq A + \varepsilon \).

3. \( \liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x) = A \) if and only if for every \( \varepsilon > 0 \) \( \exists M > 0 \) such that \( f(x, M, \varepsilon) \leq A + \varepsilon \).

**Theorem D.24.** Let \( f \) be a real (or extended real) valued function on \( \mathbb{R} \). Suppose \( \limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x) = A \in \mathbb{R} \).

1. If \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is a sequence of real numbers such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \infty \), then \( \limsup_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \leq A \).

2. There exists a sequence \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) of real numbers such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \infty \) and \( A = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \).

(Proof is completely analogous to the proof of Theorem D.12)

**Exercise D.10.** Let \( f \) be a real (or extended real) valued function on \( \mathbb{R} \). Suppose \( \liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x) = A \in \mathbb{R} \).

1. If \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) is a sequence of real numbers such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \infty \), then \( \liminf_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \geq A \).

2. There exists a sequence \( \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) of real numbers such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \infty \) and \( A = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \).

**Example D.25.** Let \( f(x) = \sin x \). We have

\[
\forall t \sup_{x \geq t} f(x) = 1 \implies \lim_{t \to \infty} \sup_{x \geq t} f(x) = 1 \implies \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = 1,
\]

\[
\forall t \inf_{x \geq t} f(x) = -1 \implies \lim_{t \to \infty} \inf_{x \geq t} f(x) = -1 \implies \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = -1.
\]
Example D.26. Let \( f(x) = x \sin(x^2) \).

For \( \{ x_n = \sqrt{2n\pi + \pi/2} \}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) we have \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \infty \) and

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt{2n\pi + \pi/2} \sin(2n\pi + \pi/2) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt{2n\pi + \pi/2} = \infty
\]

So by Theorem D.24 we can conclude that

\[
\infty = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = \limsup_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \leq \limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x)
\]

and therefore \( \limsup_{x \to \infty} f(x) = \infty \).

Similarly, for \( \{ x_n = \sqrt{2n\pi + 3\pi/2} \}_{n=1}^{\infty} \) we have \( \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \infty \) and

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt{2n\pi + 3\pi/2} \sin \left( 2n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2} \right) = \lim_{n \to \infty} -\sqrt{2n\pi + 3\pi/2} = -\infty
\]

So by Exercise D.10 we can conclude that

\[
-\infty = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) = \liminf_{n \to \infty} f(x_n) \geq \liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x)
\]

and therefore \( \liminf_{x \to \infty} f(x) = -\infty \).
Appendix: Math 140A Topics

E.1 Summary of Key Facts about Real Numbers

1. The real numbers, $\mathbb{R}$, is the unique (up to order preserving field isomorphism) ordered field with the least upper bound property or equivalently which is Cauchy complete.
2. Informally the real numbers are the rational numbers with the (irrational) hole filled in.
3. Monotone bounded sequence always converge in $\mathbb{R}$.
4. A sequence converges in $\mathbb{R}$ iff it is Cauchy.
5. Cauchy sequences are bounded.
6. $\mathbb{N}$ is unbounded from above in $\mathbb{R}$.
7. For all $a, b, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$, there are infinitely many rational and irrational numbers.
8. $\mathbb{Q}$ and $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ is dense in $\mathbb{R}$. In particular, between any two real numbers $a < b$, there are infinitely many rational and irrational numbers.
9. Decimal numbers map (almost 1-1) into the real numbers by taking the hole filled in.
10. If $a, b, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$, then
   a) $a \leq b$ by showing that $a \leq b + \varepsilon$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$.
   b) $a = b$ by proving $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a$ or
   c) $a = b$ by showing $|b - a| \leq \varepsilon$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$.
11. A number of standard limit theorems hold, see Theorem 3.13.
12. Unlike limits, $\limsup$ and $\liminf$ always exist. Moreover we have; $\liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n$ with equality iff $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n$ exists in which case
   \[ \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n. \]
   We may allow the values of $\pm \infty$ in these statements.
13. If $b_k := \{a_{nk}\}_{k=1}^\infty$ is a convergent subsequence of $\{a_n\}$, then
   \[ \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n \leq \lim_{k \to \infty} b_k \leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n \]
   and we may choose $\{b_k\}$ so that $\lim_{k \to \infty} b_k = \limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n$ or $\lim_{k \to \infty} b_k = \liminf_{n \to \infty} a_n$.
14. Bounded sequences of real numbers always have convergence subsequences.
15. If $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ and $A := \sup(S)$, then there exists $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset S$ such that $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$ for all $n$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = \sup(S)$.
16. If $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ and $A := \inf(S)$, then there exists $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset S$ such that $a_{n+1} \leq a_n$ for all $n$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = \inf(S)$.

E.2 Test 2 Review Topics:

1. Understand the basic properties of complex numbers.
2. Countability. Key facts are that countable union of countable sets is countable and the finite product of countable sets is countable.
3. Definitions of metric and normed spaces and their basic properties which in the end of the day typically follow from the triangle inequality.
4. You should know that metrics and norms are continuous functions that satisfy,
   \[ ||x|| - ||y|| \leq ||x - y|| \]
   and
   \[ |d(x, y) - d(x', y')| \leq d(x, x') + d(y, y'). \]
5. Be aware of different norms, $||\cdot||_1$, $||\cdot||_2$, and $||\cdot||_3$.
6. Understand the notion of: limits of sequences, Cauchy sequences, completeness, limits and continuity of functions.
7. Know what is meant by pointwise and uniform convergence. You should be able to compute pointwise limits and know how to test if the limit is uniform or not. A key theorem is the uniform limit of continuous functions is still continuous.

E.3 After Test 2 Review Topics:

Let $(X, ||\cdot||)$ be a Banach space.

1. Know $\sum_{n=1}^\infty x_n = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n$ if the limit exists.
2. Know $\sum_{n=1}^\infty x_n$ converges absolutely iff $\sum_{n=1}^\infty ||x_n|| < \infty$ and absolute convergence implies convergence in a Banach space.
3. Telescoping series and geometric series.
5. Absolute convergence tests: 1) integral test, 2) root test, 3) ratio test often combined with the 4) comparison test.
6. \( p \)-series examples.
7. \( n^{th} \) term test for divergence.
8. Cauchy criteria for convergence and the fact that tails of convergent series tend to zero, i.e. tails of convergent series tend to zero.
10. Uniform convergence of sums and the Weierstrass \( M \)-test
11. Power series including radius of convergence notion.
12. The exponential function and its relatives, \( \sin \), \( \sinh \), \( \cos \), \( \cosh \).
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