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### Answer 1

(a) Let  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_m$  be m points in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_m$  be non-negative coefficients summing up to 1  $(\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i = 1)$ . Consider the linear combination

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i x_i.$$

Since  $\mathbb{C}$  is convex, any convex combination of points in  $\mathbb{C}$  is also in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Therefore,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i x_i \in \mathbb{C}.$$

(b) counterexample to illustrate that the composition of convex functions is not always convex:

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be defined as  $f(x) = x^2$ , which is a convex function.

Let  $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be defined as  $g(x) = x^2 - 1$ , which is also convex.

Then we have  $h = f \circ g$ , where h(x) = f(g(x)) be defined as  $h(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 + 1$ .

Since  $h(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 + 1$  is not convex, we cannot say  $f \circ g$  is convex if g and f are convex functions.

# (c) Implication 1:

Assume f() is a convex function. We should show that S is a convex set, and g(t) = f(x + tv) is convex for all t such that  $x + tv \in S$ .

- 1. Convexity of S: Since f() is defined on S, and f() is convex, it implies that S must be a convex set. This is because the domain of a convex function is always convex.
- 2. Convexity of g(t) = f(x+tv): Let  $y_1 = x + t_1v$  and  $y_2 = x + t_2v$  be two points in S where  $t_1, t_2$  are such that  $x + t_1v, x + t_2v \in S$ .

Now, consider  $z = \lambda y_1 + (1 - \lambda)y_2$ , where  $\lambda$  is a convex combination coefficient  $(0 \le \lambda \le 1)$ .  $z = \lambda(x + t_1v) + (1 - \lambda)(x + t_2v)$  and  $z = x + (\lambda t_1 + (1 - \lambda)t_2)v$ .

Since S is convex,  $x + (\lambda t_1 + (1 - \lambda)t_2)v \in S$ , and by the convexity of f(), g(t) = f(x + tv) is convex.

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Therefore, the first implication holds.

#### Implication 2:

Assume S is a convex set, and g(t) = f(x + tv) is convex for all t such that  $x + tv \in S$ . We want to show that f() is a convex function.

To show that f() is convex, we need to consider two arbitrary points  $x_1, x_2$  in the domain of f() and show that  $f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \leq \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2)$  for all  $\lambda$  in [0, 1].

Consider  $x_1, x_2$  in the domain of f(). Let  $\lambda$  be a convex combination coefficient  $(0 \le \lambda \le 1)$ . Now, consider  $z = \lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2$ . Since S is convex, z is also in S. Therefore, we can use the convexity of g(t) = f(x + tv) for t such that x + tv = z.

$$g(t) = f(x+tv) = f(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2)$$

By the convexity of g(t):

$$f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \le \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2)$$

Therefore, the second implication holds.

Since both implications hold, we can conclude that a function f() is convex if and only if S is a convex set, and the function g(t) = f(x + tv) is convex for all t such that  $x + tv \in S$ .

### Answer 2

(a)

(i) if X is uncountable The set of all  $U \subseteq X$  is not a  $\sigma$ -algebra on X

Let's show a counterexample:

Let 
$$X = \mathbb{R}$$
 and  $U_1 = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$ .

Since  $X - U_1 = \{1\}$  satisfies the condition  $U_1$  must be in this set where  $U \subseteq X$ .

If this set is denoted by  $\Sigma$ , then from property (2)  $X - U_1 = U_2$  must be in this set.

However, since  $X - U_2 = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$ , which is infinite,  $U_2$  cannot be in this set. This leads to a contradiction.

Therefore, if X is an uncountable infinite set, the set of all  $U \subseteq X$  such that X - U is either finite or is  $\emptyset$  is **not** a  $\sigma$ -algebra on X.

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Therefore, if X is an countable infinite set, the set of all  $U \subseteq X$  such that X - U is either finite or is  $\emptyset$  is **not** a  $\sigma$ -algebra on X.

### (iii) if X is finite

The set in question must contain the empty set  $\emptyset$ . This property is satisfied because  $X - X = \emptyset$ , and  $\emptyset$  itself is also part of the set.

Since every U is finite where all  $U \subseteq X$ , X - U is also finite and this satisfies the condiciton.

Therefore, if this set is denoted by  $\Sigma$ , then X-U must be in this set.

Since X - (X - U) = U is finite, this satisfies the condiciton.

Since each U where  $U \subseteq X$  satisfies the condiciton, the set of all  $U \subseteq X$  is P(X).

Since  $\Sigma \subseteq P(X)$ , Therefore, if X is an uncountable infinite set, the set of all  $U \subseteq X$  such that X - U is either finite or is  $\emptyset$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on X.

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#### (ii) if X is countable infinite

The set in question must contain X. This property is satisfied because  $X - \emptyset = X$ , and X itself is also part of the set.

Since every U is countable where  $U \subseteq X$ , X - U is also uncountable and this satisfies the condiciton.

Therefore, if this set is denoted by  $\Sigma$ , then X-U must be in this set.

Since X - (X - U) = U is countable, this satisfies the condiciton.

Since each U where  $U \subseteq X$  satisfies the condiciton, the set of all  $U \subseteq X$  is P(X).

Since  $\Sigma \subseteq P(X)$ , Therefore, if X is an countable infinite set, the set of all  $U \subseteq X$  such that X - U is either countable or is all of X is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on X.

(iii) if X is finite

(c)

- (i) if X is uncountable
- (ii) if X is countable infinite
- (iii) if X is finite

# Answer 3

(a) Let's consider the congruence  $ax \equiv b \pmod{p}$ . If there exists an integer solution  $x = x_0$ , then  $ax_0 \equiv b \pmod{p}$ . So  $ax_0 - b$  is divisible by p. This implies there exists  $y \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $ax_0 - yp = b$ .

Let  $d = \gcd(a, p)$  (by Bezout's identity, there exist integers  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  such that  $ax_1 + py_1 = d$ ). This implies:

$$\left(\frac{b}{d}\right)ax_1 + \left(\frac{b}{d}\right)py_1 = b$$

Then, we have:

$$ax + py = b$$

where x, y are integers. Since  $d = \gcd(a, p)$  divides both p and a, it divides b too.

Therefore,  $gcd(a, p) \mid b$  is a must.

- (b)
- (c) The Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT) asks for a (common) solution x to a system of congruences

$$x \equiv \begin{cases} a_1 \pmod{p_1} \\ a_2 \pmod{p_2} \\ a_3 \pmod{p_3} \\ \vdots \\ a_k \pmod{p_k} \end{cases}$$

with  $gcd(p_i, p_j) = 1$  for  $i \neq j$ . The theorem states that there are infinitely many solutions, and any two differ by a multiple of  $lcm(p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_k)$ .

# Answer 4

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For a function g defined as  $g(n) = (x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nn}, \dots)$  where each  $x_{ij}$  belongs to the set  $X = \{a, b, \dots, z\}$ , consider the element  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots) \in X^{\omega}$  given by:

$$y_n = \begin{cases} x_{nn} & \text{if } x_{nn} \neq a \\ b & \text{if } x_{nn} = a \end{cases}$$

In other words, y is constructed such that it differs from each g(n) by at least one coordinate. This means that y is not mapped to by g, and therefore, g cannot be surjective.

This argument generalizes to any countable product of a set X with |X| > 1. If X has |X| = k elements, then there are  $k^{\mathbb{N}}$  distinct sequences in the countable product  $X^{\omega}$ , making it uncountable.

(b) Let  $Y = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} Y_i$ .

The sets  $Y_i$  are countable; therefore, there exist surjective functions  $f_i : \mathbb{N} \to Y_i$ . By Cantor's first diagonal argument, it is known that  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is countable. So let's define:

$$F: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \to Y$$

$$(i,x)\mapsto f_i(x)$$

Per the definition of the union, this mapping is surjective. So, Y is indeed countable.