

# Notes on Math Camp for Economics at UChicago

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## Basic Language of Math

### 1.1 Sets

Let us begin with the *sets*. A **set** is any well-specified collection of elements/members. There are two ways of denoting sets:

1. In style of large brackets, e.g.,  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ ;
2. In style of  $\{a|P\}$ , where  $|$  reads “such that”,  $a$  as a element, belongs to  $P$  as a set, e.g.,  $\{x|x^2 - 5x - 6 = 0\}$

There are some notations indicating the relations between sets and elements:  $a \in A$ ,  $a \notin A$ ,  $A = B$ ,  $A \subset B$ <sup>1.1</sup>.

*Property 1.1.* Given that (1)  $A \subset A$ ; (2)  $A \subset B$  and  $B \subset A \Leftrightarrow A = B$ .  
(3)  $A \subset B$ ,  $B \subset C \Leftrightarrow A \subset C$ .

*Example.*  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  = the set of real numbers, while  $\emptyset$  indicates empty set.

Given the existence of a **universal set**  $U$ , where other sets are embedded in this universal set  $U$ . Now we introduce notations of set operations:

1. The **union** between two such sets  $A, B$  embedded in  $U$  is denoted by  $A \cup B = \{x|x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$ ;
2. The **intersection** between  $A, B$  is denoted by  $A \cap B = \{x|x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$ .
3. The **complement** of  $B$  *relative to*  $A$  is denoted by  $A - B = \{x|x \in A \text{ but } x \notin B\}$ .
4. Now let  $A$  be the universal set, then we have  $A - B = B^C$ .

*Property 1.2. (De Morgan's Laws)* The followings are the properties applicable to set operations:

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<sup>1.1</sup> Any element of  $A$  is an element of  $B$ . We say that,  $A$  is a subset of  $B$ , or  $B$  is a superset of  $A$ :  $B \supset A$ .

1.  $C - (A \cup B) = (C - A) \cap (C - B)$ . If  $C = U$ , then we have  $(A \cup B)^C = A^C \cap B^C$ .
2.  $C - (A \cap B) = (C - A) \cup (C - B)$ .
3. (*Association Rule*)  $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$

**De Morgan's Laws** extends to something more general. Denote that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n$ :

$$4. (\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i)^C = \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i^C; (\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i)^C = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i^C.$$

Let  $A$  be a set. **Power set** is the set of all subsets of  $A$ , denoted by  $P(A) = \{B \mid B \subset A\}$ . The **cardinality** of a power set for a set of  $n$  elements is  $2^n$ .

## 1.2 Functions

### Definition 1.1. (Cartesian Product)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. Then the **Cartesian product** of  $A$  and  $B$  is represented by:

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$$

### Definition 1.2. (Function)

A function or map from  $X$  to  $Y$ , denoted by  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , is a subset of  $X \times Y$ , s.t., for each  $x \in X$ , there exists a unique  $y \in Y$  with  $(x, y) \in f$ .

$X$  is denoted by  $D(f)$ , the **domain** of  $f$ ; while  $Y$  is denoted by the **range** of  $f$ , such that  $R(f) = \{y \in Y \mid \exists x \in X, \text{ s.t., } f(x) = y\}$ .

### Definition 1.3. (Images)

Let  $X, Y$  be two sets, and the mapping of  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ .  $W \subset X$  is the **direct image** of  $W$  under  $f$ , such that

$$f(W) = \{f(x) \mid x \in W\} \subseteq Y$$

Then let  $Z \subset Y$ , the **inverse image** of  $Z$  under  $f$  is:

$$f^{-1}(Z) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \in Z\} \subset X$$

*Example.*  $f(x) = x^2$ .  $W = \{x \mid 0 \leq x \leq 2\}$ , we have the direct image of  $W$  under  $f$  be  $f(W) = \{y \mid 0 \leq y \leq 4\}$ . Let  $Z = \{y \mid 0 \leq y \leq 4\}$ , then we have the inverse image of  $Z$  under  $f$  be  $f^{-1}(Z) = \{x \mid -2 \leq x \leq 2\}$ .

Specially note that, in general<sup>1,2</sup>:

$$f^{-1}(f(W)) \neq W$$

**Definition 1.4. (Injective, Surjective, and Bijective)**

Given  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $f$  is **injective** or **one-to-one** if whenever  $x_1 \neq x_2$ , then  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ ;  $f$  is **surjective** or **onto** if  $\forall y \in Y, \exists x \in X$ , s.t.,  $f(x) = y$ .

Finally, if  $f$  is both **injective** and **surjective**, it is called **bijective**.

**Definition 1.5. (Inverse Function)**

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , given that  $f$  is bijective, then  $f^{-1} = \{(y, x) \in Y \times X \mid (x, y) \in f\}$  is the **inverse function** of  $f$ .

*Example.*  $D(f^{-1}) = R(f)$ ;  $R^{-1}(f) = D(f)$ .

*Property 1.3.* Given  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , then  $f$  is well-defined  $\Leftrightarrow f$  is a function.

**Definition 1.6. (Composite Function)**

Given  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ . Then **composite function**  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ , s.t.,  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ .

**Proposition 1.1.**  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ;  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ . Given that  $A \subset Z$ , then

$$(g \circ f)^{-1}(A) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(A))$$

## 1.3 Cardinality

For finite sets, one could directly work out the amount of elements; while for infinite sets, it becomes important to define the ways of *counting*.

**Definition 1.7. (Cardinality)**

Let two sets  $A, B$ . If  $\exists$  bijective map between  $A$  and  $B$ , we say  $A$  and  $B$  have the same **cardinal number** or the same **cardinality**.

**Definition 1.8. (Finiteness)**

1.  $A$  is **finite** if  $A$  has the same cardinality as  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
2.  $A$  is **infinite** if  $A$  is not finite:
  - $A$  is **countably infinite** if it has the same cardinality as  $\mathbb{N}$ , e.g., the set of even natural numbers, the set of squared numbers;
  - $A$  is **uncountable** if it is neither finite nor countable.

**Proposition 1.2.** Every infinite subset of a countably infinite set  $A$  is countably infinite.<sup>1,3</sup>

*Remark.* The cardinality of real numbers equals the cardinality of the power set of natural numbers.

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1.2. What is the exact relation then?

1.3. The proof is left to references. The cardinality of such infinite subset is strictly larger than that of  $\mathbb{N}$ .





## Linear Algebra

### 2.1 Vector Space

#### Definition 2.1. (Field)

A field  $K$  is a set with operation:  $+$  and  $\cdot$ . For every pair  $a, b \in K$ , there are unique elements  $a + b \in K$ ,  $a \cdot b \in K$ .

1. Communicative.  $a + b = b + a$ ,  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ ;
2. Associative.  $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$ ;
3.  $\exists 0 \in K$ ,  $1 \in K$ , s.t.,  $0 + a = a$ ;  $1 \cdot a = a$ ;
4.  $\forall a \in K$ ,  $\forall b \in K$ ,  $b \neq 0$ ,  $\exists c, d \in K$ ,  $c + a = 0$ ,  $b \cdot d = 1$ ;
5.  $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$ .

#### Definition 2.2. (Vector Space)

Let  $K$  be a field whose elements will be called **scalars**. A vector space  $V$  is a non-empty set whose elements we will referred to as *vectors*. There are two operations: addition and scalar multiplication:

$$\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V, c \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \in V, c\mathbf{u} \in V$$

*Property 2.1.* There are several properties of vectors:

1.  $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$ ;
2.  $u + v = v + u$ ;
3.  $\exists 0 \in V$ , s.t.,  $0 + u = u$ ;
4.  $\forall u \in V$ ,  $\exists -u \in V$ , s.t.,  $u + (-u) = 0$ ;
5. On scalar multiplication:
  - $\alpha(u + v) = \alpha u + \alpha v$ ;
  - $(\alpha + \beta)u = \alpha u + \beta u$ ;
  - $(\alpha\beta)u = \alpha(\beta u)$ ;

- $1 \cdot u = u$ .

*Example.* (1)  $V = K^n = \{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) | \alpha_i \in K\}$ . We have the following properties satisfied:

- $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) + (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) = (\alpha_1 + \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_n + \beta_n); \lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = (\lambda\alpha_1, \dots, \lambda\alpha_n)$
- (2)  $V = \{\{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty\}$ , then  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty + \{b_n\}_{n=1}^\infty = \{a_n + b_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ ,  $\lambda\{a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty = \{\lambda a_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ ;
- (3)  $V = \{f: K \rightarrow K\}$ ,  $f, g \in V$ ,  $\alpha \in K$ , therefore  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ ;  
 $(\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x)$ ;
- (4) (Polynomial)  $\mathbb{R}[x] = \{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x^2 + \dots + \alpha_n x^n | n \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

### Definition 2.3. (Linear Combination)

Given scalars  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ , then  $a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n$  is called a **linear combination** of vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ .

### Definition 2.4. (Linear Independence)

$v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  are **linearly dependent** if  $\exists a_1, \dots, a_n \in K$ , s.t., at least one of them is non-zero and  $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n = 0$ , otherwise, they are **linearly independent**.

### Definition 2.5. (Spanning Set)

$S \subset V$ . The subset spanned by  $S$  is:

$$\text{Span}(S) = \{a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n | a_n \in K, v_n \in S\}.$$

If  $\text{Span}(S) = V$ , we say  $S$  **spans**  $V$ .

**Theorem 2.1.**  $S \subset V$ ,  $S$  is linearly independent  $\Leftrightarrow$  every vector in  $\text{span}(S)$  has a unique expression as a linear combination of vectors in  $S$ .<sup>2.1</sup>

### Definition 2.6. (Basis)

$S \subset V$  is **basis** of  $V$  if  $S$  is linearly independent and  $S$  spans  $V$ .

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2.1. See the proof. Prove by contradiction.

**Theorem 2.2.**  $\mathcal{S} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \in V$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  is a basis of  $V \Leftrightarrow \forall v \in V, \exists$  a unique set of scalars  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , s.t.,  $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n = v$ .<sup>2.2</sup>

**Definition 2.7. (Coordinates)**

$\mathcal{S} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be a basis of  $V$ . For a given  $v \in V$ , the unique scalars  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in K$ , s.t.,  $v = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n$  are called **coordinates** of  $V$  w.r.t. the basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ .

*Example.* Consider  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ .

1.  $e_1 = (1, 0), e_2 = (0, 1), (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2, (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \alpha_1e_1 + \alpha_2e_2$ ;
2.  $e_1 = (1, 0), e_2 = (1, 1), (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2, (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)e_1 + \alpha_2e_2$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** In a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ , any two of its bases of vectors  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}, \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  must have  $m = n$ .

**Definition 2.8. (Dimension)** The number  $n$  of vectors in a basis of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  is called **dimension of  $V$** , denoted by  $\dim(V)$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** Suppose  $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\} \subset V$  spans  $V$ <sup>2.3</sup>, then there is a subset of  $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$  which is a basis of  $V$ .<sup>2.4</sup>

**Proposition 2.2.** Suppose  $V$  has a finite spanning set. Suppose  $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\} \subset V$  are linearly independent<sup>2.5</sup>. Then we can expand  $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$  to  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ ,  $n \geq r$ , s.t.,  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis.

**Proposition 2.3.** Suppose  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  span  $V$  and  $\{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  are linearly independent, then  $n \geq m$ .

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $\dim(V) = n$ .

1. Any  $n$  vectors which span  $V$  form a basis of  $V$ , and no  $n - 1$  vectors can span  $V$ ;
2. Any  $n$  linearly independent vectors form a basis of  $V$ , and no  $n + 1$  vectors can be linearly independent.

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2.2. *ditto*.

2.3. Note that, we have not guaranteed that the vectors in  $\{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$  are linearly independent. We may reduce them to a set of vectors that are linearly independent.

2.4. The proof is done by **sifting**.

2.5. This set of vectors do not necessarily *span* the vector space  $V$ .

**Definition 2.9. (Subspace)**

A **subspace**  $S \subset V$  that is a vector space in its own right using the operations of addition(+) and scalar multiplication( $\cdot$ ) obtained by restricting the addition and scalar multiplication from  $V$  to  $S$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** A nonempty set  $S \subset V$  is a **subspace** iff  $S$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication, s.t.,  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in K, \forall u, v \in S \Rightarrow \alpha u + \beta v \in S$ .

*Example.* Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $W = \{(\alpha, \beta) | \beta = 2\alpha\}$ ,  $W \subset V$ , and  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ . This is verified by checking both addition and scalar multiplication.

*Example.* Let  $V$  be the vector space with  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ , then  $\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

**2.2 Linear Transformation****Definition 2.10. (Linear Transformation)**

Let  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}$  be vector spaces. Then  $T: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  is a **linear transformation** or linear map if:

1.  $T(u_1 + u_2) = T(u_1) + T(u_2), \forall u_1, u_2 \in \mathcal{U};$
2.  $T(\alpha u) = \alpha T(u), \forall \alpha \in K, u \in \mathcal{U}.$

The above conditions can be condensed into:

$$\forall u_1, u_2 \in \mathcal{U}, T(\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2) = \alpha_1 T(u_1) + \alpha_2 T(u_2)$$

*Property 2.2.* The followings are the properties of linear transformation:

1.  $T(0_U) = 0_V;$

*Example.* Think about geometric transformations. One noteworthy case is **translation**, which is not linear transformation, since the mapping of 0 results in non-zero result.

2.  $T(-u) = -T(u);$

*Example.*

1.  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2. T(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (\alpha, \beta);$
2.  $V = C^\infty(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{D}: C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathbb{R}),$  where

$$(\mathcal{D}f)(x) = \frac{df}{dx}(x)$$

3. *Identity map*:  $I: U \rightarrow U$ ,  $I(u) = u$ ;
4. *Zero map*:  $O_{U,V}: U \rightarrow V$ ,  $O_{U,V}(u) = 0_V$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}$  be two vector spaces. Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be a basis of  $\mathcal{U}$ . For any vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in \mathcal{V}$ , there is a unique linear map  $T: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ , s.t.,  $T(e_i) = v_i$ .

*Proof.* From previous result,  $\forall u \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\exists$  unique set of coordinates  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ , s.t.,

$$u = \alpha_1 e_1 + \dots + \alpha_n e_n$$

Therefore, we have:

$$T(u) = T(\alpha_1 e_1 + \dots + \alpha_n e_n) = \alpha_1 T(e_1) + \dots + \alpha_n T(e_n) = \alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

*Example.*  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $T(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = T(\alpha, \beta)$ , that is,  $T(e_1) = (1, 0)$ ,  $T(e_2) = (0, 1)$ ,  $T(e_3) = (0, 0)$ . We have  $u = \alpha e_1 + \beta e_2 + \gamma e_3$ , then

$$T(u) = T(\alpha e_1 + \beta e_2 + \gamma e_3) = \alpha T(e_1) + \beta T(e_2) + \gamma T(e_3) = (\alpha, \beta)$$

**Definition 2.11. (Kernels and Images)**

Given the following linear transformation  $T: U \rightarrow V$ :

1.  $\text{image}(T) = \{T(u) | u \in U\} \subset V$ ;
2.  $\ker(T) = \{u \in U | T(u) = 0_V\} \subset U$ .

If  $T(u_1) = 0 = T(u_2)$ ,  $T(\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2) = \alpha_1 T(u_1) + \alpha_2 T(u_2) = 0$ .

Both kernels and images are subspaces, then we could discuss on their dimensions.

**Definition 2.12. (Rank and Nullity)**

$T: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ ,  $\text{rank}(T)$  is the dimension of  $\text{im}(T)$ , while  $\text{null}(T)$  is the dimension of  $\ker(T)$ .

*Example.* Given the transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $T(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (\alpha, \beta)$ . Then we have  $\text{image}(T) = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\ker(T) = \{(0, 0, \gamma) | \gamma \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Hence  $\text{rank}(T) = 2$ ,  $\text{null}(T) = 1$ ,  $\dim(U) = 3$ .

*Example.*  $U = \mathbb{R}[x]_{\leq n} = \{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x^2 + \dots + \alpha_n x^n | \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}: \mathbb{R}[x]_{\leq n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[x]_{\leq n}$ . Then we have  $\text{image}(\mathcal{D}) = \mathbb{R}[x]_{\leq n-1}$ ;  $\ker(\mathcal{D}) = \mathbb{R}[x]_0$ ;  $\text{rank}(\mathcal{D}) = n$ ;  $\text{null}(\mathcal{D}) = 1$ .

**Theorem 2.6. (Rank-Nullity Theorem)** <sup>2.6</sup>

Let  $U, V$  be finite dimensional vector spaces, and let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear map, then we have:

$$\text{rank}(T) + \text{null}(T) = \dim(U)$$

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation. Suppose  $\dim(U) = \dim(V) = n$ , then the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $T$  is surjective(onto);
2.  $\text{rank}(T) = n$ ;
3.  $\text{null}(T) = 0$ ;
4.  $T$  is injective(one-to-one);
5.  $T$  is bijective.

*Proof.* Statement (1) states that  $\text{im}(T) = V$ , which naturally gives (2). <sup>2.7</sup>

**Definition 2.13. (Singularity)**

$T: U \rightarrow V$ .  $T$  is **non-singular** if (1) or (2) or (5) hold. Otherwise,  $T$  is **singular**. Note that, this is defined only for  $U$  and  $V$  have the same dimension.

**2.3 Matrices**

We start with some denotations:

1.  $K^{m,n}$ : the space of all  $m \times n$  matrices.  $K^{1,n}$ : the space of all row vectors.  
 $K^{n \times 1}$ : the space of all column matrices.
2. The denotation of matrix:

$$A = [\alpha_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \cdots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{m1} & \cdots & \alpha_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Identity matrix  $I_n$ ; zero matrix  $0_{m \times n}, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $U, V$  be two matrices, such that  $\dim(U) = n, \dim(V) = m$ . Define  $T: U \rightarrow V$ . Then fix the bases  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  of  $U$  and  $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$  of  $V$ .

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<sup>2.6.</sup> Check the proof in the notes.

<sup>2.7.</sup> The following proof to be continued by yourself.

We have the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} T(e_1) &= \alpha_{11}f_1 + \alpha_{21}f_2 + \cdots + \alpha_{m1}f_m \\ T(e_2) &= \alpha_{12}f_1 + \alpha_{22}f_2 + \cdots + \alpha_{m2}f_m \\ &\vdots \\ T(e_n) &= \alpha_{1n}f_1 + \alpha_{2n}f_2 + \cdots + \alpha_{mn}f_m \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \cdots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \cdots & \alpha_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{m1} & \alpha_{m2} & \cdots & \alpha_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

**Theorem 2.8.**  $\dim(U) = n, \dim(V) = m$ . For given bases of  $U$  and  $V$ , there is a bijective correspondence between  $K^{m,n}$  and  $\text{Hom}(U, V)$ <sup>2.8</sup>.

*Example.*  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $T(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\} \subset U$ ,  $\{f_1, f_2\} \subset V$ ,  $e_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $e_2 = (0, 1, 0)$ ,  $e_3 = (0, 0, 1)$ ;  $f_1 = (1, 0)$ ,  $f_2 = (0, 1)$ .

Therefore,  $T(e_1) = (1, 0) = 1f_1 + 0f_2$ ;  $T(e_2) = 0f_1 + 1f_2$ ;  $T(e_3) = 0f_1 + 0f_2$ .  
Hence, we have

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We fix the basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  of  $U$ ,  $u \in U$ , and we have  $u = \lambda_1 e_1 + \cdots + \lambda_n e_n$ ; similarly, we fix the basis  $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$  of  $V$ ,  $v \in V$ , we have  $v = \mu_1 f_1 + \cdots + \mu_m f_m$ , then we denote:

$$\tilde{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_m \end{pmatrix}$$

**Proposition 2.4. (Linear Map)**

Given a linear map  $T: U \rightarrow V$ . Fix the bases  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  of  $U$  and  $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$  of  $V$ , and let  $A$  be the matrix corresponding to the transformation, therefore we have:

$$T(u) = v \Leftrightarrow A\tilde{u} = \tilde{v}$$

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2.8. homomorphism.

**Theorem 2.9. (Operations of Linear Transformation)**

1. Given the linear transformations  $T_1, T_2: U \rightarrow V$  with matrices  $A_1, A_2$ .  $T_1 + T_2$  has the corresponding matrix  $A_1 + A_2$ ;
2. Given the linear transformations  $T_1, T_2: U \rightarrow V$  with matrices  $A_1, A_2$ .  $\lambda T_1$  has the corresponding matrix  $\lambda A_1$ ;
3. Given the linear transformations  $T_1: V \rightarrow W$  with  $A_1$ ;  $T_2: U \rightarrow V$ ; under the premise of feasible matrix multiplication, the corresponding matrix to  $T_1 \circ T_2$  is  $A_1 A_2$ .

Now we focus on the conceptions related *rank of a matrix*.

**Definition 2.14. (Row and column spaces)**

Let  $K^{m \times n}$  be the space of all  $m \times n$  matrices, which is composed of row vectors  $\{r_1, \dots, r_m\} \in K^{1, n}$ , and alternatively, column vectors  $\{c_1, \dots, c_n\} \in K^{m \times 1}$ .

1. Row space of  $A$  is the subspace of  $K^{1, n}$  spanned by  $\{r_1, \dots, r_m\}$ , while the row rank of  $A = \dim(\text{row}(A))$ ;
2. Column space of  $A$  is the subspace of  $K^{m, 1}$  spanned by  $\{c_1, \dots, c_n\}$ , while the column rank of  $A = \dim(\text{col}(A))$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** Given the linear mapping  $T: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ , by fixing some bases  $\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  and  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$ , the matrix representation of  $T$  is  $A$ . Also,  $\text{rank}(T) = \text{col}(A) = \text{row}(A) = \text{rank}(A)$ .<sup>2.9</sup>

**2.4 Invertibility and Isomorphism****Definition 2.15. (Inverse Matrix)**

Let  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}$  be two vector spaces, and  $T: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  be a linear transformation. Then the function  $T^{-1}$  is said to be the **inverse** of  $T$  if  $TT^{-1} = I_V, T^{-1}T = I_U$ . We then say that  $T$  is invertible.

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<sup>2.9.</sup> Proof is left to the references.



**Proposition 2.5.** If  $T: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  is linear and invertible, then  $\dim(\mathcal{U}) = \dim(\mathcal{V})$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** Suppose the mapping  $T: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  is linear and invertible, then  $T^{-1}$  is also linear.

**Definition 2.16. (Invertibility)**

Let  $A \in K^{n,n}$ , then  $A$  is **invertible** if  $\exists A^{-1} \in K^{n,n}$ , s.t.,  $A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I_n$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** Given the linear transformation  $T: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ , and  $A$  is the matrix form of  $T$ . Then  $T$  is invertible if and only if  $A$  is invertible.

For invertible maps  $T, T_1, T_2: U \rightarrow V$  and their corresponding matrices  $A, A_1, A_2$ , the following properties may easily be checked:

1.  $T^{-1}, A^{-1}$  are unique;
2.  $(T_1 T_2)^{-1} = T_2^{-1} T_1^{-1}$  and  $(A_1 A_2)^{-1} = A_2^{-1} A_1^{-1}$ ;
3.  $(T^{-1})^{-1} = T$  and  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$ .

**Definition 2.17. (Isomorphism)**

Given two vector spaces  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$ ,  $\mathcal{U}$  is said to be **isomorphic** to  $\mathcal{V}$  if  $\exists T: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  where  $T$  is linear and invertible.

**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  be finite vector spaces, then  $\mathcal{U}$  is **isomorphic** to  $\mathcal{V}$  if and only if  $\dim(\mathcal{U}) = \dim(\mathcal{V})$ .

### Inverse of Linear Maps and Matrices.

The study of linear algebra is largely motivated by the study of the system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{11}x_1 + \cdots + \alpha_{1n}x_n &= \beta_1 \\ \alpha_{21}x_1 + \cdots + \alpha_{2n}x_n &= \beta_2 \\ &\vdots \\ \alpha_{m1}x_1 + \cdots + \alpha_{mn}x_n &= \beta_m\end{aligned}$$

Start with the linear map  $T: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ . Fix a basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  of  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$  of  $\mathcal{V}$ , and we have  $A$  be the corresponding matrix to  $T$ . Then we have:

$$T(u) = v \Leftrightarrow A\tilde{u} = \tilde{v}$$

The  $\Leftarrow$  side is known as **inverse image problem**.<sup>2.10</sup>

Homogeneous Problem.

$$b=0, Ax=0 \Leftrightarrow v=0, T(u)=0.$$

Correspondingly,  $\ker(T) = \{u \in \mathcal{U} | T(u) = 0\}$ , and  $\text{null}(A) = \{x \in K^{n,1} | Ax = 0\}$ .

**Proposition 2.8.** Take  $A \in K^{m,n}$ ,  $b \in K^{m \times 1}$ , if  $x^* \in K^{n,1}$  is a **particular solution** to  $Ax = b$ , then the full set of solutions to  $Ax = b$  is

$$x^* + \text{null}(A) = \{x^* + y | Ay = 0\}$$

*Proof.*  $\{x \in K^{n,1} | Ax = b\} = \{x^* + y | Ay = 0\}$ .

“ $\supset$ ”:  $x = x^* + y$  where  $Ay = 0$ , then  $Ax = (Ax^* + y) = Ax^* + Ay = Ax^* = b$ ;

“ $\subset$ ”:  $\bar{x}$ , where  $A\bar{x} = b$ , define  $y = \bar{x} - x^*$ , therefore  $Ay = A\bar{x} - Ax^* = b - b = 0$ .

Hereby  $\bar{x} = x^* + y$ . This build up their equivalence.

A more general case is for  $T(u) = v$  as for  $u^* + \ker(T)$ .

*Example.*  $V = C^\infty$ , with

$$a \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}(x) + b \frac{dy}{dx}(x) + cy(x) = f(x)$$

where  $a, b, c$  are known real numbers, while  $f(x)$  is a known function. Find  $y(x)$ .

**Solution.**  $\mathcal{L}y = a \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + c$ , such that  $\mathcal{L}: C^\infty \rightarrow C^\infty$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}y = f \Leftrightarrow (\mathcal{L}y)(x) = f(x), \forall x$ , satisfying that  $\mathcal{L}(y_1 + y_2) = \mathcal{L}(y_1) + \mathcal{L}(y_2)$ , while  $\mathcal{L}(\alpha y) = \alpha \mathcal{L}(y)$ .

Then the following holds:

$$y = y_P + y_H, \mathcal{L}y_P = f, \mathcal{L}y_H = 0, \mathcal{L}(y_P + y_H) = \mathcal{L}(y_P) + \mathcal{L}(y_H) = f$$

**Theorem 2.12.** Let  $A \in K^{n,n}$

1. The homogeneous system  $Ax = 0$  has a non-zero solution if and only if  $A$  is singular, s.t.,  $\text{null}(A) \neq \{0\}$ ;
2. The non-homogeneous system  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution if and only if  $A$  is non-singular, s.t.,  $\text{null}(A) = \{0\}$ .<sup>2.11</sup>

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2.10. If  $v \notin \text{Im}(T)$ , then there is no solution to the inverse image problem.

2.11. Such that, the linear map is a bijection.

## 2.5 Determinants

For  $A \in K^{n,n}$ , we denote the determinant of  $A$  by  $\det(A)$  or  $|A|$ .

*Property 2.3.* The following properties hold for determinants:

1.  $\det(I_n) = 1$ ;
2. If  $A$  has two equal rows, then  $\det(A) = 0$ ;
3. If  $A_{n \times n}$  is an upper triangular matrix, then  $\det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$ ;
4.  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$ ;
5.  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ ;
6.  $\det(A) = 0$  if and only if  $A$  is non-singular.

## 2.6 Change of Basis

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a vector space of dimension  $n$  with “old” basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ , and “new” basis  $\{e'_1, \dots, e'_n\}$ .

The matrix  $P$  corresponding to the identity map  $I_U: U \rightarrow U$  using the basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  in the domain and  $\{e'_1, \dots, e'_n\}$  in the range is called the **change of basis matrix** from the basis of  $e_i$ s to the basis of  $e'_i$ s.

Let  $P = (\sigma_{ij})$ , then

$$I_U(e_j) = e_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{ij} e'_i$$

i.e. the  $j$ th column of the change of basis matrix  $P$  is the coordinates of the “old” basis vector  $e_j$ .

*Example.* Let  $\mathcal{U} = \mathbb{R}^3$ , let  $e'_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $e'_2 = (0, 1, 0)$ ,  $e'_3 = (0, 0, 1)$ ,  $e_1 = (0, 2, 1)$ ,  $e_2 = (1, 1, 0)$ ,  $e_3 = (1, 0, 0)$ .

**Solution.**  $e_1 = 0e'_1 + 2e'_2 + 1e'_3$ ;  $e_2 = 1e'_1 + 1e'_2 + 0e'_3$ ;  $e_3 = 1e'_1 + 0e'_2 + 0e'_3$ .

Therefore, we have:

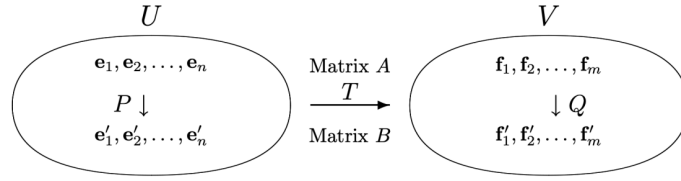
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Proposition 2.9.** Choose  $u \in \mathcal{U}$ , let  $\tilde{u}$  be coordinates of  $u$  using  $\{e_i\}_i$ , let  $\tilde{u}'$  be coordinates of  $u$  using  $\{e'_i\}_i$ , then  $P\tilde{u} = \tilde{u}'$ .

**Proposition 2.10.** If  $\{e_i\} \xrightarrow{P} \{e'_i\}$ , then there exists  $Q$ , s.t.,  $\{e'_i\} \xrightarrow{Q} \{e_i\}$ , and we must have  $QP = I$ .

$T: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ , such that  $\dim(\mathcal{U}) = \dim(\mathcal{V}) = n$ . Suppose  $\{e_i\} \subset \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\{f_i\} \subset \mathcal{V}$ , and  $T(e_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_{ij} f_i$ ;  $\{e'_i\} \subset \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\{f'_i\} \subset \mathcal{V}$ , and  $T(e'_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_{ij} f'_i$ . Let  $A = (\alpha_{ij})$ ,  $B = (\beta_{ij})$ . Let  $\{e_i\} \xrightarrow{P} \{e'_i\}$ ,  $\{f_i\} \xrightarrow{Q} \{f'_i\}$ .

**Theorem 2.13.** We have  $BP = QA$ , or equivalently,  $B = QAP^{-1}$ .<sup>2.12</sup>



**Definition 2.18. (Equivalence of Matrices)**

Two matrices  $A, B \in K^{m,n}$  are said to be **equivalent** if there exists invertible  $P$  and  $Q$  with  $B = QAP^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 2.14.** Let  $A, B \in K^{m,n}$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

1.  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent;
2.  $A$  and  $B$  represent the same linear map with respect to different bases;
3.  $A$  and  $B$  has the same rank.

Now consider a specific case, such that  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{V}$ . For simplicity, we write  $T: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  as a linear map, there will be a matrix representing  $T$  with respect to that basis. Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  and  $\{e'_1, \dots, e'_n\}$  be two bases of  $V$ , and let  $A = (\alpha_{ij})$  and  $B = (\beta_{ij})$  be the matrices of  $T$  with respect to  $\{e_i\}$  and  $\{e'_i\}$ , respectively. Let  $P = (\sigma_{ij})$  be the change of basis matrix from  $\{e'_i\}$  to  $\{e_i\}$ .

**Theorem 2.15.** With the above notation,  $B = P^{-1}AP$ .

**Definition 2.19. (Similar Matrices)**

Two  $A, B \in K^{m,n}$  matrices are said to be **similar** if  $\exists$  an invertible matrix  $P \in K^{m,n}$  with  $B = P^{-1}AP$ .

So two matrices are similar if and only if they represent the same linear map  $T: V \rightarrow V$  with respect to different bases of  $V$ .

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<sup>2.12.</sup> The proof is to be seen on the references.

## 2.7 Eigenstuff

### Definition 2.20. (Diagonalizable)

A matrix which is similar to a diagonal matrix is said to be **diagonalizable**.

It turns out that the possible entries on the diagonal of a matrix similar to  $A$  can be calculated directly from  $A$ . They are called **eigenvalues** of  $A$  and depend only on the linear map to which  $A$  corresponds, and not on the particular choice of basis.

### Definition 2.21. (Eigenpair)

Let  $T: V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map, where  $V$  is a vector space over  $K$ . Suppose that for some non-zero vector  $v \in V$  and some scalar  $\lambda \in K$ , we have  $T(v) = \lambda v$ . Then  $v$  is called an **eigenvector** of  $T$ , and  $\lambda$  is called the **eigenvalue** of  $T$  corresponding to  $v$ .

*Example.*  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $T(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = (2\alpha_1, 0)$ . Therefore  $T(1, 0) = (2, 0)$ . Correspondingly, we have eigenpair  $(2, (1, 0))$ . Also,  $T(0, 1) = (0, 0)$ , so we have another eigenpair  $(0, (0, 1))$ .

Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be a basis of  $V$ , and let  $A = (\alpha_{ij})$  be the matrix of  $T$  with respect to this basis. To each vector  $v \in V$ , where  $v = \lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \lambda_n e_n$ , we associate its column vector of coordinates,

$$\tilde{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, for  $u, v \in V$ , we have  $T(u) = v$  if and only if  $A\tilde{u} = \tilde{v}$ , and in particular,

$$T(v) = \lambda v \Leftrightarrow A\tilde{v} = \lambda\tilde{v}$$

Also note that, similar matrices have the same eigenvalues.

**Theorem 2.16.** Let  $A \in K^{n,n}$ . Then  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if  $\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$ , and

$$p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_n)$$

is known as the **characteristic polynomial** of  $A$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** Suppose  $A$  (or linear transformation  $T: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ ) have  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, then  $A$  is **diagonalizable**.

*Example.* Find the eigenvalues of the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 2 \\ -6 & -9 & -4 \\ 6 & 9 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = -2, \tilde{v}_1 = [1, -2, 3]^T; \tilde{v}_2 = [1, -1, 1]^T; \tilde{v}_3 = [1, -2, 2]^T, \text{ and}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$P$  is the change of basis from standard basis to a basis consisting of eigenvectors of  $A$ , and we could arrive at the following result: a diagonal matrix whose entries are eigenvalues.

$$D = P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Application. Coupled System of ODE

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1(t) &= \alpha_{11}x_1(t) + \alpha_{12}x_2(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) &= \alpha_{21}x_1(t) + \alpha_{22}x_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

Denote  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t))$ , and  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (\dot{x}_1(t), \dot{x}_2(t))$ , therefore, we have

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t)$$

with initial value  $\mathbf{x}(0) = x_0$ . By factorization, we have  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

Therefore  $\mathbf{y}(t) = P^{-1}\mathbf{x}(t) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}(t) = P\mathbf{y}(t)$ , where  $P$  is **decoupled**. Following the above steps, we have:

$$[P\dot{\mathbf{y}}(t)] = AP\mathbf{y}(t) \Rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{y}}(t) = \underbrace{P^{-1}AP}_{D}\mathbf{y}(t) = D\dot{\mathbf{y}}(t)$$

Resulting that

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_n(t) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & & & \\ & e^{\lambda_2 t} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & e^{\lambda_n t} \end{bmatrix}}_{E(t)} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(0) \\ y_2(0) \\ \vdots \\ y_n(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, we have  $\mathbf{y}(t) = E(t)\mathbf{y}(0)$ , by plugging back, we have:

$$P^{-1}\mathbf{x}(t) = E(t)P^{-1}\mathbf{x}(0)$$

Thus, we have:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = PE(t)P^{-1}\mathbf{x}(0)$$

## 2.8 Inner Product, Symmetricity and Orthogonality

### Definition 2.22. (Inner Product)

Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . An **inner product** on  $V$  is a function that assigns, to every pair of vectors  $(u, v)$  in  $V \times V$ , a scalar in  $\mathbb{R}$ , such that for all  $u, v, w \in V$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , the following hold:

1.  $\langle u + w, v \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle + \langle w, v \rangle$ ;
2.  $\langle \alpha u, v \rangle = \alpha \langle u, v \rangle$ ;
3.  $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$ ;
4. If  $u \neq 0$ , then  $\langle u, u \rangle > 0$ .

*Example.*

1. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $u = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ ,  $v = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$ . A commonly used inner product is,

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \beta_i$$

2. Let  $V = C[0, 1]$  be the space of all continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$ . For  $f, g \in V$ , the following is an inner product space:

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x) dx$$

### Definition 2.23. (Norm)

Let  $V$  be an inner product space. For  $v \in V$ , we define the **norm** or **length** of  $v$  by  $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$ .

### Definition 2.24. (Orthogonality)

$u, v \in V$  are **orthogonal** or perpendicular if  $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$ . A subset  $S \subset V$  is said to be **orthogonal** if any two distinct vectors in  $S$  are orthogonal.

A vector  $u$  in  $V$  is a **unit vector** if  $\|u\| = 1$ .

**Definition 2.25. (Orthonormality)**

A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is **orthonormal** if  $S$  is orthogonal and consists entirely of unit vectors.

**Definition 2.26. (Symmetricity)**

We say  $A \in K^{n,n}$  is **symmetric** if  $A = A^T$ .

**Definition 2.27. (Orthogonal Matrix)**

We say  $A \in K^{n,n}$  is **orthogonal** if  $A^{-1} = A^T$ , s.t.,

$$\langle Au, Av \rangle = (Au)^T Av = u^T A^T Av = u^T v = \langle u, v \rangle$$

**Theorem 2.17.** Let  $A \in K^{n,n}$  be a real symmetric matrix. Then there exists a real orthogonal matrix  $P$  with  $P^{-1}AP = P^TAP$  is diagonal.



## Exercises I

These exercises are worked out or excerpted by Tom Hierons.

### 3.1 Basic Language of Math

**Exercise 3.1.** Consider  $f(x) = x^2$ .

- a)  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ; Neither injective, nor surjective.
- b)  $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ; Injection
- c)  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ ; Surjection
- d)  $f: \mathbb{R}_- \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  ( $\mathbb{R}_- \equiv \{x \in \mathbb{R}: x \leq 0\}$ ) Bijection

**Exercise 3.2. (Cardinality)** (a)  $\mathbb{Q}$ ; (b)  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{n, n+1, n+2\}$ ; (c)  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{n, n+1, n+2\}$ ; (d)  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [1, 1 + \frac{1}{n}]$ ; (e)  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{1+n} [1, 1 + \frac{1}{n}]$ ; (f)  $\{X: X \subseteq \mathbb{N}\}$ .

Check out which of these are finite, countably infinite, and uncountable.

- (a) (Rational Numbers) countably infinite;
- (b)  $=\mathbb{N}$ , countably infinite;
- (c)  $=\emptyset$ , finite;
- (d)  $=[1, 2]$ , uncountably infinite, by mapping;
- (e)  $=\{1\}$ , finite;

- (f) Power set of natural number, uncountably infinite.

### 3.2 Linear Algebra

#### Exercise 3.3. (Definiteness and Cholesky Factorization)

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real matrix.  $A$  is said to be positive semi-definite if it is symmetric and  $x^T A x \geq 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $A$  is said to be positive definite if it is symmetric and  $x^T A x > 0$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

If we can write  $A = L L^T$  for a lower triangular matrix  $L$  then this is known as the **Cholesky factorization** of  $A$ .

1. Show that if  $A$  is positive definite then it is invertible.

*Proof.* Proof by contradiction. Given that  $x^T A x > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  while  $A$  is not invertible, then we have  $Ax = 0$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , a contradiction.

2. Given an example of a positive semi-definite matrix that is not invertible.

**Solution.**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Show that if  $A$  is positive semi-definite but not positive definite then it is not invertible.

*Proof.* Solve by using eigenvalue. There exists a zero eigenvalue corresponds to the matrix  $A$ , indicating  $A$  does not have full rank.

4. Show that if  $A$  has a Cholesky factorization then it is positive semidefinite.

*Proof.* If  $A$  has a Cholesky factorization, then for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have  $A = L L^T$ , hence  $x^T A x = (L^T x)^T (L^T x) \geq 0$ .

5. Show that  $A$  is positive semidefinite if and only if it has a Cholesky decomposition. Show that  $A$  is positive definite if and only if it has a unique Cholesky decomposition.

*Proof.* (1) $\Leftarrow$ : From 4;  $\Rightarrow$ : Given that  $A$  is positive semidefinite, then  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have

$$x^T A x \geq 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ : Proof by induction. When  $n = 1$ ,  $A = (a)$ . Obviously, when  $A$  is positive semidefinite, i.e.,  $a \geq 0$ , we have  $L = (\pm\sqrt{a}) = L^T$ . Now suppose when  $n = k$ ,  $A_k$  can be factorized in style of  $A_k = L L^T$ , we are now to induce that, when  $n = k + 1$ ,  $A_{k+1}$  can also be factorized in form of  $A_{k+1} = L * (L^*)^T$ .

Now we have  $A'$  be factorized into

$$\begin{aligned} A' &= \begin{pmatrix} c & \mathbf{v}^T \\ \mathbf{v} & A \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{c} & 0 \\ \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{c}} & I_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{A} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{c} & \frac{\mathbf{v}^T}{\sqrt{c}} \\ 0 & I_k \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ , and  $c$  is a scalar, and  $\bar{A} = A - \frac{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T}{c}$ . It is obvious that  $\bar{A}$  is also symmetric, and it is also positive semidefinite since for any nonzero vector  $\mathbf{x}$  of length  $k$ , we have

$$\mathbf{x}^T \bar{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T \left( A - \frac{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^T}{c} \right) \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{v}}{c} & \mathbf{x}^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c & \mathbf{v}^T \\ \mathbf{v} & A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{v}}{c} \\ \mathbf{x}^T \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$$

By the previous induction,  $\bar{A}$  has a Cholesky decomposition, denoted by  $\bar{A} = \bar{L}\bar{L}^T$ , therefore, we have

$$A' = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{c} & 0 \\ \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\sqrt{c}} & I_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{L} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{L}^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{c} & \frac{\mathbf{v}^T}{\sqrt{c}} \\ 0 & I_k \end{pmatrix} = L * (L *)^T$$

(2)  $\Leftarrow$ : Trivial and following the steps of (1).

$\Rightarrow$ :

**Claim.** If there exists  $L_1, L_2, L_1 \neq L_2$ , s.t.,

$$A = L_1 L_1^T = L_2 L_2^T$$

Then we have  $L_2 = D L_1$ , where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix.

Suppose  $\exists L_1, L_2, L_1 \neq L_2$ , s.t.,

$$A = L_1 L_1^T = L_2 L_2^T$$

This gives that

$$I = L_1^{-1} L_2 L_2^T (L_1^{-1})^T = (L_1^{-1} L_2) (L_1^{-1} L_2)^T \Rightarrow (L_1^{-1} L_2) = ((L_1^{-1} L_2)^T)^{-1}$$

This means that  $L_1^{-1} L_2$  is both upper and lower triangular, s.t.,  $L_1^{-1} L_2$  is diagonal. Moreover, by the above equation, we have  $L_1^{-1} L_2$  has all its diagonal entries be  $\pm 1$ , and since  $L_1 \neq L_2$ , therefore the two factorizations differ from each other by the signs of their columns.

Therefore, after adding the restrictions on “uni-sign”, we have the proposition proved.

**Exercise 3.4. (Matrix Powers)**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -12 \\ 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- a) Write  $A$  in the form of  $PDP^{-1}$  where  $D$  is diagonal.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- b) Find  $A^{100}$  and  $A^{101}$ .

$$A^{100} = I; A^{101} = A$$

**Exercise 3.5. (The Trace and More on Determinants)** The trace of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is defined by

$$\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

- a) Show that the trace is a linear function.

*Proof.* We need to show the following:  $\text{tr}(A+B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$ ;  $\text{tr}(kA) = k\text{tr}(A)$ ;  $\text{tr}(O) = 0$ , which are obviously true.

- b) For  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B$ , show that  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$ .

*Proof.*

$$\text{tr}(AB) = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ji}b_{ij}; \text{tr}(BA) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}a_{ji}.$$

- c) Suppose  $A$  is diagonalizable. Show that the trace of  $A$  is given by the sum of its eigenvalues.

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is diagonalizable, therefore we write  $A = P^TDP$ , by results of b), we have:

$$\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(P^TDP) = \text{tr}(DPP^T) = \text{tr}(D) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

- d) Suppose  $A$  is diagonalizable. Show that the determinant of  $A$  is given by the product of its eigenvalues.

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is diagonalizable, therefore we write  $A = P^TDP$ , for  $P$  is invertible, and therefore

$$\det(A) = \det(P^TDP) = \det(P^T)\det(D)\det(P) = \det(D)$$

Of which  $D$  is triangular and hence  $\det(D) = \det(A) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$ .

**Exercise 3.6. (Eigenvalues of Some Special Matrices)** Characterize the eigenvalues of the following:

- a) If  $A$  is **idempotent**, i.e.,  $A^2 = A$ , show its eigenvalues are 0 or 1.

*Proof.* There are two cases, either  $A = I$  or  $A = O$ , then correspondingly, we have eigenvalues of  $I$  be 1, and those of  $O$  be 0.

- b) If  $A$  is **nilpotent**, i.e.,  $A^k = 0, \exists k$ , show its eigenvalues are 0.

*Proof.* We have  $\det(A^k) = [\det(A)]^k = 0$ , hence  $\det(A) = 0$ , then by old results, the eigenvalues of  $A$  are 0.

- c) If  $A$  is **involutory**, i.e.,  $A^2 = I$ , show its eigenvalues are  $\pm 1$ .

*Proof.* Again, we have  $\det(I) = \det(A)\det(A) = 1$ , therefore either  $\det(A) = 1$  or  $\det(A) = -1$ , indicating that eigenvalues of  $A$  are either 1 or  $-1$ .

- d) If  $A$  is **Hermitian**, i.e.,  $A^H = A$ , show its eigenvalues are in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(\lambda, v)$  be an eigenpair of  $A$ , then  $\langle v^H, v \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n |v_i|^2 \geq 0$ . Since  $v$  is an eigenvector, therefore  $\exists v_i \neq 0$ , hence  $\langle v^H, v \rangle = 0$ .

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} v^H A v &= v^H (\lambda v) = \lambda v^* v \\ &= v^H A^H v = (A v)^H v = (\lambda v)^H v = \bar{\lambda} v^* v \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have  $\lambda v^* v = \bar{\lambda} v^* v \Rightarrow (\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) v^* v = 0$ , hence  $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$ , indicating that its eigenvalues are real.

- e) If  $A$  is **unitary**, i.e.,  $A^H A = I$ , show its eigenvalues are unit complex numbers in  $\mathbb{C}$ , or, have modulus 1.

*Proof.* First we have the following two relations:  $A v = \lambda v$ , and by taking its conjugate transpose  $(A v)^H = v^H A^H = \lambda^H v^H$ . Hence we multiply our two relations to obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} v^H A^H A v &= \lambda^H v^H \lambda v \\ v^H I v &= (\lambda^H \lambda) v^H v \\ v^H v &= (\lambda^H \lambda) v^H v \\ \|v\|^2 &= |\lambda|^2 \|v\|^2 \\ 1 &= |\lambda| \end{aligned}$$

### 3.3 Differential Equations

#### Exercise 3.7.

a) (First-order, linear, constant coefficients)

$$\dot{m}(t) = \bar{r}m(t) - \bar{c}, m(0) = m_0$$

Solve for  $m(t)$  as a function of  $\bar{r}, \bar{c}, m_0$ .

**General Recipe.** (First-order, linear ODE)

1. Write  $\dot{x}(t) + a(t)x(t) = b(t)$ ;
2. Integrating factor:  $e^{\int a(t)dt}[\dot{x}(t) + a(t)x(t)] = e^{\int a(t)dt}b(t)$
3. Differential form:

$$\frac{d}{dt}[e^{\int a(t)dt}x(t)] = e^{\int a(t)dt}b(t)$$

4. Use FTC to integrate

$$e^{\int a(t)dt}x(t) = \int e^{\int a(t)dt}b(t)dt + C$$

5. General solution.

$$x(t) = e^{-\int a(t)dt} \left[ \int e^{\int a(t)dt}b(t)dt + C \right]$$

6. Use  $x(t_0) = x_0$  to solve for a particular solution:

$$x(t) = x_0 e^{-\int_{t_0}^t a(s)ds} + \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\int_s^t a(z)dz} b(s)ds$$

[Economic Interpretation] The stock problem.

$$\dot{m}(t) - \bar{r}m(t) = -\bar{c} \Rightarrow e^{\int -\bar{r}dt}[\dot{m}(t) - \bar{r}m(t)] = e^{\int -\bar{r}dt}(-\bar{c})$$

Then by differentiating on both sides:

$$\frac{d}{dt}[e^{\int -\bar{r}dt}m(t)] = \frac{d}{dt}[e^{\int -\bar{r}dt}(-\bar{c})] \Rightarrow m(t)e^{-\bar{r}t} = \frac{\bar{c}}{\bar{r}}e^{-\bar{r}t} + C$$

By integration, we have the general solution

$$m(t) = \frac{\bar{c}}{\bar{r}} + Ce^{\bar{r}t}$$

with specific solution:

$$m(0) = m_0 = \frac{\bar{c}}{\bar{r}} + C \rightarrow C = m_0 - \frac{\bar{c}}{\bar{r}}$$

Therefore,

$$m(t) = \frac{\bar{c}}{\bar{r}} + \left(m_0 - \frac{\bar{c}}{\bar{r}}\right)e^{\bar{r}t}$$

b) **(First-order, linear, variable coefficients)**

$$\dot{m}(t) = r(t)m(t) - c(t), m(0) = m_0$$

Solve for  $w(t)$  as a function  $r(\cdot), c(\cdot), m_0$ .

$$\dot{m}(t) - r(t)m(t) = -c(t) \Rightarrow e^{\int -r(t)dt}[\dot{m}(t) - r(t)m(t)] = e^{\int -r(t)dt}(-c(t))$$

Then by differentiating on both sides and integrate:

$$\frac{d}{dt}[e^{\int -r(t)dt}m(t)] = \frac{d}{dt}[e^{\int -r(t)dt}(-c(t))] \Rightarrow m(t)e^{-r(t)t} = \frac{c(t)}{r(t)}e^{-r(t)} + C$$

By integration, we have the general solution

$$m(t) = \frac{c(t)}{r(t)} + Ce^{r(t)t}$$

with specific solution:

$$m(0) = m_0 = \frac{c(t)}{r(t)} + C \rightarrow C = m_0 - \frac{c(t)}{r(t)}$$

Therefore,

$$m(t) = \frac{c(t)}{r(t)} + \left(m_0 - \frac{c(t)}{r(t)}\right)e^{\bar{r}t}$$

c) **(Separable)**

$$Y(t) = A(t)K(t)^\alpha$$

$$\dot{K}(t) = sY(t)$$

$$\dot{A}(t) = g$$

$$A(0) = A_0, K(0) = K_0$$

**The recipe.** Solve for  $Y(t)$  as a function of  $A_0, K_0, \alpha, g, s$ .

1. Rearrange the function

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(t)g(x(t))$$

2. Differentiation

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} \cdot \frac{1}{g(x(t))} = f(t)$$

3. Integration

$$\int \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \cdot \frac{1}{g(x(t))} dt = \int f(t) dt$$

4. Solve and check for zeros of  $g(\cdot)$

We have:

$$\frac{d}{dt}A(t) = gA(t) \Rightarrow A(t) = A_0 e^{gt} \dots [\text{Malthus Growth Model}]$$

$$\dot{K}(t) = s A_0 e^{gt} K(t)^\alpha \Rightarrow \frac{dK(t)}{dt} K(t)^{-\alpha} = s A_0 e^{gt}$$

Hence, we have

$$\frac{1}{1-\alpha} K(t)^{1-\alpha} = \frac{s A_0}{g} e^{gt} + C$$

Then, by using  $K(0) = K_0$ , we have:

$$C = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} K_0^{1-\alpha} - \frac{s A_0}{g}$$

Therefore,

$$K(t) = \left[ \frac{(1-\alpha)s A_0}{g} e^{gt} + (1-\alpha)C \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}; Y(t) = A_0 e^{gt} K(t)^\alpha$$

### Exercise 3.8. (Linear Systems and Stability)

a) Find the solution to the system of differential equations:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_1(t) \\ \dot{y}_2(t) \end{bmatrix}}_{\dot{\mathbf{y}}(t)} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}}_D \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{y}(t)}$$

Given  $\mathbf{y}(0) = \mathbf{y}_0$ . Throughout, we assume that  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are nonzero.

$D$  has two eigenvalues,  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ . Then eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_1$  is  $(1, 0)^T$ , and that of  $\lambda_2$  is  $(0, 1)^T$ . Therefore we have the basic solution matrix as:

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix}$$

and general solution:

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} y_1 + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix} y_2^{3.1}$$

b) Suppose  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ , under what conditions will  $\mathbf{y}(t) \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for any value of  $\mathbf{y}_0$ . For  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0$ .

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$$3.1. \text{ Tom's answer form: } \mathbf{y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} y_{10} e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ y_{20} e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix}$$



c) Repeat b) but  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . (By using Euler<sup>3.2</sup>)

We have  $\lambda = a + bi$ , and therefore we have  $y_{10}e^{\lambda_1 t} = y_{10}e^{(a+bi)t} = y_{10}e^{at}e^{i(bt)}$ , where  $e^{i(bt)} = \cos(bt) + i \sin(bt)$ , which oscillates within the span of a unit circle. Hence, we only need the real parts of  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0$ .

d) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

And suppose that  $A = PDP^{-1}$  where  $D$  is the matrix given in a) consisting of the eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $P$  is an invertible matrix consisting of the corresponding eigenvectors. Let  $\mathbf{x}(t) = P\mathbf{y}(t)$ . 1) Show that  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t)$ . 2) for what values of  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  is  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = 0$ .

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \frac{d}{dt}(P\mathbf{y}(t)) = P\dot{\mathbf{y}}(t) = PD\mathbf{y}(t) = PDP^{-1}\mathbf{x}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t)$$

For  $A$  has non-zero eigenvalues, hence only if  $\mathbf{x}(t) = 0$ , we have  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = 0$ .

e) Using the previous parts, give conditions on  $A$  so that  $\mathbf{x}(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for any value of  $\mathbf{x}_0$ .

From d), we just need  $\mathbf{y}(t) \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore, in general, we just need the real parts of the eigenvalues of  $A$  are strictly negative.

f) Suppose that

$$\dot{\mathbf{w}}(t) = A\mathbf{w}(t) + \mathbf{b}$$

For some  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Find the steady state of the system (where  $\dot{\mathbf{w}}(t) = 0$ ) and suggest a transformation  $\mathbf{x}(t) = g(\mathbf{w}(t))$  so that  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  satisfies  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t)$ . Then interpret.

$$A\mathbf{w}^* + \mathbf{b} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{w}^* = -A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

Take  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{w}(t) - \mathbf{w}^* = \mathbf{w}(t) + A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ , then

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \dot{\mathbf{w}}(t) = A\mathbf{w}(t) + \mathbf{b} = A(\mathbf{x}(t) - A^{-1}\mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{b} = A\mathbf{x}(t)$$

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3.2. Euler's equation:  $e^{it} = \cos(t) + i \sin(t)$ .

### 3.4 Calculus

#### Exercise 3.9. (Norms, Metrics, and Topologies)

Let  $X$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- a) Let  $\|\cdot\| = d(x, 0)$  be a norm on  $X$ . Construct a metric  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $X$  using the norm and show that it satisfies the definition of a metric.

Define  $d'(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ . Therefore we have:

- $d'(x, y) \geq 0$  and " $=$ " iff  $x = y$ ;
- $d(x, y) = d(y, x) = \|x - y\|$ ;
- $d(x, z) = \|x - z\|$ ;  $d(x, y) + d(y, z) = \|x - y\| + \|y - z\| \geq \|(x - y) + (y - z)\|$  by triangular inequality.

- b) Let  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$  be a metric on  $X$ . Construct a *topology* on  $X$  and show that it satisfies the definition of a *topology*.

**Definition. (Topology)**  $X$  is a set. A topology on  $X$  is a set of subsets  $\tau$  of  $X$  with the following properties:

- Whenever  $(U_i)_{i \in I}$  is a family of subsets of  $X$ , s.t.,  $U_i \in \tau, \forall i \in I$ , then  $\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \in \tau$ ;
- Whenever  $U_1, U_2 \in \tau$ , then  $U_1 \cap U_2 \in \tau$ ;
- $\emptyset \in \tau$  and  $X \in \tau$ .

Consider any open ball on metric space  $X$  in the following format:

$$B = \{y \in X : d(x, y) < r\}$$

Let  $\tau = \{U \subseteq X \mid \forall x \in U : \exists B \in \mathcal{B}, \text{ s.t., } x \in B \subset U\}$ , where  $\mathcal{B}$  is the family of all open balls in  $(X, d)$ . Therefore,

- $\forall x \in X, \exists B \in \mathcal{B}, \text{ s.t., } x \in B$
- $\forall B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}, \text{ if } x \in B_1 \cap B_2, \text{ then } \exists B_3 \in \mathcal{B}, \text{ s.t., } x \in B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2 \in \mathcal{B}.$

Then we have the properties of the definition be immediate.

#### Exercise 3.10. (Homogeneous Functions)

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and assume throughout that it is  $C^2$ ,  $f$  is said to be *homogeneous of degree*  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  if for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f(\lambda \mathbf{x}) = \lambda^k f(\mathbf{x})$ .

**Cobb-Douglas function**  $f(x, y) = x^\alpha y^{1-\alpha}$ ,  $f(\beta x, \beta y) = \beta f(x, y)$ .

- a) **(Euler's Theorem)** Show that if  $f$  is homogeneous of degree  $k$ , then

$$k f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial [\lambda^k f(\mathbf{x})]}{\partial \lambda} &= k \lambda^{k-1} f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial(\lambda x_1)} \frac{\partial(\lambda x_1)}{\partial \lambda} + \cdots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial(\lambda x_n)} \frac{\partial(\lambda x_n)}{\partial \lambda} \\ &= x_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial(\lambda x_1)} + \cdots + x_n \frac{\partial f}{\partial(\lambda x_n)}\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\lambda = 1$ , we have:

$$k f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{x})$$

- b) Show that if  $f$  is homogeneous of degree  $k$ , then for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{x})$  is homogeneous of degree  $k - 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\lambda \mathbf{x}) &= \lim_{\mathbf{h} \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\lambda(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h})) - f(\lambda \mathbf{x})}{\lambda \mathbf{h}} \\ &= \lambda^{k-1} \lim_{\mathbf{h} \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h}) - f(\mathbf{x})}{\mathbf{h}} \\ &= \lambda^{k-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

- c) (**Wicksell's law**) Suppose that  $f: \mathbb{R}_+^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is homogeneous of degree 1, and that  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2}(\mathbf{x}) < 0$  for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_+^2$ . Show that  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}(\mathbf{x}) > 0$  for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_+^2$ .

As what have been given, we have

$$f(\lambda x_1, \lambda x_2) = \lambda f(x_1, x_2)$$

and by using

$$k f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{x})$$

we have:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} x_1 + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} x_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}$$

given  $k = 1$ . Then the result is obvious.

### Exercise 3.11. Calculus problems.

- a) (**L'Hopital's**) CES preferences are often parameterized as  $u: \mathbb{R}_+^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (\beta_i x_i)^\rho \right]^{\frac{1}{\rho}}$$

with  $\beta_i > 0$  and  $\rho \in (-\infty, 1]$ . For a given  $x$  derive this limit as  $\rho \rightarrow -\infty$ .

**L'Hopital's Rule.**  $f$  and  $g$  are *almost everywhere differentiable* and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = 0 \text{ or } \pm\infty$$

where  $g'(x) \neq 0, \forall x \in I \setminus \{0\}$ , then we have:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

First let  $\bar{L} = [\min \{\beta_1 x_1, \dots, \beta_n x_n\}]$ ,

$$u(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \bar{L} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\beta_i x_i}{\bar{L}} \right)^\rho \right]^{\frac{1}{\rho}}$$

Then take the logarithm form:

$$\log(u) = \log(\bar{L}) + \frac{1}{\rho} \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\beta_i x_i}{\bar{L}} \right)^\rho \right)$$

Hence, we have  $u(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{L}$  when  $\rho \rightarrow -\infty$ .

- b) **(Leibniz's)** In continuous time, the present discounted value of an asset paying a continuous flow of income at time  $t$  of  $y(t)$  from time 0 to  $T$  and paying 0 thereafter, given a discount rate  $\rho$ , is given by:

$$V(\rho, T) = \int_0^T y(t) e^{-\rho t} dt$$

Find  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial \rho}(\rho, T)$  and  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}(\rho, T)$  stating any assumptions needed on  $y(t)$ .

**(Leibniz Integral Rule)**

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dx} \left( \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} f(x, t) dt \right) \\ &= f(x, b(x)) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} b(x) - f(x, a(x)) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} a(x) + \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, t) dt \\ & \left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \rho}(\rho, T) &= \int_0^T \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} y(t) e^{-\rho t} dt = [-t y(t) e^{-\rho t}]_0^T = -t[y(T) e^{-\rho T} - y(0)] \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial T}(\rho, T) &= y(T) e^{-\rho T} \end{aligned} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$y(t)$  need to be continuous, differentiable, and has fixed integral limits.

- c) **(Log-linearization)** Take a first order Taylor expansion of  $f(K, L)$  around  $(\bar{K}, \bar{L})$  in logs. Under what conditions on  $f$  does this imply that the approximation can be written in the form  $\ln f(K, L) \simeq \ln A + \alpha \ln K + (1 - \alpha) \ln L$ ? Interpret.

$$\begin{aligned} \ln f(K, L) &= \ln f(e^{\ln K}, e^{\ln L}) \\ &\approx \ln f(\bar{K}, \bar{L}) + \frac{\partial \ln f}{\partial \ln \bar{K}} (\ln K - \ln \bar{K}) + \frac{\partial \ln f}{\partial \ln \bar{L}} (\ln L - \ln \bar{L}) \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $\alpha = \frac{\partial \ln f}{\partial \ln K}$ ,  $1 - \alpha = \frac{\partial \ln f}{\partial \ln L}$ , s.t., when  $f(K, L)$  follows a Cobb-Douglas Function, where  $\alpha$  represents output elasticity, then we have

$$\ln A = \ln f(\bar{K}, \bar{L}) - \alpha \ln \bar{K} - (1 - \alpha) \ln \bar{L}.$$

d) **(Example)** Consider the closed economy accounting identity

$$y_t = c_t + i_t$$

1. Take logs and compute the first order Taylor series approximation around  $y^*, c^*, i^*$ , simplify;

$$\ln(y_t) = \ln(c_t + i_t)$$

Therefore, by using first order Taylor series approximation, we have:

$$\ln y^* + \frac{1}{y^*}(y_t - y^*) = \ln(c_t + i_t) + \frac{1}{c_t^* + i_t^*}[(c_t - c^*) + (i_t - i^*)]$$

Then we have:

$$\frac{1}{y^*}(y_t - y^*) = \frac{1}{c_t^* + i_t^*}[(c_t - c^*) + (i_t - i^*)]$$

2. Assume that  $y^*, c^*, i^*$ , correspond to the steady-state of the system. Compute deviations from the steady state.

By using  $\tilde{y}_t = y_t - y^*, \tilde{c}_t = c_t - c^*, \tilde{i}_t = i_t - i^*$ , following the last result, we have:

$$\frac{1}{y^*}(y_t - y^*) = \frac{c^*}{c_t^* + i_t^*} \cdot \frac{(c_t - c^*)}{c^*} + \frac{i^*}{c_t^* + i_t^*} \cdot \frac{(i_t - i^*)}{i^*}$$

This gives that:

$$\tilde{y}_t = \frac{c^*}{y^*} \tilde{c}_t + \frac{i^*}{y^*} \tilde{i}_t$$



## Real Analysis

### 4.1 Basic Topology

**Definition 4.1. (Metric Spaces)** A set  $X$ , whose elements we shall call **points**, is said to be a **metric space**, if with any two points  $p, q \in X$ , there is an associated real number  $d(p, q)$ , called the **distance** between  $p$  and  $q$ , such that,

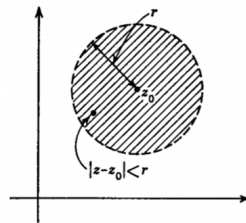
1.  $d(p, q) > 0$  if  $p \neq q$ ;  $d(p, p) = 0$ .
2.  $d(p, q) = d(q, p)$ .
3. (Triangle Inequality)  $d(p, q) \leq d(p, r) + d(r, q), \forall r \in X$

Any function with these three properties is called a **distance** function or a **metric**.

*Example.*  $X = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ ;  $x = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ .

**Definition 4.2. (Open Ball)** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Let  $x_0 \in X$  and  $r > 0$ . The **open ball** centered at  $x_0$  with radius  $r > 0$  is a subset of  $X$  defined by,

$$B_r(x_0) = \{x \in X \mid d(x, x_0) < r\}$$



**Definition 4.3. (Open Set)** A subset  $G \subset X$  of a metric space is called an **open** set if for all  $x \in G$ , there exists an  $r > 0$ , such that  $B_r(x_0) \subset G$ .

*Example.*  $X = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A = [a, b]$  is not open;  $A = (a, b)$  is open.

**Proposition 4.1.** In any metric space,  $B_r(x)$  is an open set.

*Proof.* Let  $B_r(x_0)$  be an open ball and  $x \in B_r(x_0)$ . We have to show that there exists an  $r_1 > 0$  such that  $B_{r_1}(x) \subset B_r(x_0)$ . Let  $r_1 = r - d(x, x_0)$ . Consider the point  $y \in B_{r_1}(x)$ . Then by construction,  $\forall y \in B_{r_1}(x)$

$$d(x_0, y) \leq d(x_0, x) + d(x, y) < d(x_0, x) + r_1 = r - d(x, x_0) + d(x, x_0) = r$$

**Proposition 4.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Let  $\{G_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be a collection of open sets, s.t.,  $\forall \alpha \in I$ ,  $G_\alpha \subseteq X$  is open.

1.  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} G_\alpha$  is open;
2.  $\bigcap_{\alpha=1}^N G_\alpha$  is also open.

*Proof.*

(1) Let  $\{G_i\}$  be an arbitrary class of open sets in  $X$ , and let  $G = \bigcup_{\alpha} G_\alpha$ . We consider the following cases:

1. If  $\{G_\alpha\}$  is empty, then  $G$  is empty and hence open;
2. If  $\{G_\alpha\}$  is not-empty, therefore every point in  $\{G_\alpha\}$  is the center of an open ball centered around it, and similarly,  $G = \bigcup_{\alpha} G_\alpha$  has the same property. Therefore  $G$  is also open.

(2) Let  $\{G_\alpha\}$  be a finite class of open set. The case in which  $\{G_\alpha\}$  is empty is trivial, then suppose the family of  $\{G_\alpha\}$  is non-empty, and equalling  $\{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n\}$ . Then if  $G$  is empty, it is open. Now suppose the intersection of these open sets is non-empty, and let  $x \in G$ , then  $x \in G_\alpha, \forall \alpha$ . Since each  $G_\alpha$  is open,  $\exists r_i > 0, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , s.t.,  $B_{r_i}(x) \subset G_\alpha$ . Let  $r = \min_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} r_i$ . Then  $B_r(x) \subset B_{r_i}(x) \subset G_i, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Since  $G = \bigcap_{i=1}^n G_i$ , we therefore have  $B_r(x) \subset G$  and therefore  $G$  is open.

**Definition 4.4. (Interior Point)** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space  $A \subseteq X$ . A point in  $A$  is called an **interior point** of  $A$  if it is the center of some open sets contained in  $A$ . The **interior** of  $A$ , denoted by  $\text{int}(A)$ , is the set of all its interior points, such that:

$$\text{int}(A) = \{x | x \in A, \exists r > 0, \text{ s.t., } B_r(x) \subset A\}$$



**Definition 4.5. (Limit Point)** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A \subset X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called a **limit point** of  $A$ , denoted by  $A'$ , if each open set centered on  $x$  contains at least one point of  $A$  that is different from  $x$ :

$$B_\varepsilon(x) \setminus \{x\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

**Definition 4.6. (Closed set)** A set  $F \subset X$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  is **closed** if it contains all of its limit points, s.t.,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, B_\varepsilon(x) \cap F \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** In any metric space  $X$ , the empty set  $O$  and the full space  $X$  are closed sets.

**Proposition 4.4.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A subset  $F$  of  $X$  is closed if and only if its complement  $F^c$  is closed.

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Assume  $F \subset X$  is closed, except for the trivial case that  $F^c$  is empty, let  $x \in F^c$ . Since  $F$  is closed and  $x \notin F$ , such that  $x$  is not a limit point of  $F$ , it must be that there exists an open set centered around  $x$ , such that  $B_r(x)$  is disjoint from  $F$ , indicating that  $B_r(x) \subset F^c$ .

$\Leftarrow$ : Assume  $F^c$  is open, still ignore the trivial case. Now prove by contradiction. Suppose there exists a limit point of  $F$  that is not in  $F$  but in  $F^c$ , then we have

$$B_\varepsilon(x) \setminus \{x\} \cap F \neq \emptyset, \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

a contradiction to that  $B_\varepsilon(x) \subset F^c$ , a contradiction to the fact that  $F^c$  is open.

**Definition 4.7. (Closure)** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and let  $A \subset X$ . The **closure** of  $A$ , denoted by  $\bar{A}$ , is the union of  $A$  and the set of all its limit points.

$\bar{A}$  is the smallest closed set, s.t.,  $A \subset \bar{A}$ .

*Example.*  $\overline{B_\varepsilon(x)} = \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) \leq \varepsilon\}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, and  $\{F_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be a collection of closed sets.

1.  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} F_\alpha$  is also closed;
2.  $\bigcup_{\alpha=1}^N F_\alpha$  is also closed.

This can be proved by using DeMorgan's laws.

*Remark.* Singletons are closed sets.

*Example.*  $\{0\} = [(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)]^C = (-\infty, 0)^c \cap (0, \infty)^c = \{0\}$ .

**Definition 4.8. (Bounded Set)** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . We say that  $A$  is a bounded set if  $\exists x \in X, \varepsilon > 0$ , s.t.,  $A \subseteq B_\varepsilon(x)$ .

**Definition 4.9. (Compact Set)** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$  with any metric. A **compact set** in  $X$  is a closed and bounded set.

## 4.2 Sequences

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space with metric and let,  $\{x_n\} = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$  be a **sequence** of points in  $X$ .

**Definition 4.10. (Sequence)** A sequence is  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$  and for notation, (1)  $f(n) = x_n$ ; (2)  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = \text{Image}(f)$ . “The values of  $f$ , that is, the elements  $x_n$ , are called the terms of the sequence.”<sup>4.1</sup>

**Definition 4.11. (Convergence of Sequence)** A sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  is convergent to  $x \in X$ , if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.,  $\forall n \geq N$ ,  $d(x_n, x) < \varepsilon$ .

**Theorem 4.2.**  $\{x_n\}_n$  converges to  $x \in X$  if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , all but finite terms of the sequence are contained in  $B_\varepsilon(x)$ .

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : By definition (by *tautology*);

$\Leftarrow$ : Suppose every nbhd of  $x$  contains all but finite points of  $\{x_n\}_n$ . Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and by assumption the set

$$V_\varepsilon(x) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} | d(x_n, x) \geq \varepsilon\}$$

is finite. Let  $N = \max V_\varepsilon(x)$ . Then  $\forall n > N$ , it is true that  $d(x_n, x) < \varepsilon$ . Then  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

**Theorem 4.3. (Uniqueness of Limit)**

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4.1. Rudin **Definition 2.7.**

Let  $\{x_n\}_n$  be a sequence in a metric space  $X$ , with  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $x = y$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and assume that  $x_n$  converges to both  $x$  and  $y$ . Then by definition there exists  $N_x$  and  $N_y$ , such that

$$d(x_n, x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \forall n \geq N_x; d(x_n, y) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \forall n \geq N_y$$

Let  $N = \max\{N_x, N_y\}$  and by using the triangle inequality,

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, x_n) + d(x_n, y) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

for any  $n \geq N$ . Thus,  $d(x, y) < \varepsilon, \forall \varepsilon > 0$ . Hence  $d(x, y) = 0$  and thus  $x = y$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $A$  be a non-empty closed set, and  $x \in A'$ . Then there is a sequence  $\{x_n\}_n \subseteq A'$ , such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $A$  and  $x \in A'$ . Pick  $x_n \in B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \setminus \{x\} \cap A$ . Since  $x$  is a limit point of  $A$ , then  $x_n$  always exists. Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.,  $\forall n \geq N$ ,  $\frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$ . Then, for every  $n \geq N$ , it follows that

$$d(x_n, x) \leq \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{N} < \varepsilon$$

Hence,  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and by construction  $\{x_n\}_n \subset A$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $\{x_n\}_n$  be a convergent sequence, then it is also bounded.

*Proof.* Given that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.,  $\forall n \geq N$ ,  $d(x, x_n) < \varepsilon$ . Then let  $\delta$  be defined as

$$\delta = \max\{\varepsilon, d(x_1, x), \dots, d(x_{N-1}, x)\}$$

Then  $\{x_n\}_n \subset B_\delta(x)$ , implying that the sequence is bounded.

**Theorem 4.6.** Let  $\{x_n\}_n$  and  $\{y_n\}_n$  be convergent sequences in the metric space  $(X, d)$ , s.t.,  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $y_n \rightarrow y$ , therefore we have:

1.  $x_n + y_n \rightarrow x + y$ ;

2.  $\alpha x_n \rightarrow \alpha x$ , for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ;

**The first two identities can be generalized to any vector space.**

3.  $x_n y_n \rightarrow xy$ ; (In  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{C}$ )  
 4.  $\frac{1}{x_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{x}$ , whenever  $x_n \neq 0, x \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* (1) Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.,  $n \geq N_1, |x_n - x| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ ;  $n \geq N_2, |y_n - y| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . If  $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ , then  $n \geq N$  implies

$$|(x_n + y_n) - (x + y)| \leq |x_n - x| + |y_n - y| < \varepsilon$$

(2) Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.,  $\forall n \geq N, |x_n - x| < \frac{\varepsilon}{|\alpha| + 1}$ , then by using the following identity, for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\|\alpha x_n - \alpha x\| = \|\alpha(x_n - x)\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|x_n - x\| < \frac{|\alpha|}{(|\alpha| + 1)} \varepsilon$$

**Definition 4.12. (Subsequence)** Let  $\{x_n\}_n$  be a sequence, consider a sequence of natural numbers  $\{n_k\}_k \subset \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k < \dots$ , in other terms:

1.  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, n_k \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
2.  $\forall k, k' \in \mathbb{N}, k > k'$ , then  $n_k > n_{k'}$ .

Then the sequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}_k$  is called a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}_n$ . If  $\{x_{n_k}\}_k$  converges then its limit is called a *subsequential limit*.

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $\{x_n\}_n$  be a sequence in a metric space  $X$ .  $\{x_n\}_n$  converges to  $x$  if and only if every subsequence of  $\{x_n\}_n$  converges to  $x$ .<sup>4.2</sup>

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and let  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  be a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.,  $\forall n \geq N, d(x_n, x) < \varepsilon$ .  $d(x_{n_k}, x) < \varepsilon$ , for every  $n_k \geq N$ . s.t.,  $N_k = \min_k \{n_k | n_k \geq N\}$ .

$\Leftarrow$ : Proof by contradiction. Suppose  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \neq x$ , s.t.,  $\exists \varepsilon > 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $d(x_n, x) > \varepsilon$ ; while for arbitrary choice of subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$ , we have  $d(x_{n_k}, x) < \varepsilon$ , while  $\{x_{n_k}\} \subseteq \{x_n\}$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 4.8. (Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem)** Let  $\{x_n\}_n$  be a sequence and  $\{x_n\}_n \subseteq K$ , s.t.,  $K$  is compact, then  $\{x_n\}_n$  has a convergent subsequence.

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4.2. Rudin Definition 3.5.

*Proof.* Every sequence in a closed and bounded subset is bounded, so it has a convergent subsequence, which converges to a point in the set, because the set is closed.<sup>4.3</sup>

**Definition 4.13. (Cauchy Sequence)** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is called a **Cauchy sequence** if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that, for all  $m, n > N$ , we have  $d(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon$ .

**Theorem 4.9.** Any sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  that is convergent is also Cauchy.

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , since  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.,  $\forall n \geq N$ , we have  $d(x_n, x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . Let  $m, n \geq N$ , then by triangular inequality,

$$d(x_n, x_m) \leq d(x_n, x) + d(x, x_m) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

*Remark.* The converse does not hold, by checking  $\{3, 3.1, 3.14, 3.142, \dots\}$  converges to  $\pi$ , where all elements of the sequence are in the space of rational number( $\mathbb{Q}$ ), but  $\pi$  is irrational. The sequence is Cauchy, but not convergent.

**Definition 4.14. (Complete Metric Space)** A **complete** metric space is a metric space in which every *Cauchy* sequence is convergent.

**Theorem 4.10.**  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a complete metric space,  $\forall n$ .

## 4.3 Continuous Functions

**Definition 4.15. (Continuous Function)**

Let  $(X, d_X)$  and  $(Y, d_Y)$  be two metric spaces. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , we say  $f$  is *continuous* at  $x$ , if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$ , s.t.,  $\forall z \in X$  satisfying  $d_X(x, z) < \delta$ ,  $d_Y(f(x), f(z)) < \varepsilon$ . Alternatively:

$$z \in B_\delta(x) \Rightarrow f(z) \in B_\varepsilon(f(x))$$

Or:

For each open ball  $B_\varepsilon$  centered on  $f(x)$ , there exists an open ball  $B_\delta(x_0)$  centered on  $x_0$ , such that  $f(B_\delta(x_0)) \subset B_\varepsilon(f(x_0))$ .

(Not Continuous) We say that  $f$  is *not continuous* at  $x$ , if is  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ , s.t.,  $\forall \delta > 0$ , s.t.,  $\exists z \in X$ , satisfying  $d_X(x, z) < \delta$ ,  $d_Y(f(x), f(z)) \geq \varepsilon$ .

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4.3. Check the workout of *sequential compactness* in Xuefeng's HW6 ex4.

**Theorem 4.11.** Let  $(X, d_X)$  and  $(Y, d_Y)$  be metric spaces and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$  if and only if for all sequences  $x_n \rightarrow x_0 \Rightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ .

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Assuming that  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , by continuity,  $\exists \delta, N > 0$ , s.t.,  $x_n \in B_\delta(x_0), \forall n \geq N$ , we have  $f(x_n) \in B_\varepsilon(f(x_0))$ .

Moreover, since  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ , then  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.,  $\forall n \geq N$ , s.t.  $x_n \in B_\delta(x_0)$ .

Thus, we have  $x_n \in B_\delta(x_0)$  and  $f(x_n) \in f(B_\delta(x_0)) \subset B_\varepsilon(f(x_0))$ , that is,  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ .

$\Leftarrow$ : Proof by contradiction. Given  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ , suppose  $f$  is not continuous at  $x_0$ , then  $\exists \varepsilon > 0, \forall \delta, n > 0$ , s.t.,  $f(B_\delta(x_0))$  is not a subset of  $B_\varepsilon(f(x_0))$ . Then construct  $\{x_n\}$  by choosing  $x_n \in B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x_0)$  and  $f(x_n) \notin B_\varepsilon(f(x_0))$ , then clearly  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$  but  $f(x_n)$  does not converge to  $f(x_0)$ .

**Continuity preserves limit.**

*Example.* (1) Let  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$ , let  $d(x, z) = |x - z|$ , and  $f(x) = x$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Pick  $\delta = \varepsilon$ , then for every  $z \in B_\delta(x)$ , it follows that,

$$|f(x) - f(z)| = |x - z| < \delta = \varepsilon$$

(2) Let  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$ , let  $d(x, z) = |x - z|$ , and  $f(x) = x^2$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For every  $z \in B_\delta(x)$ , it follows that,

$$|f(x) - f(z)| = |(x + z)(x - z)| = |x + z||x - z| < (2|x| + \delta) \cdot \delta < \varepsilon$$

That is, our choice of  $\delta$  should satisfy:

$$(2|x| + \delta) \cdot \delta < \varepsilon$$

By condition, due to its existence, we further restrict  $\delta < 1$ , so as to make that,

$$(2|x| + 1) \cdot \delta < \varepsilon \Rightarrow \delta < \frac{\varepsilon}{2|x| + 1}$$

and thus,

$$\delta = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\varepsilon}{2|x| + 1} \right\}$$

for arbitrary  $\delta, x$  that satisfy.

**Theorem 4.12.** Let  $(X, d_X)$  and  $(Y, d_Y)$  be metric spaces and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(G)$  is open in  $X$  whenever  $G$  is open in  $Y$ .

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Assume  $f$  is continuous. If  $G$  is an open set in  $Y$ , we must show that  $f^{-1}(G)$  is open in  $X$ . Suppose  $f^{-1}(G)$  is non-empty. Let  $x \in f^{-1}(G)$ . Then  $f(x) \in G$ . Since  $G$  is open, there exists a  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $B_\varepsilon(f(x)) \subset G$ . Furthermore, from the continuity,  $\exists \delta > 0$ , s.t.,  $f(B_\delta(x)) \subset B_\varepsilon(f(x))$ , and therefore,  $f(B_\delta(x)) \subset G$ , implying that  $B_\delta(x) \subset f^{-1}(G)$ . Thus we have an open ball centered on  $x$  that is contained in  $f^{-1}(G)$ , showing that  $f^{-1}(G)$  is open.

$\Leftarrow$ : We assume that  $f^{-1}(G)$  is open whenever  $G$  is open in  $Y$ . Since  $f^{-1}(G)$  is open, then let  $x \in X$  and consider  $B_\varepsilon(f(x))$ , which is open by nature. By assumption,  $f^{-1}(B_\varepsilon(f(x)))$  is open too. Since  $f^{-1}(B_\varepsilon(f(x)))$  is open and contains  $x$ , there exists an open ball centered on  $x$ , s.t.,  $B_\delta(x) \subset f^{-1}(B_\varepsilon(f(x)))$ . It is clear then  $f(B_\delta(x)) \subset B_\varepsilon(f(x))$ , which proves the continuity of  $f$ .

**Corollary 4.1.** Let  $(X, d_X)$  and  $(Y, d_Y)$  be metric spaces and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $f$  is continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(G)$  is closed in  $X$  whenever  $G$  is closed in  $Y$ .

*Proof.* “The complement.”<sup>4.4</sup>

**Proposition 4.5.** Let  $(X, d_X)$  and  $(Y, d_Y)$  be metric spaces and  $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous functions. Then  $f + g, fg, f/g$  are also continuous functions.

*Proof.*

(1) Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x \in X$ . Since  $f$  is continuous, there  $\exists \delta_1 > 0$  s.t.  $f(B_{\delta_1}(x)) \subseteq B_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}(f(x))$ ;  $\exists \delta_2 > 0$  s.t.  $g(B_{\delta_2}(x)) \subseteq B_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}(g(x))$ . Take  $\delta = \min \{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$ , therefore for  $x \in B_\delta(x')$ , we have:

$$|f(x) + g(x) - (f(x') + g(x'))| \leq |f(x) - f(x')| + |g(x) - g(x')| < \varepsilon$$

(2) Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x \in X$ .  $\forall x' \in B_\delta(x)$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)g(x) - f(x')g(x')| &= |f(x)g(x) - f(x)g(x') + f(x)g(x') - f(x')g(x')| \\ &\leq |f(x)g(x) - f(x)g(x')| + |f(x)g(x') - f(x')g(x')| \\ &= |f(x)| |g(x) - g(x')| + |g(x')| |f(x) - f(x')| \\ &\leq |f(x)| \frac{\varepsilon}{2|f(x)|} + |g(x')| \frac{\varepsilon}{2 \arg\max_{x'} |g(x')|} \end{aligned}$$

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4.4. Rudin **Theorem 4.8.**

**Theorem 4.13.** Let  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  be real-valued functions on the metric space  $X$  and let  $\mathbf{f}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be defined as,

$$\mathbf{f}(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x))$$

Then  $\mathbf{f}$  is continuous if it is component-wise continuous.

*Proof.* Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since every  $f_k$  is continuous, therefore  $\exists \delta_k > 0$ , s.t.,  $\forall x' \in B_{\delta_k}(x) \Rightarrow \mathbf{f}(x) \in B_{\frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{n}}}(\mathbf{f}(x))$ . Now fix  $\delta = \min_k \delta_k$ , we have:

$$\|\mathbf{f}(x) - \mathbf{f}(x')\| \leq \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{|f_k(x) - f_k(x')|^2}_{\leq \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^2}} \leq \varepsilon$$

**Theorem 4.14.** Let  $(X, d_X)$  and  $(Y, d_Y)$  be metric space and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be continous. Then  $K \subseteq X$  if is compact, then  $f[K]$  is compact.

*Proof. Closedness.* Let  $y \in f[K]'$ ,  $\exists \{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq f[K]$ , s.t.,  $y_n \rightarrow y$ . Consider the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq K$ , s.t.,  $f(x_n) = y_n$ .

By Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem,  $\exists \{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  to be a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , s.t.,  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$  for some  $x \in K$ . Given the continuity of  $f()$ , we have:

$$f(x) = f\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k}\right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{n_k}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{n_k} = y$$

**Boundedness.** Proof by contradiction. Given that  $f[K]$  is not bounded, want to show  $K$  is also not bounded. Then  $\exists \{y_n\}_n \in f[K]$  that is not Cauchy. By the relation of  $f(x_n) = y_n$ , there exists a convergent subsequence of  $\{x_n\}_n \in K$ , which is Cauchy, which notwithstands the definition of continuity.

Alternatively, assuming that  $f[K]$  is not bounded,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $y \in f[K]$ , s.t.,  $\|y\| \geq \varepsilon$ . Pick  $y_n \in f[K]$ , s.t.,  $\|y_n\| \geq n$ . Consider  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq K$ , s.t.,  $f(x_n) = y_n$ . By Bolzano-Weierstrass,  $\exists \{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq K$ ,  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$  for some element of  $K$ , that is,

$$\|f(x)\| = \left\| f\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k}\right) \right\| = \left\| \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{n_k}) \right\| \geq \left\| \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} n_k \right\|$$

a contradiction.

**Theorem 4.15.** If  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continous and  $K \subseteq X$  is compact, then  $\exists \bar{x}$  and  $\underline{x} \in K$ , s.t.,  $f(\bar{x}) = \max_{x \in K} f(x)$ , and  $f(\underline{x}) = \min_{x \in K} f(x)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $K$  is compact, while  $f$  is continuous by last theorem,  $f[K]$  is compact. Ley  $\alpha = \sup f[K]$ , s.t.,  $\alpha < \infty$ ,  $\alpha \in f[K]$ , hence  $\exists \bar{x} \in K$ , s.t.,  $f(\bar{x}) = \alpha$ .

**Definition 4.16. (Supremum and Infimum)**



Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .  $\alpha = \sup A$ ;  $\beta = \inf A$  if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$

1.  $\forall x \in A, \alpha + \varepsilon > x; \exists x \in A, x > \alpha - \varepsilon$ .
2.  $\forall x \in A, \beta - \varepsilon < x; \exists x \in A, x < \beta + \varepsilon$ .

Observation.  $\alpha, \beta$  are limit points of  $A$ .

#### 4.4 Connected Sets

**Definition 4.17. (Separated Sets)** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, with  $A, B \subseteq X$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  are **separated** if

1.  $\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$ ;
2.  $A \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset$ .

A set is otherwise *connected* if it is not *separated* by two sets.

**Theorem 4.16.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is connected, and  $x_1, x_2 \in C$ . WLOG,  $x_1 < x_2$ ,  $\forall z \in [x_1, x_2]$ ,  $z \in C$ .

*Proof.*  $\exists z \in (x_1, x_2)$ , s.t.,  $z \notin C$ , and  $A = (-\infty, z) \cap C$ , while  $B = (z, \infty) \cap C$ , then we have  $\bar{A} = [\inf C, z]$ ;  $B = (z, \sup C)$ , where  $\bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 4.17.** Given  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous,  $f([a, b]) = [c, d]$ .  $\forall z \in [c, d]$ , s.t.,  $\exists x \in [a, b]$ , s.t.,  $f(x) = z$ .

#### 4.5 Fixed Point Theorem

**Definition 4.18. (Contraction Mapping)** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A mapping  $T$  of  $X$  into itself is said to be a **contraction**, or **contraction mapping**, if there exists a real number  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , s.t.,

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \alpha d(x, y)$$

$\forall x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 4.18. (Banach Fixed Point Theorem)** Let  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous contraction. Then  $\exists x \in X$ , s.t.,  $T(x) = x$ , which is unique.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$ , and let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence iteratively defined as  $x_{n+1} = Tx_n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . We shall first prove that  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy. For  $p = 1, 2, \dots$ , by the definition of contraction mapping, we have:

$$d(x_{p+1}, x_p) = d(Tx_p, Tx_{p-1}) \leq \alpha d(x_p, x_{p-1}) \leq \dots \leq \alpha^n d(x_1, x_0)$$

Consider  $m, n$  be positive integers, WLOG, let  $m > n$ , therefore, by triangular inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_m, x_n) &\leq d(x_m, x_{m-1}) + d(x_{m-1}, x_{m-2}) + \cdots + d(x_{n+1}, x_n) \\ &\leq (\alpha^{m-1} + \alpha^{m-2} + \cdots + \alpha^n) d(x_1, x_0) \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha^n}{1-\alpha} d(x_1, x_0) \end{aligned}$$

Giving that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy in the complete space  $(X, d)$ , hence  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent. Let  $y$  be the limit of  $\{x_n\}$ , since continuity preserves limits, it follows that

$$Ty = T\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tx_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+1} = y$$

Hence,  $y$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .

If  $y \neq z$ , but  $Ty = y$ ,  $Tz = z$ , therefore  $d(y, z) = d(Ty, Tz) \leq \alpha d(y, z) < d(y, z)$ , implying that  $d(y, z) = 0 \Rightarrow y = z$ , thus prove for uniqueness.

## 4.6 Differentiability

**Definition 4.19. (Derivative)** Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined on  $[a, b]$ . For any  $x \in [a, b]$ , define  $f'(x)$  to be the derivative of  $f$  at  $x$  as

$$f'(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f(x) - f(t)}{x - t}$$

where  $t \in [a, b]$ .

**Theorem 4.19.** Consider a real-value function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  and assume for  $x \in [a, b]$ , the function  $f$  is differentiable. Then,  $f$  is also continuous at  $x$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $\varepsilon < 0$ . Note that,

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(t)}{x - t} + \eta(t)$$

where  $\eta(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow x$ . Observe that  $\eta(t)$  is continuous, therefore,  $\exists \delta > 0$ , s.t.,  $|\eta(t)| < \delta$ , hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(t)| &= \frac{|f(x) - f(t)|}{|x - t|} |x - t| = \left| \frac{f(x) - f(t)}{x - t} \right| |x - t| \\ &= |f'(x) - \eta(t)| |x - t| \\ &\leq (|f'(x)| + |\eta(t)|) |x - t| \\ &\leq (|f'(x)| + \delta) |x - t| \\ &< (|f'(x)| + \delta) \delta' = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.20.** Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are real and differentiable, then we have:

1.  $(f + g)'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x)$ ;
2.  $(fg)'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$ ;
- 3.

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x) = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - g'(x)f(x)}{g^2(x)}, g(x) \neq 0$$

*Proof.* (2) Let  $h(x) = f(x)g(x)$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) - h(t) &= f(x)g(x) - f(t)g(t) \\ &= f(x)g(x) - f(t)g(t) - f(x)g(t) + f(x)g(t) \\ &= f(x)[g(x) - g(t)] + g(t)[f(x) - f(t)] \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have:

$$\frac{h(x) - h(t)}{x - t} = \frac{f(x)[g(x) - g(t)] + g(t)[f(x) - f(t)]}{x - t}$$

By taking limits as  $t \rightarrow x$ , we have the results hold.

(3) Let  $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{q(x)}$ ,  $g(x) \neq 0$ , following the above manner, we have:

$$h(x) - h(t) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} = \frac{1}{g(x)g(t)}[f(x)g(t) - f(t)g(x)]$$

The result is then obvious.

**Theorem 4.21.** Suppose  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,  $f'(x)$  exists at some point  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $g$  is defined on an interval  $I$  which contains the range of  $f$ , and  $g$  is differentiable at the point  $f(x)$ . If  $h(t) = g(f(t))$ ,  $a \leq t \leq b$ , then  $h$  is differentiable at  $x$ , and

$$h'(x) = g'(f(x))f'(x)$$

*Proof.* Let  $y = g(x)$ ,  $s = g(t)$ , therefore

$$f(y) - f(s) = [f'(y) + \varepsilon(s)](y - s); g(x) - g(t) = [g'(x) + \eta(t)](x - t)$$

$\varepsilon(s), \eta(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $s \rightarrow y, t \rightarrow x$ . Then we have,

$$\begin{aligned} f(g(x)) - f(g(t)) &= f(y) - f(s) \\ &= [f'(y) + \varepsilon(s)](y - s) \\ &= [f'(g(x)) + \varepsilon(s)][g(x) - g(t)] \\ &= [f'(g(x)) + \varepsilon(s)][g'(x) + \eta(t)](x - t) \\ &\implies \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{f(g(x)) - f(g(t))}{x - t} &= f'(g(x))g'(x) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.22. (Generalized Mean Value Theorem)**

Consider two functions  $f, g$  to be real and differentiable on  $[a, b]$ , then  $\exists x \in (a, b)$ , s.t.,

$$g'(x)(f(b) - f(a)) = f'(x)(g(b) - g(a))$$

A special case is done by setting  $g(x) = x$ ,

$$f'(x)(b - a) = f(b) - f(a)$$

and this is known by **Mean Value Theorem**.

**Definition 4.20. (Local Maxima)** Consider a function  $f$  in an interval  $[a, b]$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$  is a **local maxima** if  $\exists \delta > 0$ , s.t.,  $\forall y \in B_\delta(x) \cap [a, b]$ , s.t.  $f(y) \leq f(x)$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** Consider  $f$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and be differentiable at  $(a, b)$ . If  $x \in (a, b)$ , then  $x$  is a local maxima if  $f'(x) = 0$ .

*Proof.*  $\exists \delta > 0$ , s.t.,  $\forall y \in B_\delta(x)$ , s.t.,  $f(y) \leq f(x)$ ,  $B_\delta(x) \subseteq (a, b)$ . Let  $t \in (x - \delta, x)$ , note that

$$\frac{f(x) - f(t)}{x - t} > 0$$

Pick  $t \in (x, x + \delta)$ , we have

$$\frac{f(x) - f(t)}{x - t} \leq 0$$

Now pick a sequence of  $\{t_n\}_n$ , s.t.,  $t_n \rightarrow x$ , and

$$h(t) = \frac{f(x) - f(t)}{x - t}$$

Where  $h(t_n) \geq 0$ , and  $h(t_n) \rightarrow f'(x)$ . By taking a similar argument on the another side, we have  $\forall n \in N$ ,  $h(t_n) > f'(x) \geq h\{t_n\}$ . Therefore, we should have  $f'(x) = 0$ .

Now continue to prove the generalized mean value theorem:

*Proof.* The claim is equivalent to:

$$g'(x)(f(b) - f(a)) - f'(x)(g(b) - g(a)) = 0$$

Then by FTC, let

$$h(x) = g(x)(f(b) - f(a)) - f(x)(g(b) - g(a))$$

where  $h(a) = h(b)$ , and  $x$  is a local optimum. There are three cases to discuss about.

1. When  $h \equiv C$ , then trivially done.
2. If  $\exists t, h(t) > h(a)$ ,  $t \in (a, b)$ , by the above lemma,  $x = \max f(x)$ , s.t.,  $h'(x) = 0$ ;
3. If  $\exists t, h(t) < h(a)$ ,  $t \in (a, b)$ , similarly done.

## 4.7 Sequence of Functions

**Definition 4.21. (Pointwise Convergent)** Let  $\{f_n\}_n$  be a sequence of functions defined in a metric space  $X$ . Suppose that  $\forall x \in X$ , the sequence of points  $\{f_n(x)\}_n$  converges. Then define

$$f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$$

In this case we say that the sequence  $\{f_n\}_n$  converges **pointwise** to  $f$ .

Note that, properties of the sequence can be lost in the limit.

*Example.*

(1) Consider  $f_n(x) = x^n$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$   $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f_n$  is continuous.

1.  $0 \leq x < 1$ ,  $f_n(x) = x^n \rightarrow 0$ ;
2.  $x = 1$ ,  $f_n(x) = 1$ .

(2)

$$f_n(x) = \frac{\sin(nx)}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Fix  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|f_n(x)| = \left| \frac{\sin(nx)}{\sqrt{n}} \right| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ . Then as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $f_n(x) = 0$ . Thus  $f(x) = 0$ .

Now, differentiating the sequence and the limit it yields  $f'(x) = 0$ , we have

$$f'_n(x) = \sqrt{n} \cos(nx)$$

Where  $f'_n(0) = \sqrt{n}$ , which does not converge to 0. Therefore, the sequence  $\{f'_n\}_n$  does not converge pointwise to  $f'$ .

**Definition 4.22. (Uniform Convergence)** Let  $\{f_n\}_n$  be a sequence of functions on a metric space  $X$ . We say that  $f_n$  converges uniformly to  $f$ , if  $\forall \varepsilon, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.,  $\forall n \geq N$ ,

$$d(f_n(x), f(x)) < \varepsilon$$

$\forall x \in X$ .

*Example.* 
$$f_n(x) = \frac{1}{nx+1}$$

$f_n(x)$  converges pointwise to  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x > 0$ , but it is not uniformly convergent.

**Theorem 4.23.** Let  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of functions, s.t.,  $f_n \rightarrow^{c.u.} f$ , then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.,  $\forall n, m \geq N$ , we have  $|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f_n(x)$  converges uniformly to  $f(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N$ , s.t.,  $\forall m, n > N, \forall x$ , we have,  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, |f_m(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ ,

$$|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \leq |f_n(x) - f(x)| + |f_m(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$$

**Corollary 4.2.**  $f_n$  converges uniformly on  $I$  iff  $\sup_{x \in X} |f_n(x) - f(x)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 4.24.** Consider the sequence  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , s.t.,  $f_n \rightarrow^{c.u.} f$ . Let  $E \subset X$ , and  $x \in E'$ . Denote  $y_n = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} f_n(t), t \in E$ , therefore, we have:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(t) \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\left( \lim_{t \rightarrow x} f_n(t) \right)}_{y_n}$$

*Proof.* Since  $f_n(t)$  uniformly converges, then  $\forall \varepsilon, \exists N$ , s.t.,  $|f_n(t) - f(t)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ ,  $|f_m(t) - f(t)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ , for  $n, m \geq N$ . Therefore, we have:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} |f_n(t) - f_m(t)| = \left| \lim_{t \rightarrow x} f_n(t) - \lim_{t \rightarrow x} f_m(t) \right| < \varepsilon$$

Therefore  $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} f_n(t)$  is Cauchy. Let  $y_n = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} f_n(t)$ , then by the claim in the theorem, we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$ .

Thus,  $\exists \delta > 0$ , s.t., if  $0 < |t - x| < \delta$ , we have  $|f_n(t) - y_n| < \varepsilon$ , thus

$$|f(t) - y| \leq |f(t) - f_n(t)| + |f_n(t) - y_n| + |y_n - y| = 3\varepsilon$$

**Corollary 4.3.**  $f_n \rightarrow^{c.u.} f$  and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f_n$  is continuous, then we have  $f$  be continuous.

**Theorem 4.25.**  $f_n \rightarrow^{p.t.} f$  and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $f_n$  is monotonically increasing and continuous, while  $f$  is continuous.  $f_n$ 's and  $f$  are on a compact set  $K$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Define  $g_n(x) = f_n(x) - f(x)$ , where  $g_n(x) \geq 0$  and is decreasing in  $n$ , while  $g_n(x) \rightarrow^{p.t.} 0$ .

Let

$$K_n = \{x \in K \mid g_n(x) \geq \varepsilon\}$$

The set  $K$  suffices the following conditions:

1.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, K_n \subseteq K$ ;
2.  $K_{n+1} \subseteq K_n$ ;
3.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, K_n$  is closed, for  $g_n$  is continuous, and its image is closed.

Also, since  $K_n \subseteq K$ ,  $K_n$  is compact.

Fix  $t \in K$ . Then  $g_n(t) \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.,  $\forall n \geq N$ ,  $|g_n(t)| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow g_n(t) < \varepsilon$ . This infers that  $\forall n \geq N, t \notin K_n$ , therefore  $t \notin \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} K_n$ . Therefore,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.,  $K_N = \emptyset \Rightarrow \forall n \geq N, K_n = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 4.26.** Suppose  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence of functions, differentiable on  $[a, b]$ , and s.t.,  $\{f_n(x_0)\}$  converges for some point  $x_0$  on  $[a, b]$ . If  $\{f'_n\}$  converges uniformly on  $[a, b]$ , then  $\{f_n\}$  converges uniformly on  $[a, b]$ , to a function  $f$ , and

$$f'(x) = \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \right)'$$

for  $x \in [a, b]$ .<sup>4.5</sup>

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4.5. See proof on Chapter 6, MAT2050.





## Optimization

**Definition 5.1. (Partial Derviatives)** Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . We define

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k + t, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_n)}{t}$$

**Definition 5.2. (Gradient)** If  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we define the gradient

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \left[ \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_n} \right]$$

We also have the **tangent line** at  $f(\mathbf{x})$  be:

$$T_{\mathbf{x}}(f) = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \nabla f(\mathbf{x})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = 0\}$$

**Definition 5.3. (Concavity)**

A function is **concave(convex)** if  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$f(\alpha \mathbf{x} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{y}) \geq (\leq) \alpha f(\mathbf{x}) + (1 - \alpha) f(\mathbf{y})$$

**Proposition 5.1.** If  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and  $\mathbf{x}^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a critical point, s.t.,  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ :

1. If  $f$  is concave, then  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is a local maximum;
2. If  $f$  is convex, then  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is a local minimum.

**Definition 5.4. (Directional Derivative)** Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$f'_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}h) - f(\mathbf{x})}{h}$$

And

$$f'_v(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

*Proof.* By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha \mathbf{y} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{x}^*) &\geq \alpha f(\mathbf{y}) + (1 - \alpha) f(\mathbf{x}^*) \\ f(\mathbf{x}^* + \alpha(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}^*)) &\geq f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \alpha(f(\mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x}^*)) \\ \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\mathbf{x}^* + \alpha(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}^*)) - f(\mathbf{x}^*)}{\alpha} &\geq f(\mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x}^*) \\ \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*)(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}^*) &\geq f(\mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x}^*) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 5.1. (Envelope Theorem)** In the problem  $\max_{x \in S} f(x, \theta)$ , suppose that there is a maximum point  $x^*(\theta)$  in  $S$ . Furthermore, assume that the functions  $\theta \mapsto f(x^*(\theta), \theta)$  and  $\theta \mapsto f^*(\theta)$  are differentiable at  $\theta^*$ . Then

$$\frac{\partial f^*(\theta^*)}{\partial \theta_j} = \left[ \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta_j} \right]_{(x=x^*(\theta^*), \theta=\theta^*)}$$

We have the following formula to work out:

$$\frac{\partial f^*(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = \frac{\partial f^*(x^*(\theta), \theta)}{\partial \theta_j} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial f(x^*(\theta), \theta)}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial x^*(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j}}_{=0, \text{ interior solution}}$$

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$$f^*(\Theta) = \max_{x \in K} \{f(\mathbf{x}; \Theta), \text{ s.t., } \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta) = \mathbf{b}\}$$

To solve the above formulation, we need less constraints than variables, and we have the Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}|\Theta) = f(\mathbf{x}; \Theta) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}; \Theta))$$





## Exercises II

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These exercises are worked out or excerpted by Jeanne Sorin.

### Exercise 6.1. (Convexity and Concavity)

1. Show that the function

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{\alpha_i}, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$$

is strictly concave.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\alpha_i f}{x_i}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i^2} = \frac{\alpha_i(\alpha_i - 1)f^2}{x_i^2}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = \frac{\alpha_i \alpha_j f^2}{x_i x_j}$$

Then we check its corresponding Hessian matrix..

$$D_3 = f_{11}f_{22}f_{33} - f_{12}^2f_{33} - f_{13}^2f_{22} - f_{23}^2f_{11}; D_4 = f_{11}f_{22}f_{33}f_{44} - f_{12}^2f_{33}f_{44} - f_{13}^2f_{22}f_{44} - f_{14}^2f_{22}f_{33} - f_{23}^2f_{11}f_{44} - f_{24}^2f_{11}f_{33} - f_{34}^2f_{11}f_{22}$$

In conclusion, we have:

$$D_k = \prod_{i=1}^k f_{ii} - \sum_{i \neq j} f_{ij}^2 \prod_{l \neq i, j} f_{ll}$$

2. Show that the function

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}}, \sigma > 1$$

is strictly concave.

We first prove the following lemma:

**Lemma.** *If  $f(\cdot), g(\cdot)$  are both strictly concave and  $f(\cdot)$  is increasing, then  $f(g(\cdot))$  is increasing.*

*Proof.* By the definition of concavity, and given the fact that  $f$  is increasing, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad f(g(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y)) &> f(\alpha g(x) + (1-\alpha)g(y)) \\ (2) \quad f(\alpha g(x) + (1-\alpha)g(y)) &> \alpha f(g(x)) + (1-\alpha)f(g(y)) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$f(g(\alpha x + (1-\alpha)y)) > \alpha f(g(x)) + (1-\alpha)f(g(y))$$

For  $h(x) = x^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}}$ , when  $\sigma > 1$ ,  $f(x)$  is increasing in  $x$ , with  $f''(x) < 0$ .

For  $g(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}}$ , we have:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial g^2(x)}{\partial x_i^2} = -\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma^2} x_i^{-\frac{\sigma+1}{\sigma}} < 0 \\ \frac{\partial g^2(x)}{\partial x_i x_j} = 0, i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Then obviously we find  $g(x)$  to be ND, thus strictly concave, by the above lemma  $f(x) = h(g(x))$  is also strictly concave.

3. Find the solution of the following problem by solving the constraints for  $x$  and  $y$ :

$$\min x^2 + (y-1)^2 + z^2, s.t. \begin{cases} x+y = \sqrt{2} \\ x^2 + y^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

There is only one point satisfying the binding constraints,  $(x, y) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$ . Therefore the minimum is at  $\frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 1\right)^2 = 1 + 1 - \sqrt{2} = 2 - \sqrt{2}$ .

### Exercise 6.2. (Envelope Theorem)

Let  $f(x, d)$  and  $g(x, d)$  be real-valued, continuously differentiable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^{m+\ell}$ , where  $X \in \mathbb{R}^m$  we choose variables and  $\alpha$  parameters in  $\mathbb{R}^\ell$ , and we try to solve the following problem:

$$\max_x f(x, \alpha), s.t., g(x, \alpha) \geq 0$$

evaluated at  $(x^*(\alpha), \lambda^*(\alpha))$ , with the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}^*(\alpha) = f(x)(x(\alpha)^*, \alpha) + \lambda^*(\alpha)g(x(\alpha)^*, \alpha)$$

Define  $V(\alpha) = f(\mathbf{x}^*(\alpha), \alpha)$ . Then

$$\frac{\partial V(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha_k} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}^*(\alpha), \lambda^*(\alpha), \alpha)}{\partial \alpha_k} = \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x}^*)}{\partial \alpha_k} + \lambda^* \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{x}^*)}{\partial \alpha_k}$$

**Elicit.**  $U(C, L) = c^\alpha l^{1-\alpha}$ , *s.t.*,  $cp_c + lp_l = w$ .

We have the Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}(c, l; \lambda) = c^\alpha l^{1-\alpha} + \lambda(w - cp_c - lp_l)$$

And per its corresponding value function and subsequently, envelope theorem, we have:

$$\frac{\partial V(p_c, p_\ell)}{\partial p_c} = -\lambda^* c^*; \quad \frac{\partial V(p_c, p_\ell)}{\partial p_\ell} = -\lambda^* \ell^*$$

Let an individual's utility maximization problem be like:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{X, Y} \quad & U(X, Y) = \log(X) + 2Y \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Xp_x + Yp_y \leq W \\ & X, Y \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

1. Solve for the choice variables as a function of the parameters, and for the corresponding indirect utility function  $V$ .

$$\mathcal{L}(X, Y, \lambda) = \log(X) + 2Y + \lambda(W - Xp_x - Yp_y)$$

By taking Lagrangian, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial X} &= \frac{1}{X} - \lambda p_x = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial Y} &= 2 - \lambda p_y = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} &= W - Xp_x - Yp_y \end{aligned}$$

which gives their optimum, by applying these, we then get its indirect utility function  $V$ :

$$V(W, p_x, p_y) = \log\left(\frac{p_y}{2p_x}\right) + 2\left(\frac{W}{p_y} - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

2. Totally differentiate  $V$  w.r.t  $W$ .

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial W} = \frac{2}{p_y}$$

3. Simplify using the FOCs. Think carefully about what holds when at an interior solution (*e.g.*  $W=10, p_y=3, p_x=1$ ) vs a corner solution (*e.g.*  $W=1, p_y=3, p_x=1$ ). Check that it satisfies the envelope theorem.

Interior solution:  $X^* = \frac{3}{2}; Y^* = \frac{17}{6};$

Corner Solution:  $X^* = \min \left\{ \frac{3}{2}, \frac{W}{p_x} = 1 \right\}; Y^* = 0.$

**Exercise 6.3. (Roy's Identity)**

Let  $u: \mathbb{R}_{++}^\ell \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable and strictly quasi-concave utility function. Then the demand function  $\hat{x}(\cdot)$  and the indirect utility function  $v(\cdot)$  satisfy the equations:

$$\hat{x}_k(\mathbf{p}, w) = -\frac{\frac{\partial v}{\partial p_k}(\mathbf{p}, w)}{\frac{\partial v}{\partial w}(\mathbf{p}, w)}, k = 1, \dots, \ell$$

By using Lagrangian and Envelope theorem, we have:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = u(\mathbf{x}) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}(g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, w)), g(\mathbf{x}) = w - \sum_k p_k x_k$$

Therefore, we have:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial p_k} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial p_k} = \boldsymbol{\lambda} \frac{\partial g}{\partial p_k} = -\lambda \hat{x}_k; \frac{\partial v}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w} = \boldsymbol{\lambda} \frac{\partial g}{\partial w} = \lambda$$

Therefore we arrive at our conclusion.