
Lecture 1

Remarks: Basic ordering properties are assumed to be true.

Definition 1. *Boundedness:* The subset $A \in R$ is said to be bounded above if $\exists M$ such that $M > x \quad \forall x \in A$. And it is bounded below if $\exists m$ such that $m < x \quad \forall x \in A$. If A has both then it is called bounded.

Definition 2. *Least Upper Bound (lub) Axiom:* If A is nonempty subset of R and it is bounded above, then A has a least upper bound in R .

Theorem 1. *If A is nonempty subset in R and it is bounded below, then it has a greatest lower bound in R .*

Proof. We first create a set T of lower bounds of A

$$T = \{m \mid m < x \quad \forall x \in A\}$$

T is non-empty since A is bounded below. Now, we need to prove that there exists a supremum of T which is also a lower bound of A .

Since, set T is bounded above by all the elements of set A , it should have a least upper bound, say M such that $M > m \quad \forall m \in T$. Also, every element of A is an upper bound of T hence by definition of supremum, we can say $M \leq x \quad \forall x \in A$ hence M is the lower bound of A . This makes it the greatest lower bound. \square

Lemma 1. *Suppose $A \neq \phi$ and $s = \text{lub}(A)$ then for any $y \in A$ such that $y < s$, $\exists a \in A$ such that $y < a \leq s$.*

Proof. Suppose for contradiction, \nexists any element a such that $y < a$. This means that $y \geq a, \forall a \in A \implies y$ is upper bound of set A . But y is already less than least upper bound of set A . Hence contradiction.

Therefore, $\exists a \in A$ such that $y < a \leq s$. \square

Theorem 2. *Archimedean Property:* Given any positive real numbers $x, y \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $nx > y$.

Proof. Let a set $A = \{nx \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Suppose for contradiction $nx \leq y$. Then y is the upper bound of the set A .

Let a $x > 0$, then $y - x < y$ hence $y - x$ is not the upper bound of the set A . This means that $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $y - x < mx \implies y < mx + x \implies y < (m + 1)x$ which is impossible since $(m + 1)x \in A$ and y is upper bound of the A .

$nx > y$ is true. \square

Theorem 3. *If A and B are the two non empty bounded subsets of R , such that $x \leq y \quad \forall x \in A$ and $\forall y \in B$ then $\sup(A) \leq \inf(B)$*

Proof. Let a be the supremum of A and b be the infimum of B . Therefore, $a \geq x \quad \forall x \in A$ and $b \leq y \quad \forall y \in B$. Also, A is bounded above by B and elements of B are the upper bound for A . Hence, $a \leq y \quad \forall y \in B$. This means that a is the lower bound of B and a is $\sup(A)$. In other words, $\sup(A) \leq \inf(B)$. \square

Theorem 4. *Given any two real number a, b with $a < b$, $\exists \mathbb{Q}$ between a and b .*

Proof. Since $b - a > 0$. Take two positive number $b - a$ and $1 \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $n(b - a) > 1$.

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Theorem 5. *Any monotone increasing sequence of real numbers that is bounded above converges to some real number.*

Proof. Let x_n be a monotone increasing sequence in \mathbb{R} that is bounded above by s i.e. $s = \text{lub}\{x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

Suppose $\epsilon > 0 \implies s - \epsilon < s$ and $s - \epsilon$ is not the upper bound of the x_n .

Using lemma 1, we can say that $\exists x_\epsilon \in x_n$ such that $s - \epsilon < x_\epsilon < s$.

Using monotone condition, for some $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, we have,

$$s - \epsilon < x_n < s < s + \epsilon \quad \forall n > n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$$

Hence $|x_n - s| < \epsilon$. x_n converges to $s \quad \forall n > n_0$. □

Remark. *Nested Interval theorem \approx lub \approx theorem 4*

Proof. TBD □

Theorem 6. *Nested Interval theorem: Suppose $\{I_n\}$ is the sequence of closed and bounded non-empty intervals such that $I_1 \supset I_2 \supset I_3 \dots$ then:*

$$1. \bigcap_{n \geq 1} I_n \neq \emptyset.$$

$$2. \text{ If the sequence of the length of the intervals goes to 0 then } \bigcap_{n \geq 1} I_n = \{x\}.$$

Proof. Let I_n be an interval $[a_n, b_n]$ with $a_m < b_n \forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, a_n is the increasing sequence and b_n is the decreasing sequence. b_n is upper bound of a_n hence, $a_n < \inf(b_n)$.

For b_n , a_n is the lower bound of b_n i.e. $\sup(a_n) < b_n$. If we combine all inequalities, we get

$$a_n \leq \sup(a_n) \leq \inf(b_n) \leq b_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Using density theorem, we can say that \exists some \mathbb{Q} between $\sup(a_n)$ and $\inf(b_n)$.

Hence, $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} I_n \neq \emptyset$.

Let the length of the interval to be $L = |b_n - a_n|$. Suppose for contradiction, we have two elements in $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} I_n$ instead of one, say x and y .

The distance between x and y is $|y - x|$. Since, $L \rightarrow 0$ hence $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for some $n_0 \geq n$, $|L| = |b_{n_0} - a_{n_0}| < \epsilon$ for some $\epsilon > 0$. Since $|L| \rightarrow 0$, we can choose ϵ such that it is smaller than $|y - x|$. Then, if interval contains any one of the point, it can not contain the other. □

Lecture 2

Definition 3. *Decimals representation of Real numbers: Let $z \in \mathbb{R}^+$ be given. Let n_0 be the largest integer such that $n_0 \leq z$. Let n_1 be the largest integer such that $n_0 + \frac{n_1}{10} \leq z$. As such, say n_k is defined for some k . Let n_{k+1} be the largest integer*

such that $n_0 + \frac{n_1}{10^1} + \frac{n_1}{10^2} + \cdots + \frac{n_k}{10^k} + \frac{n_{k+1}}{10^{k+1}} \leq z$. Consider the set of all such finite sums, i.e. the set of all

$$z_k = n_0 + \frac{n_1}{10^1} + \frac{n_1}{10^2} + \cdots + \frac{n_k}{10^k} + \frac{n_{k+1}}{10^{k+1}} \leq z$$

This set has a supremum and that is z itself. We symbolically write $z = n_0.n_1n_2\ldots$

Lemma 2. Let p be an integer ≥ 2 . If $0 \leq a_n \leq p-1$, where a_n is an integer then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{p^n}$ converges to some x in $[0, 1]$.

Proof. Since $0 \leq a_n \leq p-1$, we can replace all a_n with $p-1$ and then we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{p^n} \leq (p-1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^n} = 1$$

Therefore, the sequence is bounded, and it is monotonic increasing this means it converges to some $x \leq 1$ and x is already positive. Hence it converges to some x in $[0, 1]$. \square

Lemma 3. Conversely, given any $0 \leq x \leq 1, \exists a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $0 \leq a_n \leq p-1$ such that $x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{p^n}$.

Proof. Suppose we have $0 < x \leq 1$ and a_1 is the largest integer such that $\frac{a_1}{p} < x \leq 1$. Since x is bounded above by 1, we have $a_1 < p \implies a_1 \leq p-1$ since a_1 is an integer. Similarly, find a_2 such that $\frac{a_1}{p} + \frac{a_2}{p^2} < x$. This can be achieved by Archimedean property. Also, note that $a_2 \leq p-1$, since we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_1}{p} + \frac{a_2}{p^2} &< x < 1 \\ \frac{a_1}{p} + \frac{a_2}{p^2} &\leq \frac{p-1}{p} + \frac{a_2}{p^2} < 1 \quad (a_1 \leq p-1) \\ 1 - \frac{1}{p} + \frac{a_2}{p^2} &< 1 \\ \frac{a_2}{p^2} &< \frac{1}{p} \\ a_2 &< p \\ a_2 &\leq p-1 \end{aligned}$$

Inductively, we can define a_n as the largest integer with $a_n \leq p-1$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{p^i} < x$. Since $a_n < p$ TBD \square

Suppose $\{a_n\}$ is the bounded sequence in \mathbb{R} , we define two sets:

$$\begin{aligned} s_n &:= \inf\{a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots\} \\ S_n &:= \sup\{a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

Notice that $\inf_k (\{a_n\}) \leq s_n \leq S_n \leq \sup_k (\{s_n\})$

Definition 4. *Lim superior and limit inferior:* Let a_n be the bounded sequence of real numbers then

$$\begin{aligned}\liminf(a_n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \\ \limsup(a_n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n\end{aligned}$$

Limit superior is the supremum of all subsequential limits of $\{a_n\}$. Similarly, limit inferior is the infimum of all subsequential limits of $\{a_n\}$.

Note that s_n is the increasing sequence and S_n is the decreasing sequence and they are bounded on both sides. Hence, we can also say that using monotone convergence theorem

$$\begin{aligned}\liminf(a_n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \sup(s_n) \\ \limsup(a_n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \inf(S_n)\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 7. *A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is bounded above iff $\limsup a_n < \infty$ (is finite).*

Proof.

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