

# Math Reference

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

This chapter will offer reference and information that applies to the entire book.

### 1.1 Structure of This Book

#### 1.1.1 Categories

Each section of this book will focus on one of these general categories

- **Notation** - The way that we choose to represent mathematics as is written down, each topic will have a notation page with symbol definitions and other important information
- **Number Systems** - Representations of a numbers and fundamental operations that we can run on these numbers (i.e. numbers, vectors, counting, complex numbers)
- **Structures** - Ways to organize numbers operations and units to represent something or to indicate something (i.e. equations, logical statements, foundation of proofs)
- **Methods** - Strategies for going between structures and representations of real things (i.e. integrals, derivatives, trigonometry, rref)

# Chapter 2

## Linear Algebra

### 2.1 Notation

#### General

$\forall$  - For all

$\exists$  - Exists

#### Common Sets

$\mathbb{C}$  - Set of all Complex Numbers

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*Example.*  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

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$\wedge$  - and

*Example.*  $A \cap B = \{x : (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B)\}$

## 2.2 Vectors and Bases

**Definition 2.2.1. Vector Space** := a collection of vectors equipped with operations of addition and scalar multiplication such that the following axioms are true:

- Commutativity:  $\vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{w} + \vec{v} \forall \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in V$
- Associativity:  $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) \forall \vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in V$
- Zero Vector:  $\exists$  a vector  $\vec{0}$  such that for any vector

$$\vec{v} \in V, \vec{v} + \vec{0} = \vec{v}$$

- Additive Inverse: for any vector  $\vec{v} \in V$  there exists a vector  $\vec{w} \in V$  such that  $\vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{0}$
- Multiplicative Identity: for any vector  $\vec{v} \in V$ ,  $(1)\vec{v} = \vec{v}$
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# Chapter 3

## Real Analysis

### 3.1 Notation

#### General

$\forall$  - For all

$\exists$  - Exists

#### Common Sets

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**Definition 3.1.4.**  $\subseteq$  - **Subset** := Set A is a **Subset** of B if all the elements of A are also elements of B. We denote this by  $A \subseteq B$ .

**Definition 3.1.5.**  $\subsetneq$  - **Proper Subset** := Set A is a **Proper Subset** of B if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \neq B$

$\vee$  - or

*Example.*  $A \cup B = \{x : (x \in A) \vee (x \in B)\}$

$\wedge$  - and

*Example.*  $A \cap B = \{x : (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B)\}$

## 3.2 Review of Set Theory

**Definition 3.2.1.** Two sets are considered to be equal if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \supseteq B$

**Definition 3.2.2. Pairwise Disjoint** := A set of sets  $\mathfrak{S}$  is considered to be **Pairwise Disjoint** if for  $S, T \in \mathfrak{S}$

$$S \neq T \Rightarrow S \cap T = \emptyset$$

There are two ways of taking "differences" of sets:

$$X \setminus Y = \{x \in X : x \notin Y\}$$

$$X \Delta Y = (X \cup Y) \setminus (X \cap Y)$$

*Proof.* For any three finite sets  $X, Y, Z$ :

From the definition of  $\Delta$  we find that:

$$(X \Delta Y) \Delta Z = \{x \in (X \cup Y) : x \notin (X \cap Y)\} \Delta Z = \{x \in ((X \cup Y) \cup Z) : x \notin ((X \cap Y) \cap Z)\}$$

Now, since  $\cup$  and  $\cap$  are associative we have:

$$\{x \in ((X \cup Y) \cup Z) : x \notin ((X \cap Y) \cap Z)\} = \{x \in (X \cup (Y \cup Z)) : x \notin (X \cap (Y \cap Z))\}$$

Now, from the definition of  $\Delta$  we find that:

$$\{x \in (X \cup (Y \cup Z)) : x \notin (X \cap (Y \cap Z))\} = X \Delta \{x \in (Y \cup Z) : x \notin (Y \cap Z)\} = X \Delta (Y \Delta Z)$$

Therefore:

$$(X \Delta Y) \Delta Z = X \Delta (Y \Delta Z)$$

□

**Definition 3.2.3.** Given a set  $X$  and a set  $\mathcal{S}$  whose elements are sets.

1. We say that  $\mathcal{S}$  **covers**  $X$  if  $X \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{S}$
2. We say that  $\mathcal{S}$  **partitions**  $X$  if  $X = \bigcup \mathcal{S}$ , the elements of  $\mathcal{S}$  are non-empty, and  $\mathcal{S}$  is pairwise disjoint

**Definition 3.2.4. Ordered Pair (tuple)** := an ordered list of two elements, each of which can be an arbitrary mathematical object and may or may not be the same. Denoted for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , an  $n$ -tuple is an ordered list of  $n$  elements, written as  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

**Definition 3.2.5.** For two sets  $X, Y$  the **Cartesian product**  $X \times Y$  is the set of all ordered pairs  $(x, y)$  with  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . More generally we can write a **Cartesian product** for  $n$  sets denoted by

$$X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n \text{ or } \prod_{i=1}^n X_i$$

*Remark.* When taking the **Cartesian product** of the same set we use the shorthand:  $X^n$

*Remark.* Additionally, the notation  $2^X$  indicates the set of all possible subsets of  $X$

**Definition 3.2.6.** We say that the **diagonal** of  $X^n$  is the subset  $\{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X^n : x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n\}$

**Definition 3.2.7.** Given two sets  $X, Y$  we say that  $f$  is a **function** with domain  $X$  and codomain  $Y$  denoted  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , if  $f$  is a subset of  $X \times Y$  such that every element of  $X$  appears as exactly the first component of exactly one element of  $f$ .

*Example.* We used the notation  $f(x)$  to refer to the element  $y$  such that  $(x, y) \in f$  is the unique ordered pair that refers to the element  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 3.2.8.** The **Identity Function** is a function with the same domain and codomain  $X$  written  $1_X : X \rightarrow X$  corresponding to the diagonal 3.2.6 of  $X^2$

**Definition 3.2.9.** Given  $f : X \rightarrow W$  and  $g : W \rightarrow Z$  with  $Y \subseteq W$ , the composition  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is the function satisfying  $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$ .

**Definition 3.2.10.** A function is **Injective** if  $f(x) = f(u) \Rightarrow x = u$

**Definition 3.2.11.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is **Surjective** if the range of  $f$  equals  $Y$

**Definition 3.2.12.** A function is **Bijective** if it is both Injective and Surjective

**Theorem 3.2.1.** If  $X$  is non-empty,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is injective  $\Leftrightarrow f$  is left invertible

**Theorem 3.2.2.**  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is surjective  $\Leftrightarrow f$  is right invertible

**Definition 3.2.13.** A **Relation** of a set  $X$  is a subset of  $X^2$ . Conventionally written  $xRy$  rather than  $(x, y) \in R$

### 3.2.14. Properties of Relation

1. **Reflexive** if  $xRx$  for all  $x \in X$
2. **Transitive** if  $xRy$  and  $yRz \Rightarrow xRz$
3. **Symmetric** if  $xRy \Leftrightarrow yRx$
4. **Antisymmetric** if  $xRy$  and  $yRx \Rightarrow x = y$
5. **Connex** if for every  $x, y \in X$  at least one of  $xRy$  or  $yRx$  hold.

**Definition 3.2.15.** An **Equivalence Relation** is a relation that is Reflexive, Transitive, and Symmetric

**Definition 3.2.16.** if  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation, the **Equivalence Class** of  $x \in X$  is  $[x] := \{y \in X : x \sim y\}$ . Additionally, the notation  $X/\sim$  refers to the set of all equivalence classes  $\{[x] : x \in X\}$

### 3.2.1 The sets $\mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathbb{Q}$

**Definition 3.2.17.** The natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  with its addition and multiplication forms a commutative semiring.

**Definition 3.2.18.** A **commutative semi-ring** is set  $R$  equipped with binary operations addition and multiplication such that

1.  $(R, +)$  Addition is a commutative semigroup (ie. addition is commutative and associative)
2.  $(R, \cdot)$  Multiplication is a commutative semigroup (ie. addition is commutative and associative)
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3. Multiplication distributes over addition  $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$
4. Additive identity.
5. Additive inverse.
6. Multiplicative identity.

**Definition 3.2.20.** The integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  is defined as a set of equivalence classes 3.2.16  $\mathbb{N}/\sim$  where the equivalence relation  $\sim$  is

$$(a, b) \sim (c, d) \Leftrightarrow a + d = b + c$$

*Remark.* This is simply a rigorous way of representing integers with two natural numbers where the first natural number is the positive component and the second number is the negative component.

**Definition 3.2.21.** A **field** is set  $R$  equipped with binary operations addition and multiplication such that

1.  $(R, +)$  Addition is a commutative semigroup (ie. addition is commutative and associative)
2.  $(R, \cdot)$  Multiplication is a commutative semigroup (ie. addition is commutative and associative)
3. Multiplication distributes over addition  $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$
4. Additive identity.
5. Additive inverse.
6. Multiplicative identity.
7. Multiplicative inverse.

**Definition 3.2.22.** The rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$  is defined as a set of equivalence classes 3.2.16  $(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{N})/\sim$  where the equivalence relation  $\sim$  is

$$(a, n) \sim (b, m) \Leftrightarrow am = bn$$

*Remark.* This is simply a rigorous way of representing rational numbers as a fraction from integers and natural numbers where the integer is the numerator and the natural number is the denominator.



### 3.2.2 Cardinality of Sets

**Definition 3.2.23.** The **cardinality** of a set is the number of elements in that set.

- $\text{card}(A) = \text{card}(B)$  if there exists a bijective function:  $A \rightarrow B$
- $\text{card}(A) \leq \text{card}(B)$  if there exists an injective(left invertible) function:  $A \rightarrow B$
- $\text{card}(A) \geq \text{card}(B)$  if there exists a surjective(right invertible) function:  $A \rightarrow B$

**Proposition 3.2.1.** (Pigeonhole Principle). Suppose  $n < m$  there does not exist an injective(left invertible) function:  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and there does not exist a surjective(right invertible) function:  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$

**Definition 3.2.24.** A set  $X$  is said to be

- **countable** if  $\text{card}(X) \leq \text{card}(\mathbb{N})$
- **uncountable** if  $\text{card}(X) > \text{card}(\mathbb{N})$
- **finite** if  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\text{card}(X) \leq \text{card}(\{1, \dots, n\})$
- **countably infinite** if  $\text{card}(X) = \text{card}(\mathbb{N})$
- **infinite** if  $\text{card}(X) \geq \text{card}(\mathbb{N})$

### 3.3 Partial Orders

**Definition 3.3.1.** A **Partial Order** is a relation  $\preceq$  that is transitive, reflexive, and antisymmetric

**Definition 3.3.2.** **Poset** is a set that is equipped with a partial order.

**Definition 3.3.3.** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  and  $(U, \trianglelefteq)$  be posets we say a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is...

- **increasing** if  $x_1 \preceq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \trianglelefteq f(x_2)$
- **decreasing** if  $x_1 \preceq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_2) \trianglelefteq f(x_1)$
- **monotone** if it is either increasing or decreasing (*note: the constant function is both increasing and decreasing*)
- **strictly increasing/decreasing/monotone** if it is increasing/decreasing/monotone and injective.
- **an order isomorphism** if it is invertible and both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are increasing.

**Definition 3.3.4.** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  and be a poset. Define the two functions  $\uparrow, \downarrow : X \rightarrow 2^X$  by

- $\downarrow(x) : \{y \in X : y \preceq x\}$ , a subset is a **lower set** or **downward closed** if  $s \in S \Rightarrow \downarrow(s) \subseteq S$ .
- $\uparrow(x) : \{y \in X : x \preceq y\}$ , a subset is an **upper set** or **upper closed** if  $s \in S \Rightarrow \uparrow(s) \subseteq S$

**Definition 3.3.5.** a lower(upper) set  $S$  is said to be **principal** if there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\downarrow(x) = S$  ( $\uparrow(x) = S$ )

**Definition 3.3.6.** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  and be a poset and let  $S \subseteq X$ , and  $z \in X$

- We say that  $z$  is an **Upper bound** of  $S$  if  $S \subseteq \downarrow(z)$ . The set  $s$  is said to be **bounded above** if it has an upper bound.
- We say that  $z$  is a **Lower bound** of  $S$  if  $S \subseteq \uparrow(z)$ . The set  $s$  is said to be **bounded below** if it has a lower bound.
- We say that  $S$  is order bounded (*or just bounded*), if it is bounded both above and below.

**Definition 3.3.7.** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  and be a poset a subset  $S \subseteq X$  is said to be...

- **downward directed** if every finite subset has a lower bound  $z \in S$
- **upward directed** if every finite subset has an upper bound  $z \in S$

### 3.3.1 Special Elements

**Definition 3.3.8.** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a poset, and let  $S \subseteq X$ . We say that an element of  $s_0 \in S$  is...

- the **maximum** of  $S$  if  $S \subseteq \downarrow(s_0)$
- the **minimum** of  $S$  if  $S \subseteq \uparrow(s_0)$
- a **maximal element** of  $S$  if, for  $s \in S$ ,  $s_0 \in \downarrow(s) \Rightarrow s_0 = s$
- a **minimal element** of  $S$  if, for  $s \in S$ ,  $s_0 \in \uparrow(s) \Rightarrow s_0 = s$

**Definition 3.3.9.** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a poset and  $S \subseteq X$ . We say that an element of  $x \in X$  is...

- the **supremum** of  $S$  if  $x = \min\{y \in X : S \subseteq \downarrow(y)\}$
- the **infimum** of  $S$  if  $x = \max\{y \in X : S \subseteq \uparrow(y)\}$

## 3.4 Total Orders

**Definition 3.4.1.** A **Total Order** is a relation  $\preceq$  that is transitive, reflexive, antisymmetric, and connex.

**Definition 3.4.2.** A **Well Ordered Set** is totally ordered set where every non-empty subset has a minimum.

**Theorem 3.4.1.** Totally ordered sets cannot contain imaginary numbers.

**Definition 3.4.3.** A **totally ordered field** is a field  $F$  equipped with a total order  $\preceq$  such that

- $\preceq$  respects addition:  $a \preceq b \Rightarrow a + c \preceq b + c$
- $\preceq$  respects positive multiplication:  $0 \preceq a \Rightarrow a + c \preceq b + c$

**Definition 3.4.4.** In a totally ordered field, the set of **positive** elements is  $\uparrow(0) \setminus 0$ . The set of **negative** elements is  $\downarrow(0) \setminus 0$ .

**Definition 3.4.5.** Given a totally ordered field  $(F, \preceq)$ . The absolute value function  $F \Rightarrow F$ , denoted by  $x \rightarrow |x|$ , is

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & 0 \preceq x \\ -x & x \preceq 0 \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 3.4.1.** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a total order. Let  $A, B$  be both upper(both lower) sets. Either  $A \subseteq B$  or  $B \subseteq A$

**Definition 3.4.6.** Let  $\{X, \preceq\}$  be a total order. We say a pair of subsets  $(X_-, X_+)$  form a **cut** of  $X$  if:

- $\{X_-, X_+\}$  is a partition of  $X$ .
- $X_-$  is a lower set and  $X_+$  is an upper set.

**Definition 3.4.7.** A totally ordered set  $X$  is said to be **Dedekind complete** if in every cut  $(X_-, X_+)$ , at least one of  $X_-$  or  $X_+$  is principal. That is  $\exists x \in X_-$  such that  $\downarrow(x) = X_-$  or  $\exists x \in X_+$  such that  $\uparrow(x) = X_+$

**Proposition 3.4.2.** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a Dedekind total order. The total order restricted to  $\uparrow(a)$  and  $\downarrow(a)$  for any  $a \in X$  is also Dedekind complete.

**Definition 3.4.8.** A poset  $(X, \preceq)$  is said to possess the **least upper bound property** if every nonempty subset that is bounded above has a supremum. Similarly, a poset  $(X, \preceq)$  is said to possess the **greatest lower bound property** if every nonempty subset that is bounded below has an infimum.

**Theorem 3.4.2.** For a totally ordered set  $(X, \preceq)$

- $X$  is a Dedekind complete
- $X$  has the least upper bound property
- $X$  has the greatest lower bound property

*Remark.* This theorem also holds for posets if you remove the Dedekind complete line since the definition of Dedekind complete relies a total order. In general we can also define Dedekind complete as a poset that has the least upper bound property and greatest lower bound property.

**Definition 3.4.9.** Given  $(X, \preceq)$  a partial order and elements  $a, b \in X$ . The **open interval**  $(a, b)$  is defined to be  $\uparrow(a) \cap \downarrow(b) \setminus \{a, b\}$

**Definition 3.4.10.** Given  $(X, \preceq)$  a partial order and elements  $a, b \in X$ . The **closed interval**  $[a, b]$  is defined to be  $\uparrow(a) \cap \downarrow(b)$

**Definition 3.4.11.** Given  $(X, \preceq)$  as total order with no max and no min, an **entourage mapping** is a function  $f : X \rightarrow 2^X$  such that  $f(x)$  is an open interval that contains  $x$ .

**Definition 3.4.12.** Given  $(X, \preceq)$  as total order with no max and no min, we say that it possesses the **Heine-Borel property** if, for every closed interval  $[a, b]$  and every entourage mapping  $f$ , there exists a finite subset  $S \subseteq [a, b]$  such that  $f(S)$  covers  $[a, b]$ .

**Theorem 3.4.3.** Suppose  $(X, \preceq)$  as total order with no max and no min. Then it is Dedekind complete if and only if it possesses the Heine-Borel property.

### 3.4.1 The Reals

**Definition 3.4.13.** The set  $\mathbb{R}$  is defined to be the set of all cuts  $(X_-, X_+)$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $X_-$  has no maximum.

**Definition 3.4.14.** We equip  $\mathbb{R}$  with the relation  $\leq$  defined as  $(X_-, X_+) \leq (Y_-, Y_+)$  if  $X_- \subseteq Y_-$ .

**Theorem 3.4.4. Archimedean Property of Reals** If  $x, y$  are positive real numbers then  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \cdot x > y$ .

**Definition 3.4.15.** We say a subset  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is open if for every  $x \in U$ , there is an open interval  $(a_x, b_x) \subseteq U$  with  $x \in (a_x, b_x)$

## 3.5 Nets and Limits

**Definition 3.5.1.** A **directed set** is a pair  $(X, \preceq)$  where  $X$  is a set equipped with a relation  $\preceq$  such that

- $\preceq$  is reflexive.
- $\preceq$  is transitive.
- $\preceq$  is upward directed; for any  $x, y \in X$  there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $x \preceq z$  and  $y \preceq z$ .

**Lemma 3.5.1.** Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a directed set. Let  $x \in X$  the set  $\uparrow(x)$  equipped with the restricted order, is a directed set. Additionally any total order is a directed set.

### 3.5.1 Nets

**Definition 3.5.2.** A **net** is a function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  from a directed set  $(A, \preceq)$ .

*Remark.* Notationally instead of  $f(a)$  we usually write  $f_a$ .

**Definition 3.5.3.** Given a net  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , we denote the **tail sets** of  $f$  by

$$f_{\uparrow(\alpha_0)} = \{f_\alpha \in B : \alpha \preceq \alpha_0\}$$

**Definition 3.5.4.** For a net  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and a subset  $S \subseteq B$  we say that:

- $f$  is **eventually** in  $S$  if there exists some  $a \in A$  such that  $f_{\uparrow(a)} \subseteq S$ .
- $f$  is **frequently** in  $S$  if for every  $a \in A$ , the intersection  $f_{\uparrow(a)} \cap S \neq \emptyset$
- $f$  is **infrequently** in  $S$  if there exists some  $a \in A$  such that  $f_{\uparrow(a)}$  is disjoint from  $S$ .

### 3.5.2 Limits

**Definition 3.5.5.** A real valued net  $f$  is said to **Converge** to  $z$  if for every open interval  $I$  containing  $z$ , the net  $f$  is eventually in  $I$ . When  $f$  converges to  $z$  we say that  $z$  is the **limit** of  $f$  and write  $z = \lim f$ .

**Lemma 3.5.2.** Let  $B$  be a set and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a non-empty net. Fix a subset  $S \subseteq B$ .

- A net  $f$  is either frequently in  $S$  or infrequently in  $S$ .
- A net  $f$  is eventually in  $S$  if and only if  $f$  is infrequently in  $X \setminus S$ .

- If a net  $f$  is eventually in  $S$ , then  $f$  is frequently in  $S$ .

**Definition 3.5.6.** A real valued net  $f$  is said to **accumulate** (or **cluster**) at the real number  $z$  if for every one interval  $I$  containing  $z$ , the net  $x$  is frequently in  $I$ .

**Proposition 3.5.1.** If a real valued net  $f$  covers  $z$ , then  $z$  is its unique accumulations point.

**Theorem 3.5.3. Arithmetic of Limits** states that if  $x, y$  are real valued nets with the same domain then

$$\lim(x + y) = \lim(x) + \lim(y)$$

$$\lim(x \cdot y) = \lim(x) \cdot \lim(y)$$