

Modern Analysis 1 L5

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1 Superposition of Supremum

- THM: If $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ are nonempty and bounded above, then $A + B := \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}$ is bounded above and $\sup(A + B) = \sup(A) + \sup(B)$.

– Proof:

Let $\alpha = \sup(A), \beta = \sup(B)$

For each $a \in A$ and $b \in B$, we have $a \leq \alpha, b \leq \beta$

So, $a + b \leq \alpha + \beta$ (\mathbb{E})

Therefore, $a + b$ is an upper bound for $A + B$.

Therefore, $\sup(A + B) \leq \sup(A) + \sup(B)$ coz $\sup(A) + \sup(B)$

is “an” upper bound, and $\sup(A + B)$ is the least upper bound.

To prove the reverse equality: two approaches.

- * Option 1: show $\alpha + \beta \leq u$ for each upper bound u of $A + B$

Let u be any upper bound for $A + B$

Fix $a \in A$ and let $b \in B$ be arbitrary,

Then, $a + b \leq u$

$\therefore b \leq u - a$ for any $b \in B$

$\therefore u - a$ is an upper bound for $B \Rightarrow \beta \leq u - a$

$\therefore a \leq u - \beta$

Now, unfix a , then $u - \beta$ is an upper bound for A .

So, $\alpha \leq u - \beta$
 $\therefore \alpha + \beta \leq u$
 $\therefore \alpha + \beta = \sup(A + B)$.

* Option 2:

Spse $\sup(A + B) < \alpha + \beta$ and then aim at $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

Write $\epsilon = \alpha + \beta - \sup(A + B) > 0$

Then, $\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon < \alpha \Rightarrow \alpha - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon$ is not an upper bound for A coz

$\alpha = \sup(A)$

Thus, $\exists a \in A : \alpha - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon < a$

Similarly, $\exists b \in B : \beta - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon < b$

But now, $a + b > \alpha + \beta - \epsilon = \sup(A + B)$

$\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

- $\mathbb{E} AB = \{ab : a \in A, b \in B\}$, $\sup(AB) = \sup(A)\sup(B)$. This works if $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^+$ and A, B are nonempty and bounded above.

2 Square Root

- THM: Each positive real numebr has a unique positive square root.

- Proof:

Let $a > 0$

$\exists! \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$ s.t. $\alpha\alpha = a$

1. Uniqueness:

* Option 1:

Spse $\alpha\alpha = a = \alpha'\alpha'$ ($\alpha, \alpha' \in \mathbb{R}^+$)

Then $0 = \alpha'\alpha' - \alpha\alpha = (\alpha' + \alpha)(\alpha' - \alpha)$

Since $\alpha' + \alpha > 0$, $\alpha' - \alpha = 0$

So, $0 = \alpha' - \alpha \Rightarrow \alpha' = \alpha$. Hence, uniqueness is proved.

* Option 2:

Spse $\alpha' \neq \alpha$ and then use trichotomy and aim for $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

The above assumption leads to either $\alpha' < \alpha \vee \alpha' > \alpha$.

This implies that $\alpha'\alpha' < \alpha\alpha \vee \alpha'\alpha' > \alpha\alpha$, both of which lead to $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$.

2. Existence:

Define $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^+ : x^2 < a\}$

Then, $A \neq \emptyset$ and bounded above. Here, we need to show **nonempty** and **Bounded above**.

* Nonempty:

If $a < 1$, $x = a \text{ coz } a^2 < a$

If $a = 1$, $x = \frac{1}{2}a$

If $a > 1$, $x = 1$.

Therefore, A contains any real x satisfying $0 < x < a \wedge 1$
(Here, \wedge means take the minimum value.)

$x < a \wedge 1 \Rightarrow x^2 < x < a$

* Bounded above by $a \vee 1$ (Here, \vee means take the maximum value.)

Coming Next Lecture...