

# Mathematical Background

- Sets + DeMorgan's laws
- Sequences and their limits
- Infinite series
- The geometric series
- Sums with multiple indices
- Countable + uncountable sets.

## Sets

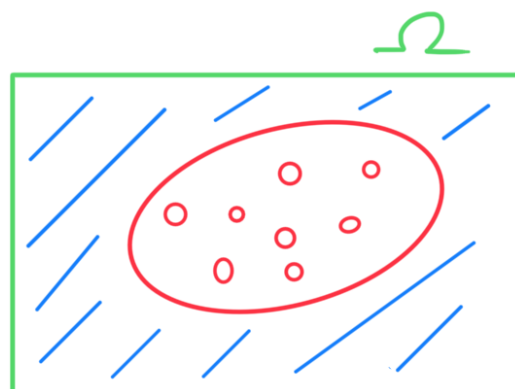
- A collection of distinct elements.

$\{a, b, c, d\}$  finite  
 $\mathbb{R}$ : real numbers infinite

$x \in S$   $x$  is in a set  
 $x \notin S$   $x$  is NOT in a set

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R} : \cos(x) > \frac{1}{2}\}$$

$x$  is in the set of real numbers  
 and we restrict the set further  
 by looking only at values where  
 $\cos(x) > \frac{1}{2}$



$\Omega$ : Universal Set  
 $\emptyset$ : Empty Set

$$(S^c)^c = S$$

If  $x \in \Omega, x \notin S$



$$S \subset T: x \in S \Rightarrow x \in T$$

If  $x$  is in a subset of  $T$ , which in this case is  $S$ . Then  $x$  also belongs to  $T$  and is either  $\supseteq$ . \* can also be written  $\subseteq$ .



$$\underline{S \cup T}: x \in S \cup T \Leftrightarrow x \in S \text{ OR } x \in T$$

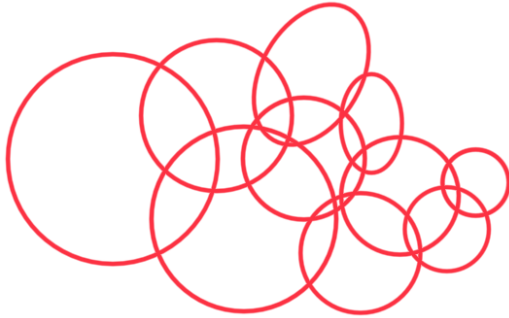
— Union



$S \cap T$ :  $x \in S \cap T \Leftrightarrow$   
 $x \in S$  AND  $x \in T$ .  
 — Intersection

## Infinite Sets

$S_n \quad n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$



$x \in \bigcup_n S_n \Leftrightarrow x \in S_n$   
For Some  $n$

$x \in \bigcap_n S_n \Leftrightarrow x \in S_n$   
For All  $n$

## Set properties

$$\begin{aligned} S \cup T &= T \cup S \\ S \cap (T \cup L) &= (S \cap T) \cup (S \cap L) \\ (S^c)^c &= S \\ S \cup \Omega &= \Omega \\ S \cup (T \cap L) &= (S \cup T) \cap (S \cup L) \\ S \cup (T \cap L) &= (S \cup T) \cap (S \cup L) \\ S \cap S^c &= \emptyset \quad \text{— There is no intersection} \\ S \cap \Omega &= S \\ S \cup S^c &= \Omega \end{aligned}$$

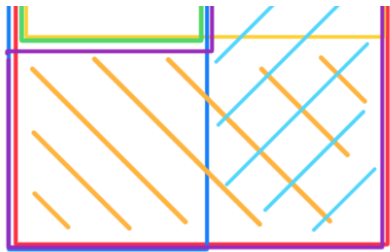
## De Morgan's laws

$$(S \cap T)^c = S^c \cup T^c$$

$\cup$  = Union = **OR**  
 $\cap$  = Intersection = **AND**



$$x \in (S \cap T)^c \Leftrightarrow x \notin S \cap T$$



$$\begin{aligned} & \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \notin S \\ \text{OR} \\ x \notin T \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \in S^c \\ \text{OR} \\ x \in T^c \end{array} \right\} \\ & \Leftrightarrow x \in S^c \cup T^c \end{aligned}$$

## 2nd Law

The **complement** of a **union** is the same as the **intersection** of the **complements**.

Which is the same as the **complement** of the **complements intersection** is the same as **union** of the **sets**.

$$\begin{aligned} (S \cup T)^c &= S^c \cap T^c = \\ &= (S^c \cap T^c)^c = S \cup T = ((S^c \cup T^c)^c)^c \end{aligned}$$

\* Basically flip from **union** to **intersection** and add or remove the **complement**. • If there are two complements they cancel out. **otherwise**.

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \bigcap_n S_n \right)^c &= \bigcup_n S_n^c \\ \left( \bigcup_n S_n \right)^c &= \bigcap_n S_n^c \end{aligned}$$

## Sequences and their limits

$\{ \}$  = A sequence.

$i \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  ← Euclidean space in  $n$  dimensions, Set

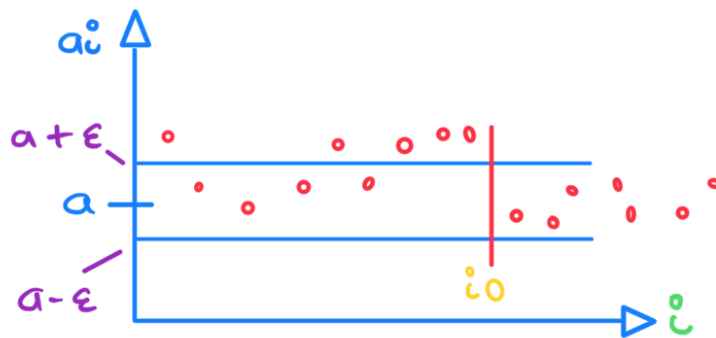
$a_i \in S$   $S = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{K}$  as vectors.

\* Formally a sequence is a function that associates an element of  $S$  to any natural number.  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$ .

$$f_i = a_i$$

$$a_i \xrightarrow{i \rightarrow \infty} a$$

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} a_i = a$$



### Convergence of a sequence

For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a time ( $i_0$ ) where if  $i \geq i_0$ , then the element of the sequence is within epsilon of  $a$ .

$$|a_i - a| < \epsilon$$

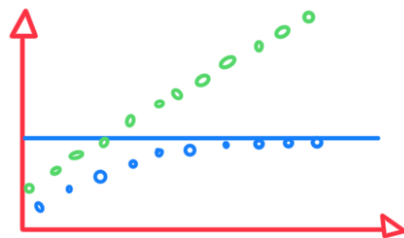
$$\left. \begin{matrix} a_i \rightarrow a \\ b_i \rightarrow b \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} a_i + b_i \rightarrow a + b \\ a_i b_i \rightarrow ab \end{matrix} \Rightarrow g(a_i) \rightarrow g(a)$$

only if a continuous function

- If  $a_i \leq a_i + 1$  for all  $i$ .
  - The sequence converges to  $\infty$
  - The sequence converges to a real number

• If  $|a_i - a| \leq b_i$ , for all  $i$  AND  $b_i \rightarrow 0$ , then  $a_i \rightarrow a$ .

- If the bound ( $b_i$ ) goes to 0, then  $a_i$  will converge to  $a$ .



### Infinite series

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$$

IF a limit exists!

— A limit exists

• IF  $a_i \geq 0$ : (All terms are non-negative)  
 \* Motonic sequence (always increasing)

— If  $a_i$  terms do not all have the same sign (+ or -)

• Limit may not exist  
 • Limit may exist, but change depending on sum order.

\* Solution: Take the sum of the absolute values.

— Basically disregard the sign.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |a_i| < \infty$$

## Geometric Series

$$S = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i = 1 + a + a^2 + \dots \quad |a| < 1$$

Infinite sum

$a < 1$  means the terms go to 0

$$(1-a)(1+a+\dots+\overset{\text{limit}}{a^n}) = 1 - a^{n+1}$$

The limit of the finite series is the infinite series

— We take the limit as  $n$  goes to infinity.

$n \rightarrow \infty$

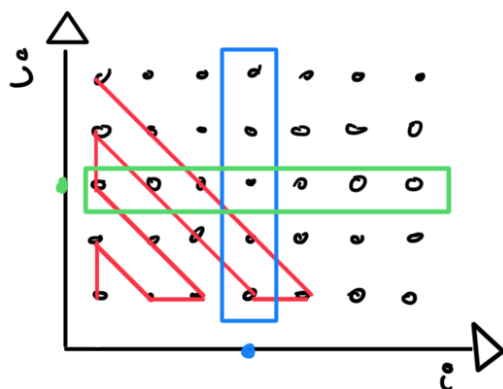
$$(1-a)S = 1 - a^{n+1} \quad (\text{converges to } 0)$$

$$S = \frac{1}{1-a}$$

Formula for the infinite geometric series

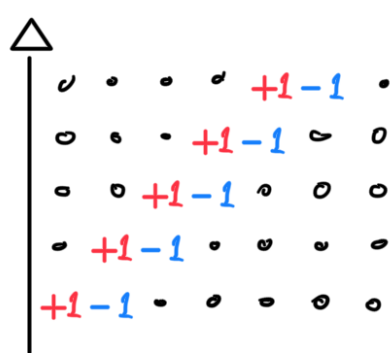
## Order of Multiple indices

$$\sum_{i \geq 1} \sum_{j \geq 1} a_{ij}$$



$$\sum |a_{ij}| < \infty$$

If values are absolute and less than infinity order does **NOT** matter.



$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{ij} \right) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_{ij} \right)$$

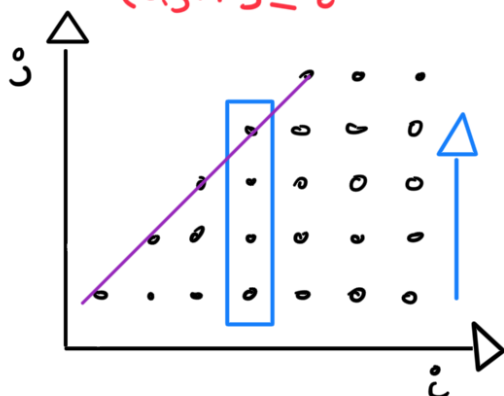


In this example you cannot fix  $i$  or  $j$  as it will result in a different outcome.

Furthermore  $+1-1$  continue to infinity, so order does matter.

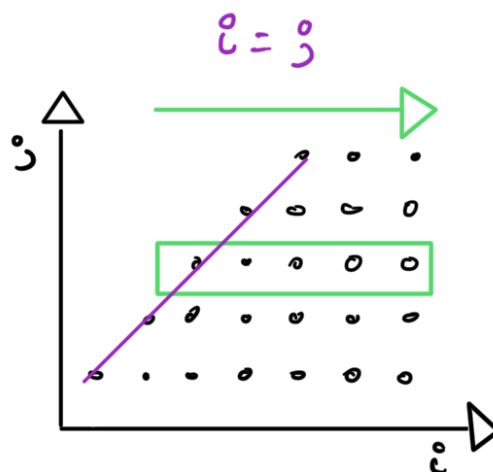
$$\sum a_{ij}$$

$$(i, j): j \leq i$$



$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^i a_{ij}$$

\* Sum over all  $j$ 's then over all  $i$ 's.

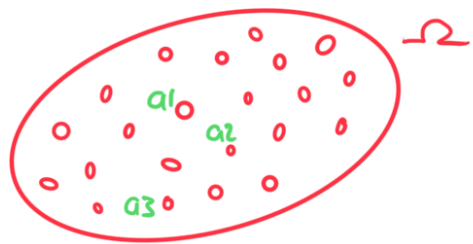


$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=j}^{\infty} a_{ij}$$

\* Sum over all  $i$ 's then over all  $j$ 's.

## Countable vs uncountable infinite sets

- Countable: Can be put in 1-1 Correspondence with positive integers (in a sequence).

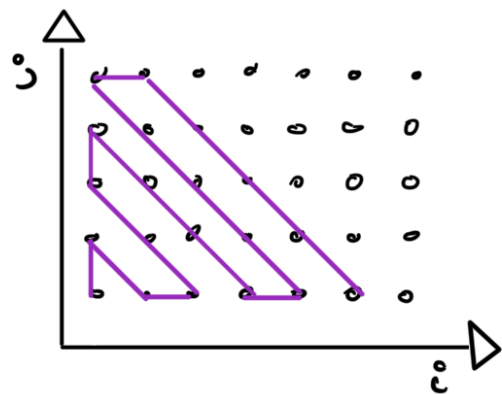


$$\{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\} = \aleph_0$$

- o Positive integers  $1, 2, 3, \dots$
- o Integers  $0, 1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3, \dots$
- o Pairs of positive integers

- rational numbers  $q$ , with  $0 < q < 1$

$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{7}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \dots$



- uncountable:

- o Continuous subsets of the real line.
- E.g. the interval  $[0, 1]$
- \* Basically anything continuous.

## Cantor's diagonalisation argument (uncountable series)

$x_1: 2 \textcircled{7} 4 3 2 1 5$

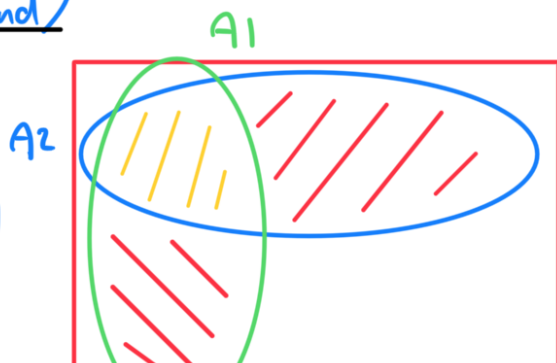
$x_2: 3 \cdot 1 \textcircled{2} 4 8 1 1$

$x_3: 1 \cdot 8 9 \textcircled{2} 4 7 3$

The diagonal number does not appear in the sequence, and so all decimals cannot be counted.

## Bonferroni inequality (union bound)

- very few students are smart
- very few students are beautiful
- o Then very few are smart





OR beautiful



$$P(A_1 \cup A_2) \leq P(A_1) + P(A_2)$$

\* If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are small, then their union will be small.

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2) \geq P(A_1) + P(A_2) - 1$$

$$P((A_1 \cap A_2)^c) = P(A_1^c \cup A_2^c) \leq P(A_1^c) + P(A_2^c)$$

$$P \cancel{1} - P(A_1 \cap A_2) \leq \cancel{1} - P(A_1) + P(A_2)$$

$$= P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) \geq P(A_1) + \dots + P(A_n) - (n-1)$$

\* All this really shows is that there's a relationship between set size and set intersection or union, which can be proved using DeMorgan's laws, set theoretical operations and the union bound.