



Theory of Statistics I

Take Two

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1. Real Analysis Review

1.1 The Real Number System

1.1.1 Rationals

Start with integers as given.

Definition 1.1.1 — Rational Numbers. Rationals are numbers of the form $\frac{m}{n}$, for m, n integers, $n \neq 0$ such that:

PR 1: The sum, difference, product, and ratio (division by 0 excluded) of any two rationals is a rational.

PR 2: $p + q = q + p, pq = qp$ (Commutative Property)

PR 3: $(p + q) + r = p + (q + r), (pq)r = p(qr)$, (Associative Property)

PR 4: $(p + q)r = pr + qr$ (Distributive Property)

PR 5: \forall two rationals p and q we have either $p=q$, $p < q$, or $q < p$ (Ordering Property)

PR 6: If $p < q$ and $q < r$, then $p < r$ (Transitivity of $<$)

PR 7: If $p > 0$ and $q > 0$, then $p + q > 0$ and $pq > 0$

PR 8: If $p < q$, then $p + r < q + r \forall r$

The rational number system is inadequate.

■ **Example 1.1** There is no rational number p that satisfies $p^2 = 2$ ■

Proof. Suppose such a p existed, and so $p = \frac{m}{n}$. Note that m, n can be chosen so not both are even. Then we have,

$$m^2 = 2n^2$$

Thus, m^2 is even, and hence m is even. (The square of an odd number is odd). Hence, m^2 is divided by 4. So, $2n^2$ is divisible by 4, or n^2 is even which implies that n is even - **contradiction**. ■

This example can be used to show that we can have a set of rational numbers bounded from above but has no supremum.

■ **Example 1.2** Let A be the set of < 0 rationals p , such that $p^2 < 2$. Let B be the set of > 0 rationals p , such that $p^2 > 2$. Then A contains no largest number and B contains no smallest number.

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Proof. If $p \in A$, choose a rational h such that, $0 < h < 1$ and $h < \frac{2-p^2}{2p+1}$ and set $q = p + h$. Then q is rational and

$$\begin{aligned} q^2 &= p^2 + (2p+h)h \\ &< p^2 + (2p+1)h \\ &< p^2 + (2-p^2) \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

If $p \in B$, set

$$q = p - \frac{p^2 - 2}{2p} = \frac{p}{2} + \frac{1}{p}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} q^2 &= p^2 - (p^2 - 2) + \left(\frac{p^2 - 2}{2p}\right)^2 \\ &> p^2 - (p^2 - 2) \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

■

R An axiomatic treatment of the real number system uses PR1 - PR8 as axioms together with the "completeness axiom". The non-axiomatics treatment is due to Dedekind.

1.1.2 Sets and Subsets

If A is any set, $x \in A$ means that x is a member of A , and $x \notin A$ means x is not a member of A . A set B is a **subset** of A if for every $x \in B$ we have $x \in A$, and we write $A \subseteq B$. B is a **proper subset** of A , $B \subset A$, if there $\exists x \in A$ with $x \notin B$. The **empty set** is denoted by \emptyset , and $\emptyset \in A$, \forall other set A .

$A \cup B = B \cup A$ - union with commutative property

$A \cap B = B \cap A$ - intersection with commutative property

$$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$$

$(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$ - associative property

$(A \cup B) \cap C = (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)$ - distributive property

$$(\cup A_i)^c = \cap A_i^c$$

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Definition 1.1.2 — Dedekind Cuts. A set α of rational numbers is said to be a **cut** if

1. α is a proper, but non-empty, subset of the rational numbers.
2. If $p \in \alpha$ (p is rational), and $q < p$ (q is rational) then $q \in \alpha$
3. It contains no largest rational.

A cut of the form $\alpha = \{p: p \text{ is rational and } p < r\}$ where r is rational are called **rational cuts** and are denoted by r^* .

The development of the real number system proceeds as follows:

First, the set of cuts is equipped with an order relation, and the operation of addition and multiplication and it will show that the resulting arithmetic satisfies PR 1 - PR 8.

If α, β are cuts then,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha < \beta & \text{ if } \alpha \subset \beta \text{ and} \\ \alpha & \leq \beta \text{ if } \alpha \subseteq \beta \\ \alpha + \beta & = \{r : r = p + q \text{ for some } p \in \alpha, q \in \beta\} \\ (\alpha + 0^* & = \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

If $\alpha + \beta = 0^*$, write $\beta = -\alpha$. (It can be shown that $\forall \alpha$ there is one and only one β such that $\alpha + \beta = 0^*$.)

$$|\alpha| = \begin{cases} \alpha, & \text{if } \alpha \geq 0^*, \\ -\alpha, & \text{if } \alpha < 0^*. \end{cases}$$

For $\alpha \geq 0^*$ and $\beta \geq 0^*$,

$$\alpha\beta = \{p: p \text{ rational such that either } p < 0 \text{ or } p = pq, \text{ for } q \in \alpha, r \in \beta \text{ with } q \geq 0 \text{ and } r \geq 0.\}$$

For general α, β ,

$$\alpha\beta = \begin{cases} -(|\alpha||\beta|), & \text{if } \alpha < 0^*, \text{ and } \beta \geq 0^* \\ & \text{or if } \alpha \geq 0^* \text{ and } \beta < 0^* \\ |\alpha||\beta|, & \text{if } \alpha < 0^*, \text{ and } \beta < 0^* \end{cases}$$

If $\alpha \neq 0^*$, then $\forall \beta$ there is one and only one γ such that $\alpha\gamma = \beta$, and this γ is denoted by $\frac{\beta}{\alpha}$. (In technical terms, we made the set of cuts an **ordered field**.)

Second, it is shown that replacing the set of rational numbers by the corresponding cuts preserves sums, products and order, ie,

1. $p^* + q^* = (p + q)^*$
2. $p^* q^* = (pq)^*$
3. $p^* < q^*$ iff $p < q$

In technical terms, the ordered field of rational numbers is **isomorphic** to that of rational events.

Theorem 1.1.1 — Dedekind. Let A, B be $\subset \mathbb{R}$ such that,

- (a) $A \cap B = \emptyset$
- (b) $A \cup B = \mathbb{R}$
- (c) neither A nor B is empty
- (d) if $\alpha \in A, \beta \in B$, then $\alpha < \beta$

Then there $\exists \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\alpha \leq \gamma, \forall \alpha \in A$ and $\gamma \leq \beta, \forall \beta \in B$.

Proof. First, suppose there are 2 γ , say $\gamma_1 < \gamma_2$. Take γ_3 such that $\gamma_1 < \gamma_3 < \gamma_2$.

$$\gamma_3 < \gamma_2 \text{ implies that } \gamma_3 \in A$$

$\gamma_1 < \gamma_3$ implies that $\gamma_3 \in B$

However, these implications contradict the disjointness (part (a)). Define $\gamma = \{p: p \text{ rational such that } p \in A \text{ for some } \alpha \in A\}$. The proof proceeds by showing that γ is a cut, and hence a real number that satisfies $\alpha \leq \gamma$ for $\alpha \in A$ and $\gamma \leq \beta \forall \beta \in B$. ■

Corollary 1.1.2 If A, B are as in the theorem, then either A contains a largest number or B contains a smallest number.

Corollary 1.1.3 Let $E \neq \emptyset$ be a subset of \mathbb{R} . Then, if E is bounded above a supremum (least upper bound) exists.

Proof. Define

$$A = \{\alpha : \alpha < x \text{ for some } x \in E\}$$

$$B = A^c$$

Clearly, all members of B are upper bounds of E . It is sufficient to prove that B contains a smallest number, or, by Corollary 1, that A does not contain a largest number (and thus prove by contradiction). Indeed if $\alpha \in A \exists$ an $x \in E$ such that $\alpha < x$. But, by Property 1 (???) there \exists an α' such that $\alpha < \alpha' < x$ where $\alpha' \in A$ (i.e. we can always find a larger α so, since there is no largest α , there MUST be a smallest β). ■

Theorem 1.1.4 Any real number admits a decimal expansion.

Proof. Let $x > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$. Let $n_0 = [x]$ (n largest integer $< x$). Let n_1 be the largest integer such that $n_0 + \frac{n_1}{10} < x$. Having defined $n_0 \dots n_{k-1}$, define n_k as the largest integer such that $n_0 + \frac{n_1}{10} + \frac{n_2}{10^2} + \dots + \frac{n_k}{10^{k+1}} \leq x$. Let E be the set of resulting numbers for $k = 1, 2, \dots$. Then x is the supremum of E and n_0, n_1, \dots is its **decimal expansion**. Conversely, any set of integers n_0, n_1, \dots defines a set of numbers, E , bounded above by $n_0 + 1$. ■

Definition 1.1.3 — Extended Real Number System.

$$\bar{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}$$

1.1.3 Euclidean Space

Definition 1.1.4 — Vector Space. For any $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Let \mathbb{R}^k be the set of ordered k -tuples.

$$\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_k) \text{ with } x_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\underline{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_k) \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\underline{x} + \underline{y} = (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_k + y_k)$$

$$\alpha \underline{x} = (\alpha x_1, \dots, \alpha x_k)$$

Which makes \mathbb{R}^k a **vector space** over the **real field**.

Definition 1.1.5 — Inner/Scalar/Dot Product.

$$\underline{x} \cdot \underline{y} = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i y_i$$

Definition 1.1.6 — Norm/Length.

$$|\underline{x}| = (\underline{x}\underline{x})^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2}$$

Definition 1.1.7 — Euclidean K-space. The vector space \mathbb{R}^k with the inner product and norm is called **Euclidean k-space**.

Theorem 1.1.5 For $\underline{x}, \underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^k, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

- a) $|\underline{x}| \geq 0, |\underline{x}| = 0$ iff $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$
 $|\alpha \underline{x}| = |\alpha| |\underline{x}|$
- b) **Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality** $|\underline{x} \cdot \underline{y}| \leq |\underline{x}| |\underline{y}|$
- c) **Triangle Inequality** $|\underline{x} + \underline{y}| \leq |\underline{x}| + |\underline{y}|$

1.2 Elements of Set Theory

Definition 1.2.1 Let A, B be sets and suppose that to each $x \in A$ there corresponds an elements of B denoted by $f(x)$. Then f is a **function** (or in more general space, mapping) from A (in)to B.

A is called the **domain** of f . $f(x)$ is the **value** of f at x , $R(f) = \{f(x) : x \in A\}$ is the **range** of f .

Definition 1.2.2 — Image. If f is a function from A to B ($A \rightarrow B$) and $E \subseteq A$ we write $f(E) = \{f(x) : x \in E\}$ and call it the **image** of E under f . If $f(A) = B$, then we say f maps A **onto** B.

Definition 1.2.3 — Inverse Image. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $E \subseteq B$. We write $f^{-1}(E) = \{x \in A : f(x) \in E\}$ and call it the **inverse image** of E **under** f . NB: If $E = \{y\}, y \in B$ we also write $f^{-1}(y)$ (versus $f^{-1}(\{y\})$). If $\forall y \in B$ $f^{-1}(y)$ consists of at most one element, then f is one to one mapping of A **into** B.



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