

## Mathematical background

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

## Sets

- A collection of distinct elements

$\{a, b, c, d\}$  finite

$\mathbb{R}$ : real numbers infinite

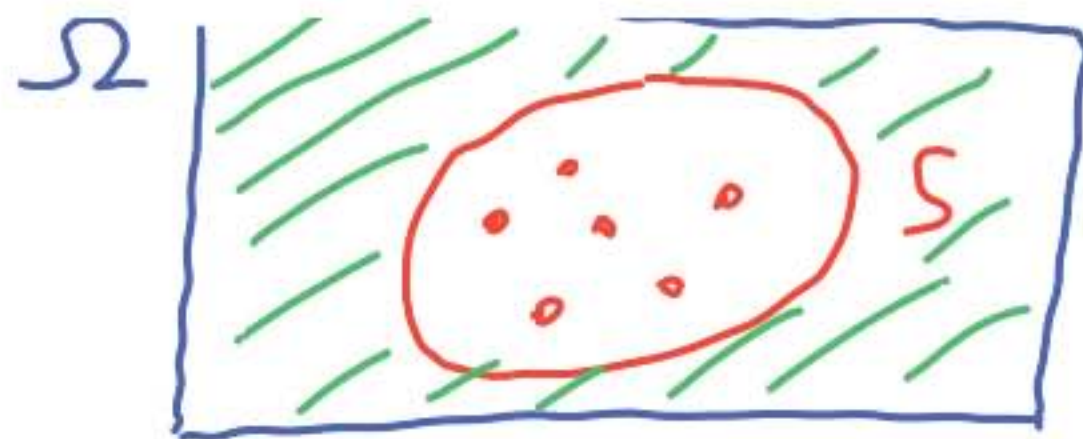
$\{x \in \mathbb{R} : \cos(x) > 1/2\}$

$\Omega$ : universal set

$\emptyset$ : empty set  $\Omega^c = \emptyset$



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



$x \in S$

$x \notin S$

$S^c$   
 $x \in S^c$  if  $x \in \Omega$ ,  
 $x \notin S$

$(S^c)^c = S$

## Unions and intersections



$$S \cup T$$

$$x \in S \cup T \Leftrightarrow x \in S \text{ or } x \in T$$

$$S \cap T$$

$$x \in S \cap T \Leftrightarrow x \in S \text{ and } x \in T$$

$$S_n \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$



$$x \in \bigcup_n S_n \quad \text{iff} \quad x \in S_n, \text{ for some } n$$

$$x \in \bigcap_n S_n \quad \text{iff} \quad x \in S_n, \text{ for all } n$$

## Set properties

$$\rightarrow S \cup T = T \cup S,$$

$$\rightarrow S \cap (T \cup U) = (S \cap T) \cup (S \cap U),$$

$$\rightarrow (S^c)^c = S,$$

$$S \cup \Omega = \Omega,$$



$$S \cup T \cup U$$

$$S \cup (T \cup U) = (S \cup T) \cup U,$$

$$\rightarrow S \cup (T \cap U) = (S \cup T) \cap (S \cup U),$$

$$S \cap S^c = \emptyset,$$

$$S \cap \Omega = S.$$

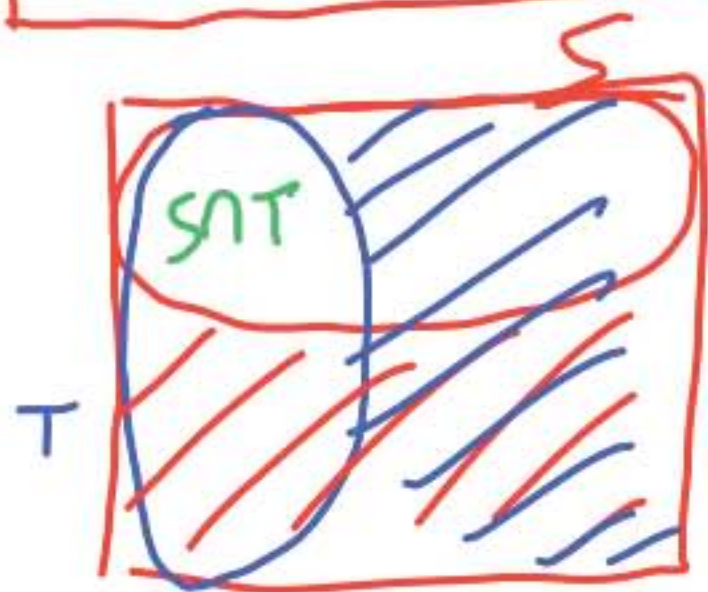
$$S \cap (T \cap U) = (S \cap T) \cap U$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} S \subset T \\ T \subset S \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow S = T$$



## De Morgan's laws

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



$$S \rightarrow S^c \quad T \rightarrow T^c$$
$$S^c \rightarrow S \quad T^c \rightarrow T$$

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

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

$$\left( \bigcap_n S_n \right)^c = \bigcup_n S_n^c$$

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$$x \in (S \cap T)^c \Leftrightarrow x \notin S \cap T \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} x \notin S \\ \text{or} \\ x \notin T \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} x \in S^c \\ \text{or} \\ x \in T^c \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow x \in S^c \cup T^c$$

## Mathematical background: Sequences and their limits

$$a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$$

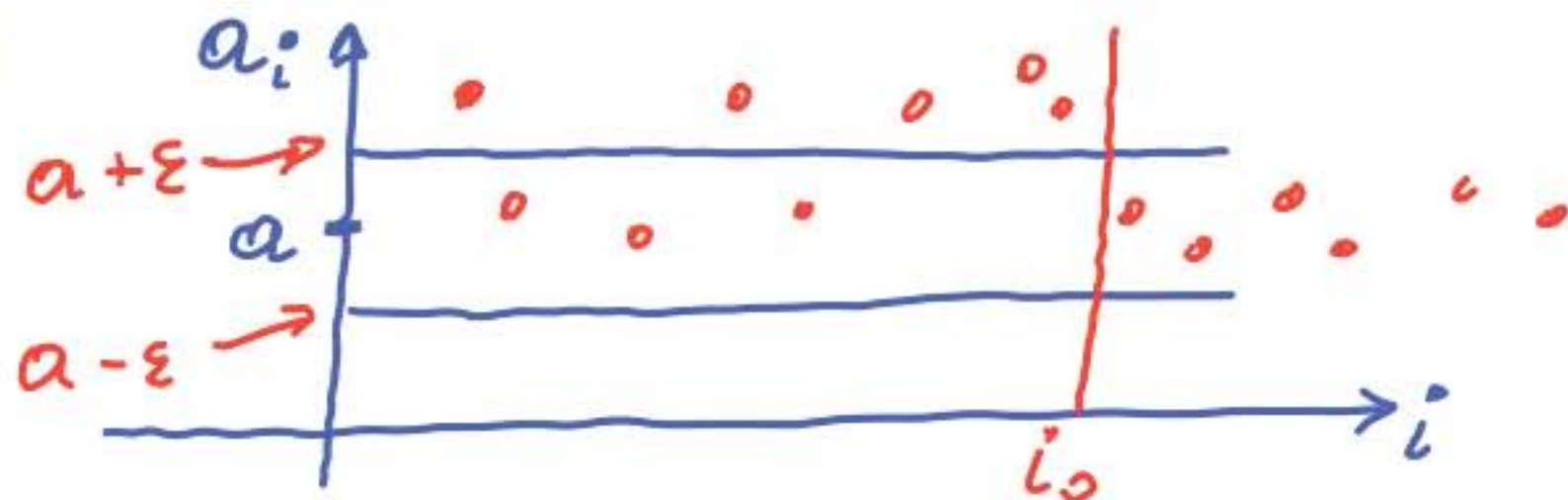
$$i \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

sequence  $a_i, \{a_i\}$

$$a_i \in S \quad S = \mathbb{R} \quad \mathbb{R}^n$$

function  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$

$$f(i) = a_i$$



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

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

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $i_0$ , such that  
if  $i \geq i_0$ , then  $|a_i - a| < \varepsilon$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_i \rightarrow a \\ b_i \rightarrow b \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} a_i + b_i \rightarrow a + b \\ a_i b_i \rightarrow ab \end{array}$$

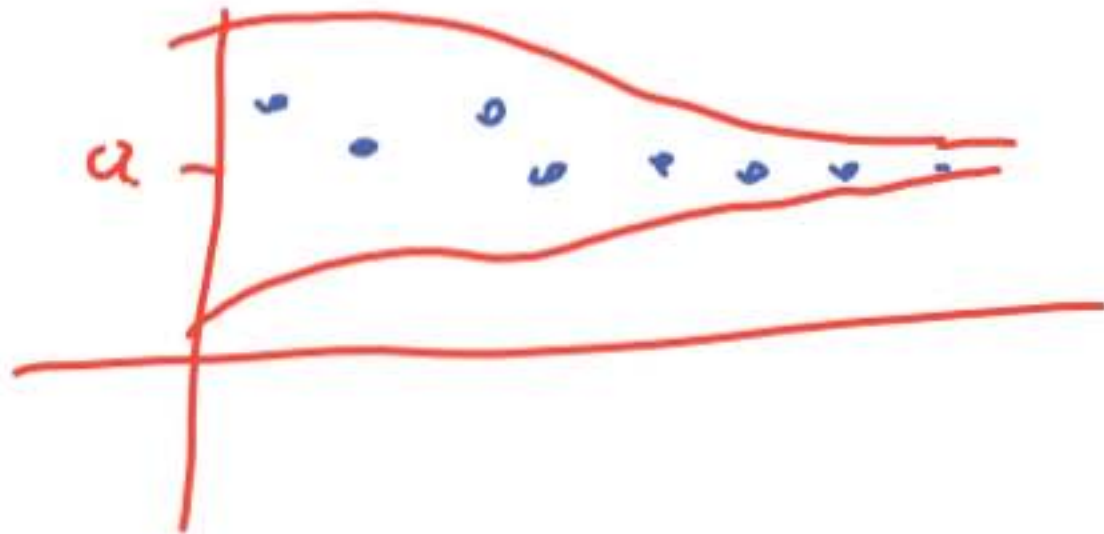
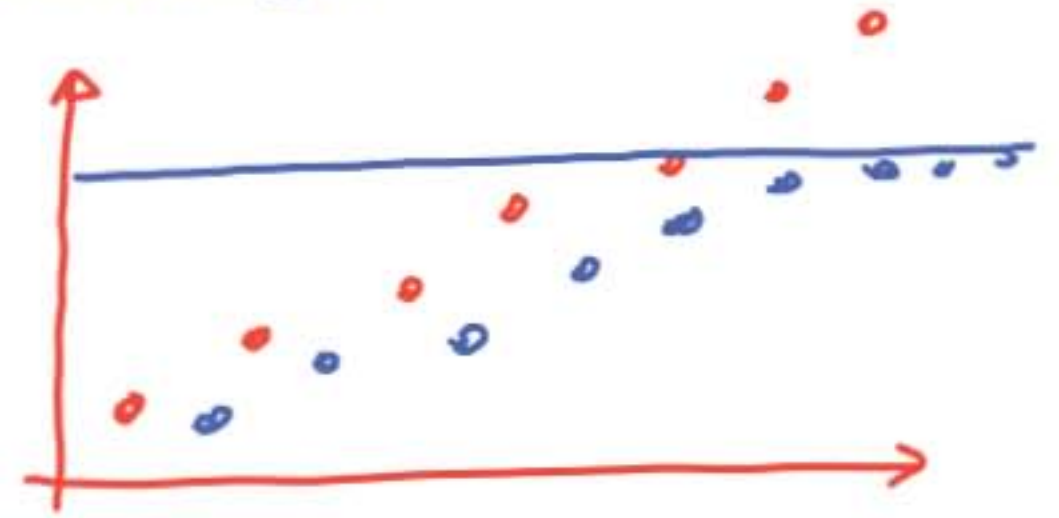
$$g: \text{continuous} \Rightarrow g(a_i) \rightarrow g(a)$$

$$a_i^2 \rightarrow a^2$$



## Mathematical background: When does a sequence converge?

- If  $a_i \leq a_{i+1}$ , for all  $i$ , then either:
  - the sequence “converges to  $\infty$ ”
  - the sequence converges to some real number  $a$
- If  $|a_i - a| \leq b_i$ , for all  $i$ , and  $b_i \rightarrow 0$ , then  $a_i \rightarrow a$



## Mathematical background: Infinite series

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

provided limit exists

- If  $a_i \geq 0$ : limit exists ←

- if terms  $a_i$  do not all have the same sign:

- limit need not exist

- limit may exist but be different if we sum in a different order

- **Fact:** limit exists and independent of order of summation if  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |a_i| < \infty$

If a series is not monotonic then:-

-> If series of abs of numbers is finite then original series is also finite upon reordering or doing some alg manipulation(see the underlined term)

-> else the series DNE



## Mathematical background: Geometric series

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

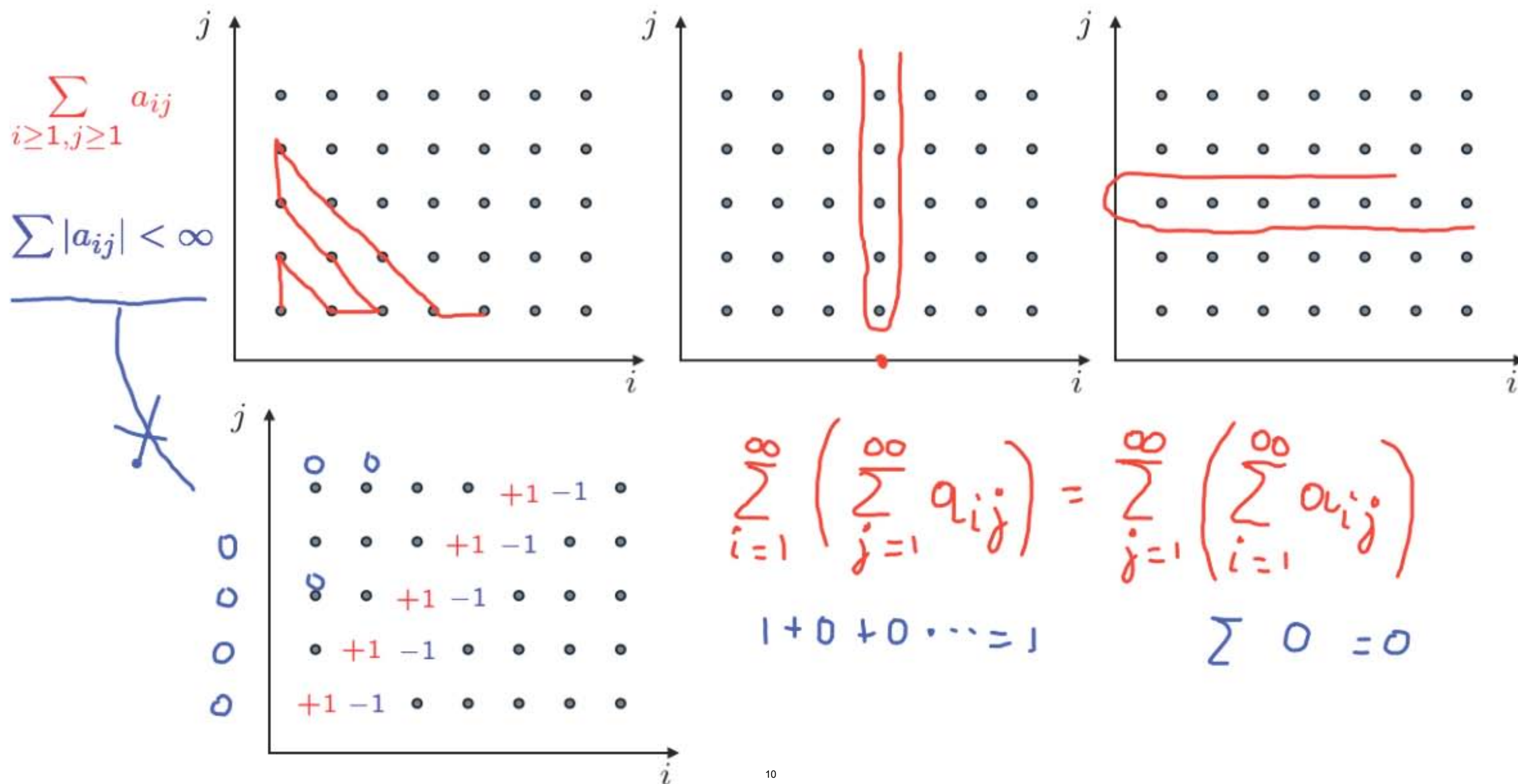
$$(1 - \alpha)(1 + \alpha + \dots + \alpha^n) = 1 - \alpha^{n+1}$$

$$n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$(1 - \alpha)S = 1$$

$$\left| \begin{aligned} S &= 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha^i = 1 + \alpha \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha^i = 1 + \alpha S \Rightarrow S(1 - \alpha) = 1 \\ S &< \infty \text{ taken for granted} \end{aligned} \right.$$

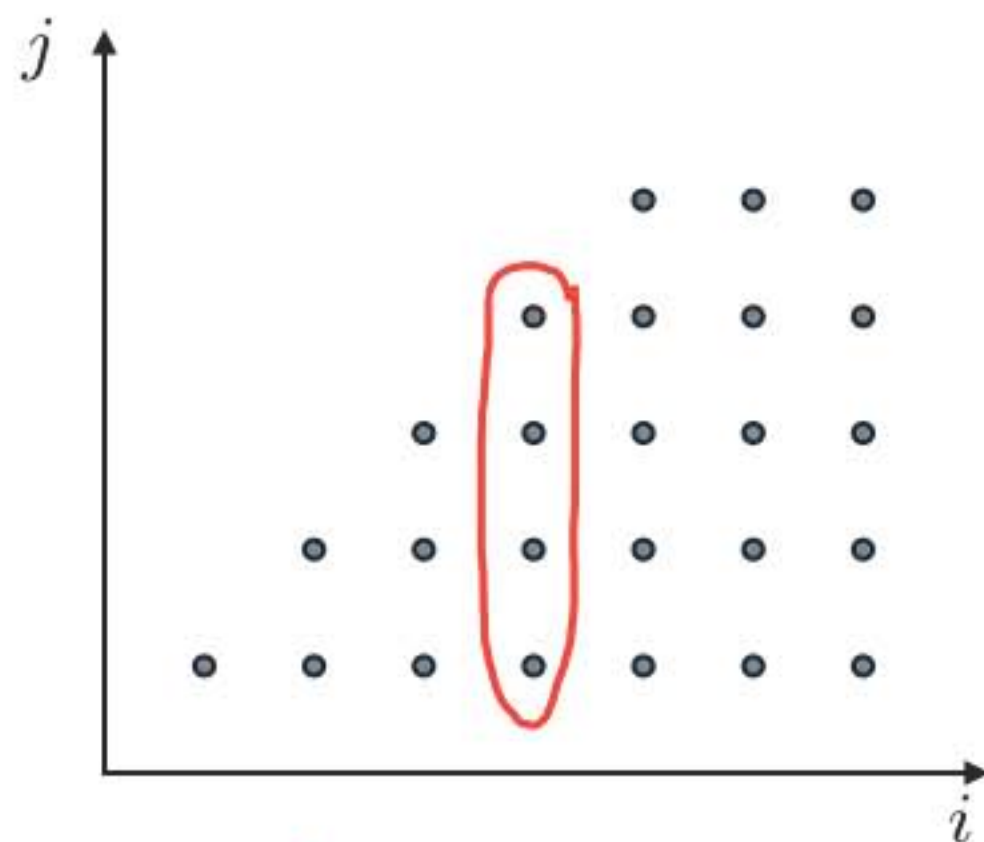
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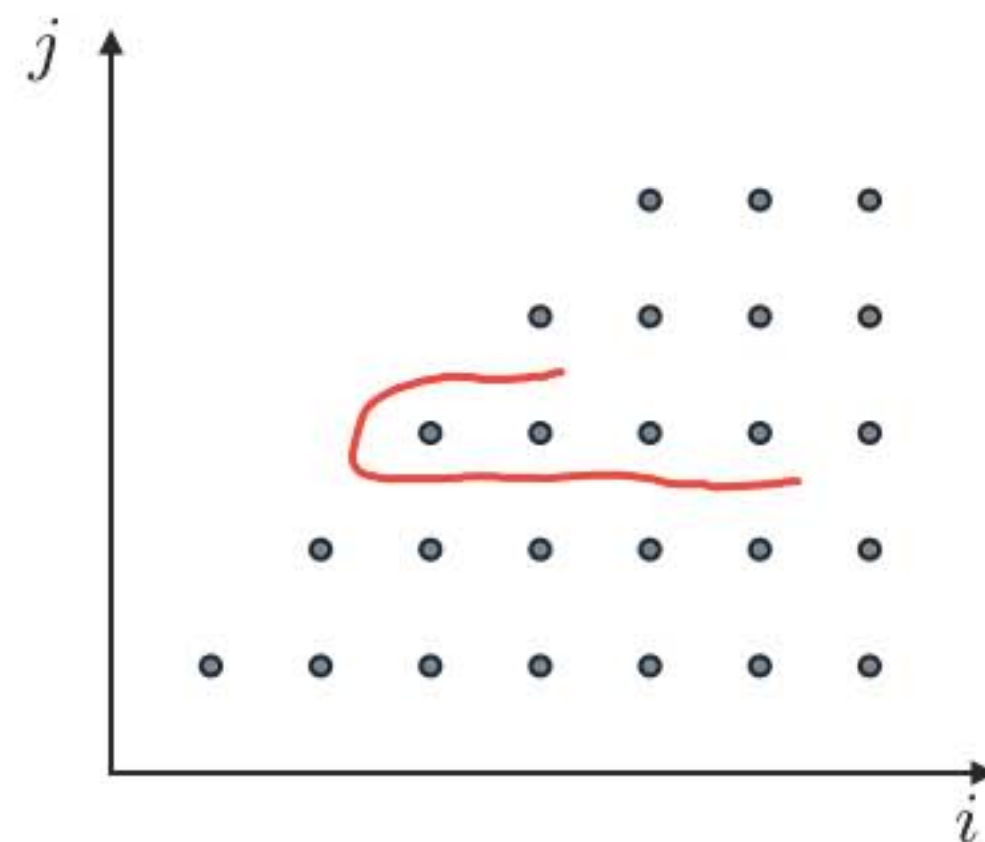
if

$$\sum_{(i,j): j \leq i} |a_{ij}| < \infty$$



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

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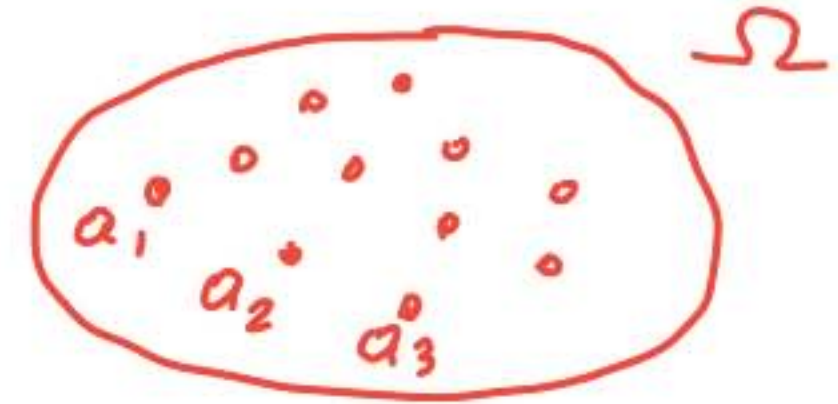


$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=j}^{\infty} a_{ij}$$



## Countable versus uncountable infinite sets

- Countable: can be put in 1-1 correspondence with positive integers



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

– positive integers  $1, 2, 3, \dots$

– integers  $0, 1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3, \dots$

– pairs of positive integers

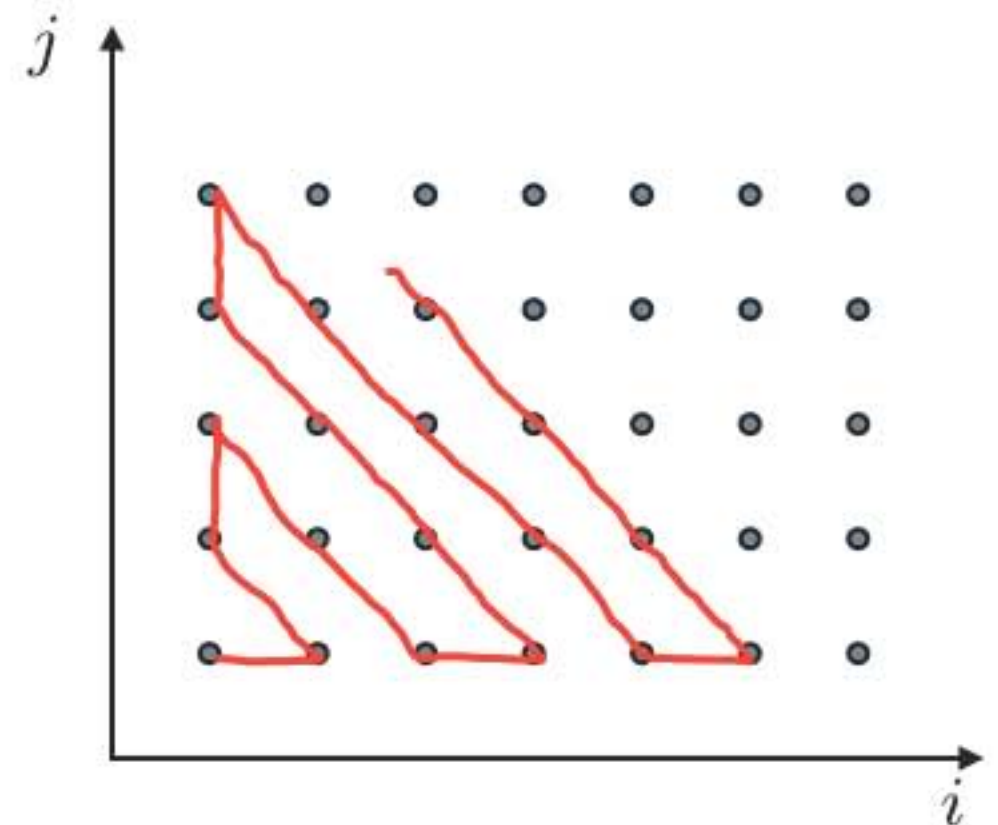
– rational numbers  $q$ , with  $0 < q < 1$

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

- Uncountable: not countable

– the interval  $[0, 1]$

– the reals, the plane,  $\dots$



## The reals are uncountable

- Cantor's diagonalization argument

→  $\{x \in (0,1) : \text{decimal expansion only has } 3,4\}$

If countable      " $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$ "

$x_1:$     0.343443000

$x_2:$     0.4443443

$x_3:$     0.3343444

0.433000 =  $x$

$\neq x_i$

for all  $i$

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