

# KEYPOINT SUMMARY

*Note: This summary is neither exhaustive nor formal. It is meant to give the intuition behind the mathematical concepts, and extract core idea for essential proofs.*

## I. CARDINALITY

1.  $A$  is a set,  $\overline{A}$  denote the cardinality of  $A$ .
  - $\overline{A} = \overline{B}$  if there exists a bijection  $A \sim B$ .
  - $\overline{A} \leq \overline{B}$  if there exists an injection  $A \hookrightarrow B$ .
  - $\overline{\emptyset} = 0$ ,  $\overline{\{1, 2, \dots, n\}} = n$ ,  $\overline{\mathbb{N}} = d$ ,  $\overline{\mathbb{R}} = c$ .
2. Schröder-Bernstein Theorem:
  - $A \hookrightarrow B$ ,  $B \hookrightarrow A \Rightarrow A \sim B$
  - $\overline{A} \leq \overline{B}$ ,  $\overline{B} \leq \overline{A} \Rightarrow \overline{A} = \overline{B}$
3.  $A$  is finite/denumerable/countable:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A \sim \emptyset \\ A \sim \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \\ A \sim \mathbb{N} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{finite} \\ \\ \text{denumerable} \end{array} \Bigg\} \text{countable}$$

Otherwise,  $A$  is uncountable.

4. Important results on cardinality of sets:
  - $\mathbb{N}^k \sim \mathbb{N}$   
*Proof.* Consider  $f(n_1, \dots, n_k) = p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_k^{n_k}$ .
  - $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \sim \mathbb{R}$   
*Proof.* Code  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  into binary strings and show it is uncountable. Consider  $f(n_1, n_2, \dots) = \frac{1}{10^{n_1}} + \frac{1}{10^{n_1+n_2}} + \dots$ .
  - $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \sim \mathbb{R}$   
*Proof.*  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: (n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots) \rightarrow 0.b_1b_2b_3\dots$   
 $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Q}): \{a \in \mathbb{Q} : a < x, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
  - $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \sim \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^k \sim \mathbb{R}$   
*Proof.*  $(0.a_1a_2\dots, 0.b_1b_2\dots) \rightarrow (0.a_1b_1a_2b_2\dots)$ .
  - The set of all real valued functions on  $[0, 1] \sim 2^c$   
*Proof.* Note  $A \hookrightarrow \mathcal{P}([0, 1] \times \mathbb{R})$ .
  - $A$  is any set,  $\overline{A} < \overline{\mathcal{P}(A)}$ .  
*Proof.* Clearly there exists  $f : A \hookrightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ . But  $f$  cannot be surjective. Consider  $X = \{a \in A : a \notin f(a)\}$ .
  - The union of a countable family of countable sets is countable.
  - The union of a cardinality  $c$  family of sets each with cardinality  $c$  has cardinality  $c$ .  
*Proof.* Consider  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in S}$ . There exists a bijection  $f_\alpha : A_\alpha \leftrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $f : A \hookrightarrow S \times \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(x) = (\alpha, f_\alpha(x))$  where  $x \in A_\alpha$ .

## II. VECTOR SPACES

1. A vector space (linear space) over  $\mathbb{R}$  is a set  $V$  with two operations *addition* and *scalar multiplication* such that

- (a)  $u + v = v + u$
- (b)  $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$
- (c)  $\exists 0 \in V, 0 + v = v$
- (d)  $(\alpha + \beta)u = \alpha u + \beta u$   
 $\alpha(u + v) = \alpha u + \alpha v$
- (e)  $(\alpha\beta)u = \alpha(\beta u)$
- (f)  $1u = u$

where  $u, v, w \in V$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- A vector space is a space closed under addition and scalar multiplication, i.e. it is a space that allows linear operations.
- A set of vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  in  $V$  is called linearly independent if  $a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 0$ .

2. A normed vector space is a vector space  $V$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  with a function  $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

- (a)  $\|u\| \geq 0$ ,  $\|u\| = 0$  iff  $u = 0$
- (b)  $\|\alpha u\| = |\alpha| \|u\|$
- (c)  $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$

- A normed vector space is a vector space where the length of vectors can be measured.
- Euclidean norm:  $\|x\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$
- Infinity norm:  $\|x\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$
- $p$ -norm:  $\|x\|_p = (|x_1|^p + \dots + |x_n|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$   
*Proof.* Minkowski's inequality:  
 $(\sum_k^n |x_k + y_k|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq (\sum_k^n |x_k|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} + (\sum_k^n |y_k|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$
- If  $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ , then  $\|x\|_p \geq \|x\|_q$ .  
*Proof.* Normalize  $x$  to  $\frac{x}{\|x\|_p}$  so that  $\|x\|_p = 1$ . Then it is easy to see  $\|x\|_q \leq 1$  because for each element  $|x_i|^q \leq |x_i|^p$ .

3. An inner product space is a vector space  $V$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  with a function  $\cdot : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

- (a)  $u \cdot u \geq 0$ ,  $u \cdot u = 0$  iff  $u = 0$
- (b)  $u \cdot v = v \cdot u$
- (c)  $(u + v) \cdot w = u \cdot w + v \cdot w$
- (d)  $(\alpha u) \cdot v = \alpha(u \cdot v)$

- Angle  $\theta$  between  $u, v$ :  $u \cdot v = \cos \theta \|u\| \|v\|$ .
- $u, v$  are orthogonal if  $u \cdot v = 0$ .
- Every inner product space is a normed space if define  $\|u\| = (u \cdot u)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  as the norm.

- Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality:  $|u \cdot v| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$   
*Proof.*  $f(\lambda) = (u - \lambda v) \cdot (u - \lambda v) \geq 0, \forall \lambda$ .  
 Substitute in  $\lambda = \frac{u \cdot v}{\|v\|^2}$ .

### III. MATRIX SPACES

- A metric space  $(X, d)$  is a set  $X$  together with a function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that
  - $d(x, y) \geq 0$ ,  $d = 0$  iff  $x = y$
  - $d(y, x) = d(x, y)$
  - $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$
  - A metric space is a set for which distances between all members of the set are defined.
  - Any normed space  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  is a metric space.
- Suppose  $(X, d)$  is a metric space, and  $S \subset X$ .  $(S, d_S)$  is a metric subspace if we define  $d_S(x, y) = d(x, y)$  for  $x, y \in S$ .
  - $\forall a \in S, B_r^S(a) = S \cap B_r^X(a)$
  - $A$  is open in  $S \Leftrightarrow A = S \cap U$ ,  $U$  is open in  $X$ ;  
 $A$  is closed in  $S \Leftrightarrow A = S \cap C$ ,  $C$  is closed in  $X$ .  
*Proof.*  $A$  open in  $S \Rightarrow A = \cup_{x \in A} B_{r_x}^S(x) = \cup_{x \in A} (S \cap B_{r_x}(x)) = S \cap (\cup_{x \in A} B_{r_x}(x))$ . Thus  $U = \cup_{x \in A} B_{r_x}(x)$ .
- Limit and Isolated Points
  - $x$  is a limit point in  $A$  if every  $B_r(x)$  contains points of  $A$  other than  $x$ .
  - $x$  is a limit point iff  $\exists(x_n) \subset A$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .
  - $x$  is a isolated point if  $\exists r$  such that  $B_r(x) \cap A = \{x\}$ .
- Interior, Exterior and Boundary
  - $x \in \text{int } A$  if  $\exists r(B_r(x) \subset A)$
  - $x \in \text{ext } A$  if  $\exists r(B_r(x) \subset A^C)$
  - $\text{ext } A = \text{int } A^C$ ,  $\text{int } A = \text{ext } A^C$
  - $x \in \partial A$  (boundary of  $A$ ) if any  $B_r(x)$  contains both points of  $A$  and points of  $A^C$ .
  - $X = \text{int } A \cup \text{ext } A \cup \partial A$
- Open Sets
  - $A$  is open if  $A = \text{int } A$ .
  - $A$  is open  $\Rightarrow A = \cup_{x \in A} B_{r_x}(x)$
  - If  $A_i$  are open,  $\cap_{i=1}^k A_i$  is open;  
 If  $A_i$  are open,  $\cup_{i \in I} A_i$  is open.
  - $\text{int } A$  is open;  $\text{ext } A$  is open.
- Closed Sets
  - $A$  is closed if  $A^C$  is open.
  - $A$  is closed iff  $\overline{A} = A$ .
  - $A$  is closed iff  $A$  contains all its limit points.
  - $A \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  is closed iff  $A$  is complete.
  - If  $B_i$  are closed,  $\cup_{i=1}^k B_i$  is closed;  
 If  $B_i$  are closed,  $\cap_{i \in I} B_i$  is closed.
  - Closure of a set is closed.
  - Closed does *not* imply bounded.
- Closure
  - $\overline{A} = A \cup \{\text{limit point of } A\}$
  - $\overline{A} = \text{int } A \cup \partial A$
  - $\overline{A} = A \cup \partial A$
  - $\overline{A} = (\text{ext } A)^C$
  - $x \in \overline{A}$  iff every  $B_r(x)$  contains a point of  $A$ .
  - $x \in \overline{A}$  iff there exists  $(x_n) \subset A$  with  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

### IV. SEQUENCES AND CONVERGENCE

- $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$  if  $\forall \epsilon, \exists N, [\forall n > N \Rightarrow d(x, x_n) < \epsilon]$ .
- $(x_n)$  is Cauchy if  $\forall \epsilon, \exists N, [\forall m, n > N \Rightarrow d(x_m, x_n) < \epsilon]$ .
  - Every convergent/Cauchy sequence is bounded.  
*Proof.* convergence  $\Rightarrow (x_n)$  is bounded after some  $N$ , left only finite elements.
  - $\mathbb{R}^k$ : sequence  $(x_n)$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow (x_n)$  is Cauchy.
  - $X$ : sequence  $(x_n)$  converges  $\not\Leftrightarrow (x_n)$  is Cauchy.
- A metric space is complete if every Cauchy sequence converges in itself.
  - $S \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  is complete *iff* it is closed.
- Monotone Convergence Theorem: if a sequence is increasing (decreasing) and bounded by a supremum (infimum), it will converge to the supremum (infimum).  
*Proof.* Let  $c = \sup_n \{a_n\}$ .  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N$  s.t.  $c - \epsilon < a_N \leq a_n \leq c, \forall n > N$ . As  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0, a_n \rightarrow c$ .
- Banach Fixed-Point Theorem: If  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space, and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is a contraction, i.e.  $\exists \lambda \in [0, 1)$  such that  $d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \lambda d(x, y)$ , then there exists a unique fixed point  $f(x) = x$ .  
*Proof.* First show  $(x_n)$  is Cauchy, then prove  $d(x, f(x)) \rightarrow 0$ .

### V. SEQUENCES AND COMPACTNESS

- Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem: Every bounded sequence in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  has a convergent subsequence.  
*Proof.* Geometric intuition: if a sequence in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is bounded, we can always trap it in a whatever small subspace. Construct a convergent subsequence by trapping it a smaller and smaller subspace.
- A metric space is (sequentially) compact if every sequence has a convergent subsequence.
  - $\mathbb{R}^k$ : compact  $\Leftrightarrow$  closed, bounded (Heine-Borel Thm)
  - $X$ : compact  $\not\Leftrightarrow$  closed, bounded.  
*Proof.* Consider  $X = C[0, 1]$ .  $\overline{B_1(\mathbf{0})} \subset X$  is closed and bounded, but *not* compact.
  - Compactness is sort of a topological generalization of finiteness. For example, if a set  $A$  is finite then every function  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded and has max/min. If  $A$  is compact, the every *continuous* function  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded and has max/min.

### VI. LIMITS AND CONTINUITY

- Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . The following are equivalent:
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = b$ ;
  - $x_n \rightarrow a \Rightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow b$ ;
  - $x \in B_\delta^X(a) \setminus \{a\} \Rightarrow f(x) \in B_\epsilon^Y(b)$ .

*Proof.* (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Suppose the opposite. Let  $x_n \in B_{1/n}^X(a)$ , then  $x_n \rightarrow a$  and  $f(x_n) \rightarrow b$ , but by assumption  $\exists \epsilon$  s.t.  $f(x_n) \notin B_\epsilon^Y(b)$ . contradiction. (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Suppose  $x_n \rightarrow a$ . (iii)  $\Rightarrow \forall \epsilon \exists \delta \exists x_n \in B_\delta^X(a) \Rightarrow f(x_n) \in B_\epsilon^Y(b) \Rightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow b$ .

2.  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous at  $a \in X$  if  $a$  is an isolated point, or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ .

- Every function is continuous at isolated points.
- Intuitively, a continuous function is a function for which sufficiently small changes in the input result in arbitrarily small changes in the output.

3. Quantitative Measures of Continuity

- $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is Lipschitz continuous if there exists a constant  $M$  such that  $d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \leq M d_X(x_1, x_2)$ .  $M$  is called the Lipschitz constant.
- $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is Hölder continuous with exponent  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  if there exists a constant  $M$  such that  $d_Y(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \leq M [d_X(x_1, x_2)]^\alpha$ .

4. Continuity and Compactness:  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, if  $K \subset X$  is compact, then  $f(K)$  is compact in  $Y$ .

*Proof.*  $\forall (y_n) \subset f(K)$ ,  $\exists (x_n) : f(x_n) = y_n$ .  $K$  is compact  $\Rightarrow \exists (x_{n_j}) \rightarrow x$ ;  $f$  is continuous  $\Rightarrow f(x_{n_j}) \rightarrow f(x) \Rightarrow y_{n_j} \rightarrow f(x)$ .

*Cor.* Continuous function on a compact set is bounded.

5. Extreme Value Theorem: Each continuous function on a compact set attains its maximum and minimum.

*Proof.*  $K$  compact  $\Rightarrow f(K)$  compact  $\Rightarrow f(K)$  closed and bounded  $\Rightarrow$  exist least upper bound  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma \in f(K)$  (take a sequence approaching  $\gamma$  and extract its convergent subsequence). Therefore,  $\exists x_0 \in K$  s.t.  $\gamma = f(x_0)$ .

6. Continuity and Open Sets: The following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous on  $X$ ;
- (ii)  $f^{-1}(E)$  is open whenever  $E$  is an open set in  $Y$ ;
- (iii)  $f^{-1}(E)$  is closed whenever  $E$  is a closed set in  $Y$ .

*Proof.*  $f$  continuous  $\Rightarrow \forall \epsilon \exists \delta f(B_\delta(x)) \subset B_\epsilon(f(x)) \subset E \Rightarrow B_\delta(x) \subset f^{-1}(E)$ . On the other hand,  $f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(f(x)))$  is an open set  $\Rightarrow \exists B_\delta(x) \subset f^{-1}(B_\epsilon(f(x))) \Rightarrow f(B_\delta(x)) \subset B_\epsilon(f(x)) \Rightarrow f$  is continuous.

*Note.* Continuous functions do *not* necessarily map open sets to open sets, or closed sets to closed sets.

*Cor.* If  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous,  $\{x : f(x) < 0\}$  is open.