

Analysis

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Chapter 1

The Real and Complex Numbers

1.1 Ordered Sets

Definition. Let S be any set. An **order** on S is a relation $<$ such that:

- (1) For $x, y \in S$, one and only one of the following hold:

$$x < y$$

$$x = y$$

$$y < x$$

We call this property the **trichotomy law**

- (2) $<$ is transitive over S .

We denote the relations $>$ and \leq to mean $x > y$ if and only if $y < x$, and $x \leq y$ if and only if $x < y$, or $x = y$. We call S together with $<$ an **ordered set**.

Example 1.1. Define $<$ on \mathbb{Q} such that for $r, s \in \mathbb{Q}$, $r < s$ implies $< 0s - r$.

Definition. Let S be an ordered set, and let $E \subseteq S$. We say that E is **bounded above** if there is some $\beta \in S$ for which $x \leq \beta$, for all $x \in E$. We say that E is **bounded below** if $\beta \leq x$, for all $x \in E$. We say an $\alpha \in S$ is a **least upperbound** of E , if α is an upperbound of E , and for all other upperbounds, γ , of E , $\alpha \leq \gamma$. Likewise, α is a **greatest lowerbound** of E if α is a lowerbound of E , and for all other lowerbounds γ of E , $\gamma \leq \alpha$. We denote the least upperbound, and greatest lowerbound by $\sup E$ and $\inf E$, respectively.

Lemma 1.1.1. *Let S be an ordered set, and let $E \subseteq S$. Then E has (if they exist) a unique least upperbound, and a unique greatest lowerbound.*

Proof. Let $\alpha, \beta \in S$ be least upperbounds of E . Then by definition, we have that $\alpha \leq \beta$, and $\beta \leq \alpha$; thus by the trichotomy law, $\alpha = \beta$. The proof is the same for greatest lowerbounds. ■

Example 1.2. (1) Let $A = \{p \in \mathbb{Q} : p^2 < 2\}$, and $B = \{p \in \mathbb{Q} : p^2 > 2\}$. Clearly, we have that every element of B is an upperbound of A , and every element of A is a lowerbound of B . Now take $p \in \mathbb{Q}$ a positive rational, and take $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $q = p - \frac{p^2 - 2}{p + 2}$. Then

$q^2 - 2 = \frac{2(p^2-2)}{(p+2)^2}$. Now if $p \in A$, then $p^2 - 2 < 0$, which implies that $p < q$, and $q^2 < 2$; thus A has no largest element; similarly, if $p \in B$, then $p^2 - 2 > 0$, which implies that $q < p$ and $q^2 > 2$, which shows that B has no least element. Thus $\sup A$ and $\inf B$ do not exist in \mathbb{Q} .

- (2) If $\alpha = \sup E \in S$, it may or may not be that $\alpha \in E$. Take $E_1 = \{r \in \mathbb{Q} : r < 0\}$, and $E_2 = \{r \in \mathbb{Q} : r \leq 0\}$. Then $\sup E_1 = \sup E_2 = 0$, but $0 \notin E_1$, where as $0 \in E_2$
- (3) Consider the set $\frac{1}{\mathbb{Z}^+} = \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$. By the well ordering principle, 1 is the least element, and is also an upperbound of all $\frac{1}{n}$ for $n > 1$. Now also notice that as n gets arbitrarily large, then $\frac{1}{n}$ gets arbitraritirly small; that is to say $\frac{1}{n}$ “tends” to 0, so $\sup \frac{1}{\mathbb{Z}^+} = 1 \in \frac{1}{\mathbb{Z}^+}$, and $\inf \frac{1}{\mathbb{Z}^+} = 0 \notin \frac{1}{\mathbb{Z}^+}$.

Definition. We say an ordered set S has the **least upperbound property**, if whenever $E \subseteq S$, nonempty, and bounded above, then $\sup E \in S$ exists; likewise, S has the **greatest lowerbound property** if whenever E is nonempty, bounded below then $\inf E \in S$ exists.

Example 1.3. (1) The set of all rationals \mathbb{Q} does not have the least upperbound property, nor the greatest lowerbound property, take A, B as in the previous example. Letting $E = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\} \subseteq \frac{1}{\mathbb{Z}^+}$, we see that $\frac{1}{\mathbb{Z}^+}$ satisfies both properties, with $\sup E = 1$, and $\inf E = \frac{1}{4}$.

- (2) Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be nonempty, and be bounded below. Then by the greatest lowerbound property, $\alpha = \inf A \in \mathbb{R}$ exists; Then for all $x \in A$, $\alpha \leq x$, and for all other lowerbounds γ , $\gamma \leq \alpha$. Then $-x \leq -\alpha$, and $-\alpha \leq -\gamma$, then we see that $-\gamma$ and $-\alpha$ are upperbounds of $-A$, and that $-\alpha$ is the least upperbound of $-A$

Theorem 1.1.2. *If S is an ordered set with the least upperbound property, then S also inherits the greatest lowerbound property.*

Proof. Let $B \subseteq S$, and let $L \subseteq S$ be the set of all lowerbounds of B . Then we have for any $y \in L$, $x \in B$, $y \leq x$. So every element of B is an upperbound of L , and L is nonempty, hence $\alpha = \sup L \in S$ exists. Now if $\gamma \leq \alpha$, then γ is not an upperbound of L , hence $\gamma \notin B$; thus $\alpha \leq x$ for all $x \in B$, so $\alpha \in L$, and by definition of the greatest lowerbound, we get $\alpha = \inf B$. ■

1.2 Fields

Definition. A **field** is a set F , together with binary operations $+$ and \cdot (called **addition** and **multiplication**, respectively) such that:

- (1) F forms an abelian group under $+$.
- (2) $F \setminus \{0\}$ forms an abelian group under \cdot (where 0 is the additive identity of F).
- (3) \cdot distributes over $+$.

We now state the following propositions without proof.

Proposition 1.2.1. *For all $x, y, z \in F$:*

- (1) $x + y = x + z$ implies $y = z$
- (2) $x + y = x$ implies $y = 0$
- (3) $x + y = 0$ implies $y = -x$
- (4) $-(-x) = x$.

Proposition 1.2.2. *For all $x, y, z \in F \setminus \{0\}$:*

- (1) $xy = xz$ implies $y = z$
- (2) $xy = x$ implies $y = 1$
- (3) $xy = 1$ implies $y = x^{-1}$
- (4) $(x^{-1})^{-1} = x$.

Proposition 1.2.3. *For all $x, y, z \in F$:*

- (1) $0x = 0$
- (2) $x \neq 0$ and $y \neq 0$ implies $xy \neq 0$
- (3) $(-x)y = -(xy) = x(-y)$
- (4) $(-x)(-y) = xy$.

Definition. An **ordered field** is a field F that is also an ordered set, such that:

- (1) $x + y < x + z$ whenever $y < z$, for $x, y, z \in F$
- (2) $xy > 0$ whenever $x > 0$ and $y > 0$, for $x, y \in F$.

Proposition 1.2.4. *Let F be an ordered field, then for any $x, y, z \in F$, the following hold:*

- (1) $x > 0$ implies $-x < 0$.
- (2) If $x > 0$ and $y < z$, then $xy < xz$.
- (3) If $x < 0$ and $y < z$, then $xz < xy$.
- (4) If $x \neq 0$, then $x^2 > 0$, in particular, $1 > 0$.
- (5) $0 < x < y$ implies that $0 < y^{-1} < x^{-1}$.

Proof. (1) If $x > 0$, then $0 = x + (-x) > 0 + (-x)$, so $-x < 0$.

(2) We have $0 < z - y$, so $0 < x(z - y) = xz - xy$, so $xy < xz$.

(3) Do the same as (2), multiplying $z - y$ by $-x$.

(4) If $x > 0$, we are done. Now suppose that $x < 0$, then $-x > 0$, so $(-x)(-x) = xx = x^2 > 0$; in particular, we also have that $1 \neq 0$, and $1 = 1^2$, so $1 > 0$.

(5) We have $0 < xy^{-1} < yy^{-1} = 1$, then $0 < x^{-1}xy^{-1} = y^{-1} < x^{-1}1 = x^{-1}$

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1.3 The Field of Real Numbers

Theorem 1.3.1. *There exists an ordered field \mathbb{R} with the least upperbound property, such that $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.*

Definition. We call the field \mathbb{R} the **field of real numbers**, and we call the elements of \mathbb{R} **real numbers**.

Definition. Let S be an ordered field, and let $E \subseteq S$. We say that E is **dense** in S , if for all $r, s \in S$, with $r < s$, there is an $\alpha \in E$ such that $r < \alpha < s$.

Theorem 1.3.2 (The Archimedean Principle). *If $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, and $x > 0$, then there is an $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $nx > y$.*

Proof. Let $A = \{nx : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$, and suppose that $nx \leq y$. Then y is an upperbound of A , and since A is nonempty, $\alpha = \sup A \in \mathbb{R}$, since $x > 0$, we have $\alpha - x < \alpha$, so $\alpha - x$ is not an upperbound of A . Hence $\alpha - x < mx$ for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then $\alpha < (1 + m)x \in A$, contradicting that α is an upperbound of A . ■

Theorem 1.3.3 (The density of \mathbb{Q} in \mathbb{R}). *\mathbb{Q} is dense in \mathbb{R} .*

Proof. Let $x < y$ be real numbers, then $y - x > 0$, so by the Archimedean principle, there is an $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ for which $n(y - x) > 1$. By the Archimedean principle again, we have $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ for which $m_1 > nx$ and $m_2 > -nx$, thus $-m_2 < nx < m_1$, and we also have that there is an $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ for which $-m_2 < m < m_1$, and $m - 1 \leq nx < m$. Thus combining inequalities, we get $nx < m < ny$, thus $x < \frac{m}{n} < y$. ■

Theorem 1.3.4 (The existence of n^{th} roots of positive reals). *For every real number $X > 0$, and for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, there is one, and only one positive real number y for which $y^n = x$.*

Proof. Let $y > 0$ be a real number; then $y^n > 0$, so there is at most one such y for which $y^n = x$. Now let $E = \{t \in \mathbb{R} : t^n < x\}$, choosing $t = \frac{x}{1+x}$, we see that $0 \leq t < 1$, hence $t^n < t < x$, so E is nonempty. Now if $1 + x < t$, then $t^n \geq x$, so $t \notin E$, and E has $1 + x$ as an upperbound. Therefore, $\alpha = \sup E \in \mathbb{R}$ exists.

Now suppose that $y^n < x$, choose $0 \leq h < 1$ such that $h < \frac{x - y^n}{n(y+1)^{n-1}}$, then $(y + h)^n - y^n < hn(y + h)^{n-1} < hn(y + 1)^{n-1} < x - y^n$, thus $(y + h)^n < x$, so $y + h \in E$, contradicting that y is an upperbound. On the other hand, if $y^n > x$, choosing $k = \frac{y^n - x}{ny^{n-1}}$, then $0 \leq k < y$, and letting $t \geq y - k$, we get that $y^n - t^n \leq y^n + (y - k)^n < kny_{n-1} = y^n - x^n$, so $t^n \geq x$, making $y - k$ an upperbound of E , which contradicts $y = \sup E$. ■

Remark. We denote y as $\sqrt[n]{x}$, or as $x^{\frac{1}{n}}$.

Corollary. *If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, with $a, b > 0$, and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then $\sqrt[n]{ab} = \sqrt[n]{a}\sqrt[n]{b}$.*

Proof. Let $\alpha = \sqrt[n]{a}$, and $\beta = \sqrt[n]{b}$. Then $\alpha^n = a$, and $\beta^n = b$, so $ab = \alpha^n \beta^n = (\alpha\beta)^n$, we are done. ■

Definition. We define the **extended real number system** to be the field \mathbb{R} , together with symbols ∞ , and $-\infty$, called **positive infinity** and **negative infinity**, such that $-\infty < x < \infty$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. We call elements of the extended real numbers **infinite**, and every other element not in the extended real numbers **finite**.

Lemma 1.3.5. ∞ is an upperbound for every subset E , of \mathbb{R} , and $-\infty$ is a lowerbound for every subset E of \mathbb{R} . Moreover, if E is not bounded above, then $\sup E = \infty$, and if E is not bounded below, then $\inf E = -\infty$.

Remark. We make the following assumptions for extended real numbers:

- (1) If $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then $x + \infty = \infty$, $x - \infty = -\infty$, and $\frac{x}{\infty} = \frac{x}{-\infty} = 0$.
- (2) If $x > 0$, then $x(\infty) = \infty$ and $x(-\infty) = -\infty$.
- (3) If $x < 0$, then $x(\infty) = -\infty$ and $x(-\infty) = \infty$.

1.4 The Complex Field

Definition. We define a **complex number** to be a pair of real numbers (a, b) . We denote the set of all complex numbers by \mathbb{C} . We define the **addition** and **multiplication** of complex numbers to be the binary operations $+: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $\cdot: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}(a, b) + (c, d) &= (a + c, b + d) \\ (a, b)(c, d) &= (ac - bd, ad + bc)\end{aligned}$$

Lastly, we define i to be the complex number such that $i = (0, 1)$.

Theorem 1.4.1. \mathbb{C} forms a field together with $+$ and \cdot .

Theorem 1.4.2. For $(a, 0), (b, 0) \in \mathbb{C}$, $(a, 0) + (b, 0) = (a + b, 0)$, and $(a, 0)(b, 0) = (ab, 0)$.

Proof. This is a straightforward application of the addition and multiplication of complex numbers. ■

Theorem 1.4.3. $i^2 = -1$.

Proof. $i^2 = (0, 1)(0, 1) = (0 - 1, 1 - 1) = (-1, 0) = -1$. ■

Theorem 1.4.4. Let $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C}$, then $(a + b) = a + ib$.

Proof. $(a, b) = (a, 0) + (0, b) = (a, 0) + (0, 1)(b, 0) = a + ib$. ■

Definition. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, and let $z \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $z = a + ib$. We define the **complex conjugate** of z to be the complex number $\bar{z} = a - ib$. Moreover, we define the **real part** of z to be a , and the **imaginary part** of z to be b , and we denote them $a = \operatorname{Re} z$, $b = \operatorname{Im} z$

Theorem 1.4.5. Let $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$. Then

- (1) $\overline{z + w} = \bar{z} + \bar{w}$.
- (2) $\overline{zw} = \bar{z}\bar{w}$.
- (3) $z + \bar{z} = 2 \operatorname{Re} z$ and $z - \bar{z} = 2i \operatorname{Im} z$.

(4) $z\bar{z}$ is a nonnegative real number.

Proof. Let $z = a + ib$, and let $w = c + id$. Then $z + w = (a + c) + i(b + d)$, so $\overline{z + w} = (a + c) - i(b + d) = (a - ib) + (c - id) = \bar{z} + \bar{w}$; similarly, we get $\overline{zw} = \bar{z}\bar{w}$. Moreover, we have $(a + ib) + (a - ib) = 2a$, and $(a + ib) - (a - ib) = 2ib$, we also have that $z\bar{z} = (a + ib)(a - ib) = a^2 + b^2 \geq 0$, and $z\bar{z} = 0$ if and only if $a = b = 0$. ■

Definition. Let $z \in \mathbb{C}$. We define the **modulus** of z to be $|z| = \sqrt{z\bar{z}}$.

Remark. $|z|$ exists and is unique.

Theorem 1.4.6. Let $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$, then:

(1) $|z| \geq 0$ and $|z| = 0$ if and only if $z = 0$.

(2) $|\bar{z}| = |z|$.

(3) $|zw| = |z||w|$.

(4) $\operatorname{Re} z \leq |z|$.

(5) $|z + w| \leq |z| + |w|$.

Proof. Let $z = a + ib$, and $w = c + id$. Then $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \geq 0$, and $|z| = 0$ if and only if $a, b = 0$. Moreover, $|\bar{z}| = |a + i(-b)| = \sqrt{a^2 + (-b)^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = |z|$. We also have $|zw|^2 = (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) = |z|^2|w|^2$, likewise, $|\operatorname{Re} z| = |a + i0| = \sqrt{a^2} \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$. Finally we prove (5).

We have $|z + w|^2 = (z + w)(\bar{z} + \bar{w}) = z\bar{z} + \bar{z}w + \bar{w}z + w\bar{w} = |z|^2 + w\operatorname{Re} z\bar{w} + |w|^2 \leq |z|^2 + 2|s\bar{w}| + |w|^2 = (|z| + |w|)^2$. ■

Theorem 1.4.7 (The Cauchy Schwarz Inequality). Let $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{C}$, for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Then:

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \bar{b}_i \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2 \sum_{i=1}^n |b_i|^2 \quad (1.1)$$

Proof. Let $A = \sum |a_j|^2$, $B = \sum |b_i|^2$, and $C = \sum a_i \bar{b}_i$. If $B = 0$, then $b_i = 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$, and we are done; so suppose that $B > 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum |Ba_j - Cb_j|^2 &= \sum (Ba_j - Cb_j)(\overline{Ba_j - Cb_j}) \\ &= B \sum |a_j|^2 - B\bar{C} \sum a_j \bar{b}_j - BC \sum \bar{a}_j b_j + |C|^2 \sum |b_j|^2 \\ &= (B^2 A - B|C|^2) = B(AB - |C|^2) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $B > 0$, we get $|C|^2 \leq AB$ as required. ■

1.5 Euclidean Spaces

Definition. Let $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, and let \mathbb{R}^k be the set of all ordered k -tuples (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) , with $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$. We call \mathbb{R}^k the **Euclidean space** of **dimension** k ; more simply the **Euclidean k -space**. We call elements of \mathbb{R}^k **vectors** or **points**; and we define **vector addition** and **scalar multiplication** to be:

$$\begin{aligned}(x_1, \dots, x_k) + (y_1, \dots, y_k) &= (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_k + y_k) \\ \alpha(x_1, \dots, x_k) &= (\alpha x_1, \dots, \alpha x_k)\end{aligned}$$

for $(x_1, \dots, x_k), (y_1, \dots, y_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 1.5.1. \mathbb{R}^k forms a vector space together with vector addition and scalar multiplication.

Definition. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^k$. We define the **inner product** of x and y to be the binary operation $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{R}^k \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i y_i$$

We define the **norm** of x to be $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = \sqrt{\sum x_i^2}$.

Theorem 1.5.2. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^k$, and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Then:

- (1) $\|x\| \geq 0$ and $\|x\| = 0$ if and only if $x_i = 0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq k$.
- (2) $\|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|$.
- (3) $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$.
- (4) $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$, and $\|x - z\| \leq \|x - y\| + \|y - z\|$

Proof. (1) follows by definition of the norm. We also have that $\|\alpha x\| = \sqrt{\sum \alpha^2 x_i^2} = \sqrt{\alpha^2} \sqrt{\sum x_i^2} = |\alpha| \|x\|$.

Now by the Cauchy Schwarz inequality, we have that $|\langle x, y \rangle|^2 = \sum x_i^2 y_i^2 \leq \sum x_i^2 \sum y_i^2 = \|x\| \|y\|$. Finally we have that $\|x + y\|^2 = \langle x + y, x + y \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle + 2\langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle \leq \|x\|^2 + 2\|x\| \|y\| + \|y\|^2 = (\|x\| + \|y\|)^2$, the last result follows immediately. ■

Chapter 2

Topological Foundations

2.1 Finite, Countable, and Uncountable Sets

Definition. Let A be a set, and let $E \subseteq \mathbb{N}$. We say that A is **finite** if there exists a 1-1 mapping of A onto E , we say A is **countable** if $E = \mathbb{N}$, and we say A is **atmost countable** if A is either finite or countable.

Example 2.1. The set of all integers \mathbb{Z} is countable. Take $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ such that $f(n) = 2$ if n is even, and $f(n) = -n$ if n is odd.

Definition. Let A be a set, and let $E \subseteq \mathbb{N}$. A **sequence** in A is a mapping $f : E \rightarrow A$ such that $f(n) = x_n$, for $x_n \in A$. We call the values of f **terms** of the sequence. We denote sequences by $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$, and when $E = \mathbb{N}$, we denote them simply by $\{x_n\}$.

Theorem 2.1.1. *Every infinite subset of a countable set is countable.*

Proof. Let A be countable, and let $E \subseteq A$ be infinite. Arrange the elements of A into a sequence $\{x_n\}$, and construct a sequence $\{n_k\}$ such that n_1 is the least term for which $\{x_{n_k}\} \in E$, and n_k is the least term greater than n_{k-1} for which $x_{n_k} \in E$. Let $f(k) = x_{n_k}$, and we get a 1-1 mapping of \mathbb{N} onto E . ■

Theorem 2.1.2. *Let $\{E_n\}$ be a sequence of countable sets. Then $S = \bigcup E_n$ is also countable.*

Proof. Arrange every set E_n in a sequence $\{x_{nk}\}$, and consider the infinite array (x_{ij}) , in which the elements of E_n form the n -th row. Then (x_{ij}) contains all the elements of S , and we can arrange them in a sequence

$$x_{11}, (x_{21}, x_{12}), (x_{31}, x_{22}, x_{13}), \dots$$

Moreover, if $E_i \cap E_j \neq \emptyset$, for $i \neq j$, then the elements of $E_i \cap E_j$ appear more than once in the sequence of S ; so taking $T \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, we get a 1-1 mapping of T onto S , hence S is atmost countable, and since $E_i \subseteq S$ for $i \in \mathbb{N}$, is infinite, by theorem 2.1.1, S is infinite, thus S is countable. ■

Figure 2.1: The infinite array (x_{ij})

Corollary. Let A be atmost countable, and suppose for all $\alpha \in A$ that the sets B_α are atmost countable. Then

$$T = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} B_\alpha$$

is atmost countable.

Theorem 2.1.3. Let A be countable, and let B_n be the set of all n -tuples (a_1, \dots, a_n) such that $a_i \in A$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Then B_n is countable.

Proof. By induction on n , we have that $B_1 = A$, which is countable. Now suppose that B_n is countable, and consider B_{n+1} whose elements are of the form (b, a) where $b \in B_n$ and $a \in A$. Fixing b , we get a 1-1 correspondence between the elements of B_{n+1} and A ; therefore B is countable. ■

Corollary. \mathbb{Q} is countable.

Proof. For every rational $\frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$, represent $\frac{p}{q}$ as (p, q) . Then the countability of \mathbb{Q} follows from theorem 2.1.3. ■

Theorem 2.1.4. Let A be the set of all sequences of 0 and 1; then A is uncountable.

Proof. Let EA be countable, and let E consist of all the sequences of 0 and 1, s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots . Construct the sequence s such that if the n -th term of the sequence s_i is 0, then the n -th term of s is 1, and vice versa, for $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then the sequence s differs from the sequence s_i at atleast one place; thus $s \notin E$, but $s \in A$. Therefore $E \subset A$, which establishes the uncountability of A . ■

2.2 Metric Spaces

Definition. A set X , whose elements we will call **points**, is said to be a **metric space** if there exists a mapping $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, called a **metric** (or **distance function**) such that for $x, y \in X$

- (1) $d(x, y) \geq 0$, and $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$.
- (2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$.
- (3) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ (The Triangle Inequality).

Example 2.2. The absolute value, $|\cdot|$ for real numbers, the modulus $|\cdot|$ for complex numbers, and the norm $\|\cdot\|$ for vectors are all metrics. They turn \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} , and \mathbb{R}^k into metric spaces respectively.

Definition. An **open interval** in \mathbb{R} (or **segment**) is a set of the form $(a, b) = \{a, b \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b\}$, a **closed interval** in \mathbb{R} is a set of the form $[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b\}$; and **half open intervals** in \mathbb{R} are sets of the form $[a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x < b\}$ and $(a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x \leq b\}$.

If $a_i < b_i$, for $1 \leq i \leq k$, the set of all points $(x_1, \dots, x_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$ which satisfy the Inequalities $a_i \leq x_i \leq b_i$ is called a **k-cell** in \mathbb{R}^k . If $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$, and $r > 0$, we call the set $B_r(x) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^k : \|x - y\| < r\}$ an **open ball** in \mathbb{R}^k , and we call the set $B_r[x] = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^k : \|x - y\| \leq r\}$ a **closed ball** in \mathbb{R}^k .

Definition. We call a set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$ **convex**, if whenever $x, y \in E$, $\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \in E$ for $0 < \lambda < 1$.

Lemma 2.2.1. *Open and closed balls, along with k-cells are convex.*

Proof. Let $B_r(x)$ be an open ball; let $y, z \in B_r(x)$, and $0 < \lambda < 1$. Then $\|x - (\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)z)\| = \|\lambda(x - y) + (1 - \lambda)(x - z)\| \leq \lambda\|x - y\| + (1 - \lambda)\|x - z\| < \lambda r + (1 - \lambda)r$. The proof is analogous for closed ball.

Now let K be a k -cell for $a_i < b_i$, for $1 \leq i \leq k$, let $x, y \in K$, then $a_i \leq x_i, y_i \leq b_i$, so $\lambda a_i \leq \lambda x_i \leq \lambda b_i$, and $(1 - \lambda)a_i \leq (1 - \lambda)y_i \leq (1 - \lambda)b_i$, since $0 < \lambda < 1$, $a_i \leq \lambda a_i + (1 - \lambda)a_i \leq \lambda x_i + (1 - \lambda)y_i \leq \lambda b_i + (1 - \lambda)b_i \leq b_i$. ■

Corollary. *Open and closed intervals, along with half open intervals are convex.*

Proof. We just notice that open and closed intervals are open and closed balls in $\mathbb{R}^1 = \mathbb{R}$, we also notice that half open intervals $[a, b)$ and $(a, b]$ are subsets of the closed interval $[a, b]$, and hence inherit convexity. ■

For the following definitions, let X be a metric space with metric d .

Definition. A **neighborhood** of a point $x \in X$ is the set $N_r(x) = \{y \in X : d(x, y) < r\}$ for some $r > 0$ called the **radius** of the neighborhood. We call x a **limit point** of a set $E \subseteq X$ if every neighborhood of x contains a point $y \neq x$ such that $y \in E$. If $y \in E$, and y is not a limit point, we call y an **isolated point**.

Definition. We call a set $E \subseteq X$ **closed** if every limit point of E is in E . A point $x \in X$ is an **interior point** of E if there is a neighborhood N of x such that $N \subseteq E$. We call E **open** if every point of E is an interior point of E .

Definition. $E \subseteq X$ is called **perfect** if E is closed, and every point of E is a limit point of E . We call E **dense** if every point of X is either a limit point of E , or a point of E , or both.

Definition. We call $E \subseteq X$ **bounded** if there is a real number $M > 0$, and a point $y \in X$ such that $d(x, y) < M$ for all $x \in E$.

Theorem 2.2.2. *Let X be a metric space and $x \in X$. Every neighborhood of x is open.*

Proof. Consider the neighborhood $N_r(x)$, and $y \in E$, there is a positive real number h such that $d(x, y) = r - h$, then for $z \in X$ such that $d(y, z) < h$, we have $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z) < r - h + h = r$, thus $z \in E$, so y is an interior point of E . ■

Theorem 2.2.3. *If x is a limit point of a set E , then every neighborhood of x contains infinitely many points of E .*

Proof. Let N be a neighborhood of x containing only a finite number of points of E . Let y_1, \dots, y_n be points of $N \cap E$ distinct from x and let $r = \min\{d(x, y_i)\}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$, then $r > 0$, and the neighborhood $N_r(x)$ contains no point y of E for which $y \neq x$, so x is not a limit point; which is a contradiction. ■

Corollary. *A finite point set has no limit points.*

Proof. By theorem 2.3.3, if x is a limit point in the finite point set E , then every neighborhood of x contains infinitely many points of E ; contradicting its finiteness. ■

Example 2.3. (1) The set of all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $|z| < 1$ is open, and bounded.

(2) The set of all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ for which $|z| \leq 1$ is closed, perfect, and bounded.

(3) Any nonempty finite set is closed, and bounded.

(4) \mathbb{Z} is closed, but it is not open, perfect, or bounded.

(5) The set $\frac{1}{\mathbb{Z}_+}$ is neither closed, nor open, it is not perfect; but it is bounded.

(6) \mathbb{C} is closed, open, and perfect, but it is not bounded.

(7) The open interval in (a, b) is open (only in \mathbb{R}), and bounded.

Theorem 2.2.4. *Let X be a metric space, a set $E \subseteq X$ is open if and only if $X \setminus E$ is closed.*

Proof. Suppose that $X \setminus E$ is closed, let $x \in E$, then $x \notin X \setminus E$, and x is not a limit point of $X \setminus E$. Thus there is a neighborhood N of x such that $N \cap (X \setminus E) = \emptyset$, thus $N \subseteq E$, and so x is an interior point of E .

Conversely, suppose that E is open, and let x be a limit point of $X \setminus E$, then every neighborhood of x contains a point of $X \setminus E$, so x is not an interior point of E , since E is open, it follows that $x \in X \setminus E$, thus $X \setminus E$ is closed. ■

Corollary. *E is closed if and only if $X \setminus E$ is open.*

Proof. This is the converse of theorem 2.3.4. ■

Theorem 2.2.5. *Let X be a metric space. The following are true:*

(1) *If $\{G_\alpha\}$ is a collection of open sets, then $\bigcup G_\alpha$ is open.*

(2) *If $\{G_i\}_{i=1}^n$ is a finite collection of open sets, then $\bigcap_{i=1}^n G_i$ is open.*

(3) *if $\{G_\alpha\}$ is a collection of closed sets, then $\bigcap G_\alpha$ is closed.*

(4) If $\{G_i\}_{i=1}^n$ is a finite collection of closed sets, then $\bigcup_{i=1}^n G_i$ is closed.

Proof. Let $G = \bigcup G_\alpha$, then if $x \in G$, $x \in G_\alpha$ for some α , then x is an interior point of G_α , hence an interior point of G , so G is open. Now let $G = \bigcap_{i=1}^n G_i$. For $x \in G$, there are neighborhoods N_i of x , with radii r_i such that $N_i \subseteq G_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Then let $r = \min\{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$, and let N be the neighborhood of x with radius r , then $N \subseteq G_i$, hence $N \subseteq G$, so G is open.

The proofs of (3) and (4) are just the converse of the proofs of (1) and (2). ■

Definition. Let X be a metric space, and let $E \subseteq X$, and let E' be the set of all limit points of E . We define the **closure** of E to be the set $\overline{E} = E \cup E'$.

Theorem 2.2.6. If X is a metric space, and $E \subseteq X$, then the following hold

(1) \overline{x} is closed.

(2) E is closed if and only if $E = \overline{E}$.

(3) If $F \subseteq X$ such that $E \subseteq F$, and F is closed, then $\overline{E} \subseteq F$.

Proof. If $x \in X$, and $x \notin \overline{E}$, then $x \notin E$, nor is it a limit point of E , thus there is a neighborhood of x that is disjoint from E , hence $X \setminus \overline{E}$ is open.

Now if E is closed, then $E' \subseteq E$, so $\overline{E} = E$, conversely, if $E = \overline{E}$, then clearly E is closed. Now if F is closed and $E \subseteq F$, then $F' \subseteq F$, and $E' \subseteq F$, therefore $\overline{E} \subseteq F$. ■

Theorem 2.2.7. Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be nonempty and bounded above, let $y = \sup E$, then $y \in \overline{E}$, hence $y \in E$ if E is closed.

Proof. Suppose that $y \notin E$, then for every $h > 0$, there exists a point $x \in E$ such that $y - h < x < y$, then y is a limit point of E , thus $y \in \overline{E}$. ■

Theorem 2.2.8. Let $Y \subseteq X$; a subset E of Y is open in Y if and only if $E = Y \cap G$ for some open subset G of X .

Proof. Suppose E is open in Y , then for each $x \in E$, there is a $r_p > 0$ such that $d(x, y) < r_p$, if $y \in Y$, that implies that $y \in E$; hence let V_x be the set of all $y \in X$ such that $d(x, y) < r_p$, and define

$$G = \bigcup_{x \in E} V_x$$

Then by theorems 2.2.2 and 2.2.5, G is open in X , and $E \subseteq G \cap Y$. Now we also have that $V_p \cap YE$, thus $G \cap YE$, thus $E = G \cap Y$. Conversely, if G is open in X , and $E = G \cap Y$, then every $x \in E$ has a neighborhood $v_p \in G$, thus $V_p \cap Y \subseteq E$, hence E is open in Y . ■

2.3 Compact Sets

Definition. Let X be a metric space, and let $E \subseteq X$. An **open cover** of E is a collection $\{G_\alpha\}$ of subsets of X such that $E \subseteq \bigcup G_\alpha$. We call a collection $\{E_\beta\}$ of subsets of X an **open subcover** of E if $\{E_\beta\}$ is a cover of E , and $\bigcup E_\beta \subseteq \bigcup G_\alpha$. We call E **compact** if every open cover of E contains a finite open subcover.

Lemma 2.3.1. *Every finite set is compact.*

Proof. Let K be finite, and let $\{G_\alpha\}$ be an open subcover of K . Since K is finite, there is a 1-1 mapping of K onto the set $\{1, \dots, n\}$. Let $\{E_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be the finite collection of all subsets of K , clearly, $\{E_i\}$ is an open cover of K . Moreover, if $\bigcup E_i \subseteq \bigcup G_\alpha$, we are done, and if $\bigcup G_\alpha \subseteq \bigcup E_i$, then $\{G_i\}$ is a finite subcollection that covers K , so in either case, K is compact. ■

Theorem 2.3.2. *Let X be a metric space, and let $K \subseteq Y \subseteq X$. Then Y is compact in X if and only if K is compact in Y .*

Proof. Suppose K is compact in Y , and let $\{G_\alpha\}$ be a collection of subsets of $Y \setminus X$ that cover K , and let $V_\alpha = Y \cap G_\alpha$, then $\{V_\alpha\}$ is a collection of subsets of X covering K , in which $V_\alpha \subseteq G_\alpha$ for all α , therefore K is compact in Y .

conversely, suppose that K is compact in X , and let $\{V_\alpha\}$ be a collection of open sets in Y such that $K \subseteq \bigcup V_\alpha$, by theorem 2.2.8, there is a collection $\{G_\alpha\}$ of open sets in Y such that $V_\alpha = Y \cap G_\alpha$, for all α . Then $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_i}$; therefore, K is compact in Y . ■

Theorem 2.3.3. *Compact subsets of metric spaces are closed.*

Proof. Let X be a metric space, and let K be compact in X and let $x \in X \setminus K$, if $y \in K$, let U and V be neighborhoods of x and y respectively, each of radius $r < \frac{1}{2}d(x, y)$. Since K is compact, there are finitely many points y_1, \dots, y_n such that $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i = V$, where V_i is a neighborhood of y_i for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Let $U = \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i$, then $V \cap U$ is empty, hence $U \cap X \setminus V$, therefore, $x \in X \setminus K$, therefore K is closed. ■

Theorem 2.3.4. *Closed subsets of compact sets are compact.*

Proof. Let X be a metric space with $F \subseteq K \subseteq X$, with F closed in X , and K compact. Let $\{V_\alpha\}$ be an open cover of F . If we append $X \setminus F$ to $\{V_\alpha\}$, we get an open cover Θ of K , and since K is compact, there is a finite subcollection Φ which covers K , so Φ is an open cover of F , $X \setminus F \in \Phi$, then $\Phi \setminus (X \setminus F)$ still covers F , therefore F is compact. ■

Theorem 2.3.5. *Let $\{K_\alpha\}$ be a collection of compact sets of a metric space X , such that every finite subcollection of $\{K_\alpha\}$ is nonempty. Then $\bigcap K_\alpha$ is nonempty.*

Proof. Fix $K_1 \subseteq \{K_\alpha\}$, and let $G_\alpha = X \setminus K_\alpha$. Suppose no point of K_1 is in $\bigcap K_\alpha$, then $\{G_\alpha\}$ covers K_1 , and since K_1 is compact, we have $K_1 \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_i}$, for $1 \leq i \leq n$, which implies that $\bigcap K_\alpha$ is empty, a contradiction. ■

Corollary. *If $\{K_\alpha\}$ is a sequence of nonempty compact sets, such that $K_{n+1} \subseteq K_n$, then $\bigcap_{i=1}^\infty K_n$ is nonempty.*

Theorem 2.3.6. *If E is an infinite subset of a compact set K , then E has a limit point in K .*

Proof. Suppose no point of K is a limit point of E , then for all $x \in K$, the neighborhood U_x contains at most one point in E . Then no finite subcollection of $\{U_x\}$ covers E , which contradicts the compactness on K . ■

Theorem 2.3.7 (The Nested Interval Theorem). *if $\{I_n\}$ is a sequence of intervals in \mathbb{R} such that $I_{n+1} \subseteq I_n$, then $\bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} I_n$ is nonempty.*

Proof. We let $I_n = [a_n, b_n]$. Letting E be the set of all a_n , E is nonempty and bounded above by b_1 . Letting $x = \sup E$, and $m \geq n$, we have $[a_m, b_m] \subseteq [a_n, b_n]$, thus $a_m \leq x \leq b_m$ for all m , thus $x \in I_m = \bigcap_{j=i}^n I_j$ ■

Theorem 2.3.8. *Let $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, and $\{I_n\}$ be a nonempty sequence of k -cells of \mathbb{R}^k such that $I_{n+1} \subseteq I_n$. Then $\bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} I_n$ is nonempty.*

Proof. Let I_n be the set of all points $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$ such that $a_{n,j} \leq x_j \leq b_{n,j}$, and let $I_{n,j} = [a_{n,j}, b_{n,j}]$. Then for each $1 \leq j \leq k$, by the nested interval theorem, $\bigcap_{l=1}^{\infty} I_{l,j}$ is nonempty, hence there are real numbers x'_j such that $a_{n,j} \leq x'_j \leq b_{n,j}$. Letting $x' = (x'_1, \dots, x'_k)$, we get that $x' \in I \bigcap_{l=1}^{\infty} I_l$ ■

Theorem 2.3.9. *Every k -cell is compact.*

Proof. Let I be a k -cell, and let $\delta = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^k a(b_j - a_j)^2}$ we get for $x, y \in I$, $\|x - y\| \leq \delta$. Now suppose there is an open cover $\{G_\alpha\}$ of I for which no finite subcover is contained. Let $c_j = \frac{a_j + b_j}{2}$, then the closed intervals $[a_j, c_j]$, $[c_j, b_j]$ determine the 2^k k -cells Q_i such that $\bigcup Q_i = I$. Then atleast one Q_i cannot be covered by any finite subcollectio of $\{G_\alpha\}$. Subdividing Q_1 , we get a sequence $\{Q_n\}$ such that $Q_{n+1} \subseteq Q_n$, Q_n is not covered by any finite subcollection of $\{G_\alpha\}$, and $\|x - y\| \leq \frac{\delta}{2^n}$ for $x, y \in Q_n$. Then by theorem 2.3.8, there is a point $x' \in Q_n$, and for some α , $x' \in G_\alpha$; since G_α is open, there is an $r > 0$ for which $\|x - \| < r$ implies $y \in G_\alpha$. Then for n sufficiently large, we have that $\frac{\delta}{2^n} < r$, then we get that $Q_n \in G_\alpha$, which is a contradiction. ■

Theorem 2.3.10 (The Heine-Borel Theorem). *If E is a subset of \mathbb{R}^k , then the following are equivalent:*

- (1) E is closed and bounded.
- (2) E is compact.
- (3) Every infinite subset of E has a limit point in E .

Proof. Suppose that E is closed and bounded, then $E \subseteq I$ for some k -cell I in \mathbb{R}^k , and hence it is compact. By theorem ??, E is compact. Now suppose that E is compact, then by theorem 2.3.6, every infinite subset of E has a limit point in E .

Now suppose that every infinite subset of E has a limit point in E . If E is not bounded, then $\|x_n\| > n$ for some $x_n \in E$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then the set of all such x_n is infinite, and has no limit point in E , a contradiction; moreover suppose that E is not closed. Then there is a point $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^k \setminus E$, which is a limit point of E . Then there are points $x_n \in E$ for which $\|x_n - x_0\| < \frac{1}{n}$, let S be the set of all such points. Then S is infinite and has x_0 as its only limit point; for if $y \neq x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^k$, then $\frac{1}{2}\|x_0 - y\| \leq \|x_0 - y\| - \frac{1}{n} \leq \|x_0 - y\| - \|x_n - x_0\| \leq \|x_n - y\|$ for only some n . Thus by theorem 2.2.3, y is not a limit point of S . Therefore, if every infinite subset of E has a limit point in E , E must be closed. ■

Theorem 2.3.11 (The Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem). *Every bounded infinite subset E of \mathbb{R}^k has a limit point in \mathbb{R}^k .*

Proof. We have that $E \subseteq I$, for some k -cell I in \mathbb{R}^k . Since k -cells are compact, by the Heine-Borel theorem, E is also compact and has a limit point in I . ■

2.4 Perfect Sets

Theorem 2.4.1. *If $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$ is a nonempty perfect set, then P is uncountable.*

Proof. Since every point of P is a limit point of P , we gave that P must be infinite. Then suppose that P is countable. For points $x_n \in P$, construct the sequence $\{U_n\}$ of neighborhoods of x_n , for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$; now by induction, if U_1 is a neighborhood of x_1 , then for $y \in \hat{U}_1$, $\|x_1 - y\| \leq r$ for some $r > 0$. Now suppose the neighborhood U_n of x_n has been constructed such that $U_n \cap P$ is nonempty. Then there is a neighborhood U_{n+1} of x_{n+1} such that $U_{n+1} \subseteq U_n$, $x_n \notin U_{n+1}$, and $U_{n+1} \cap P$ is nonempty. Therefore there is a nonempty $K_n = U_n \cap P$. Since \hat{U}_n is closed and bounded, \hat{U} is compact, and since $x_n \notin K_{n+1}$, $x_n \notin \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} K_i$, and since $K_n \subseteq P$, $\bigcap K_i$ is empty, a contradiction. ■

Corollary. *Let $a < b$ be real numbers. Then the closed interval $[a, b]$ is uncountable. Moreover, \mathbb{R} is uncountable.*

Proof. We have $[a, b]$ is closed, and perfect (since $(a, b)[a, b]$ is perfect), thus $[a, b]$ is uncountable. Moreover, take $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [a, b]$, by $f(x) = \frac{a+b}{2}x$; then f is a 1-1 mapping of \mathbb{R} onto $[a, b]$, which makes \mathbb{R} uncountable. ■

Theorem 2.4.2 (The construction of the Cantor set). *There exists a perfect set in \mathbb{R} which contains no open interval.*

Proof. Let $E_0 = [0, 1]$, and remove $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$, and let $E_1 = [0, \frac{1}{3}] \cup [\frac{2}{3}, 1]$. Now remove the open intervals $(\frac{1}{9}, \frac{2}{9})$, $(\frac{3}{9}, \frac{6}{9})$, $(\frac{7}{9}, \frac{8}{9})$, and let $E_2 = [0, \frac{2}{9}] \cup [\frac{2}{9}, \frac{3}{9}] \cup [\frac{6}{9}, \frac{7}{9}] \cup [\frac{7}{9}, \frac{8}{9}]$. Continuing the removal of the middle third of each interval, we obtain the sequence of compact sets $\{E_n\}$, such that $E_{n+1} \subseteq E_n$, and E_n is the union of 2^n closed intervals of length $\frac{1}{3^n}$. Then let:

$$P = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \quad (2.1)$$

Then P is nonempty, and compact.

Now let I be the open interval of the form $(\frac{3k+1}{3^m}, \frac{3k+2}{3^m})$, with $k, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then by the construction of P , I has no point in P , we also see that every other open interval contains a subinterval of the form of I ; then P contains no open interval.

Now let $x \in P$, and let S be any open interval for which $x \in S$. Let I_n be the closed interval of E_n such that $x \in I_n$. Choose n sufficiently large such that $I_n \subseteq S$. If $x_n \neq x$ is an endpoint of I_n , then $x_n \in P$, and so x is a limit point of P . Therefore P is perfect. ■

Definition. We call the set P constructed in the proof of theorem 2.4.2 the **Cantor set**.

2.5 Connected Sets

Definition. Two subsets A and B of a metric space X are **separated** if $A \cap \hat{B}$ and $\hat{A} \cap B$ are both empty. We say a subset E of X is **connected**, if E is not the union of two nonempty separated sets.

Theorem 2.5.1. *A subset E of \mathbb{R} is connected if and only if $x, y \in E$ and $x < z < y$ imply $z \in E$.*

Proof. Let $x, y \in E$ such that for some $z \in (x, y)$, $z \notin E$. Then $E = A \cup B$, with $A = E \cup (-\infty, z)$ and $B = E \cup (z, \infty)$. Then A and B are separated, which contradicts the connectedness of E .

Conversely suppose for $x, y \in E$, that $z \in E$ for $z \in (x, y)$. Then there are nonempty separated sets A and B such that $A \cup B = E$. Choose $x \in A$, $y \in B$ such that $x < y$, and let $z = \sup(A \cap [x, y])$. Then by theorem 2.2.7, $z \in \hat{A}$, so $z \notin B$. In particular, $x \leq z < y$. Now if $z \notin A$, then $x < z < y$, with $z \notin E$. Now if $z \in A$, then $z \notin \hat{B}$, hence there is a z' such that $z < z' < y$, and $z' \notin B$. Then $x < z' < y$ and $z' \notin E$. ■

Chapter 3

Sequences

3.1 Convergent Sequences

Definition. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in a metric space X is said to **converge** if there is a point $x \in X$ such that for every $\epsilon > 0$, there is an $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $d(x_n, x) < \epsilon$ whenever $n \geq N$. We say $\{x_n\}$ **converges** to x , and we call x the **limit** of $\{x_n\}$ as n approaches ∞ . We write $x_n \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ (or $\lim x_n = x$). If $\{x_n\}$ does not converge, we say the $\{x_n\}$ **diverges**, or **is divergent**.

Example 3.1. Consider the following sequences in \mathbb{C} .

- (1) $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$ is bounded, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$.
- (2) The sequence $\{n^2\}$ is unbounded and diverges.
- (3) $1 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and $\{1 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}\}$ is bounded.
- (4) $\{i^n\}$ is bounded and divergent.
- (5) $\{1\}$ is bounded and converges to 1.

Theorem 3.1.1. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in a metric space, then:

- (1) $\{x_n\}$ converges to $x \in X$ if and only if every neighborhood of x contains x_n for all but finitely many n .
- (2) If $\{x_n\}$ converges to x , and x' , then $x = x'$.
- (3) If $\{x_n\}$ converges, then x_n is bounded.
- (4) If $E \subseteq X$, and x is a limit point of E , then there is a sequence in E that converges to x .

Theorem 3.1.2 (The Sandwich Theorem). Let $\{x_n\}$, $\{y_n\}$, and $\{w_n\}$ be sequences in \mathbb{R} , and Suppose that $\lim x_n = \lim y_n = a$ and that there is an $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $x_n \leq w_n \leq y_n$ for all $n \geq N$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = a$.

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$ and let $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ both converge to a . Then by definition there are $N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $|x_n - a| < \epsilon$ and $|y_n - a| < \epsilon$ for $n \geq N_1, N_2$. Now choose $N = \max\{N_0, N_1, N_2\}$, if $n \geq N$, we have $-\epsilon < x_n - a < \epsilon$, and we also have $x_n - a < w_n - a < y_n - a$, thus we have that:

$$-\epsilon < x_n - a < w_n - a < y_n - a < \epsilon$$

Thus we have that $|w_n - a| < \epsilon$. ■

Corollary. *If $x_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and $\{y_n\}$ is bounded, then $x_n y_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.*

Proof. We have that $\{y_n\}$ is bounded, hence, there is $M > 0$ such that $|y_n| < M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. And since $\{x_n\}$ converges to 0 we have that for any ϵ there is an $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that for $n \geq N$, $|x_n - 0| < \frac{\epsilon}{M}$. For $|x_n y_n - 0| = |x_n y_n| < M|x_n| < M \frac{\epsilon}{M} = \epsilon$. Therefore, $x_n y_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. ■