

# INTRODUCTION TO ANALYSIS

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### Abstract

THIS IS THE COLLECTION OF LECTURE NOTES FOR THE *Introduction to Analysis* COURSE IN SPRING 2019. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COURSE IS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN *Calculus* AND *Advanced Calculus*.

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# Chapter 1

## Completeness of the real numbers

### 1.1 Real number

**Definition 1.** Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , we say that

1.  $r$  is an upper (lower) bound of  $S$  if  $\forall s \in S, r \geq (\leq) s$ ;
2.  $r$  is the greatest (least) element of  $S$  if  $r$  is an upper (lower) bound of  $S$  and  $r \in S$ , denoted by  $r = \max S$  ( $\min S$ ).
3.  $r$  is the least upper (greatest lower) bound of  $S$  if  $r$  is the least (greatest) element of the set of upper (lower) bound of  $S$ , denoted by  $r = \sup S$  ( $\inf S$ ).

*Remark 1.*  $r$  is a least upper bound of  $S$  means any element of  $S$  which is smaller than  $r$  is not an upper bound of  $S$ , that is  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists s \in S$ , s.t.  $r - \epsilon < s \leq r$ .

We write  $\sup S = \infty$  ( $\inf S = -\infty$ ) if and only if  $S$  has no upper (lower) bound. If this is the case we say  $\sup S$  ( $\inf S$ ) does not exist. We say  $S$  is bounded from above (below) iff  $S$  has an upper (lower) bound.

**Definition 2** (Dedekind Cut). Let  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , we say that  $(A, B)$  is a Dedekind cut if

1.  $A, B \neq \emptyset$ ;
2.  $A \cup B = \mathbb{R}$ ;
3.  $\forall a \in A, b \in B, a < b$ .

We usually call  $A(B)$  the lower (upper) part of  $(A, B)$ .

We assume that  $\mathbb{R}$  has the **Dedekind's Gapless Property**: If  $(A, B)$  is a Dedekind cut of  $\mathbb{R}$ , then exactly one of the following happens:

1.  $\max A$  exists but  $\min B$  does not;
2.  $\min B$  exists but  $\max A$  does not.

We call  $\max A$  in 1. (or  $\min B$  in 2.) the **cutting** of  $(A, B)$ .

**Exercise 1.** We may define Dedekind cuts on  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  similarly, does Dedekind Gapless Property hold for  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?

*Proof.* 1. Let  $A := \{q \in \mathbb{Q} | q^2 < 2\}, B := \{q \in \mathbb{Q} | q^2 > 2\}$ . It is direct to see that  $A, B \neq \emptyset$ .

If  $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$ , s.t.  $r^2 = 2$ , then  $\exists p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $r = p/q$  and  $p, q$  are not both even. Then  $p^2/q^2 = 2 \Rightarrow p^2 = 2q^2 \Rightarrow p^2$  is even  $\Rightarrow p$  is even  $\Rightarrow p^2$  can be divided by 4  $\Rightarrow q^2$  can be divided by 2  $\Rightarrow q^2$  is even  $\Rightarrow q$  is even, which leads to a contradiction. Thus  $\forall r \in \mathbb{Q}, r^2 \neq 2$ . Thus  $A \cup B = \mathbb{Q}$ .

Finally  $\forall q_a \in A, q_b \in B$  one has  $q_a^2 < 2 < q_b^2 \Rightarrow q_a < q_b$ . Thus  $(A, B)$  is a Dedekind cut of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . It is direct to see that  $(A, B)$  has no Dedekind's gapless property:

For example, if  $p \in A$ , then  $p \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $p^2 < 2$ , put  $\epsilon = 2 - p^2$ , then we should find a  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $q^2 < 2$  and  $q > p$ , which means

$$p^2 < q^2 < 2$$

we consider there exists a function  $r$  of  $p, \epsilon$ , such that  $r > 0$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ , and put  $q = p + r$ , thus  $q > p$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ , we now prove that  $q^2 < 2$ . Since

$$2 - q^2 = 2 - (p^2 + r^2 + 2pr) = \epsilon - r^2 - 2pr$$

We now try to find a suitable structure of  $r$  to make  $r^2 + 2pr < \epsilon$ . Since  $p > 0$  and  $\epsilon = 2 - p^2, 0 < \epsilon < 2$ . Consider  $r = \epsilon/2$  then

$$r^2 = \frac{\epsilon^2}{4} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

Consider  $r = \epsilon / ((2p + 1)2) < \epsilon/2$  and

$$2pr = 2p \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{(2p + 1)2} < \frac{\epsilon}{2},$$

then we have  $r^2 + 2pr < \epsilon$  and

$$q^2 < 2,$$

by defining

$$q = p + \frac{\epsilon}{2(2p + 1)} = \frac{3p^2 + 2p + 2}{4p + 2},$$

thus there is no maximal element in  $A$  and correspondingly, there is no minimal element in  $B$  as well.

2. trivial. □

**Theorem 1** (Weierstrass Theorem). *Let  $\emptyset \neq S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , if  $S$  has an upper bound, then  $\sup S$  exists.*

*Proof.* Let  $B$  be the set of all upper bound of  $S$ , and define  $A := \mathbb{R} \setminus B$ .

CLAIM 1:  $(A, B)$  is a Dedekind cut of  $\mathbb{R}$ :

1.  $S \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \forall s \in S, s-1 \notin B \Rightarrow s-1 \in A \Rightarrow A \neq \emptyset$ ; And  $S$  has an upper bound  $\Rightarrow B \neq \emptyset$ ;
2.  $A = \mathbb{R} \setminus B \Rightarrow A \cup B = \mathbb{R}$ ;
3. If  $\exists a \in A, b \in B$ , s.t.  $a \geq b$  where  $b$  is an upper bound of  $S$  while  $a$  is not, thus  $\exists s' \in S$ , s.t.  $a < s' \leq b < a$ , which leads to a contradiction. Thus  $\forall a \in A, b \in B$  one has  $a < b$ .

CLAIM 2:  $\min B$  exists:

If  $\min B \nexists$ , then by Dedekind's gapless property,  $\max A \exists$ , denoted by  $a_0$ .  $a_0 \in A \Leftrightarrow a_0 \notin B \Leftrightarrow a_0$  is not an upper bound of  $S \Leftrightarrow \exists s_0 \in S$ , s.t.  $a_0 < s_0$ . Choose  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a_0 < x < s_0$ , thus  $\max A < x \Rightarrow x \in B \Rightarrow x$  is an upper bound of  $S$  but  $x < s_0$  which leads to a contradiction.  $\square$

**Exercise 2** (Archimedean Property). Show that  $\forall r \in \mathbb{R}, r > 0 \Rightarrow \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $n > r$ . (or say  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $1/n < r$ ).

*Proof.* Let  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $S := \{n \in \mathbb{N} | n \leq r\}$ , since  $r > 0, 0 \in S \Rightarrow S \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $S$  is bounded above (by  $r$ ), thus  $S$  has a least upper bound in  $\mathbb{R}$ , let  $s = \sup S$ .

Now consider the number  $s - 1$ . Since  $s$  is the supremum of  $S$ ,  $s - 1$  cannot be an upper bound of  $S$  by definition. Thus  $\exists m \in S$  such that

$$m > s - 1 \Rightarrow m + 1 > s$$

But as  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , it follows that  $m + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ . Because  $m + 1 > s$ , it follows that  $m + 1 \notin S$  and so  $m + 1 > r$ . Furthermore, for  $\forall r > 0, 1/r > 0$  then  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $n > 1/r \Rightarrow 1/n < r$ .  $\square$

## 1.2 Sequence

**Definition 3** (Convergence). Let  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $l \in \mathbb{R}$ , we say that  $a_n$  converges to  $l$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq N, |a_n - l| < \epsilon$ , denoted by  $a_n \rightarrow l$  (as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ).

If such  $l$  exists, we call it the limit of  $\{a_n\}$  and denote it as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l$ , and call  $\{a_n\}$  a convergent sequence; otherwise we call it a **divergent** sequence. Furthermore, we say  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$  if  $\forall M > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq N, a_n \geq M$ .

**Exercise 3.** Show that

1.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = m \Rightarrow l = m$ ;
2.  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  is convergent  $\Rightarrow \{a_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is bounded;
3. if  $a_n < b_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = m \Rightarrow l \leq m$ .

*Proof.* 1.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = m \Rightarrow$  for  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N, M \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq N$

one has  $|a_n - l| < \epsilon/2$  and  $\forall n \geq M$  has  $|a_n - m| < \epsilon/2$ , thus for  $\forall n \geq \max\{N, M\}$ , has

$$|l - m| = |l - a_n + a_n - m| \leq |a_n - l| + |a_n - m| < \epsilon$$

holds for  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \Rightarrow l = m$ .

2. Suppose  $a_n \rightarrow l$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then given an  $\epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq N$  we have  $|a_n - l| < \epsilon \Rightarrow l - \epsilon < a_n < l + \epsilon$ , thus  $a_n$  has upper bound

$$\max\{a_1, \dots, a_{N-1}, l + \epsilon\},$$

and lower bound

$$\min\{a_1, \dots, a_{N-1}, l - \epsilon\}.$$

3. if  $l > m$ , let  $\epsilon = l - m$ , then  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq N$  has  $|a_n - l| < \epsilon/2$  and  $|b_n - m| < \epsilon/2$  thus

$$a_n < \frac{l + m}{2} < b_n,$$

which leads to a contradiction, thus  $l \leq m$ .  $\square$

*Remark 2.* Changing or removing finitely many terms in  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  does not effect  $a_n$ 's being convergent (and its limit)/ divergent.

**Proposition 1.** If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = m$  then

1.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n \pm b_n) = l \pm m$ ;
2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n b_n = lm$ ;
3. if  $m \neq 0$  and  $b_n \neq 0$  for all but finitely many  $n$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n / b_n = l / m$ .

*Proof.* 1. For  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq N, |a_n - l| \leq \epsilon/2$  and  $\exists M \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq M, |b_n - m| \leq \epsilon/2$ , thus  $\forall n \geq \max\{N, M\}$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} |(a_n \pm b_n) - (l \pm m)| &= |(a_n - l) \pm (b_n - m)| \\ &\leq |a_n - l| + |b_n - m| \\ &\leq \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

thus  $(a_n \pm b_n) \rightarrow l \pm m$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

2. Since  $a_n, b_n$  are convergent, thus they are bounded. Choose  $C > 0$  such that  $|b_n| \leq C$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $|l| \leq C$ , then for  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N, M \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq N$  one has  $|a_n - l| \leq \epsilon/(2C)$  and  $\forall n \geq M$  has  $|b_n - m| \leq \epsilon/(2C)$ , thus  $\forall n \geq \max\{N, M\}$  one has

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n b_n - lm| &= |a_n b_n - l b_n + l b_n - lm| \\ &\leq |a_n - l| \cdot |b_n| + |b_n - m| \cdot |l| \\ &\leq (|a_n - l| + |b_n - m|) \cdot |C| \\ &\leq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

thus  $a_n b_n \rightarrow lm$ .

3. all we need to show is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1/b_n = 1/m$  which is trivial.  $\square$

**Exercise 4** (Squeeze theorem). If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = m$  and  $a_n \leq c_n \leq b_n$ , show that  $l = m \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = l$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = l$ , for  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq N$  has  $|a_n - l| < \epsilon/3$  and  $|b_n - l| < \epsilon/3$ . And since  $a_n \leq c_n \leq b_n$ , we have that  $0 \leq c_n - a_n \leq b_n - a_n$ . Thus for  $\forall n \geq N$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |c_n - l| &= |c_n - a_n + a_n - l| \\ &\leq |c_n - a_n| + |a_n - l| \\ &\leq |b_n - a_n| + |a_n - l| \\ &= |b_n - l + l - a_n| + |a_n - l| \\ &\leq |b_n - l| + 2|a_n - l| \\ &< \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = l$ . □

**Exercise 5.** If  $a > 1$  show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1/a^n = 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $a > 1 \Rightarrow b := a - 1 > 0$ , thus

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{a^n} = \frac{1}{(1+b)^n} \leq \frac{1}{1+nb} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1/a^n = 0$  by Squeeze theorem. □

**Definition 4.** A seq.  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  is

1. nondecreasing monotone/increasing if  $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , denoted by  $a_n \nearrow$ ; nonincreasing monotone/decreasing if  $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , denoted by  $a_n \searrow$ .
2. strictly increasing if  $a_n < a_{n+1}$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , denoted by  $a_n \nearrow \nearrow$ ; strictly decreasing if  $a_n > a_{n+1}$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , denoted by  $a_n \searrow \searrow$ .

**Theorem 2** (Monotone Seq. Property). If  $a_n \nearrow$  and  $\{a_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  has an upper bound, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \sup\{a_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ;  $a_n \searrow$  and  $\{a_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  has a lower bound, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \inf\{a_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

*Proof.*  $\{a_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  has an upper bound  $\Rightarrow l := \sup\{a_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  exists by Weierstrass theorem. Thus for  $\forall \epsilon > 0, l - \epsilon$  is not an upper bound of  $\{a_n\}$ , then  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $a_N > l - \epsilon$  and since  $a_n \nearrow$ , we have that  $\forall n \geq N, l - \epsilon < a_n \leq l \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l$ . □

**Example 1** (Decimal expression gives real number). Suppose  $d_i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \leq d_i \leq 9$  for  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , and define

$$a_n = \frac{d_1}{10} + \frac{d_2}{10^2} + \cdots + \frac{d_n}{10^n}$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then it is direct to see that  $a_n \nearrow$  and

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &\leq \frac{9}{10} + \frac{9}{10^2} + \cdots + \frac{9}{10^n} \\ &= \frac{9}{10} \left( \frac{1 - \frac{1}{10^{n+1}}}{1 - \frac{1}{10}} \right) \\ &< \frac{9}{10} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{10}} \right) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  exists, and we can define a real number by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n =: 0.d_1d_2 \cdots$

**Example 2** (The natural base  $e$ ). Define a seq.  $a_n = (1 + 1/n)^n (n \in \mathbb{N})$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n \\ &= \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} \frac{1}{n} + \binom{n}{2} \frac{1}{n^2} + \cdots + \binom{n}{n} \frac{1}{n^n} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} \frac{1}{n^j} = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{n!}{j!(n-j)!} \cdot \frac{1}{n^j} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{1}{j!} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{2}{n} \right) \cdots \left( 1 - \frac{j-1}{n} \right) \\ &< \sum_{j=0}^{n+1} \frac{1}{j!} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{2}{n+1} \right) \cdots \left( 1 - \frac{j-1}{n+1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $a_n \nearrow$ . On the other hand, for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &< \sum_{j=0}^{n+1} \frac{1}{j!} = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!} \\ &< 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^n} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2^n}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \\ &< 3 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $a_n$  has an upper bound and hence  $a_n$  converges, and we define  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n =: e$ .

### 1.3 Nested Intervals

**Definition 5** (Nested). A seq. of intervals  $I_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  is nested if  $I_n \neq \emptyset$  and  $I_{n+1} \subseteq I_n$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .



**Example 3.** If we have a seq. of nested intervals  $I_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$ , do we have  $\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n \neq \emptyset$ ? The answer is not sure. For example,

1.  $I_n = (0, 1/n), n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then for any  $r \in \mathbb{R}, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $1/N < r$  by Archimedean Property, thus  $r \notin I_N$ , and hence  $\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n = \emptyset$ ;
2.  $I_n = [n, \infty), n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then for any  $r \in \mathbb{R}, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $r < N$  by Archimedean Property, thus  $r \notin I_N$ , and hence  $\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n = \emptyset$ ;

**Theorem 3** (Theorem of Nested Interval). *If  $I_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a seq. of bounded closed nested intervals, then  $\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n \neq \emptyset$ . (In the other word, there exists a real number  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $c \in \cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n$ )*

*Proof.* Write  $I_n = [a_n, b_n] (n \in \mathbb{N})$ , then  $I_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  is nested  $\Leftrightarrow a_n \leq b_n$  and  $a_n \nearrow$  and  $b_n \searrow$ . And furthermore, for  $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$a_n \leq a_{\max\{m, n\}} \leq b_{\max\{m, n\}} \leq b_m,$$

in the other word, for  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $b_m$  is an upper bound of  $\{a_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , thus seq.  $a_n$  converges. Let  $c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ , then given  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n \leq b_m$  thus

$$c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_m = b_m.$$

On the other hand,  $c = \sup\{a_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , thus for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$a_m \leq c \leq b_m$$

thus  $c \in I_m$  for  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow c \in \cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n$ . □

**Exercise 6.** Show that  $\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n \neq \emptyset$ , if

1.  $I_n = (a_n, b_n)$ , nested and  $a_n \nearrow \nearrow$  and  $b_n \searrow \searrow$ ?
2.  $I_n = (a_n, \infty)$ , nested and  $\{a_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is bounded from above.

*Proof.* 1. Just as analyzed before, there exist  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ , and  $c = \sup\{a_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and hence  $a_n \leq c \leq b_m$  for  $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that  $a_n \leq c$  implies that  $a_n < c$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , otherwise if  $\exists n' \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $a_{n'} = c$  then

$$a_{n'+1} \geq a_{n'} = c,$$

which leads to the contradiction. In the same way  $c \leq b_m$  implies that  $c < b_m$  for  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus there  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$a_n < c < b_m$$

for  $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow c \in \cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n$ .

2. Since  $I_n = (a_n, \infty)$  is a nested interval,  $a_n \nearrow \Rightarrow a_n$  converges since  $a_n$  is upper bounded. That is  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}$ , s.t.  $c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \sup\{a_n\}$ , thus for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, c \geq a_n$ , that is

$$c + 1 > c \geq a_n$$

for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow c + 1 \in \cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n$ . □

**Exercise 7.** Show that Theorem of Nested Interval implies Dedekind's Gapless Property.

*Proof.* Let  $(A, B)$  be a Dedekind cut of  $\mathbb{R}$ , pick  $a$  from  $A$  and  $b$  from  $B$ , and form an interval  $I_0 = [a, b]$ . Then  $(a + b)/2$  lies in the middle of  $I_0$  and must belong to  $A$  or  $B$ . If  $(a + b)/2$  belongs to  $A$ , we let

$$a_1 = \frac{a + b}{2}, \quad b_1 = b$$

and if  $(a + b)/2$  belongs to  $B$ , let

$$a_1 = a, \quad b_1 = \frac{a + b}{2}$$

and hence we can form a new interval  $I_1 = [a_1, b_1]$  whose length is half of the former  $I_0$ . Repeat this process, we obtain a seq. of nested intervals

$$I_0 \supseteq I_1 \supseteq \cdots \supseteq I_n \supseteq \cdots,$$

where  $I_n = [a_n, b_n], b_n - a_n = (b_{n-1} - a_{n-1})/2$ . Thus there exists  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  lies in the  $\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n$  by the theorem of nested intervals, and either  $s \in A$  or  $s \in B$ .

Assume that  $s \in A$ , for any  $s' \in \mathbb{R}, s < s'$ , exists  $b_n$  such that  $s < b_n < s'$  since  $b_n \rightarrow s$ , thus  $s' \in B$ . That is  $s \in A$  and for any  $s' > s, s' \in B$ . In the other word,  $s$  is the maximal element of  $A$  and  $B$  has no minimal element in this case, since assume  $s'$  is the minimal element of  $B$  then  $\exists b_n$ , s.t.  $b_n < s'$  and  $b_n \in B$ , which is a contradiction. □

*Remark 3.* Summary, we have discussed

- 1) Dedekind's Gapless Property;
- 2) Weierstrass Theorem;
- 3) Monotone Seq. Property;
- 4) Theorem of Nested Interval.

which have the relationship:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1) & \implies & 2) \\ \uparrow & & \downarrow \\ 4) & \impliedby & 3) \end{array}$$

These 5 properties are equivalent and we call these the **Completeness of the real numbers**.

## 1.4 Limit superior / inferior

Let  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a bounded (upper bdd. and lower bdd.) seq. in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we define **upper seq. of  $a_n$**  as

$$u_n := \sup\{a_m | m \geq n\},$$

and **lower seq. of  $a_n$**  as

$$l_n := \inf\{a_m | m \geq n\},$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus give  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that for  $\forall m \geq n$

$$l_n \leq a_m \leq u_n,$$

We now show that  $l_n$  and  $u_n$  is monotone. Assume that  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $u_n < u_{n+1}$ , let  $\epsilon = (u_{n+1} - u_n)/2$ , then

$$u_{n+1} - \epsilon > u_n = \sup\{a_m | m \geq n\},$$

thus for  $\forall m \geq n$ ,  $u_{n+1} - \epsilon > a_m$  and hence  $u_{n+1} - \epsilon$  is an upper bound of  $\{a_m | m \geq n+1\}$ , which leads to a contradiction. Thus for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $u_n \geq u_{n+1} \Rightarrow u_n \searrow$ , and  $l_n \nearrow$  in the same way.

Thus we have that for any  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$l_m \leq l_{\max\{m, n\}} \leq u_{\max\{m, n\}} \leq u_n,$$

thus  $l_1$  is a lower bound for  $\{u_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $u_1$  is an upper bound of  $\{l_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and hence  $u_n, l_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  are convergent by Monotone seq. property. We define the **limit superior** of  $a_n$  as the limit of  $u_n$ :

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{m \geq n} a_m = \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{m \geq n} a_m$$

The last equals sign is because  $u_n \searrow$  and hence converges to its greatest lower bound by Monotone seq. property. And the **limit inferior** of  $a_n$  as the limit of  $l_n$ :

$$\underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} l_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{m \geq n} a_m = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \inf_{m \geq n} a_m$$

**Exercise 8.** Let  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$ , show that

$$a_n \text{ converges} \Leftrightarrow \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$$

and if any of both sides holds, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$$

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Suppose that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = s$ . Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq N$ ,  $|a_n - s| < \epsilon/2$ , thus  $s - \epsilon/2 < a_n < s + \epsilon/2$  for  $\forall n \geq N$ . Thus the upper seq.  $u_n$  of  $a_n$  has

$$s - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < a_n \leq u_n \leq s + \frac{\epsilon}{2},$$

for  $\forall n \geq N$ . The third inequality symbol is because if  $\exists n' \geq N$  such that  $u_{n'} > s + \epsilon/2$ , then there exist a real number  $q$  such that  $s + \epsilon/2 < q < u_{n'}$  and  $q > s + \epsilon/2 > a_n$  for  $\forall n \geq N$  and hence  $q > a_n$  for  $\forall n \geq n'$ , and then  $u_{n'}$  is not the least upper bound of  $\{a_n | n \geq n'\}$  which is contrary. Thus  $|u_n - s| \leq \epsilon/2 < \epsilon$ , thus

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = s,$$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} l_n = \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = s$  in the same way.

$\Leftarrow$ : Suppose  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} l_n = s$ , then for  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq N$  one has  $|u_n - s| < \epsilon/3$  and  $|l_n - s| < \epsilon/3$  and  $|u_n - l_n| \leq |u_n - s| + |l_n - s| < 2\epsilon/3$ , since  $l_n \leq a_n \leq u_n$  then  $0 \leq a_n - l_n \leq u_n - l_n$ . Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n - s| &= |a_n - l_n + l_n - s| \\ &\leq |a_n - l_n| + |l_n - s| \\ &\leq |u_n - l_n| + |l_n - s| \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

for  $\forall n \geq N \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = s$ . □

**Exercise 9.** Let  $a_n, b_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  be two bdd. seq. show that

1.  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + b_n) \leq \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n + \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$ ;
2.  $\underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n + \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \leq \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + b_n)$ .

*Proof.* 1. Let  $u_n = \sup_{m \geq n} a_m, v_n = \sup_{m \geq n} b_m, w_n = \sup_{m \geq n} (a_m + b_m)$ . If  $\exists n' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $w_{n'} > u_{n'} + v_{n'}$ , then  $\exists r \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $u_{n'} + v_{n'} < r < w_{n'}$  and hence for any  $m \geq n'$ ,  $a_m \leq u_{n'}, b_m \leq v_{n'}$  and

$$a_m + b_m \leq u_{n'} + v_{n'} < r$$

which means  $r$  is an upper bound of  $\{a_m | m \geq n'\}$  which leads to a contradiction with  $w_{n'}$  is the least upper bound of  $\{a_m | m \geq n'\}$ . Thus for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $u_n + v_n \leq w_n$ , and since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n$  exists, we have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n + v_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n$$

that is

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n + \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \leq \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + b_n).$$

2. The same as 1. □

And in the same way, we can prove that

1.  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n \cdot b_n) \leq \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \cdot \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$ ;
2.  $\underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \cdot \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \leq \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n \cdot b_n)$ .

In general, the properties does not hold for subtraction.

## 1.5 Cauchy seq.

Given a seq.  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , can we determine whether  $a_n$  converges or not without referring a limit candidate  $l$ , but concluding according to the mutual behavior of the terms of  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$ ?

**Definition 6** (Cauchy Sequence). A seq.  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  is a Cauchy seq. if  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n, m \geq N \Rightarrow |a_n - a_m| < \epsilon$ .

**Exercise 10.** Show that

1.  $a_n$  is convergent  $\Rightarrow a_n$  is Cauchy seq.
2.  $a_n$  is Cauchy seq.  $\Rightarrow a_n$  is bounded.

*Proof.* 1. assume that  $a_n$  converges to  $l$ , then for any  $\epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq N$  one has  $|a_n - l| < \epsilon/2$ , then for any  $m, n \geq N$  we have

$$|a_m - a_n| \leq |a_m - l| + |a_n - l| < \epsilon$$

thus  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  is Cauchy seq.

2. For  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n, m \geq N$  one has  $|a_m - a_n| \leq \epsilon$ , thus for  $\forall m \geq N \Rightarrow |a_N - a_m| \leq \epsilon \Rightarrow a_n - \epsilon \leq a_m \leq a_N + \epsilon$ , thus  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  has upper and lower bound

$$\max\{a_1, \dots, a_N, a_N + \epsilon\}, \quad \min\{a_1, \dots, a_N, a_N - \epsilon\},$$

thus  $a_n$  is bounded. □

**Theorem 4.** Let  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a seq. in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $a_n$  is convergent  $\Leftrightarrow a_n$  is Cauchy seq.

*Proof.*  $\Leftarrow$ :  $a_n$  is Cauchy seq.  $\Rightarrow a_n$  is bdd.  $\Rightarrow$  the upper/lower seq.  $u_n, l_n$  of  $a_n$  converges. Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} l_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n - l_n)$ . For  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ , there is some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\forall m, n \geq N, |a_n - a_m| < \epsilon/3$ . In particular,  $\forall n \geq N \Rightarrow |a_n - a_N| < \epsilon/3$  and hence

$$a_N - \frac{\epsilon}{3} < a_n < a_N + \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

which means  $a_N - \epsilon/3$  is a lower bound of  $a_n (n \geq N)$  and is not greater than  $\{a_n | n \geq N\}$ 's greatest lower bound  $l_N$ , and the same to  $a_N + \epsilon/3$ , thus

$$a_N - \frac{\epsilon}{3} \leq l_N \leq u_N \leq a_N + \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

and since  $l_n \nearrow$  and  $u_n \searrow$ , we have that for  $\forall n \geq N$

$$0 \leq u_n - l_n \leq u_N - l_N \leq \frac{2\epsilon}{3} < \epsilon$$

thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n - l_n) = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} l_n \Rightarrow a_n$  converges.  $\square$

**Exercise 11.** Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , if  $|s - s'| \leq 3$  for  $\forall s, s' \in S$ , show that

1.  $S$  is bdd.;
2.  $\sup S - \inf S \leq 3$ ;

*Proof.* 1. If  $S$  has no upper bound, then for any  $s \in S$ , define  $M = s + 4$ , then  $\exists s' \in S$  s.t.  $s' > M = s + 4 \Rightarrow s' - s = |s' - s| > 4$ , which is contrary.

2. Let  $u = \sup S, l = \inf S$ , suppose  $u - l > 3$ , then let  $\epsilon = u - l - 3$ , we have that  $\exists s \in S$ , s.t.

$$u - \frac{\epsilon}{3} < s \leq u,$$

and  $\exists s' \in S$  s.t.

$$l \leq s' < l + \frac{\epsilon}{3},$$

then

$$u - l - \frac{2\epsilon}{3} < s - s' \leq u - l$$

thus  $3 + \epsilon/3 < s - s' = |s - s'| \leq 3 + \epsilon \Rightarrow |s - s'| > 3$ , which is contrary.  $\square$

# Chapter 2

## Series

### 2.1 Positive series

**Definition 7.** Let  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a seq. in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we say that the series  $\sum_n^\infty a_n$  (or  $\sum_n a_n$ ) converges to a real number  $s$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s,$$

where  $s_n := \sum_{j=1}^n a_j$  is called the  $n$ -th partial sum of  $\sum_n a_n$ .

If such  $s$  exists (resp. does not exist), we say that the series  $\sum_n a_n$  convergent (resp. divergent). For a series  $\sum_n a_n$  and  $l, m \in \mathbb{N}, l < m$ , we let  $s_{l,m} := \sum_{j=l}^m a_j$  the  $(l, m)$ -tail of  $\sum_n a_n$ . If a series  $\sum_n a_n$  converges, we denote it as  $\sum_n a_n < \infty$ .

**Exercise 12.** If a series  $\sum_n a_n < \infty$ , show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .

*Proof.* Trivial. □

$\sum_n a_n$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow s_n$  converges by definition and  $\Leftrightarrow s_n$  is Cauchy seq., i.e.  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n, m \geq N$ , (assume that  $n > m$ )

$$\begin{aligned} |s_n - s_m| &= |a_{m+1} + \cdots + a_n| \\ &= |a_{m+1} + a_{m+2} + \cdots + a_{m+1+(n-1)}| \\ &\leq \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  and for  $\forall k > N, \forall l \geq 0$ , then  $|a_k| + \cdots + |a_{k+l}| < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow \sum_n |a_n|$  convergent  $\Leftrightarrow \exists M > 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, s_n = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \leq M$ , since  $s_n \nearrow$ . Collectively, we have some conclusions:

1. series  $\sum_n a_n$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow$  for  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  and for  $\forall k > N, \forall l \geq 0, |a_k + \cdots + a_{k+l}| < \epsilon$ ;
2. series  $\sum_n b_n$ , where  $b_n \geq 0$ , converges  $\Leftrightarrow \exists M > 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{j=1}^n b_j \leq M$ .
3. series  $\sum_n |a_n|$  converges  $\Rightarrow \sum_n a_n$  converges.

**Example 4.** Given series  $\sum_n 1/n$ . we have that

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= 1 \\ s_2 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} \\ s_4 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 1 + \frac{2}{2} \\ s_8 &\geq 1 + \frac{2}{2} + \frac{1}{5} + \cdots + \frac{1}{8} \geq 1 + \frac{2}{2} + \frac{4}{8} = 1 + \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

In general, for  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $s_{2^m} \geq 1 + m/2$  which has no upper bound  $\Leftrightarrow \sum_n 1/n$  diverges.

**Example 5.** Given series  $\sum_n 1/n^2$ . we have that  $1/n^2 < 1/((n-1)n) = 1/(n-1) - 1/n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} s_n &= 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n^2} \\ &< 1 + 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n} \\ &= 2 - \frac{1}{n} \\ &< 2. \end{aligned}$$

thus  $s_n$  has upper bound 2  $\Leftrightarrow \sum_n 1/n^2$  converges.

**Definition 8.** Given a seq.  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$ , we say that

1.  $\sum_n a_n$  converges absolutely if  $\sum_n |a_n|$  converges;
2.  $\sum_n a_n$  converges conditionally if  $\sum_n |a_n|$  diverges but  $\sum_n a_n$  converges.

**Theorem 5 (Comparison Test).** If  $a_n, b_n \geq 0 (n \in \mathbb{N})$ , then  $\exists C > 0$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq N \Rightarrow a_n \leq Cb_n \Rightarrow [\sum_n b_n < \infty \Rightarrow \sum_n a_n < \infty]$ .

*Proof.* If  $\sum_n b_n$  converges, then for  $\forall n \geq N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 + \cdots + a_n &= a_1 + \cdots + a_N + a_{N+1} + \cdots + a_n \\ &\leq a_1 + \cdots + a_N + C \cdot (b_{N+1} + \cdots + b_n) \\ &\leq a_1 + \cdots + a_N + C \cdot M =: H, \end{aligned}$$

where  $M$  is an upper bound of  $\sum_{j=1}^n b_j$ , thus  $\sum_j^n a_j$  as upper bound  $H \Leftrightarrow \sum_n a_n$  converges.  $\square$

**Theorem 6 (Limit Form of Comparison Test).** If  $a_n, b_n \geq 0 (n \in \mathbb{N})$ , and if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n/b_n$  exists  $\Rightarrow [\sum_n b_n < \infty \Rightarrow \sum_n a_n < \infty]$ .

*Proof.* Let  $l = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n/b_n$ , then for  $\epsilon = 1, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq N, a_n/b_n < l + 1 \Rightarrow a_n < (l + 1)b_n$ , which follows the proof by Comparison test. Furthermore if  $l \neq 0$ , then



for  $\epsilon = l/2, \exists N_l \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq N_l$ , s.t.

$$\frac{l}{2} \leq \frac{a_n}{b_n} \leq \frac{3l}{2},$$

and hence  $b_n \leq a_n \cdot 2/l$  and  $a_n \leq b_n \cdot 3l/2$ , therefore  $\sum_n b_n$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow \sum_n a_n$  converges.  $\square$

**Exercise 13.** If  $a_n, b_n \geq 0 (n \in \mathbb{N})$ , show that if  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n/b_n$  exists  $\Rightarrow [\sum_n b_n < \infty \Rightarrow \sum_n a_n < \infty]$ .

*Proof.* Let  $u_n = a_n/b_n$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = l$ , then  $l = \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} u_n$  and for  $\epsilon = 1, \exists n' \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$l \leq u_{n'} < l + 1$$

and hence for  $\forall n \geq n'$  we have that

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} \leq u_{n'} < l + 1$$

thus  $a_n < (l + 1) \cdot b_n$  for  $\forall n \geq n'$  and finish the proof by comparison test.  $\square$

**Exercise 14** (Ratio and Root test). If  $a_n, b_n \geq 0 (n \in \mathbb{N})$ , show that

1.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1}/a_n < 1 \Rightarrow \sum_n a_n < \infty$ ;  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1}/a_n > 1 \Rightarrow \sum_n a_n$  diverges.
2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)^{1/n} < 1 \Rightarrow \sum_n a_n < \infty$ ;  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)^{1/n} > 1 \Rightarrow \sum_n a_n$  diverges.

*Proof.* Trivial.  $\square$

## 2.2 Alternating series

**Definition 9.** A series  $\sum_n a_n$  is called alternating series, if  $\exists b_n > 0 (n \in \mathbb{N})$  s.t.  $a_n = (-1)^{n-1} b_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$ .

**Theorem 7** (Leibniz's Criterion). Let  $\sum_n a_n$  be an alternating series, and  $b_n = |a_n| \searrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\sum_n a_n < \infty$ .

*Proof.* Since  $b_n = (-1)^{n-1} a_n$ , for any  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$  the tail of  $\sum_n a_n$  is

$$\begin{aligned} |a_k + \dots + a_{k+l}| &= (-1)^{k-1} |b_k - b_{k+1} + \dots + (-1)^l b_{k+l}| \\ &= |b_k - b_{k+1} + \dots + (-1)^l b_{k+l}| \end{aligned}$$

define  $\lambda_{k,l} = b_k - b_{k+1} + \dots + (-1)^l b_{k+l}$ . Then if  $l$  is even, then

$$\lambda_{k,l} = (b_k - b_{k+1}) + \dots + (b_{k+l-2} - b_{k+l-1}) + b_{k+l} \geq 0,$$

and if  $l$  is odd, then

$$\lambda_{k,l} = (b_k - b_{k+1}) + \cdots + (b_{k+l-1} - b_{k+l}) \geq 0,$$

thus  $\lambda_{k,l} \geq 0$  for  $\forall k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ . And hence

$$\begin{aligned} |a_k + \cdots + a_{k+l}| &= |\lambda_{k,l}| = \lambda_{k,l} \\ &= \begin{cases} b_k - (b_{k+1} - b_{k+2}) - \cdots - (b_{k+l-1} - b_{k+l}), & l \text{ is even} \\ b_k - (b_{k+1} - b_{k+2}) - \cdots - (b_{k+l-2} - b_{k+l-1}) - b_{k+l}, & l \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \\ &\leq b_k \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0 \Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $n \geq N \Rightarrow |b_n| < \epsilon \Rightarrow |a_n + \cdots + a_{n+l}| \leq b_n < \epsilon$  for  $\forall l \in \mathbb{N}$ , thus  $\sum_n a_n$  converges.  $\square$

## 2.3 Rearrangement theorem

Given a seq.  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$ , we can separate all terms into two subseq.s:

$$a_{n_1}, a_{n_2}, \cdots \text{ and } a_{n'_1}, a_{n'_2}, \cdots$$

where  $n_1 < n_2 < \cdots$  and  $n'_1 < n'_2 < \cdots$  and  $\{n_1, n_2, \cdots\} \cup \{n'_1, n'_2, \cdots\} = \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $a_{n_j} \geq 0 (j \in \mathbb{N}), a_{n'_k} \leq 0 (k \in \mathbb{N})$ . Let  $p_j := a_{n_j} (j \in \mathbb{N})$  and  $q_k := a_{n'_k} (k \in \mathbb{N})$ .

**Exercise 15.** Show that  $\sum_n |a_n| < \infty \Leftrightarrow \sum_j p_j < \infty$  and  $\sum_k q_k < \infty$ . Moreover, if any side holds, then

$$\sum_n |a_n| = \sum_j p_j + \sum_k q_k$$

and

$$\sum_n a_n = \sum_j p_j - \sum_k q_k.$$

*Proof.* 1.  $\Rightarrow$ : since  $\sum_n |a_n| < \infty$ , any partial sum of  $a_n$  has upper bound such as  $M$ , then for any  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 + \cdots + p_j &= |a_{n_1}| + \cdots + |a_{n_j}| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{n_j} |a_n| \\ &\leq M, \end{aligned}$$

Thus any partial sum of  $p_j$  has upper bound  $M$  and hence  $\sum_j p_j < \infty$ . And  $\sum_k q_k < \infty$  in the same way.

2.  $\Leftarrow$ : The partial sum of  $\sum_n |a_n|$  can be decompose by the partial sums of  $\sum_n p_n$  and  $\sum_n q_n$  which have upper bounds, thus partial sum of  $\sum_n |a_n|$  has upper bound, and  $\sum_n |a_n| < \infty$ .
3. Define the partial sum of  $\sum_n |a_n|, \sum_n a_n, \sum_n p_n, \sum_n q_n$  as

$$A_m := \sum_{i=1}^m |a_i|, \quad S_m := \sum_{i=1}^m a_i$$

$$P_m := \sum_{i=1}^m p_i = \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{n_i}|, \quad Q_m := \sum_{i=1}^m q_i = \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{n'_i}|$$

Then for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have that

$$A_m \leq P_m + Q_m \leq A_{\max\{n_m, n'_m\}},$$

thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (P_n + Q_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q_n$  since  $\sum_n p_n, \sum_n q_n$  exists, and the squeeze theorem. And hence  $\sum_n |a_n| = \sum_j p_j + \sum_k q_k$ .

On the contrary, for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we can represent the partial sum of  $\sum_n a_n$  as

$$s_m = P_l - Q_v$$

where  $l, v \rightarrow \infty$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , thus  $\sum_n a_n = \sum_n p_n - \sum_n q_n$ . □

**Exercise 16.** If  $\sum_n a_n$  converges conditionally, show that

1.  $\sum_j p_j = \infty$  and  $\sum_k q_k = \infty$ ;
2.  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} p_j = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} q_k = 0$ .

*Proof.* 1. Denote the partial sum of  $\sum_n a_n, \sum_j p_j, \sum_k q_k$  as  $s_n, P_j, Q_k$  respectively, then we have that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (P_j - Q_k)$  exists, then either both  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_j, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q_k$  exist or neither exists, since  $\sum_n a_n$  converges conditionally  $\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_j = \infty$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q_k = \infty$ .

2. Since

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} p_j = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} a_{n_j} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0,$$

and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} q_k = 0$  as well in the same way. □

**Exercise 17.** If  $\sum_n a_n, \sum_n b_n$  converges, show that  $\sum_n (a_n \pm b_n) = \sum_n a_n \pm \sum_n b_n$ .

*Proof.* Denote the partial sum of  $\sum_n (a_n + b_n), \sum_n a_n, \sum_n b_n$  as  $S_n, A_n, B_n$  respectively, then for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$S_n = A_n + B_n$$

and hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (A_n + B_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n$$

since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n$  exists, thus  $\sum_n (a_n + b_n) = \sum_n a_n + \sum_n b_n$ , and  $\sum_n (a_n - b_n) = \sum_n a_n - \sum_n b_n$  in the same way. □

**Exercise 18.** Inserting 0s to a series will not affect its convergence / divergence and its sum (if the sum exists).

*Proof.* Consider the tail of series. Trivial.  $\square$

Recall that a sequence  $a_n$  is a map  $\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{a_\cdot} \mathbb{R}$  where  $n \mapsto a(n)$  denoted by  $a_n$ . A subsequence  $a_{n_m}$  is a composite map

$$\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{n_\cdot} \mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{a_\cdot} \mathbb{R}$$

where  $n_\cdot$  is a strictly monotone injection and  $m \mapsto n(m)$  denoted by  $n_m$ . A **rearrangement** is also a composite map

$$\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{n(\cdot)} \mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{a_\cdot} \mathbb{R}$$

where  $n(\cdot)$  is a bijection. (To distinguish it from the notion of subseq., we don't use subscripts here)

Now we gonna explore two questions: if a series  $\sum_n$  converges,  $a_{n(m)} (m \in \mathbb{N})$  is a rearrangement of  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$ , then

1. whether  $\sum_m a_{n(m)}$  converges ?
2. whether  $\sum_n a_n = \sum_m a_{n(m)}$  ?

**Exercise 19.** Let  $\sum_n a_n$  be a positive series, show that

$$\sum_n a_n = \sup \Lambda$$

including the case  $\sum_n a_n = \infty$ . Here  $\Lambda = \{a_{n_1} + \dots + a_{n_k} \mid n_1 < \dots < n_k, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  represents the set of every sum of finite terms of  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$ .

*Proof.* 1.  $\leq$ : since  $\sum_n a_n$  is the limit of the partial sum  $s_n$  (which is the sum of finite terms, i.e.  $s_n \in \Lambda$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ), and since  $a_n \geq 0$ ,  $s_n$  monotone, then

$$\sum_n a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} s_n \leq \sup \Lambda$$

2.  $\geq$ : If  $\sup \Lambda > \sup s_n$ , let  $\epsilon := \sup \Lambda - \sup s_n$ , then  $\exists \lambda = a_{n_1} + \dots + a_{n_{k_\lambda}} \in \Lambda$  such that

$$s_m \leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} s_n < \sup \Lambda - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \lambda \leq \sup \Lambda$$

for  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$ , but

$$\lambda = a_{n_1} + \dots + a_{n_{k_\lambda}} \leq s_{n_{k_\lambda}}$$

which leads to a contradiction.

3. If  $\sum_n a_n = \infty$ , it is direct to see that  $\sup \Lambda = \infty$  as well by 1.  $\square$

**Exercise 20.** If  $\sum_n a_n$  is a convergent positive series, show that for every rearrangement  $a_{n(m)} (m \in \mathbb{N})$  of  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$ , we have that  $\sum_n a_n = \sum_m a_{n(m)}$ .

*Proof.* If  $\sum_n a_n$  is positive series, then  $\sum_m a_{n(m)}$  is positive series as well.

$$\sum_n a_n = \sup \Lambda_{a_n} = \sup \Lambda_{a_{n(m)}} = \sum_m a_{n(m)}$$

where  $\Lambda_{a_n}$  and  $\Lambda_{a_{n(m)}}$  are the set of every sum of finite terms of  $a_n$  and  $a_{n(m)}$  respectively. That is the proof follows by the  $\Lambda_{a_n} = \Lambda_{a_{n(m)}}$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 21** (Dirichlet's Rearrangement Theorem (1829)). If  $\sum_n a_n$  converges absolutely, show that for every rearrangement  $a_{n(m)} (m \in \mathbb{N})$  of  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$ , we have that  $\sum_n a_n = \sum_m a_{n(m)}$ .

*Proof.*  $\sum_n a_n$  converges absolutely  $\Rightarrow \sum_m a_{n(m)}$  converges absolutely. Furthermore

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_n a_n &= \sum_j p_j - \sum_k q_k \\ &= \sum_\mu p_{j_\mu} - \sum_\nu q_{k_\nu} \\ &= \sum_m a_{n_m}. \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Theorem 8** (Riemann's Rearrangement Theorem(1852)). If  $\sum_n a_n$  converges conditionally, then for  $\forall r \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists a rearrangement  $a_{n(m)} (m \in \mathbb{N})$  of  $a_n (n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that  $\sum_m a_{n(m)} = r$ .

*Proof.* We will only use two known fact:

1.  $\sum_j p_j = \infty$  and  $\sum_k q_k = \infty$ ;
2.  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} p_j = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} q_k = 0$ .

Given a  $L \in \mathbb{R}$ , start with  $p_1$ , plus by  $p_2$  and so on till  $p_{m_1-1}$  where

$$\sum_i^{m_1-1} p_i \leq L \quad \text{but} \quad \sum_i^{m_1} p_i > L.$$

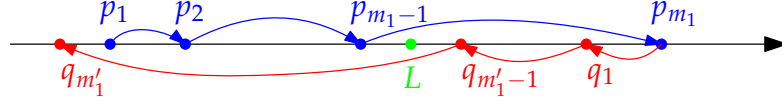
Then minus by  $q_1, q_2$  and so on till  $q_{m'_1-1}$  where

$$\sum_i^{m_1} p_i - \sum_{j=1}^{m'_1-1} q_j > L \quad \text{but} \quad \sum_i^{m_1} p_i - \sum_{j=1}^{m'_1} q_j \leq L.$$

This process can be repeat since  $\sum_j p_j = \infty$  and  $\sum_k q_k = \infty$  and hence any tail of  $\sum_j p_j, \sum_k q_k$  has no upper bound, therefore the cross action can always happen, in the other word,  $m_i, m'_i (i \in \mathbb{N})$  exists.

Thus we can form a rearrangement  $\chi_n$  of  $\sum_n a_n$  as

$$p_1, \dots, p_{m_1}, -q_1, \dots, -q_{m'_1}, \dots$$



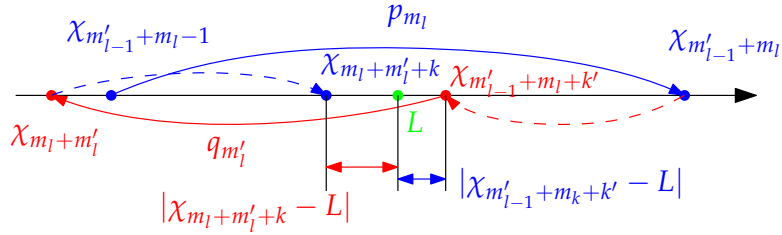
Now we will show that this rearrangement converges to  $L$ , i.e.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \chi_n = L$ . Consider  $\chi_{\dots+m'_{l-1}+m_l-1}$  which implies the point lies in the left of  $L$  and will cross the  $l$  in next jump, and we denote it by  $\chi_{m'_{l-1}+m_l-1}$  for simply. And hence we have that

$$|\chi_{m'_{l-1}+m_l+k'} - L| < p_{m_l}$$

if  $0 \leq k' < m'_l - m'_{l-1}$ . And similarly

$$|\chi_{m_l+m'_l+k} - L| < q_{m'_l}$$

if  $0 \leq k < m_{m+1}-m_l$ .



And since  $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} p_{m_l} = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} q_{m'_l} = 0$ , for  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $l \geq N_0 \Rightarrow p_{m_l}$  and  $q_{m'_l} < \epsilon$ . Let  $N = m'_{N_0-1} + m_{N_0}$ , then  $n \geq N \Rightarrow |\chi_n - L| < \epsilon$ .  $\square$

*Remark 4* ( $2S = S$ ). Dirichelet made the following observation in 1827: Consider a alternating series

$$S = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots$$

which is convergent (conditionally) by Leibniz's Criterion, and hence

$$\begin{aligned} 2S &= 2 - 1 + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{4} + \frac{2}{5} - \frac{2}{6} + \frac{2}{7} - \frac{2}{8} + \frac{2}{9} - \frac{2}{10} + \dots \\ &= (2 - 1) - \frac{2}{4} + \left( \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{6} \right) - \frac{2}{8} + \left( \frac{2}{5} - \frac{2}{10} \right) + \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots \\ &= S \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 5.* In summary, given a series  $\sum_n a_n$ , and its any rearrangement  $\sum_m a_{n(m)}$ , then

1. If  $a_n \geq 0$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \sum_n a_n = \sum_m a_{n(m)}$ ;
2. If  $\sum_n |a_n| < \infty \Rightarrow \sum_n a_n = \sum_m a_{n(m)}$ ;
3. If  $\sum_n |a_n| = \infty$  but  $\sum_n a_n < \infty \Rightarrow \sum_m a_{n(m)}$  could be anything.

## 2.4 Multiplying absolutely convergent series

**Proposition 2.** Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  converge absolutely, let

$$c_n = a_n b_0 + \cdots + a_0 b_n = \sum_{j+k=n; j,k \geq 0} a_j b_k,$$

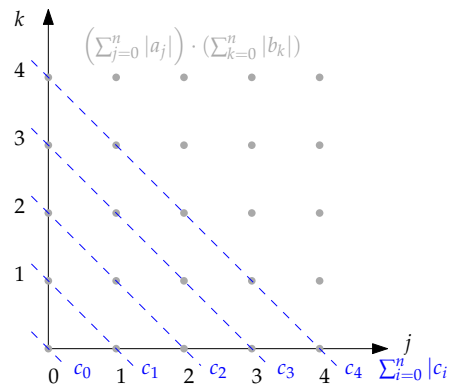
then  $\sum_n |c_n| < \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n = (\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n) \cdot (\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n)$ .

*Proof.* 1.  $\sum_n |c_n| < \infty$

For all  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=0}^n |c_m| &= \sum_{m=0}^n \left| \sum_{\substack{j+k=m \\ j,k \geq 0}} a_j b_k \right| \leq \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{\substack{j+k=m \\ j,k \geq 0}} |a_j| |b_k| \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{j=0}^n |a_j| \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{k=0}^n |b_k| \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  converges absolutely, the partial sums of  $|a_n|, |b_n|$  have upper bounds, denoted by  $M, N$  respectively, then  $\sum_{m=0}^n |c_m|$  has a upper bound  $M \cdot N$  and hence  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n$  converges absolutely.



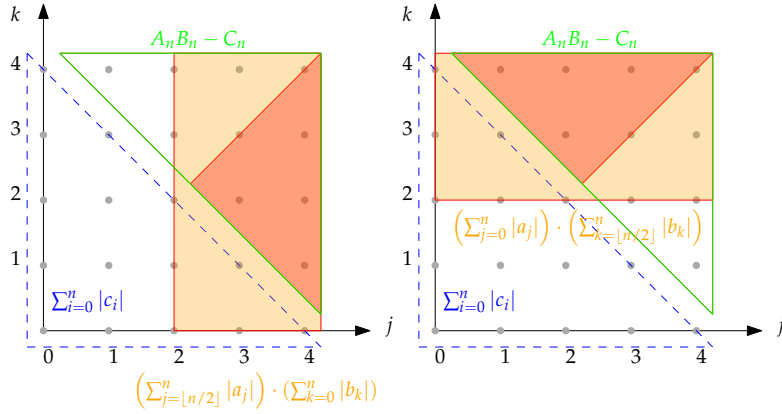
2.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n = (\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n) \cdot (\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n)$ .

Let  $A_n := a_0 + \cdots + a_n$ ;  $B_n := b_0 + \cdots + b_n$  and  $C_n := c_0 + \cdots + c_n$ , we claim that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (A_n B_n - C_n) = 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
|A_n B_n - C_n| &= \sum_{\substack{j+k > n \\ 0 \leq j, k \leq n}} |a_j b_k| \\
&\leq \left( \sum_{j=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^n |a_j| \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{k=0}^n |b_k| \right) + \left( \sum_{j=0}^n |a_j| \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{k=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^n |b_k| \right)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum_{k=0}^n |b_k|, \sum_{j=0}^n |a_j|$  are bounded, and tails  $\sum_{j=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^n |a_j|, \sum_{k=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^n |b_k| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  since  $\sum_n a_n, \sum_n b_n$  are converges abs. Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |A_n B_n - C_n| = 0$  and since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_n$  exists, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_n \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n B_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n \\
&= \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \right)
\end{aligned}$$



□

**Theorem 9.** If  $\sum_n a_n, \sum_n b_n$  cvg. abs.,  $\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{(j(\cdot), k(\cdot))} \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is bijection where  $n \mapsto (j(n), k(n))$ , let  $c_n := a_{j(n)} b_{k(n)}$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ), then  $\sum_n |c_n| < \infty$  (cvg. abs.) and  $\sum_n c_n = (\sum_n a_n)(\sum_n b_n)$ .

*Proof.* 1.  $\sum_n c_n$  cvg. abs.

For  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $l = \max\{j(1), \dots, j(n), k(1), \dots, k(n)\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
|c_1| + \dots + |c_n| &= |a_{j(1)} b_{k(1)}| + \dots + |a_{j(n)} b_{k(n)}| \\
&\leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^l |a_j| \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{k=1}^l |b_k| \right) \\
&\leq M \cdot N
\end{aligned}$$



Thus  $\sum_n c_n$  cvg. abs.

2.  $\sum_n c_n = (\sum_n a_n)(\sum_n b_n)$ .

Let  $A_n = a_1 + \cdots + a_n$ ,  $B_n = b_1 + \cdots + b_n$  and  $C_n = c_1 + \cdots + c_n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ). And define the bijection  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  by the second one in Figure 2.1. Then

$$\begin{aligned} A_n B_n &= (a_1 + \cdots + a_n)(b_1 + \cdots + b_n) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} a_j b_k \\ &= C_{n^2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n B_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_n \Rightarrow \sum_n c_n = (\sum_n a_n)(\sum_n b_n)$ .  $\square$

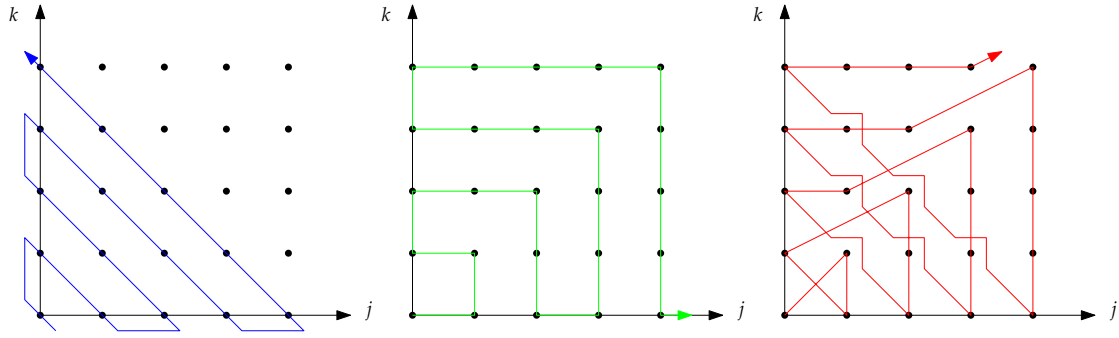


Figure 2.1: 3 kinds of bijections  $(j(\cdot), k(\cdot))$

## Chapter 3

### $\mathbb{R}$ - valued functions