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1 The Number Systems

1.1 The Natural Numbers

Theorem (existence of \mathbb{N}): There exists a set \mathbb{N} satisfying the following properties, known as the Peano Axioms:

PA1 $0 \in \mathbb{N}$

PA2 There exists a function $S : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ called the successor function. In particular, $S(n) \in \mathbb{N}$.

PA3 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}. S(n) \neq 0$

PA4 $S(n) = S(m) \implies n = m$ (S is injective, one-to-one)

PA5 [Axiom of Induction] Let $P(n)$ be a property associated to each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If $P(0)$ is true, and $P(n) \implies P(S(n))$, then $P(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Definition: **PA1** $\implies 0 \in \mathbb{N}$. **PA2** $\implies S(0) \in \mathbb{N}$.

Define $1 = S(0), 2 = S(1), 3 = S(2)$, etc.

PA2 guarantees that $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$.

PA3 prevents “wraparound”: no successor can map to a “negative” number.

PA4 prevents “stagnation”: the cycle does not terminate.

Theorem: $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

Proof: We know that $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, so it suffices to prove that $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$.

Let $P(n)$ denote the proposition that $n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. Clearly $P(0)$ is true.

Suppose $P(n)$ is true; then $n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \implies S(n) \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ by construction.

Hence, $P(S(n))$ is true. By induction, **PA5** guarantees that $P(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

It follows that $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$.

Definition: For any $m \in \mathbb{N}$, we define $0 + m = m$.

Then if $n + m$ is defined for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we set $S(n) + m = S(n + m)$.

Proposition (Properties of Addition):

1. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}. n + 0 = n$ (0 is the additive identity)
2. $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}. n + S(m) = S(n + m)$
3. $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}. m + n = n + m$ (commutativity)
4. $\forall k, m, n \in \mathbb{N}. k + (m + n) = (k + m) + n$ (associativity)
5. $\forall k, m, n \in \mathbb{N}. n + k = n + m \implies k = m$ (cancellation)

Proof:

1. Let $P(n)$ be $n + 0 = n$.
 $P(0)$ is true because $0 + 0 = 0$ by definition.
 Note $P(n) \implies S(n) + 0 = S(n + 0) = S(n)$, so $P(S(n))$ is true. By induction, (1) is true.

2. Fix $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $P(n)$ denote $n + S(m) = S(n + m)$.
 $P(0)$ is true because $0 + S(m) = S(m) = S(0 + m)$.
 $P(n) \implies S(n) + S(m) = S(n + S(m)) = S(S(n + m)) = S(S(n) + m)$, so $P(S(n))$ is true. By induction, since $m \in \mathbb{N}$ was arbitrary, (2) is true.
3. Let m be fixed and $P(n)$ denote $n + m = m + n$.
 $P(0)$ is true since $0 + m = m$ by definition, and $m + 0 = m$ by 1, so $0 + m = m = m + 0$.
Suppose $P(n)$; then $S(n) + m = S(n + m) = S(m + n) = m + S(n)$, so $P(S(n))$ is true. By induction and arbitrary choice of m , (3) is true.
4. Fix $k, m \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $P(n)$ denote $k + (m + n) = (k + m) + n$.
 $P(0)$ is true as $k + (m + 0) = k + m = (k + m) + 0$.
Suppose $P(n)$; then $k + (m + S(n)) = k + S(m + n) = S(k + (m + n)) = S(k + m) + n = (k + m) + S(n)$ by (2). By induction and arbitrary choice, (4) is true.
5. Fix $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $P(k)$ denote proposition 5.
 $P(0)$ is true because $n + 0 = n = n + m \implies m = 0 \implies k = m$.
Suppose $P(k)$; also, suppose $m + S(k) = n + S(k)$. Then $S(m + k) = m + S(k) = n + S(k) = S(n + k) \implies m + k = n + k \implies m = n$ (by 4). By the axiom of induction, (5) is true.

1.1.1 Positivity

Definition: We say that $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is *positive* if $n \neq 0$.

Proposition (Properties of Positivity):

1. $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, if m is positive, then $m + n$ is positive.
2. $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, if $m + n = 0$, then $m = n = 0$.
3. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, if n is positive, then there exists a unique $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n = S(m)$.

1.1.2 Order

Definition: For all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, $m \leq n$ or $n \geq m$ iff $n = m + p$ for some $p \in \mathbb{N}$.

$m < n$ or $n > m$ iff $m \leq n \wedge m \neq n$. The relation \leq provides what is called an *order* on \mathbb{N} .

Proposition (Properties of Order):

Let $j, k, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then:

1. $n \geq n$ (reflexivity)
2. $m \leq n \wedge k \leq m \implies k \leq n$ (transitivity)
3. $m \geq n \wedge m \leq n \implies m = n$ (anti-symmetry)
4. $j \leq k \wedge m \leq n \implies j + m \leq k + n$ (order preservation)
5. $m < n \iff S(m) \leq n$
6. $m < n \iff n = m + p$ for some positive $p \in \mathbb{N}$.
7. $n \geq m \iff S(n) > m$
8. $n = 0 \oplus 0 < n$

Theorem (Trichotomy of Order): Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then exactly one of the following is true:

$$m < n \quad \oplus \quad m = n \quad \oplus \quad m > n$$

Proof: Show that no two can be true simultaneously (by definition of $<$ and $>$), and then at least one must be true (by induction on n).

1.1.3 Multiplication

Definition: Fix $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Define $0 \cdot m = 0$. Now, if $n \cdot m$ is defined for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we define $S(n) \cdot m = n \cdot m + m$.

Proposition (Properties of Multiplication):

Fix $k, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then:

1. $m \cdot n = n \cdot m$ (commutativity)
2. m, n are positive $\implies mn$ is positive
3. $m \cdot n = 0 \iff m = 0 \vee n = 0$ (no zero divisors)
4. $k \cdot (m \cdot n) = (k \cdot m) \cdot n$ (associativity)
5. $k \cdot m = k \cdot n \wedge k$ is positive $\implies m = n$ (cancellation)
6. $k \cdot (m + n) = (m + n) \cdot k = k \cdot m + k \cdot n$ (distributivity)
7. $m < n \wedge k \leq l \wedge k, l$ are positive $\implies m \cdot k < n \cdot l$

1.2 The Integers

Consider the following relation on the set $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$:

$$(m, n) \simeq (m', n') \iff m + n' = m' + n$$

Lemma: \simeq is an equivalence relation.

Proof:

Reflexivity: $m + n = m + n \implies (m, n) \simeq (m, n)$

Symmetry: $(m, n) \simeq (m', n') \implies m + n' = m' + n \implies m' + n = m + n' \implies (m', n') \simeq (m, n)$

Transitivity: Suppose $(m, n) \simeq (m', n') \wedge (m', n') \simeq (m'', n'')$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} m + n' &= m' + n \wedge m' + n'' = m'' + n' \\ \implies m + n'' &= m'' + n \\ \implies (m, n) &\simeq (m'', n'') \end{aligned}$$

Definition: Write the *equivalence class* of (m, n) as $[(m, n)] = \{(p, q) \mid (p, q) \simeq (m, n)\}$. Define the *integers* $\mathbb{Z} = \{[(m, n)]\}$.

Lemma: Suppose $(m, n) \simeq (m', n'), (p, q) \simeq (p', q')$. Then:

1. $(m + p, n + q) \simeq (m' + p', n' + q')$

$$2. (mp + nq, mq + np) \simeq (m'p' + n'q', m'q' + n'p')$$

Proof: Consider equalities (a) : $m + n' = m' + n$ and (b) : $p + q' = p' + q$ (by definition of \simeq).

Using linear combinations of (a) and (b), we derive the two rules of the lemma:

1. (a) + (b)
2. (a)(p' + q') + (b)(m + n)

Definition: Let $[(m, n)], [(p, q)] \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then:

1. $[(m, n)] + [(p, q)] = [(m + p, n + q)]$ (addition of integers)
2. $[(m, n)] \cdot [(p, q)] = [(mp + nq, mq + np)]$ (multiplication of integers)

By the lemma, these are well-defined operations.

Note that for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\begin{aligned} [(m, 0)] &= [(n, 0)] \iff m + 0 = n + 0 \iff m = n \\ [(m, 0)] + [(n, 0)] &= [(m + n, 0)] \\ [(m, 0)] \cdot [(n, 0)] &= [(mn, 0)] \end{aligned}$$

As such, the set $\{[(n, 0)] \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ behaves exactly like a copy of \mathbb{N} .

Definition: For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we set $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ to be $n := [(n, 0)]$.

For $x = [(m, n)] \in \mathbb{Z}$ we define $-x = [(n, m)]$.

1.2.1 Properties of Integers

(We can see that every integer $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ can be represented as $x := m - n$ where $x = [(m, n)]$.)

Theorem: Every $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ satisfies exactly one of the following:

1. $x = n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$
2. $x = 0$
3. $x = -n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$

Proof: Write $x = [(p, q)]$ for some $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$. By trichotomy of order on \mathbb{N} we know that $p < q$ or $p = q$ or $p > q$. Each of these correlates to one of the three properties.

Corollary: $\mathbb{Z} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \cup \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$

1.2.2 Algebraic Properties

Proposition: Let $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then the following hold:

1. $x + y = y + x$
2. $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$
3. $x + 0 = 0 + x = x$
4. $x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0$
5. $xy = yx$

6. $(xy)z = x(yz)$
7. $x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$
8. $x(y + z) = xy + xz$

Definition: Define $x - y = x + (-y)$. The usual properties hold.

Definition: For $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$, we say $x \leq y$ or $y \geq x$ if $y - x = n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. We say $x < y$ if $x \leq y \wedge x \neq y$.

1.3 The Rationals and Ordered Fields

Let a relation on $\mathbb{Z} \times (\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\})$ be given by $(m, n) \simeq (m', n') \iff mn' = m'n$.

Lemma: \simeq is an equivalence relation. Proof follows from properties of \mathbb{Z} .

Definition: $\mathbb{Q} = \{[(m, n)]\}$

1. $[(m, n)] + [(p, q)] = [(mq + np, nq)]$ (addition)
2. $[(m, n)] \cdot [(p, q)] = [(mp, nq)]$ (multiplication)
3. $-[(m, n)] = [(-m, n)]$ (negation)
4. If $m \neq 0$ we set $[(m, n)]^{-1} = [(n, m)]$

Remark: the heuristic here is that $\frac{m}{n} = [(m, n)]$.

Definition: If $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, we write $m = [(m, 1)] \in \mathbb{Q}$; and thus $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q}$.

1. For $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$, we define $x - y = x + (-y) \in \mathbb{Q}$
2. For $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}, y \neq 0$ we define $\frac{x}{y} = x(y)^{-1}$. This is well defined because $y = 0 \iff y = [(0, n)]$.

Proposition: $\mathbb{Q} = \{\frac{m}{n} \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0\}$.

We define and propose the trichotomy of order on \mathbb{Q} , as per the integers.

1.3.1 Fields and Orders

Definition: A field is a set \mathbb{F} endowed with two binary operations, $+, \cdot$, satisfying the following axioms:

- (A1, M1) $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{F}. x + y \in \mathbb{F}, xy \in \mathbb{F}$ (closure)
- (A2, M2) $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{F}. x + y = y + x, xy = yx$ (commutativity)
- (A3, M3) $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}. x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z, x(yz) = (xy)z$ (associativity)
- (A4, M4) $\exists (0, 1) \in \mathbb{F}. \forall x \in \mathbb{F}. 0 + x = x + 0 = x, 1 \cdot x = x \cdot 1 = x$ (identity)
- (A5, M5) $\forall x \in \mathbb{F}. \exists (-x). x + (-x) = 0; \exists x^{-1} \in \mathbb{F}. xx^{-1} = x^{-1}x = 1$ (inverse)
- (D1) $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}. x(y + z) = xy + xz$ (distributivity)

Remark: Field must have at least 2 elements $(0, 1)$ by (A/M4). To prove field, must prove 5 properties of addition and multiplication (closure, symmetry, associativity, identity, inverse) as well as distributivity.

Definition: Let E be a set; an *order* on E is a relation $<$ satisfying the following:

1. $\forall x, y \in E$ exactly one of the following is true: $x < y$ or $x = y$ or $y < x$ (trichotomy)
2. $\forall x, y, z \in E, x < y \wedge y < z \implies x < z$ (transitivity)

Definition: Let \mathbb{F} be a field. Then we define $x - y = x + (-y)$ and $\frac{x}{y} = xy^{-1}$ (for $y \neq 0$).

Theorem: \mathbb{Q} is an ordered field with order $<$.

Proof: Follows from definitions and properties of \mathbb{Z} .

1.4 Problems with \mathbb{Q}

Theorem: There does not exist a $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $q^2 = 2$.

Proof: Suppose not; i.e. there does exist such a $q \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Consider the set $S(q) = \{n \in \mathbb{N}^+ \mid q = \frac{m}{n} \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Clearly $|S(q)| > 0$. Then the well-ordering principle implies that $\exists! n \in S(q)$. $n = \min S(q)$.

Since $n \in S(q)$, we know that $q = \frac{m}{n}$ for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $q^2 = (\frac{m}{n})^2 = \frac{m^2}{n^2} \implies m^2 = 2n^2 \implies m^2$ is even. We claim that m is also even (proof is exercise to reader).

Then $\exists l \in \mathbb{Z}$. $m = 2l$. Then $4l^2 = (2l)^2 = m^2 = 2n^2 \implies n^2 = 2l^2 \implies n^2$ is even $\implies n$ is even $\implies n = 2p$ for some $p \in \mathbb{N}^+$.

Hence $q = \frac{m}{n} = \frac{2l}{2p} = \frac{l}{p} \implies p \in S(q)$. But clearly $p < n$, which contradicts the fact that n is the minimal element. By contradiction, the theorem must be true.

1.4.1 Bounds (Infimum and Supremum)

Informally, \mathbb{Q} has “holes”:

Definition: Let E be an ordered set with order $<$.

1. We say $A \subseteq E$ is bounded above iff $\exists x \in E. \forall a \in A. a \leq x$. We say x is an upper bound of A .
2. We say $A \subseteq E$ is bounded below iff $\exists x \in E. \forall a \in A. x \leq a$. We say x is a lower bound of A .
3. We say $A \subseteq E$ is bounded iff it's bounded above and below.
4. We say x is a minimum of A iff $x \in A$ and x is a lower bound of A .
5. We say x is a maximum of A iff $x \in A$ and x is an upper bound of A .

Remark: If a min or max exists, then it is unique.

Definition: Let E be an ordered set and $A \subseteq E$.

1. We say $x \in E$ is the least upper bound (*supremum*) of A , written $x = \sup A$, iff x is an upper bound of A and $y \in E$ is an upper bound of $A \implies x \leq y$.
2. We say $x \in E$ is the greatest lower bound (*infimum*) of A , written $x = \inf A$, iff x is a lower bound of A and $y \in E$ is a lower bound of $A \implies y \leq x$.

Remark: If $x = \min(A)$, then $x = \inf(A)$. If $x = \max(A)$, then $x = \sup(A)$. But the converse is false; some sets have a supremum but no maximum, others a infimum but no minimum.

Definition: Let \mathbb{F} be an ordered field. We say that \mathbb{F} has the *least upper bound property* iff every $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq \mathbb{F}$ that is bounded above has a least upper bound.

Theorem: \mathbb{Q} does not satisfy the least upper bound property.

Proof: Consider the set $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid x > 0, x^2 \leq 2\}$.

Note that $0 < 1 = 1^2 \leq 2 \implies 1 \in A$, so A is non-empty. Also, $2 \leq 4 = 2^2$ implies $(x \in A \implies 0 < x^2 < 2 < 2^2) \implies x < 2$. Then 2 is an upper bound of A .

Assume for sake of contradiction that \mathbb{Q} has the least upper bound property. Then A has a supremum. Let $x = \sup A \in \mathbb{Q}$ and write $x = \frac{p}{q}$ for $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$.

By trichotomy, $x^2 < 2$ or $x^2 = 2$ or $x^2 > 2$. We know $x^2 \neq 2$.

Case 1: Suppose $x^2 < 2$. Then for any $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ we have $(\frac{p}{q} + \frac{1}{n})^2 = \frac{p^2}{q^2} + \frac{2p}{qn} + \frac{1}{n^2} \leq \frac{p^2}{q^2} + \frac{1}{n}(\frac{2p+q}{q})$. From algebra, we derive $(\frac{p}{q} + \frac{1}{n})^2 < 2$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$.

Clearly $x > 0$ since otherwise $x \leq 0 < 1 \in A$. Hence $0 < x = \frac{p}{q} < \frac{p}{q} + \frac{1}{n} \in A$. But then x is not an upper bound \implies contradiction.

Case 2: Suppose $x^2 > 2$. Considering $(\frac{p}{q} - \frac{1}{n})^2 > 2$ and using the same logic as before, we can choose n large enough such that $\frac{p}{q} - \frac{1}{n}$ is an upper bound of A . But $\frac{p}{q} - \frac{1}{n} < \frac{p}{q} = x$, which contradicts the fact that $x = \sup A$.

As all cases are false, we contradict trichotomy, and hence \mathbb{Q} cannot have the least upper bound property.

1.5 The Real Numbers

We now construct an ordered field satisfying the least upper bound property using \mathbb{Q} .

Definition: We say \mathbb{Q} is Archimedean iff $\forall(x \in \mathbb{Q}). x > 0 \implies \exists(n \in \mathbb{N}). x < n$.

Lemma: If \mathbb{Q} is Archimedean, then $\forall(p < q \in \mathbb{Q}). \exists(r \in \mathbb{Q}). p < r < q$.
(Proofs in HW 2.)

1.5.1 Defining the Real Numbers: Dedekind Cuts

Definition: We say that $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Q})$ is a *cut* (Dedekind cut) iff the following hold:

- (C1) $\emptyset \neq \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C} \neq \mathbb{Q}$
- (C2) If $p \in \mathcal{C}$ and $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ with $q < p$, then $q \in \mathcal{C}$.
- (C3) If $p \in \mathcal{C}$, $\exists(r \in \mathbb{Q}). p < r \wedge r \in \mathcal{C}$.

Lemma: Suppose \mathcal{C} is a cut. Then:

1. $p \in \mathcal{C}, q \notin \mathcal{C} \implies p < q$
2. $r \notin \mathcal{C}, r < s \implies s \notin \mathcal{C}$
3. \mathcal{C} is bounded above

Lemma: Let $q \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then $\{p \in \mathbb{Q} \mid p < q\}$ is a cut.

Proof: Call the set \mathcal{C} . We prove the 3 properties of a cut:

- (C1) $q - 1 \in \mathcal{C} \implies \mathcal{C} \neq \emptyset$; $q + 1 \notin \mathcal{C} \implies \mathcal{C} \neq \mathbb{Q}$.
- (C2) If $p \in \mathcal{C}$ and $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $r < p$, then $r < p < q \implies r < q \implies r \in \mathcal{C}$.
- (C3) Let $p \in \mathcal{C}$ where $p < q$. Since \mathbb{Q} is Archimedean, $\exists(r \in \mathbb{Q}). p < r < q \implies r \in \mathcal{C}$.

Definition: Given $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ we write $\mathcal{C}_q = \{p \in \mathbb{Q} \mid p < q\}$. By the above lemma, \mathcal{C}_q is a cut.

Definition: We write $\mathbb{R} = \{\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Q}) \mid \mathcal{C} \text{ is a cut}\} \neq \emptyset$.

Lemma: The following hold:

1. $\forall \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}$, exactly one of the following holds: $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}$, $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$, $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$.
2. $\forall \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B} \wedge \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C} \implies \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{C}$.

Definition: If $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}$ we say that $\mathcal{A} < \mathcal{B} \iff \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}$, and $\mathcal{A} \leq \mathcal{B} \iff \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$. This defines an order on \mathbb{R} by the above lemma.

1.5.2 Defining the Real Numbers: The Least Upper Bound Property

Lemma: Suppose $\emptyset \neq E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is bounded above. Then $\mathcal{B} := \bigcup_{\mathcal{A} \in E} \mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem: \mathbb{R} satisfies the least upper bound property.

Proof: Let $\emptyset \neq E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be bounded above and set $\mathcal{B} = \bigcup_{\mathcal{A} \in E} \mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}$. We claim $\mathcal{B} = \sup E$.

First, we show that \mathcal{B} is an upper bound of E . Let $\mathcal{A} \in E$. Then $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B} \implies \mathcal{A} \leq \mathcal{B}$ (by definition). This is true for all $\mathcal{A} \in E$, so \mathcal{B} is an upper bound.

We claim that for $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{C} < \mathcal{B} \implies \mathcal{C}$ is not an upper bound of E . If $\mathcal{C} < \mathcal{B}$, then $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{B}$. This implies $\exists b \in \mathcal{B}$. $b \notin \mathcal{C} \implies \exists (\mathcal{A} \in E)$. $b \in \mathcal{A} \wedge b \notin \mathcal{C}$. Then $\mathcal{A} > \mathcal{C}$ since otherwise $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{C} \implies b \in \mathcal{C}$, $b \notin \mathcal{C}$. Hence $\mathcal{C} < \mathcal{A}$ and \mathcal{C} is not an upper bound of E .

By the contrapositive: if \mathcal{C} is an upper bound, $\mathcal{C} \geq \mathcal{B}$. Thus, \mathcal{B} is the least upper bound, and the theorem holds.

1.5.3 Defining the Real Numbers: Addition

Definition: Given $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}$, set $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B} = \{a + b \mid a \in \mathcal{A}, b \in \mathcal{B}\}$.

Lemma: If $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem: Define $-\mathcal{A} = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} \mid \exists (p > q). -p \notin \mathcal{A}\}$. Then $\mathbb{R}, +, 0_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathcal{C}_0 = \{p \in \mathbb{Q} \mid p < 0\}$ satisfy the field axioms.

Proof:

- (A1) $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}$ by previous lemma.
- (A2) $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B} = \{a + b\} = \{b + a\} = \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{A}$.
- (A3) $\mathcal{A} + (\mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C}) = \{a + (b + c)\} = \{(a + b) + c\} = (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}) + \mathcal{C}$.
- (A4) Show $\forall \mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}$. $0_{\mathbb{R}} + \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}$.
- (A5) Show that $-\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\mathcal{A} + (-\mathcal{A}) = 0_{\mathbb{R}}$ using Archimedean property.

Theorem (Ordered Field): Let $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{R}$. If $\mathcal{A} < \mathcal{B}$ then $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{C} < \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C}$.

Proof: It's trivial to see that $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B} \implies \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C} \implies \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{C} \leq \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C}$.

If $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C}$, we can add $-\mathcal{C}$ to both sides and use the last theorem to see that $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$, a contradiction. Hence, $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{C} < \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C}$.

1.5.4 Defining the Real Numbers: Multiplication

Lemma: Let $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} > 0_{\mathbb{R}}$. Then $\mathcal{C} = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} \mid q \leq 0\} \cup \{a \cdot b \mid a \in \mathcal{A}, b \in \mathcal{B}, a, b > 0\} \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof:

- (C1) $0 \in \mathcal{C} \implies \mathcal{C} \neq \emptyset$. \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} are bounded above by, say M_1, M_2 , so $M_1 \cdot M_2 + 1 \notin \mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{C} \neq \mathbb{Q}$.
- (C2) Let $p \in \mathcal{C}$ and $q < p$. If $q \leq 0$ then $q \in \mathcal{C}$ by definition. If $q > 0$ then $0 < q < p$, but then $0 < p \implies p = a \cdot b$ for $a \in \mathcal{A}, b \in \mathcal{B}, a, b > 0$. Then $0 < q < a \cdot b \implies \frac{q}{a} < b \implies 0 < \frac{q}{a} \in \mathcal{B}$. Then $q = a(\frac{q}{a}) \in \mathcal{C}$.
- (C3) Let $p \in \mathcal{C}$. If $p \leq 0$ then any $a \cdot b$ with $a \in \mathcal{A}, b \in \mathcal{B}, a, b > 0$ satisfies $p < a \cdot b \in \mathcal{C}$, so $r = a \cdot b$ is the desired element of \mathcal{C} . However, if $p > 0$, then $p = a \cdot b$ for $a \in \mathcal{A}, b \in \mathcal{B}, a, b > 0$. Choose $s \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $a < s, t \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $t > b$. Then $p = a \cdot b < s \cdot t \in \mathcal{C}$, so $r = s \cdot t$ proves the claim.

Definition of Multiplication: Let $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}$.

1. If $\mathcal{A} > 0, \mathcal{B} > 0$ we set $\mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B} = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} \mid q \leq 0\} \cup \{a \cdot b \mid a \in \mathcal{A}, b \in \mathcal{B}, a, b > 0\} \in \mathbb{R}$.
2. If $\mathcal{A} = 0$ or $\mathcal{B} = 0$, we set $\mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B} = 0_{\mathbb{R}}$.
3. If $\mathcal{A} > 0$ and $\mathcal{B} < 0$, let $\mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B} = -(\mathcal{A} \cdot (-\mathcal{B}))$.
4. If $\mathcal{A} < 0$ and $\mathcal{B} > 0$, let $\mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B} = -((- \mathcal{A}) \cdot \mathcal{B})$.
5. If $\mathcal{A} < 0$ and $\mathcal{B} < 0$, let $\mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B} = (-\mathcal{A}) \cdot (-\mathcal{B})$.

Theorem: \mathbb{R}, \cdot satisfies (M1-M5) with $1_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathcal{C}_1$, and

$\mathcal{A} > 0 \implies \mathcal{A}^{-1} = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} \mid q \leq 0\} \cup \{q \in \mathbb{Q} \mid q > 0, \exists p > q. p^{-1} \notin \mathcal{A}\} \in \mathbb{R};$

$\mathcal{A} < 0 \implies \mathcal{A}^{-1} = -(-\mathcal{A})^{-1}$.

Proof: HW3 (similar to addition).

Theorem: If $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} > 0$, then $\mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B} > 0$.

Proof: By definition $\mathcal{C}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B} \implies 0 \leq \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B}$. Equality is impossible since $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} > 0$.

1.5.5 Defining the Real Numbers: Distributivity

Theorem: Let $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\mathcal{A} \cdot (\mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{C}$.

Proof: We prove the case where all are positive. The other cases are in HW.

Let $p \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C})$. If $p \leq 0$ then $p \in \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{C}$ is trivial (both products contain the interval less than 0).

If $p > 0$, $p = a(b + c)$ for $a \in \mathcal{A}, b \in \mathcal{B}, c \in \mathcal{C}$ for $a > 0, b + c > 0$.

Regardless of sign of b or c , $a \cdot b \in \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B}, a \cdot c \in \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{C}$. Hence $p = a(b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c \in \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{C}$. So $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C}) \subseteq \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{C}$.

Finally, we show the converse is true; let $p \in \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{C} \implies p = r + s$ for $r \in \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{B}, s \in \mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{C}$. Case on positivity of p, r, s to show $p \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C})$.

1.5.6 Defining the Real Numbers: Archimedean

Theorem: For $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$, the following are true:

1. $\mathcal{C}_{p+q} = \mathcal{C}_p + \mathcal{C}_q$
2. $\mathcal{C}_{-p} = -\mathcal{C}_p$
3. $\mathcal{C}_{pq} = \mathcal{C}_p \mathcal{C}_q$
4. If $p \neq 0$ then $\mathcal{C}_{p^{-1}} = (\mathcal{C}_p)^{-1}$
5. $p < q \in \mathbb{Q} \iff \mathcal{C}_p < \mathcal{C}_q \in \mathbb{R}$

Proof: HW.

Definition: For $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ we say $\mathcal{C}_q \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem: There exists an ordered field satisfying the least upper bound property; \mathbb{R} is unique (for any ordered field \mathbb{F} satisfying these properties, $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ up to isomorphism; and \mathbb{R} is Archimedean.

Proof: The basic assertion is Steps (0)-(4). Step (5) proves 1, Step (6) proves 3.

1.6 Properties of \mathbb{R}

Notation: think of \mathbb{R} as numbers, not cut notation.

Proposition: \mathbb{R} satisfies the following:

Theorem: For $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$, the following are true:

1. \mathbb{R} is Archimedean: $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0. \exists n \in \mathbb{N}. x < n$
2. $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{R}$ is not bounded above
3. $\inf\{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1\} = 0$
4. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ the set $B(x) = \{m \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x < m\}$ has a minimum in \mathbb{Z} .
5. $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x < y. \exists q \in \mathbb{Q}. x < q < y$

Remarks:

1. (5) is interpreted as “the density of $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ”. Any element $x \in \mathbb{R}$ can be approximated to arbitrary accuracy by elements of \mathbb{Q} .
2. (4) allows us to define the integer part of any $x \in \mathbb{R}$. We can set $\lfloor x \rfloor = \min B(x) - 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $\lfloor x \rfloor \leq x < \lfloor x \rfloor + 1$.

Next we show that \mathbb{R} does not have the “holes” we saw in \mathbb{Q} .

Theorem: Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfy $x > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1$. Then $\exists! y \in \mathbb{R}. y > 0 \wedge y^n = x$.

Proof: The case $n = 1$ is trivial so assume $n \geq 2$.

Set $E = \{z \in \mathbb{R} \mid z > 0 \wedge z^n < x\}$. We want to show $E \neq \emptyset$ and is bounded above. Set $t = \frac{x}{1+x}$; then $0 < t < 1$ and $t < x$. Hence $0 < t^n < t < x$, and so $t \in E$ and $E \neq \emptyset$.

Set $s = 1 + x$. Then $1 < s \wedge x < s \implies x < s < s^n$; so if $z \in E$ then $z^n < x < s^n \implies z < s$. Then s is an upper bound of E .

By least upper bound property, $\exists y \in \mathbb{R}. y = \sup E$. Since $t \in E$, $0 < t < y$, so $y > 0$. We claim that $y^n < x$ and $y^n > x$ are both impossible (proof is exercise), so $y^n = x$.

Definition: Let $n \geq 1$; for $x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0$, we write $x^{\frac{1}{n}} = y$ where $y^n = x$. We set $0^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0$.

1.6.1 Absolute Value

For $x \in \mathbb{R}$, we define the function $|\cdot| : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{r \in \mathbb{R} \mid r \geq 0\}$:

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Proposition (Properties of $|\cdot|$):

1. $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}. |x| \geq 0$ and $|x| = 0 \iff x = 0$
2. $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}. |x| < y \iff -y < x < y$
3. $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}. |xy| = |x||y|$
4. $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}. |x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$ (Triangle Inequality)
5. $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}. ||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|$

2 Sequences

Let E be a set. Then we may define a sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=l}^{\infty} \subseteq E$ as the set of values $a_n \equiv a(n)$ for some $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ and some function $a : \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \geq l\} \rightarrow E$.

2.1 Convergence and Bounds

Definition: We say a sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=l}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ converges to $a \in \mathbb{R}$, i.e. $a_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$, if for every $0 < \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists $N \in \{m \in \mathbb{Z} \mid m \geq l\}$ such that $n \geq N \implies |a_n - a| < \epsilon$.

Definition: We say a sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=l}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is bounded iff. $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}, M > 0. |a_n| < M (\forall n \geq l)$.

Lemma: If a sequence converges, then it is bounded.

Definition: Given $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ we define $\{a_n + b_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ to be the sequence whose elements are $a_n + b_n$. We similarly define $\{ca_n\}$ for a fixed $c \in \mathbb{R}$, $\{a_nb_n\}$, and $\{a_n/b_n\}$ where $b_n \neq 0, n \geq l$.

Theorem (algebra of convergence): Let $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}, c \in \mathbb{R}$, and assume that $a_n \rightarrow a, b_n \rightarrow b$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then the following hold:

1. $a_n + b_n \rightarrow a + b$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
2. $ca_n \rightarrow ca$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
3. $a_nb_n \rightarrow ab$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
4. If $b_n \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$, then $a_n/b_n \rightarrow a/b$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof: (1), (2) are in next week's HW.

(3): Note that $|a_nb_n - ab| = |a_nb_n - ab_n + ab_n - ab| \leq |a_nb_n - ab_n| + |ab_n - ab| = |b_n||a_n - a| + |a||b_n - b|$. Since $b_n \rightarrow b$ we know that $\exists M > 0. |b_n| < M (\forall n \geq l)$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since $a_n \rightarrow a$ and $b_n \rightarrow b$ we may choose N_1 such that $n \geq N_1 \implies |a_n - a| < \frac{\epsilon}{2M}$; and N_2 where $n \geq N_2 \implies |b_n - b| < \frac{\epsilon}{2(1+|a|)}$.

Then set $N = \max(N_1, N_2)$. So if $n \geq N$ we know that $|a_n b_n - ab| \leq |b_n| |a_n - a| + |a| |b_n - b| < M |a_n - a| + |a| |b_n - b| < M \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2M} + |a| \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2(1+|a|)} < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$.

Since ϵ was arbitrary, we deduce that $a_n b_n \rightarrow ab$.

(4): We know $|\frac{a_n}{b_n} - \frac{a}{b}| = |\frac{a_n b - ab_n}{b_n b}| = |\frac{a_n b - ab + ab - ab_n}{b_n b}| \leq \frac{|a_n b - ab|}{|b_n| |b|} + \frac{|ab - ab_n|}{|b| |b_n|} = \frac{|a_n - a|}{|b_n|} + \frac{|a|}{|b| |b_n|} |b_n - b|$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since $b_n \rightarrow b \neq 0$ we know that $\exists N_1$ such that $n \geq N_1 \implies |b_n - b| < \frac{|b|}{2}$. Then $n \geq N \implies 0 < |b| = |b - b_n + b_n| \leq |b - b_n| + |b_n| < \frac{|b|}{2} + |b_n| \implies 0 < \frac{|b|}{2} \leq |b_n| \implies 0 < \frac{1}{|b_n|} < \frac{2}{|b|}$.

Similarly, $a_n \rightarrow a \implies \exists N_2$. ($n \geq N_2 \implies |a_n - a| < \frac{\epsilon}{4} |b|$; and

$b_n \rightarrow b \implies \exists N_3$. ($n \geq N_3 \implies |b_n - b| < \frac{\epsilon |b|^2}{4(1+|a|)}$).

Set $N = \max(N_1, N_2, N_3)$. Then $n \geq N \implies |\frac{a_n}{b_n} - \frac{a}{b}| \leq \frac{|a_n - a|}{|b_n|} + \frac{|a|}{|b_n| |b|} |b_n - b| < \frac{2}{|b| |a_n - a|} + \frac{2|a|}{|b|^2} |b_n - b| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{|a|}{1+|a|} < \epsilon$.

Since $\epsilon > 0$ was arbitrary, we deduce $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow \frac{a}{b}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Lemma: Let $\{a_n\}_{n=l}^{\infty}$ converge to $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\forall \epsilon > 0$. $\exists N$. $m, n \geq N \implies |a_n - a_m| < \epsilon$.

Definition: We say $\{a_n\}_{n=l}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is *Cauchy* iff $\forall \epsilon > 0$. $\exists N$. $m, n \geq N \implies |a_n - a_m| < \epsilon$.

Lemma: If $\{a_n\}$ is Cauchy, then it's bounded.

Proof: Let $\epsilon = 1$. Then $\exists N$. $m, n \geq N \implies |a_m - a_n| < 1$. Then $n \geq N \implies |a_n - a_N| < 1 \implies |a_n| < |a_n - a_N| + |a_N| < 1 + |a_N|$. Set $M = \max(1 + |a_N|, k)$, where $k = \max\{|a_l|, \dots, |a_{N-1}|\}$. Then $|a_n| < M (\forall n \geq l)$, and $\{a_n\}$ is bounded.

Theorem: Let $\{a_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then $\{a_n\}$ converges $\iff \{a_n\}$ is Cauchy.

Proof: \implies is covered by 2nd-previous lemma. We show the converse:

Suppose $\{a_n\}$ is Cauchy. Then $|a_n| < M (\forall n \geq l)$ by the last lemma.

Set $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \exists N. n \geq N \implies x < a_n\}$. Note that $-M < a_n (\forall n \geq l)$, and so $-M \in E$ and $E \neq \emptyset$.

Also, $x \in E \implies \exists N_x. n \geq N_x \implies x < a_n < M$, and so M is an upper bound of E .

By the least upper bound property of \mathbb{R} , $\exists a = \sup E \in \mathbb{R}$. We claim that $a_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Then since $\{a_n\}$ is Cauchy, $\exists N$. $m, n \geq N \implies |a_n - a_m| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. In particular, $|a_n - a_N| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ when $n \geq N$. Then $n \geq N \implies a_N - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < a_n \implies a_N - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \in E \implies a_N - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \leq a$.

If $x \in E$, then $\exists E_x$. ($n \geq N_x \implies x < a_n < a_N + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$). Hence $a_N + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ is an upper bound of $E \implies a \leq a_N + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Then $|a - a_N| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$.

But if $n \geq N$, then $|a_n - a| \leq |a_n - a_N| + |a_N - a| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$. Hence $a_n \rightarrow a$.

2.1.1 Squeeze Lemma

Lemma: Let $\{a_n\}_{n=l}^{\infty}, \{b_n\}, \{c_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and suppose that $a_n \rightarrow a, c_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. If $\exists k \geq l$ such that $a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n (\forall n \geq k)$, then $b_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Examples:

1. Suppose $a_n \rightarrow 0$ and $\{b_n\}$ is bounded, i.e. $|b_n| \leq M (\forall n \geq l)$. Then $|a_n b_n| = |a_n| |b_n| \leq |a_n| M$. But $c_n \rightarrow 0 \iff |c_n| \rightarrow 0$. Then $0 \leq |a_n b_n| \leq |a_n| M$, both sides of which go to 0; and by the squeeze lemma, $|a_n b_n| \rightarrow 0 \implies a_n b_n \rightarrow 0$.
2. Fix $k \in \mathbb{N}$ with $k \geq 1$. Set $a_n = \frac{1}{n^k}, n \geq 1$. Then $0 \leq \frac{1}{n^k} \leq \frac{1}{n}$, and by squeeze lemma $\frac{1}{n^k} \rightarrow 0$.
3. Fix $k \in \mathbb{N}$ with $k \geq 2$. Let $a_n = \frac{1}{k^n}, n \geq 0$. We know $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}. n \leq k^n$ (proof by induction). Then $0 \leq \frac{1}{k^n} \leq \frac{1}{n}$, and by squeeze $\frac{1}{k^n} \rightarrow 0$.

2.2 Monotonicity and limsup, liminf

Definition: Let $\{a_n\}_{n=l}^\infty \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. We say $\{a_n\}$ is:

1. increasing iff. $a_n < a_{n+1} (\forall n \geq l)$,
2. non-decreasing iff. $a_n \leq a_{n+1} (\forall n \geq l)$,
3. decreasing iff. $a_{n+1} < a_n (\forall n \geq l)$,
4. non-increasing iff. $a_{n+1} \leq a_n (\forall n \geq l)$.

We say $\{a_n\}$ is *monotone* iff. it is either non-increasing or non-decreasing.

Remark: increasing \implies non-decreasing, decreasing \implies non-increasing.

Theorem: Suppose that $\{a_n\}_{n=l}^\infty \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is monotone. Then $\{a_n\}$ is bounded iff $\{a_n\}$ is convergent.

Proof: \Leftarrow is done in a previous lemma.

\implies : We'll prove when the sequence is non-decreasing (other case handled by similar argument).

Set $E = \{a_n \mid n \geq l\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Clearly $E \neq \emptyset$. Also, since $\{a_n\}$ is bounded, E is as well (in particular above). By least upper bound property of \mathbb{R} , $\exists a = \sup(E) \in \mathbb{R}$. We claim that $a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since $a = \sup(E)$ we know that $a - \epsilon$ is not an upper bound of E ; hence $\exists (N \geq l). a - \epsilon < a_N$. Also, since the sequence is non-decreasing, $a_n \leq a_{n+1} (\forall n \geq l)$, and so $n \geq N \implies a_N \leq a_n$. Then $n \geq N \implies a - \epsilon < a_N \leq a_n \leq a$ because a is an upper bound of E .

So $n \geq N \implies -\epsilon < a_n - a \leq 0 \implies |a_n - a| < \epsilon$. Since $\epsilon > 0$ was arbitrary, we deduce that $a_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Lemma: Suppose that $\{a_n\}$ is bounded. Set $S_m = \sup\{a_n \mid n \geq m\}$ and $I_m = \inf\{a_n \mid n \geq m\}$. Then $S_m, I_m \in \mathbb{R}$ are well-defined $\forall m \geq l$; $\{S_m\}$ is non-increasing; and $\{I_m\}$ is non-decreasing. Both sequences are bounded.

Definition: Suppose $\{a_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is bounded. We set $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} S_m \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} I_m \in \mathbb{R}$. Both limits exist by the lemma and previous theorem. We know that $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ from HW.

2.3 Subsequences

Definition: Let $\phi : \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \geq l\} \rightarrow \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \geq l\}$ be order preserving (increasing), i.e. $m < n$ then $\phi(m) < \phi(n)$. Let $\{a_n\}_{l=k}^\infty \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a sequence. We say $\{a_{\phi(k)}\}_{k=l}^\infty$ is a *subsequence* of $\{a_n\}$.

Remarks:

1. $\phi(k) = k$ is order preserving, so every sequence is a subsequence of itself.
2. Not every a_n has to be in the subsequence $\{a_{\phi(k)}\}$.
For example, if $l = 0$ then $\phi(k) = 2k$ is order preserving. In this case a_n, n odd does not appear in the subsequence $\{a_{\phi(k)}\}$.
3. We will often write $n_k = \phi(k)$ to simplify notation, so $\{a_{n_k}\}$ denotes a subsequence.
4. From HW1, we know $k \leq \phi(k)$ ($\forall k \geq l$).

Proposition: Suppose $\{a_n\}$ satisfies $a_n \rightarrow a \in \mathbb{R}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then any subsequence of $\{a_n\}$ also converges to a .

Proof:

Let $\{a_{\phi(k)}\}$ be a subsequence of $\{a_n\}$. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since $a_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we know $\exists N \geq l. n \geq N \implies |a_n - a| < \epsilon$. We claim $\exists K \geq l. k \geq K \implies \phi(k) \geq N$.

If not, then $\phi(k) < N (\forall k \geq l)$; but $k \leq \phi(k) < N (\forall k \geq l)$ is a contradiction. Then the claim is true, and $k \geq K \implies \phi(k) \geq N \implies |a_{\phi(k)} - a| < \epsilon$. Since $\epsilon > 0$ was arbitrary, we deduce $\{a_{\phi(k)}\} \rightarrow a$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

Remark: Converse fails. Example: $a_n = (-1)^n$; $a_{2n} = +1 \rightarrow +1$, but $a_{2n+1} = -1 \rightarrow -1$.

2.3.1 Limsup Theorem

Theorem: Let $\{a_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be bounded. The following hold:

1. Every subsequence of $\{a_n\}$ is bounded.
2. If $\{a_{n_k}\}$ is a subsequence, then $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup a_{n_k} \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$.
3. If $\{a_{n_k}\}$ is a subsequence, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf a_n \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n_k}$.
4. There exists a subsequence $\{a_{n_k}\}$ such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_{n_k} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$.
5. There exists a subsequence $\{a_{n_k}\}$ such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_{n_k} = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ (\neq (4)).

Proof:

1. Trivial.
2. Since $k \leq \phi(k)$, $\{a_{\phi(n)} \mid n \geq k\} \subseteq \{a_n \mid n \geq k\}$ for every order-preserving ϕ . Hence $S_k = \sup\{a_{\phi(n)} \mid n \geq k\} \subseteq \sup\{a_n \mid n \geq k\} = T_k$. But:
 $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{\phi(n)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup\{a_{\phi(n)} \mid n \geq k\} \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \{a_n \mid n \geq k\} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$.
3. Similar to (2); exercise to reader.
4. Too lazy to L^AT_EX; exercise to reader.
5. Exercise to reader.

Theorem: Suppose $\{a_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$; the following are equivalent:

1. $a_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
2. $\{a_n\}$ is bounded, and every convergent subsequence converges to a .
3. $\{a_n\}$ is bounded, and $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$.

Proof: (1) \implies (2) proven already.

(2) \implies (3)

Limsup theorem (4,5) $\implies \exists \{a_{\phi(k)}\}, \{a_{\gamma(k)}\}$ subsequences such that $a_{\phi(k)} \rightarrow \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n, a_{\gamma(k)} \rightarrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. By (2) the limits must agree.

(3) \implies (1)

Theorem (Bolzano-Weierstrass): If $\{a_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is bounded then there exists a convergent subsequence. Proof from (4) or (5) of Limsup Theorem.

2.4 Special Sequences

Definition: Given $a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ for $0 \leq k \leq n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ we define $\sum_{k=0}^n a_k = a_0 + a_1 + \cdots + a_n$.

Lemma (Binomial Theorem): Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $(x + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$, where $\binom{n}{k} := \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem: In the following assuming that $n \geq 1$:

1. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0$. Then $a_n = \frac{1}{n^x} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
2. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0$. Then $a_n = x^{1/n} \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
3. Let $a_n = n^{1/n}$; then $a_n \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
4. Let $a, x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0$. Then $\frac{n^a}{(1+x)^a} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
5. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}, |x| < 1$. Then $a_n = x^n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

3 Series

Definition: Let $\{a_n\}_{n=l}^\infty \subseteq \mathbb{R}$; for $p < q$ we write $\sum_{n=p}^q a_n = (a_p + \cdots + a_q)$.

1. We define, for each $n \geq l$, $S_n = \sum_{k=l}^n a_k \in \mathbb{R}$ to be the n^{th} partial sum of $\{a_n\}_{n=l}^\infty$.
2. If $\exists s \in \mathbb{R}$. $S_n \rightarrow s$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then $\sum_{n=l}^\infty a_n = s$. We say the "infinite series" $\sum_{n=l}^\infty a_n$ converges.
3. If the series does not converge, it diverges.

Examples

1. Let $a_n = x^n$ for $n \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n x^k$. Notice that $(1-x)S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n x^k - \sum_{k=0}^n x^{k+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n x^k - \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} x^k = 1 - x^{n+1}$.
So $S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n x^k = \left(\frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x}\right)$. If $|x| < 1$ then $S_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{1-x}$ by special seq (5).
2. Suppose $\{b_n\}_{n=0}^\infty \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ where $b_n \rightarrow b$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Set $a_n = b_{n+1} - b_n$ for $n \geq 0$. Then the series $\sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n$ converges and in fact $\sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n = b - b_0$.

3.1 Convergence Results

We develop tools that will let us deduce the convergence of a series without knowing its value.

Theorem: Suppose $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. Then $a_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof: Notice that $a_n = S_n - S_{n-1}$ and so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n - S_{n-1}) = S - S = 0$.

Corollary: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n$ diverge, as neither sequences converge to 0.

Corollary: The series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ converges $\iff |x| < 1$.

Proof: $|x| \geq 1 \implies |x^n| = |x|^n \geq 1 (\forall n \in \mathbb{N})$. The converse was proved last time.

Next, we provide a characterization of convergence in terms of the size of the “tails” of the series.

Theorem: $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$ converges $\iff \forall \epsilon > 0. \exists N \geq l. m \geq k \geq N \implies |\sum_{n=k}^m a_n| < \epsilon$.

Proof: $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$ converges $\iff S_k = \sum_{n=l}^k a_n$ converges $\iff \{S_k\}$ is Cauchy.

This is useful in practice because we can guarantee a series converges without knowing its value.

Theorem:

1. If $\forall n \geq k. |a_n| \leq b_n$ for some $k \geq l$, and $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} b_n$ converges, then $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$ converges.
2. If $\forall n \geq k. 0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$ for some $k \geq l$, and $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges, then $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges.

Proof: (1) Let $\epsilon > 0$ and prove with previous theorem and induction on triangle inequality. (2) follows from contrapositive.

Examples:

1. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n}$ converges because $|\frac{(-1)^n}{2^n}| = \frac{1}{2^n}$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n}$ converges ($\frac{1}{2} < 1$).
2. Suppose $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ converges and $a_n \geq 0 \forall n \geq 0$. Let $\{b_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be bounded, i.e. $|b_n| \leq M \forall n$. Then $|a_n b_n| = |a_n| |b_n| \leq M a_n$. Then $M S_n = M \sum_{k=0}^n a_k = \sum_{k=0}^n M a_k$, so by the theorem, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n$ converges.
3. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} \cdot \frac{n!}{n^n} \cdot \frac{3n^2}{4n^2+2}$ converges because the product is bounded.

Theorem: Suppose $\forall n \geq l. a_n \geq 0$. Then $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$ converges $\iff \{S_n\}_{n=l}^{\infty}$ is bounded.

Proof: Since $a_n \geq 0$, the sequence $S_n = \sum_{k=l}^n a_k$ is non-decreasing: $S_{n+1} = a_{n+1} + S_n \geq S_n$. Since S_n is monotone and converges, it is bounded.

3.1.1 Cauchy Criterion Theorem

Theorem: Suppose that $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ satisfies $\forall n \geq l. a_n \geq 0$ and $\forall n \geq 1. a_{n+1} \leq a_n$. Then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges $\iff \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n a_{2^n}$ converges.

Proof:

Let $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ and $T_n = \sum_{n=0}^m 2^n a_{2^n}$. Notice that if $m \leq 2^k$ then $S_m = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{2^k} \leq a_1 + (a_2 + a_3) + \dots + (a_{2^k} + \dots + a_{2^{k+1}-1}) \leq a_1 + 2a_2 + \dots + 2^k a_{2^k} = T_k$.

On the other hand, if $m \geq 2^k$, $S_m \geq a_1 + \cdots + a_{2^k} = a_1 + a_2 + (a_3 + a_4) + \cdots + (a_{2^{k-1}-1} + \cdots + a_{2^k}) \geq \frac{1}{2}a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + 2^{k-1}a_{2^k} = \frac{1}{2}T_k$.

Now, if $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n a_{2^n}$ converges, then $T_n \rightarrow T$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and so $S_m \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_m = T$, which means $\{S_m\}$ is bounded and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges.

Similarly, if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, then $T_k \leq 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n \implies \{T_k\}$ is bounded $\implies \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n a_{2^n}$ converges.

Theorem: Let $p \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ converges $\iff p > 1$.

Proof:

If $p \leq 0$ the result is trivial since $\frac{1}{n^p} \geq 1$ (the sequence converges to 0). Assume that $p > 0$. Then $\frac{1}{(n+1)^p} \leq \frac{1}{n^p}$, so we can apply the Cauchy criterion:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \text{ converges } \iff \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{(2^n)^p} \text{ converges.}$$

But $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{(2^n)^p} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2^{p-1})^n}$, and this series converges $\iff \frac{1}{2^{p-1}} < 1 \iff p > 1$.

Notice $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent, but $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+r}}$ converges $\forall r > 0$. To try to find intermediate series, we need the logarithm.

3.1.2 Logarithm

Definition: From Supplemental Reading 3, for every $1 < b \in \mathbb{R}$, we define a function $\log_b : \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

1. $b^{\log_b x} = x$ ($\forall x > 0$)
2. $\log_b(1) = 0$, $\log_b b = 1$
3. $0 < x < y \iff \log_b x < \log_b y$
4. $\log_b(x^z) = z \log_b(x)$ ($\forall x > 0, \forall z \in \mathbb{R}$)
5. \log_b is a bijection
6. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_b n}{n^r} = 0$ ($\forall r \in \mathbb{R}, r > 0$)

Then from (6), for large n and $p > 0$ we know:

$$n \leq n(\log_b n)^p \leq n \cdot n^p = n^{1+p} \implies \frac{1}{n^{1+p}} \leq \frac{1}{n(\log_b n)^p} \leq \frac{1}{n}.$$

So $\frac{1}{n(\log_b n)^p}$ is such an “intermediate series.”

Theorem: Let $b > 1$. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\log_b n)^p}$ converges $\iff p > 1$. ($n \geq 2 \implies \log_b n > 0$)

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\log_b n)^p} \text{ converges } &\iff \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{2^n(\log_b 2^n)^p} \text{ converges by Cauchy criterion, but} \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\log_b 2)^{pn}} &= \frac{1}{(\log_b 2)^p} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \text{ converges } \iff p > 1. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \log_b n}$ is divergent.

3.2 The number e

Lemma: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$ converges.

Proof: If $n \geq 2$ then:

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 1} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n(n-1) \cdots 2 \cdot 1} \\ &\leq 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \\ &\leq 1 + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} = 1 + 2 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Since S_n is increasing and bounded, we know that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$ converges.

Definition: We set $e = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$. Note that $e > 1$.

Theorem: $e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$.

Proof: Let $S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!}$, $T_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$. Then by the Binomial Theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} T_n &= (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \frac{1}{n^k} \\ &= 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{n(n-1)}{n^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!} \frac{n(n-1) \cdots 1}{n^n} \\ &= 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} (1 - \frac{1}{n}) + \frac{1}{3!} (1 - \frac{1}{n})(1 - \frac{2}{n}) + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!} (1 - \frac{1}{n}) \cdots (1 - \frac{n-1}{n}) \\ &\leq 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!} = S_n \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = e$.

OTOH, fix $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Then for $n \geq m$:

$$\begin{aligned} T_n &\geq 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} (1 - \frac{1}{n}) + \cdots + \frac{1}{m!} (1 - \frac{1}{n}) \cdots (1 - \frac{m-1}{n}) \\ \implies \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n &\geq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{RHS} \geq 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \frac{1}{n}) + \cdots + \frac{1}{m!} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \frac{1}{n}) \cdots (1 - \frac{m-1}{n}) = 1 + 1 + \cdots + \frac{1}{m!} \end{aligned}$$

Then, letting $m \rightarrow \infty$, $e = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} S_m \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n$.

Thus, $e \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n \leq e \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n = e$.

Theorem: $\forall n \geq 1$. $0 < e - S_n < \frac{1}{n \cdot n!}$. Also, $e \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ is irrational.

Proof: Since S_n is increasing, $0 < e - S_n$ is clear. The other side can be seen from algebra.

Now, suppose $e \in \mathbb{Q}$; then $e = \frac{p}{q}$ for $p, q \in \mathbb{N}, p, q \geq 1$.

Then $0 < q!(e - S_q) < \frac{1}{q}$ ($\forall q \geq 1$). Notice that $q!e = q!\frac{p}{q} = (q-1)!p \in \mathbb{N}$ and $q!(1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{1}{q!}) \in \mathbb{N}$.

Hence $q!(e - S_q) \in \mathbb{Z}$; but this yields an integer between 0 and 1, a contradiction. So e is irrational.

Remark: In fact, e is transcendental.

3.3 More Convergence Results

Theorem (Root Test): Suppose $\{a_n\}_{n=l}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and $\{|a_n|^{1/n}\}$ is bounded. Let $0 \leq \alpha = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n}$. Then the following holds:

1. If $\alpha < 1$, then $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$ converges.
2. If $\alpha > 1$, then $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.
3. if $\alpha = 1$, both convergence and divergence are possible.

Theorem (Ratio Test): Let $\{a_n\}_{n=l}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$:

1. converges if $\{|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}|\}_{n=l}^{\infty}$ is bounded and $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} < 1$.
2. diverges if $\exists k \geq l$. $|a_k| \neq 0$ and $|a_{n+1}| \geq |a_n| (\forall n \geq k)$.

Lemma (Summation of Parts): Let $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and define:

$$A_n = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=0}^n a_k & \text{if } n \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } n = -1 \end{cases}$$

Then if $0 \leq p < q$:

$$\sum_{n=p}^q a_n b_n = \sum_{n=p}^{q-1} A_n (b_n - b_{n+1}) + A_q b_q - A_{p-1} b_p$$

Theorem (Dirichlet Test): Suppose $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}, \{b_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ satisfy:

1. The sequence $A_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k$ is bounded.
2. $0 \leq b_{n+1} \leq b_n (\forall n \in \mathbb{N})$
3. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$

Then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n$ converges.

Corollary (Alternating Series): Suppose $0 \leq a_{n+1} \leq a_n, a_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n$ converges. Proof follows from Dirichlet Test.

Corollary (Abel's Test): Suppose $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, $b_{n+1} \leq b_n (\forall n \geq l)$ and $b_n \rightarrow b$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n b_n$ converges.

3.4 Algebra of Series

Theorem: If $A = \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n, B = \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} b_n$, then

$$(1) A + B = \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n) \qquad (2) cA = \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} ca_n \quad (\forall c \in \mathbb{R})$$

Theorem: Suppose $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}, \{b_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfy:

$$(1) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n| \text{ converges} \qquad (2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n = B \qquad (3) c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k} \text{ for } n \geq 0$$

Then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n = A \cdot B$ converges.

Definition: The series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n$, where $c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k}$, is called the *Cauchy product* of the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$.

Remark: If $\sum a_n$, $\sum b_n$ converge, $\sum c_n$ does not necessarily converge if neither series has convergent absolute values.

3.5 Absolute Convergence and Rearrangements

Proposition: If $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} |a_n|$ converges, then $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. Proof is trivial.

Definition: Suppose $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. If $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} |a_n|$ converges, the series converges *absolutely*. If $\sum |a_n|$ diverges, the series is *conditionally convergent*.

Example: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ is conditionally convergent, while $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}$ is absolutely convergent.

Let's try to manipulate the series without being careful.

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \cdots \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (S_k = \sum_{n=0}^k \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (S_{2k} = \sum_{n=0}^{2k} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}) \\ \text{but: } S_{2k} &= (1 - \frac{1}{2}) + (\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \cdots + (\frac{1}{2k-1} - \frac{1}{2k})) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\gamma > 0$. But the next step is questionable:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\gamma &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2)(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{2k+1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{2k} \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{2k+1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k+1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k} = \gamma \\ &\implies 2\gamma = \gamma \wedge \gamma > 0 \quad \text{a contradiction!} \end{aligned}$$

Problem: rearrangement is a delicate issue.

Definition: Let $\gamma : \{m \in \mathbb{Z} \mid m \geq l\} \rightarrow \{m \in \mathbb{Z} \mid m \geq l\}$ be a bijection. The series $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_{\gamma(n)}$ is called a rearrangement of $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$.

Theorem: If $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$ is absolutely convergent, then every rearrangement converges to $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$.

Proof: Let $\epsilon > 0$.

Since $\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$ converges absolutely, $\exists N \geq l. k \geq m \geq N \implies \sum_{n=m}^k |a_n| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$.

Let $k \rightarrow \infty : \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} |a_n| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \epsilon$.

Now choose $M \geq N$ such that $\{l, l+1, \dots, N\} \subseteq \{\gamma(l), \gamma(l+1), \dots, \gamma(M)\}$. Then $m \geq M \implies |\sum_{n=l}^m a_n - \sum_{n=l}^m a_{\gamma(n)}| \leq \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} |a_n| < \epsilon$.

Hence $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (\sum_{n=l}^m a_n - \sum_{n=l}^m a_{\gamma(n)}) = 0$ and from this we deduce $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=l}^m a_{\gamma(n)} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=l}^m a_n = \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} a_n$.

When a series is only conditionally convergent, the situation is vastly worse.

Theorem: Suppose $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ is conditionally convergent. Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

There exists a rearrangement (bijection) $\gamma : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{\gamma(n)} = c$.

Lemma: Suppose $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ is conditionally convergent and set:

$$b_n = \begin{cases} a_n & \text{if } a_n > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } a_n \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad c_n = \begin{cases} -a_n & \text{if } a_n < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } a_n \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n$ both diverge.

Proof: Suppose not; one of the series is convergent. If $\sum b_n$ converges, then $c_n = b_n - a_n \implies \sum c_n = \sum b_n - \sum a_n$; but $|a_n| = b_n + c_n$ and so $\sum |a_n| = \sum b_n + \sum c_n$ is convergent, a contradiction. A similar argument holds if $\sum c_n$ converges.

Rearrangement Theorem Proof:

Let $\{a_n^+\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ denote the subsequence of $\{b_n \mid b_n > 0 \text{ or } b_n = 0 \wedge a_n = 0\}$. Let $\{a_n^-\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ denote the subsequence of $\{c_n \mid c_n > 0\}$ (from last lemma). Note:

1. $a_n^+ \rightarrow 0, a_n^- \rightarrow 0$ since $a_n \rightarrow 0 \implies b_n \rightarrow 0, c_n \rightarrow 0$.
2. $\sum a_n^+$ and $\sum a_n^-$ both diverge because they differ by 0 from $\sum b_n, \sum c_n$ respectively.

Set $m_0 = n_0 = -1$. Since $\sum a_n^+$ diverges we may use the well-ordering principle: $\exists m_1 = \min\{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid \sum_{n=0}^k a_n^+ > c\}$. Similarly, $\exists n_1 = \min\{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid \sum_{n=0}^{m_1} a_n^+ - \sum_{n=0}^k a_n^- < c\}$.

Next, if m_p and n_p are known, we set:

$$m_{p+1} = \min \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} \mid \sum_{l=0}^{p-1} \sum_{j=1+m_l}^{m_l} a_j^+ - \sum_{l=0}^{p-1} \sum_{j=1+n_l}^{n_l} a_j^- + \sum_{j=1+m_p}^k a_j^+ > c \right\}$$

$$n_{p+1} = \min \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} \mid \sum_{l=0}^{p-1} \sum_{j=1+m_l}^{m_l} a_j^+ - \sum_{l=0}^{p-1} \sum_{j=1+n_l}^{n_l} a_j^- + \sum_{j=1+m_p}^{m_{p+1}} a_j^+ - \sum_{j=1+n_p}^k a_j^- < c \right\}$$

Consider the series $(a_1^+ + \dots + a_{m_1}^+) - (a_1^- + \dots + a_{n_1}^-) + (a_{1+m_1}^+ + \dots + a_{m_2}^+) - (a_{1+n_1}^- + \dots + a_{n_2}^-) + \dots$. This is clearly a rearrangement of $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$.

Write $A_p = \sum_{l=1+m_p}^{m_{p+1}} a_l^+, A_p^- = \sum_{l=1+n_p}^{n_{p+1}} a_l^-$, and let S_j denote the j^{th} partial sum of the rearrangement.

By construction, $\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} S_j = \limsup_{p \rightarrow \infty} (\sum_{l=0}^{p+1} A_l^+ - \sum_{l=0}^p A_l^-)$ and $\liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} S_j = \liminf_{p \rightarrow \infty} (\sum_{l=0}^p A_l^+ + \sum_{l=0}^p A_l^-)$.

Also, $c < \sum_{l=0}^{p+1} A_l^+ - \sum_{l=0}^p A_l^- < c + a_{m_{p+1}}^+$ and $c - a_{n_{p+1}}^- < \sum_{l=0}^{p+1} A_l^+ - \sum_{l=0}^{p+1} A_l^- < c$.

Thus, by the squeeze lemma, $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (\sum_{l=0}^{p+1} A_l^+ - \sum_{l=0}^p A_l^-) = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} (\sum_{l=0}^p A_l^+ - \sum_{l=0}^p A_l^-) = c$, and so $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} S_j = c \implies \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{\gamma(n)} = c$.

Remark: One can also rearrange such that $\sum a_{\gamma(n)} = \pm\infty$.

4 Topology of \mathbb{R}

Our goal in Section 4 is to develop some tools for understanding the “topology” of \mathbb{R} , which is a sort of generalized qualitative geometry.

4.1 Open and Closed Sets

4.1.1 Open Sets

Definition:

1. For $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a \leq b$, we define:

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b) &= \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a < x < b\} & [a, b) &= \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x < b\} \\ (a, b] &= \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a < x \leq b\} & [a, b] &= \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x \leq b\} \end{aligned}$$

2. For $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\epsilon > 0$, we set $B(x, \epsilon) = (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon)$ and $B[x, \epsilon] = [x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon]$. We call the set $B(x, \epsilon)$ a *neighborhood* of x or a “ball of radius ϵ centered at x ”.
3. A set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is *open* if $\forall x \in E. \exists \epsilon > 0. B(x, \epsilon) \subseteq E$.
In other words, every point in E has a neighborhood contained in E .

Examples:

1. \emptyset is vacuously open.
2. \mathbb{R} is open because $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}. B(x, 1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.
3. If $a < b$ then (a, b) is open.
Proof: Fix $x \in (a, b)$ and let $\epsilon = \min\{x - a, b - x\} > 0$. Then $a \leq x - \epsilon < x < x + \epsilon \leq b$ by construction, and $B(x, \epsilon) \subseteq (a, b)$.
4. If $a < b$ then $[a, b)$ is not open.
Proof: For $x = a$ we know that $\forall \epsilon > 0. a - \epsilon \notin [a, b)$ and hence $B(a, \epsilon) \not\subseteq [a, b)$.
5. $[a, b]$ is not open, nor is $(a, b]$ by previous argument.
6. $E = \{a\}$ is not open.
7. $E = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1\}$ is not open: $\forall \epsilon > 0. B(1, \epsilon) \not\subseteq E$.

Lemma: If $E_\alpha \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is open $\forall \alpha \in A$ (some index set), then $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha$ is open.

Proof: Let $x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha$. Then $x \in E_{\alpha_0}$ for some $\alpha_0 \in A$. Since E_{α_0} is open, $\exists \epsilon > 0. B(x, \epsilon) \subseteq E_{\alpha_0} \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha$.

Lemma: If $E_i \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is open for $i \in [n], n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\bigcap_{i=1}^n E_i$ is open.

Remark: Infinite intersections of open sets need not be open. Let $E_n = (\frac{-1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}), n \geq 1$. Then $\bigcap_{n=1}^\infty E_n = \{0\}$ which is closed.

4.1.2 Closed Sets

Definition: We say $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is *closed* iff $E^c = \mathbb{R} \setminus E$ is open.

Lemma: E is open $\iff E^c$ is closed (by definition).

Examples:

1. \emptyset is closed because $\emptyset^c = \mathbb{R}$ is open.
2. \mathbb{R} is closed because $\mathbb{R}^c = \emptyset$ is open.
3. $[a, b]$ is closed because $[a, b]^c = (-\infty, a) \cup (b, \infty)$ is the union of open sets, and thus open.
4. $[a, b)$ and $(a, b]$ are not closed because $[a, b)^c = (-\infty, a) \cup [b, \infty)$ and $B(b, \epsilon) \not\subseteq [a, b)^c$ ($\forall \epsilon > 0$).
5. $\{a\}$ is closed since $\{a\}^c = (-\infty, a) \cup (a, \infty)$, both open sets.
6. Suppose $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is finite. Write $E = \{a_i \mid i \in [n]\}$ where $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n$. Then $E^c = (-\infty, a_1) \cup (a_1, a_2) \cup \dots \cup (a_{n-1}, a_n) \cup (a_n, \infty)$, all of which are open.
7. $E = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1\}$ is not closed. $E^c = (-\infty, 0] \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{1}{n}) \cup (1, \infty)$ is not open because $B(0, \epsilon) \cap E = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid \frac{1}{\epsilon} < n\} \neq \emptyset \implies B(0, \epsilon) \not\subseteq E^c$.
8. $E = \{0\} \cup \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \geq 1\}$ is closed, as $E^c = (-\infty, 0) \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{1}{n}) \cup (1, \infty)$ is open.

Lemma:

1. If $E_\alpha \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is closed $\forall \alpha \in A$, then $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha$ is closed.
2. If $E_i \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is closed $\forall i \in [n]$ then $\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i$ is closed.

Proof: The complement is the union of E_α^c (open by claim), which is open by previous lemma.

Remark: Example (7) shows that infinite unions of closed sets need not be closed.

4.1.3 Limit Points

Definition: Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

1. A point $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is a *limit point* of E iff. $\forall \epsilon > 0$. $(B(x, \epsilon) \cap E) \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset$.
2. A point $x \in E$ is called *isolated* if it is not a limit point.

Example: $E = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \geq 1\}$. 0 is a limit point, but $\frac{1}{n} \in E$ is isolate, since $B(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n(n+1)}) \cap E = \{\frac{1}{n}\}$.

Theorem: Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. E is closed \iff every limit point of E is contained in E .

Proof:

\implies :

Assume E is closed and $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is a limit point of E . If $x \in E^c$ then, since E^c is open, $\exists \epsilon > 0$. $B(x, \epsilon) \subseteq E^c \implies B(x, \epsilon) \cap E = \emptyset$. But this contradicts the fact that x is a limit point of E ; thus $x \in E$.

\impliedby :

Suppose E is not closed; then E^c is not open and so $\forall \epsilon > 0$. $\exists x \in E^c$. $B(x, \epsilon) \cap E \neq \emptyset$. Since $x \in E^c$, $(B(x, \epsilon) \cap E) \setminus \{x\} = B(x, \epsilon) \cap E \neq \emptyset$ and hence x is a limit point of E . Then $x \in E \cap E^c$, a contradiction; and E is closed.

Definition: Let $\{x_n\}_{n=l}^{\infty} \subseteq S$ for some set S . We say $\{x_n\}$ is *eventually constant* if $\exists N \geq l$. $x_n = x_N$ ($\forall n \geq N$).

Proposition: Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then x is a limit point of $E \iff \exists \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq E$ such that the sequence is not eventually constant and $x_n \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof:

\implies :

Suppose x is a limit point of E , i.e. $\forall \epsilon > 0. (B(x, \epsilon) \cap E) \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset$. Set $r_1 = 1$ and choose $x_1 \in E$ such that $x_1 \in (B(x, r_1) \cap E) \setminus \{x\}$.

Set $r_n = \min(\frac{1}{n}, |x - x_{n-1}|)$ and choose $x_n \in (B(x_1, r_n) \cap E) \setminus \{x\}$.

Then $\forall n \geq 1. \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq E$ and $|x - x_{n-1}| < |x - x_n|$ and $|x - x_n| < \frac{1}{n}$. It follows $\{x_n\}$ is not eventually constant, and $x_n \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

\impliedby :

Let $\epsilon > 0. \exists N \geq 1. n \geq N \implies |x - x_n| < \epsilon$. Then $\{x_n \mid n \geq N\} \subseteq B(x, \epsilon) \cap E$. If $\{x_n \mid n \geq N\} = \{x\}$ then $\{x_n\}$ is eventually constant, a contradiction. Hence $\emptyset \neq \{x_n \mid n \geq N\} \setminus \{x\} \subseteq (B(x, \epsilon) \cap E) \setminus \{x\} \implies (B(x, \epsilon) \cap E) \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset$, and hence x is a limit point.

Corollary: Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. The following are equivalent (proof follows from last theorem):

1. E is closed.
2. If $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is a limit point of E , $x \in E$.
3. If $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq E$ is such that $x_n \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then $x \in E$.

Corollary: Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and $E \neq \emptyset$. Suppose E is closed.

1. If E is bounded above, then $\sup E \in E$, i.e. $\sup E = \max E$.
2. If E is bounded below, then $\inf E \in E$, i.e. $\inf E = \min E$.

Definition: Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

1. Let $\mathcal{O}(E) = \{V \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid V \subseteq E \text{ and } V \text{ is open}\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$
 $\mathcal{C}(E) = \{C \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid E \subseteq C \text{ and } C \text{ is closed}\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$.
 Note that $\emptyset \in \mathcal{O}(E)$ and $\mathbb{R} \in \mathcal{C}(E)$.
2. We define $E^0 = \bigcup_{V \in \mathcal{O}(E)} V$, and call this set the *interior* of E .
 We define $\bar{E} = \bigcap_{C \in \mathcal{C}(E)} C$, and call this set the *closure* of E .
3. We define $\partial E = E \setminus E^0$ to be the *boundary* of E .

Theorem: Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. The following hold:

1. $E^0 \subseteq E \subseteq \bar{E}$
2. E^0 is open and $\bar{E}, \partial E$ are closed.
3. For every $x \in E$, $x \in E^0 \oplus x \in \partial E$.
4. $\partial E = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \forall \epsilon > 0. B(x, \epsilon) \cap E \neq \emptyset \text{ and } B(x, \epsilon) \cap E^c \neq \emptyset\}$.
5. E is open $\iff E = E^0$, E is closed $\iff E = \bar{E}$.

Proof:

1. Trivial.
2. E^0 is an arbitrary union of open sets and thus open; \bar{E} is an arbitrary intersection of closed sets, so it's closed. $\partial E = \bar{E} \setminus E^0 = \bar{E} \cap (\mathbb{R} \setminus E^0)$ is the intersection of two closed sets, so it's closed.
3. Trivial.

4. Suppose $x \in \partial E$. Show the two properties of the set are satisfied via contradiction. Next, assume x in the set, and show that $x \in \partial E$.
5. Trivial.

Corollary: Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then E is closed $\iff \partial E \subseteq E$.

Proof: E is closed $\implies E = \bar{E} \implies \partial E \subseteq \bar{E} \subseteq E$. On the other hand, if $\partial E \subseteq E$ then $E \subseteq \bar{E} = E^0 \cup \partial E \subseteq E$, so $E = \bar{E}$.

Theorem (Bolzano-Weierstass, Part 2): Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be infinite and bounded. Then E has a limit point.

Proof: Since E is infinite we may construct a non-eventually-constant sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty \subseteq E$. We do so by choosing $x_0 \in E$ arbitrarily, and $x_n \in E \setminus \{x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$. Since E is bounded, the sequence is too, so B-W implies there exists a convergent subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k=0}^\infty \subseteq E$. This subsequence is not eventually constant by construction, so its limit is a limit point.

4.2 Compact Sets

Definition:

1. Let A be some index set and assume $\forall \alpha \in A. V_\alpha \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. We write $\mathcal{V} = \{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ for the collection of all of these subsets.
2. If $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and $E \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} V_\alpha$, then we say \mathcal{V} is a *cover* of E .
3. If $V_\alpha \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is open $\forall \alpha \in A$ and \mathcal{V} is a cover of E , we say \mathcal{V} is an *open cover*.
4. Let \mathcal{V} be a cover of E . We say $\mathcal{W} = \{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A'}$ is a *subcover* of E if $A' \subseteq A$ and \mathcal{W} is a cover of E .
5. Let \mathcal{V} be a cover of E . If A is finite, then $\mathcal{W} = \{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A'}$ is a *finite subcover* of E , if \mathcal{W} is a subcover of E .

Examples

1. Every $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ admits a cover: $E = \bigcup_{x \in E} \{x\}$.
2. Every $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ admits an open cover: $E \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in E} B(x, \epsilon)$ for $\epsilon > 0$.
3. If E is finite and \mathcal{V} is an open cover, we claim there is a finite open subcover. Indeed, write $E = \{a_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and choose V_{α_i} such that $a_i \in V_{\alpha_i}$. Then $E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{\alpha_i}$ and $\{V_{\alpha_i}\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$. Hence every open cover of a finite set admits a finite open subcover.