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Linearity Properties for Infinite sets of Vectors

Goal Study $\boxed{\text{LCs}}$, $\boxed{\text{LI} \& \text{LD}}$, basis for ^{infinite} sets } before need to study cardinality.

$S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots\} \subseteq (\mathcal{V}, \oplus, \odot)$

which are potentially infinite!

First, we need to do a deep study of infinite sets. Recall we previously introduced cardinality, but for finite sets. We now develop this concept rigorously & prove many surprising results.

Previously: Cardinality = # of elements in a set

ex: $\text{Card}(S) = n$ when $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$

Ex of Infinity sets

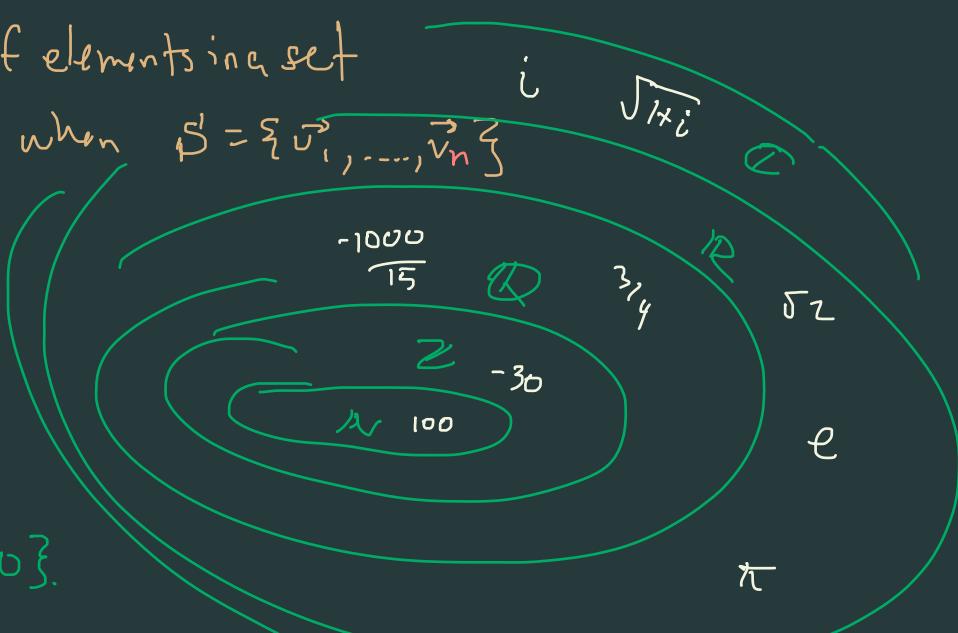
$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

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

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0 \right\}$$

Card() = ?

↳ precise? y?



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Q & R look same?

Def Cardinality . "intuitively: size of a set"

let Σ & Γ be two non-empty sets. We say Σ & Γ have same cardinality if there's a function $f: \Sigma \rightarrow \Gamma$ that's both 1-1 (injective) & onto (surjective).

In this case: write $\text{Card}(\Sigma) = \text{Card}(\Gamma)$.
(or $|\Sigma| = |\Gamma|$).

Remarks (1) $\text{Card}(\Delta)$ by itself is meaningless! Need two sets & comparing.

(2) Special cases (exemptions):

Σ is finite, just write $\text{Card}(\Sigma) = n$

to mean $\text{Card}(\Sigma) = \text{Card}(\{1, 2, \dots, n\})$.

Ex $\text{Card}(\Sigma) = 3 = \text{Card}(\{a, b, c\})$.

(3) Technically, this an "equivalence relations".

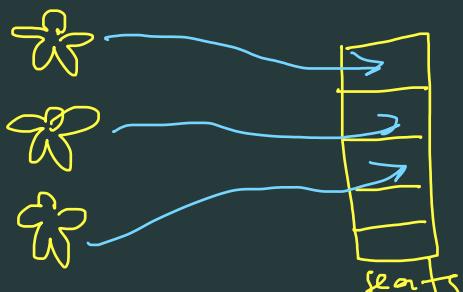
History Cantor: inventor of set theory.

↳ introduced cardinality

↳ extremely clever idea.

↳ "How to count without #s"

called
one-to-one
correspondence



Example: People & Movie Theatre (seats)
Cantor's Idea: have people sit if there's no seats left & people standy then there's more people, etc...

$$\text{Card}(\text{people}) < \text{Card}(\text{seats})$$

Ex Paradoxical Examples w/ Infinite Sets:

\mathbb{N} & $\mathbb{E} = \{\text{even } \#s\}$.

Show: $\text{Card}(\mathbb{N}) = \text{Card}(\mathbb{E})$.

$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$, $f(n) = 2n$. $f(x_1) = 2x$
Is 1-1 & onto.



Notation & Terminology

- Countable sets: \mathcal{X} is countable if $\text{Card}(\mathcal{X}) = \text{Card}(\mathbb{N})$
- Uncountable sets: \mathcal{X} is uncountable if it is not countable.

① Aleph Naught: \aleph_0 is by def $\boxed{\aleph_0 = \text{Card}(\mathbb{N})}$

Remark if a set \mathcal{X} is countable this means there exists a function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ that is 1-1 & onto.

Theorem The following sets are all countable:

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|--|-------------------------------|
| a) \mathbb{N} | d) \mathbb{Z} |
| b) $\mathbb{E} = \text{even natural } \#s$ | e) \mathbb{Q} (surprising!) |
| c) $\mathbb{O} = \text{odd natural numbers}$ | |

Pf (b) ✓ (c) exercise. (d) $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ $f(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, \dots)$
 $0, 1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3, \dots$

1-1? yes, b/c each # in second list is only listed once!
 onto? yes, b/c eventually every $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ will be listed ...

Pf (cont) (e) ^{NTS} $\text{Card}(\mathbb{Q}) = \text{Card}(\mathbb{N}) = \aleph_0$

NTS: $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ "snake argument"

$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ where \mathbb{X} contains \mathbb{Q} (ie $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{X}$)

[informally: $\text{Card}(\mathbb{Q}) \leq \text{Card}(\mathbb{X})$ & $\text{card}(\mathbb{X}) = \aleph_0$
& also $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Q}$ so $\aleph_0 \leq \text{Card}(\mathbb{Q}) \leq \aleph_0$]

\mathbb{X} : $0, 1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3, \dots$ (\mathbb{Z})
 $\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{2}, -\frac{2}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, \dots$,
 $\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{3}, -\frac{3}{3}, \dots$,
⋮

"snake
argument"

□

Bonus Theorem Let \mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y} both countable sets.

Then so are:

- a) $\mathbb{X} \cup \mathbb{Y}$
- c) $\mathbb{X}_1 \cup \mathbb{X}_2 \cup \dots \cup \mathbb{X}_n$ (each \mathbb{X}_i countable)
- b) $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$
- d) $\mathbb{X}_1 \times \mathbb{X}_2 \times \dots \times \mathbb{X}_n$ ()
- e) $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{X}_i$ still countable!

Theorem (Cantor) "Cantor's Diagonalization Argument" ||
 \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{R} don't have the same cardinality! ||

Pf By contradiction. Assume that \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{R} have same cardinality.

So, by previous theorem \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{R} have same cardinality. By def of cardinality, there's a function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Then

\mathbb{N}	\mathbb{R}
1	3.4156....
2	0.789....
3	-11.11....
4	-2.5060....
5	0.89891131113....
6	⋮

• Clever Idea #1 Use decimal expansions:
 $3.415\dots = n + \frac{x_1}{10} + \frac{x_2}{100} + \frac{x_3}{1000} + \dots$

• Clever Idea #2 build a real # not on this list
 $r =$ it differs from every # on our list by a digit!

so by "construction"

$r \neq x$ for any x in list
 $(x = f(n) \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N})$

ex whole part = take 2
tenths part = take 6
hundredths part = take 1
thousandths part = take 8

This is a contradiction so our assumption that \mathbb{R} is countable is wrong.
so \mathbb{R} is uncountable.

□

Terminology $\aleph_1 = \text{Card}(\mathbb{R})$ $\aleph_1 =$ ^{first}uncountable infinity

Bonus Theorem def $\mathcal{P}(X) =$ power set of X
 \Rightarrow set of all subsets of X .

$\text{Card}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})) = \text{Card}(\mathbb{R})$.

Rank If $\text{Card}(X) = \aleph_1$, X is called uncountable.

Def • $\text{Card}(X) < \text{Card}(Y)$ means $\exists f: X \rightarrow Y$ 1-1 but

no such map can also be onto,

• $\text{Card}(X) \leq \text{Card}(Y)$ means $\exists f: X \rightarrow Y$ that's 1-1

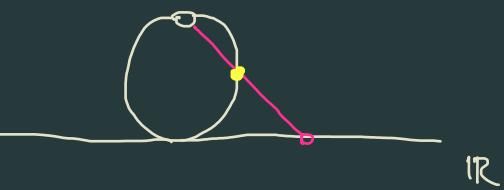
• $\text{Card}(Y) > \text{Card}(X)$ (can be onto or not)

• $\text{Card}(Y) \geq \text{Card}(X)$.

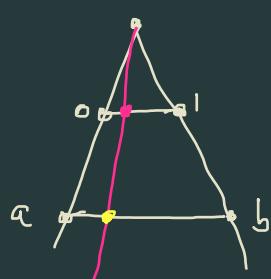
Theorem $\mathcal{N}_1 = \text{Card}(\mathbb{R}) = \text{Card}([0, 1]) = \text{Card}([a, b]) \quad (a < b)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \text{Card}((0, 1)) \leq \text{Card}((a, b)) \\ &= \text{Card}([0, 1]) \geq \text{Card}([a, b]) \\ &= \text{Card}((0, \infty)) = \text{Card}([0, \infty)). \end{aligned}$$

Pf by Picture



$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (a, b)$$



$$\tan: (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}. \quad \square$$

back to LA

Indexing Sets

part: $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ finite list, \vec{v}_i is an index.

now: $S' = \{\vec{v}_i \mid i \text{ index from a set } I\}$ I for index / not interval

Assume $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, I not empty ($I \neq \emptyset$)

$I = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ same as before.

$I = \mathbb{N}$, or $I = \mathbb{R}$

Example $\mathbb{P}^n = \{\text{polynomials degree } \leq n\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$

$S' = \{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\} = \{x^i \mid i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$

Ex $P = \{ \text{all polynomials of all degrees} \}$.
 $S = \{ 1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n, x^{n+1}, \dots \} = \{ x^i \mid i \in \mathbb{N} \} = \{ x^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}$
 $E = \{ 1, x^2, x^4, \dots, x^{100}, \dots \} = \{ x^{2n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}$.

Say: S, E are countably indexed (in particular, countable).

Ex $S_1 = \{ e^{kx} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \}$ (previously $\{ e^{-2x}, e^x, e^{3x} \}$ (LI set))

\hookrightarrow countably indexed.

$S_2' = \{ e^{kx} \mid k \in \mathbb{Q} \}$ $e^{-x/\pi} \in S_2'$ but not S_1 .

$S_3' = \{ e^{kx} \mid k \in \mathbb{R} \}$
 \hookrightarrow uncountably indexed.

$S_1 \subsetneq S_2 \subsetneq S_3$

Linear Combinations

(Previously: $S = \{ \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n \}$: LC: $c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n$
where $c_i \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^k$.)

Mimic this but S can be infinite new / countably or uncountably infinite).

Let \underline{I} . When I is finite, $\text{Card}(\underline{I}) = n$, some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then $S = \{\vec{v}_i \mid i \in I\}$ we can list as before $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$.

• Now, I finite or infinite: list a finite subset of I as follows:

i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n WLOG with out loss of generality
 $\rightarrow i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n$

(reminder $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ so these are all real #s).

Write $\{\vec{v}_{i_1}, \vec{v}_{i_2}, \dots, \vec{v}_{i_n}\}$ finite subset of (V, \oplus, \odot)

Def LINEAR COMBINATIONS.

Let (V, \oplus, \odot) be a vector space.

Let $S = \{\vec{v}_i \mid i \in I\}$ some $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $I \neq \emptyset$,

The a linear combination of vectors of S is constructed as follows:

a) choose a finite set of vectors in S :

$\vec{v}_{i_1}, \vec{v}_{i_2}, \dots, \vec{v}_{i_n} \in S$, w/ $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n$.

b) choose a finite set of coefficients :

$c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$.

c) linear combination is:

$$c_1 \odot \vec{v}_{i_1} \oplus c_2 \odot \vec{v}_{i_2} \oplus \dots \oplus c_n \odot \vec{v}_{i_n}$$

LC

Def $\boxed{\text{Span}(S)} = \{ \text{all LCs of all possible finite subsets of } S \}$

Remarks (1) we don't define "infinite" LCs; in our class we always form

finite LC of vectors.

(2) if $I = \mathbb{N}$ or even $I = \mathbb{R}$

$\text{Span}(S)$ is unfathomably complex!

Usefull

Special Case I is countable, S' is countably indexed:

• Write $S' = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots\}$. Then LCs are of the form:

$$c_1 \odot \vec{v}_1 \oplus c_2 \odot \vec{v}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus c_k \odot \vec{v}_k$$

• $\text{Span}(S') = \left\{ c_1 \odot \vec{v}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus c_k \odot \vec{v}_k \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{some } k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{v}_i \in S' \end{array} \right\}$

Pf Next time.

Ex $S' = \{x^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$ "monomials"

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

• $S' \not\subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$

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

• LCs By theorem of countably indexed sets

$$\mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

Any $p(x) \in \text{Span}(S')$: for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$p(x) = c_0 \cdot 1 + c_1 \cdot x + c_2 \cdot x^2 + \dots + c_k \cdot x^k$$

so $\text{Span}(S')$ contains

\mathbb{P}^k , true for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\mathbb{P}^0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^1 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathbb{P}^k \subseteq \dots \subseteq \text{Span}(S')$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\text{bonus notation: } \mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}^0 \cup \mathbb{P}^1 \cup \mathbb{P}^2 \cup \dots \cup \mathbb{P}^n \cup \dots \right) \\
 & = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{P}^k
 \end{aligned}$$

Prf of Thm (\mathbb{L} is countable)

A finite set of vectors from \mathbb{S} has the form:

$$\left\{ \vec{v}_{i_1}, \vec{v}_{i_2}, \dots, \vec{v}_{i_n} \right\} \text{ where } i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n \quad (\text{WLOG})$$

So a LC:

$$\underbrace{r_1 \odot \vec{v}_{i_1} + \dots + r_n \odot \vec{v}_{i_n}}_{(\text{scalars } r_i \in \mathbb{R})} \quad (*)$$

(Idea: make a larger LC w/ $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ & new scalars)

$c_j = 0$ when \vec{v}_j doesn't show up in (*) but is r_j when \vec{v}_{i_j} does)

Let

$$c_j = \begin{cases} r_j, & \text{if } j = i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$r_1 \odot \vec{v}_{i_1} + \dots + r_n \odot \vec{v}_{i_n} = c_1 \odot \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \odot \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \odot \vec{v}_k.$$

Result follows. □

$$\text{Ex } \left\{ \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_5, \vec{v}_7 \right\} \text{ w/ } i_1 = 2, i_2 = 5, i_3 = 7 \quad \left\{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \dots, \vec{v}_7 \right\}$$

$$\text{Then } c_j = \begin{cases} r_j, & \text{if } j = 2, 5, 7 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So: } r_1 \vec{v}_2 + r_2 \vec{v}_5 + r_3 \vec{v}_7 = 0 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + 0 \vec{v}_3 + 0 \vec{v}_4 + c_5 \vec{v}_5 + 0 \vec{v}_6 + c_7 \vec{v}_7$$

Linearly Independent Sets

Suppose $S = \{\vec{v}_i \mid i \in I\} \subseteq (V, \oplus, \odot)$, $I \neq \emptyset$.

Def say S is linearly independent if every finite subset of S

gives LI vectors $\{\vec{v}_{i_1}, \vec{v}_{i_2}, \dots, \vec{v}_{i_n}\}$:

DTE

$$c_1 \odot \vec{v}_{i_1} \oplus c_2 \odot \vec{v}_{i_2} \oplus \dots \oplus c_n \odot \vec{v}_{i_n} = \vec{0}_v$$

has the trivial solution $\vec{c} = \langle c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \rangle = \langle 0, 0, \dots, 0 \rangle$ as the only solution.

Theorem

When S is countable, $S' = \{\vec{v}_i \mid i \in I\} = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \dots\}$

S' is LI iff $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\left[c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k = \vec{0}_v \right] \Rightarrow [c_1 = \dots = c_k = 0]$$

Ex $S' = \{x^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

$S'_n = \{1, x, \dots, x^n\}$ (finite)

is LI: $\forall n$:

each poly has a distinct degree. ($\S 3.2$).

So S is a basis for

$$\text{Span}(S) = \mathbb{P}$$

Ex $S_3 = \{e^{kx} \mid k \in \mathbb{R}\}$

• is S_3 LI?

choose finite indices: $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_n$ form:

$$S_n = \{e^{k_1 x}, e^{k_2 x}, \dots, e^{k_n x}\}.$$

Is S_n LI? Yes! Did this in $\S 3.2$.

S_3 is a basis for

$$\text{Span}(S_3).$$