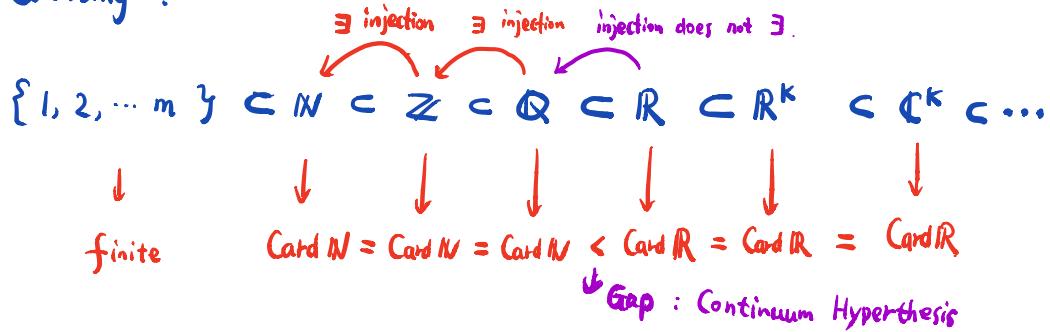


Lecture 6

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Review :

① Counting :



Cardinal number gives the most primitive math property of a set. It is a math terminology of the intuitive concept of "number" of elements in a set. It gives more quantitative information when the set is infinite.

② Real number theory : Four Axioms give the essential properties for a set to be called "real numbers".

I: Field Axiom : special elements 0, 1

II: Order Axiom : THM: $0 < 1$

III: Well-ordering Axiom : well-ordering for \mathbb{N} . Foundation of proof by induction

Def: For a non-empty subset S of \mathbb{R} , we say that

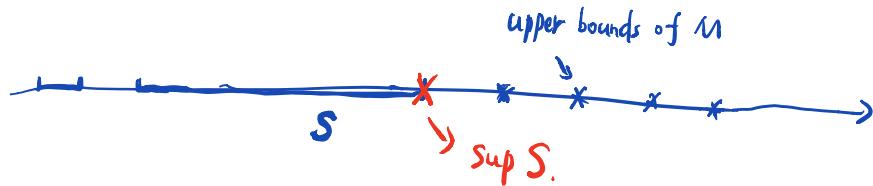
S is bounded above iff $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$x \leq M$ for all $x \in S$. Such M is called an upper bound of S .

A supremum (or least upper bound) of S , denoted by

$\sup S$, is a upper bound \tilde{M} of S such

that $\tilde{M} \leq M$ for all upper bounds M of S .



Remark: ① If M is an upper bound of S , then any $t \geq M$ is also

an upper bound of S .

② \tilde{M} may not be in S .

③ If M is an upper bound of S , and $M \in S$, then $M = \sup S$.

Example ① $S = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$. 2 is an upper bound of S . Actually, every real number ≥ 1 is an upper bound of S . The least upper bound, or $\sup S = 1$.

Example ② $S = \{x : x \in \mathbb{Q}, x < 0\}$

every rational number ≥ 0 is a upper bound of S .

$$\boxed{\sup S = 0.}$$

Note that $0 \notin S$.

Not trivial, will prove later.

(Completeness Axiom (for Supremum))

C-A : Every non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} which is bounded above

has a supremum in $\boxed{\mathbb{R}}$.

R.K : ① C-A Does Not Hold for \mathbb{Q} . [\mathbb{Q} is not complete]

in the sense that the supremum of a set of rational numbers may not be a rational number, for instance

$S = \{x : x \in \mathbb{Q}, x^2 < 2\}$. Then $S \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$.

But $\sup S = \sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$.

② The Four Axioms gives essential properties of real numbers. [or the essential properties of a number system which can be called real number]

③ Starting from 0, 1, one can construct \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{Z} , and then \mathbb{Q} using the field axiom. The ordering axiom and well-ordering axiom will yield the natural order in \mathbb{Q} . Then the first three axioms generate "a theory of rational numbers". However, \mathbb{Q} is not the right number to do analysis since \mathbb{Q} is not "Complete", or \mathbb{Q} does not form Continuum.

④ From \mathbb{Q} , one can construct \mathbb{R} using different methods:

Cauchy sequence, Dedekind cut, hyper-real number,

All these constructions yield the "same" real number system.

Def : For a non-empty subset S of \mathbb{R} , we say that

S is bounded below iff $\exists m \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t $m \leq x$

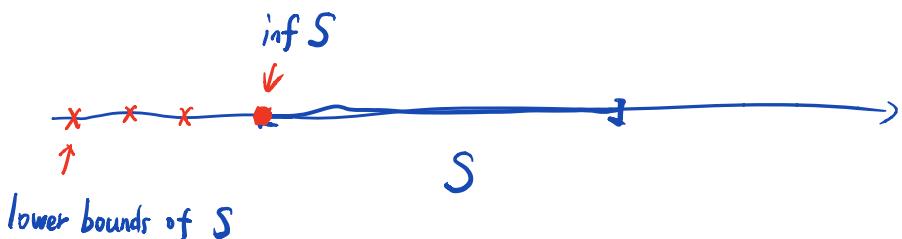
for all $x \in S$. Such m is called a

lower bound of S . An infimum or greatest lower bound

of S (denoted by $\inf S$ or $\text{glb } S$) is a

lower bound \tilde{m} of S such that $\tilde{m} \geq m$ for

all lower bounds m of S .



Remark : ① if m is a lower bound of S , then $\forall t < m$,

t is also a lower bound of S .

② $\inf S$ may not be in S .

③ If m is a lower bound of S and $m \in S$, then $m = \inf S$.

The Dual between Sup and Inf

Def: For $\phi \neq B \subset \mathbb{R}$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$, we define

$$-B = \{-x : x \in B\}, \quad cB = \{cx : x \in B\}.$$

THM ①: Let B be a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} , then

B is bounded above $\Rightarrow -B$ is bounded below,

moreover, $\inf(-B)$ exists and we have $\inf(-B) = -\sup B$.

Proof: Step 1. Since B is bounded above, $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $b \leq M, \forall b \in B$.

$\Rightarrow -M \leq -b, \forall b \in B \Rightarrow -M$ is a lower bound of $-B$.

$\Rightarrow -B$ is bounded below.

Step 2. Since B is bounded above, by GA, $\sup B$ exists and $\sup B \in \mathbb{R}$.

We show that $-\sup B$ is a lower bound of $-B$.

Indeed, Since $b \leq \sup B$ (by the definition of \sup), $\forall b \in B$,

$\Rightarrow -\sup B \leq -b, \forall b \in B \Rightarrow -\sup B$ is a lower bound
of $-B$.

Step 3. We show that $-\sup B$ is the greatest lower bound of $-B$.

\forall lower bound m of $-B$, we have

$$m \leq -b, \forall b \in B \Rightarrow b \geq -m, \forall b \in B$$

$\Rightarrow -m$ is an upper bound of B . By the definition of Sup,

$$\sup B \leq -m \Rightarrow m \leq -\sup B.$$

$\Rightarrow -\sup B$ is indeed the greatest lower bound of $-B$.

$\Rightarrow \inf(-B)$ exists and $\inf(-B) = -\sup B$.

The Dual between Sup and Inf

THM ②: Let B be a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} , then

B is bounded below $\Rightarrow -B$ is bounded above. Moreover

$\inf B$ exists and $\inf B = -\sup(-B)$.

Proof: Exercise (Similar to THM ①)

Remark: We can formulate Completeness Axiom for infimum as follows:

Every non-empty subset of \mathbb{R} which is bounded below has an infimum in \mathbb{R} .

Then THM ① and THM ② shows that:

(Completeness axiom for supremum \Leftrightarrow Completeness axiom for Infimum).

Two more properties of Inf and Sup

THM: ③ If $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq B$, then $\inf B \leq \inf A$

if B is bounded below; $\sup A \leq \sup B$ if

B is bounded above

④ If B is bounded above and $c > 0$, then

$c + B$, cB are bounded above with

$$\sup(c + B) = c + \sup B, \quad \sup(cB) = c \sup B.$$

Proof of ③: If B is bounded below, by THM ②, $\inf B$ exists.

and $\forall b \in B, b \geq \inf B$. Since $A \subseteq B$,

$a \geq \inf B, \forall a \in A \subseteq B \Rightarrow \inf B$ is a lower bound of

$A \Rightarrow A$ is bounded below, by THM ②, $\inf A$ exists, and

$\inf A \geq \inf B$. Similar arguments hold when B is bounded above.

Proof of ④. Exercise.

Def: Let $\emptyset \neq S \subset \mathbb{R}$, S is called bounded

iff S is bounded above and below.

Remark: S is bounded $\Leftrightarrow \exists M > 0$ s.t. $|x| \leq M$, $\forall x \in S$.

Exercise: if A and B are bounded, then $A+B$ defined by

$A+B = \{a+b : a \in A, b \in B\}$ is also bounded.

Moreover, we have

$$\inf(A+B) = \inf A + \inf B$$

$$\sup(A+B) = \sup A + \sup B.$$

Theorems derived from the Four Axioms

THM: (Infinitesimal Principal) : Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$x < y + \varepsilon \text{ for all } \varepsilon > 0 \Leftrightarrow x \leq y.$$

Proof: \Leftarrow If $x \leq y$, then $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$x \leq y = y + 0 < y + \varepsilon.$$

field axiom order axiom

\Rightarrow By contradiction, assume $\sim(x \leq y)$, then $x > y$.

$$\Rightarrow x - y > y - y = 0. \text{ Let } \varepsilon = x - y.$$

then $y + \varepsilon = y + (x - y) = y + x - y = x$. This contradicts to the assumption $y + \varepsilon > x$. Therefore $x \leq y$.

R.K: In the special case, $x = |a-b|$, $y = 0$, we have

$$|a-b| < \varepsilon \text{ for all } \varepsilon > 0 \Leftrightarrow |a-b| \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow a = b.$$

Example: $0.\overline{9} = 1$ or $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 9 \times 10^{-n} = 1$.

Mathematical Induction Principal

Thm: (1) $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, P_n is a statement that is either true or false.

(2) P_1 is true.

(3) $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$, P_k is true $\Rightarrow P_{k+1}$ is true

Then $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, P_n is true.

Proof: By contradiction, assume $\sim(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P_n \text{ is true}) =$

$\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that P_n is false. Then the

Set $S = \{k : k \in \mathbb{N}, P_k \text{ is false}\}$ is a nonempty

subset of \mathbb{N} . By the well-ordering axiom, S has a minimum $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Since by (2), $1 \notin S$, we see that $m \geq 2$.

By the definition of S and m (the inf of S), P_m is false

and P_{m-1} is true. This contradicts to (3) that

P_{m-1} is true $\Rightarrow P_m$ is true.

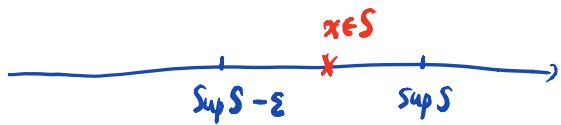
Question: where do we used (1)?

Supremum Property

THM : If S has a supremum in \mathbb{R} , then $\forall \varepsilon > 0$,

$\exists x \in S$ such that

$$\sup S - \varepsilon < x \leq \sup S.$$



Proof : ① By definition of \sup , $x \leq \sup S$, $\forall x \in S$.

② Since $\sup S - \varepsilon < \sup S$, by the definition of

$\sup S$ again, $\sup S - \varepsilon$ is not

an upper bound for S . So $\exists x \in S$ such that

$$\sup S - \varepsilon < x. \text{ By ①, for this } x, x \leq \sup S.$$

This proof is completed.