

Econ 600: taught by Prof. Shaowei Ke

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1 Lecture 1: Logic, Sets and some Real Analysis¹

1.1 Logic

Definition 1.1. Proposition is a sentence that is either *true* or *false*. It cannot be both true and false.

Note: “true” and “false” may not necessarily be based on any (objective/subjective) factual basis. However, to give a concrete example, contextually correct propositions are usually employed.

Definition 1.2. Logic Connectives: \wedge and \vee . Let P and Q be propositions

- Conjunction of P and Q is denoted as $P \wedge Q$;
- Disjunction of P and Q is denoted as $P \vee Q$.
- Negation of P is denoted as: $\neg P$.

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$\neg P$
1	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	1

Table 1: Truth Table for logic connectives

Truth Table is vaguely defined, with each row being a possible “state of the world”. On top of this,

Definition 1.3 (Conditionals and Biconditionals). Let P, Q, R be propositions,

1. Conditional of P and Q is $P \implies Q$;
2. Biconditional of P and Q is $P \iff Q$.

P	Q	$P \implies Q$	$P \iff Q$
1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0
0	0	1	1

Table 2: Truth Table for Conditionals and Biconditionals

Note that, the two 1's are obtained for free. Conditional of P and Q are trivially true if P is false (thus the conditional is not entered, thereby cannot be disproved?).

Additionally, from [an external source](#) (← click me!):

Conditionals are FALSE only when the first condition (if) is true and the second condition (then) is false. All other cases are TRUE.

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Definition 1.4. Two propositions are **equivalent** if they have the same truth table, denoted using “ \equiv ”.

Example 1. Claim: that $P \implies Q$ and $\neg Q \implies \neg P$ are equivalent.

Proof. Refer to table 3: that by definition, the truth table of the two conditionals are the same. \square

Note, (it seems that)^a truth tables are the same if the two “column vectors” denoting the true/false status are the same.

^aSince “truth table” was not explicitly defined.

Definition 1.5 (Tautology). A proposition whose truth table consists only 1's is called **tautology**.

¹Relation, Function, Correspondence and Sequences in \mathbb{R}

Table 3: Truth Table: equivalence of $P \implies Q$ and $\neg Q \implies \neg P$

P	Q	$P \implies Q$	$\neg Q \implies \neg P$
1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
0	1	1	1
0	0	1	1

Example 2. Claim: $Q \implies (P \implies Q)$ is a tautology.

Proof. Refer to Table 4

□

Table 4: Truth Table: Tautology

P	Q	$P \implies Q$	$Q \implies (P \implies Q)$
1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1
0	0	1	1

Remark 1.6. We introduce the following 4 types of proof:

1. Direct proof: to follow the direction of the statement.

• **Proposition:** For odd integers x, y , $x + y$ is an even integer.

2. Proof by contrapositive: (restate the proposition and prove the easier direction).

• **Proposition:** If n^2 is an odd integer (P), then n is an odd integer.

Proof. Prove instead that: “if n is an even integer, then n^2 is an even integer”. □

3. Proof by contradiction: (construct a structure that leads to contradiction between derived conditions and given conditions.).

• That $\sqrt{2}$ is rational number².

4. Proving a “if and only if” statement/proposition to be true: either one of the following 4 are valid strategies:

- (a) $P \implies Q$ and $Q \implies P$;
- (b) $P \implies Q$ and $\neg P \implies \neg Q$;
- (c) $\neg Q \implies \neg P$ and $Q \implies P$;
- (d) $\neg Q \implies \neg P$ and $\neg P \implies \neg Q$.

²The set of rational numbers is denoted as \mathbb{Q} .

1.2 Sets

Remark 1.7 (Russell's paradox). The barber is a man who shaves all those and only those who do not shave themselves.

In terms of set theory, let $R = \{x : x \notin x\}$, then:

$$R \in R \iff R \notin R$$

which is very problematic.

Definition 1.8 (Sets). There are two definition of sets:

1. (Enumerating all elements)

A set is a collection of objects, e.g. $\{1, 2, \dots\}$ ³ or $\{1, 2\}$ ⁴.

2. (Describing properties to be satisfied by elements in the set)

If A is a set of all objects that satisfies property P , then we can write

$$A = \{x : P(x)\}$$

where the colon means “such that”, and $P(x)$ means that x satisfies property P .

Now, we can define the following **sets** using the two definitions of sets:

- (Natural Number) $N = \{1, 2, \dots\}$;
- (Integer) $Z = \{x : x = n \text{ or } x = -n \text{ or } x = 0, \text{ for some } n \in N\}$;
- (Rational number) $Q = \{x : x = \frac{m}{n}, m, n \in Z\}$.

Definition 1.9 (Set Equality). Two sets A and B are equal if they have the same elements. That is:

$$A = B \text{ if and only if } x \in A \iff x \in B, \forall x$$

Note, that the notion $\forall x$ was used sloppily here. Without loss of generality, it shall better be $\forall x \in A \cup B$.

Definition 1.10 (Set Containment). A set A is contained in a set B , denoted by $A \subseteq B$, if $\forall x \in A \implies x \in B$.

As a consequence, $A = B$ if and only if $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$.

Definition 1.11 (Cardinality (finite case)). If a set A has $n \in N$ ⁵ distinct elements, then n is the cardinality of A and we call A a finite set. The **cardinality of** A is denoted by $|A|$.

Definition 1.12 (Empty set \emptyset). The empty set is the set with no element.

³a countably infinite set.

⁴a finite set.

⁵Natural number.

Definition 1.13 (Power set 2^A). Let A be a set. The **power set of A** is the collection of all subsets of A .

Note that, A is an arbitrary set. It could be finite, in which case 2^A easy to envision; At the other extreme, it could be a uncountable set. Nevertheless, the following equality shall hold:

$$|2^A| = 2^{|A|}$$

Example 3. Let $A = \{1, 3\}$, then $2^A = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}\}$. In terms of notation, note that 1 is an element in A , thus $1 \in A$; yet, $\{1\}$ is a subset of A , thus $\{1\} \subset A$.

Definition 1.14 (Operations on sets: \cup , \cap , \setminus and \cdot^c). Let A and B be two sets:

- Union: $A \cup B := \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\}$;
- Intersection: $A \cap B := \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$;
- A and B is disjoint if $A \cap B = \emptyset$;
- Difference of A and B is defined as: $A \setminus B := \{x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$;
- Complements of A : $A^c := \{x : x \notin A\}$.

Side note: **Index set** I is a countable set.

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i = \{x : x \in A_i \text{ for some } i \in I\}$$

Definition 1.15 (de Morgan's law).

$$\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i\right)^c = \bigcap_{i \in I} (A_i^c) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i\right)^c = \bigcup_{i \in I} (A_i^c)$$

Exercise 1.16. Prove that $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$.

Proof. Prove mutual containment using element argument. □

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1.3 Relation, Function and Correspondence

Definition 1.1 (Ordered pair). For two sets A and B , an ordered pair is (a, b) such that $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

Definition 1.2 (n -tuple). Let there be n sets: A_1, \dots, A_n , an n -tuple is (a_1, \dots, a_n) such that $a_i \in A_i, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Definition 1.3 (Cartesian Product). Let A_1, \dots, A_n be non-empty sets. Cartesian product of A_1, \dots, A_n is $A_1 \times \dots \times A_n$, defined as:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n A_i = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) : a_i \in A_i, \forall i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

Definition 1.4 (Relation). A relation from set A to set B is a subset of $A \times B$, denoted by R .

$$aRb \iff (a, b) \in R$$

A relation on A is a subset of $A \times A$.

Definition 1.5. A relation $R \subseteq A \times A$ is said to be:

- *reflective* if $aRa \forall a \in A$. (That is, $(a, a) \in R, \forall a \in A$);
- *complete* if either aRb or $bRa, \forall a, b \in A$;
- *symmetric* if $\forall a, b \in A, aRb \implies bRa$;
- *antisymmetric* if $\forall a, b \in A, aRb$ and $bRa \implies a = b$.
- *transitive* if $\forall a, b, c \in A$ s.t. aRb and bRc, aRc (is implied).

Table 5: Property of common relations

	$<$	\leq	\in	\subseteq	\succeq
reflective	\times	\checkmark	\times	\checkmark	\checkmark
complete	\times	\checkmark	\times	\times	\checkmark
symmetric	\times	\times	\times	\times	\times
antisymmetric	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\times
transitive	\checkmark	\checkmark	\times	\checkmark	\checkmark

Note that, $<$ and \leq are defined on \mathbb{R} ; \in and \subseteq are defined on sets; \succeq is preference relation that represents “weakly prefer”.

Also note that, completeness implies reflectiveness.

Definition 1.6 (Equivalence relation). An **equivalence** on set A is a relation E that is *reflective, symmetric and transitive*. It is denoted as \sim .

For any $a \in A$, the **equivalence class** of a with respect to \sim is defined to be the set

$$E_{\sim}(a) = \{b \in A, b \sim a\}$$

Remark: by construction in Definition 1.4, equivalence (\sim) is defined as “a relation on A ”, which is thereby defined in the Cartesian space.

Definition 1.7 (Function: defined using Relation from A to B). A function from set A to set B is a relation f from A to B such that:

- (i) $\forall a \in A, \exists b \in B$ such that $(a, b) \in f$, i.e. afb
- (ii) $\forall a \in A$, if $(a, b) \in f$ and $(a, c) \in f$ for some $b, c \in B$, then $b = c$.

Note that, alternatively, the two conditions could be written in short as:

- (iii) $\forall a \in A, \exists! b \in B$ such that $(a, b) \in f$, i.e. afb

Convention for f : If $(a, b) \in f$, we write $f(a) = b$. And, f could be interpreted as a “mapping”: “ $f : A \rightarrow B$ ”.

Definition 1.8 (Domain and Range). If f is a function from A to B , then A is called the **domain** of f and B is the **codomain** of f . The **range** of f is the set:

$$\text{Ran}(f) = \{b \in B : \exists a \in A \text{ s.t. } f(a) = b\}.$$

Definition 1.9 (Properties of functions). Let f be a function, then:

- (i) f is **surjective** if $\text{Ran}(f) = B$; onto
- (ii) f is **injective** if $a_1 \neq a_2 \in A \implies f(a_1) \neq f(a_2)$; 1-to-1
- (iii) f is bijective if f is surjective and injective.

Side note: a *indicator function* is defined as following: for A being a set and $S \subseteq A$,

$$\chi_S(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \in S \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Definition 1.10 (Image and Preimage). For $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $C \subseteq A$, the **image** of C under f is

$$f(C) = \{b \in B : \exists a \in C \text{ s.t. } f(a) = b\}$$

The **preimage** of $D \subseteq B$ is

$$f^{-1}(D) = \{a \in A : f(a) \in D\}$$

Exercise. Prove that

1. $f^{-1}(f(A)) = A$, and
2. $f(f^{-1}(B)) = B$ if and only if f is surjective.

Proposition 1.11. Given $f : A \rightarrow B$, then $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$ is a function if and only if f is bijective.

Definition 1.12 (Sequence). A sequence is a function $f : N \rightarrow A$, denoted by $\{a_1, a_2, \dots\} = \{a_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ ⁶ i.e. the set of all sequence is the following set:

$$A^\infty = A \times A \times \dots$$

Definition 1.13 (Cardinality, for (infinite) sequences). Two sets A, B have the same cardinality if \exists a bijective function $f : A \rightarrow B$.

Then, $|A| \geq |B|$ if there exists an injective function $f : B \rightarrow A$. (Example: $|Z| \geq |N|$ by using identify mapping from N to Z ; $|N| \geq |Z|$ by enumerating elements in Z using N . Thus, $|Z| = |N|$.) Eventually, we have:

$$|\mathbb{R}^2| = |\mathbb{R}| > |Q| = |Z| = |N|$$

Definition 1.14 (Correspondence). $T : A \rightrightarrows B$ is a correspondence such that $T : A \rightarrow 2^A \setminus \emptyset$.

1.4 Sequences

Definition 1.1 (Sequence in \mathbb{R}). A sequence of real number is a function $a : N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $a(i) = a_i$ is the i -th component of the sequence $\{a_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$.

Definition 1.2 (Increasing sequence). A real sequence is increasing if $a_{n+1} \geq a_n \forall n \in N$.

Definition 1.3 (Bounded and Bounded (from) above/below). A real sequence is

- **bounded above** if $\exists \bar{m} \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $a_n \leq \bar{m} \forall n \in N$.
- **bounded below** if $\exists \underline{m} \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $a_n \geq \underline{m} \forall n \in N$.
- **bounded** if it is bounded above and bounded below.

Definition 1.4 (Least upper bound). $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is the least upper bound of a sequence $\{a_n\}$ if

- (i) a is an upper bound;
- (ii) a is the smallest upper bound, i.e. $\nexists b \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $b < a$ and b is a upper bound of $\{a_n\}$.

Axiom 1.5 (Axiom of Real Number: completeness axiom). If S is a nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded above, then there exists a least upper bound ~~that is also a real number~~.

Note, that, claiming that the upper bound is in \mathbb{R} is redundant.

Definition 1.6 (Convergence sequences). A real sequence $\{a_n\}$ converges to the limit $a \in \mathbb{R}$ if $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N$ s.t. $\forall n \geq N$

$$|a_n - a| < \varepsilon$$

We write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ or $a_n \rightarrow a$.

- If a sequence does not converge, then it diverges. (To $+\infty$ or $-\infty$.)

Theorem 1. A monotone bounded sequence converges.

Proof. Discuss two cases where 1) $\{a_n\}$ is an increasing sequence, and 2) $\{a_n\}$ is a decreasing sequence. Then, proof is completed through using either least upper bound (for increasing sequence) or largest lower bound (for decreasing sequence). \square

⁶This is an ordered set.

2 Lecture 2: convergence and more

2.1 Sequence and Convergence

Definition 2.1. A set $S \subset X$ is a linearly ordered set if there is a relation “ \leq ” on X s.t.

\leq is complete, transitive and antisymmetric.

Note that, given the linear ordering, we can define $<$ accordingly. (For arbitrary $a, b \in X$ and $a \leq b$, then we say $a < b$ if $a \leq b$ and $a \neq b$.)

Definition 2.2 (Boundedness for an arbitrary set.). Let X be a linearly ordered set and $S \subset X$, then $a \in X$ is the **supremum** (or *least upper bound*) of X if:

1. a itself is an upper bound of S , i.e.
2. for $b \in X$, $b < a$, then b is not an upper bound of S .

Corollary: For $a = \sup X$, $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, there exists $x \in S$ s.t. $x > a - \varepsilon$.

Axiom 2.3 (Completeness Axiom). If S is a nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded above, then there exists a least upper bound.

Definition 2.4 (Sequence in \mathbb{R}). A sequence of real number is a function $a : N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $a(i) = a_i$ is the i -th component of the sequence $\{a_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$.

Remark 2.5. $\{a_n\}$ is bounded if $a(N)$ is bounded.

Note, here N is the set of all natural numbers $\{1, 2, \dots\}$. Thus, we hereby define the boundedness of a sequence using the our previous definition of set-boundedness.

Lemma 2.6. A monotone bounded sequence converges.

Definition 2.7 (Subsequence). A subsequence $\{a_{n_i}\}$ of $\{a_n\}$ is a sequence s.t. $1 \leq n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \dots$. That is:

\exists conversion function $\Phi : N \rightarrow N$ s.t. $n_i = \Phi(i)$ and $\Phi(i) < \Phi(j)$ whenever $i < j$. We can also write: $a_{n_i} = a_{\Phi(i)}$.

Lemma 2.8. Every sequence of \mathbb{R} has a monotone subsequence.

Proof. Proof by doodling: try to construct a decreasing sequence first, if failed (cannot identify infinitely many of elements as candidate of the sequence), construct an increasing one.

Formally: let $S = \{i : \text{if } j > i, \text{ then } a_j < a_i\}$.

- if $|S| = |N|$ (countably infinite)¹, we have found a monotone (decreasing) sequence.
- If $|S| < \infty$, let $\max S = N$, then by construction, $\exists n_1$ s.t. $a_{n_1} \geq a_{N+1}$. Since $n_1 \notin X$, there exists $n_2 > n_1$ s.t. $a_{n_2} \geq a_{n_1} \geq a_N$.

We can construct an increasing sequence in this fashion.

¹Writing $|S| = \infty$ is not rigorous enough, since uncountably infinite could also be denoted similarly.

□

Theorem 2.9 (Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem). A bounded sequence of \mathbb{R} has a convergent subsequence.

Proof. By Lemma 2.8, such bounded sequence of \mathbb{R} has a monotone subsequence, which inherits the boundedness property.

Thus, by Lemma 2.6, such bounded monotone sequence converges. □

Remark 2.10 (Properties of Limits). For $a_n \rightarrow a$ and $b_n \rightarrow b$ (two convergent sequences):

(i) $c \cdot a_n \rightarrow c \cdot a$, for $c \in \mathbb{R}$;

(ii) $a_n + b_n \rightarrow a + b$

(iii) $a_n \cdot b_n \rightarrow a \cdot b$

(iv) $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow \frac{a}{b}$ s.t. $b \neq 0$ and $b_n \neq 0 \forall n$.

(v) $\forall n \in N$, if $c \leq a_n$, then $c \leq a$. (Note that we have defined only one linear ordering \leq .)

However, $a_n > c$ does not imply $a > c$. (e.g.: $\frac{1}{n} > 0, \forall n$, yet $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0 = 0$.)

(vi) $\forall n$, if $b_n \leq a_n$, then $b \leq a$.

Definition 2.11 (Cauchy sequence). $\{a_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence if $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N$ s.t. $\forall m, n \geq N, |a_m - a_n| < \varepsilon$.

Note that, since the definition of convergent sequence relies on knowing the limit a , when such limit is not attainable, Cauchy becomes handy.

Theorem 2.12. Every convergent sequence is Cauchy.

Proof. Given $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$, thus $\forall \frac{\varepsilon}{2} > 0 \exists N$ s.t. $|a_n - a| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \forall n > N$.

Now, for any $m, n \geq N$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} |a_m - a_n| &= |a_m - a + a - a_n| \\ &\leq |a_m - a| + |a_n - a| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

□

Example : Prove that $a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + 2a_{n-1}}{3}$ converges for $a_1 = 0, a_2 = 1$.

Proof. Step 1 First observe that: a_n is an average of two real numbers that are in $[0, 1]$.
Thus, $a_n \in [0, 1]$.

Step 2 Also observe that by rearranging the terms in the equality, we have:

$$\frac{a_{n+1} - a_n}{a_n - a_{n-1}} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

At this point, we check definition of Cauchy sequence by showing that: for arbitrary ε , we can find a N such that $|a_m - a_n| < \varepsilon$. Deriving the functional form of $|a_m - a_n|$ suffices. (We can then use this functional form to find a proper N .)

Without loss of generality, let $m > n$, then:

$$\begin{aligned} |a_m - a_n| &= |a_n - a_{n+1} + a_{n+1} - \cdots - a_m| \\ &\leq |a_n - a_{n+1}| + |a_{n+1} - a_{n+2}| + \cdots + |a_{m-1} - a_m| \\ &\leq \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n + \cdots + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{m-2} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1} \left(1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{m-n+2}\right)}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} \\ &= O\left(\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n\right) \end{aligned}$$

By now, we can easily demonstrate that the definition of Cauchy sequence could be satisfied by choosing a proper N for any given ε . \square

Lemma 2.13. Every Cauchy sequence is bounded.

Proof. Let $\{a_n\}$ be an arbitrary Cauchy sequence. Then, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$, we know that $\exists N_\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\forall m, n > N$, $|a_m - a_n| < \varepsilon$.

Now, to construct an upper bound for $\{a_n\}$, without loss of generality, let $\varepsilon = 1$. Then, we know that there exists $N_1 > 0$ such that $\forall n, m > N_1$, $|a_n - a_m| < 1$. Then, let M_1 denote the bound (either upper or lower). Then, in absolute value, we can define it to be:

$$|M_1| = \max\{|a_1|, \dots, |a_{N_1}|, |a_{N_1+1}| + 1\}$$

Through more careful, yet unnecessary, discussions, we can derive the exact bound using the absolute value $|M_1|$.

Note that, the bound we found above is only *one of the upper bound*. It is not necessarily the sup nor inf. \square

Theorem 2.14. Every Cauchy sequence **in \mathbb{R}** ² converges.

Proof. Let $\{a_n\}$ be an arbitrary Cauchy sequence. We want to show $\{a_n\}$ converges to some $a \in \mathbb{R}$. That is to show: $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\forall n \geq N_0$, $|a_n - a| < \varepsilon$.

(Step 1:) For arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$, given that $\{a_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence, for $\frac{\varepsilon}{2} > 0$, $\exists N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$|a_m - a_n| < \varepsilon, \quad \forall m, n > N_1$$

²Note that, for $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$ defined on $(0, 1]$, it does not converge in this space since $0 \notin (0, 1]$.

(Step 2:) By Lemma 2.13, we know that every Cauchy sequence is bounded. Thus, by Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem (Theorem 2.9), we know that $\exists \{a_{n_i}\} \rightarrow a$ for some certain real number $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

By definition of convergence of (sub)sequence, for the arbitrary ε that we started with, $\exists I \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$|a_{n_j} - a| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \quad \forall j > I$$

Now, let $N_0 = \max\{n_I, N_1\}$, we see that $\forall n > N_0$ and $n_j > N_0$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n - a| &= |a_n - a_{n_j} + a_{n_j} - a| \\ &\leq |a_n - a_{n_j}| + |a_{n_j} - a| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Note: a_{n_j} is an arbitrary element of the subsequence $\{a_{n_i}\}$ that we found convergent through B-W Theorem.

Also note that, $|a_n - a_{n_j}| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ follows from Step 1 that $\{a_n\}$ is Cauchy to start with. \square

Definition 2.15 (Cauchy Criterion). A sequence in \mathbb{R} is a convergent sequence if and only if it is a Cauchy Sequence.

Demonstration: Theorem 2.12 applies in \mathbb{R} , thereby convergent sequence in \mathbb{R} is Cauchy; Theorem 2.14 completes the proof.

Remark 2.16 (Useful limits). Limits of sequences as $n \rightarrow \infty$:

- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^\alpha}{(1+p)^n} = 0$ for $p > 0$ and $\alpha > 0$. (This demonstrates exponential function dominates polynomials in the limit.)
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e$; then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{t}{n}\right)^n = e^t$.
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{p} = 1$ if $p > 0$.

Refer to page 57 of [Rudin(1976)] Theorem 3.20 for detailed proofs.

Definition 2.17 (limsup, liminf). Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence in \mathbb{R} , we say: $\limsup\{a_n\} = a$ if $\sup S = a$, where $S = \{b \in \mathbb{R} : \exists \text{ subsequence } \{a_{n_i}\} \text{ s.t. } a_{n_i} \rightarrow b\}$.

Not surprisingly, we can define

$$\liminf\{a_n\} = -\limsup\{-a_n\}$$

Exercise: equivalent definition of limsup Prove that $\limsup a_n = a$ if and only if:

- (i) $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N > 0$ s.t. $a_n < a + \varepsilon, \forall n > N$;
- (ii) $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists k > n$ s.t. $a_k > a - \varepsilon$.

Note that, (i) specified a property for subsequence; and (ii) is merely about the existence of one element in the sequence, to be found for all $(\varepsilon, n) \in \mathbb{R}_{++} \times \mathbb{N}$.

\Leftarrow a is
Limit!

Proof. The iff statement will be established in the following three steps:

- Prove that $\limsup a_n = a$ implies (i).

WTS: $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N > 0$ s.t. $a_n < a + \varepsilon, \forall n > N$;

First, suppose that $a = +\infty$, that is $\{a_n\}$ is not bounded from above. Then we are done.

Then, suppose that $\{a_n\}$ is bounded from above. We now prove by contradiction. Suppose that $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ s.t. no such $N \in \mathbb{N}$ exists. Then, we know that 1 cannot serve the role of N . So, for some $n_1 > 1$,

$$a_{n_1} \geq a + \varepsilon$$

Still, $n_1 + 1$ cannot serve the role of N , then for some $n_2 > n_1 + 1$,

$$a_{n_2} \geq a + \varepsilon$$

By induction, we can construct a subsequence that is bounded from below by $a + \varepsilon$. Note that, the original sequence is bounded from above, by Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem, we know that a bounded sequence converges. However, the limit of such subsequence shall be larger than a , contradicting $\limsup a_n = a$.

Thus what we assumed is wrong. We thereby proved the original claim in (ii).

Note that, the converse of the following claim:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq N, \text{ proposition } P \text{ is true.}$$

$$\xRightarrow{\text{converse}} \quad \exists \varepsilon > 0, \quad \forall N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \exists n \geq N, \text{ proposition } P \text{ is **not** true.}$$

- Prove that $\limsup a_n = a$ implies (ii).

WTS: Given that $\limsup a_n = a, \forall \varepsilon > 0, \forall n \in N, \exists k > n$ s.t. $a_k > a - \varepsilon$.

Now, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$, by definition of limsup, we know that $\exists a' \in (a - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, a)$ s.t. $\exists \{a_{n_j}\}$ (a subsequence of $\{a_n\}$) s.t. $a_{n_j} \rightarrow a'$.

For this convergent subsequence per se, given the arbitrary ε we have specified in the very beginning, we know that $\exists J > 0$ s.t.

$$|a_{n_j} - a'| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \quad \text{for all } j > J$$

Now, for arbitrary $n \in N$, we can always find a $k = n_i$ with $i > J$, such that $a_k = a_{n_i}$ is within $\frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ distance away from a' . Combining this fact with the construction that $a' \in (a - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, a)$, it is clear the a_k we found specifically for ε and $n \in N$ satisfies: $a_k > a - \varepsilon$.

- Prove that (i) and (ii) implies that $\limsup a_n = a$.

To prove that $\limsup a_n = a$, we first show that a is the limit of a subsequence of $\{a_n\}$; then we show that $\nexists a' > a$ s.t. a' is the limit of a subsequence of $\{a_n\}$.

Firstly, by (i) and (ii), for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$, we can find a subsequence $\{a_{n_j}\}$ with certain $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a - \varepsilon < a_{n_j} < a + \varepsilon, \forall n_j > N$. (Step 1: by (i), we can find a N^ε for

arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$, so that: $a_n < a + \varepsilon \forall n > N^\varepsilon$; Step 2, for the ε and all $\tilde{n} \geq N^\varepsilon$, we can find a $a_{k_{\tilde{n}}}$ s.t. $a - \varepsilon < a_{k_{\tilde{n}}}$. Thus, we have composed a subsequence $\{a_{k_{\tilde{n}}}\}$.)

Then, suppose $\exists a' > a$ as the limsup, then $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N'$ s.t. $\forall n' > N'$, $|a_{n'} - a'| < \varepsilon$. However, (i) is violated when $\varepsilon < \frac{a' - a}{2}$: suppose that $a_{n_k} \rightarrow a'$. Then, $\exists N' > 0$ s.t. $\forall k > N'$, $|a_{n_k} - a'| < \varepsilon$. Given that $\varepsilon < \frac{a' - a}{2}$, there does not exist a N that may satisfy (i). (The “ $\forall n > N$ ” statement is violated due to the subsequence that converges to a' .)

Alternatively, one can prove the statement using an equivalent definition of limsup:

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{k \geq n} a_k$$

Thus, (i) implies that $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N$ s.t. $\forall n > N$:

$$\sup_{k \geq n} a_k < a + \varepsilon$$

Therefore, $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n < a + \varepsilon \iff \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq a$;

At the same time, (ii) implies that $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, for arbitrary $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists k > n$ s.t. $a_k > a - \varepsilon$. Then:

$$\sup_{j \geq n} a_j > a - \varepsilon$$

Therefore, $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n > a - \varepsilon \iff \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \geq a$; □

Definition 2.18 (Infinite series). Given a sequence $\{a_n\}$, let $s_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$ be a sequence $\{s_n\}$, it is called **infinite series**. We write $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a$ if $\{s_n\}$ converges to a .

Example 4. For $a_n = \frac{1}{2^n}$, we can obtain an expression for $\sum_{n=1}^M a_n$; and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = \infty$.
Also note that the sum of arbitrary segment of $\{\frac{1}{2^n}\}$ can be arbitrarily large if the length of such segment is long enough.

Definition 2.19 (Rearrangement). $\{n_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of natural numbers in which each natural number appears exactly once. Let $b_i = a_{n_i}$, then b_i is a **rearrangement** of $\{a_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$.

Definition 2.20 (Absolute convergence). If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ converges, we say that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges absolutely. (e.g. for $a_n = (-1)^n \frac{1}{n}$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n < \infty$, yet $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| \rightarrow \infty$.)

Proposition 2.21. If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges absolutely, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_i = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$, where $\{b_n\}$ is a rearrangement of $\{a_n\}$.

Note that, rearranging $\{(-1)^n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ can give rise to arbitrary partial sum $\in \mathbb{Z}$.

Review: subsets in \mathbb{R} Epistemic-wise, we established the construction of following sets sequentially:

1. \mathbb{N} : The set of natural number; [It is countable.]
2. \mathbb{Z} : The set of integers; [It is also countable. In fact, $|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{Z}|$.]

3. \mathbb{Q} : The set of rational number; [It is also countable, and **dense**.]
4. \mathbb{R} : The real line. [Completeness Axiom]

Definition 2.22 (Principle of Mathematical Induction). The set of natural numbers is the smallest set that satisfies the axiom of Mathematical Induction.

Example 5. Prove that $1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$.

Proof method: To prove by induction:

- When $n = 1$, LHS = RHS;
- Suppose LSH = RHS $\forall n \in N$ s.t. $n \leq n_0$, then we show that LHS = RHS for $n = n_0 + 1$.

□

2.2 Real Value Functions

Definition 2.1. A real valued function defined on X (an arbitrary set) is represented as following, with \mathbb{R} as the codomain:

$$f : x \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Notation 2.2. For $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and f, g being real value functions, “ $=, \geq, >, \gg$, function addition and (scalar) multiplication” are defined as follows:

- If $f(x) = a \forall x \in X$, we write $f = a$;
- If $f(x) \geq g(x) \forall x \in X$, we write $f \geq g$;
- If $f \geq g$, but not the other way, then $f > g$. ($f(x) = g(x)$ is permissible for some $x \in X$).
- If $f(x) > g(x) \forall x \in X$, then we write $f \gg g$.
- $(f + g)(x) := f(x) + g(x)$;
- $(a \cdot f)(x) := a \cdot f(x)$;
- $(f \cdot g)(x) := f(x) \cdot g(x)$.

Note that, $f > g$ is a “weakly hight” relationship.

Definition 2.3 (strictly/weakly increasing/decreasing). Construction is intuitive and thereby omitted.

Definition 2.4 (Limit of function). A function $f : x \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ converges to $a \in \mathbb{R}$ as x approaches some $x_0 \in X$ if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta) \\ |f(x) - a| < \varepsilon$$

in which case we write $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = a$.

Definition 2.5 (Right limit). A function $f : x \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ converges to $a \in \mathbb{R}$ from right as x approaches x_0 if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in (x_0, x_0 + \delta), \\ |f(x) - a| < \varepsilon$$

We write the right limit as: $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x) = a$.

Proposition 2.6. Suppose $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, with $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = a$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = b$.

- (i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \pm g(x) = a \pm b$;
- (ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \cdot g(x) = a \cdot b$;
- (iii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{a}{b}$ if $g \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$.

Definition 2.7 (Continuity). A function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at $x_0 \in X$ if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$$

Note that, we can draw definition of *limit of function* to formalize an $\varepsilon - \delta$ argument that defines a continuous function.

3 Lecture 3: Linear Space and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, continued

3.1 Linear spaces and linear algebra

Definition 3.1 (Vector Space). **Vector space** V over a field F is a set V together with *vector addition* and *scalar multiplication*.

- A field F is a set with addition and multiplication operation defined among its own elements.

Example: \mathbb{R} with normal $+$ and \cdot is a field, denoted as: “ $F : \mathbb{R}, +, \cdot$ ”.

Formally, a field is also established using a set of axiom. Note that field is “equipped with”: $0, (-1)$ elements.

Axiomatically, $\forall u, v, w \in V$ and $a, b \in F$, the following shall be satisfied:

Axiom 1 $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$;

Axiom 2 $u + v = v + u$;

Axiom 3 $\exists \theta \in V$ s.t. $u + \theta = u$;

Axiom 4 $\exists \phi(u) \in V$ s.t. $u + \phi(u) = \theta$;

Axiom 5 $a \cdot (u + v) = a \cdot u + a \cdot v$;

Axiom 6 $(a + b) \cdot u = a \cdot u + b \cdot u$;

Axiom 7 $a \cdot (b \cdot u) = (a \cdot b) \cdot u$;

Axiom 8 V is closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication;

Axiom 9 $1 \cdot u = u$, where 1 is the identity in F .

Note that, the last axiom was not stated in lecture.

Proposition 3.2. Using the axioms, we can show the following equalities hold:

1. $0 \cdot u = \theta$;
2. $\phi(u) = (-1) \cdot u$;
3. $a\theta = \theta$;
4. θ is unique.

Proof. Relies heavily on algebraic tricks. Omitted as of 2015-08-29 15:01:15. □

Example 6 (Example for vector spaces). 1. $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $F : \mathbb{R}, +, \cdot$;
2. $V = \{ax^2 + bx + c : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, x \in [0, 1]\}$, for $F : \mathbb{R}, +, \cdot$.

Definition 3.3. A vector space can also be called a linear space.

Definition 3.4 (Linear subspace). For V being a linear space and $U \subseteq V$, if U itself is a linear space with the same vector additions and scalar multiplication, then we say U is a **linear subspace of V** .

Note that, this definition admits the case where $U = V$, i.e. though trivially, V is a linear subspace of itself.

3.1.1 *Finite* Linear combination, span and linear independence of vectors

From now on, we limit the discussion to the following case:

1. Adopt \mathbb{R} with normal addition and multiplication to be the field F ;
2. Consider only finite operations when defining linear combination and span;
3. Note that: it is still permissible for V to be an arbitrary set.

Definition 3.5 (Linear Combination). For $U \subseteq V$,

- (i) If $U = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. U is a finite subset of V , then a linear combination of U is a new vector:

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i, \quad a_i \in \mathbb{R}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

- (ii) If U is no longer finite, regardless of whether it is countably infinite or uncountable, a **linear combination of U** is a vector that is *a linear combination of finitely many vector of U* .

Definition 3.6 (span of a set of vectors). For $A = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$,

$$\text{span}(A) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i : a_i \in \mathbb{R}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

Proposition 3.7. The span of any $U \subset V$ is a linear subspace of linear space V .

Sketch of proof. Note that, by construction of $\text{span}(A)$, arbitrary coefficient is allowed. Letting all coefficients to be 0 gives rise to the θ ; other properties may follow from standard algebra in \mathbb{R} (the field). \square

Definition 3.8 (Linear independence). A (finite) set of vectors A is linearly independent if $\nexists v \in A$ can be written as linear combinations of the others. Formally,

$$A = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \text{ is linearly independent if } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = \varepsilon \implies a_i = 0 \forall i$$

Proof. Suppose not, that is $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = \varepsilon$ yet $a_j \neq 0$ for some j , then we can write:

$$-a_j v_j = \sum_{k \neq j} a_k v_k$$

where, upon simplification, v_j could be written as a linear combination of the other vectors. \square

Proposition 3.9. For $A \subseteq V$, $\text{span}(A)$ is the smallest linear space that contains A .

Alternatively, one can define $\text{span}(A)$ to be the intersection of all linear subspaces of V that contains A .

Definition 3.10 (base and dimension of V). If $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ are linearly independent and $\text{span}(\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}) = V$ (the linear space), then $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is called a **base of V** .

In this case, the **dimension** of V is $\dim(V) = n$.

Theorem 3.11. If A and B are two bases of V and A, B are finite, then $|A| = |B|$.

Idea of the proof. Suppose $A = \{u_1, u_2\}$ and $B = \{v\}$. Then one can write:

$$u_1 = av; \quad u_2 = bv \text{ for some } a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

Therefore, u_1 and u_2 are not linearly independent. □

Note that, it seems to me that the finiteness assumption only serves the need of simplifying the proof.

3.1.2 Matrix

Definition 3.12. A $m \times n$ matrix could be written as:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_m \end{bmatrix} = [u_1 \dots u_n]$$

where v_i is a $1 \times n$ (row) vector, and u_i is a $m \times 1$ (column) vector.

Definition 3.13 (Rank of a matrix). The *maximum number* of linearly independent row/column vectors denotes the rank of a matrix.

Comment: implicitly, by definition, $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$.

Definition 3.13 (Linear transformation). $T : U \rightarrow V$ is a linear transformation if

$$T(au_1 + bu_2) = aT(u_1) + bT(u_2), \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

Remark 3.14. A $m \times n$ matrix A is a linear transformation from $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$.

3.2 Real-Valued functions continued

3.2.1 Continuity and its corollaries

Definition 3.1 (Interval). An interval of \mathbb{R} is either $[a, b]$, $(a, b]$, $[a, b)$ or (a, b) ; where $a, b \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty, -\infty\}$ (the extended real line).

Theorem 3.2 (Intermediate Value Theorem). If I is an interval of \mathbb{R} ¹, and $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, then $f(I)$ is also an interval of \mathbb{R} ².

¹ I could be a connected set in Euclidean space (\mathbb{R}^n).

²Correspondingly, $f(I)$ would be a connected set.

Proposition 3.3. If f is continuous and bijective (thus invertible, i.e. f^{-1} is a function), then f is either strictly increasing or strictly decreasing.

Note that:

- Continuity forced bijections to be monotone;
- “Strictness” is used to support bijection;
- A stronger statement (yet correct) goes as follows:

Let I and J be both intervals, then $f : I \rightarrow J$ is continuous and bijective if and only if it is strictly monotonic.

Theorem 3.4 (Extreme Value Theorem). If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, then $\exists x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$ s.t.

$$f(x_1) = \sup f([a, b]) \quad f(x_2) = \inf f([a, b])$$

Comment: using max and inf in the statement would be more precise though.

Definition 3.5 (Uniformly continuity). $f : x \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be uniformly continuous if $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$, s.t.

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon, \quad \forall |x - y| < \delta$$

Note that:

1. We no longer specify a certain point $x_0 \in X$;
2. Instead, the δ applies to all $x, y \in X$ as long as they are within δ distance away.

Exercise 3.6. Prove that $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ($x > 0$) is not uniformly continuous.

Professor’s Proof. Without loss of generality, suppose $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$. Now we want to show that $\nexists \delta > 0$ s.t. if $|x - y| < \delta$, $|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{1}{2}$.

By the property of $f(x)$, we look for a threshold $z^*(\varepsilon, \delta)$ at which:

$$\left| \frac{1}{z^*} - \frac{1}{z^* + \delta} \right| = \frac{1}{2}$$

Then, for arbitrary $\delta > 0$, write $z^* = z^*(\varepsilon, \delta)$, we have:

$$|f(z') - f(z' + \delta)| > \frac{1}{2}, \quad \forall z' < z^*$$

Thus, we see that for $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$, there does not exist a $\delta > 0$ that satisfies $|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{1}{2}$ $\forall |x - y| < \delta$. \square

Comment: in professor’s proof, there is a flaw: choosing z' and $z' + \delta$ won’t help disprove the original statement. This could easily be fixed as shown in the alternative proof.

Alternative proof. Without loss of generality, suppose $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$. Now we want to show that $\nexists \delta > 0$ s.t. if $|x - y| < \delta$, $|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{1}{2}$.

By the property of $f(x)$, we look for a threshold $z^*(\varepsilon, \delta)$ at which:

$$\left| \frac{1}{z^*} - \frac{1}{z^* + \frac{\delta}{2}} \right| = \frac{1}{2}$$

Then, for arbitrary $\delta > 0$, write $z^* = z^*(\varepsilon, \delta)$, we have:

$$|f(z') - f(z' + \frac{\delta}{2})| > \frac{1}{2}, \quad \forall z' < z^*$$

Thus, we see that for $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$, there does not exist a $\delta > 0$ that satisfies $|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{1}{2}$ $\forall |x - y| < \delta$.

Note that, it is the highlighted condition that has been disproved.

□

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