



## Why

We can view the set of sequences as vector spaces and give them norms.

## Bounded sequences

Let  $\mathbf{C}^{\mathbf{N}}$  denote the set of complex-valued sequences. Define  $\ell^\infty \subset \mathbf{C}^{\mathbf{N}}$  to be the set of all *bounded sequences*. That is,

$$\ell^\infty = \{x \in \mathbf{C}^{\mathbf{N}} \mid \exists M \in \mathbf{R} \text{ with } |x_i| < M \text{ for all } i\}.$$

Then  $\ell^\infty$  with componentwise addition and scalar multiplication is a vector space.

**Exercise 1.** Define  $\|\cdot\|_\infty : \ell^\infty \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by

$$\|x\|_\infty = \sup_{n \in \mathbf{N}} |x_n|.$$

Then  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  is a norm on  $\ell^\infty$ .

## Absolutely summable sequences

Let  $\ell^1 \subset \mathbf{C}^{\mathbf{N}}$  denote the set of all *absolutely summable sequences*. In other words, for  $x \in \mathbf{C}^{\mathbf{N}}$ ,  $x \in \ell^1$  if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n| < \infty.$$

Then  $\ell^1$  is a vector space with componentwise addition and scalar multiplication.

**Exercise 2.** Define  $\|\cdot\|_1 : \ell^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|$$

Then  $\|\cdot\|_1$  is a norm on  $\ell^1$ .

