



# Analysis and Something Else

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*All models are wrong, but some are useful.*

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# Chapter 1 Logic

## 1.1 Main Methods of Proof (@ Lec 01 of ECON 204)

### 1.1.1 Proof by Induction

### 1.1.2 Proof by Deduction

### 1.1.3 Proof by Contradiction

### 1.1.4 Proof by Contraposition

- $\neg P$  ("not  $P$ ") means " $P$  is false".
- $P \wedge Q$  (" $P$  and  $Q$ ") means " $P$  is true and  $Q$  is true."
- $P \vee Q$  (" $P$  or  $Q$ ") means " $P$  is true or  $Q$  is true (or possibly both)."
- $\neg P \wedge Q$  means  $(\neg P) \wedge Q$ ;  $\neg P \vee Q$  means  $(\neg P) \vee Q$ .
- $P \Rightarrow Q$  (" $P$  implies  $Q$ ") means "whenever  $P$  is satisfied,  $Q$  is also satisfied."

**Statement:** Formally,  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is equivalent to  $\neg P \vee Q$ .

#### Definition 1.1 (Contrapositive)

The *contrapositive* of the statement  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is the statement  $\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$ .



#### Theorem 1.1 (Prove Contrapositive Instead)

$P \Rightarrow Q$  is true if and only if  $\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$  is true.



## Chapter 2 Analysis Basis

### 2.1 Real Number $\mathbb{R}$ (@ Lec 02 of ECON 204)

$\mathbb{R}$  is a field with the usual operations  $+$ ,  $\cdot$ , additive identity 0, and multiplicative identity 1.

#### 2.1.1 Order Axiom

##### Proposition 2.1 (Order Axiom)

There is a complete ordering  $\leq$ , i.e.  $\leq$  is reflexive, transitive, antisymmetric ( $\alpha \leq \beta, \beta \leq \alpha \Rightarrow \alpha = \beta$ ) with the property that  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  either  $\alpha \leq \beta$  or  $\beta \leq \alpha$ .

The order is compatible with  $+$  and  $\cdot$ , i.e.  $\forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$

1.  $\alpha \leq \beta \Rightarrow \alpha + \gamma \leq \beta + \gamma$ .
2.  $\alpha \leq \beta, 0 \leq \gamma \Rightarrow \alpha\gamma \leq \beta\gamma$ .



#### 2.1.2 Completeness Axiom

##### Proposition 2.2 (Completeness Axiom)

Suppose  $L, H \subseteq \mathbb{R}, L \neq \emptyset \neq H$  satisfy  $\forall l \in L, h \in H, l \leq h$ . Then,

$$\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall l \in L, h \in H, l \leq \alpha \leq h$$

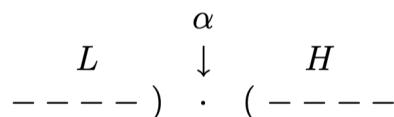


Figure 2.1: Completeness Axiom

##### Claim 2.1

The Completeness Axiom differentiates  $\mathbb{R}$  from  $\mathbb{Q}$ :

$\mathbb{Q}$  satisfies all the axioms for  $\mathbb{R}$  except the Completeness Axiom.



### 2.1.3 Supremum $\sup \mathbb{X}$ , Infimum $\inf \mathbb{X}$ for $\mathbb{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

#### Definition 2.1 (Supremum and Infimum)

- (1). Suppose  $\mathbb{X}$  is bounded above. The **supremum** of  $\mathbb{X}$ , written  $\sup \mathbb{X}$ , is the least upper bound for  $\mathbb{X}$ , i.e.  $\sup \mathbb{X}$  satisfies
  - (a).  $\sup \mathbb{X} \geq x, \forall x \in \mathbb{X}$  ( $\sup \mathbb{X}$  is an upper bound).
  - (b).  $\forall y < \sup \mathbb{X}, \exists x \in \mathbb{X}$  s.t.  $x > y$  (there is no smaller upper bound).
- (2). Suppose  $\mathbb{X}$  is bounded below. The **infimum** of  $\mathbb{X}$ , written  $\inf \mathbb{X}$ , is the greatest lower bound for  $\mathbb{X}$ , i.e.  $\inf \mathbb{X}$  satisfies
  - (a).  $\inf \mathbb{X} \leq x, \forall x \in \mathbb{X}$  ( $\inf \mathbb{X}$  is a lower bound).
  - (b).  $\forall y > \inf \mathbb{X}, \exists x \in \mathbb{X}$  s.t.  $x < y$  (there is no greater lower bound).
- (3). If  $\mathbb{X}$  is not bounded above, write  $\sup \mathbb{X} = \infty$ . If  $\mathbb{X}$  is not bounded below, write  $\inf \mathbb{X} = -\infty$ . By convention,  $\sup \emptyset = -\infty$ ,  $\inf \emptyset = +\infty$ .



#### Proposition 2.3

If  $\inf A = x^* \in A$  ( $\sup A = x^* \in A$ ), then  $x^* = \min A$  ( $x^* = \max A$ ).



### 2.1.4 The Supremum Property

#### Proposition 2.4 (The Supremum Property)

Every nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded above has a supremum, which is a real number.

Every nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded below has an infimum, which is a real number.



#### Theorem 2.1

*The Supremum Property (Prop 2.4) and the Completeness Axiom (Prop 2.2) are equivalent.*



### 2.1.5 Archimedean Property

#### Theorem 2.2 (Archimedean Property)

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}^+, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $ny > x$ .



## 2.2 Metric Spaces and Normed Spaces (@ Lec 03 of ECON 204)

### 2.2.1 Metric Space $(\mathbb{X}, d)$ and Metric $d : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$

#### Definition 2.2 (Metric Space)

A **metric space** is a pair  $(\mathbb{X}, d)$ , where  $\mathbb{X}$  is a set and  $d : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  a function satisfying

1. Non-negative:  $d(x, y) \geq 0, d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{X}$ .
2. Symmetric:  $d(x, y) = d(y, x), \forall x, y \in \mathbb{X}$ .
3. Triangle inequality:  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z), \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{X}$ .

A function  $d : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  satisfying 1-3 is called a **metric** on  $\mathbb{X}$ . 

A metric gives a notion of distance between elements of  $\mathbb{X}$ .

### 2.2.2 Norm $\|\cdot\|$ and Normed Vector Space $(V, \|\cdot\|)$

#### Definition 2.3 (Norm)

Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . A **norm** on  $V$  is a function  $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  satisfying

1. Non-negative:  $\|x\| \geq 0, \|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0, \forall x \in V$ .
2. Triangle inequality:  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|, \forall x, y \in V$ .
3.  $\|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, x \in V$ . 

A norm gives a notion of length of a vector in  $V$ .

#### Definition 2.4 (Normed Vector Space)

A **normed vector space** is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  equipped with a norm,  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ . 

### Example 2.1 Normed Vector Space

- $\mathbf{E}^n$  :  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space.

$$V = \mathbb{R}^n, \|x\|_2 = |x| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i)^2}$$

- $V = \mathbb{R}^n, \|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$  (the "taxi cab" norm or  $L^1$  norm)
- $V = \mathbb{R}^n, \|x\|_\infty = \max \{|x_1|, \dots, |x_n|\}$  (the maximum norm, or sup norm, or  $L^\infty$  norm)
- $C([0, 1]), \|f\|_\infty = \sup\{|f(t)| : t \in [0, 1]\}$
- $C([0, 1]), \|f\|_2 = \sqrt{\int_0^1 (f(t))^2 dt}$
- $C([0, 1]), \|f\|_1 = \int_0^1 |f(t)| dt$

where  $C([0, 1])$  is the space of all continuous real-valued functions on  $[0, 1]$ .

### 2.2.3 Theorem: metric can be defined by norm

In an abstract normed vector space, the norm can be used analogously to define a notion of distance.

#### Theorem 2.3

*Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed vector space. Let  $d : \mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  be defined by  $d(v, w) = \|v - w\|$ . Then  $(V, d)$  is a metric space.*



### 2.2.4 Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

#### Theorem 2.4 (Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality)

If  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n v_i w_i \right)^2 \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2 \right)$$

$$\|v \cdot w\|^2 \leq \|v\|^2 \|w\|^2$$

$$\|v \cdot w\| \leq \|v\| \|w\|$$



### 2.2.5 Lipschitz-equivalent Norm

#### Definition 2.5 (Lipschitz-equivalent)

Two norms  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|^*$  on the same vector space  $V$  are said to be **Lipschitz-equivalent** (or **equivalent**) if  $\exists m, M > 0$  s.t.  $\forall x \in V$ ,

$$m\|x\| \leq \|x\|^* \leq M\|x\|$$

Equivalently,  $\exists m, M > 0$  s.t.  $\forall x \in V, x \neq 0$ ,

$$m \leq \frac{\|x\|^*}{\|x\|} \leq M$$



#### Theorem 2.5

All norms on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are equivalent.



However, infinite-dimensional spaces support norms that are not equivalent. For example, on  $C([0, 1])$ , let  $f_n$  be the function

$$f_n(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - nt, & \text{if } t \in [0, \frac{1}{n}] \\ 0, & \text{if } t \in (\frac{1}{n}, 1] \end{cases}$$

Then  $\frac{\|f_n\|_1}{\|f_n\|_\infty} = \frac{1}{2n} \rightarrow 0$ , which means there is no lower bound  $m > 0$ .

## 2.2.6 Ball, Radius, Diameter, and Distance

In a metric space  $(X, d)$ , define

$$\begin{aligned} B_\varepsilon(x) &= \{y \in X : d(y, x) < \varepsilon\} \\ &= \text{open ball with center } x \text{ and radius } \varepsilon \\ B_\varepsilon[x] &= \{y \in X : d(y, x) \leq \varepsilon\} \\ &= \text{closed ball with center } x \text{ and radius } \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

We can use the metric  $d$  to define a generalization of "radius". In a metric space  $(X, d)$ , define the *diameter* of a subset  $S \subseteq X$  by

$$\text{diam}(S) = \sup \{d(s, s') : s, s' \in S\}$$

Similarly, we can define the *distance from a point to a set*, and *distance between sets*, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} d(A, x) &= \inf_{a \in A} d(a, x) \\ d(A, B) &= \inf_{a \in A} d(B, a) \\ &= \inf \{d(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\} \end{aligned}$$

## 2.3 Set Theory

### 2.3.1 Well Defined Set

#### Definition 2.6

A set  $S$  is **well defined** if an object  $a$  is either  $a \in S$  or  $a \notin S$ .



### 2.3.2 Numerically Equivalent (@ Lec 01 of ECON 204)

#### Definition 2.7

Two sets  $A, B$  are **numerically equivalent** (or have the same cardinality) if there is a bijection  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , that is, 1-1 ( $a \neq a' \Rightarrow f(a) \neq f(a')$ ), and onto ( $\forall b \in B, \exists a \in A$  s.t.  $f(a) = b$ ).



### 2.3.3 Finite, Countable Set (@ Lec 01 of ECON 204)

#### Definition 2.8 (Finite Set)

A set is either **finite** or **infinite**. A set is **finite** if it is numerically equivalent to  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  for some  $n$ . A set that is not finite is infinite.



We give a more precise definition to classify infinite set:

**Definition 2.9 (Countable Set)**

An infinite set is **countable** if it is numerically equivalent to  $\mathbb{N}$ . An infinite set that is not countable is called **uncountable**.

**Theorem 2.6 (Countable  $\mathbb{Q}$ )**

*The set of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable.*

**2.3.4 Power Set (@ Lec 02 of ECON 204)****Definition 2.10 (Power Set: the set of all subsets)**

*For any set  $A$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  the collection of all subsets of  $A$ .  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  is the **power set** of  $A$ .*



We may also use the notation  $2^A$  (in Berkeley ECON 204).

**2.3.5 Theorem (Cantor): The power set of  $\mathbb{N}$  is uncountable (@ Lec 02 of ECON 204)****Theorem 2.7 (Cantor)**

*$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  (or denoted by  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ ), the set of all subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ , is uncountable.*

**2.3.6 Cardinalities of Sets (@ Lec 02 of ECON 204)****Definition 2.11 (Cardinality)**

*If  $A$  is a set,  $|A| = \text{cardinality of } A = \# \text{ of elements}$*



$n \in \mathbb{N}, |\{1, \dots, n\}| = n; |\emptyset| = 0 (\emptyset = \text{empty set}).$

**Proposition 2.5 (Facts about cardinality)**

1. If  $A$  is numerically equivalent to  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $|A| = n$ .
2.  $A$  and  $B$  are numerically equivalent if and only if  $|A| = |B|$ .
3. If  $|A| = n$  (finite) and  $A$  is a proper subset of  $B$  (that is,  $A \subset B$  and  $A \neq B$ ) then  $|A| < |B|$ .
4. If  $A$  is countable and  $B$  is uncountable, then  $n < |A| < |B|, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
5. If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $|A| \leq |B|$ . (if  $B$  is countable and  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $A$  is at most countable, that is,  $A$  is either empty, finite, or countable.)
6. If there is an injection  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ , we can write  $|A| \leq |B|$ ;
7. If there is a surjection  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ , we can write  $|A| \geq |B|$ ;
8. If there is a bijection  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ , we can write  $|A| = |B|$ .



### 2.3.7 Pigeonhole Principle: $|A| > |B| \Rightarrow$ no injective function $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$

#### Theorem 2.8 (Pigeonhole Principle)

If  $A$  and  $B$  are sets and  $|A| > |B|$ , then there is no injective function  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ .



### 2.3.8 $B^A$ : Sets of Function

If  $A, B$  are sets, then  $B^A = \{\sigma : A \rightarrow B | \sigma \text{ a function}\}$ .

**Example 2.2**  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we define a function  $f : B^{\{1, \dots, n\}} \rightarrow B^n (= B \times B \times B \times \dots \times B)$  by the equation  $f(\sigma) = \{\sigma(1), \dots, \sigma(n)\}$ , where  $\sigma : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow B$ . The  $f$  is a bijection.

#### Proof 2.1

1. Injective:

$$f(\sigma_1) = f(\sigma_2) \Rightarrow \{\sigma_1(1), \dots, \sigma_1(n)\} = \{\sigma_2(1), \dots, \sigma_2(n)\}$$

Since  $\sigma : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow B$ , it is sufficient to prove  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$ .

2. Surjective:

$$\forall \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}, \text{ we have } \sigma^*(x) = b_x, x = 1, \dots, n. \text{ s.t. } f(\sigma^*) = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$$

### Example 2.3

$$C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) = \{\text{continuous functions } \sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$$

### 2.3.9 Bounded Set (@ Lec 03 of ECON 204)

#### Definition 2.12 (Bounded Set)

In a metric space  $(X, d)$ , a subset  $S \subseteq X$  is **bounded** if  $\exists x \in X, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\forall s \in S, d(s, x) \leq \beta$ .



### 2.3.10 Open, Closed Set (@ Lec 04 of ECON 204)

#### Definition 2.13 (Open Sets)

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A set  $\mathbb{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is **open** if

$\forall x \in \mathbb{X}$  we can draw a ball around  $x$  that is contained in  $\mathbb{X}$ .

i.e.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{X}, \exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $B_\varepsilon(x) = \{y : d(y, x) < \varepsilon\} \subseteq \mathbb{X}$



#### Definition 2.14 (Closed Sets)

$\mathbb{X}$  is **closed** if  $\mathbb{X}^c$  is open.



**Theorem 2.9 (Equivalent definition: Closed Sets)**

*Equivalent: if  $A$  in a metric space  $(X, d)$  contains all limit points of all sequences in  $A$ ,  $A$  is closed.*

$$\{x_n\} \subset A, x_n \rightarrow x \in X \Rightarrow x \in A$$

**Example 2.4 (Closed and Open Sets on  $\mathbb{E}_1$  i.e.,  $\mathbb{R}$  with the usual Euclidean metric)**

- 1)  $(1, 2) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 1 < x < 2\}$  - open
- 2)  $\mathbb{R}$  is both open and closed
- 3)  $(-\infty, 1) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x < 1\}$  - open
- 4)  $[1, \infty)$  is closed because its complement open
- 5)  $(1, 2]$  is neither open nor closed

**Example 2.5 (Closed and Open Sets on other metric space)** In the metric space  $[0, 1]$ ,  $[0, 1]$  is open. With  $[0, 1]$  as the underlying metric space,  $B_\varepsilon(0) = \{x \in [0, 1] : |x - 0| < \varepsilon\} = [0, \varepsilon]$ .

**Theorem 2.10 (Empty Set and Full Set are both open and closed)**

*In any metric space  $(X, d)$  both  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are open, and both  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are closed.*

**Theorem 2.11 (Union of open sets is open, Intersection of finite open sets is open)**

*In any metric space  $(X, d)$ ,*

1. *The union of an arbitrary (finite, countable, or uncountable) collection of open sets is open.*
2. *The intersection of a finite collection of open sets is open.*

**2.3.11 Interior, Exterior, Boundary, Closure (@ Lec 04 of ECON 204)**

Given a set  $S \subseteq X$ , the **point** of  $X$  can be classified into three types relative to  $S$ :

- **Interior (points)**, denoted  $\text{int}(S)$ :  $\vec{x} \in S$  for which there exists some  $B(\vec{x}, r) \subseteq S$ , is the largest open set contained in  $S$  (the union of all open sets contained in  $S$ ).
- **Exterior (points)**, denoted  $\text{ext}(S)$ :  $\vec{x} \notin S$  for which there exists some  $B(\vec{x}, r)$  containing no points of  $S$ , is the largest open set contained in  $X \setminus S$ .
- **Boundary (points)** denoted  $\partial(S)$  or  $\text{bd}(S)$ : all other points (for which any  $B(\vec{x}, r)$  will contain some points of  $S$  and some points outside  $S$ ).
- **Closure of  $S$** , denoted  $\bar{S}$  or  $\text{cl}(S) = \text{int}(S) \cup \text{bd}(S)$ , is the smallest closed set containing  $S$  (the intersection of all closed sets containing  $S$ ).
- Moreover, boundary satisfies  $\partial(S) = \overline{(X \setminus S)} \cap \bar{S}$ .

(1) A set  $S$  is **open** if  $S = \text{int}(S)$  - i.e., if  $S$  does not contain any of its boundary points.

(2) A set  $S$  is **closed** if  $S = \bar{S} = \text{int}(S) \cup \text{bd}(S)$  - i.e., if  $S$  contains all of its boundary points.

### 2.3.12 Compact Set

#### Definition 2.15 (Compact Set)

$\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is compact if it is closed and bounded.



**Example 2.6 Compact Set**  $[1, 2] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 1 \leq x \leq 2\}$ ;  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 4\}$

### 2.3.13 Sublevel Set

#### Definition 2.16 (Sublevel Set)

The sublevel set of a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (for some level  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ) is the set

$$\overline{L_c} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x) \leq c\}$$



### 2.3.14 Set Operations

#### Definition 2.17

A binary operation on a set  $A$  is a function  $* : A \times A \rightarrow A$ .

The operation is *associative* if  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c, \forall a, b, c \in A$ .

The operation is *commutative* if  $a * b = b * a, \forall a, b \in A$ .



### Example 2.7

$+, \circ$  are both *associative* and *commutative* operations on  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$ ;  $-$  is neither *associative* nor *commutative* operation on  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$ , but not  $\mathbb{N}$ .

#### Definition 2.18

A subset  $H \subset S$  is closed under  $*$  if  $a * b \in H$  for all  $a, b \in H$ .



#### Definition 2.19

$*$  has identity element  $e \in S$  if  $a * e = e * a = a$  for all  $a \in S$ .



## 2.4 Sequences

Sequences  $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  or  $\{x_k\}, x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$

#### Definition 2.20 (Subsequence)

Suppose  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence and  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots$ , then  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  is called a **subsequence**.



### 2.4.1 Convergence of Sequences (@ Lec 03 of ECON 204)

**Definition 2.21 (Convergence: note  $x_k \rightarrow x, \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$ )**

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A sequence  $\{x_k\}$  converges to  $x$  (written  $x_k \rightarrow x$  or  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$ ) if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N_\varepsilon \text{ s.t. } d(x_k, x) < \varepsilon, \forall k \geq N_\varepsilon$$



**Definition 2.22 (Limit point)**

$x$  is a limit point of  $\{x_k\}$  if  $\exists$  a subsequence of  $\{x_k\}$  that converges to  $x$ .



**Theorem 2.12 (Uniqueness of Limits)**

In a metric space  $(X, d)$ , if  $x_k \rightarrow x$  and  $x_k \rightarrow x'$ , then  $x = x'$ .



### 2.4.2 Cluster Point (@ Lec 03 of ECON 204)

**Definition 2.23 (Cluster Point)**

An element  $c$  is a **cluster point** of a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a metric space  $(X, d)$  if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \{n : x_n \in B_\varepsilon(c)\}$  is an infinite set. Equivalently,

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, N \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n > N \text{ s.t. } x_n \in B_\varepsilon(c)$$



**Example 2.8**  $x_n = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if } n \text{ even} \\ \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$  has cluster points  $\{0, 1\}$ .

**Theorem 2.13 (Cluster Point  $\Leftrightarrow$  exists subsequence converges to it)**

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $c \in X$ , and  $\{x_n\}$  a sequence in  $X$ . Then  $c$  is a cluster point of  $\{x_n\}$  if and only if there is a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  such that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = c$ .



### 2.4.3 Sequences in $\mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{R}^n$ (@ Lec 03 of ECON 204)

**Definition 2.24 (Cauchy Sequence)**

$\{x_k\}$  is Cauchy if given  $\varepsilon > 0, \exists N_\varepsilon \text{ s.t.}$

$$\|x_k - x_m\| < \varepsilon, \forall k, m \geq N_\varepsilon.$$



**Note:**

$\{x_k\}$  converges  $\iff \{x_k\}$  is Cauchy

**Definition 2.25 (Bounded Sequence)**

$$\|x_k\| \leq b, \forall k$$



Results about Bounded sequences:

1. Every bounded has at least one limit point.
2. A bounded sequence converges iff it has a **unique limit point**.

#### 2.4.4 Scalar Sequences

**Scalar sequences**  $\{x_k\}, x_k \in \mathbb{R}$ :

**Proposition 2.6**

If  $\{x_k\}$  is bounded above(below) and non-decreasing(non-increasing) it **converges**. 

**Proposition 2.7**

The largest(smallest) limit point of  $\{x_k\}$  is  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup x_k$  ( $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \inf x_k$ ) 

**Proposition 2.8**

$\{x_k\}$  converges  $\iff -\infty < \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \inf x_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup x_k < \infty$  

# Chapter 3 Functions

## 3.1 Definitions of Function

### Definition 3.1 (Function)

*Function* is a rule  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$  that assigns an element  $B$  to *every* element of  $A$ .  $\forall a \in A, \sigma(a) \in B$ .



### 3.1.1 Image, Preimage, Fiber

#### Definition 3.2

1.  $A$  is the domain of  $\sigma$ ,  $B$  is the range of  $\sigma$ .
2. We call  $\sigma(a) = \text{value of } \sigma \text{ at } a$  as the image of  $a$ .
3. A set  $C \subset B$ , we call  $\sigma^{-1}(C) = \{a \in A | \sigma(a) \in C\}$  as the preimage of  $C$ .
4. An element  $b \in B$ , we call  $\sigma^{-1}(b) = \{a \in A | \sigma(a) = b\}$  as the fiber of  $b$ .



### 3.1.2 Composition of functions

#### Definition 3.3 (Function Composition)

The function composition  $\circ$  is an operation that takes two functions  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$  and  $\tau : B \rightarrow C$ , , and produces a function  $\tau \circ \sigma : A \rightarrow C$  that fulfills  $\forall a \in A, (\tau \circ \sigma)(a) = \tau(\sigma(a))$ .



### 3.1.3 Function Composition is Associative

#### Proposition 3.1 (Associativity of Functions)

Suppose  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B, \tau : B \rightarrow C, \rho : C \rightarrow D$  are functions and  $\circ$  is the function composition, then  
 $\rho \circ (\tau \circ \sigma) = (\rho \circ \tau) \circ \sigma$ .



## 3.2 Injection, Surjection, Bijection

### 3.2.1 Definitions: Injective, surjective, bijective

A function  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$  is called,

1. *Injective (1 to 1)*

$$\forall a_1, a_2 \in A, \sigma(a_1) = \sigma(a_2) \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2$$

2. *Surjective (onto)*

$$\forall b \in B, \exists a \in A, s.t. \sigma(a) = b$$

3. *Bijection* (if injective and surjective)

### 3.2.2 Lemma 1.1.7: injective/surjective/bijective is preserved in composition

#### Lemma 3.1 (Lemma 1.1.7)

Suppose  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B, \tau : B \rightarrow C$  are functions,

If  $\sigma, \tau$  are injective, then  $\tau \circ \sigma$  is injective.

If  $\sigma, \tau$  are surjective, then  $\tau \circ \sigma$  is surjective.

If  $\sigma, \tau$  are bijective, then  $\tau \circ \sigma$  is bijective.



### 3.2.3 Proposition 1.1.8: A function is bijection if there exist inverse

#### Proposition 3.2 (Proposition 1.1.8)

A function  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$  is a bijection if  $\exists$  a function  $\tau : B \rightarrow A$  such that

$$\sigma \circ \tau = id_B = \text{identity on } B (id_B(x) = x, \forall x \in B)$$

$$\tau \circ \sigma = id_A$$



Such  $\tau$  is unique, called inverse of  $\sigma$ ,  $\tau = \sigma^{-1}$ .

## 3.3 Function Continuity

### 3.3.1 Continuous Function in $\mathbb{R}$ with Euclidean norm

#### Definition 3.4 (Continuity at Point)

A real-valued function  $f$  is continuous at  $x$  if

"For every  $\{x_k\}$  converging to  $x$  satisfies that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_k) = f(x)$ ".

Equivalent definition:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } \|y - x\| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$$



Continuity at  $x_0$  requires:

1.  $f(x_0)$  is defined; and

2. either

-  $x_0$  is an isolated point of  $X$ , i.e.  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $B_\varepsilon(x) = \{x\}$ ; or

-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$  exists and equals  $f(x_0)$

**Definition 3.5 (Continuous Function)**

A real-valued function  $f$  is continuous if it is continuous at all points in its domain.

**3.3.2 Continuous Function in Metric Spaces (@ Lec 04 of ECON 204)****Definition 3.6 (Continuity in Metric Spaces)**

Let  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  be metric spaces. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is **continuous** at a point  $x_0 \in X$  if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta(x_0, \varepsilon) > 0$  s.t.  $d(x, x_0) < \delta(x_0, \varepsilon) \Rightarrow \rho(f(x), f(x_0)) < \varepsilon$ .

**3.3.3 Theorem: Continuous  $\Leftrightarrow$  Preimage of open set is open (@ Lec 04 of ECON 204)****Theorem 3.1 (Continuous  $\Leftrightarrow$  Preimage of open set is open)**

Let  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  be metric spaces, and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $f$  is **continuous** if and only if

$$f^{-1}(A) = \{x \in X : f(x) \in A\} \text{ is open in } X \quad \forall A \subseteq Y \text{ s.t. } A \text{ is open in } Y$$

**3.3.4 Theorem: Continuity is preserved in composition (@ Lec 04 of ECON 204)****Theorem 3.2 (Continuity is preserved in composition)**

Let  $(X, d_X)$ ,  $(Y, d_Y)$  and  $(Z, d_Z)$  be metric spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are continuous, then  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z$  is continuous.

**Proof 3.1**

Proved by previous theorem 3.1.

**3.3.5 Uniform Continuity (@ Lec 04 of ECON 204)****Definition 3.7 (Uniformly Continuous)**

Suppose  $f : (X, d) \rightarrow (Y, \rho)$ .  $f$  is **uniformly continuous** if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta(\varepsilon) > 0 \text{ s.t. } \forall x_0 \in X, d(x, x_0) < \delta(\varepsilon) \Rightarrow \rho(f(x), f(x_0)) < \varepsilon$$

**Claim 3.1**

**Uniformly Continuous implies (is stronger than) Continuous.**

$(f \text{ is continuous if } \forall x_0 \in X, \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta(x_0, \varepsilon) > 0 \text{ s.t. } d(x, x_0) < \delta(x_0, \varepsilon) \Rightarrow \rho(f(x), f(x_0)) < \varepsilon)$



Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , "uniformly continuous" requires  $\delta(\varepsilon)$  that works for all  $x_0 \in X$ .

### 3.3.6 Intermediate Value Theorem (@ Lec 02 of ECON 204)

**Theorem 3.3 (Intermediate Value Theorem)**

Suppose  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, and  $f(a) < d < f(b)$ . Then there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f(c) = d$ .



### 3.3.7 Coercive Function

**Definition 3.8 (Coercive)**

A real-valued function  $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is coercive if for **every**  $\{x_k\} \subset \mathbb{X}$  s.t.  $\|x_k\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $f(x_k) \rightarrow \infty$



**Example 3.1 Check coercive**

- 1)  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $f(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$  - coercive
- 2)  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = 1 - e^{-|x|}$  - not coercive
- 3)  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $f(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$  - not coercive (we need  $f(x_k) \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $\|x_k\| \rightarrow \infty$ )

### 3.3.8 Extreme of Functions

**Definition 3.9 (Extreme of Functions)**

Let  $\mathbb{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\inf_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x) = \inf\{f(x) : x \in \mathbb{X}\}$$



If  $\exists x^* \in \mathbb{X}$  s.t.  $\inf f(x) = f(x^*)$ . Then,  $f$  achieves (attains) its minimum and  $f(x^*) = \min_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x)$

$x^*$  is called a **minimizer** of  $f$ , written as  $x^* \in \arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x)$ . If  $x^*$  is unique, we write  $x^* = \arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x)$

Similarly, supremum and maximum of  $f$ .

### 3.3.9 Weierstrass' Theorem(Extreme value Theorem)

**Theorem 3.4 (Weierstrass' Theorem(Extreme value Theorem))**

If  $f$  is a **continuous** function on a **compact set**,  $\mathbb{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $f$  attains its min and max on  $\mathbb{X}$  i.e.,

$$\exists x_1 \in \mathbb{X} \text{ s.t. } f(x_1) = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x)$$

$$\exists x_2 \in \mathbb{X} \text{ s.t. } f(x_2) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x)$$



**Proof 3.2**

(for existence of min; max is similar)

Let  $\{\sigma_k\} \subseteq \mathbb{X}$  be s.t.

$$\inf_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x) \leq f(\sigma_k) \leq \inf_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x) + \frac{1}{k}$$

Then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(\sigma_k) = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x)$

$\mathcal{L}$  is bounded  $\Rightarrow \{\sigma_k\}$  has at least one limit point  $x$ ,

$\mathcal{L}$  is closed  $\Rightarrow x_1 \in \mathbb{X}$

$f$  is continuous  $\Rightarrow f(x_1) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(\sigma_k) = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x)$

**Corollary 3.1 (Corollary to WT)**

Let  $f$  be continuous on closed set  $\mathbb{X}$  (not necessarily bounded). If  $f$  is coercive on  $\mathbb{X}$  it attains its min on  $\mathbb{X}$ .

**Proof 3.3**

Consider  $\{\sigma_k\}$  as in proof of WT.

Since  $f$  is closed,  $f(x) < \infty, \forall x \in \mathbb{X}$ . And  $f$  is coercive on  $\mathbb{X}$ , which means  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$  if  $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty$ .

Hence,  $\{\sigma_k\} \in \mathbb{X}$  is bounded. Rest of proof same as proof of WT.

**Example 3.2**  $f(x) = f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^4 + 2x_2^2 + e^{-x_3} + e^{2x_3}$

1) Does  $f$  achieve its min and max on  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 \leq 6\}$ ?

-  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is compact and  $f$  is continuous. Both min and max are achieved (WT).

2) Does  $f$  achieve its min and max over  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

-  $f \rightarrow \infty$  whenever  $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow f$  is coercive.

-  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is closed.

$\Rightarrow f$  achieves its min. on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by corollary to WT.

- max does not exist since  $f \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty$ .

3) Does  $f$  achieve its min and max over  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 3\}$ ?

-  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is closed, but not bounded.

- Since  $f$  is coercive, min achieved.

- max does not exist since setting  $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 3 - x_3$  and letting  $x_3 \rightarrow \infty$  makes  $f \rightarrow \infty$

# Chapter 4 Big $\mathcal{O}$ and Small $o$ Notation

## 4.1 Definition

### Complexity:

#### Definition 4.1

A sequence  $f(n)$  is  $O(1)$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) < \infty$ .



#### Definition 4.2

A sequence  $f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$  if  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)}$  is  $O(1)$ .



#### Definition 4.3

A sequence  $f(n)$  is  $o(1)$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup f(n) = 0$ .



#### Definition 4.4

A sequence  $f(n)$  is  $o(g(n))$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0$ .



#### Definition 4.5

A sequence  $f(n)$  is asymptotic to  $g(n)$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 1$ . (This is denoted by  $f(n) \sim g(n)$  as  $a \rightarrow \infty$ )



For two scalar functions  $f(x) \in \mathbb{R}, g(x) \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we write:

1.  $f(x) = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$  if  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|f(x)|}{g(x)} < \infty$ ; we say  $f$  is dominated by  $g$  asymptotically.
2.  $f(x) = \Omega(g(x))$  if  $\liminf_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|f(x)|}{g(x)} > 0$ .
3.  $f(x) = \Theta(g(x))$  if  $f(x) = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$  and  $f(x) = \Omega(g(x))$  both hold.
4.  $f(x) = o(g(x))$  if  $\liminf_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0$ .

### Example 4.1

$$n^3 + n + 2 = \Omega(1), n^3 + n + 2 = \Omega(n^2)$$

$$n^3 + n + 2 = \Theta(n^3)$$

$$n^3 + n + 2 = o(n^4)$$

### 4.1.1 Extension

$f(x) = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  if  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{|f(x)|}{g(x)} < \infty$ .

**Example 4.2**  $\varepsilon^2 + \varepsilon^3 = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

# Chapter 5 Lipschitz Continuous

## 5.1 Definition (@ Lec 04 of ECON 204)

### Definition 5.1 (Lipschitz (Continuous) in Normed Vector Space)

Let  $X, Y$  be normed vector spaces,  $\mathbb{E} \subseteq X$ . A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is **Lipschitz** on  $\mathbb{E}$  satisfies

$$\exists \gamma > 0, \|f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{y})\|_Y \leq \gamma \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_X, \forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{E}$$

or we call  $\gamma$ -**Lipschitz continuous**;



If  $f$  is  $\gamma$ -Lipschitz continuous, then it is also  $(\gamma + 1)$ -Lipschitz continuous

The minimal such  $\gamma$  is called a Lipschitz constant of function  $f$

Remark: Here  $\|\cdot\|$  can be any given norm of the space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , such as Euclidean norm,  $\ell_1$ -norm, etc.

When not specified, we assume it is Euclidean norm.

## 5.2 Example

Example 1:  $f(x) = 2x$  is 2-Lipschitz continuous;

Example 2: What about  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{Ax}$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a matrix? Spectral norm  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2$  (for Euclidean norm).

Example 3: What about  $f(x) = x^2$ ? Not Lipschitz continuous, or the Lipschitz constant is  $\infty$ .

## 5.3 Contraction Mapping

1. If the Lipschitz constant  $\gamma \leq 1$ , then  $f$  is called a non-expansive mapping.

2. If  $\gamma < 1$ , then  $f$  is called a contraction mapping

Example 1:  $f(x) = 2x$  is not a contraction mapping;  $f(x) = 0.5x$  is.

Example 2:  $f(x) = Ax$  is a contraction mapping (with respect to Euclidean norm) iff  $\|A\|_2 < 1$ .

## Chapter 6 Fixed point theorem

1. Fixed point theorem: If  $f$  is a contraction mapping that maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to itself, then the following two results hold:

1) There exists a unique fixed point  $x^*$  satisfying

$$\mathbf{x}^* = f(\mathbf{x}^*)$$

2) In addition, the iterated function sequence

$$\mathbf{x}, f(\mathbf{x}), f(f(\mathbf{x})), \dots,$$

converges to this unique fixed point  $x^*$  (independent of the initial point  $x$ ).

2. Remark: This is a special case of "Banach fixed point theorem" (which applies to any complete metric space).