

week 2.

Recall : what is  $\mathbb{R}$  ??

algebraically : satisfies

(A1) - (A4)

(M1) - (M4)

and (d)

} axiom

Ordering properties :  $\exists P \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , called the set of  
the number sit

①  $a < b \in P \iff a \cdot b \notin P$

②  $a \cdot b \in P \iff a, b \in P$

③  $\mathbb{R} = P \cup -P \cup \{0\}$

where  $-P = \{-a \mid a \in P\}$

completeness (final axiom)

$\forall S \neq \emptyset \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  which is bdd from above,

then  $\exists m \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t. ①  $s \leq m \quad \forall s \in S$

②  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists s_\epsilon \in S$  s.t.

$$m < s_\epsilon + \epsilon.$$

In this case,  $m$  is unique and is denoted  
by  $\sup S$ .

$(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  is a complete ordered field. ~~is~~

Morally, completeness " $\Leftrightarrow$ " fill the elements between  
all rational no.

Some consequence of completeness:

① Archimedean property:

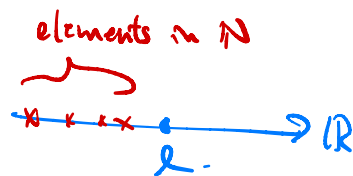
if  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\exists n_x \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $x < n_x$ .

pf: Suppose not,  $\exists x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x_0 \geq n.$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{N} \neq \emptyset \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\mathbb{N}$  is bdd from above.

$\Rightarrow \exists l \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $l = \sup \mathbb{N}$ .



★  $l$  might not be inside  $\mathbb{N}$ .

let  $\varepsilon = 1 > 0$ ,  $\exists n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$n_1 \leq l < n_1 + 1$$

But induction property of  $\mathbb{N} \Rightarrow n_1 + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow n_1 + 1 \leq l < n_1 + 1 \rightarrow \text{#}$$

Application of Archimedean property

Example:  $\inf \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} = 0$ .

pf: ① clearly,  $0 \leq \frac{1}{n} \forall n \Rightarrow 0 = \text{lower bdd}$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists n_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st. } n_\varepsilon > \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \quad (\text{A.P.})$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon > \frac{1}{n_\varepsilon}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists n_\varepsilon^{-1} \in \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \text{ st.}$$

$$n_\varepsilon^{-1} < \varepsilon + 0$$

$$\therefore 0 = \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}. \quad \#$$

Corollary: if  $x > 0$ , then  $\exists n_x \in \mathbb{N}$  st.

$$n_{x-1} \leq x < n_x$$

pf: Consider  $S = \{ m \in \mathbb{N} \mid x < m \} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \text{AP} \Rightarrow S \neq \emptyset.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{well-ordering} \Rightarrow \exists m_0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st. } m_0 = \min S \\ (= \inf S)$$

$$\text{In particular } m_0 - 1 \notin S$$

$$\Rightarrow m_0 - 1 \leq x < m_0. \quad \#$$

"Completeness" ← what does it mean??

Ex. Back to  $\sqrt{2}$ : the real <sup>irr</sup> number solving  $x^2 = 2$ .

numerically,  $\sqrt{2} = 1.41421356 \dots$   
*non-repeating,  $\infty$  many...*

i.e.  $\sqrt{2} = \text{Limit}$  of  $a_1 = 1$   
 $a_2 = 1.4$   
 $a_3 = 1.41 \dots$  etc.  
*these are all rational numbers !!*  
*very familiar !!*

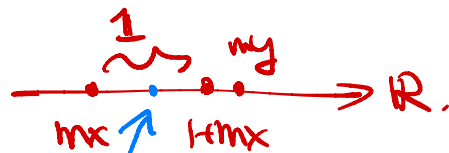
Expectation, all real numbers behave like this.

Mathematically:

Thm (density of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ):  $\forall x < y \in \mathbb{R}, \exists q \in \mathbb{Q}$  st.  
 $x < q < y$ .

pf: if  $y - x > 0$ , then  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$  st.  
 $y - x > \frac{1}{m}$  ( $\because \inf \{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \} = 0$ )

$\Rightarrow my > 1 + mx$



Corollary above  $\Rightarrow \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  st.

$n-1 \leq mx < n$

$\Rightarrow mx < n \leq mx+1 < my$



$$\Rightarrow x < \frac{n}{m} \stackrel{\mathbb{Q}}{=} z < y. \quad \#.$$

Meaning: Say  $\begin{cases} \sqrt{2} = x \in \mathbb{R} \\ \sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{n} = y \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \exists g_n \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ s.t. } \sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{n} < g_n < \sqrt{2}.$$

$\Rightarrow g_n$  is approaching  $\sqrt{2}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*will make more precise later.*

• this is an example of our numerical approximation of  $\sqrt{2}$ .

Similarly: Then (density of  $\mathbb{Q}^c$ ):  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $x < y$ ,  $\exists r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}^c$  s.t.  $x < r < y$ .

pf:  $\exists g \in \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.  $\sqrt{2}x < g < \sqrt{2}y$  (By density of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ).

$$\Rightarrow x < \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} < y$$

where  $r = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}$  cannot be rational.

*" $g \cdot (\sqrt{2})^{-1}$  leave  $\mathbb{Q}$ "*

Informally,

justify later.

$$\mathbb{R} = \{ \text{limit of } \mathcal{C} \}$$

Intervals: "connected" subset in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$[a, b]$ ,  $[a, b)$ ,  $(a, b)$ ,  $(a, b]$ , etc, ...

Thm (characterization of intervals)

If  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is st. ①  $\exists a \neq b \in \mathbb{R}$  st.  $a, b \in S$

②  $\forall x, y \in S$ ,  $[x, y] \subseteq S$

then  $S = \text{interval}$ .

pf: "If this is true, what can  $S$  be?"

①  $\Rightarrow S \neq \emptyset$ .

Case a: Suppose  $S$  is unbd from both sides

Claim:  $S = \mathbb{R}$ .

pf of claim: let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , unbd of  $S$

$\Downarrow$   
 $\exists s_1, s_2 \in S$  st.  $s_1 < x < s_2$

②  $\Rightarrow [s_1, s_2] \subseteq S \Rightarrow x \in S$

$\therefore \mathbb{R} \subseteq S \subseteq \mathbb{R} \quad \#$

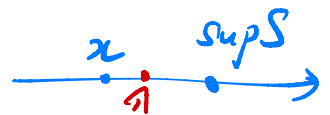
case b: Suppose  $S$  is bdd from above, but not below.

Claim:  $S = \text{either } (-\infty, a] \text{ or } (-\infty, a)$

- what is  $a$ ??
- $a$  must be  $\sup S = a$ .  $\leftarrow$  exists thanks to completeness

pf of claim: let  $x \in (-\infty, \sup S)$

then  $x < \sup S$



taking  $\varepsilon = \sup S - x > 0$ ,

$\exists s_0 \in S$  s.t.  $\sup S < s_0 + \varepsilon = s_0 + \sup S - x$

$\Rightarrow x < s_0 \leq \sup S$ .

unbdd below of  $S \Rightarrow \exists s_1 \in S$  s.t.  $x > s_1$

$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow x \in [s_1, s_0] \in S$

i.e.  $(-\infty, \sup S) \in S \subseteq (-\infty, \sup S] \neq$

$\leftarrow$  def.

similarly

case c:  $S$  is bdd from below but not above

$\Rightarrow (\inf S, +\infty) \in S \subseteq [\inf S, +\infty) \neq$

case d:  $S$  is bdd from above and below

$\Rightarrow (\inf S, \sup S) \in S \subseteq [\inf S, \sup S] \neq$

Sequence of intervals :  $\{I_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  where  $I_n = \text{intervals}$

special type :  $\{I_n\}$  is nested if  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$I_{n+1} \subseteq I_n. \quad (\text{"non-increasing"})$$

eg:  $\{I_n = (0, \frac{1}{n})\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  ,  $\{K_n = [0, \frac{1}{n}]\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

$$\{J_n = (0, \frac{1}{n}]\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

Q: which one behave the best??

$$\cdot \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (0, \frac{1}{n}) = \emptyset$$

since otherwise  $\exists x \in (0, \frac{1}{n}) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

But AP  $\Rightarrow x > \frac{1}{n_0}$  for some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$

So such  $x$  does not exist.

$$\cdot \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} J_n = \emptyset \quad \text{by some reasoning.}$$

$$\cdot \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n = 0 \quad \text{since if } x \in K_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{n}.$$

But above reasoning  $\Rightarrow x \leq 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$

Upshot: Closed interval "behaves" better  
in above sense.

Example:  $\{I_n = [n, +\infty)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is closed but  
unbounded interval.

$\Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n = \emptyset$  since otherwise  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}$   
s.t.  $x \geq n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow$  Contradicts with AP.  $\#$

Upshot: Bdd intervals are "better!"

Thm (Nested interval thm)

Suppose  $\{I_n = [a_n, b_n]\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a seq of nested  
intervals which are closed and bdd,

then  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n \neq \emptyset$ .

Moreover, if  $\inf \{b_n - a_n\} = 0$ , then  $|\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n| = 1$ .

pf: nested intervals  $\Rightarrow$   $\begin{cases} a_{n+1} \geq a_n, & \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \\ b_{n+1} \leq b_n, & \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$

$A \triangleq \{a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $B \triangleq \{b_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

then  $A, B$  are non-empty bdd sets

$\Rightarrow \sup A, \inf B$  exists by completeness.  
 $\quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow$   
 $\quad \quad \quad a \quad \quad \quad b.$

where  $\left. \begin{array}{l} a_n \leq a, b_m \forall n, m \\ b \leq b_m \forall m \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow a \leq b_m \forall m$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \Rightarrow a \leq b.$

Claim:  $[a, b] = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$

pf: ( $\subseteq$ ): let  $a \leq x \leq b,$

construction  $\Rightarrow \forall n, n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$a_n \leq a \leq x \leq b \leq b_n.$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in I_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$$

$$(\supseteq): \quad x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n \leq x \leq b_n \quad \forall n.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} x \leq b \quad (\because x = \text{lower bdd of } B) \\ x \geq a \quad (\because x = \text{upper bdd of } A) \end{array} \right\}$$

If  $\inf \{b_n - a_n\} = 0$ , then

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } b_n - a_n < \varepsilon.$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq b - a < \varepsilon.$$

i.e.  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , we have  $0 \leq b - a < \varepsilon$ .

$\Rightarrow b - a = 0$  since otherwise we might take  $\varepsilon = b - a > 0$  s.t.  $b - a < b - a$   $\rightarrow \text{c}$ .

$$\text{So } b - a = 0 \Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n = \{a=b\} \neq \emptyset$$

Thm:  $[0,1]$  is uncountable.

pf: If not, then  $[0,1] = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ .

taking  $I_0 = [0,1]$ , then  $\exists I_1 \subseteq I_0$  s.t.  $x_1 \notin I_1$

$\exists I_2 \subseteq I_1$  s.t.  $x_2 \notin I_2$

$\exists I_k \subseteq I_{k-1}$  s.t.  $x_k \notin I_k$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists \{I_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  nested, closed, bdd s.t.

$$x_n \notin I_n \quad \forall n.$$

Nested interval thm (NIT)

$$\Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n \neq \emptyset. \subseteq [0,1].$$

taking  $\eta \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$  s.t.  $\eta = x_N$  for some  $N$ .

$$\text{then } \eta = x_N \in I_N \cap I_N^c = \emptyset$$