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Lecture 2

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Cardinality (cont.)

**Notation:** Given a set $A$, $2^A$ is the set of all subsets of $A$. This is the “power set” of $A$, also denoted $P(A)$.

Important example of an uncountable set:

**Theorem 1** (Cantor). $2^\mathbb{N}$, the set of all subsets of $\mathbb{N}$, is not countable.

**Proof.** Suppose $2^\mathbb{N}$ is countable. Then there is a bijection $f : \mathbb{N} \to 2^\mathbb{N}$. Let $A_m = f(m)$. We create an infinite matrix, whose
\((m, n)^{th}\) entry is 1 if \(n \in A_m\), 0 otherwise:

\[
\begin{array}{c|cccccc}
\text{N} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \cdots \\
\hline
A_1 &=& \emptyset & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
A_2 &=& \{1\} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
2^\text{N} & A_3 &=& \{1, 2, 3\} & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
A_4 &=& \text{N} & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots \\
A_5 &=& 2^\text{N} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
\vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}
\]

Now, on the main diagonal, change all the 0s to 1s and vice
versa:

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Let

\[ t_{mn} = \begin{cases} 
1 & \text{if } n \in A_m \\
0 & \text{if } n \notin A_m
\end{cases} \]

Let \( A = \{ m \in \mathbb{N} : t_{mm} = 0 \} \).

\[ m \in A \iff t_{mm} = 0 \]
\[ \iff m \notin A_m \]
\[ 1 \in A \iff 1 \notin A_1 \text{ so } A \neq A_1 \]
\[ 2 \in A \iff 2 \notin A_2 \text{ so } A \neq A_2 \]
\[ \vdots \]
\[ m \in A \iff m \notin A_m \text{ so } A \neq A_m \]

Therefore, \( A \neq f(m) \) for any \( m \), so \( f \) is not onto, contradiction. \( \square \)
Some Additional Facts About Cardinality

Recall we let $|A|$ denote the cardinality of a set $A$.

- if $A$ is numerically equivalent to $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $|A| = n$.

- $A$ and $B$ are numerically equivalent if and only if $|A| = |B|$.

- if $|A| = n$ and $A$ is a proper subset of $B$ (that is, $A \subseteq B$ and $A \neq B$) then $|A| < |B|$.
• if $A$ is countable and $B$ is uncountable, then
  
  $$n < |A| < |B| \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

• if $A \subseteq B$ then $|A| \leq |B|$ 

• if $r : A \rightarrow B$ is 1-1, 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 

• if $r : A \rightarrow B$ is 1-1 and $B$ is countable, then $A$ is at most countable
Algebraic Structures: Fields

**Definition 1.** A field $\mathcal{F} = (F, +, \cdot)$ is a 3-tuple consisting of a set $F$ and two binary operations $+, \cdot : F \times F \to F$ such that

1. **Associativity of $+$:**
   \[ \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in F, \; (\alpha + \beta) + \gamma = \alpha + (\beta + \gamma) \]

2. **Commutativity of $+$:**
   \[ \forall \alpha, \beta \in F, \; \alpha + \beta = \beta + \alpha \]

3. **Existence of additive identity:**
   \[ \exists ! 0 \in F \; s.t. \; \forall \alpha \in F, \; \alpha + 0 = 0 + \alpha = \alpha \]
4. Existence of additive inverse:

\[ \forall \alpha \in F \ \exists!(-\alpha) \in F \ \text{s.t.} \ \alpha + (-\alpha) = (-\alpha) + \alpha = 0 \]

Define \( \alpha - \beta = \alpha + (-\beta) \)

5. Associativity of \( \cdot \):

\[ \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in F, \ (\alpha \cdot \beta) \cdot \gamma = \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot \gamma) \]

6. Commutativity of \( \cdot \):

\[ \forall \alpha, \beta \in F, \ \alpha \cdot \beta = \beta \cdot \alpha \]

7. Existence of multiplicative identity:

\[ \exists!1 \in F \ \text{s.t.} \ 1 \neq 0 \ \text{and} \ \forall \alpha \in F, \ \alpha \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot \alpha = \alpha \]
8. **Existence of multiplicative inverse:**

\[ \forall \alpha \in F \text{ s.t. } \alpha \neq 0 \exists! \alpha^{-1} \in F \text{ s.t. } \alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1} = \alpha^{-1} \cdot \alpha = 1 \]

Define \[ \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \alpha\beta^{-1}. \]

9. **Distributivity of multiplication over addition:**

\[ \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in F, \ \alpha \cdot (\beta + \gamma) = \alpha \cdot \beta + \alpha \cdot \gamma \]
Fields

Examples:

- **R**

- **C** = \{x + iy : x, y ∈ R\}. \(i^2 = -1\), so

\[(x + iy)(w + iz) = xw + ixz + iwy + i^2yz = (xw - yz) + i(xz + wy)\]

- **Q**: \(Q \subset \mathbb{R}\), \(Q \neq \mathbb{R}\). \(Q\) is closed under +, ·, taking additive and multiplicative inverses; the field axioms are inherited from the field axioms on \(\mathbb{R}\), so \(Q\) is a field.
• \( \mathbb{N} \) is not a field: no additive identity.

• \( \mathbb{Z} \) is not a field; no multiplicative inverse for 2.

• \( \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \), the smallest field containing \( \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\sqrt{2}\} \). Take \( \mathbb{Q} \), add \( \sqrt{2} \), and close up under +, \( \cdot \), taking additive and multiplicative inverses. One can show

\[
\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \{q + r\sqrt{2} : q, r \in \mathbb{Q}\}
\]

For example,

\[
(q + r\sqrt{2})^{-1} = \frac{q}{q^2 - 2r^2} - \frac{r}{q^2 - 2r^2}\sqrt{2}
\]
• A finite field: $F_2 = (\{0, 1\}, +, \cdot)$ where

\[
\begin{align*}
0 + 0 &= 0 & 0 \cdot 0 &= 0 \\
0 + 1 &= 1 + 0 = 1 & 0 \cdot 1 &= 1 \cdot 0 = 0 \\
1 + 1 &= 0 & 1 \cdot 1 &= 1
\end{align*}
\]

(“Arithmetic mod 2”)
Vector Spaces

**Definition 2.** A vector space is a 4-tuple \((V, F, +, \cdot)\) where \(V\) is a set of elements, called vectors, \(F\) is a field, \(+\) is a binary operation on \(V\) called vector addition, and \(\cdot : F \times V \rightarrow V\) is called scalar multiplication, satisfying

1. **Associativity of \(+\):**
   \[
   \forall x, y, z \in V, \ (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)
   \]

2. **Commutativity of \(+\):**
   \[
   \forall x, y \in V, \ x + y = y + x
   \]
3. **Existence of vector additive identity:**

\[ \exists ! 0 \in V \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in V, \; x + 0 = 0 + x = x \]

4. **Existence of vector additive inverse:**

\[ \forall x \in V \; \exists ! (-x) \in V \text{ s.t. } x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0 \]

Define \( x - y \) to be \( x + (-y) \).

5. **Distributivity of scalar multiplication over vector addition:**

\[ \forall \alpha \in F, x, y \in V, \; \alpha \cdot (x + y) = \alpha \cdot x + \alpha \cdot y \]

6. **Distributivity of scalar multiplication over scalar addition:**

\[ \forall \alpha, \beta \in F, x \in V \; (\alpha + \beta) \cdot x = \alpha \cdot x + \beta \cdot x \]
7. Associativity of $\cdot$:

$$\forall \alpha, \beta \in F, x \in V \quad (\alpha \cdot \beta) \cdot x = \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot x)$$

8. Multiplicative identity:

$$\forall x \in V \quad 1 \cdot x = x$$

(Note that 1 is the multiplicative identity in $F$; $1 \not\in V$)
Vector Spaces

Examples:

1. $\mathbb{R}^n$ over $\mathbb{R}$.

2. $\mathbb{R}$ is a vector space over $\mathbb{Q}$:

   (scalar multiplication) $q \cdot r = qr$ (product in $\mathbb{R}$)

   $\mathbb{R}$ is not finite-dimensional over $\mathbb{Q}$, i.e. $\mathbb{R}$ is not $\mathbb{Q}^n$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

3. $\mathbb{R}$ is a vector space over $\mathbb{R}$.
4. \( \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \) is a vector space over \( \mathbb{Q} \). As a vector space, it is \( \mathbb{Q}^2 \); as a field, you need to take the funny field multiplication.

5. \( \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}) \), as a vector space over \( \mathbb{Q} \), is \( \mathbb{Q}^3 \).

6. \( (F_2)^n \) is a *finite* vector space over \( F_2 \).

7. \( C([0,1]) \), the space of all continuous real-valued functions on \([0,1]\), is a vector space over \( \mathbb{R} \).

- vector addition:
  \[(f + g)(t) = f(t) + g(t)\]
Note we define the function $f + g$ by specifying what value it takes for each $t \in [0, 1]$.

• scalar multiplication:

\[(\alpha f)(t) = \alpha(f(t))\]

• vector additive identity: 0 is the function which is identically zero: $0(t) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

• vector additive inverse:

\[(-f)(t) = -(f(t))\]
Axioms for \( \mathbb{R} \)

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

2. **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

   \[
   \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \text{ either } \alpha \leq \beta \text{ or } \beta \leq \alpha
   \]

   The order is compatible with \( + \) and \( \cdot \), i.e.

   \[
   \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R} \left\{ \begin{array}{c}
   \alpha \leq \beta \Rightarrow \alpha + \gamma \leq \beta + \gamma \\
   \alpha \leq \beta, 0 \leq \gamma \Rightarrow \alpha \gamma \leq \beta \gamma
   \end{array} \right\}
   \]

   \( \alpha \geq \beta \) means \( \beta \leq \alpha \). \( \alpha < \beta \) means \( \alpha \leq \beta \) and \( \alpha \neq \beta \).
Completeness Axiom

3. **Completeness Axiom:** Suppose \( L, H \subseteq \mathbb{R}, \ L \neq \emptyset \neq H \) satisfy

\[
\ell \leq h \ \ \forall \ell \in L, h \in H
\]

Then

\[
\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \ell \leq \alpha \leq h \ \ \forall \ell \in L, h \in H
\]

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\alpha \\
L & \downarrow & H \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]

The Completeness Axiom differentiates \( \mathbb{R} \) from \( \mathbb{Q} \): \( \mathbb{Q} \) satisfies all the axioms for \( \mathbb{R} \) except the Completeness Axiom.
Sups, Infs, and the Supremum Property

**Definition 3.** Suppose $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. We say $u$ is an upper bound for $X$ if

$$x \leq u \ \forall x \in X$$

and $\ell$ is a lower bound for $X$ if

$$\ell \leq x \ \forall x \in X$$

$X$ is bounded above if there is an upper bound for $X$, and bounded below if there is a lower bound for $X$. 
Definition 4. Suppose $X$ is bounded above. The supremum of $X$, written $\sup X$, is the least upper bound for $X$, i.e. $\sup X$ satisfies

$$\sup X \geq x \ \forall x \in X \text{ (sup } X \text{ is an upper bound)}$$

$$\forall y < \sup X \ \exists x \in X \text{ s.t. } x > y \text{ (there is no smaller upper bound)}$$

Analogously, suppose $X$ is bounded below. The infimum of $X$, written $\inf X$, is the greatest lower bound for $X$, i.e. $\inf X$ satisfies

$$\inf X \leq x \ \forall x \in X \text{ (inf } X \text{ is a lower bound)}$$

$$\forall y > \inf X \ \exists x \in X \text{ s.t. } x < y \text{ (there is no greater lower bound)}$$

If $X$ is not bounded above, write $\sup X = \infty$. If $X$ is not bounded below, write $\inf X = -\infty$. Convention: $\sup \emptyset = -\infty$, $\inf \emptyset = +\infty$. 
The Supremum Property

**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.

**Note:** $\sup X$ need not be an element of $X$. For example, $\sup(0, 1) = 1 \notin (0, 1)$. 
The Supremum Property

**Theorem 2** (Theorem 6.8, plus . . ). *The Supremum Property and the Completeness Axiom are equivalent.*

*Proof.* Assume the Completeness Axiom. Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a nonempty set that is bounded above. Let $U$ be the set of all upper bounds for $X$. Since $X$ is bounded above, $U \neq \emptyset$. If $x \in X$ and $u \in U$, $x \leq u$ since $u$ is an upper bound for $X$. So

$$x \leq u \ \forall x \in X, u \in U$$

By the Completeness Axiom,

$$\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \ s.t. \ x \leq \alpha \leq u \ \forall x \in X, u \in U$$

$\alpha$ is an upper bound for $X$, and it is less than or equal to every other upper bound for $X$, so it is the least upper bound for $X$. 

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so \( \sup X = \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \). The case in which \( X \) is bounded below is similar. Thus, the Supremum Property holds.

Conversely, assume the Supremum Property. Suppose \( L, H \subseteq \mathbb{R}, L \neq \emptyset \neq H \), and

\[
\ell \leq h \ \forall \ell \in L, h \in H
\]

Since \( L \neq \emptyset \) and \( L \) is bounded above (by any element of \( H \)), \( \alpha = \sup L \) exists and is real. By the definition of supremum, \( \alpha \) is an upper bound for \( L \), so

\[
\ell \leq \alpha \ \forall \ell \in L
\]

Suppose \( h \in H \). Then \( h \) is an upper bound for \( L \), so by the definition of supremum, \( \alpha \leq h \). Therefore, we have shown that

\[
\ell \leq \alpha \leq h \ \forall \ell \in L, h \in H
\]

so the Completeness Axiom holds. \( \square \)
Archimedean Property

**Theorem 3** (Archimedean Property, Theorem 6.10 + ...).

\[ \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, y > 0 \ \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } ny = (y + \cdots + y) > x \]

*Proof*. Exercise. This is a nice exercise in proof by contradiction, using the Supremum Property. \qed
Intermediate Value Theorem

**Theorem 4** (Intermediate Value Theorem). *Suppose* \( f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R} \) *is continuous, and* \( f(a) < d < f(b) \). *Then there exists* \( c \in (a, b) \) *such that* \( f(c) = d \).

*Proof.* Later, we will give a slick proof. Here, we give a bare-hands proof using the Supremum Property. Let

\[
B = \{ x \in [a, b] : f(x) < d \}
\]

\( a \in B \), so \( B \neq \emptyset \); \( B \subseteq [a, b] \), so \( B \) is bounded above. By the Supremum Property, \( \sup B \) exists and is real so let \( c = \sup B \). Since \( a \in B \), \( c \geq a \). \( B \subseteq [a, b] \), so \( c \leq b \). Therefore, \( c \in [a, b] \).
We claim that \( f(c) = d \). If not, suppose \( f(c) < d \). Then since \( f(b) > d \), \( c \neq b \), so \( c < b \). Let \( \varepsilon = \frac{d - f(c)}{2} > 0 \). Since \( f \) is continuous at \( c \), there exists \( \delta > 0 \) such that

\[
|x - c| < \delta \quad \Rightarrow \quad |f(x) - f(c)| < \varepsilon
\]

\[
\Rightarrow \quad f(x) < f(c) + \varepsilon
= f(c) + \frac{d - f(c)}{2}
= \frac{f(c) + d}{2}
< \frac{d + d}{2}
= d
\]

so \((c, c + \delta) \subseteq B\), so \( c \neq \sup B\), contradiction.
Suppose \( f(c) > d \). Then since \( f(a) < d \), \( a \neq c \), so \( c > a \). Let \( \varepsilon = \frac{f(c) - d}{2} > 0 \). Since \( f \) is continuous at \( c \), there exists \( \delta > 0 \) such that

\[
|x - c| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(c)| < \varepsilon
\]

\[
\implies f(x) > f(c) - \varepsilon
\]

\[
= f(c) - \frac{f(c) - d}{2}
\]

\[
= \frac{f(c) + d}{2}
\]

\[
> \frac{d + d}{2}
\]

\[
= d
\]

so \((c - \delta, c + \delta) \cap B = \emptyset\). So either there exists \( x \in B \) with \( x \geq c + \delta \) (in which case \( c \) is not an upper bound for \( B \)) or \( c - \delta \) is an upper bound for \( B \) (in which case \( c \) is not the least upper bound for \( B \)); in either case, \( c \neq \sup B \), contradiction.
Since $f(c) \not< d$, $f(c) \not> d$, and the order is complete, $f(c) = d$.
Since $f(a) < d$ and $f(b) > d$, $a \neq c \neq b$, so $c \in (a, b)$. \qed
Corollary 1. There exists $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x^2 = 2$.

Proof. Let $f(x) = x^2$, for $x \in [0, 2]$. $f$ is continuous (Why?). $f(0) = 0 < 2$ and $f(2) = 4 > 2$, so by the Intermediate Value Theorem, there exists $c \in (0, 2)$ such that $f(c) = 2$, i.e. such that $c^2 = 2$. □