

PROOF.  $(r, \gamma) \sim (r, \gamma)$  is obvious:  $r = r$  and  $\gamma - \gamma = 0 \cdot 2\pi$ . To see  $\sim$  is symmetric, let  $(r, \gamma) \sim (r', \gamma')$ ; then  $r = r'$  and  $\gamma - \gamma' = n \cdot 2\pi$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore,  $r' = r$  and  $\gamma' - \gamma = (-n) \cdot 2\pi$ ; that is,  $(r', \gamma') \sim (r, \gamma)$ . Finally, to see  $\sim$  is transitive, let  $(r, \gamma) \sim (r', \gamma')$ , and  $(r', \gamma') \sim (r'', \gamma'')$ . In this case,  $r = r' = r''$ , so  $r = r''$ , and

$$\gamma - \gamma' = m \cdot 2\pi, \quad \gamma' - \gamma'' = n \cdot 2\pi,$$

where  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . But then  $\gamma - \gamma'' = (\gamma - \gamma') + (\gamma' - \gamma'') = (m + n) \cdot 2\pi$ . Hence,  $(r, \gamma) = (r'', \gamma'')$ . The above steps show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $P$ .

Consider an arbitrary element of  $P / \sim$ , say,  $[(r', \gamma')]_{\sim}$ . Since  $\gamma' \in \mathbb{R}$ , there must exist  $\gamma$  such that  $\gamma' - \gamma = n \cdot 2\pi$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then, there exists  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\gamma = \gamma' - n \cdot 2\pi$ . Hence, we can find a  $\tilde{n} \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying  $\gamma' / 2\pi - 1 \leq \tilde{n} \leq \gamma' / 2\pi$ , and let  $(r, \gamma) = (r', \gamma' - \tilde{n} \cdot 2\pi)$ .  $\square$

## 2.5 ORDERINGS

► EXERCISE 44 (2.5.1). a. Let  $R$  be an ordering of  $A$ ,  $S$  be the corresponding strict ordering of  $A$ , and  $R^*$  be the ordering corresponding to  $S$ . Show that  $R^* = R$ .

b. Let  $S$  be a strict ordering of  $A$ ,  $R$  be the corresponding ordering, and  $S^*$  be the strict ordering corresponding to  $R$ . Then  $S^* = S$ .

PROOF. (a) Let  $(a, b) \in R$ , where  $a, b \in A$ . If  $a = b$ , then  $(a, b) \in R^*$  because orderings are reflexive; if  $a \neq b$ , then  $(a, b) \in S$ . But then  $(a, b) \in R^*$ . Hence,  $R \subset R^*$ . To see the inverse direction, let  $(a, b) \in R^*$ . Firstly,  $a = b$  implies that  $(a, b) \in R$  since  $R$  is reflexive. So we suppose  $a \neq b$ . In this case,  $(a, b) \in S$ . Because  $S$  is  $R$ 's corresponding strict ordering of  $A$ , we know  $(a, b) \in S$  if and only if  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $a \neq b$ . Hence,  $R^* \subset R$ . This proves that  $R^* = R$ .

(b) Let  $(a, b) \in S$ , then  $a \neq b$ . Since  $R$  is  $S$ 's corresponding ordering, we have  $(a, b) \in R$ . Since  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $a \neq b$ , we have  $(a, b) \in S^*$ . The reverse direction can be proven with the same logic.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 45 (2.5.2). State the definitions of incomparable elements, maximal, minimal, greatest, and least elements and suprema and infima in terms of strict orderings.

SOLUTION. If  $(P, <)$  is a partially ordered set,  $X$  is a nonempty subset of  $P$ , and  $a \in P$ , then:

- $a$  and  $b$  are incomparable in  $<$  if  $a \neq b$  and neither  $a < b$  nor  $b < a$  holds;
- $a$  is a *maximal* element of  $X$  if  $a \in X$  and  $(\forall x \in X) a \not< x$ ;
- $a$  is a *minimal* element of  $X$  if  $a \in X$  and  $(\forall x \in X) x \not< a$ ;

- $a$  is the *greatest* element of  $X$  if  $a \in X$  and  $(\forall x \in X) x \leq a$ ;
- $a$  is the *least* element of  $X$  if  $a \in X$  and  $(\forall x \in X) a \leq x$ ;
- $a$  is an *upper bound* of  $X$  if  $(x \in X) x \leq a$ ;
- $a$  is a *lower bound* of  $X$  if  $(\forall x \in X) a \leq x$ ;
- $a$  is the *supremum* of  $X$  if  $a$  is the least upper bound of  $X$ ;
- $a$  is the *infimum* of  $X$  if  $a$  is the greatest lower bound of  $X$ . □

► EXERCISE 46 (2.5.3). Let  $R$  be an ordering of  $A$ . Prove that  $R^{-1}$  is also an ordering of  $A$ , and for  $B \subseteq A$ ,

a.  $a$  is the least element of  $B$  in  $R^{-1}$  if and only if  $a$  is the greatest element of  $B$  in  $R$ ;

b. Similarly for (minimal and maximal) and (supremum and infimum).

PROOF. (a) (i)  $aR^{-1}a$  since  $aRa$ . (ii) Suppose  $(a, b) \in R^{-1}$  and  $(b, a) \in R^{-1}$ . Then  $(b, a) \in R$  and  $(a, b) \in R$ , and so  $a = b$  since  $R$  is antisymmetric. (iii) Let  $aR^{-1}b$  and  $bR^{-1}c$ . Then  $bRa$  and  $cRb$ . Hence,  $cRa$  since  $R$  is transitive. But which means that  $aR^{-1}c$ , i.e.,  $R^{-1}$  is transitive.

(b) If  $a$  is the least element of  $B$  in  $R^{-1}$ , then  $a \in B$  and  $aR^{-1}x$  for all  $x \in B$ . But then  $xRa$  for all  $x \in B$ , i.e.,  $a$  is the greatest element of  $B$  in  $R$ ; if  $a$  be the greatest element of  $B$  in  $R$ , that is,  $a \in B$  and  $xRa$  for all  $x \in B$ , then  $aR^{-1}x$  for all  $x \in B$ , and so  $a$  is the least element of  $B$  in  $R^{-1}$ . With the same logic as (a) we can get (b). □

► EXERCISE 47 (2.5.4). Let  $R$  be an ordering of  $A$  and let  $B \subseteq A$ . Show that  $R \cap B^2$  is an ordering of  $B$ .

PROOF. (i) For every  $b \in B$  we have  $(b, b) \in B^2$  and  $(b, b) \in R$ ; hence,  $(b, b) \in R \cap B^2$ ; that is,  $R \cap B^2$  is reflexive. (ii) Let  $(a, b) \in R \cap B^2$  and  $(b, a) \in R \cap B^2$ . Then  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, a) \in R$  imply that  $a = b$ . Therefore,  $R \cap B^2$  is antisymmetric. (iii) Let  $(a, b) \in R \cap B^2$  and  $(b, c) \in R \cap B^2$ . Then  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R$  implies that  $(a, c) \in R$ . Furthermore, since both  $a \in B$  and  $c \in B$ , we have  $(a, c) \in B^2$ . Hence,  $(a, c) \in R \cap B^2$ ; that is,  $R \cap B^2$  is transitive. □

► EXERCISE 48 (2.5.5). Give examples of a finite ordered set  $(A, \leq)$  and a subset  $B$  of  $A$  so that

- a.  $B$  has no greatest element.
- b.  $B$  has no least element.
- c.  $B$  has no greatest element, but  $B$  has a supremum.
- d.  $B$  has no supremum.

PROOF. **(a)** Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $B = \{a, b, c\}$ , and

$$\leq = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d), (a, d), (b, d), (c, d)\}.$$

In this example,  $a$  is not the greatest element of  $B$  because  $(a, b)$ ,  $(a, c)$  are incomparable; similarly,  $b$  and  $c$  are not the greatest elements of  $B$ .

**(b)** As the example in (a), there is no least element.

**(c)** As the example in (a), there is no greatest element, but  $d$  is an upper bound of  $B$ , and it is the least upper bound of  $B$ , so  $d$  is the supremum of  $B$ .

**(d)** Let  $A = \{a, b, c, c\}$ ,  $B = \{a, b, c\}$ , and  $\leq = \{(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d)\}$ . Then there is no upper bound of  $B$ , and consequently,  $B$  has no supremum.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 49 (2.5.6). a. Let  $(A, <)$  be a strictly ordered set and  $b \notin A$ . Define a relation  $<$  in  $B = A \cup \{b\}$  as follows:

$$x < y \text{ if and only if } (x, y \in A \text{ and } x < y) \text{ or } (x \in A \text{ and } y = b).$$

Show that  $<$  is a strict ordering of  $B$  and  $< \cap A^2 = <$ .

b. Generalize part (a): Let  $(A_1, <_1)$  and  $(A_2, <_2)$  be strict orderings,  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ . Define a relation  $<$  on  $B = A_1 \cup A_2$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x < y \text{ if and only if } &x, y \in A_1 \text{ and } x <_1 y \\ &\text{or } x, y \in A_2 \text{ and } x <_2 y \\ &\text{or } x \in A_1 \text{ and } y \in A_2. \end{aligned}$$

Show that  $<$  is a strict ordering of  $B$  and  $< \cap A_1^2 = <_1$ ,  $< \cap A_2^2 = <_2$ .

PROOF. **(a)** Let  $x < y$ . Then either  $x, y \in A$  and  $x < y$  or  $x \in A$  and  $y = b$ . In the first case,  $y \not< x$  because  $y \not< x$ ; in the later case,  $y \not< x$  by definition. Therefore,  $<$  is asymmetric.

Let  $x < y$  and  $y < z$ . Then  $y \neq b$ ; otherwise,  $y < z$  cannot hold. With the same logic,  $x \neq b$ , too. If  $z = b$ , then  $x < z = b$  by definition; if  $z \in A$ , then  $x < y$  and  $y < z$  implies  $x < z$  and so  $x < z$ .

To prove  $(< \cap A^2) = <$ , let  $(x, y) \in (< \cap A^2)$ . Then  $x, y \in A$  and  $(x, y) \in <$ , which means that  $(x, y) \in <$ . Now let  $(x, y) \in <$ . Then  $x, y \in A \implies (x, y) \in A^2$  and  $(x, y) \in <$  by definition of  $<$ ; hence,  $(x, y) \in (< \cap A^2)$ .

**(b)** Let  $x < y$ . If  $x, y \in A_1$ , then  $x <_1 y$  and so  $y \not< x$ ; if  $x, y \in A_2$ , then  $x <_2 y$  and so  $y \not< x$ ; if  $x \in A_1$  and  $y \in A_2$ , then  $y \not< x$  by definition.

Let  $x < y$  and  $y < z$ . There are four cases:

- $x, y, z \in A_1$ . In this case,  $x <_1 y <_1 z \implies x <_1 z \implies x < z$ .
- $x, y, z \in A_2$ . In this case,  $x <_2 y <_2 z \implies x <_2 z \implies x < z$ .
- $x, y \in A_1$  and  $z \in A_2$ . In this case,  $x < z$  by definition.

- $x \in A_1$  and  $y, z \in A_2$ . In this case,  $x < z$  by definition.

To prove  $(< \cap A_1^2) = <_1$ , suppose  $(x, y) \in (< \cap A_1^2)$  firstly. Then  $(x, y) \in <$  and  $x, y \in A_1$ ; hence  $x < y \implies x <_1 y$ . Now suppose  $(x, y) \in <_1$ . Then  $x < y$  and  $x, y \in A_1$ ; that is,  $(x, y) \in (< \cap A_1^2)$ .

The result that  $(< \cap A_2^2) = <_2$  can be proved with the same logic.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 50 (2.5.7). Let  $R$  be a reflexive and transitive relation in  $A$  ( $R$  is called a preordering of  $A$ ). Define  $E$  in  $A$  by

$$aEb \text{ if and only if } aRb \text{ and } bRa.$$

Show that  $E$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ . Define the relation  $R/E$  in  $A/E$  by

$$[a]_E (R/E) [b]_E \text{ if and only if } aRb.$$

Show that the definition does not depend on the choice of representatives for  $[a]_E$  and  $[b]_E$ . Prove that  $R/E$  is an ordering of  $A/E$ .

PROOF. We first show that  $E$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ . (i)  $E$  is reflexive since  $R$  is. (ii)  $E$  is symmetric: if  $aEb$ , then  $aRb$  and  $bRa$ , i.e.,  $bRa$  and  $aRb$ ; therefore,  $bEa$  by the definition of  $E$ . (iii)  $E$  is transitive: if  $aEb$  and  $bEc$ , then  $aRb$  and  $bRa$ , and  $bRc$  and  $cRb$ . Hence,  $aRc$  and  $cRa$  by the transitivity of  $R$ . We thus have  $aEc$ .

Let  $[a]_E (R/E) [b]_E$  if and only if  $aRb$ . We show that if  $c \in [a]_E$  and  $d \in [b]_E$ , then  $[a]_E (R/E) [b]_E$  if and only if  $cRd$ . We first focus on the "IF" part. Since  $c \in [a]_E$ , we have  $cEa$ , i.e.,  $aRc$  and  $cRa$ ; similarly,  $dRb$  and  $bRd$ . Let  $cRd$ . We first have  $aRd$  since  $aRc$ ; we also have  $dRb$ ; hence  $aRb$ , i.e.,  $cRd$  implies that  $[a]_E (R/E) [b]_E$ . To prove the "ONLY IF" part, let  $[a]_E (R/E) [b]_E$ . Then  $aRb$ . Since  $cRa$  and  $bRd$ , we have  $cRd$ .

$R/E$  is an ordering of  $A/E$  since (i)  $R/E$  is reflexive: for any  $[a]_E \in A/E$ , we have  $a \in [a]_E$  and  $aRa$ , so  $[a]_E (R/E) [a]_E$ ; (ii)  $R/E$  is antisymmetric: if  $[a]_E (R/E) [b]_E$  and  $[b]_E (R/E) [a]_E$ , then  $aRb$  and  $bRa$ , i.e.,  $aEb$ . Hence,  $[a]_E = [b]_E$ ; (iii)  $R/E$  is transitive: if  $[a]_E (R/E) [b]_E$  and  $[b]_E (R/E) [c]_E$ , then  $aRb$  and  $bRc$  and so  $aRc$ , that is,  $[a]_E (R/E) [c]_E$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 51 (2.5.8). Let  $A = \mathcal{P}(X)$ ,  $X \neq \emptyset$ . Prove:

a. Any  $S \subseteq A$  has a supremum in the ordering  $\subseteq_A$ ;  $\sup S = \bigcup S$ .

b. Any  $S \subseteq A$  has an infimum in  $\subseteq_A$ ;  $\inf S = \bigcap S$  if  $S \neq \emptyset$ ;  $\inf \emptyset = X$ .

PROOF. (a) Let  $U = \{u \in A \mid s \subseteq_A u, \forall s \in S\}$ , i.e.,  $U$  is the set of all the upper bounds of  $S$  according to  $\subseteq_A$ . Note that  $U \neq \emptyset$  since  $X \in U$ . Now we show that the least element of  $U$  exists, and which is  $\bigcup S$ . Since  $s \subseteq_A s \subseteq_A \bigcup S$  for any  $s \in S$ , we have  $\bigcup S \in U$ ; to see that  $\bigcup S$  is the least element of  $U$ , take any  $u \in U$ . Then  $s \subseteq_A u$  for all  $s \in S$  and so  $\bigcup S \subseteq_A u$ ; therefore,  $\sup S = \bigcup S$ .

(b) Let  $L = \{\ell \in A \mid \ell \subseteq_A s, \forall s \in S\}$ , i.e.,  $L$  is the set of all the lower bounds of  $S$  according to  $\subseteq_A$ , and  $L \neq \emptyset$  since  $\emptyset \in L$ . We first consider the case that  $S \neq \emptyset$ , and show that  $\sup L = \bigcap S$ . Firstly, it is clear that  $\bigcap S \in L$ ; secondly, if  $\ell \in L$ , then  $\ell \subseteq_A s$  for all  $s \in S$ , so  $\ell \subseteq_A \bigcap S$ . Therefore,  $\inf S = \bigcap S$  if  $S \neq \emptyset$ .

Finally, let  $S = \emptyset$ . Then  $\inf \emptyset = X$  because for all  $B \subseteq X$ ,  $B \subseteq_A C$ ,  $\forall C \in \emptyset = S$ . Suppose it were not the case. Then there exists  $C' \in \emptyset$  such that  $B \not\subseteq_A C'$ . However, there does not exist such a  $C' \in \emptyset$  since there is no element in  $\emptyset$ . Therefore, all subsets of  $X$ , including  $X$  itself, is a lower bound of  $\emptyset$  according to  $\subseteq_A$ . Then the greatest element according to  $\subseteq_A$  is  $X$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 52 (2.5.9). Let  $\text{Fn}(X, Y)$  be the set of all functions mapping a subset of  $X$  into  $Y$  [i.e.,  $\text{Fn}(X, Y) = \bigcup_{Z \subseteq X} Y^Z$ ]. Define a relation  $\leq$  in  $\text{Fn}(X, Y)$  by

$$f \leq g \text{ if and only if } f \subseteq g.$$

a. Prove that  $\leq$  is an ordering of  $\text{Fn}(X, Y)$ .

b. Let  $F \subseteq \text{Fn}(X, Y)$ . Show that  $\sup F$  exists if and only if  $F$  is a compatible system of functions; then  $\sup F = \bigcup F$ .

PROOF. (a) The relation  $\leq$  is *reflexive* since  $f \subseteq f$  for any  $f \in \text{Fn}(X, Y)$ . If  $f \leq g$  and  $g \leq f$ , then  $f \subseteq g$  and  $g \subseteq f$ . By the Axiom of Extensionality, we have  $f = g$ ; hence,  $\leq$  is *antisymmetric*. Finally, let  $f \leq g$ , and  $g \leq h$ , where  $f, g, h \in \text{Fn}(X, Y)$ . Then  $f \subseteq g$  and  $g \subseteq h$  implies that  $f \subseteq h$ ; that is,  $\leq$  is *transitive*. Therefore,  $\leq$  is an ordering of  $\text{Fn}(X, Y)$ .

(b) Let  $F \subseteq \text{Fn}(X, Y)$ . If  $\sup F$  exists, there is a function  $\sup F \in \text{Fn}(X, Y)$  such that for any  $f, g \in \text{Fn}(X, Y)$ ,  $f \subseteq \sup F$  and  $g \subseteq \sup F$ . Suppose  $(x, y) \in f$ , and  $(x, z) \in g$ . Then  $(x, y) \in \sup F$ , and  $(x, z) \in \sup F$ . Hence, it must be the case that  $y = z$ ; otherwise,  $\sup F$  would be not a function. This proves  $F$  is a compatible system of functions.

Now suppose  $F$  is a compatible system of functions. Then,  $\bigcup F$  is a function with  $\mathfrak{D}_F = \bigcup \{\mathfrak{D}_f \mid f \in F\} \subseteq X$ ; therefore,  $\bigcup F \in \text{Fn}(X, Y)$ . It is easy to see that  $\bigcup F$  is an upper bound of  $F$  since  $f \subseteq \bigcup F \iff f \leq \bigcup F$  for any  $f \in F$ . Finally, let  $G$  be any upper bound of  $F$ , then  $f \subseteq G$  for any  $f \in F$ ; consequently,

$$\left[ \bigcup F = \bigcup_{f \in F} f \subseteq G \right] \implies \bigcup F \leq G,$$

for any upper bound of  $F$ . This proves that  $\sup F = \bigcup F$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 53 (2.5.10). Let  $A \neq \emptyset$ ; let  $\text{Pt}(A)$  be the set of all partitions of  $A$ . Define a relation  $\preceq$  in  $\text{Pt}(A)$  by

$$S_1 \preceq S_2 \text{ if and only if for every } C \in S_1 \text{ there is } D \in S_2 \text{ such that } C \subseteq D.$$

(We say that the partition  $S_1$  is a refinement of the partition  $S_2$  if  $S_1 \preceq S_2$  holds.)

- a. Show that  $\preceq$  is an ordering.
- b. Let  $S_1, S_2 \in \text{Pt}(A)$ . Show that  $\{S_1, S_2\}$  has an infimum. How is the equivalence relation  $E_S$  related to the equivalence  $E_{S_1}$  and  $E_{S_2}$ ?
- c. Let  $T \subseteq \text{Pt}(A)$ . Show that  $\inf T$  exists.
- d. Let  $T \subseteq \text{Pt}(A)$ . Show that  $\sup T$  exists.

PROOF. (a) It is clear that  $\preceq$  is reflexive. To see  $\preceq$  is antisymmetric, let  $S_1 \preceq S_2$  and  $S_2 \preceq S_1$ , where  $S_1, S_2 \in \text{Pt}(A)$ . Since  $S_1 \preceq S_2$ , for every  $C_1 \in S_1$  there is  $D_2 \in S_2$  such that  $C_1 \subseteq D_2$ . Suppose that  $C_1 \subset D_2$ . Since  $S_2 \preceq S_1$ , there is  $D_1 \in S_1$  such that  $D_2 \subseteq D_1$ . Then  $C_1 \subset D_1$ . But then  $C_1 \cap D_1 \neq \emptyset$  A contradiction. Hence,  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$ . Similarly,  $S_2 \subseteq S_1$ .

To verify that  $\preceq$  is transitive, let  $S_1 \preceq S_2$ , and  $S_2 \preceq S_3$ , where  $S_1, S_2, S_3 \in \text{Pt}(A)$ . Then for every  $C \in S_1$ , there is  $D \in S_2$  and  $E \in S_3$  such that  $C \subseteq D \subseteq E$ ; that is,  $C \subseteq E$ . Hence,  $S_1 \preceq S_3$ .

(b) Let  $S_1, S_2 \in \text{Pt}(A)$ . Let  $\mathcal{L} = \{S \in \text{Pt}(A) : S \preceq S_1 \text{ and } S \preceq S_2\}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{L} \neq \emptyset$  because  $\{\{a\} : a \in A\} \in \mathcal{L}$ . We now show

$$M = \{C \cap D : C \in S_1 \text{ and } D \in S_2\}$$

is the greatest element of  $\mathcal{L}$ . If  $m \in M$ , then there exist  $C \in S_1$  and  $D \in S_2$  such that  $m = C \cap D$ . Then  $m \subseteq C$  and  $m \subseteq D$ ; that is,  $M \preceq S_1$  and  $M \preceq S_2$ ; that is,  $M \in \mathcal{L}$ .

Pick an arbitrary  $N \in \mathcal{L}$ . Then for every  $n \in N$ , there exists  $C \in S_1$  such that  $n \subseteq C$ , and there exists  $D \in S_2$  such that  $n \subseteq D$ ; that is,  $n \subseteq C \cap D \in M$ . Hence,  $N \preceq M$  and so  $M = \inf \{S_1, S_2\}$ .

(c) The same as (b).

(d) Let  $T \subseteq \text{Pt}(A)$ . Define  $\mathcal{U} = \{S \in \text{Pt}(A) : t \preceq S \forall t \in T\}$ . Notice that  $\mathcal{U} \neq \emptyset$  because  $A \in \mathcal{U}$ . Now we show that

$$\sup T = \left\{ \bigcup_{C_i \in t_i} C_i : t_i \in T \right\} = P.$$

This can be proved as follows:

- $P \in \mathcal{U}$ . For any  $C_i \in t_i \in T$ ,  $C_i \subseteq C_i \cup \bigcup_{C_j \in t_j} C_j \in P$ , where  $j \neq i$ ; hence  $t_i \preceq P, \forall t_i \in T$ .
- $P$  is the least element of  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose  $Q \in \mathcal{U}$ . Then  $t_i \preceq Q, \forall t_i \in T$ ; then, for any  $C_i \in t_i$ , there exists  $q \in Q$  such that  $C_i \subseteq q$ , for all  $t_i \in T$ . But which means that  $\bigcup_{C_i \in t_i} C_i \subseteq q, \forall t_i \in T$ . Hence,  $P \preceq Q, \forall Q \in \mathcal{U}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 54 (2.5.11). Show that if  $(P, <)$  and  $(Q, <)$  are isomorphic strictly ordered sets and  $<$  is a linear ordering, then  $<$  is a linear ordering.

PROOF. Let  $h: P \rightarrow Q$  be the isomorphism. Pick any  $q_1, q_2 \in Q$  with  $q_1 \neq q_2$ . There exist  $p_1, p_2 \in P$  with  $p_1 \neq p_2$  such that  $q_1 = h(p_1)$  and  $q_2 = h(p_2)$ . Since  $<$  is a linear ordering,  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are comparable, say,  $p_1 < p_2$ . Then  $h(p_1) = q_1 < q_2 = h(p_2)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 55 (2.5.12). *The identity function on  $P$  is an isomorphism between  $(P, <)$  and  $(P, <)$ .*

PROOF. The function  $\text{Id}_P: P \rightarrow P$  is bijective, and  $p_1 < p_2$  iff  $\text{Id}_P(p_1) < \text{Id}_P(p_2)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 56 (2.5.13). *If  $h$  is an isomorphism between  $(P, <)$  and  $(Q, <)$ , then  $h^{-1}$  is an isomorphism between  $(Q, <)$  and  $(P, <)$ .*

PROOF. Since  $\mathfrak{D}_{h^{-1}} = \mathfrak{R}_h = Q$ , and  $\mathfrak{R}_{h^{-1}} = \mathfrak{D}_h = P$ , the function  $h^{-1}: Q \rightarrow P$  is bijective. For all  $q_1, q_2 \in Q$ , there exists unique  $p_1, p_2 \in P$  such that  $q_1 = h(p_1)$  and  $q_2 = h(p_2)$ ; then

$$q_1 < q_2 \iff h(p_1) < h(p_2) \iff p_1 < p_2 \iff h^{-1}(q_1) < h^{-1}(q_2). \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 57 (2.5.14). *If  $f$  is an isomorphism between  $(P_1, <_1)$  and  $(P_2, <_2)$ , and if  $g$  is an isomorphism between  $(P_2, <_2)$  and  $(P_3, <_3)$ , then  $g \circ f$  is an isomorphism between  $(P_1, <_1)$  and  $(P_3, <_3)$ .*

PROOF. First,  $\mathfrak{D}_{g \circ f} = \mathfrak{D}_f \cap f^{-1}[\mathfrak{D}_g] = P_1 \cap f^{-1}[P_2] = P_1$ . Next, for every  $p_3 \in P_3$ , there exists  $p_2 \in P_2$  such that  $p_3 = g(p_2)$ , and for every  $p_2 \in P_2$ , there exists  $p_1 \in P_1$  such that  $p_2 = f(p_1)$ . Therefore, for every  $p_3 \in P_3$ , there exists  $p_1 \in P_1$  such that  $p_3 = g(p_2) = g(f(p_1)) = (g \circ f)(p_1)$ . Hence,  $g \circ f: P_1 \rightarrow P_3$  is surjective.

To see that  $g \circ f$  is injective, let  $p_1 \neq p'_1$ . Then  $f(p_1) \neq f(p'_1)$ , and so  $g(f(p_1)) \neq g(f(p'_1))$ .

Finally, to see  $g \circ f$  is order-preserving, notice that

$$p_1 <_1 p'_1 \iff f(p_1) <_2 f(p'_1) \iff (g \circ f)(p_1) <_3 (g \circ f)(p'_1). \quad \square$$





# 3

## NATURAL NUMBERS

### 3.1 INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL NUMBERS

► EXERCISE 58 (3.1.1).  $x \subseteq S(x)$  and there is no  $z$  such that  $x \subset z \subset S(x)$ .

PROOF. It is clear that  $x \subseteq x \cup \{x\} = S(x)$ . Given  $x$ , suppose there exists a set  $z$  such that  $x \subset z$ . Then there must exist some set  $a \neq \emptyset$  such that  $z = x \cup a$ . If  $a = \{x\}$ , then  $z = S(x)$ ; if  $a \neq \{x\}$ , then there must exist  $d \in a$  such that  $d \neq x$ . Therefore, we have  $a \not\subseteq \{x\}$ . Consequently,  $z = x \cup a \not\subseteq x \cup \{x\} = S(x)(d)$ . □

### 3.2 PROPERTIES OF NATURAL NUMBERS

► EXERCISE 59 (3.2.1). Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that there is no  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n < k < n + 1$ .

PROOF. (Method 1) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n < k$ . Then  $n \in k$ ; that is,  $n \subset k$  [See Exercise 65]. If  $k < n + 1$ , then  $k \subset n + 1 = S(n)$ . That is impossible by Exercise 58.

(Method 2) Suppose there exists  $k$  such that  $k < n + 1$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $k < n + 1$  if and only if  $k < n$  or  $k = n$ . Therefore, it cannot be the case that  $n < k$ . □

► EXERCISE 60 (3.2.2). Use Exercise 59 to prove for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ : if  $m < n$ , then  $m + 1 \leq n$ . Conclude that  $m < n$  implies  $m + 1 < n + 1$  and that therefore the successor  $S(n) = n + 1$  defines a one-to-one function in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

PROOF.  $m < m + 1$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows from Exercise 59 that there is no  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfying  $m < n < m + 1$ . Since  $<$  is linear on  $\mathbb{N}$ , it must be the case that  $m + 1 \leq n$ . Then  $m + 1 \leq n < n + 1$  implies that  $m + 1 < n + 1$ . To see  $S(n)$  is one-to-one, let  $m < n$ . Then  $S(m) = m + 1$ ,  $S(n) = n + 1$ , and so  $m + 1 < n + 1$ . □

► EXERCISE 61 (3.2.3). Prove that there is a one-to-one mapping of  $\mathbb{N}$  onto a proper subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

PROOF. Just consider  $S: n \mapsto n + 1$ . By [Exercise 60](#),  $S$  is injective. By definition,  $S$  is defined on  $\mathbb{N}$ , i.e.,  $\mathfrak{D}_S = \mathbb{N}$ , and by the following [Exercise 62](#),  $\mathfrak{R}_S = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . Therefore,  $S: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ , as desired.  $\square$

► [EXERCISE 62 \(3.2.4\)](#). For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \neq 0$ , there is a unique  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = k + 1$ .

PROOF. We use the induction principle in [Exercise 69](#) to prove this claim. Let  $\mathbf{P}(x)$  be “there is a unique  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x = k + 1$ ”. It is clear that  $\mathbf{P}(1)$  holds since  $1 = 0 + 1$ . The uniqueness of  $0 = \emptyset$  is from [Lemma 3.1](#) in [Chapter 1](#). Now suppose that  $\mathbf{P}(n)$  holds and consider  $\mathbf{P}(n + 1)$ . We have  $n + 1 = (k + 1) + 1$  by the induction assumption  $\mathbf{P}(n)$ . Note that  $k + 1 = S(k) \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $k + 1 = k'$ . The uniqueness of  $k$  implies that  $k'$  is unique. We thus complete the proof.  $\square$

► [EXERCISE 63 \(3.2.5\)](#). For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \neq 0, 1$ , there is a unique  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = (k + 1) + 1$ .

PROOF. We know from [Exercise 62](#) that for every nonzero  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there is a unique  $k' \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $n = k' + 1$ . Now consider  $k' \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $n \neq 1$ , then  $k' \neq 0$ . Therefore, we can impose the result of [Exercise 62](#) on  $k'$ ; that is, there is a unique  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $k' = k + 1$ . Combining these above two steps, we know for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \neq 0, 1$ , there is a unique  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = (k + 1) + 1$ .  $\square$

► [EXERCISE 64 \(3.2.6\)](#). Prove that each natural number is the set of all smaller natural numbers; i.e.,  $n = \{m \in \mathbb{N} : m < n\}$ .

PROOF. Let  $\mathbf{P}(x)$  denote “ $x = \{m \in \mathbb{N} : m < x\}$ ”. It is evident that  $\mathbf{P}(0)$  holds trivially. Assume that  $\mathbf{P}(n)$  holds and let us consider  $\mathbf{P}(n + 1)$ . We have

$$n + 1 = n \cup \{n\} = \{m \in \mathbb{N} : m < n\} \cup \{n\} = \{m \in \mathbb{N} : m < n + 1\}. \quad \square$$

► [EXERCISE 65 \(3.2.7\)](#). For all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m < n$  if and only if  $m \subset n$ .

PROOF. Let  $\mathbf{P}(x)$  be the property “ $m < x$  if and only if  $m \subset x$ ”. It is clear that  $\mathbf{P}(0)$  holds trivially. Assume that  $\mathbf{P}(n)$  holds. Let us consider  $\mathbf{P}(n + 1)$ . First let  $m < n + 1$ ; then  $m < n$  or  $m = n$ . If  $m < n$ , then  $m \subset n \subset (n + 1)$  by the induction assumption  $\mathbf{P}(n)$ ; if  $m = n$ , then  $m = n \subset (n + 1)$ , too. Now assume that  $m \subset (n + 1)$ . Then either  $m = n$  or  $m \subset n$ . We get  $m < n + 1$  in either case.  $\square$

► [EXERCISE 66 \(3.2.8\)](#). Prove that there is no function  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f(n) > f(n + 1)$ . (There is no infinite decreasing sequence of natural numbers.)

PROOF. Suppose there were such a function  $f$ . Then  $\emptyset \neq \{f(n) \in \mathbb{N} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . Because  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$  is well-ordered, the set  $\{f(n) \in \mathbb{N} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  has a least element  $\alpha$ ; that is, there is  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f(m) = \alpha$ . But  $f(m + 1) < f(m) = \alpha$ , which contradicts the assumption that  $\alpha$  is the least element.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 67 (3.2.9). If  $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\langle X, < \cap X^2 \rangle$  is well-ordered.

PROOF. Let  $Y \subseteq X$  be nonempty.  $Y$  has a least element  $y$  when  $Y$  is embedded in  $\mathbb{N}$ . But clearly  $y$  is still a least element of  $Y$  when  $Y$  is embedded in  $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 68 (3.2.10). In [Exercise 49](#), let  $A = \mathbb{N}$ ,  $b = \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $<$  as defined there is a well-ordering of  $B = \mathbb{N} \cup \{\mathbb{N}\}$ . Notice that  $x < y$  if and only if  $x \in y$  holds for all  $x, y \in B$ .

PROOF. The relation  $<$  in  $B = \mathbb{N} \cup \{\mathbb{N}\}$  is defined as

$$x < y \iff (x, y \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x < y) \text{ or } (x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } y = \mathbb{N}) \iff x \in y.$$

Let  $X \subseteq B = \mathbb{N} \cup \{\mathbb{N}\}$  be nonempty. There are two cases:

- If  $\mathbb{N} \notin X$ , then  $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , and so  $X$  has a least element since  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$  is well-ordered.
- If  $\mathbb{N} \in X$ , then  $X = Y \cup \{\mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . Hence,  $Y$  has a least element  $\alpha$ . But  $\alpha < \mathbb{N}$  since  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ ; that is,  $\alpha$  is the least element of  $X$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 69 (3.2.11). Let  $\mathbf{P}(x)$  be a property. Assume that  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and

- a.  $\mathbf{P}(k)$  holds.
- b. For all  $n \geq k$ , if  $\mathbf{P}(n)$  then  $\mathbf{P}(n + 1)$ .

Then  $\mathbf{P}(n)$  holds for all  $n \geq k$ .

PROOF. If  $k = 0$ , then this is the original Induction Principle. So assume that  $k > 0$  and  $\mathbf{P}(k)$  holds. Then, by [Exercise 62](#), there is a unique  $k' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $k' + 1 = k$ . Define

$$B = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \leq k'\}, \quad \text{and} \quad C = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq k \text{ and } \mathbf{P}(n)\}.$$

Notice that  $B \cap C = \emptyset$ .

We now show that  $A = B \cup C$  is inductive. Obviously,  $0 \in A$ . If  $n \in B$ , then either  $n < k'$  and so  $n + 1 \in B$ , or  $n = k'$  and so  $n + 1 = k \in C$ . If  $n \in C$ , then  $n + 1 \in C$  by assumption. Hence,  $\mathbb{N} = A$  (since  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ ), and so  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \geq k\} = \mathbb{N} \setminus B = C$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 70 (3.2.12, Finite Induction Principle). Let  $\mathbf{P}(x)$  be a property. Assume that  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and

- a.  $\mathbf{P}(0)$ .
- b. For all  $n < k$ ,  $\mathbf{P}(n)$  implies  $\mathbf{P}(n + 1)$ .

Then  $\mathbf{P}(n)$  holds for all  $n \leq k$ .

PROOF. Suppose there were  $n < k$  such that  $\neg\mathbf{P}(n)$ . Then it must be the case that  $\neg\mathbf{P}(m)$ , where  $m + 1 = n$ . Thus,  $X = \{a \in \mathbb{N} : a < k \text{ and } \neg\mathbf{P}(a)\} \neq \emptyset$ , and so  $X$  has a least element,  $\alpha$ . Also  $\alpha \neq 0$  since  $\mathbf{P}(0)$  holds by assumption.

However, if  $\neg\mathbf{P}(\alpha)$ , then  $\neg\mathbf{P}(\beta)$ , where  $\beta + 1 = \alpha$ , is also true. But  $\beta < \alpha$ , which contradicts the assumption that  $\alpha$  is the least element of  $X$ . Therefore,  $\mathbf{P}(n)$  holds for all  $n < k$ .

To see  $\mathbf{P}(k)$  holds, too, notice that there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $m < k$  such that  $m + 1 = k$  (by Exercise 62). Because we have shown that  $\mathbf{P}(m)$  holds,  $\mathbf{P}(m + 1) = \mathbf{P}(k)$  also holds.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 71 (3.2.13, Double Induction). Let  $\mathbf{P}(x, y)$  be a property. Assume

If  $\mathbf{P}(k, \ell)$  holds for all  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $k < m$  or ( $k = m$  and  $\ell < n$ ),  
then  $\mathbf{P}(m, n)$  holds. (\*\*)

Conclude that  $\mathbf{P}(m, n)$  holds for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

PROOF. We proceed by induction on  $m$ . Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\mathbf{P}(m, n)$  is true for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  by the second version of Induction Principle. Now for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(m, n)$  is true for all  $n$  by the second version of Induction Principle. Hence,  $\mathbf{P}(m, n)$  holds for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

### 3.3 THE RECURSION THEOREM

► EXERCISE 72 (3.3.1). Let  $f$  be an infinite sequence of elements of  $A$ , where  $A$  is ordered by  $<$ . Assume that  $f_n < f_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $n < m$  implies  $f_n < f_m$  for all  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

PROOF. We proceed by induction on  $m$  in the form of Exercise 69. For an arbitrary  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\mathbf{P}(x)$  denote “ $f_n < f_x$  if  $n < x$ ”. Let  $k = n + 1$ . then  $\mathbf{P}(k)$  holds since  $f_n < f_{n+1} = f_k$  by assumption.

Suppose that  $\mathbf{P}(m)$  holds, where  $m \geq k$ , and consider  $\mathbf{P}(m + 1)$ . Since  $f_m < f_{m+1}$  by the assumption of the exercise, and  $f_n < f_m$  by induction hypothesis of  $\mathbf{P}(m)$ , we have  $f_n < f_{m+1}$ .

Using the Induction Principle in the form of Exercise 69, we conclude that  $\mathbf{P}(m)$  holds for all  $m \geq k = n + 1 > n$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 73 (3.3.2). Let  $(A, <)$  be a linearly ordered set and  $p, q \in A$ . We say that  $q$  is a successor of  $p$  if  $p < q$  and there is no  $r \in A$  such that  $p < r < q$ . Note that each  $p \in A$  can have at most one successor. Assume that  $(A, <)$  is nonempty and has the following properties:

- a. Every  $p \in A$  has a successor.
- b. Every nonempty subset of  $A$  has a  $<$ -least element.

c. If  $p \in A$  is not the  $<$ -least element of  $A$ , then  $p$  is a successor of some  $q \in A$ .

Prove that  $(A, <)$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ . Show that the conclusion need not hold if one of the conditions (a)–(c) is omitted.

PROOF. We first show that each  $p \in A$  can have at most one successor. If  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are both the successors of  $p$ , and  $q_1 \neq q_2$ , say,  $q_1 < q_2$ , then  $p < q_1 < q_2$ , in contradiction to the assumption that  $q_2$  is a successor of  $p$ .

Let  $a$  be the least element of  $A$  (by (b)) and let  $g(x, n)$  be the successor of  $x$  (for all  $n$ ). Then  $a \in A$  and  $g: A \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$  is well defined by (a). The Recursion Theorem guarantees the existence of a function  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$  such that

- $f_0 = a =$  the least element of  $A$ ;
- $f_{n+1} = g(f_n, n) =$  the successor of  $f_n$ .

By definition,  $f_n < f_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ; by [Exercise 72](#)  $f_n < f_m$  whenever  $n < m$ . Consequently,  $f$  is injective. It remains to show that  $f$  is surjective.

If not,  $A \setminus \mathcal{R}_f \neq \emptyset$ ; let  $p$  be the least element of  $A \setminus \mathcal{R}_f$ . Then  $p \neq a$ , the least element of  $A$ . It follows from (c) that there exists  $q \in A$  such that  $p$  is the successor of  $q$ . There exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f_m = q$ ; for otherwise  $q \in A \setminus \mathcal{R}_f$  and  $q < p$ . Hence,  $f_{m+1} = p$  by the recursive condition. Consequently,  $p \in \mathcal{R}_f$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 74 (3.3.3). Give a direct proof of Theorem 3.5 in a way analogous to the proof of the Recursion Theorem.

PROOF. We first show that there exists a unique infinite sequence of finite sequences  $\langle F^n \in \text{Seq}(S) : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle = F$  satisfying

$$F^0 = \langle \rangle, \tag{A}$$

$$F^{n+1} = G(F^n, n), \tag{B}$$

where

$$G(F^n, n) = \begin{cases} F^n \cup \{ \langle n, g(F_0^n, \dots, F_{n-1}^n) \rangle \} & \text{if } F^n \text{ is a sequence of length } n \\ \langle \rangle & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that  $G: \text{Seq}(S) \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Seq}(S)$ .

Let  $T: (m+1) \rightarrow \text{Seq}(S)$  be an  $m$ -step computation based on  $F_0 = \langle \rangle$  and  $G$ . Then

$$T^0 = \langle \rangle, \quad \text{and} \quad T^{k+1} = G(T^k, k) \text{ for } 0 \leq k < m.$$

Notice that  $T \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \text{Seq}(S))$ . Let

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ T \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \text{Seq}(S)) : T \text{ is an } m\text{-step computation for some } m \in \mathbb{N} \}.$$

Let  $F = \bigcup \mathcal{F}$ . Then

- *F is a function.* We need only to prove the system of functions  $\mathcal{F}$  is compatible. Let  $T, U \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mathfrak{D}_T = m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathfrak{D}_U = n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume, e.g.,  $m \leq n$ ; then  $m \subseteq n \implies m \cap n = m$ , and it suffices to show that

$$\langle T_0^k, \dots, T_{k-1}^k \rangle = T^k = U^k = \langle U_0^k, \dots, U_{k-1}^k \rangle$$

for all  $k < m$ . This can be done by induction [Exercise 70]. Surely,  $T^0 = \langle \rangle = U^0$ . Next let  $k$  be such that  $k + 1 < m$ , and assume  $T^k = U^k$ . Then

$$T^{k+1} = T^k \cup \left\{ \langle k, g(T^k) \rangle \right\} = U^k \cup \left\{ \langle k, g(U^k) \rangle \right\} = U^{k+1}.$$

Thus,  $T^k = U^k$  for all  $k < m$ .

- $\mathfrak{D}_F = \mathbb{N}$ ;  $\mathfrak{R}_F \subseteq \text{Seq}(S)$ . We know that  $\mathfrak{D}_F = \bigcup \{ \mathfrak{D}_T \mid T \in \mathcal{F} \} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\mathfrak{R}_F \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . To show that  $\mathfrak{D}_F = \mathbb{N}$ , it suffices to prove that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there is an  $n$ -step computation  $T$ . We use the Induction Principle. Clearly,  $T = \{ \langle 0, \langle \rangle \rangle \}$  is a 0-step computation.

Assume that  $T$  is an  $n$ -step computation. Then the following function  $T_+$  on  $(n + 1) + 1$  is an  $(n + 1)$ -step computation:

$$\begin{cases} T_+^k = T^k, & \text{if } k \leq n \\ T_+^{n+1} = T^n \cup \{ \langle n, g(T^n) \rangle \}. \end{cases}$$

We conclude that each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is in the domain of some computation  $T \in \mathcal{F}$ , so  $\mathbb{N} \subseteq_{T \in \mathcal{F}} \mathfrak{D}_T = \mathfrak{D}_F$ .

- *F satisfies condition (A) and (B).* Clearly,  $F_0 = \langle \rangle$  since  $T^0 = \langle \rangle$  for all  $T \in \mathcal{F}$ . To show that  $F_{n+1} = G(F_n, n)$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $T$  be an  $(n + 1)$ -step computation; then  $T^k = F_k$  for all  $k \in \mathfrak{D}_T$ , so  $F_{n+1} = T^{n+1} = G(T^n, n) = G(F_n, n)$ .

Let  $H : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Seq}(S)$  be such that

$$H_0 = \langle \rangle, \tag{A'}$$

and

$$H_{n+1} = G(H_n, n) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{B'}$$

We show that  $F_n = H_n$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , again using induction. Certainly  $F_0 = H_0$ . If  $F_n = H_n$ , then  $F_{n+1} = G(F_n, n) = G(H_n, n) = H_{n+1}$ ; therefore,  $F = H$ , as claimed.

Now we can define a function  $f$  by

$$f = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F^n. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 75 (3.3.4). Derive the “parametric” version of the Recursion Theorem: Let  $a: P \rightarrow A$  and  $g: P \times A \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$  be functions. There exists a unique function  $f: P \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$  such that

- a.  $f(p, 0) = a(p)$  for all  $p \in P$ ;
- b.  $f(p, n + 1) = g(p, f(p, n), n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p \in P$ .

PROOF. Define  $G: A^P \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A^P$  by

$$G(x, n)(p) = g(p, x(p), n)$$

for  $x \in A^P$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Define  $F: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A^P$  by recursion:

$$F_0 = a \in A^P, \quad F_{n+1} = G(F_n, n). \quad (3.1)$$

Then, by the Recursion Theorem, there exists a unique  $F: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A^P$  satisfying (3.1). Now let  $f(p, n) = F_n(p)$ . Then

- $f(p, 0) = F_0(p) = a(p)$ , and
- $f(p, n + 1) = F_{n+1}(p) = G(F_n, n)(p) = g(p, F_n(p), n) = g(p, f(p, n), n)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 76 (3.3.5). Prove the following version of the Recursion Theorem:

Let  $g$  be a function on a subset of  $A \times \mathbb{N}$  into  $A$ ,  $a \in A$ . Then there is a unique sequence  $f$  of elements of  $A$  such that

- a.  $f_0 = a$ ;
- b.  $f_{n+1} = g(f_n, n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(n + 1) \in \mathfrak{D}_f$ ;
- c.  $f$  is either an infinite sequence or  $f$  is a finite sequence of length  $k + 1$  and  $g(f_k, k)$  is undefined.

PROOF. Let  $\bar{A} = A \cup \{\bar{a}\}$  where  $\bar{a} \notin A$ . Define  $\bar{g}: \bar{A} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \bar{A}$  as follows:

$$\bar{g}(x, n) = \begin{cases} g(x, n) & \text{if defined} \\ \bar{a} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

Then, by the Recursion Theorem, there exists a unique infinite sequence  $\bar{f}: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \bar{A}$  such that

$$\bar{f}_0 = a, \quad \bar{f}_{n+1} = \bar{g}(\bar{f}_n, n).$$

If  $\bar{f}_\ell = \bar{a}$  for some  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ , consider  $\bar{f} \upharpoonright \ell$  for the least such  $\ell$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 77 (3.3.6). Prove: If  $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , then there is a one-to-one (finite or infinite) sequence  $f$  such that  $\mathfrak{R}_f = X$ .

PROOF. Define  $g: X \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$  by

$$g(x, n) = \min\{y \in X: y > x\}.$$

Let  $a = \min X$ . Then, by [Exercise 76](#), there exists a unique function  $f$  satisfying  $f_0 = a$  and  $f_{n+1} = g(f_n, n)$ .

For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $f_{m+1} \geq f_m + 1 > f_m$ ; hence,  $f$  is injective. It follows from the previous exercise that  $f$  is surjective.  $\square$

### 3.4 ARITHMETIC OF NATURAL NUMBERS

► **EXERCISE 78 (3.4.1).** *Prove the associative law of addition:  $(k + m) + n = k + (m + n)$  for all  $k, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

PROOF. We use induction on  $n$ . So fix  $k, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $n = 0$ , then

$$(k + m) + 0 = k + m,$$

and

$$k + (m + 0) = k + m.$$

Assume that  $(k + m) + n = k + (m + n)$  and consider  $n + 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (k + m) + (n + 1) &= [(k + m) + n] + 1 \\ &= [k + (m + n)] + 1 \\ &= k + [(m + n) + 1] \\ &= k + [m + (n + 1)]. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

► **EXERCISE 79 (3.4.2).** *If  $m, n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $m < n$  if and only if  $m + k < n + k$ .*

PROOF. We first need to prove the following proposition: for any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$m < n \iff m + 1 < n + 1. \quad (3.3)$$

The “ $\implies$ ” half has been proved in [Exercise 60](#), so we need only to show the “ $\impliedby$ ” part. Assume that  $m + 1 < n + 1$ . Then  $m < m + 1 \leq n$ . Hence,  $m < n$ .

For the “ $\implies$ ” half we use induction on  $k$ . Consider fixed  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m < n$ . Clearly,  $m < n \iff m + 0 < n + 0$ . Assume that  $m < n \implies m + k < n + k$ . Then by (3.3),  $(m + k) + 1 < (n + k) + 1$ , i.e.,  $m + (k + 1) < n + (k + 1)$ .

For the “ $\impliedby$ ” half we use the trichotomy law and the “ $\implies$ ” half. If  $m + k < n + k$ , then we cannot have  $m = n$  (lest  $n + k < n + k$ ) nor  $n < m$  (lest  $n + k < m + k < n + k$ ). The only alternative is  $m < n$ .  $\square$

► **EXERCISE 80 (3.4.3).** *If  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $m \leq n$  if and only if there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = m + k$ . This  $k$  is unique, so we can denote it  $n - m$ , the difference of  $n$  and  $m$ .*

PROOF. For the “ $\implies$ ” half we use induction on  $n$ . If  $n = 0$ , the proposition trivially holds since there is no natural number  $m < 0$ . Assume that  $m < n$  implies that there exists a unique  $k_{m,n} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m + k_{m,n} = n$ . Now



consider  $n + 1$ . If  $m < n + 1$ , then  $m = n$  or  $m < n$ . If  $m = n$ , let  $k_{m,n+1} = 1$  and so  $m + k_{m,n+1} = n + 1$ ; if  $m < n$ , then by the induction hypothesis, there exists a unique  $k_{m,n} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m + k_{m,n} = n$ . Let  $k_{m,n+1} = k_{m,n} + 1$ . Then

$$m + k_{m,n+1} = m + (k_{m,n} + 1) = (m + k_{m,n}) + 1 = n + 1.$$

For the “ $\Leftarrow$ ” half we use induction on  $k$ . If  $k = 0$ , it is obvious that  $m = n$ . Now assume that  $m + k = n$  implies that  $m \leq n$ . Let us suppose that for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a unique  $k + 1$  such that  $m + (k + 1) = n$ . Then by [Exercise 79](#) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < k + 1 &\implies m + 0 < m + (k + 1) \\ &\implies m < n. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 81 (3.4.4). *There is a unique function  $\star$  (multiplication) from  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} m \star 0 &= 0 \quad \text{for all } m \in \mathbb{N}; \\ m \star (n + 1) &= m \star n + m \quad \text{for all } m, n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. We use the parametric version of the Recursion Theorem. Let  $a: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be defined as  $a(p) = 0$ , and  $g: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be defined as  $g(p, x, n) = x + p$ . Then, there exists a unique function  $\star: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$m \star 0 = a(m) = 0,$$

and

$$m \star (n + 1) = g(m, m \star n, n) = m \star n + m. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 82 (3.4.5). *Prove that multiplication is commutative, associative, and distributive over addition.*

PROOF. ( $\cdot$  is commutative) We first show that 0 commutes by showing  $0 \cdot m = 0$  (since  $m \cdot 0 = 0$ ) for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Clearly,  $0 \cdot 0 = 0$ , and if  $0 \cdot m = 0$ , then

$$0 \cdot (m + 1) = 0 \cdot m + 0 = 0.$$

Let us now assume that  $n$  commutes, and let us show that  $n + 1$  commutes. We prove, by induction on  $m$ , that

$$m \cdot (n + 1) = (n + 1) \cdot m \quad \text{for all } m \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (3.4)$$

If  $m = 0$ , then (3.4) holds, as we have already shown. Thus let us assume that (3.4) holds for  $m$ , and let us prove that

$$(m + 1) \cdot (n + 1) = (n + 1) \cdot (m + 1). \quad (3.5)$$

We derive (3.5) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
(m+1) \cdot (n+1) &= [(m+1) \cdot n] + (m+1) = [n \cdot (m+1)] + (m+1) \\
&= (n \cdot m + n) + (m+1) \\
&= (n \cdot m + m) + (n+1) \\
&= (m \cdot n + m) + (n+1) \\
&= m \cdot (n+1) + (n+1) \\
&= (n+1) \cdot m + (n+1) \\
&= (n+1) \cdot (m+1).
\end{aligned}$$

( $\cdot$  is distributive over addition) We show that for all  $m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$m \cdot (n + p) = m \cdot n + m \cdot p. \quad (3.6)$$

Fix  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We use induction on  $p$ . It is clear that  $m \cdot (n+0) = m \cdot n = m \cdot n + 0 = m \cdot n + m \cdot 0$ . Now assume that (3.6) holds for  $p$ , and let us consider  $p+1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
m \cdot [n + (p+1)] &= m \cdot [(n+p) + 1] \\
&= m \cdot (n+p) + m \\
&= m \cdot n + m \cdot p + m \\
&= m \cdot n + (m \cdot p + m) \\
&= m \cdot n + m \cdot (p+1).
\end{aligned}$$

( $\cdot$  is associative) Fix  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We use induction on  $p$ . Clearly,  $m \cdot (n \cdot 0) = m \cdot 0 = 0$ , and  $(m \cdot n) \cdot 0 = 0$  as well. Now suppose that

$$m \cdot (n \cdot p) = (m \cdot n) \cdot p.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
m \cdot [n \cdot (p+1)] &= m \cdot (n \cdot p + n) \\
&= m \cdot (n \cdot p) + m \cdot n \\
&= (m \cdot n) \cdot p + m \cdot n \\
&= (m \cdot n) \cdot (p+1). \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

► EXERCISE 83 (3.4.6). *If  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k > 0$ , then  $m < n$  if and only if  $m \cdot k < n \cdot k$ .*

PROOF. For the " $\implies$ " half we fix  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and use induction on  $k$ . Clearly,  $m \cdot 1 < n \cdot 1$  since

$$m \cdot 1 = m \cdot (0 + 1) = m \cdot 0 + m = m,$$

and similarly for  $n \cdot 1$ . Let us assume that  $m < n$  implies  $m \cdot k < n \cdot k$  with  $k > 0$ , and let us consider  $k+1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 m \cdot (k + 1) &= m \cdot k + m \\
 &< n \cdot k + m \\
 &< n \cdot k + n \\
 &= n \cdot (k + 1),
 \end{aligned}$$

where the inequalities follow from [Exercise 79](#).

The other half then follows exactly as in [Exercise 79](#).  $\square$

► EXERCISE 84 (3.4.7). Define exponentiation of nature numbers as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m^0 &= 1 \quad \text{for all } m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (in particular, } 0^0 = 1\text{);} \\
 m^{n+1} &= m^n \cdot m \quad \text{for all } m, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (in particular, } 0^n = 0 \text{ for } n > 0\text{).}
 \end{aligned}$$

Prove the usual laws of exponents.

PROOF. We show that  $m^{n+p} = m^n \cdot m^p$  for all  $m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}$  using induction on  $p$ . It is evident that

$$m^{n+0} = m^n = m^n \cdot 1 = m^n \cdot m^0,$$

so let us assume  $m^{n+p} = m^n \cdot m^p$  and consider  $p + 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 m^{n+(p+1)} &= m^{(n+p)+1} \\
 &= m^{n+p} \cdot m \\
 &= (m^n \cdot m^p) \cdot m \\
 &= m^n \cdot (m^p \cdot m) \\
 &= m^n \cdot m^{p+1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

### 3.5 OPERATIONS AND STRUCTURES

► EXERCISE 85 (3.5.1). Which of the following sets are closed under operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of real number?

- The set of all positive integers.
- The set of all integers.
- The set of all rational numbers.
- The set of all negative rational numbers.
- The empty set.

SOLUTION. See the following table:

	+	−	×	division of real numbers
(a)	Yes	No	Yes	No
(b)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
(c)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
(d)	Yes	No	Yes	No
(e)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

□

► EXERCISE 86 (3.5.4). Let  $A \neq \emptyset$ ,  $B = \mathcal{P}(A)$ . Show that  $(B, \cup_B, \cap_B)$  and  $(B, \cap_B, \cup_B)$  are isomorphic structures.

PROOF. Define a function  $h: B \rightarrow B$  as  $h(x) = B \setminus x$ . It is evident that  $h$  is injective. To see  $h$  is surjective, notice that if  $y \in B$ , then  $y \subseteq A$  and so  $A \setminus y \in B$ ; hence  $h(A \setminus y) = y$ .

Since  $B = \mathcal{P}(A)$ , both  $\cup_B$  and  $\cap_B$  are well defined. For all  $x, y \in B$ ,

$$h(x \cup_B y) = B \setminus (x \cup_B y) = (B \setminus x) \cap_B (B \setminus y) = h(x) \cap_B h(y),$$

and similarly,  $h(x \cap_B y) = h(x) \cup_B h(y)$ . □

► EXERCISE 87 (3.5.5). Refer to Example 5.7 for notation.

- a. There is a real number  $a \in A$  such that  $a + a = a$  (namely,  $a = 0$ ). Prove from this that there is  $a' \in A'$  such that  $a' \times a' = a'$ . Find this  $a'$ .
- b. For every  $a \in A$  there is  $b \in A$  such that  $a + b = 0$ . Show that for every  $a' \in A'$  there is  $b' \in A'$  such that  $a' \times b' = 1$ . Find this  $b'$ .

PROOF. It is from Example 5.7 that  $(A, \leq_A, +) \cong (A', \leq_{A'}, \times)$ , and the isomorphism  $h: A \rightarrow A'$  is  $h(x) = e^x$ .

(a) If  $a + a = a$ , then

$$h(a + a) = e^{a+a} = e^a \times e^a = e^a.$$

Hence, there exists  $a' = e^a = e^0 = 1$  such that  $a' \times a' = a'$ .

(b) For every  $a' \in A'$ , there exists a unique  $a \in A$  such that  $h(a) = a'$ . Let  $b \in A$  such that  $a + b = 0$ . Then

$$h(a + b) = h(a) \times h(b) = a' \times h(b) = e^0 = 1.$$

Hence, for every  $a' \in A'$ , there exists  $b' = h(b)$  such that  $a' \times b' = 1$ . □

► EXERCISE 88 (3.5.6). Let  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $\mathbb{Z}^-$  be, respectively, the sets of all positive and negative integers. Show that  $(\mathbb{Z}^+, <, +)$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}^-, >, +)$  (where  $<$  is the usual ordering of integers).

PROOF. Define  $h: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^-$  by letting  $h(z) = -z$ . Then  $h$  is bijective. Let  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then  $z_1 < z_2$  iff  $-z_1 > -z_2$  iff  $h(z_1) > h(z_2)$ . It is evident that

both operations on  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $\mathbb{Z}^-$  are well defined, and  $h(z_1 + z_2) = -(z_1 + z_2) = (-z_1) + (-z_2) = h(z_1) + h(z_2)$ . Thus,  $(\mathbb{Z}^+, <, +) \cong (\mathbb{Z}^-, >, +)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 89 (3.5.14). Construct the sets  $C_0, C_1, C_2$ , and  $C_3$  in Theorem 5.10 for

a.  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathbb{R}, S)$  and  $C = \{0\}$ .

b.  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathbb{R}, +, -)$  and  $C = \{0, 1\}$ .

PROOF. (a)  $C_0 = C = \{0\}$ ,  $C_1 = C_0 \cup S[C_0] = \{0\} \cup \{1\} = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $C_2 = C_1 \cup S[C_1] = \{0, 1\} \cup \{1, 2\} = \{0, 1, 2\}$ , and  $C_3 = C_2 \cup S[C_2] = \{0, 1, 2\} \cup \{1, 2, 3\} = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ .

(b)  $C_0 = C = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $C_1 = C_0 \cup +[C_0^2] \cup -[C_0^2] = \{0, 1\} \cup \{0, 1, 2\} \cup \{-1, 0, 1\} = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$ ,  $C_2 = C_1 \cup +[C_1^2] \cup -[C_1^2] = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\} \cup \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4\} \cup \{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\} = \{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , and  $C_3 = C_2 \cup +[C_2^2] \cup -[C_2^2] = \{-7, -6, \dots, 7, 8\}$ .  $\square$



# 4

## FINITE, COUNTABLE, AND UNCOUNTABLE SETS

### 4.1 CARDINALITY OF SETS

► EXERCISE 90 (4.1.1). *Prove Lemma 1.5.*

- If  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|A| = |C|$ , then  $|C| \leq |B|$ .
- If  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|B| = |C|$ , then  $|A| \leq |C|$ .
- $|A| \leq |A|$ .
- If  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|B| \leq |C|$ , then  $|A| \leq |C|$ .

PROOF. **(a)** If  $|A| = |C|$ , then  $|C| = |A|$ , and so there is a bijection  $f: C \rightarrow A$ . Since  $|A| \leq |B|$ , there is an injection  $g: A \rightarrow B$ . Then  $g \circ f: C \rightarrow B$  is an injection and so  $|C| \leq |B|$ .

**(b)** Since  $|A| \leq |B|$ , there is a bijection  $g: A \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_g$ , where  $\mathcal{R}_g \subseteq B$  is the image of  $A$  under  $g$ . Since  $|B| = |C|$ , there is a bijection  $f: B \rightarrow C$ . Let  $h := f \upharpoonright \mathcal{R}_g$  be the restriction of  $f$  on  $\mathcal{R}_g$ . Let  $D' := \mathcal{R}_h \subseteq C$ . Then  $h: \mathcal{R}_g \rightarrow D'$  is a bijection. To prove  $|A| \leq |C|$ , consider  $h \circ g: A \rightarrow D'$ . This is a one-to-one correspondence from  $A$  to  $D' \subseteq C$ .

**(c)** This claim follows two facts: (i)  $\text{Id}_A$  is a one-to-one mapping of  $A$  onto  $A$ , and (ii)  $A \subseteq A$ .

**(d)** Since  $|A| \leq |B|$ , there is a bijection  $f: A \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_f$ , where  $\mathcal{R}_f \subseteq B$ . Since  $|B| \leq |C|$ , there is a bijection  $g: B \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_g$ , where  $\mathcal{R}_g \subseteq C$ . Let  $h := g \upharpoonright \mathcal{R}_f$ . Then  $h \circ f: A \rightarrow C$  is an injection and so  $|A| \leq |C|$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 91 (4.1.2). *Prove*

- If  $|A| < |B|$  and  $|B| \leq |C|$ , then  $|A| < |C|$ .
- If  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|B| < |C|$ , then  $|A| < |C|$ .

PROOF. **(a)**  $|A| < |B|$  means  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|A| \neq |B|$ . We thus have  $|A| \leq |C|$  by [Exercise 90](#) (d). If  $|A| = |C|$ , then  $|B| \leq |A|$  by [Exercise 90](#) (b). But then  $|A| = |B|$  by the Cantor-Bernstein Theorem. A contradiction.

(b)  $|B| < |C|$  means  $|B| \leq |C|$  and  $|B| \neq |C|$ . We thus have  $|A| \leq |C|$  by Exercise 90 (d). If  $|A| = |C|$ , then  $|C| \leq |B|$  by Exercise 90 (a). But then  $|B| = |C|$  by the Cantor-Bernstein Theorem. A contradiction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 92 (4.1.3). *If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $|A| \leq |B|$ .*

PROOF. Just consider  $\text{Id}_A$ . This is an embedding on  $B$ , and so  $|A| \leq |B|$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 93 (4.1.4). *Prove:*

a.  $|A \times B| = |B \times A|$ .

b.  $|(A \times B) \times C| = |A \times (B \times C)|$ .

c.  $|A| \leq |A \times B|$  if  $B \neq \emptyset$ .

PROOF. (a) Let  $f: (a, b) \mapsto (b, a)$  for all  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ . It is easy to see  $f$  is a function. To see  $f$  is injective, let  $(a_1, b_1) \neq (a_2, b_2)$ . Then  $f(a_1, b_1) = (b_1, a_1) \neq (b_2, a_2) = f(a_2, b_2)$ . To see  $f$  is surjective, let  $(b, a) \in B \times A$ . There must exist  $(a, b) \in A \times B$  such that  $f(a, b) = (b, a)$ . We thus proved that  $f: A \times B \rightarrow B \times A$  is bijective; consequently,  $|A \times B| = |B \times A|$ .

(b) Remember that  $(A \times B) \times C \neq A \times (B \times C)$  [see Exercise 26 (b)], but as we are ready to prove, these two sets are equipotent. Let

$$f: ((a, b), c) \mapsto (a, (b, c)), \quad \forall ((a, b), c) \in (A \times B) \times C.$$

With the same logic as in (a), we see that  $f$  is bijective and so  $|(A \times B) \times C| = |A \times (B \times C)|$ .

(c) If  $B \neq \emptyset$ , we can choose some  $b \in B$ . Let  $f: a \mapsto (a, b)$  for all  $a \in A$ . Then  $f: A \rightarrow A \times b \subseteq A \times B$  is bijective, and so  $|A| \leq |A \times B|$  if  $B \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 94 (4.1.5). *Show that  $|S| \leq |\mathcal{P}(S)|$ .*

PROOF. If  $a \in S$ , then  $\{a\} \subseteq S$ ; hence,  $\{a\} \in \mathcal{P}(S)$  for each  $a \in S$ . Define

$$\mathcal{A} = \{\{a\}: a \in S\}.$$

It is clear that  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(S)$ . Consider the embedding  $f: a \mapsto \{a\}$  for all  $a \in S$ . Then  $f: S \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is bijective, and so  $|S| \leq |\mathcal{P}(S)|$ .

In fact,  $|S| < |\mathcal{P}(S)|$ . To prove this, we need the following claim.

CLAIM. There is a one-to-one mapping from  $A \neq \emptyset$  to  $B$  iff there is a mapping from  $B$  onto  $A$ .

**Proof.** If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is one-to-one, and  $\mathcal{R}_f = B^* \subseteq B$ , then let

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f^{-1}(x) & \text{if } x \in B^* \\ a_0 & \text{if } x \in B \setminus B^*, \text{ where } a_0 \in A. \end{cases}$$



Then this  $g$  is a mapping from  $B$  onto  $A$ .

Conversely, let  $g: B \rightarrow A$  be a mapping of  $B$  onto  $A$ . The relation “ $x \sim y$  if  $g(x) = g(y)$ ” is an equivalence relation on  $B$  [See [Exercise 42](#), p. 22]. Let  $h$  be a choice function on the set of equivalence classes, i.e., if  $[x]_{\sim}$  is an equivalence class, then  $h([x]_{\sim})$  is an element of  $[x]_{\sim}$ . It is clear that the map  $f(x) = (h \circ g^{-1})(x)$  is a one-to-one mapping of  $A$  into  $B$ .

To verify  $|S| < |\mathcal{P}(S)|$ , we want to show that there is no mapping from  $S$  onto  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  [note that  $\mathcal{P}(S) \neq \emptyset$  since  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(S)$  at least; hence here  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  takes the role of  $A$  in the above claim]. Let  $f: S \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$  be any mapping. We have to show that  $f$  is not onto  $\mathcal{P}(S)$ . Let

$$A := \{a \in S : a \notin f(a)\} \in \mathcal{P}(S).$$

[Notice that by the Axiom Schema of Comprehension,  $A$  is a subset of  $S$ , and so is an element of  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  by the Axiom of Power Set.] We claim that  $A$  does not have a preimage under  $f$ . In fact, suppose that is not the case, and  $f(a_0) = A$  with some  $a_0 \in S$ . Then, because  $A \subseteq S$ , there are two possibilities:

- $a_0 \in A$ , i.e.,  $a_0 \in f(a_0)$  which is not possible for then  $a_0$  cannot be in  $A$  by the definition of  $A$ .
- $a_0 \notin A$ , which is gain not possible, for then  $a_0 \notin f(a_0)$ , so  $a_0$  should belong to  $A$ .

Thus, in either case we have arrived at a contradiction, which means that  $a_0$  with the property  $f(a_0) = A$  does not exist.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 95 (4.1.6). Show that  $|A| \leq |A^S|$  for any  $A$  and any  $S \neq \emptyset$ .

PROOF. For every  $a \in A$ , we construct a constant function  $f_a: S \rightarrow A$  by letting  $f_a(s) = a$  for all  $s \in S$ . Now  $F := \{f_a : a \in A\} \subseteq A^S$ . Let  $g: a \mapsto f_a$ . It is easy to see that  $g$  is surjective. To see  $g$  is injective, let  $a, a' \in A$  and  $a \neq a'$ ; then  $g(a) = f_a \neq f_{a'} = g(a')$ . This proves that  $|A| = |F|$ ; that is,  $|A| \leq |A^S|$ , where  $S \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 96 (4.1.7). If  $S \subseteq T$ , then  $|A^S| \leq |A^T|$ ; in particular,  $|A^n| \leq |A^m|$  if  $n \leq m$ .

PROOF. For any  $f \in A^S$ , we define a corresponding function  $g_f \in A^T$  as follows

$$g_f(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in S \\ a_0 & \text{if } x \in T \setminus S, \text{ where } a_0 \in A. \end{cases}$$

Then  $B := \{g_f \in A^T : f \in A^S\} \subseteq A^T$ . Hence, we have a bijection  $A^S \rightarrow B$ . If  $n \leq m$ , then either  $n = m$  or  $n < m$ . Therefore,  $|A^n| \leq |A^m|$  if  $n < m$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 97 (4.1.8).  $|T| \leq |S^T|$  if  $|S| \geq 2$ .

PROOF. Since  $|S| \geq 2$ , we can pick  $u, v \in S$  with  $u \neq v$ . For any  $t \in T$ , define a function  $f_t \in S^T$  as follows

$$f_t(x) = \begin{cases} u & \text{if } x = t \\ v & \text{if } x \neq t. \end{cases}$$

Notice that  $A := \{f_t \in S^T : t \in T\} \subseteq S^T$ . Then we can define a function  $g: T \rightarrow A$  as  $g(t) = f_t$ . It is clear  $g$  is a one-to-one mapping from  $T$  onto  $A$ ; therefore,  $|T| \leq |S^T|$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 98 (4.1.9). *If  $|A| \leq |B|$  and if  $A$  is nonempty then there exists a mapping  $f$  of  $B$  onto  $A$ .*

PROOF.  $|A| \leq |B|$  implies that there is a one-to-one correspondence  $f$  from  $A \neq \emptyset$  onto  $f[A] \subseteq B$ . Define  $g: B \rightarrow A$  as follows:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f^{-1}(x) & \text{if } x \in f[A] \\ a_0 & \text{if } x \in B \setminus f[A], \end{cases}$$

where  $a_0 \in A$ . See also the claim in [Exercise 94](#).  $\square$

**(For Exercise 99–Exercise 101) Let  $F$  be a function on  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  into  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ . A set  $X \subseteq A$  is called a *fixed point* of  $F$  if  $F(X) = X$ . The function  $F$  is called *monotone* if  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq A$  implies  $F(X) \subseteq F(Y)$ .**

► EXERCISE 99 (4.1.10). *Let  $F: \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$  be monotone. Then  $F$  has a fixed point.*

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{T} = \{X \subseteq A : F(X) \subseteq X\}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{T} \neq \emptyset$  since, e.g.,  $A \in \mathcal{T}$ . Now let  $\bar{X} = \bigcap \mathcal{T}$  and so  $\bar{X} \subseteq X$  for any  $X \in \mathcal{T}$ . Since  $F$  is monotone, we have  $F(\bar{X}) \subseteq F(X) \subseteq X$  for every  $X \in \mathcal{T}$ . Then

$$F(\bar{X}) \subseteq \bar{X}. \quad (4.1)$$

Hence,  $\bar{X} \in \mathcal{T}$ .

On the other hand, (4.1) and the monotonicity of  $F$  implies that

$$F(F(\bar{X})) \subseteq F(\bar{X}). \quad (4.2)$$

But (4.2) implies that  $F(\bar{X}) \in \mathcal{T}$ , too. Then, by the definition of  $\bar{X}$ , we have

$$\bar{X} \subseteq F(\bar{X}). \quad (4.3)$$

Therefore, (4.1) and (4.3) imply that  $F(\bar{X}) = \bar{X}$ , i.e.,  $\bar{X}$  is a fixed point of  $F$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 100 (4.1.11). Use *Exercise 99* to give an alternative proof of the Cantor-Bernstein Theorem.

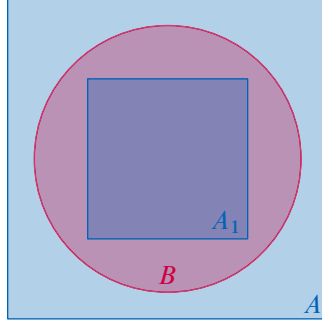


FIGURE 4.1. Cantor-Bernstein Theorem

PROOF. We use *Exercise 99* to prove Lemma 4.1.7: If  $A_1 \subseteq B \subseteq A$  and  $|A_1| = |A|$ , then  $|B| = |A|$ . Let  $F: \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$  be defined by

$$F(X) = (A \setminus B) \cup f[X],$$

where  $f: A \rightarrow A_1$  is a bijection from  $A$  onto  $A_1$ . Then  $F$  is monotone since  $f$  is, and so there exists a fixed point  $C \subseteq A$  of  $F$  such that

$$C = (A \setminus B) \cup f[C].$$

Let  $D = A \setminus C$ . Define a function  $g: A \rightarrow B$  as

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & \text{if } x \in C \\ x, & \text{if } x \in D. \end{cases}$$

We now show that  $g$  is bijective.

**$g$  is surjective** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_g &= f[C] \cup D = f[C] \cup (A \setminus C) = f[C] \cup \{A \setminus [(A \setminus B) \cup f[C]]\} \\ &= f[C] \cup [(A \cap B) \cap f^c[C]] \\ &= f[C] \cup (B \cap f^c[C]) \\ &= f[C] \cup B \\ &= B, \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality holds since  $f[C] \subseteq A_1 \subseteq B$  [remember that  $f: A \leftrightarrow A_1$ ]. Thus,  $g$  is surjective indeed.

**$g$  is injective** Both  $g \upharpoonright C$  and  $g \upharpoonright D$  are injective functions, so we need only to show  $f[C] \cap D = \emptyset$ . This holds because

$$f[C] \cap D = f[C] \cap (B \cap f^c[C]) = \emptyset.$$

Therefore,  $g: A \rightarrow B$  is bijective, and so  $|B| = |A|$ . □

► EXERCISE 101 (4.1.12). Prove that  $\bar{X}$  in Exercise 99 is the least fixed point of  $F$ , i.e., if  $F(X) = X$  for some  $X \subseteq A$ , then  $\bar{X} \subseteq X$ .

PROOF. Notice that if  $F(X) = X$ , then  $F(X) \subseteq X$ , and so  $X \in \mathcal{T}$ . Then we obtain the conclusion just because  $\bar{X} = \bigcap \mathcal{T}$ . □

(For Exercise 102 and Exercise 103) A function  $F: \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$  is *continuous* if

$$F\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i\right) = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F(X_i)$$

holds for any nondecreasing sequence of subsets of  $A$ . [ $\langle X_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is *nondecreasing* if  $X_i \subseteq X_j$  holds whenever  $i \leq j$ .]

► EXERCISE 102 (4.1.13). Prove that  $F$  used in Exercise 100 is continuous.

PROOF. Let  $\langle X_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$  be a nondecreasing sequence of  $A$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} F\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i\right) &= (A \setminus B) \cup f\left[\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i\right] = (A \setminus B) \cup \left[\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} f[X_i]\right] \\ &= \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} [(A \setminus B) \cup f[X_i]] \\ &= \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F(X_i). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 103 (4.1.14). Prove that if  $\bar{X}$  is the least fixed point of a monotone continuous function  $F: \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ , then  $\bar{X} = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i$ , where we define recursively  $X_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $X_{i+1} = F(X_i)$ .

PROOF. We prove this statement with several steps.

(1) We first show that the infinite sequence  $\langle X_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  defined by  $X_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $X_{i+1} = F(X_i)$  is nondecreasing [ $\langle X_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  exists by the Recursion Theorem]. We use the Induction Principle to prove this property. Let  $\mathbf{P}(x)$  denote “ $X_x \subseteq X_{x+1}$ ”. Then

- $\mathbf{P}(0)$  holds because  $X_0 = \emptyset$ .
- Assume that  $\mathbf{P}(n)$  holds, i.e.,  $X_n \subseteq X_{n+1}$ . We need to show  $\mathbf{P}(n+1)$ . Notice that

$$X_{(n+1)+1} = F(X_{n+1}) \stackrel{(1)}{\supseteq} F(X_n) = X_{n+1},$$

where (1) holds because  $X_n \subseteq X_{n+1}$  by  $\mathbf{P}(n)$  and since  $F$  is monotone. We thus prove  $\mathbf{P}(n+1)$

Therefore, by the Induction Principle,  $X_n \subseteq X_{n+1}$ , for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then by [Exercise 72](#),  $X_i \subseteq X_j$  holds whenever  $i \leq j$ , i.e.,  $\langle X_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is a nondecreasing infinite sequence.

(2) We now show  $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i$  is a fixed point of  $F$ . Since  $F$  is continuous and  $\langle X_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is nondecreasing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i\right) &= \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F(X_i) = F(X_0) \cup F(X_1) \cup \dots = \emptyset \cup F(X_0) \cup F(X_1) \cup \dots \\ &= X_0 \cup X_1 \cup X_2 \cup \dots \\ &= \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i; \end{aligned}$$

therefore,  $\bar{X} := \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i$  is a fixed point of  $F$ .

(3) To see  $\bar{X}$  is the least fixed point of  $F$ , let  $X$  be any fixed point of  $F$ , that is,  $F(X) = X$ . Then, since  $\emptyset \subseteq X$ , we have  $F(\emptyset) \subseteq F(X) = X$  as  $F$  is monotone and  $X$  is a fixed point of  $F$ . Furthermore,  $X_1 := F(\emptyset) \subseteq X$  means that  $X_2 = F(X_1) \subseteq F(X) = X$ . With this process, we have  $X_{i+1} = F(X_i) \subseteq X$ . Therefore,  $\bar{X} = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i \subseteq X$  for any fixed point  $X$  of  $F$ ; that is,  $\bar{X}$  is the least fixed point of  $F$ .

(4) Till now, we have just proved that  $\bar{X} = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i$  is a least fixed point of  $F$ , but the exercise asks us to prove the inverse direction. However, that direction must hold because there is only one least element in the set of all fixed points of  $F$ .  $\square$

## 4.2 FINITE SETS

► EXERCISE 104 (4.2.1). *If  $S = \{X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}\}$  and the elements of  $S$  are mutually disjoint, then  $|\bigcup S| = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |X_i|$ .*

PROOF. We use the Induction Principle to prove this claim. The statement is true if  $|S| = 0$ . Assume that it is true for all  $S$  with  $|S| = n$ , and let  $S = \{X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}, X_n\}$  be a set with  $n+1$  elements, where each  $X_i \in S$  is finite, and the elements of  $S$  are mutually disjoint. By the induction hypothesis,  $|\bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i| = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |X_i|$ , and we have

$$|S| = \left| \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i \right) \cup X_n \right| \stackrel{(1)}{=} \left| \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i \right| + |X_n| \stackrel{(2)}{=} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |X_i| + |X_n| = \sum_{i=1}^n |X_i|,$$

where (1) is from Theorem 4.2.7, and (2) is from the induction hypothesis.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 105 (4.2.2). *If  $X$  and  $Y$  are finite, then  $X \times Y$  is finite, and  $|X \times Y| = |X| \times |Y|$ .*

PROOF. Let  $X = \{x_0, \dots, x_{m-1}\}$ , and let  $Y = \{y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}\}$ , where  $\langle x_0, \dots, x_{m-1} \rangle$  and  $\langle y_0, \dots, y_{n-1} \rangle$  are injective finite sequences. Then

$$X \times Y = \{(x, y): x \in X \text{ and } y \in Y\} = \bigcup_{x' \in X} \{(x', y): y \in Y\}.$$

Note that  $\{(x', y): y \in Y\}$  is finite for a fixed  $x' \in X$  since  $Y$  is finite. Precisely, since  $|Y| = m$ , there is a bijective function  $f: m \rightarrow Y$ , so we can construct a bijective function  $g: m \rightarrow \{(x', y): y \in Y\}$  as  $g_i = (x', f_i)$  for all  $i \leq m - 1$ . Therefore,  $|\{(x', y): y \in Y\}| = m$  for all  $x' \in X$ . Thus, by Theorem 4.2.7, a finite union of finite sets is finite, we conclude that  $X \times Y$  is finite, and

$$|X \times Y| = \left| \bigcup_{x' \in X} \{(x', y): y \in Y\} \right| = \sum_{x' \in X} |\{(x', y): y \in Y\}| = \sum_{x' \in X} |Y| = |X| \times |Y|,$$

where the second equality comes from Exercise 104 because  $\{(x', y): y \in Y\} \cap \{(x'', y): y \in Y\} = \emptyset$  whenever  $x', x'' \in X$  and  $x' \neq x''$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 106 (4.2.3). *If  $X$  is finite, then  $|\mathcal{P}(X)| = 2^{|X|}$ .*

PROOF. We proceed by induction on the number of elements of  $X$ . The statement is true if  $|X| = 0$ : in this case,  $\mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$ , and so  $|\mathcal{P}(\emptyset)| = 1 = 2^0$ . Assume that it is true for all  $X$  with  $|X| = n$ . Let  $Y$  be a set with  $n + 1$  elements, i.e.,  $Y = \{y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}, y_n\}$ . Let  $X = \{y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}\}$  and  $\mathcal{U} = \{U: U \subseteq Y \text{ and } y_n \in U\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{P}(Y) = \mathcal{P}(X) \cup \mathcal{U}$ . Since  $\mathcal{P}(X) \cap \mathcal{U} = \emptyset$ , and  $|\mathcal{P}(X)| = |\mathcal{U}|$ , we have by Exercise 104

$$|\mathcal{P}(Y)| = |\mathcal{P}(X)| + |\mathcal{U}| = |\mathcal{P}(X)| + |\mathcal{P}(X)| = 2^n + 2^n = 2^{n+1} = 2^{|Y|}. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 107 (4.2.4). *If  $X$  and  $Y$  are finite, then  $X^Y$  has  $|X|^{|Y|}$  elements.*

PROOF. Let  $X = \{x_0, \dots, x_{m-1}\}$  and  $Y = \{y_0, \dots, y_n\}$ , where  $\langle x_0, \dots, x_{m-1} \rangle$  and  $\langle y_0, \dots, y_n \rangle$  are injective finite sequences. We use the Induction Principle on  $Y$  to prove this claim. If  $|Y| = 0$ , then  $X^Y = X^\emptyset = \{\{\}\} = \{\emptyset\}$ , and so  $|X^Y| = 1 = |X|^0 = |X|^{|Y|}$ . Assume that for any finite  $X$ ,  $|X^Y| = |X|^{|Y|}$  if  $|Y| = n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now consider a finite set  $Y$  with  $|Y| = n + 1$ . Let  $Y' = \{y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}\}$ . Let  $Y'' = \{y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}\}$ ; that is,  $|Y''| = n$ . By the induction hypothesis,  $|X^{Y''}| = |X|^{|Y''|} = m^n$ , i.e., there are  $m^n$  functions in  $X^{Y''}$ . For any  $f \in X^{Y''}$ , we can construct a set  $F(f)$  as follows:

$$F(f) := \left\{ g_i \in X^Y : g_i(y) = \begin{cases} f(y) & \text{if } y \in Y'' \\ x_i & \text{if } y = y_n \end{cases}, \text{ and } i \leq m - 1 \right\}.$$

It is easy to see that  $X^Y = \bigcup_{f \in X^{Y'}} F(f)$ , and  $|F(f)| = |X| = m$ . Since  $|X^{Y'}| = m^n$  by induction hypothesis, and for each  $f$  there is a corresponding set  $F(f)$  with  $m$  elements; furthermore,  $F(f) \cap F(f') = \emptyset$  whenever  $f \neq f'$ . It then follows from [Exercise 104](#) that

$$|X^Y| = \sum_{f \in X^{Y'}} |F(f)| = m^n \cdot m = m^{n+1} = |X|^{|Y|}. \quad \square$$

► **EXERCISE 108 (4.2.5).** *If  $|X| = n \geq k = |Y|$ , then the number of one-to-one functions  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  is  $n \cdot (n-1) \cdots (n-k+1)$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $X = \{x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$  and  $Y = \{y_0, \dots, y_{k-1}\}$ , where  $\langle x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle$  and  $\langle y_0, \dots, y_{k-1} \rangle$  are injective finite sequences. To construct an injective function  $f: Y \rightarrow X$ , we just pick  $k$  different elements from  $X$ . Because there are  $n \cdot (n-1) \cdots (n-k+1)$  different ways to pick  $n$  elements from  $k \geq n$  elements, there are  $n \cdot (n-1) \cdots (n-k+1)$  injective functions  $f: Y \rightarrow X$ .  $\square$

► **EXERCISE 109 (4.2.6).**  *$X$  is finite iff every nonempty system of subsets of  $X$  has a  $\subseteq$ -maximal element.*

**PROOF.** To see the  $\implies$  half, let  $X = \{x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$ . If  $\emptyset \neq \mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ , let  $m := \max\{|Y| : Y \in \mathcal{U}\}$ . Such a set  $m$  exists since  $X$  is finite, so  $Y \subseteq X$  is finite [see Theorem 4.2.4], and  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is finite, too [see Theorem 4.2.8]. Let  $\tilde{Y} \in \mathcal{U}$  satisfying  $|\tilde{Y}| = m$ . Now we show  $\tilde{Y}$  is a  $\subseteq$ -maximal element in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Suppose not; then there exists  $Y' \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  such that  $\tilde{Y} \subset Y'$ , but then  $|\tilde{Y}| < |Y'|$ . A contradiction.

For the  $\impliedby$  half, assume that  $X$  is infinite, and every nonempty system of  $X$  has a  $\subseteq$ -maximal element. Let

$$\mathcal{V} := \{Y \subseteq X : Y \text{ is finite}\}.$$

However, there are no maximal elements in  $\mathcal{V}$ . To see this, suppose  $Y \in \mathcal{V}$  is a  $\subseteq$ -maximal element, then consider  $Y' = Y \cup \{y\}$ , where  $y \notin Y$  [such a  $y$  exists since  $X$  is infinite]; then  $Y \subset Y'$  and  $Y'$  is finite. A contradiction.  $\square$

► **EXERCISE 110 (4.2.7).** *Use Lemma 2.6 and [Exercise 105](#) and [Exercise 107](#) to give easy proofs of commutativity and associativity for addition and multiplication of natural numbers, distributivity of multiplication over addition, and the usual arithmetic properties of exponentiation.*

**PROOF.** As an example, we only prove the commutativity of addition of natural numbers. Let  $|X| = m$  and  $|Y| = n$ , where  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows from Lemma 2.6 that

$$|X \cup Y| = |X| + |Y| = m + n.$$

Similarly, we have  $|Y \cup X| = |Y| + |X| = n + m$ . Since  $|X \cup Y| = |Y \cup X|$ , we know that  $m + n = n + m$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 111 (4.2.8). If  $A, B$  are finite and  $X \subseteq A \times B$ , then  $|X| = \sum_{a \in A} k_a$ , where  $k_a = |X \cap (\{a\} \times B)|$ .

PROOF. Let  $K_a = X \cap (\{a\} \times B)$  for all  $a \in A$ . We first show  $\bigcup_{a \in A} K_a = X$ . Since  $K_a \subseteq X$  for all  $a \in A$ , we have  $\bigcup_{a \in A} K_a \subseteq X$ . Let  $(a, b) \in X$ . Then  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ , so there exists  $K_a$  such that  $(a, b) \in \{a\} \times B$ ; therefore,  $(a, b) \in X \cap K_a$ . Consequently,  $X \subseteq \bigcup_{a \in A} K_a$ . We then show that  $K_a \cap K_{a'} = \emptyset$  if  $a \neq a'$ , but this is straightforward because  $(a, b) \neq (a', b')$  for any  $b, b' \in B$  when  $a \neq a'$ . Now, follows Exercise 104, we have

$$|X| = \left| \bigcup_{a \in A} K_a \right| = \sum_{a \in A} |K_a| = \sum_{a \in A} k_a. \quad \square$$

### 4.3 COUNTABLE SETS

REMARK. We verify that the mapping  $f: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by

$$f(x, y) = \frac{(x+y)(x+y+1)}{2} + x$$

is bijective (see Figure 4.2).

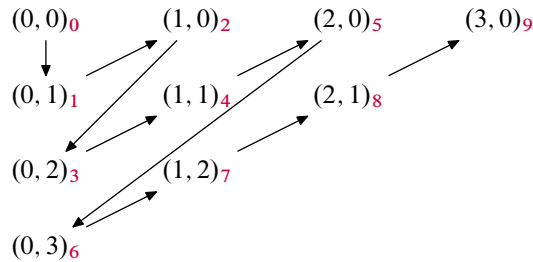


FIGURE 4.2.  $(x, y) \mapsto (x+y)(x+y+1)/2 + x$ .

Look at the diagonal where  $x+y=3$  (positions 6, 7, 8, 9 in the diagram).  $(x+y)(x+y+1)/2 = 6$  is the sum of the first  $x+y=3$  integers, which accounts for all previous diagonals ( $x+y=0, 1, 2$ ). Then  $x$  locates the position within the diagonal; e.g.,  $x=0$  yields position 6,  $x=1$  position 7,  $x=2$  position 8,  $x=3$  position 9.

To go backwards, say we are given the integer 11. Since  $1+2+3+4=10 < 11 < 1+2+3+4+5$ , we are on the diagonal with  $x+y=4$ ;  $x=0$  gives position 10,  $x=1$  gives 11. Therefore  $x=1, y=4-1=3$ .

► EXERCISE 112 (4.3.1). Let  $|A_1| = |B_1|, |A_2| = |B_2|$ . Prove

a. If  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset, B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$ , then  $|A_1 \cup A_2| = |B_1 \cup B_2|$ .



b.  $|A_1 \times A_2| = |B_1 \times B_2|$ .

c.  $|\text{Seq}(A_1)| = |\text{Seq}(B_1)|$ .

REMARK. See the original exercise. I am afraid that there are some mistakes in the original one.

PROOF. **(a)** Let  $f: A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ , and  $g: B_1 \rightarrow B_2$  be bijections. Define a function  $h: (A_1 \cup A_2) \rightarrow (B_1 \cup B_2)$  as follows:

$$h(a) = \begin{cases} f(a) & \text{if } a \in A_1 \\ g(a) & \text{if } a \in A_2. \end{cases}$$

It can be seen that

$$h = f \cup g: (A_1 \cup A_2) \rightarrow (B_1 \cup B_2)$$

is bijective since  $A_1 \cap A_2 = B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$ .

**(b)** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be defined as in part (a). We define a function  $h: A_1 \times A_2 \rightarrow B_1 \times B_2$  as follows:

$$h(a_1, a_2) = (f(a_1), g(a_2)).$$

Then  $h$  is bijective.

**(c)** We know that  $|A_1^n| = |B_1^n|$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  [see Lemma 5.1.6]. Notice that  $\text{Seq}(A_1) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_1^n$ , and  $\text{Seq}(B_1) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_1^n$ , and

$$A_1^m \cap A_1^n = \emptyset, \quad B_1^m \cap B_1^n,$$

for any  $m \neq n$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  [because, say,  $A_1^m$  and  $A_1^n$  have different domains]. Therefore,

$$|\text{Seq}(A_1)| = \left| \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_1^n \right| = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |A_1^n| = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |B_1^n| = \left| \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_1^n \right| = |\text{Seq}(B_1)|. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 113 (4.3.2). *The union of a finite set and a countable set is countable.*

PROOF. Let  $|A| = m$ ,  $|B| = \aleph_0$ , and  $A' = B \setminus A$ . Then  $C = A \cup B = A' \cup B$ . Since  $A$  is finite,  $|A'| = n \leq m$ . Then there exist two bijections  $f: n \rightarrow A'$  and  $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow B$ . Define a function  $h: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A' \cup B$  as follows

$$h(i) = \begin{cases} f(i) & \text{if } i < n \\ g(i - n) & \text{if } i \geq n. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that  $h$  is a bijection; thus  $|A \cup B| = |A' \cup B| = \aleph_0$ . □

► EXERCISE 114 (4.3.3). *If  $A \neq \emptyset$  is finite and  $B$  is countable, then  $A \times B$  is countable.*

PROOF. Write  $A$  as  $A = \{a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$ , where  $\langle a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \rangle$  is a one-to-one finite sequence. Since  $B$  is countable, there is a bijection  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow B$ . Pick  $a_i \in A$  and consider the set

$$A_i = \{(a_i, f(n)): f(n) \in B \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Then  $A_i$  is countable because there is a bijection  $g: n \mapsto (a_i, f(n))$ .

Since  $A \times B = \bigcup_{i \in n} A_i$ , that is,  $A \times B$  is the union of a finite system of countable sets, and so it is countable by Corollary 4.3.6.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 115 (4.3.4). *If  $A \neq \emptyset$  is finite, then  $\text{Seq}(A)$  is countable.*

PROOF. It suffices to prove for  $A = n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We first show that  $|\text{Seq}(n)| \geq \aleph_0$ . Because  $n \neq 0$ , we can pick an  $i \in n$ . Consider the following set of finite sequences on  $n$ :

$$S = \{s_0 = \langle \rangle, s_1 = \langle i \rangle, s_2 = \langle i, i \rangle, s_3 = \langle i, i, i \rangle, \dots\}.$$

Define  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$  by letting  $f(n) = s_n$ ; then  $f$  is bijective. Because  $S \subseteq \text{Seq}(n)$ , we have  $\aleph_0 = |S| \leq |\text{Seq}(n)|$ .

We then show that  $\text{Seq}(n) \leq \aleph_0$ . This is simply because  $\text{Seq}(n) \subseteq \text{Seq}(\mathbb{N})$  and  $\text{Seq}(\mathbb{N}) = \aleph_0$ .

Now, by Cantor-Bernstein Theorem,  $|\text{Seq}(n)| = \aleph_0$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 116 (4.3.5). *Let  $A$  be countable. The set  $[A]^n = \{S \subseteq A : |S| = n\}$  is countable for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \neq 0$ .*

PROOF. It is enough to prove the statement for  $A = \mathbb{N}$ . We use the Induction Principle in Exercise 69.  $[A]^1$  is countable since  $[A]^1 = \{\{a\} : a \in A\}$ , and we can define a bijection  $f: A \rightarrow [A]^1$  by letting  $f(a) = \{a\}$  for all  $a \in A$ . Therefore,  $|[A]^1| = |A| = \aleph_0$ . Assume that  $[A]^n$  is countable; particularly, we write  $[A]^n$  as  $[A]^n = \{S_1, S_2, \dots\}$ . We need to prove that  $[A]^{n+1}$  is countable, too. For any  $S_i \in [A]^n$ , we construct a set

$$\mathcal{S}_i = \{S_i \cup \{j\} : j \in \mathbb{N} \setminus S_i\}.$$

Notice that  $J_i = \mathbb{N} \setminus S_i$  is countable; in particular, there exists a bijection  $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow J_i$ . Define a bijection  $h: J_i \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_i$  by letting  $h(j) = S_i \cup \{j\}$ , and we see that  $|\mathcal{S}_i| = \aleph_0$ .

Since  $[A]^{n+1} = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{S}_i$ , the set  $[A]^{n+1}$  is a countable union of countable sets. Now for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $a_i = \langle a_i(n) : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ , where

$$a_i(n) = S_i \cup \{g(n)\}.$$

Then  $\mathcal{S}_i = \{a_i(n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . It follows from Theorem 4.3.9,  $[A]^{n+1}$  is countable.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 117 (4.3.6). A sequence  $\langle s_n \rangle_{n=0}^{\infty}$  of natural numbers is eventually constant if there is  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $s_n = s$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Show that the set of eventually constant sequences of natural numbers is countable.

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the set of eventually constant sequences of natural numbers. A generic element of  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $\langle b_0, \dots, b_{n_0-1}, s, s, \dots \rangle$ , where  $\langle b_0, \dots, b_{n_0-1} \rangle \in \mathbb{N}^{n_0}$ , and  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $\text{Seq}(\mathbb{N})$  be the set of all finite sequences of elements of  $\mathbb{N}$ . Define  $f_{n_0}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Seq}(\mathbb{N})$  as follows:

$$f \left( \langle b_0, \dots, b_{n_0-1}, s, s, \dots \rangle \right) = \langle b_0, \dots, b_{n_0-1}, s \rangle.$$

Then  $f$  is bijective, and so  $|\mathcal{C}| = \aleph_0$ . □

► EXERCISE 118 (4.3.7). A sequence  $\langle s_n \rangle_{n=0}^{\infty}$  of natural numbers is (eventually) periodic if there are  $n_0, p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , such that for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $s_{n+p} = s_n$ . Show that the set of all periodic sequences of natural numbers is countable.

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the set of all eventually periodic sequences of natural numbers. A generic element of  $\mathcal{P}$  is

$$\langle b_0, \dots, b_{n_0-1}, a_{n_0}, a_{n_0+1}, \dots, a_{n_0+p-1}, a_{n_0}, a_{n_0+1}, \dots, a_{n_0+p-1}, a_{n_0}, \dots \rangle.$$

Define  $f: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \text{Seq}(\mathbb{N})$  by letting

$$\begin{aligned} f \left( \langle b_0, \dots, b_{n_0-1}, a_{n_0}, a_{n_0+1}, \dots, a_{n_0+p-1}, a_{n_0}, a_{n_0+1}, \dots, a_{n_0+p-1}, a_{n_0}, \dots \rangle \right) \\ = \langle b_0, \dots, b_{n_0-1}, a_{n_0}, a_{n_0+1}, \dots, a_{n_0+p-1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$f$  is bijective, and so  $|\mathcal{P}| = \aleph_0$ . □

► EXERCISE 119 (4.3.8). A sequence  $\langle s_n \rangle_{n=0}^{\infty}$  of natural numbers is called an arithmetic progression if there is  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $s_{n+1} = s_n + d$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that the set of all arithmetic progressions is countable.

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the set of all arithmetic progressions. A generic element of  $\mathcal{A}$  is

$$\langle a, a + d, a + 2d, a + 3d, \dots \rangle.$$

Now define a function  $f: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  by letting

$$f \left( \langle a, a + d, a + 2d, \dots \rangle \right) = \langle a, d \rangle.$$

$f$  is bijection and so  $|\mathcal{A}| = \aleph_0$ . □

► EXERCISE 120 (4.3.9). For every  $s = \langle s_0, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle \in \text{Seq}(\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\})$ , let  $f(s) = p_0^{s_0} \cdots p_{n-1}^{s_{n-1}}$ , where  $p_i$  is the  $i$ -th prime number. Show that  $f$  is one-to-one and use this fact to give another proof of  $|\text{Seq}(\mathbb{N})| = \aleph_0$ .

PROOF. (i) We use the Induction Principle on  $n$  to show that  $f(s) \neq f(s')$ , wherever  $s, s' \in \text{Seq}(\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\})$  and  $s \neq s'$ . It is clear that  $p_0^{s_0} \neq p_0^{s'_0}$  if  $s_0 \neq s'_0$ , i.e., this claim holds for  $|s| = 1$ . Assume which holds for  $|s| = n$ . We need to show it holds for  $|s| = n + 1$ .

Suppose  $|s| = |s'| = n + 1$  and  $s \neq s'$ , but  $f(s) = f(s')$ ; that is,

$$p_0^{s_0} \cdot p_{n-1}^{s_{n-1}} \cdot p_n^{s_n} = p_0^{s'_0} \cdots p_{n-1}^{s'_{n-1}} \cdot p_n^{s'_n}. \quad (4.4)$$

There are two cases make (4.4) hold:

- $s_n = s'_n$ . In this case,  $\langle s_0, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle \neq \langle s'_0, \dots, s'_{n-1} \rangle$ , and by the inductive hypothesis,  $p_0^{s_0} \cdots p_{n-1}^{s_{n-1}} \neq p_0^{s'_0} \cdots p_{n-1}^{s'_{n-1}}$ . Therefore, (4.4) implies that

$$p_n^{s_n} \neq p_n^{s'_n}, \quad (4.5)$$

but which means that  $s_n \neq s'_n$ . A contradiction.

- $s_n \neq s'_n$ . In this case, (4.5) must hold. Under this case, there are two cases further:

◇  $\langle s_0, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle = \langle s'_0, \dots, s'_{n-1} \rangle$ . Then,

$$p_0^{s_0} \cdots p_{n-1}^{s_{n-1}} = p_0^{s'_0} \cdots p_{n-1}^{s'_{n-1}}. \quad (4.6)$$

However, (4.6) and (4.5) imply that (4.4) fails to hold.

◇  $\langle s_0, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle \neq \langle s'_0, \dots, s'_{n-1} \rangle$ . In this case, we know by the inductive hypothesis that

$$p_0^{s_0} \cdots p_{n-1}^{s_{n-1}} \neq p_0^{s'_0} \cdots p_{n-1}^{s'_{n-1}}, \quad (4.7)$$

Without loss of generality, we assume that  $s_n < s'_n$ . Then (4.4) implies that

$$p_0^{s_0} \cdots p_{n-1}^{s_{n-1}} = p_0^{s'_0} \cdots p_{n-1}^{s'_{n-1}} \cdot p_n^{s'_n - s_n}. \quad (4.8)$$

But we know from the *Unique Factorization Theorem* [see, for example, [Apostol 1974](#)] that every natural number  $n > 1$  can be represented as a product of prime factors in only one way, apart from the order of the factors. Therefore, (4.8) cannot hold since  $p_n \neq p_i, \forall i \leq n - 1$ , and  $s'_n - s_n > 0$ .

(ii) We now show  $f$  is indeed onto  $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ . This is follows the Unique Factorization Theorem again; hence,  $|\text{Seq}(\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\})| = \aleph_0$ . To prove  $|\text{Seq}(\mathbb{N})| = \aleph_0$ , we consider the following function  $g: \text{Seq}(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$$g(s^0) = f(s^0 + \mathbf{1}), \quad \forall s^0 \in \text{Seq}(\mathbb{N}),$$

where  $\mathbf{1}$  is the finite sequence  $\langle 1, 1, \dots \rangle$  which has the same length as  $s^0$ . Then  $g$  is one-to-one and onto  $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ , which mean that

$$|\text{Seq}(\mathbb{N})| = \aleph_0. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 121 (4.3.10). Let  $(S, <)$  be a linearly ordered set and let  $\langle A_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  be an infinite sequence of finite subsets of  $S$ . Then  $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n$  is at most countable.

PROOF. Because  $(S, <)$  is a linearly ordered set, and  $A_n \subseteq S$  is finite for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we can write  $A_n$  as

$$A_n = \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{|A_n|-1}\},$$

and rank the elements of  $A_n$  as

$$s_0 < s_1 < \dots < s_{|A_n|-1}.$$

Then we can construct  $\langle a_n(k) : k < |A_n| - 1 \rangle$ , a unique enumeration of  $A_n$ , by letting  $a_n(k) = s_k$ . Therefore,  $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n$  is at most countable.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 122 (4.3.11). Any partition of an at most countable set has a set of representatives.

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a partition of  $A$ . Then there exists an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $A$  induced by  $\mathcal{P}$ . Since  $A$  is at most countable, the set of equivalence classes,  $A/\sim = \{[a]_{\sim} : a \in A\}$ , is at most countable. Hence,

$$A/\sim = \langle [a_1]_{\sim}, [a_2]_{\sim}, \dots \rangle,$$

and so there is a set of representatives:  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ .  $\square$

## 4.4 LINEAR ORDERINGS

► EXERCISE 123 (4.4.1). Assume that  $(A_1, <_1)$  is similar to  $(B_1, <_1)$  and  $(A_2, <_2)$  is similar to  $(B_2, <_2)$ .

a. The sum of  $(A_1, <_1)$  and  $(A_2, <_2)$  is similar to the sum of  $(B_1, <_1)$  and  $(B_2, <_2)$ , assuming that  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset = B_1 \cap B_2$ .

b. The lexicographic product of  $(A_1, <_1)$  and  $(A_2, <_2)$  is similar to the lexicographic product of  $(B_1, <_1)$  and  $(B_2, <_2)$ .

PROOF. We use  $(A, <) \cong (B, <)$  to denote that  $(A, <)$  is similar to  $(B, <)$ .

(a) Let  $(A, <)$  be the sum of  $(A_1, <_1)$  and  $(A_2, <_2)$ , and let  $(B, <)$  be the sum of  $(B_1, <_1)$  and  $(B_2, <_2)$ . Then both  $(A, <)$  and  $(B, <)$  are linearly ordered sets (by Lemma 4.4.5 and Exercise 49). Because  $(A_1, <_1) \cong (B_1, <_1)$ , there is an isomorphism  $f_1 : (A_1, <_1) \rightarrow (B_1, <_1)$ ; similarly, there is an isomorphism  $f_2 : A_2 \rightarrow B_2$  since  $(A_2, <_2) \cong (B_2, <_2)$ . Define a bijection  $g : A \rightarrow B$  by  $g = f_1 \cup f_2$ .

To see  $a_1 < a_2$  iff  $g(a_1) < g(a_2)$ , notice that (i) If  $a_1, a_2 \in A_1$ , then  $g(a_1) = f_1(a_1)$  and  $g(a_2) = f_1(a_2)$ ; hence,  $a_1 <_1 a_2$  iff  $a_1 < a_2$  iff  $f_1(a_1) <_1 f_1(a_2)$  iff  $g(a_1) < g(a_2)$ . (ii) If  $a_1, a_2 \in A_2$  we get the similarly result. (iii) If  $a_1 \in A_1$  and  $a_2 \in A_2$ , then  $a_1 < a_2$  by the definition of  $<$ . Moreover, by the definition of  $g$ ,

$g(a_1) \in B_1$  and  $g(a_2) \in B_2$ ; then by the definition of  $<$ , we have  $g(a_1) < g(a_2)$ . For the inverse direction, suppose  $g(a_1) < g(a_2)$ . However, since  $a_1 \in A_1$  and  $a_2 \in A_2$ , we know immediately that  $a_1 < a_2$  by definition of  $<$ . We thus proved  $(A, <) \cong (B, <)$ .

**(b)** Let  $A = A_1 \times A_2$  and  $B = B_1 \times B_2$ . We need to show that  $(A, <) \cong (B, <)$ , where  $<$  and  $<$  are the lexicographic orderings of  $A$  and  $B$ . First notice that both  $(A, <)$  and  $(B, <)$  are linearly ordered sets by Lemma 4.4.6. For any  $(a_1, a_2) \in A$ , let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be defined as

$$f(a_1, a_2) = (f_1(a_1), f_2(a_2)),$$

where  $f_1: A_1 \rightarrow B_1$  and  $f_2: A_2 \rightarrow B_2$  are isomorphisms. It is easy to see that  $f$  is bijective.

Now let  $(a_1, a_2), (a'_1, a'_2) \in A$ . Suppose  $(a_1, a_2) < (a'_1, a'_2)$ ; then either  $a_1 <_1 a'_1$ , or  $a_1 = a'_1$  and  $a_2 <_2 a'_2$ . In the first case,  $f_1(a_1) <_1 f_1(a'_1)$ , and so  $(f_1(a_1), f_2(a_2)) < (f_1(a'_1), f_2(a'_2))$ ; in the second case,  $f_1(a_1) = f_1(a'_1)$  and  $f_2(a_2) <_2 f_2(a'_2)$  and so  $(f_1(a_1), f_2(a_2)) < (f_1(a'_1), f_2(a'_2))$ .

To see the inverse direction, let  $(f_1(a_1), f_2(a_2)) < (f_1(a'_1), f_2(a'_2))$ . Then either  $f_1(a_1) <_1 f_1(a'_1)$  or  $f_1(a_1) = f_1(a'_1)$  and  $f_2(a_2) <_2 f_2(a'_2)$ . In the first case,  $f_1(a_1) <_1 f_1(a'_1)$  and so  $a_1 <_1 a'_1$  and so  $(a_1, a_2) < (a'_1, a'_2)$ ; in the second case,  $a_1 = a'_1$  and  $a_2 <_2 a'_2$  and so  $(a_1, a_2) < (a'_1, a'_2)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 124 (4.4.2). Give an example of linear orderings  $(A_1, <_1)$  and  $(A_2, <_2)$  such that the sum of  $(A_1, <_1)$  and  $(A_2, <_2)$  does not have the same order type as the sum of  $(A_2, <_2)$  and  $(A_1, <_1)$  ("addition of order types is not commutative"). Do the same thing for lexicographic product.

PROOF. (i) Let  $(A_1, <_1) = (\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}, <^{-1})$ , and  $(A_2, <_2) = (\mathbb{N}, <)$ , where  $<$  denotes the usual ordering of numbers by size. Then the sum of  $(\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}, <^{-1})$  and  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$  is just  $(\mathbb{Z}, <)$ . Particularly, there is no greatest element in  $(\mathbb{Z}, <)$ . However, there is a greatest element in the sum of  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$  and  $(\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}, <^{-1})$ , namely,  $-1$ .

(ii) This is just the case of lexicographic ordering and antilexicographic ordering.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 125 (4.4.3). Prove that the sum and the lexicographic product of two well-orderings are well-orderings.

PROOF. Let  $(A_1, <_1)$  and  $(A_2, <_2)$  be two well-ordered sets.

(i) Let  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$  and  $(A, <)$  be the sum of  $(A_1, <_1)$  and  $(A_2, <_2)$ . Let  $B \subseteq A$  be nonempty. Write  $B = (B \cap A_1) \cup (B \cap A_2)$ . Let  $B \cap A_1 = B_1$  and  $B \cap A_2 = B_2$ . Then  $B_1 \subseteq A_1$ ,  $B_2 \subseteq A_2$ , and  $B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$ . There are three cases:

- If  $B_1 \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_2 \neq \emptyset$ , then  $B_1$  has a least element  $b_1$ , and  $B_2$  has a least element  $b_2$ . By definition,  $b_1 < b_2$  and so  $b_1$  is the least element of  $B$ .
- If  $B_1 \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_2 = \emptyset$ , then  $B$ 's least element is just  $b_1$ .

- If  $B_1 = \emptyset$  and  $B_2 \neq \emptyset$ , then  $B$ 's least element is just  $b_2$ .

(ii) Let  $<$  be the lexicographic ordering on  $A = A_1 \times A_2$ . Take an arbitrary nonempty subset  $C \subseteq A$ . Let  $C_1$  be the projection of  $C$  on  $A_1$ . Then  $C_1 \neq \emptyset$  and so has a least element  $\hat{c}_1$ . Now take the set  $\{c_2 \in A_2 : (\hat{c}_1, c_2) \in C\}$ . This set is nonempty hence has a least element  $\hat{c}_2$ . We now show that  $(\hat{c}_1, \hat{c}_2)$  is the least element of  $C$ : for every  $(c_1, c_2) \in C$ , either  $\hat{c}_1 < c_1$ , or  $\hat{c}_1 = c_1$  and  $\hat{c}_2 < c_2$ . In both case,  $(\hat{c}_1, \hat{c}_2) < (c_1, c_2)$ . Thus,  $(A, <)$  is well-ordered.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 126 (4.4.4). *If  $\langle A_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is an infinite sequence of linearly ordered sets of natural numbers and  $|A_i| \geq 2$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , then the lexicographic ordering of  $\prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i$  is not a well-ordering.*

PROOF. Because  $|A_i| \geq 2$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we can pick  $a_i^1 \in A_i$ ,  $a_i^2 \in A_i$ , and  $a_i^1 < a_i^2$ , where  $<$  is the usual linear ordering on  $\mathbb{N}$ . Consider the infinite sequence  $\langle a_0, a_1, \dots \rangle$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \langle a_0^2, a_1^2, a_2^2, a_3^2, a_4^2, \dots \rangle, \\ a_1 &= \langle a_0^1, a_1^2, a_2^2, a_3^2, a_4^2, \dots \rangle, \\ a_2 &= \langle a_0^1, a_1^1, a_2^2, a_3^2, a_4^2, \dots \rangle, \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

In this sequence,  $a_{n+1} < a_n$  by the lexicographic ordering  $<$ . More explicitly,  $\text{diff}(a_{n+1}, a_n) = n$ , and  $a_{n+1}(n) = a_n^1 < a_n^2 = a_n(n)$ . Then the set  $\{a_0, a_1, \dots\}$  does not have a least element, that is, the lexicographic ordering of  $\prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i$  is not well-ordering.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 127 (4.4.5). *Let  $\langle (A_i, <_i) : i \in I \rangle$  be an indexed system of mutually disjoint linearly ordered sets,  $I \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . The relation  $<$  on  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  defined by:  $a < b$  iff either  $a, b \in A_i$  and  $a <_i b$  for some  $i \in I$  or  $a \in A_i$ ,  $b \in A_j$  and  $i < j$  (in the usual ordering of natural numbers) is a linear ordering. If all  $<_i$  are well-orderings, so is  $<$ .*

PROOF. We first show that  $<$  is a linear ordering (compare with Exercise 49). (Transitivity) Let  $a, b, c \in \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  with  $a < b$  and  $b < c$ . If  $a, b, c \in A_i$  for some  $i \in I$ , then  $a <_i b$  and  $b <_i c$  imply that  $a <_i c$ ; if  $a, b \in A_i$ ,  $c \in A_j$ , and  $i < j$ , then  $a < c$ ; if  $a \in A_i$ ,  $b, c \in A_j$ , and  $i < j$ , then  $a < c$ . (Asymmetry) Let  $a, b \in \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  and  $a < b$ . If  $a, b \in A_i$ , then  $a <_i b$ , which implies that  $a \not<_i b$ , which implies that  $a \not< b$ ; if  $a \in A_i$ ,  $b \in A_j$ , and  $i < j$ , then, by definition,  $a < b$ . (Linearity) Given  $a, b \in \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$ , one of the following cases has to occur: If  $a, b \in A_i$  for some  $i \in I$ , then  $a, b$  is comparable since  $<_i$  is; if  $a \in A_i$ ,  $b \in A_j$ , and  $i < j$ , then  $a < b$ ; if  $a \in A_i$ ,  $b \in A_j$ , and  $i > j$ , then  $b < a$ .

Now suppose that all  $<_i$  are well-orderings. Pick an arbitrary nonempty subset  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$ . For each  $a \in A$ , there exists a unique  $i_a \in I$  such that  $a \in A_{i_a}$ . Let

$$I_A = \{i \in I : a \in A_i \text{ for some } a \in A\}.$$

Notice that  $I_A \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $I_A$  has a least element  $i'$ . Since  $A_{i'}$  is also nonempty,  $A_{i'}$  has a least element  $a_{i'}$ . Hence,  $a_{i'}$  is the least element of  $A$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 128 (4.4.6). Let  $(\mathbb{Z}, <)$  be the set of all integers with the usual linear ordering. Let  $<$  be the lexicographic ordering of  $\mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N}}$  as defined in Theorem 4.4.7. Finally, let  $FS \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N}}$  be the set of all eventually constant elements of  $\mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N}}$ ; i.e.,  $\langle a_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle \in FS$  iff there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a_i = a$  for all  $i \geq n_0$  (compare with Exercise 117). Prove that  $FS$  is countable and  $(FS, < \cap FS^2)$  is a dense linear ordered set without endpoints.

PROOF. The countability of  $FS$  is obtained by a similar proof as in Exercise 117. It is also easy to see that  $(FS, < \cap FS^2)$  is a linear ordered set without endpoints. So we just show that it is dense.

Take two arbitrary elements  $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \langle b_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  in  $FS$ , and assume that  $\mathbf{a} < \mathbf{b}$ . Then there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a_{n_0} < b_{n_0}$ , where  $n_0$  is the least element of  $\text{diff}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$ . Define  $\mathbf{c} = \langle c_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  by letting

$$c_i = \begin{cases} a_i & \text{if } i \leq n_0 \\ \max\{a_i, b_i\} & \text{if } i > n_0. \end{cases}$$

This infinite sequence  $\mathbf{c}$  is well-defined since both  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are eventually constant. Then  $\mathbf{a} < \mathbf{c} < \mathbf{b}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 129 (4.4.7). Let  $<$  be the lexicographic ordering of  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  (where  $\mathbb{N}$  is assumed to be ordered in the usual way) and let  $P \subseteq \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  be the set of all eventually periodic, but not eventually constant, sequences of natural numbers (see Exercises 117 and 118 for definitions of these concepts). Show that  $(P, < \cap P^2)$  is a countable dense linearly ordered set without endpoints.

PROOF. It is evident that  $(P, < \cap P^2)$  is a countable linearly ordered set, so we focus on density. Take two arbitrary elements  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  with  $\mathbf{a} < \mathbf{b}$ . Then there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a_{n_0} < b_{n_0}$ , where  $n_0$  is defined as in the previous exercise. Define  $\mathbf{c} \in P$  as in the previous exercise, we have  $\mathbf{a} < \mathbf{c} < \mathbf{b}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 130 (4.4.8). Let  $(A, <)$  be linearly ordered. Define  $<$  on  $\text{Seq}(A)$  by:  $\langle a_0, \dots, a_{m-1} \rangle < \langle b_0, \dots, b_{n-1} \rangle$  iff there is  $k < n$  such that  $a_i = b_i$  for all  $i < k$  and either  $a_k < b_k$  or  $a_k$  is undefined (i.e.,  $k = m < n$ ). Prove that  $<$  is a linear ordering. If  $(A, <)$  is well-ordered,  $(\text{Seq}(A), <)$  is also well-ordered.

PROOF. *Transitivity*: Let  $\langle a_0, \dots, a_{m-1} \rangle < \langle b_0, \dots, b_{n-1} \rangle < \langle c_0, \dots, c_{\ell-1} \rangle$ . Then there exists  $k_1 < n$  such that  $a_i = b_i$  for all  $i < k_1$  and either  $a_{k_1} < b_{k_1}$  or  $a_{k_1}$  is undefined. Similarly, there exists  $k_2 < \ell$  such that  $b_i = c_i$  for all  $i < k_2$  and either  $b_{k_2} < c_{k_2}$  or  $b_{k_2}$  is undefined. Assume that  $k_1 < k_2$ .

- If  $a_i = b_i$  for all  $i < k_1$ ,  $a_{k_1} < b_{k_1}$ ,  $b_i = c_i$  for all  $i < k_2$ , and  $b_{k_2} < c_{k_2}$ , then  $a_i = c_i$  for all  $i < k_1$ , and  $a_{k_1} < c_{k_1}$ , i.e.,  $\langle a_0, \dots, a_{m-1} \rangle < \langle c_0, \dots, c_{\ell-1} \rangle$ .



- If  $a_i = b_i$ ,  $k_1 = m < n$ ,  $b_i = c_i$  for all  $i < k_2$ , and  $b_{k_2} < c_{k_2}$ , then  $a_i = b_i = c_i$  for all  $i < k_1$ , and  $a_{k_1}$  is undefined, i.e.,  $\langle a_0, \dots, a_{m-1} \rangle < \langle c_0, \dots, c_{\ell-1} \rangle$ .
- If  $a_i = b_i$  for all  $i < k_1$ ,  $a_{k_1} < b_{k_1}$ ,  $b_i = c_i$  for all  $i < k_2$ , and  $k_2 = n < \ell$ , then  $a_i = b_i = c_i$  for all  $i < k_1$ , and  $a_{k_1} < b_{k_1} = c_{k_1}$ , i.e.,  $\langle a_0, \dots, a_{m-1} \rangle < \langle c_0, \dots, c_{\ell-1} \rangle$ .

We can see that  $\langle a_0, \dots, a_{m-1} \rangle < \langle c_0, \dots, c_{\ell-1} \rangle$  also holds for  $k_1 \geq k_2$ .

*Asymmetry:* Follows from definition immediately.

*Linearity:* Given  $\langle a_0, \dots, a_{m-1} \rangle, \langle b_0, \dots, b_{n-1} \rangle \in \text{Seq}(A)$ . If  $m < n$ , then either there exists  $k < m$  such that  $a_i = b_i$  for all  $i < k$  and  $a_k < b_k$  or  $a_k > b_k$ , which implies that  $\langle a_0, \dots, a_{m-1} \rangle < \langle b_0, \dots, b_{n-1} \rangle$  or  $\langle a_0, \dots, a_{m-1} \rangle > \langle b_0, \dots, b_{n-1} \rangle$ ; or  $a_i = b_i$  for all  $i < m$ , which implies that  $\langle a_0, \dots, a_{m-1} \rangle < \langle b_0, \dots, b_{n-1} \rangle$ . All other cases can be analyzed similarly.

*Well-ordering:* Let  $X \subseteq \text{Seq}(A)$  be nonempty, and  $(A, <)$  be well-ordered. Let

$$B_i = \{a_i \in A : \langle a_0, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_{n-1} \rangle \in X\}.$$

Then  $B_i \subseteq A$  is nonempty and so has a least element  $b_i$ . The sequence  $\langle b_0, \dots, b_{\ell-1} \rangle$  is the least element of  $X$  and so  $(\text{Seq}(A), <)$  is well-ordered.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 131 (4.4.10). Let  $(A, <)$  be a linearly ordered set without endpoints,  $A \neq \emptyset$ . A closed interval  $[a, b]$  is defined for  $a, b \in A$  by  $[a, b] = \{x \in A : a \leq x \leq b\}$ . Assume that each closed interval  $[a, b]$ ,  $a, b \in A$ , has a finite number of elements. Then  $(A, <)$  is similar to the set  $\mathbb{Z}$  of all integers in the usual ordering.

PROOF. Take arbitrary  $a, b \in A$  with  $a \leq b$ . Denote  $[a, b]$  as  $\{a_{i_0}, a_{i_1}, \dots, a_{i_k}\}$  (since it is finite), where  $a_{i_0} = a$  and  $a_{i_k} = b$ , with  $a_{i_0} < \dots < a_{i_k}$ . Let

$$h_{[a,b]} = \{(a_{i_0}, 0), (a_{i_1}, 1), \dots, (a_{i_k}, k)\}.$$

Clearly,  $h$  is a partial isomorphism. Now for any  $c \in A$ , either  $c < a$  or  $c > b$ . For example, assume that  $c < a$ . Let  $[c, a] = \{c_{j_\ell}, \dots, c_{j_0}\}$ , where  $c_{j_\ell} = c$  and  $c_{j_0} = a$ , with  $c_{j_\ell} < \dots < c_{j_0}$ . Let

$$h_{[c,a]} = \{(c_{j_\ell}, -\ell), \dots, (c_{j_1}, -1), (c_{j_0}, 0)\}.$$

Let  $h = \bigcup_{a,b \in A} h_{[a,b]}$ . Then  $h$  is an isomorphism and so  $(A, <) \cong (\mathbb{Q}, <)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 132 (4.4.11). Let  $(A, <)$  be a dense linearly ordered set. Show that for all  $a, b \in A$ ,  $a < b$ , the closed interval  $[a, b]$ , as defined in Exercise 131, has infinitely many elements.

PROOF. If  $[a, b]$  has finitely element, then  $(A, <) \cong (\mathbb{Z}, <)$ . However,  $(\mathbb{Z}, <)$  is not dense.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 133 (4.4.12). Show that all countable dense linearly ordered sets with both endpoints are similar.

PROOF. Let  $(P, <)$  and  $(Q, <)$  be such two sets. Let  $\langle p_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  be an injective sequence such that  $P = \{p_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , and let  $\langle q_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  be an injective sequence such that  $Q = \{q_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . We also assume that  $p_0 < p_1 < \cdots < \bar{p}$  and  $q_0 < q_1 < \cdots < \bar{q}$ , where  $\bar{p}$  is the greatest element of  $P$  and  $\bar{q}$  is the greatest element of  $Q$ .

Let  $h_0: p_0 \mapsto q_0$ . Having defined  $h_n: \{p_0, \dots, p_n\} \rightarrow \{q_0, \dots, q_n\}$ , we let  $h_{n+1}: h_n \cup \{(p_{n+1}, q_{n+1})\}$ . Now let  $h = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} h_i$ . Then  $h$  is an isomorphism and so  $(P, <) \cong (Q, <)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 134 (4.4.13). Let  $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$  be the set of all rational numbers in the usual ordering. Find subsets of  $\mathbb{Q}$  similar to

- the sum of two copies of  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ ;
- the sum of  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$  and  $(\mathbb{N}, <^{-1})$ ;
- the lexicographic product of  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$  and  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ .

PROOF. For (a) and (b), we take the subset as  $\mathbb{Z}$ . For (c), let  $A = \{m - 1/(n + 1) : m, n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{irreducible}\}$ . We show that  $A \cong \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $h: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  be defined as  $h(m - 1/(n + 1)) = (m, n)$ . It is clear that  $h$  is bijective. First assume that  $m_1 - 1/(n_1 + 1) < m_2 - 1/(n_2 + 1)$ . Then it is impossible that  $m_1 > m_2$ ; for otherwise,

$$\frac{1}{n_1 + 1} - \frac{1}{n_2 + 1} > m_2 - m_1 \geq 1,$$

which is impossible. If  $m_1 < m_2$ , there is nothing to prove. So assume that  $m_1 = m_2$ , but then  $n_1 < n_2$  and hence  $(m_1, n_1) < (m_2, n_2)$ . The other hand can be proved similarly.  $\square$

## 4.5 COMPLETE LINEAR ORDERINGS

REMARK (p. 87). Let  $(P, <)$  be a dense linearly ordered set.  $(P, <)$  is complete iff it does not have any gaps.

PROOF. We first show that if  $(P, <)$  does not have any gaps, then it is complete. Suppose  $(P, <)$  is not complete, that is, there is a nonempty set  $S \subseteq P$  bounded from above, and  $S$  does not have a supremum. Let

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{x \in P : x \leq s \text{ for some } s \in S\}, \\ B &= \{x \in P : x > s \text{ for every } s \in S\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $(A, B)$  is a gap:  $A \neq \emptyset$  since  $S \subseteq A$ , and  $B \neq \emptyset$  since  $S$  is bounded from above. Next, for every  $p \in P$ , if  $p > s$  for all  $s \in S$  then  $p \in B$ ; if  $p \leq s$  for some  $s \in S$  then  $p \in A$ , i.e.,  $A \cup B = P$ . Finally,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , and if  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  then there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $a \leq s < b$ , i.e.,  $a < b$ .

If  $A$  has a greatest element, or  $B$  has a least element, then  $A$  has a supremum, but which means that  $S$  has a supremum, too. To see this, let  $\sup A = \gamma$ . Then  $\gamma \geq a$  for all  $a \in A$ , and if  $\gamma' < \gamma$ , there exists  $\tilde{a} \in A$  such that  $\gamma' < \tilde{a} \leq \gamma$ . Since  $S \subseteq A$ , we get  $s \leq \gamma$  for all  $s \in S$ . So we need only to prove that there exists  $\tilde{s} \in S$  such that  $\gamma' < \tilde{s} \leq \gamma$ . By definition, there exists  $\tilde{s} \in S$  such that  $\tilde{s} \geq \tilde{a}$ ; therefore,  $\gamma' < \tilde{a} \leq \tilde{s} \leq \gamma$  implies that  $\gamma' < \tilde{s} \leq \gamma$  since  $<$  is transitive.

For the other direction, assume that  $(P, <)$  has a gap  $(A, B)$ . Then  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq P$ ,  $A$  is bounded from above (since any element of  $B$  is an upper bound of  $A$ ). But  $A$  does not have a supremum; hence  $(P, <)$  is not complete.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 135 (4.5.1). *Prove that there is no  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$  for which  $x^2 = 2$ .*

PROOF. (See Rudin, 1976, for this exercise and Exercise 136.) If there were such a  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , we could write  $x = m/n$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are integers that are not both even. Let us assume this is done. Then  $x^2 = 2$  implies

$$m^2 = 2n^2. \quad (4.9)$$

This shows that  $m^2$  is even. Hence  $m$  is even (if  $m$  were odd, then  $m = 2k + 1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $m^2 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$  is odd), and so  $m^2$  is divisible by 4. It follows that the right side of (4.9) is divisible by 4, so that  $n^2$  is even, which implies that  $n$  is even.

The assumption that  $x^2 = 2$  holds thus leads to the conclusion that both  $m$  and  $n$  are even, contrary to our choice of  $m$  and  $n$ . Thus,  $x^2 \neq 2$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 136 (4.5.2). *Show that  $(A, B)$ , where*

$$A = \left\{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x \leq 0 \text{ or } (x > 0 \text{ and } x^2 < 2)\right\}, B = \left\{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x > 0 \text{ and } x^2 > 2\right\},$$

*is a gap in  $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$ .*

PROOF. To show that  $(A, B)$  is a gap in  $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$ , we need to show (a)-(c) of the definition hold. Since (a) and (b) are clear [note that  $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$  by Exercise 135], we need only to verify (c); that is,  $A$  does not have a greatest element, and  $B$  does not have a least element.

More explicitly, for every  $p \in A$  we can find a rational  $q \in A$  such that  $p < q$ , and for every  $p \in B$  such that  $q < p$ . To do this, we associate with each rational  $p > 0$  the number

$$q = p - \frac{p^2 - 2}{p + 2} = \frac{2p + 2}{p + 2}. \quad (4.10)$$

Then

$$q^2 - 2 = \frac{2(p^2 - 2)}{(p + 2)^2}. \quad (4.11)$$

- If  $p \in A$  then  $p^2 - 2 < 0$ , (4.10) shows that  $q > p$ , and (4.11) shows that  $q^2 < 2$ . Thus  $q \in A$ .

- If  $p \in B$  then  $p^2 - 2 > 0$ , (4.10) shows that  $0 < q < p$ , and (4.11) shows that  $q^2 > 2$ . Thus  $q \in B$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 137 (4.5.3). Let  $0.a_1a_2a_3\cdots$  be an infinite, but not periodic, decimal expansion. Let

$$A = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x \leq 0.a_1a_2\cdots a_k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}\},$$

$$B = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x \geq 0.a_1a_2\cdots a_k \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}\}.$$

Show that  $(A, B)$  is a gap in  $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$ .

PROOF. It is easy to see that  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty, disjoint, and  $A \cup B = \mathbb{Q}$ . Further, if  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ , then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $a \leq 0.a_1a_2\cdots a_k < b$ .

If  $A$  has a greatest element  $\alpha$ , then  $\alpha = 0.a_1a_2\cdots a_k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . But  $\alpha < 0.a_1a_2\cdots a_k 1 \in A$ . Similarly,  $B$  does not have a least element.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 138 (4.5.4). Show that a dense linearly ordered set  $(P, <)$  is complete iff every nonempty  $S \subseteq P$  bounded from below has an infimum.

PROOF. We first suppose  $(P, <)$  is complete. Then by definition, every nonempty  $S' \subseteq P$  bounded from above has a supremum. Now suppose  $\emptyset \neq S \subseteq P$  is bounded from below. Let  $S'$  be the set of all lower bounds of  $S$ . Since  $S$  is bounded from below,  $S' \neq \emptyset$ , and since  $S'$  consists of exactly those  $s' \in P$  which satisfy the inequality  $s' \leq s$  for every  $s \in S$ , we see that every  $s \in S$  is an upper bound of  $S'$ . Thus  $S'$  is bounded above and

$$\alpha = \sup S'$$

exists in  $P$  by definition of completion. We show that indeed  $\alpha = \inf S$ .

- If  $\gamma < \alpha$  then  $\gamma$  is not an upper bound of  $S'$ , hence  $\gamma \notin S$ . It follows that  $\alpha \leq s$  for every  $s \in S$  since  $s$  is an upper bound of  $S'$ . Thus  $\alpha$  is a lower bound of  $S$ , i.e.,  $\alpha \in S'$ .
- If  $\alpha < \beta$  then  $\beta \notin S'$ , since  $\alpha$  is an upper bound of  $S'$ .

We have shown that  $\alpha \in S'$  but  $\beta \notin S'$  if  $\beta > \alpha$ . In other words,  $\alpha$  is a lower bound of  $S$ , but  $\beta$  is not if  $\beta > \alpha$ . This means that  $\alpha = \inf S$ .

With the same logic, we can prove the inverse direction. Suppose every nonempty  $S \subseteq P$  bounded from below has an infimum. Let  $\emptyset \neq S' \subseteq P$  be an arbitrary set bounded from above. We want to show that  $S'$  has a supremum. Let  $S$  be the set of all upper bounds of  $S'$ . Since  $S'$  is bounded above,  $S \neq \emptyset$ , and since  $S$  consists of exactly those  $s \in P$  which satisfy the inequality  $s \geq s'$  for every  $s' \in S'$ , we see that every  $s' \in S'$  is a lower bound of  $S$ . Therefore,  $S$  is bounded from below and

$$\beta = \inf S$$

exists in  $P$ . We show that  $\beta = \sup S'$ , too.

- As before, we first show  $\beta \in S$ . If  $\gamma > \beta$ , then  $\gamma$  is not a lower bound of  $S$ , hence  $\gamma \notin S'$ . It follows that  $s' \leq \beta$  for every  $s' \in S'$ ; that is,  $\beta$  is an upper bound of  $S'$ , so  $\beta \in S$ .
- If  $\alpha < \beta$  then  $\alpha \notin S$ , since  $\beta$  is an upper bound of  $S'$ .

We have shown that  $\beta \in S$  but  $\alpha \notin S$  if  $\alpha < \beta$ . Therefore,  $\beta = \sup S'$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 139 (4.5.5). *Let  $D$  be dense in  $(P, <)$ , and let  $E$  be dense in  $(D, <)$ . Show that  $E$  is dense in  $(P, <)$ .*

PROOF. It seems that the definition of *denseness* in the Theorem 4.5.3(c) is wrong. We use the definition from Jech (2006):

- DEFINITION 4.1. a. A linear ordering  $(P, <)$  is *dense* if for all  $a < b$  there exists a  $c$  such that  $a < c < b$ .
- b. A set  $D \subseteq P$  is a *dense subset* if for all  $a < b$  in  $P$  there exists a  $d \in D$  such that  $a < d < b$ .

Let  $p_1, p_2 \in P$  and  $p_1 < p_2$ . Since  $D$  is dense in  $(P, <)$ , there exists  $d_1 \in D$  such that

$$p_1 < d_1 < p_2. \quad (4.12)$$

Because  $d_1 \in D \subseteq P$ , we know there exists a  $d_2 \in D$  such that

$$d_1 < d_2 < p_2. \quad (4.13)$$

Because  $E$  is dense in  $(D, <)$ , there exists  $e \in E$  such that

$$d_1 < e < d_2. \quad (4.14)$$

Now combine (4.12)–(4.14) and adopt the fact that  $<$  is linear, we conclude that for any  $p_1 < p_2$ , there exists  $e \in E$  such that  $p_1 < e < p_2$ ; that is,  $E$  is dense in  $(P, <)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 140 (4.5.8). *Prove that the set  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  of all irrational numbers is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

PROOF. We want to show that for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a < b$ , there is an  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $a < x < b$ . We can choose such an  $x$  as follows:

$$x = \begin{cases} (a+b)/2 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \\ (a+b)/\sqrt{2} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad \square$$

## 4.6 UNCOUNTABLE SETS

► EXERCISE 141 (4.6.1). *Use the diagonal argument to show that  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  is uncountable.*

PROOF. Consider any infinite sequence  $\langle a_n \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ , we prove that there is some  $d \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , and  $d \neq a_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This can be done by defining

$$d(n) = a_n(n) + 1.$$

Note that  $a_n(n) + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $d \neq a_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . □

► EXERCISE 142 (4.6.2). *Show that  $|\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}| = 2^{\aleph_0}$ .*

PROOF. We first show that  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})$ . A generic element of  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  can be written as  $\{(1, a_1), (2, a_2), (3, a_3), \dots\}$ . Since  $(n, a_n) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\{(1, a_1), (2, a_2), \dots\} \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ ; that is,  $\{(1, a_1), (2, a_2), \dots\} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})$ . Therefore,

$$2^{\mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}).$$

Because  $|\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}|$ , we have  $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})| = |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})|$  (by [Exercise 143](#)); furthermore,  $|\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}| = |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})|$ , so  $|\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}| = |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})|$ . It follows from Cantor-Bernstein Theorem that  $|\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}| = 2^{\aleph_0} = c$ . □

► EXERCISE 143 (4.6.3). *Show that  $|A| = |B|$  implies  $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = |\mathcal{P}(B)|$ .*

PROOF. Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a bijection. For every subset  $a \subseteq A$ , we define a function  $g: \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(B)$  as follows:

$$g(a) = f[a],$$

where  $f[a]$  is the image of  $a$  under  $f$ . Then it is easy to see that  $g$  is bijective. Hence,  $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = |\mathcal{P}(B)|$ . □

# 5

## CARDINAL NUMBERS

### 5.1 CARDINAL ARITHMETIC

► EXERCISE 144 (5.1.1). *Prove properties (a)–(n) of cardinal arithmetic stated in the text of this section.*

- a.  $\kappa + \lambda = \lambda + \kappa$ .
- b.  $\kappa + (\lambda + \mu) = (\kappa + \lambda) + \mu$ .
- c.  $\kappa \leq \kappa + \lambda$ .
- d. *If  $\kappa_1 \leq \kappa_2$  and  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2$ , then  $\kappa_1 + \lambda_1 \leq \kappa_2 + \lambda_2$ .*
- e.  $\kappa \cdot \lambda = \lambda \cdot \kappa$ .
- f.  $\kappa \cdot (\lambda \cdot \mu) = (\kappa \cdot \lambda) \cdot \mu$ .
- g.  $\kappa \cdot (\lambda + \mu) = \kappa \cdot \lambda + \kappa \cdot \mu$ .
- h.  $\kappa \leq \kappa \cdot \lambda$  if  $\lambda > 0$ .
- i. *If  $\kappa_1 \leq \kappa_2$  and  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2$ , then  $\kappa_1 \cdot \lambda_1 \leq \kappa_2 \cdot \lambda_2$ .*
- j.  $\kappa + \kappa = 2 \cdot \kappa$ .
- k.  $\kappa + \kappa \leq \kappa \cdot \kappa$ , whenever  $\kappa \geq 2$ .
- l.  $\kappa \leq \kappa^\lambda$  if  $\lambda > 0$ .
- m.  $\lambda \leq \kappa^\lambda$  if  $\kappa > 1$ .
- n. *If  $\kappa_1 \leq \kappa_2$  and  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2$ , then  $\kappa_1^{\lambda_1} \leq \kappa_2^{\lambda_2}$ .*

PROOF. We let  $|A| = \kappa$ ,  $|B| = \lambda$ , and  $|C| = \mu$  throughout this exercise.

(a & b)  $A \cup B = B \cup A$ , and  $A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$ .

(c) Let  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Then  $\kappa + \lambda = |A \cup B|$ . Considering the embedding  $\text{Id}_A: A \rightarrow A \cup B$ . Then  $|A| \leq |A \cup B|$ , i.e.,  $\kappa \leq \kappa + \lambda$ .

(d) Let  $|A_1| = \kappa_1, |A_2| = \kappa_2, |B_1| = \lambda_1, |B_2| = \lambda_2, A_1 \cap B_1 = \emptyset = A_2 \cap B_2, |A_1| \leq |A_2|$ , and  $|B_1| \leq |B_2|$ . Let  $f: A_1 \rightarrow A_2$  and  $g: B_1 \rightarrow B_2$  be two injections. Define  $h: A_1 \cup B_1 \rightarrow A_2 \cup B_2$  by letting

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in A_1 \\ g(x) & \text{if } x \in B_1. \end{cases}$$

Then  $h$  is an injection, and so  $\kappa_1 + \lambda_1 \leq \kappa_2 + \lambda_2$ .

(e) Let  $f: A \times B \rightarrow B \times A$  with  $f((a, b)) = (b, a)$  for all  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ . Then  $f$  is bijective, and so  $|A \times B| = |B \times A|$ , i.e.,  $\kappa \cdot \lambda = \lambda \cdot \kappa$ .

(f) By letting  $f: (a, (b, c)) \mapsto ((a, b), c)$  for all  $(a, (b, c)) \in A \times (B \times C)$ , we see that  $|A \times (B \times C)| = |(A \times B) \times C|$ ; hence,  $\kappa \cdot (\lambda \cdot \mu) = (\kappa \cdot \lambda) \cdot \mu$ .

(g)  $A \times (B \cup C) = (A \times B) \cup (A \times C)$ .

(h) Pick  $b \in B$  (since  $\lambda > 0$ ). Define  $f: A \rightarrow A \times \{b\}$  by letting for all  $a \in A$ :

$$f(a) = (a, b).$$

Then  $f$  is bijective. Since  $A \times \{b\} \subseteq A \times B$ , we have (h).

(i) Let  $|A_1| = \kappa_1, |A_2| = \kappa_2, |B_1| = \lambda_1, |B_2| = \lambda_2, \kappa_1 \leq \kappa_2$ , and  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2$ . Let  $f: A_1 \rightarrow A_2$  and  $g: B_1 \rightarrow B_2$  be two injections. By defining  $h: A_1 \times B_1 \rightarrow A_2 \times B_2$  with

$$h(a, b) = (f(a), g(b)),$$

we see that  $h$  is injective. Therefore,  $\kappa_1 \cdot \lambda_1 \leq \kappa_2 \cdot \lambda_2$ .

(j) In the book.

(k)  $\kappa + \kappa \leq 2 \cdot \kappa \leq \kappa \cdot \kappa$  if  $\kappa \geq 2$ , by part (j) and (i).

(l) For every  $a \in A$ , let  $f_a \in A^B$  be defined as  $f_a(b) \equiv a$  for all  $b \in B$ . Then we define a function  $F: A \rightarrow A^B$  by letting  $F(a) = f_a$ . Then  $F$  is injective and so  $\kappa \leq \kappa^\lambda$  if  $\lambda > 0$ .

(m) Take  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  (since  $\kappa > 1$ ). For every  $b \in B$ , we define a function  $f_b: B \rightarrow A$  by letting

$$f_b(x) = \begin{cases} a_1 & \text{if } x = b \\ a_2 & \text{if } x \neq b. \end{cases}$$

Then define a function  $F: B \rightarrow A^B$  as  $F(b) = f_b$ . This function  $F$  is injective, and so  $|B| \leq |A^B|$ .

(n) Let  $|A_1| = \kappa_1, |A_2| = \kappa_2, |B_1| = \lambda_1, |B_2| = \lambda_2, \kappa_1 \leq \kappa_2$ , and  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2$ . Let  $f: A_1 \rightarrow A_2$  and  $g: B_1 \rightarrow B_2$  be two injections. For any  $k \in A_1^{B_1}$ , we can pick a  $h_k \in A_2^{B_2}$  such that

$$h_k(x) = \begin{cases} (f \circ k \circ g^{-1})(x) & \text{if } x \in g[B_1] \\ \hat{b}_2 & \text{if } x \in A_2 \setminus g[B_1], \end{cases}$$

where  $\hat{b}_2 \in B_2$ . Then the function  $F: A_1^{B_1} \rightarrow A_2^{B_2}$  defined by  $f(k) = h_k$  is injective, and so  $\kappa_1^{\lambda_1} \leq \kappa_2^{\lambda_2}$ .  $\square$



► EXERCISE 145 (5.1.2). Show that  $\kappa^0 = 1$  and  $\kappa^1 = \kappa$  for all  $\kappa$ .

PROOF.  $\kappa^0 = 1$  because  $A^\emptyset = \langle \rangle$  for all  $A$ .

Let  $|A| = \kappa$  and  $B = \{b\}$ . Then  $A^{\{b\}} = \{b\} \times A$ ; that is,  $|A^{\{b\}}| = |A|$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 146 (5.1.3). Show that  $1^\kappa = 1$  for all  $\kappa$  and  $0^\kappa = 0$  for all  $\kappa > 0$ .

PROOF. Let  $A = \{a\}$  and  $|B| = \kappa$ . In this case,  $\{a\}^B = \{f: B \rightarrow \{a\}: f(b) = a \text{ for all } b \in B\}$ ; that is,  $|\{a\}^B| = 1 = |\{a\}|$ .

Since  $\emptyset^B = \emptyset$  for all  $B$ , we have  $|\emptyset^B| = 0 = |\emptyset|$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 147 (5.1.4). Prove that  $\kappa^\kappa \leq 2^{\kappa \cdot \kappa}$ .

PROOF. Let  $|A| = \kappa$ . We look for an injection  $F: A^A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{A \times A}$ . For every element  $f \in A^A$ , let  $F(f): A \times A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be defined as

$$F(f)(a, b) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } b \neq f(a) \\ 1 & \text{if } b = f(a). \end{cases}$$

To verify  $F$  is injective, take arbitrary  $f, f' \in A^A$  with  $f \neq f'$ . Then there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) \neq f'(a)$ . For the pair  $(a, f(a)) \in A \times A$ ,

$$F(f)(a, f(a)) = 1 \neq 0 = F(f')(a, f(a)).$$

Hence,  $F(f) \neq F(f')$  whenever  $f \neq f'$ . Thus,  $\kappa^\kappa \leq 2^{\kappa \cdot \kappa}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 148 (5.1.5). If  $|A| \leq |B|$  and if  $A \neq \emptyset$ , then there is a mapping of  $B$  onto  $A$ .

PROOF. Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be an injection, and let  $a \in A$ . Define  $g: B \rightarrow A$  as

$$g(b) = \begin{cases} f^{-1}(b) & \text{if } b \in f[A] \\ a & \text{if } b \in B \setminus f[A]. \end{cases}$$

It is evident that  $g$  is surjective.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 149 (5.1.6). If there is a mapping of  $B$  onto  $A$ , then  $2^{|A|} \leq 2^{|B|}$ .

PROOF. Let  $g: B \rightarrow A$  be surjective. Define  $f: \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(B)$  as  $f(X) = g^{-1}[X]$ . Then  $f$  is injective and so  $2^{|A|} = |\mathcal{P}(A)| \leq |\mathcal{P}(B)| = 2^{|B|}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 150 (5.1.7). Use Cantor's Theorem to show that the "set of all sets" does not exist.

PROOF. Suppose  $\mathcal{U}$  is the "set of all sets". Then  $Y = \mathcal{P}(\bigcup \mathcal{U}) \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{U}$ , and so  $|Y| \leq |\bigcup \mathcal{U}|$ . But Cantors' Theorem says that  $|Y| > |\bigcup \mathcal{U}|$ . A contradiction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 151 (5.1.8). Let  $X$  be a set and let  $f$  be a one-to-one mapping of  $X$  into itself such that  $f[X] \subset X$ . Then  $X$  is infinite.

PROOF.  $f: X \rightarrow f[X]$  is bijective, and so  $|X| = |f[X]|$ . If  $X$  is finite, it contradicts Lemma 4.2.2.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 152 (5.1.9). Every countable set is Dedekind infinite.

PROOF. It suffices to consider  $\mathbb{N}$ . Let  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  be defined as  $f(n) = n + 1$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{N}$  is Dedekind infinite.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 153 (5.1.10). If  $X$  contains a countable subset, then  $X$  is Dedekind infinite.

PROOF. Let  $A \subseteq X$  be countable. Then there is a bijection  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$ . Define a function  $g: X \rightarrow X$  by

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(n)) &= f(n+1) && \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ g(x) &= x && \text{for } x \in X \setminus A \end{aligned}$$

(see Figure 5.1). By this construction,  $g: X \rightarrow X \setminus \{g(0)\}$  is bijective.

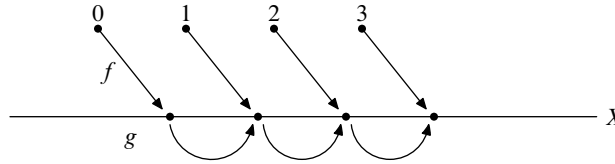


FIGURE 5.1.  $f(0)$  is not in  $\mathcal{R}_g$ .

$\square$

► EXERCISE 154 (5.1.11). If  $X$  is Dedekind infinite, then it contains a countable subset.

PROOF. Let  $X$  be Dedekind infinite. Then there exists a bijection  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $Y \subset X$ . Pick  $x \in X \setminus Y$ . Let

$$x_0 = x, x_1 = f(x_0), \dots, x_{n+1} = f(x_n), \dots$$

Then the set  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is countable.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 155 (5.1.12). If  $A$  and  $B$  are Dedekind finite, then  $A \cup B$  is Dedekind finite.

PROOF. If  $A$  and  $B$  are Dedekind finite, then  $A$  and  $B$  does not contain a countable subset; hence,  $A \cup B$  does not contain a countable subset, and so  $A \cup B$  is Dedekind finite.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 156 (5.1.13). *If  $A$  and  $B$  are Dedekind finite, then  $A \times B$  is Dedekind finite.*

PROOF. If  $A$  and  $B$  are Dedekind finite, then  $A$  and  $B$  does not contain a countable subset; hence,  $A \times B$  does not contain a countable subset, and so  $A \times B$  is Dedekind finite.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 157 (5.1.14). *If  $A$  is infinite, then  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(A))$  is Dedekind infinite.*

PROOF. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let

$$S_n = \{X \subset A : |X| = n\}.$$

The set  $\{S_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a countable subset of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(A))$ , and hence  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(A))$  is Dedekind infinite.  $\square$

## 5.2 THE CARDINALITY OF THE CONTINUUM

► EXERCISE 158 (5.2.1). *Prove that the set of all finite sets of reals has cardinality  $c$ .*

PROOF. Every finite set of reals can be written as a finite union of open intervals with rational endpoints. For example, we can write  $\{a, b, c\}$  as  $(a, b) \cup (b, c)$ . Thus, the cardinality of the set of all finite sets of reals is  $c$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 159 (5.2.2). *A real number  $x$  is algebraic if it is a solution of some equation*

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0 = 0, \quad (*)$$

where  $a_0, \dots, a_n$  are integers. If  $x$  is not algebraic, it is called transcendental. Show that the set of all algebraic numbers is countable and hence the set of all transcendental numbers has cardinality  $c$ .

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{A}_n$  denote the set of algebraic numbers that satisfy polynomials of the form  $a_k x^k + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0$  where  $k < n$  and  $\max\{|a_j|\} < n$ . Note that there are at most  $n^n$  polynomials of this form, and each one has at most  $n$  roots. Hence,  $\mathcal{A}_n$  is a finite set having at most  $n^{n+1} < \aleph_0$  elements. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the set of all algebraic numbers. Then  $|\mathcal{A}| = |\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{A}_n| \leq \aleph_0 \cdot \aleph_0 = \aleph_0$ .

On the other hand, consider the following set of algebraic numbers:

$$\mathcal{A}' = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a_0 + x = 0, a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Obviously,  $|\mathcal{A}'| = |\mathbb{Z}|$  and so  $|\mathcal{A}| \geq |\mathbb{Z}| = \aleph_0$ . It follows from Cantor-Benstein Theorem that  $|\mathcal{A}| = \aleph_0$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 160 (5.2.4). *The set of all closed subsets of reals has cardinality  $c$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the set of closed sets in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $\mathcal{O}$  the set of open sets in  $\mathbb{R}$ . A set  $E \in \mathcal{C}$  iff  $\mathbb{R} \setminus E \in \mathcal{O}$ ; that is, there exists a bijection  $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  defined by  $f(E) = \mathbb{R} \setminus E$ . Thus,  $|\mathcal{C}| = |\mathcal{O}| = c$  by Theorem 5.2.6(b).  $\square$

► EXERCISE 161 (5.2.5). *Show that, for  $n > 0$ ,  $n \cdot 2^c = \aleph_0 \cdot 2^c = c \cdot 2^c = 2^c \cdot 2^c = (2^c)^n = (2^c)^{\aleph_0} = (2^c)^c = 2^c$ .*

PROOF. We have

$$2^c \leq n \cdot 2^c \leq \aleph_0 \cdot 2^c \leq c \cdot 2^c \leq 2^c \cdot 2^c = 2^{c+c} = 2^c,$$

$$2^c \leq (2^c)^n \leq (2^c)^{\aleph_0} \leq (2^c)^c \leq 2^{c^2} = 2^c,$$

and

$$2^c \leq n^c \leq \aleph_0^c \leq (2^{\aleph_0})^c = 2^{\aleph_0 \cdot c} = 2^c.$$

Thus, by the Cantor-Bernstein Theorem, we get the result.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 162 (5.2.6). *The cardinality of the set of all discontinuous functions is  $2^c$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  denote the set of all continuous functions, and  $\mathcal{D}$  the set of all discontinuous functions. Suppose that  $|\mathcal{D}| = \kappa < 2^c$ . Then by Cantor's Theorem,

$$|\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}| = |\mathcal{D}| + |\mathcal{C}| = \kappa + c < 2^{\kappa+c} \leq 2^{2^c+c}.$$

Since

$$2^c + c \leq 2^c + 2^c = 2 \cdot 2^c = 2^c$$

by Exercise 161, we have

$$|\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}| < 2^c = |\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}|.$$

A contradiction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 163 (5.2.7). *Construct a one-to-one mapping of  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  onto  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

PROOF. Using the hints.  $\square$

# 6

## ORDINAL NUMBERS

### 6.1 WELL-ORDERED SETS

► EXERCISE 164 (6.1.1). *Give an example of a linearly ordered set  $(L, <)$  and an initial segment  $S$  of  $L$  which is not of the form  $\{x : x < a\}$ , for any  $a \in L$ .*

PROOF. We know from Lemma 6.1.2 that if  $L$  is a well-ordered set, then every initial segment is of the form  $L[a]$  for some  $a \in L$ . Hence, we have to find a linear ordered set which is *not* well-ordered. We also know from Lemma 4.4.2 that every linear ordering on a finite set is a well-ordering. Therefore, our first task is to find an infinite linear ordered  $(L, <)$  which is not well-ordered.

As an example, let  $L = \mathbb{R}$  and  $S = (-\infty, 0]$ . Then  $(\mathbb{R}, <)$  is a linear ordered set, and  $S$  is an initial segment of  $L$ , but  $S \neq \mathbb{R}[a]$  for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 165 (6.1.2).  *$\omega + 1$  is not isomorphic to  $\omega$  (in the well-ordering by  $\in$ ).*

PROOF. We first show that  $\omega = \mathbb{N}$  is an initial segment of  $\omega + 1$ . By definition,  $\omega + 1 = \omega \cup \{\omega\}$ , so  $\omega \subset \omega + 1$ . Choose any  $\alpha \in \omega$ , and let  $\beta \in \alpha$ . Both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are natural numbers, and so  $\beta \in \omega$ . Then, by Corollary 6.1.5 (a),  $\omega + 1$  is not isomorphic to  $\omega$  since  $\omega + 1$  is a well-ordered sets.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 166 (6.1.3). *There exist  $2^{\aleph_0}$  well-orderings of the set of all natural numbers.*

PROOF. There are  $\aleph_0^{\aleph_0} = c$  well-orderings on  $\mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 167 (6.1.4). *For every infinite subset  $A$  of  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $(A, <)$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ .*

PROOF. Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  be infinite. Notice that  $(A, <)$  is a well-ordered set, and  $A$  is not an initial segment of  $\mathbb{N}$ ; for otherwise,  $A = \mathbb{N}[n]$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and so  $A$  is finite.

$A$  cannot be isomorphic to  $\mathbb{N}[n]$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  since  $\mathbb{N}[n]$  is finite; similarly,  $A[n]$  cannot be isomorphic to  $\mathbb{N}$ . Hence, by Theorem 6.1.3,  $A$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 168 (6.1.5). Let  $(W_1, <_1)$  and  $(W_2, <_2)$  be disjoint well-ordered sets, each isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ . Show that the sum of the two linearly ordered sets is a well-ordering, and is isomorphic to the ordinal number  $\omega + \omega = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \omega, \omega + 1, \omega + 2, \dots\}$ .

PROOF. Let  $(W, <)$  be the sum of  $(W_1, <_1)$  and  $(W_2, <_2)$ . We have known that  $(W, <)$  is a linearly ordered set. To see  $(W, <)$  is well-ordered, take an arbitrary nonempty set  $X \subset W$ . Then  $X = (W_1 \cap X) \cup (W_2 \cap X)$ , and  $(W_1 \cap X) \cap (W_2 \cap X) = \emptyset$ . For  $i = 1, 2$ , if  $W_i \cap X \neq \emptyset$ , then it has a least element  $\alpha_i$ . Let  $\alpha = \min\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$ . Then  $\alpha$  is the least element of  $X$ .

Let  $f_i: W_i \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , be two isomorphisms. To see  $(W, <) \cong (\omega + \omega, <)$ , let  $f: W_1 \cup W_2 \rightarrow \omega + \omega$  be defined as

$$f(w) = \begin{cases} f_1(w) & \text{if } w \in W_1 \\ \omega + f_2(w) & \text{if } w \in W_2. \end{cases}$$

It is clear that  $f$  is an isomorphism and so  $(W, <) \cong (\omega + \omega, <)$ . □

► EXERCISE 169 (6.1.6). Show that the lexicographic product  $(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}, <)$  is isomorphic to  $\omega \cdot \omega$ .

PROOF. Define a function  $f: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \omega \cdot \omega$  as follows: for an arbitrary  $(m, n) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$f(m, n) = \omega \cdot m + n.$$

Clearly,  $f$  is bijective. To see  $f$  is an isomorphism, let  $(m, n) < (p, q)$ . Then either  $m < p$  or  $m = p$  and  $n < q$ . For every case,  $\omega \cdot m + n < \omega \cdot p + q$ . □

► EXERCISE 170 (6.1.7). Let  $(W, <)$  be a well-ordered set, and let  $a \notin W$ . Extend  $<$  to  $W' = W \cup \{a\}$  by making  $a$  greater than all  $x \in W$ . Then  $W$  has smaller order type than  $W'$ .

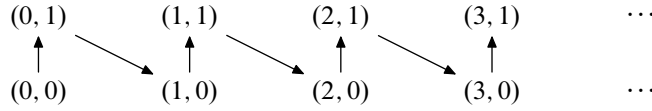
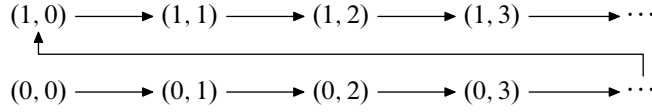
PROOF. We have  $W'[a] = W$ . Define a bijection  $f: W \rightarrow W'[a]$  as  $f(x) = x$  for all  $x \in W$ . Then  $f$  is an isomorphism. □

► EXERCISE 171 (6.1.8). The sets  $W = \mathbb{N} \times \{0, 1\}$  and  $W' = \{0, 1\} \times \mathbb{N}$ , ordered lexicographically, are nonisomorphic well-ordered sets.

PROOF. See Figures 6.1 and 6.2. The first ordering is isomorphic to  $(\omega, <)$ , but the second ordering is isomorphic to  $(\omega + \omega, <)$ . Since  $\omega + \omega$  is not isomorphic to  $\omega$  (by Exercise 165, we get the result.

## 6.2 ORDINAL NUMBERS

REMARK. Let  $A$  be a nonempty set of ordinals. Take  $\alpha \in A$ , and consider the set  $\alpha \cap A$ .

FIGURE 6.1. The lexicographic ordering on  $\mathbb{N} \times \{0, 1\}$ .FIGURE 6.2. The lexicographic ordering on  $\{0, 1\} \times \mathbb{N}$ .

□

- a. If  $\alpha \cap A = \emptyset$ , then  $\alpha$  is the least element of  $A$ .
- b. If  $\alpha \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\gamma$ , where  $\gamma$  is the least element of  $\alpha \cap A$ , is the least element of  $A$ .

PROOF. (a) If  $\alpha \cap A = \emptyset$ , then  $\beta \notin \alpha$  for every  $\beta \in A$ . It follows from Theorem 6.2.6(c) that  $\alpha \leq \beta$  for all  $\beta \in A$ . Hence,  $\alpha$  is the least element of  $A$ .

(b) For every  $\beta \in A$ , if  $\beta \notin \alpha$ , then  $\alpha \leq \beta$ ; if  $\beta \in \alpha$ , then  $\beta < \alpha$ . If  $\alpha \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , it has a least element  $\gamma$  in the ordering  $\in_\alpha$ ; that is  $\gamma \leq \beta$  for any  $\beta \in \alpha \cap A$ . Further, since  $\gamma \in \alpha \cap A \subseteq \alpha$ , we have  $\gamma < \alpha$  and  $\gamma \in A$ . In sum,

$$\begin{cases} \gamma < \alpha \leq \beta & \text{if } \beta \in A \setminus \alpha \\ \gamma \leq \beta & \text{if } \beta \in A \cap \alpha. \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $\gamma$  is the least element of  $A$ .

□

► EXERCISE 172 (6.2.1). A set  $X$  is transitive if and only if  $X \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ .

PROOF. Take an arbitrary  $x \in X$ . If  $X$  is transitive, then  $x \subseteq X$ , and so  $x \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ , i.e.,  $X \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ . On the other hand, if  $X \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ , then  $x \in X$  implies that  $x \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ , which is equivalent to  $x \subseteq X$ ; hence  $X$  is transitive. □

► EXERCISE 173 (6.2.2). A set  $X$  is transitive if and only if  $\bigcup X \subseteq X$ .

PROOF. Take any  $x \in \bigcup X$ , then there exists  $x_i \in X$  such that  $x \in x_i$ , that is,  $x \in x_i \in X$ ; therefore,  $x \in X$  if  $X$  is transitive and so  $\bigcup X \subseteq X$ . To see the converse direction, let  $\bigcup X \subseteq X$ . Take any  $x \in \bigcup X$ . There exists  $x_i \in X$  such that  $x \in x_i$ ; but  $x \in X$  since  $\bigcup X \subseteq X$ , so  $X$  is transitive. □

► EXERCISE 174 (6.2.3). Are the following sets transitive?

- a.  $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{\emptyset\}\}\}$ ,
- b.  $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{\emptyset\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}\}$ ,

c.  $\{\emptyset, \{\{\emptyset\}\}\}$ .

PROOF. (a) and (b) are transitive. However, (c) is not since  $\{\emptyset\} \in \{\{\emptyset\}\}$ , but  $\{\emptyset\} \notin \{\emptyset, \{\{\emptyset\}\}\}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 175 (6.2.4). *Which of the following statements are true?*

a. *If  $X$  and  $Y$  are transitive, the  $X \cup Y$  is transitive.*

b. *If  $X$  and  $Y$  are transitive, the  $X \cap Y$  is transitive.*

c. *If  $X \in Y$  and  $Y$  is transitive, then  $X$  is transitive.*

d. *If  $X \subseteq Y$  and  $Y$  is transitive, then  $X$  is transitive.*

e. *If  $Y$  is transitive and  $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(Y)$ , then  $Y \cup S$  is transitive.*

PROOF. (a), (b), and (e) are correct.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 176 (6.2.5). *If every  $X \in S$  is transitive, then  $\bigcup S$  is transitive.*

PROOF. Let  $u \in v \in \bigcup S$ . Then there exists  $X \in S$  such that  $u \in v \in X$  and so  $u \in X$  since  $X$  is transitive. Therefore,  $u \in \bigcup S$ , i.e.,  $\bigcup S$  is transitive.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 177 (6.2.7). *If a set of ordinals  $X$  does not have a greatest element, then  $\sup X$  is a limit ordinal.*

PROOF. If  $X$  does not have a greatest element, then  $\sup X > \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in X$ , and  $\sup X$  is the least such ordinal. If there were  $\beta$  such that  $\sup X = \beta + 1$ , then  $\beta$  would be the greatest element of  $X$ . A contradiction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 178 (6.2.8). *If  $X$  is a nonempty set of ordinals, then  $\bigcap X$  is an ordinal. Moreover,  $\bigcap X$  is the least element of  $X$ .*

PROOF. If  $u \in v \in \bigcap X$ , then  $u \in v \in \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in X$ , and so  $u \in \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in X$ , i.e.,  $u \in \bigcap X$ . Hence,  $\bigcap X$  is transitive. It is evident to see that  $\bigcap X$  is well-ordered. Thus,  $\bigcap X$  is an ordinal. For every  $\alpha \in X$ , we have  $\bigcap X \subseteq \alpha$ ; hence,  $\bigcap X \leq \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in X$ .

We finally show that  $\bigcap X \in X$ . If not, then  $\bigcap X < \gamma$ , where  $\gamma$  is the least element of  $X$ . It is impossible.  $\square$



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*I hear, I forget;  
I see, I remember;  
I do, I understand.  
Old Proverb*



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## Acronyms

Notation	Description
$U \trianglelefteq V$	$U$ is a subspace of $V$
$\mathcal{L}(X)$	The set of operators
$\mathcal{R}_T$	The range of $T$
$\mathcal{N}_T$	The null space of $T$
$\mathbb{F}, K$	The field on which a vector (linear) space is defined
$V \cong U$	$V$ is isomorphic to $U$
$[\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{x} + Y$	The coset $Y$ in $X$ and $\mathbf{x}$ is called a coset representative for $[\mathbf{x}]$
$X/Y$	The quotient space module $Y$
$\mathfrak{P}_n(\mathbb{F})$	The set of polynomials with degree $\leq n$ , whose coefficients are in $\mathbb{F}$
$\text{Sym}(X)$	The set of all permutations of the set $X$ : the symmetric group on $X$
$\text{sign}(\sigma)$	The signature of a permutation $\sigma$





Part I

**Linear Algebra Done Right (Axler, 1997)**



# 1

## VECTOR SPACES

### “AS YOU SHOULD VERIFY”

REMARK.  $P = \{p \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F}) : p(3) = 0\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F})$ .

PROOF. The additive identity  $0_{\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F})}$  is in the set; let  $p, q \in P$ , then  $(p + q)(3) = p(3) + q(3) = 0$ ; for any  $a \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $p \in P$ , we have  $(ap)(3) = a \cdot 0 = 0$ .  $\square$

REMARK. If  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$ , then the sum  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

PROOF. First,  $\mathbf{0} \in U_i$  for all  $U_i$  implies that  $\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} + \dots + \mathbf{0} \in \sum_{i=1}^m U_i$ . Now let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \sum_{i=1}^m U_i$ . Then  $\mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{u}_i$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{v}_i$ , where  $\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{v}_i \in U_i$ , and so  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{v}_i) \in \sum_{i=1}^m U_i$  since  $\mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{v}_i \in U_i$  for all  $i$ . Finally, let  $\mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{u}_i \in \sum_{i=1}^m U_i$  and  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then  $a\mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^m (a\mathbf{u}_i) \in \sum_{i=1}^m U_i$ .  $\square$

### EXERCISES

► EXERCISE 1 (1.1). Suppose  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers, not both 0. Find real numbers  $c$  and  $d$  such that  $1/(a + bi) = c + di$ .

SOLUTION. Note that for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $z \neq 0$ , there exists a unique  $w \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $zw = 1$ ; that is,  $w = 1/z$ . Let  $z = a + bi$  and  $w = c + di$ . Then

$$(a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i = 1 + 0i$$

yields

$$\begin{cases} ac - bd = 1, \\ ad + bc = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} c = a/(a^2 + b^2), \\ d = -b/(a^2 + b^2). \end{cases} \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 2 (1.2). Show that  $(-1 + \sqrt{3}i)/2$  is a cube root of 1.

PROOF. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2}\right)^3 &= \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2}\right) \\ &= \left(-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 3 (1.3). Prove that  $-(-v) = v$  for every  $v \in V$ .

PROOF. We have  $v + (-v) = 0$ , so by the uniqueness of additive inverse, the additive inverse of  $-v$ , i.e.,  $-(-v)$ , is  $v$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 4 (1.4). Prove that if  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $v \in V$ , and  $av = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $a = 0$  or  $v = \mathbf{0}$ .

PROOF. Suppose that  $v \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $a \neq 0$ . Then  $v = 1 \cdot v = (av)/a = \mathbf{0}/a = \mathbf{0}$ . A contradiction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 5 (1.5). For each of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{F}^3$ , determine whether it is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^3$ :

- a.  $U = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0\}$ ;
- b.  $U = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 4\}$ ;
- c.  $U = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : x_1x_2x_3 = 0\}$ ;
- d.  $U = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : x_1 = 5x_3\}$ .

SOLUTION. (a) Additive Identity:  $\mathbf{0} \in U$ ; Closed under Addition: Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in U$ , then  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3)$ , and  $(x_1 + y_1) + 2(x_2 + y_2) + 3(x_3 + y_3) = (x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3) + (y_1 + 2y_2 + 3y_3) = 0 + 0 = 0$ ; that is,  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in U$ . Closed under Scalar Multiplication: Pick any  $a \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in U$ . Then  $ax_1 + 2 \cdot (ax_2) + 3 \cdot (ax_3) = a \cdot (x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3) = 0$ , i.e.,  $a\mathbf{x} \in U$ . In sum,  $U$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^3$ , and actually,  $U$  is a hyperplane through the  $\mathbf{0}$ .

(b)  $U$  is not a subspace because  $\mathbf{0} \notin U$ .

(c) Let  $\mathbf{x} = (1, 1, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (0, 0, 1)$ . Then  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in U$ , but  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = (1, 1, 1) \notin U$ .

(d)  $\mathbf{0} \in U$ ; Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in U$ . Then  $x_1 + y_1 = 5(x_3 + y_3)$ . Let  $a \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in U$ . Then  $ax_1 = a \cdot 5x_3$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 6 (1.6). Give an example of a nonempty subset  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $U$  is closed under addition and under taking additive inverses (meaning  $-\mathbf{u} \in U$  whenever  $\mathbf{u} \in U$ ), but  $U$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

SOLUTION. Let  $U = \mathbb{Z}^2$ , which is not closed under scalar multiplication.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 7 (1.7). Give an example of a nonempty subset  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $U$  is closed under scalar multiplication, but  $U$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

SOLUTION. Let

$$U = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x = y\} \cup \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x = -y\}.$$

In this case,  $(x, x) + (x, -x) = (2x, 0) \notin U$  unless  $x = 0$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 8 (1.8). *Prove that the intersection of any collection of subspaces of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\{U_i\}$  be a collection of subspaces of  $V$ . (i) Every  $U_i$  is a subspace, then  $\mathbf{0} \in U_i$  for all  $i$  and so  $\mathbf{0} \in \bigcap U_i$ . (ii) Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \bigcap U_i$ . Then  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in U_i$  for all  $i$  and so  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in U_i$ , which implies that  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in \bigcap U_i$ . (iii) Let  $a \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \bigcap U_i$ . Then  $a\mathbf{x} \in U_i$  for all  $i$  implies that  $a\mathbf{x} \in \bigcap U_i$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 9 (1.9). *Prove that the union of two subspaces of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if one of the subspaces is contained in the other.*

PROOF. Let  $U$  and  $W$  be two subspaces of  $V$ . The “If” part is trivial. So we focus on the “Only if” part. Let  $U \cup W$  be a subspace. Suppose  $U \not\subseteq W$  and  $W \not\subseteq U$ . Pick  $\mathbf{x} \in U \setminus W$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in W \setminus U$ . Then  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \notin U$ ; for otherwise  $\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{x} \in U$ ; similarly,  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \notin W$ . But then  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \notin U \cup W$ , which contradicts the fact that  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in U \cup W$  and  $U \cup W$  is a subspace.

A nontrivial vector space  $V$  over an infinite field  $\mathbb{F}$  is not the union of a finite number of proper subspaces; see Roman (2008, Theorem 1.2).  $\square$

► EXERCISE 10 (1.10). *Suppose that  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . What is  $U + U$ ?*

SOLUTION. Since  $U \subset U$  and  $U + U$  is the smallest subspace containing  $U$ , we have  $U + U \subset U$ ; on the other hand,  $U \subset U + U$  is clear. Hence,  $U + U = U$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 11 (1.11). *Is the operation of addition on the subspaces of  $V$  commutative? Associative?*

SOLUTION. Yes. Let  $U_1, U_2$  and  $U_3$  be subspaces of  $V$ .

$$\begin{aligned} U_1 + U_2 &= \{\mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{u}_2 : \mathbf{u}_1 \in U_1, \mathbf{u}_2 \in U_2\} \\ &= \{\mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{u}_1 : \mathbf{u}_2 \in U_2, \mathbf{u}_1 \in U_1\} \\ &= U_2 + U_1. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for associativity.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 12 (1.12). *Does the operation of addition on the subspaces of  $V$  have an additive identity? Which subspaces have additive inverses?*

SOLUTION. The set  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$  is the additive identity:  $U + \{\mathbf{0}\} = \{\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} : \mathbf{u} \in U\} = U$ .

Only the set  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$  has additive inverse. Suppose that  $U$  is a subspace, and its additive inverse is  $W$ , i.e.,  $U + W = \{\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} : \mathbf{u} \in U \text{ and } \mathbf{w} \in W\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . Since

$\mathbf{0} \in U$ , we have  $\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $\mathbf{w} \in W$ , which means that  $W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . But it is clearly that  $U + \{\mathbf{0}\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  iff  $U = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 13 (1.13). *Prove or give a counterexample: if  $U_1, U_2, W$  are subspaces of  $V$  such that  $U_1 + W = U_2 + W$ , then  $U_1 = U_2$ .*

SOLUTION. Suppose  $U_1, U_2 \subseteq W$ . Then  $U_1 + W = U_2 + W$  for any  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ . Hence, the statement is false in general.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 14 (1.14). *Suppose  $U$  is the subspace of  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F})$  consisting of all polynomials  $p$  of the form  $p(z) = az^2 + bz^5$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ . Find a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F})$  such that  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F}) = U \oplus W$ .*

SOLUTION. Let

$$W = \left\{ p \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F}) : p(z) = a_0 + a_1z + a_3z^3 + a_4z^4 \right\}. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 15 (1.15). *Prove or give a counterexample: if  $U_1, U_2, W$  are subspaces of  $V$  such that  $V = U_1 \oplus W$  and  $V = U_2 \oplus W$ , then  $U_1 = U_2$ .*

SOLUTION. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $W = \{(x, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $U_1 = \{(x, x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , and  $U_2 = \{(x, -x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} U_1 + W &= \{(x + y, x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} = \mathbb{R}^2 = V, \\ U_2 + W &= \{(x + y, -x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} = \mathbb{R}^2 = V, \\ U_i \cap W &= \{(0, 0)\}, i = 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $V = U_i \oplus W$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , but  $U_1 \neq U_2$ .  $\square$

# 2

## FINITE-DIMENSIONAL VECTOR SPACES

### “AS YOU SHOULD VERIFY”

REMARK (p.22). The span of any list of vectors in  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

PROOF. If  $U = ()$ , define  $\text{span}(U) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , which is a subspace of  $V$ . Now let  $U = (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  be a list of vectors in  $V$ . Then  $\text{span}(U) = \{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{v}_i : a_i \in \mathbb{F}\}$ . (i)  $\mathbf{0} = \sum_{i=1}^n 0\mathbf{v}_i \in \text{span}(U)$ . (ii) Let  $\mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{v}_i$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \mathbf{v}_i$ . Then  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i)\mathbf{v}_i \in \text{span}(U)$ . (iii) For every  $\mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{v}_i$ , we have  $a\mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^n (aa_i)\mathbf{v}_i \in \text{span}(U)$ .  $\square$

REMARK (p.23).  $\mathfrak{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$  is a subspace of  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F})$ .

PROOF. (i)  $0_{\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F})} \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$  since its degree is  $-\infty < m$  by definition. (ii) Let  $p = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell} a_i z^i$  and  $q = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j z^j$ , where  $\ell, n \leq m$  and  $a_\ell, b_n \neq 0$ . Without loss of generality, suppose  $\ell \geq n$ . Then  $p + q = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_i + b_i) z^i + \sum_{j=n+1}^{\ell} a_j z^j \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$ . (iii) It is easy to see that if  $p \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$  then  $ap \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$ .  $\square$

### EXERCISES

► EXERCISE 16 (2.1). *Prove that if  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  spans  $V$ , then so does the list  $(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n-1} - \mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{v}_n)$  obtained by subtracting from each vector (except the last one) the following vector.*

PROOF. We first show that  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) \subseteq \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n-1} - \mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{v}_n)$ . Suppose that  $V = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$ . Then, for any  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ , there exist  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}$  such that



$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{v} &= a_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + a_n \mathbf{v}_n \\
&= a_1(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2) + (a_1 + a_2)\mathbf{v}_2 + a_3 \mathbf{v}_3 + \cdots + a_n \mathbf{v}_n \\
&= a_1(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2) + (a_1 + a_2)(\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3) + (a_1 + a_2 + a_3)\mathbf{v}_3 + a_4 \mathbf{v}_4 + \cdots + a_n \mathbf{v}_n \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left[ \left( \sum_{j=1}^i a_j \right) (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_{i+1}) \right] + a_n \mathbf{v}_n \\
&\in \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n-1} - \mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{v}_n).
\end{aligned}$$

For the converse direction, let  $\mathbf{u} \in \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n-1} - \mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{v}_n)$ . Then there exist  $b_1, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{F}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{u} &= b_1(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2) + b_2(\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3) + \cdots + b_{n-1}(\mathbf{v}_{n-1} - \mathbf{v}_n) + b_n \cdot \mathbf{v}_n \\
&= b_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + (b_2 - b_1)\mathbf{v}_2 + (b_3 - b_2)\mathbf{v}_3 + \cdots + (b_n - b_{n-1})\mathbf{v}_n \\
&\in \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n). \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

► EXERCISE 17 (2.2). Prove that if  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  is linearly independent in  $V$ , then so is the list  $(\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n-1} - \mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{v}_n)$  obtained by subtracting from each vector (except the last one) the following vector.

PROOF. Let

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i(\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_{i+1}) + a_n \mathbf{v}_n = a_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + (a_2 - a_1)\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + (a_n - a_{n-1})\mathbf{v}_n.$$

Since  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  is linear independent, we have  $a_1 = a_2 - a_1 = \cdots = a_n - a_{n-1} = 0$ , i.e.,  $a_1 = a_2 = \cdots = a_n = 0$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 18 (2.3). Suppose  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  is linearly independent in  $V$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in V$ . Prove that if  $(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{w}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n + \mathbf{w})$  is linearly dependent, then  $\mathbf{w} \in \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$ .

PROOF. If  $(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{w}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n + \mathbf{w})$  is linearly dependent, then there exists a list  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i (\mathbf{v}_i + \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{v}_i + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right) \mathbf{w} = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

Since  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq \mathbf{0}$ , we know that  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \neq 0$ . It follows from (2.1) that

$$\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( -a_i / \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \right) \mathbf{v}_i \in \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n). \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 19 (2.4). Suppose  $m$  is a positive integer. Is the set consisting of  $\mathbf{0}$  and all polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}$  and with degree equal to  $m$  a subspace of  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F})$ ?

SOLUTION. No. Consider  $p, q$  with

$$\begin{aligned} p(z) &= a_0 + a_1z + \cdots + a_mz^m, \\ q(z) &= b_0 + b_1z + \cdots - a_mz^m, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_m \neq 0$ . Then  $p(z) + q(z) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)z + \cdots + (a_{m-1} + b_{m-1})z^{m-1}$ , whose degree is less than or equal to  $m - 1$ . Hence, this set of polynomials with degree equal to  $m$  is not closed under addition.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 20 (2.5). *Prove that  $\mathbb{F}^\infty$  is infinite dimensional.*

PROOF. Suppose that  $\mathbb{F}^\infty$  is finite dimensional. Then every linearly independent list of vectors in a finite dimensional vector space can be extended to a basis of the vector space. Consider the following list

$$((1, 0, 0, 0, \dots), (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots), (0, 0, 1, 0, \dots), \dots, (0, \dots, 1, 0, \dots)),$$

where each vector is in  $\mathbb{F}^\infty$ , and the length of the above list is  $n$ . It is easy to show that this list is linearly independent, but it can not be expanded to a basis of  $\mathbb{F}^\infty$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 21 (2.6). *Prove that the real vector space consisting of all continuous real-valued functions on the interval  $[0, 1]$  is infinite dimensional.*

PROOF. Consider the following set  $\{p(z) \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F}) : z \in [0, 1]\}$ , which is a subspace, but is infinite dimensional.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 22 (2.7). *Prove that  $V$  is infinite dimensional if and only if there is a sequence  $v_1, v_2, \dots$  of vectors in  $V$  such that  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is linearly independent for every positive integer  $n$ .*

PROOF. Let  $V$  be infinite dimensional. Clearly, there exists a nonzero vector  $v_1 \in V$ ; for otherwise,  $V = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and so  $V$  is finite dimensional. Since  $V$  is infinite dimensional,  $\text{span}(v_1) \neq V$ ; hence there exists  $v_2 \in V \setminus \text{span}(v_1)$ ; similarly,  $\text{span}(v_1, v_2) \neq V$ ; thus we can choose  $v_3 \in V \setminus \text{span}(v_1, v_2)$ . We thus construct an infinite sequence  $v_1, v_2, \dots$

We then use the Induction Principle to prove that for every positive integer  $n$ , the list  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is linearly independent. Obviously,  $v_1$  is linear independent since  $v_1 \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Let us assume that  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is linear independent for some positive integer  $n$ . We now show that  $(v_1, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1})$  is linear independent. If not, then there exist  $a_1, \dots, a_n, a_{n+1} \in \mathbb{F}$ , not all 0, such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} a_i v_i = \mathbf{0}$ . We must have  $a_{n+1} \neq 0$ : if  $a_{n+1} = 0$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = \mathbf{0}$  implies that  $a_1 = \cdots = a_n = a_{n+1} = 0$  since  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is linear independent by the induction hypothesis. Hence,

$$v_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n (-a_i/a_{n+1})v_i,$$

i.e.  $\mathbf{v}_{n+1} \in \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$ , which contradicts the construction of  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n+1})$ .

Conversely, assume that there exists an infinite sequence  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots$  of vectors in  $V$ , and  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  is linearly independent for any positive integer  $n$ . Suppose  $V$  is finite dimensional; that is, there is a spanning list of vectors  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m)$  of  $V$ , and such that the length of every linearly independent list of vectors is less than or equal to  $m$  (by Theorem 2.6). A contradiction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 23 (2.8). Let  $U$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  defined by

$$U = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) \in \mathbb{R}^5 : x_1 = 3x_2 \text{ and } x_3 = 7x_4 \right\}.$$

Find a basis of  $U$ .

PROOF. A particular basis of  $U$  can be  $((3, 1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 7, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 0, 1))$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 24 (2.9). Prove or disprove: there exists a basis  $(p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3)$  of  $\mathfrak{P}_3(\mathbb{F})$  such that none of the polynomials  $p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3$  has degree 2.

PROOF. Notice that  $p_0 = 1$ ,  $p_1 = z$ ,  $p_2' = z^2$ , and  $p_3 = z^3$  is a standard basis of  $\mathfrak{P}_3(\mathbb{F})$ , but  $p_2'$  has degree 2. So we can let  $p_2 = p_2' + p_3 = z^2 + z^3$ . Then  $\text{span}(p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3) = \mathfrak{P}_3(\mathbb{F})$  and so  $(p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3)$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{P}_3(\mathbb{F})$  by Theorem 2.16.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 25 (2.10). Suppose that  $V$  is finite dimensional, with  $\dim V = n$ . Prove that there exist one-dimensional subspaces  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  of  $V$  such that

$$V = U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_n.$$

PROOF. Let  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  be a basis of  $V$ . For each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , let  $U_i = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_i)$ . Then each  $U_i$  is a subspace of  $V$  and so  $U_1 + \dots + U_n \subseteq V$ . Clearly,  $\dim V = \sum_{i=1}^n \dim U_i = n$ . By Proposition 2.19, it suffices to show that  $V \subseteq U_1 + \dots + U_n$ . It follows because for every  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ ,

$$\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{v}_i \in U_1 + \dots + U_n. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 26 (2.11). Suppose that  $V$  is finite dimensional and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  such that  $\dim U = \dim V$ . Prove that  $U = V$ .

PROOF. Let  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n)$  be a basis of  $U$ . Since  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n)$  is linearly independent in  $V$  and the length of  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n)$  is equal to  $\dim V$ , it is a basis of  $V$ . Therefore,  $V = \text{span}(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n) = U$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 27 (2.12). Suppose that  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_m$  are polynomials in  $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$  such that  $p_j(2) = 0$  for each  $j$ . Prove that  $(p_0, p_1, \dots, p_m)$  is not linearly independent in  $\mathfrak{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$ .

PROOF.  $\dim \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathbb{F}) = m+1$  since  $(1, z, \dots, z^m)$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$ . If  $(p_0, \dots, p_m)$  is linear independent, then it is a basis of  $\mathfrak{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$  by Proposition 2.17. Then  $p = \sum_{i=0}^m p_i$  for every  $p \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$ . Take an arbitrary  $p \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$  with  $p(2) \neq 0$  and we get a contradiction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 28 (2.13). Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^8$  such that  $\dim U = 3$ ,  $\dim W = 5$ , and  $U + W = \mathbb{R}^8$ . Prove that  $U \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

PROOF. Since  $\mathbb{R}^8 = U + W$  and  $\dim \mathbb{R}^8 = \dim U + \dim W$ , we have  $\mathbb{R}^8 = U \oplus W$  by Proposition 2.19; then Proposition 1.9 implies that  $U \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 29 (2.14). Suppose that  $U$  and  $W$  are both five-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^9$ . Prove that  $U \cap W \neq \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

PROOF. If  $U \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , then  $\dim U + W = \dim U + \dim W - \dim U \cap W = 5 + 5 - 0 = 10 > 9$ ; but  $U + W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^9$ . A contradiction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 30 (2.15). Prove or give a counterexample that

$$\begin{aligned} \dim U_1 + U_2 + U_3 &= \dim U_1 + \dim U_2 + \dim U_3 \\ &\quad - \dim U_1 \cap U_2 - \dim U_1 \cap U_3 - \dim U_2 \cap U_3 \\ &\quad + \dim U_1 \cap U_2 \cap U_3. \end{aligned}$$

SOLUTION. We construct a counterexample to show the proposition is false. Let

$$\begin{aligned} U_1 &= \{(x, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in \mathbb{R}\}, \\ U_2 &= \{(0, x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in \mathbb{R}\}, \\ U_3 &= \{(x, x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in \mathbb{R}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $U_1 \cap U_2 = U_1 \cap U_3 = U_2 \cap U_3 = U_1 \cap U_2 \cap U_3 = \{(0, 0)\}$ ; hence

$$\dim U_1 \cap U_2 = \dim U_1 \cap U_3 = \dim U_2 \cap U_3 = \dim U_1 \cap U_2 \cap U_3 = 0.$$

But  $\dim U_1 + U_2 + U_3 = 2$  since  $U_1 + U_2 + U_3 = \mathbb{R}^2$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 31 (2.16). Prove that if  $V$  is finite dimensional and  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$ , then  $\dim U_1 + \dots + U_m \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \dim U_i$ .

PROOF. Let  $(\mathbf{u}_i^1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_i^{n_i})$  be a basis of  $U_i$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \dim U_i = \sum_{i=1}^m n_i.$$

Let

$$(\mathbf{u}_1^1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_1^{n_1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m^1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m^{n_m}) = B.$$

Clearly,  $U_1 + \cdots + U_m = \text{span}(B)$ , and  $\dim \text{span}(B) \leq \sum_{i=1}^m n_i$  by Theorem 2.10. Therefore,  $\dim U_1 + \cdots + U_m \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \dim U_i$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 32 (2.17). *Suppose  $V$  is finite dimensional. Prove that if  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$  such that  $V = U_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus U_m$ , then  $\dim V = \sum_{i=1}^m \dim U_i$ .*

PROOF. Let the list  $(\mathbf{u}_i^1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_i^{n_i})$  be a basis of  $U_i$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Then  $\sum_{i=1}^m \dim U_i = \sum_{i=1}^m n_i$ . Let

$$(\mathbf{u}_1^1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_1^{n_1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m^1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m^{n_m}) = U.$$

Then  $\text{span}(U) = V$ . We show that  $(\mathbf{u}_1^1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_1^{n_1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m^1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m^{n_m})$  is linear independent. Let

$$\mathbf{0} = \underbrace{(a_1^1 \mathbf{u}_1^1 + \cdots + a_1^{n_1} \mathbf{u}_1^{n_1})}_{\mathbf{u}_1} + \cdots + \underbrace{(a_m^1 \mathbf{u}_m^1 + \cdots + a_m^{n_m} \mathbf{u}_m^{n_m})}_{\mathbf{u}_m}.$$

Then  $\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{0}$  and so  $\mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{0}$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, m$  (since  $V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m U_i$ ). But then  $a_1^1 = \cdots = a_m^{n_m} = 0$ . Thus,  $(\mathbf{u}_1^1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m^{n_m})$  is linear independent and spans  $V$ , i.e. it is a basis of  $V$ .  $\square$

# 3

## LINEAR MAPS

### “AS YOU SHOULD VERIFY”

REMARK (p. 40). Given a basis  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  of  $V$  and any choice of vectors  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$ , we can construct a linear map  $T: V \rightarrow W$  such that

$$T(a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n) = a_1 w_1 + \dots + a_n w_n,$$

where  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are arbitrary elements of  $\mathbb{F}$ . Then  $T$  is linear.

PROOF. Let  $u, v \in V$  with  $u = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i$  and  $v = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i v_i$ ; let  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(u + v) &= T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i) v_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i) w_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i w_i + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i w_i \\ &= Tu + Tv, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$T(au) = T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (aa_i) v_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n (aa_i) w_i = a \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i w_i\right) = aTu. \quad \square$$

REMARK (p. 40-41). Let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then  $S + T, aT \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .

PROOF. As for  $S + T$ , we have  $(S + T)(u + v) = S(u + v) + T(u + v) = Su + Sv + Tu + Tv = (S + T)(u) + (S + T)(v)$ , and  $(S + T)(av) = S(av) + T(av) = a(S + T)(v)$ .

As for  $aT$ , we have  $(aT)(u + v) = a[T(u + v)] = a[Tu + Tv] = aTu + aTv = (aT)u + (aT)v$ , and  $(aT)(bv) = a[T(bv)] = abTv = b(aT)v. \quad \square$

## EXERCISES

► EXERCISE 33 (3.1). Show that every linear map from a one-dimensional vector space to itself is multiplication by some scalar. More precisely, prove that if  $\dim V = 1$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ , then there exists  $a \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $Tv = av$  for all  $v \in V$ .

PROOF. Let  $w \in V$  be a basis of  $V$ . Then  $Tw = aw$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ . For an arbitrary  $v \in V$ , there exists  $b \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $v = bw$ . Then

$$Tv = T(bw) = b(Tw) = b(aw) = a(bw) = av. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 34 (3.2). Give an example of a function  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(av) = af(v)$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$  but  $f$  is not linear.

PROOF. For any  $v = (v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , let

$$f(v_1, v_2) = \begin{cases} v_1 & \text{if } v_1 = v_2 \\ 0 & \text{if } v_1 \neq v_2. \end{cases}$$

Now consider  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $u_1 \neq u_2, v_1 \neq v_2$ , but  $u_1 + v_1 = u_2 + v_2 > 0$ . Notice that

$$f(u + v) = u_1 + v_1 > 0 = f(u) + f(v).$$

Hence,  $f$  is not linear.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 35 (3.3). Suppose that  $V$  is finite dimensional. Prove that any linear map on a subspace of  $V$  can be extended to a linear map on  $V$ . In other words, show that if  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$ , then there exists  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  such that  $Tu = Su$  for all  $u \in U$ .

PROOF. Let  $(u_1, \dots, u_m)$  be a basis of  $U$ , and extend it to a basis of  $V$ :

$$(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n).$$

Choose  $n$  vectors  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  from  $W$ . Define a map  $T: V \rightarrow W$  by letting

$$T \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i u_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j v_j \right) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i S u_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j w_j.$$

It is trivial to see that  $Su = Tu$  for all  $u \in U$ . So we only show that  $T$  is a linear map. Let  $u, v \in V$  with  $u = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i u_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j v_j$  and  $v = \sum_{i=1}^m b_i u_i + \sum_{j=1}^n b_j v_j$ ; let  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) &= T\left(\sum_{i=1}^m (a_i + b_i)\mathbf{u}_i + \sum_{j=1}^n (a_j + b_j)\mathbf{v}_j\right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m (a_i + b_i)S\mathbf{u}_i + \sum_{j=1}^n (a_j + b_j)\mathbf{w}_j \\
&= \left[\sum_{i=1}^m a_i S\mathbf{u}_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mathbf{w}_j\right] + \left[\sum_{i=1}^m b_i S\mathbf{u}_i + \sum_{j=1}^n b_j \mathbf{w}_j\right] \\
&= T\mathbf{u} + T\mathbf{v},
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
T\mathbf{a}\mathbf{u} &= T\left(a\left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mathbf{u}_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mathbf{v}_j\right)\right) = T\left(\sum_{i=1}^m a a_i \mathbf{u}_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a a_j \mathbf{v}_j\right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m a a_i S\mathbf{u}_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a a_j \mathbf{w}_j \\
&= a \left[\sum_{i=1}^m a_i S\mathbf{u}_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mathbf{w}_j\right] \\
&= aT\mathbf{u}. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

► EXERCISE 36 (3.4). Suppose that  $T$  is a linear map from  $V$  to  $\mathbb{F}$ . Prove that if  $\mathbf{u} \in V$  is not in  $\mathcal{N}_T$ , then

$$V = \mathcal{N}_T \oplus \{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{u} : \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}\}.$$

PROOF. Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F})$ . Since  $\mathbf{u} \in V \setminus \mathcal{N}_T$ , we get  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $T\mathbf{u} \neq 0$ . Thus,  $\dim \mathcal{R}_T \geq 1$ . Since  $\dim \mathcal{R}_T \leq \dim \mathbb{F} = 1$ , we get  $\dim \mathcal{R}_T = 1$ . It follows from Theorem 3.4 that

$$\dim V = \dim \mathcal{N}_T + 1 = \dim \mathcal{N}_T + \dim \{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{u} : \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}\}. \quad (3.1)$$

Let  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m)$  be a basis of  $\mathcal{N}_T$ . Then  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m, \mathbf{u})$  is linear independent since  $\mathbf{u} \notin \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m) = \mathcal{N}_T$ . It follows from (3.1) that  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m, \mathbf{u})$  is a basis of  $V$  (by Proposition 2.17). Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
V = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m, \mathbf{u}) &= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mathbf{v}_i + \mathbf{a}\mathbf{u} : a_1, \dots, a_m, \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F} \right\} \\
&= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mathbf{v}_i : a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F} \right\} + \{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{u} : \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}\} \\
&= \mathcal{N}_T + \{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{u} : \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}\}.
\end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

It follows from (3.1) and (3.2) that  $V = \mathcal{N}_T \oplus \{\mathbf{a}\mathbf{u} : \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}\}$  by Proposition 2.19.  $\square$



► EXERCISE 37 (3.5). Suppose that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is injective and  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is linearly independent in  $V$ . Prove that  $(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n)$  is linearly independent in  $W$ .

PROOF. Let

$$\mathbf{0} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot Tv_i = T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \right).$$

Then  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = \mathbf{0}$  since  $\mathcal{N}_T = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . The linear independence of  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  implies that  $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 0$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 38 (3.6). Prove that if  $S_1, \dots, S_n$  are injective linear maps such that  $S_1 \cdots S_n$  makes sense, then  $S_1 \cdots S_n$  is injective.

PROOF. We use mathematical induction to prove this claim. It holds for  $n = 1$  trivially. Let us suppose that  $S_1 \cdots S_n$  is injective if  $S_1, \dots, S_n$  are. Now assume that  $S_1, \dots, S_{n+1}$  are all injective linear maps. Let  $T = S_1 \cdots S_{n+1}$ . For every  $v \in \mathcal{N}_T$  we have

$$\mathbf{0} = Tv = (S_1 \cdots S_n)(S_{n+1}v).$$

But the above display implies that  $S_{n+1}v = \mathbf{0}$  since  $(S_1 \cdots S_n)$  is injective by the induction hypothesis, which implies further that  $v = \mathbf{0}$  since  $S_{n+1}$  is injective. This proves that  $\mathcal{N}_T = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and so  $T$  is injective.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 39 (3.7). Prove that if  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  spans  $V$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is surjective, then  $(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n)$  spans  $W$ .

PROOF. Since  $T$  is surjective, for any  $w \in W$ , there exists  $v \in V$  such that  $Tv = w$ ; since  $V = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ , there exists  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$  such that  $v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i$ . Hence,

$$w = T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i Tv_i,$$

that is,  $W = \text{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 40 (3.8). Suppose that  $V$  is finite dimensional and that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that there exists a subspace  $U$  of  $V$  such that  $U \cap \mathcal{N}_T = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_T = \{Tu : u \in U\}$ .

PROOF. Let  $(u_1, \dots, u_m)$  be a basis of  $\mathcal{N}_T$ , which can be extended to a basis  $(u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n)$  of  $V$ . Let  $U = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ . Then  $U \cap \mathcal{N}_T = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  (see the proof of Proposition 2.13).

To see  $\mathcal{R}_T = \{Tu : u \in U\}$ , take an arbitrary  $v \in V$ . Then

$$Tv = T \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i u_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j v_j \right) = T \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_j v_j \right) = Tu$$

for some  $\mathbf{u} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mathbf{v}_j \in U$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 41 (3.9). Prove that if  $T$  is a linear map from  $\mathbb{F}^4$  to  $\mathbb{F}^2$  such that

$$\mathcal{N}_T = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{F}^4 : x_1 = 5x_2 \text{ and } x_3 = 7x_4 \right\},$$

then  $T$  is surjective.

PROOF. Let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is easy to see that  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{N}_T$ ; that is,  $\dim \mathcal{N}_T = 2$ . Then

$$\dim \mathcal{R}_T = \dim \mathbb{F}^4 - \dim \mathcal{N}_T = 4 - 2 = 2 = \dim \mathbb{F}^2,$$

and so  $T$  is surjective.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 42 (3.10). Prove that there does not exist a linear map from  $\mathbb{F}^5$  to  $\mathbb{F}^2$  whose null space equals

$$\left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) \in \mathbb{F}^5 : x_1 = 3x_2 \text{ and } x_3 = x_4 = x_5 \right\}.$$

PROOF. It is easy to see that the following two vectors consist of a basis of  $\mathcal{N}_T$  if  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^5, \mathbb{F}^2)$ :

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then,  $\dim \mathcal{N}_T = 2$  and so  $\dim \mathcal{R}_T = 5 - 2 = 3 > \dim \mathbb{F}^2$ , which is impossible.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 43 (3.11). Prove that if there exists a linear map on  $V$  whose null space and range are both finite dimensional, then  $V$  is finite dimensional.

PROOF. If  $\dim \mathcal{N}_T < \infty$  and  $\dim \mathcal{R}_T < \infty$ , then  $\dim V = \dim \mathcal{N}_T + \dim \mathcal{R}_T < \infty$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 44 (3.12). Suppose that  $V$  and  $W$  are both finite dimensional. Prove that there exists a surjective linear map from  $V$  onto  $W$  if and only if  $\dim W \leq \dim V$ .

PROOF. If there exists a surjective linear map  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then  $\dim W = \dim \mathcal{R}_T = \dim V - \dim \mathcal{N}_T \geq \dim V$ .

Now let  $\dim W \leq \dim V$ . Let  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  be a basis of  $V$ , and let  $(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m)$  be a basis of  $W$ , with  $m \leq n$ . Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  by letting

$$T \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mathbf{v}_i + \sum_{j=m+1}^n a_j \mathbf{v}_j \right) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mathbf{w}_i.$$

Then for every  $\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mathbf{w}_i \in W$ , there exists  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mathbf{v}_j$  such that  $T\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}$ , i.e.  $T$  is surjective.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 45 (3.13). *Suppose that  $V$  and  $W$  are finite dimensional and that  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Prove that there exists  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  such that  $\mathcal{N}_T = U$  if and only if  $\dim U \geq \dim V - \dim W$ .*

PROOF. For every  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , if  $\mathcal{N}_T = U$ , then  $\dim U = \dim V - \dim \mathcal{R}_T \geq \dim V - \dim W$ .

Now let  $\dim U \geq \dim V - \dim W$ . Let  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m)$  be a basis of  $U$ , which can be extended to a basis  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m, \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  of  $V$ . Let  $(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_p)$  be a basis of  $W$ . Then  $m \geq (m+n) - p$  implies that  $n \leq p$ . Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  by letting

$$T \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mathbf{u}_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mathbf{v}_j \right) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \mathbf{w}_j.$$

Then  $\mathcal{N}_T = U$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 46 (3.14). *Suppose that  $W$  is finite dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that  $T$  is injective if and only if there exists  $S \in \mathcal{L}(W, V)$  such that  $ST$  is the identity map on  $V$ .*

PROOF. Suppose first that  $ST = \text{Id}_V$ . Then for any  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$  with  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{v}$ , we have  $\mathbf{u} = (ST)\mathbf{u} \neq (ST)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$ ; that is,  $S(T\mathbf{u}) \neq S(T\mathbf{v})$ , and so  $T\mathbf{u} \neq T\mathbf{v}$ .

For the inverse direction, let  $T$  be injective. Then  $\dim V \leq \dim W$  by Corollary 3.5. Also,  $\dim W < +\infty$ . Let  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  be a basis of  $V$ . It follows from Exercise 37 that  $(T\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, T\mathbf{v}_n)$  is linearly independent, and so can be extended to a basis  $(T\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, T\mathbf{v}_n, \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m)$  of  $W$ . Define  $S \in \mathcal{L}(W, V)$  by letting

$$S(T\mathbf{v}_i) = (ST)\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{v}_i, \quad \text{and} \quad S(\mathbf{w}_i) = \mathbf{0}_V. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 47 (3.15). *Suppose that  $V$  is finite dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that  $T$  is surjective if and only if there exists  $S \in \mathcal{L}(W, V)$  such that  $TS$  is the identity map on  $W$ .*

PROOF. If  $TS = \text{Id}_W$ , then for any  $\mathbf{w} \in W$ , we have  $T(S\mathbf{w}) = \text{Id}_W(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}$ , that is, there exists  $S\mathbf{w} \in V$  such that  $T(S\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}$ , and so  $T$  is surjective.

If  $T$  is surjective, then  $\dim W \leq \dim V$ . Let  $(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m)$  be a basis of  $W$ , and let  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  be a basis of  $V$  with  $n \geq m$ . Define  $S \in \mathcal{L}(W, V)$  by letting

$$S\mathbf{w}_i = \mathbf{v}_i, \quad \text{with} \quad T\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{w}_i. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 48 (3.16<sup>1</sup>). *Suppose that  $U$  and  $V$  are finite-dimensional vector spaces and that  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ . Prove that*

$$\dim \mathcal{N}_{ST} \leq \dim \mathcal{N}_S + \dim \mathcal{N}_T.$$

PROOF. We have  $W \xleftarrow{S} V \xleftarrow{T} U$ . Since

$$\mathcal{R}_{ST} = (ST)[U] = S[T[U]] = S[\mathcal{R}_T],$$

we have

$$\dim \mathcal{R}_{ST} = \dim S[\mathcal{R}_T].$$

Let  $N$  be the complement of  $\mathcal{R}_T$  so that  $V = \mathcal{R}_T \oplus N$ ; then

$$\dim V = \dim \mathcal{R}_T + \dim N, \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$\mathcal{R}_S = S[V] = S[\mathcal{R}_T] + S[N].$$

It follows from Theorem 2.18 that

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \mathcal{R}_S &= \dim S[\mathcal{R}_T] + \dim S[N] - \dim S[\mathcal{R}_T \cap S[N]] \\ &\leq \dim S[\mathcal{R}_T] + \dim S[N] \\ &\leq \dim S[\mathcal{R}_T] + \dim N \\ &= \dim \mathcal{R}_{ST} + \dim N, \end{aligned}$$

and hence that

$$\begin{aligned} \dim V - \dim \mathcal{N}_S &= \dim \mathcal{R}_S \\ &\leq \dim \mathcal{R}_{ST} + \dim N \\ &= \dim \mathcal{R}_{ST} + \dim V - \dim \mathcal{R}_T, \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

where the last equality is from (3.3). Hence, (3.4) becomes

$$\dim \mathcal{R}_T - \dim \mathcal{N}_S \leq \dim \mathcal{R}_{ST},$$

or equivalently,

$$\dim U - \dim \mathcal{N}_T - \dim \mathcal{N}_S \leq \dim U - \dim \mathcal{N}_{ST};$$

that is,

$$\dim \mathcal{N}_{ST} \leq \dim \mathcal{N}_S + \dim \mathcal{N}_T. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 49 (3.17). *Prove that the distributive property holds for matrix addition and matrix multiplication.*

PROOF. Let  $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}] \in \text{Mat}(m, n, \mathbb{F})$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = [b_{ij}] \in \text{Mat}(n, p, \mathbb{F})$ , and  $\mathbf{C} = [c_{ij}] \in \text{Mat}(n, p, \mathbb{F})$ . Then  $\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} = [b_{ij} + c_{ij}] \in \text{Mat}(n, p, \mathbb{F})$ . It is evident that  $\mathbf{AB}$  and

<sup>1</sup> See Halmos (1995, Problem 95, p.270).

$\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  are  $m \times p$  matrices. Further,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} + c_{11} & \cdots & b_{1p} + c_{1p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} + c_{n1} & \cdots & b_{np} + c_{np} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}b_{i1} + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}c_{i1} & \cdots & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}b_{ip} + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}c_{ip} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}b_{i1} + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}c_{i1} & \cdots & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}b_{ip} + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}c_{ip} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC}. \end{aligned}$$

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► EXERCISE 50 (3.18). *Prove that matrix multiplication is associative.*

PROOF. Similar to Exercise 49.

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► EXERCISE 51 (3.19). *Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^n, \mathbb{F}^m)$  and that*

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix},$$

where we are using the standard bases. Prove that

$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}x_i, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}x_i \right)$$

for every  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$ .

PROOF. We need to prove that  $T\mathbf{x} = \mathcal{M}(T) \cdot \mathbf{x}$  for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ . Let  $(\mathbf{e}_1^n, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n^n)$  be the standard basis for  $\mathbb{F}^n$ , and let  $(\mathbf{e}_1^m, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m^m)$  be the standard basis for  $\mathbb{F}^m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \mathbf{e}_i^n\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i T\mathbf{e}_i^n = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ji} \mathbf{e}_j^m \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}x_i, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}x_i \right). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

► EXERCISE 52 (3.20). *Suppose  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  is a basis of  $V$ . Prove that the function  $T: V \rightarrow \text{Mat}(n, 1, \mathbb{F})$  defined by  $T\mathbf{v} = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{v})$  is an invertible linear map of  $V$  onto  $\text{Mat}(n, 1, \mathbb{F})$ ; here  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{v})$  is the matrix of  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  with respect to the basis  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$ .*

PROOF. For every  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \mathbf{v}_i \in V$ , we have

$$\mathcal{M}(v) = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $av = \sum_{i=1}^n (ab_i)v_i$  for any  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ , we have  $\mathcal{M}(av) = a\mathcal{M}(v)$ . Further, for any  $u = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \in V$ , and any  $v = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i v_i \in V$ , we have  $u + v = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i)v_i$ ; hence,  $\mathcal{M}(u + v) = \mathcal{M}(u) + \mathcal{M}(v)$ . Therefore,  $T$  is a linear map.

We now show that  $T$  is invertible by proving  $T$  is bijective. (i) If  $Tv = (0, \dots, 0)'$ , then  $v = \sum_{i=1}^n 0v_i = \mathbf{0}_V$ ; that is,  $\mathcal{N}_T = \{\mathbf{0}_T\}$ . Hence,  $T$  is injective. (ii) Take any  $M = (a_1, \dots, a_n)' \in \text{Mat}(n, 1, \mathbb{F})$ . Let  $v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i$ . Then  $Tv = M$ ; that is,  $T$  is surjective.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 53 (3.21). *Prove that every linear map from  $\text{Mat}(n, 1, \mathbb{F})$  to  $\text{Mat}(m, 1, \mathbb{F})$  is given by a matrix multiplication. In other words, prove that if*

$$T \in \mathcal{L}(\text{Mat}(n, 1, \mathbb{F}), \text{Mat}(m, 1, \mathbb{F})),$$

*then there exists an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  such that  $TB = AB$  for every  $B \in \text{Mat}(n, 1, \mathbb{F})$ .*

PROOF. A basis of  $\text{Mat}(m, n, \mathbb{F})$  consists of those  $m \times n$  matrices that have 0 in all entries except for a 1 in one entry. Therefore, a basis for  $\text{Mat}(n, 1, \mathbb{F})$  consists of the standard basis of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ ,  $(e_1^n, \dots, e_n^n)$ , where, for example,  $e_1^n = (1, 0, \dots, 0)'$ . For any  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\text{Mat}(n, 1, \mathbb{F}), \text{Mat}(m, 1, \mathbb{F}))$ , let

$$\underset{(m \times n)}{A} := \begin{pmatrix} Te_1^n & \cdots & Te_n^n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then for any  $B = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i^n \in \text{Mat}(n, 1, \mathbb{F})$ , we have

$$TB = T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i^n \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i Te_i^n = AB. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 54 (3.22). *Suppose that  $V$  is finite dimensional and  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that  $ST$  is invertible if and only if both  $S$  and  $T$  are invertible.*

PROOF. First assume that both  $S$  and  $T$  are invertible. Then  $(ST)(T^{-1}S^{-1}) = SIdS^{-1} = Id$  and  $(T^{-1}S^{-1})(ST) = Id$ . Hence,  $ST$  is invertible and  $(ST)^{-1} = T^{-1}S^{-1}$ .

Now suppose that  $ST$  is invertible, so it is injective. Take any  $u, v \in V$  with  $u \neq v$ ; then  $(ST)u \neq (ST)v$ ; that is,

$$u \neq v \implies S(Tu) \neq S(Tv). \quad (3.5)$$

But then  $Tu \neq Tv$ , which implies that  $T$  is invertible by Theorem 3.21. Finally, for any  $u, v \in V$  with  $u \neq v$ , there exist  $u', v' \in V$  with  $u' \neq v'$  such that  $u = Tu'$  and  $v = Tv'$ . Hence, by (3.5),  $u \neq v$  implies that

$$Su = S(Tu') \neq S(Tv') = Sv;$$

that is,  $S$  is injective, too. Applying Theorem 3.21 once again, we know that  $S$  is invertible.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 55 (3.23). *Suppose that  $V$  is finite dimensional and  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that  $ST = \text{Id}$  if and only if  $TS = \text{Id}$ .*

PROOF. We only prove the *only if* part; the *if* part can be proved similarly. If  $ST = \text{Id}$ , then  $ST$  is bijective and so invertible. Then by Exercise 54, both  $S$  and  $T$  are invertible. Therefore,

$$ST = \text{Id} \iff S^{-1}ST = S^{-1}\text{Id} \iff T = S^{-1} \iff TS = S^{-1}S = \text{Id}. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 56 (3.24). *Suppose that  $V$  is finite dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that  $T$  is a scalar multiple of the identity if and only if  $ST = TS$  for every  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ .*

PROOF. If  $T = a\text{Id}$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ , then for any  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ , we have

$$ST = aS\text{Id} = aS = a\text{Id}S = TS.$$

For the converse direction, assume that  $ST = TS$  for all  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 57 (3.25). *Prove that if  $V$  is finite dimensional with  $\dim V > 1$ , then the set of noninvertible operators on  $V$  is not a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ .*

PROOF. Since every finite-dimensional vector space is isomorphic to some  $\mathbb{F}^n$ , we just focus on  $\mathbb{F}^n$ . For simplicity, consider  $\mathbb{F}^2$ . Let  $S, T \in \mathbb{F}^2$  with

$$S(a, b) = (a, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad T(a, b) = (0, b).$$

Obviously, both  $S$  and  $T$  are noninvertible since they are not injective; however,  $S + T = \text{Id}$  is invertible.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 58 (3.26). *Suppose  $n$  is a positive integer and  $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{F}$  for  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ . Prove that the following are equivalent:*

a. *The trivial solution  $x_1 = \dots = x_n = 0$  is the only solution to the homogeneous system of equations*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{1k}x_k &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk}x_k &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

b. *For every  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$ , there exists a solution to the system of equations*

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^n a_{1k}x_k &= c_1 \\ &\vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk}x_k &= c_n.\end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

If we let  $T\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{x}$ , then by [Exercise 52](#),  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^n, \mathbb{F}^n)$ . (a) implies that  $\mathcal{N}_T = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ ; hence

$$\dim \mathcal{R}_T = n - 0 = n.$$

Since  $\mathcal{R}_T$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ , we have  $\mathcal{R}_T = \mathbb{F}^n$ , that is,  $T$  is surjective: for any  $(c_1, \dots, c_n)$ , there is a unique solution  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .  $\square$





# 4

## POLYNOMIALS

► EXERCISE 59 (4.1). Suppose  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers with  $m \leq n$ . Prove that there exists a polynomial  $p \in \mathfrak{P}_n(\mathbb{F})$  with exactly  $m$  distinct roots.

PROOF. Let

$$p(z) = \prod_{i=1}^m (z - \lambda_i)^{m_i},$$

where  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m \in \mathbb{F}$  are distinct and  $\sum_{i=1}^m m_i = n$ . □

► EXERCISE 60 (4.2). Suppose that  $z_1, \dots, z_{m+1}$  are distinct elements of  $\mathbb{F}$  and that  $w_1, \dots, w_{m+1} \in \mathbb{F}$ . Prove that there exists a unique polynomial  $p \in \mathfrak{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$  such that  $p(z_j) = w_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m+1$ .

PROOF. Let  $p_i(x) = \prod_{j \neq i} (x - z_j)$ . Then  $\deg p_i = m$  and  $p_i(z_j) \neq 0$  if and only if  $i = j$ . Define

$$p(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} \frac{w_i}{p_i(z_i)} p_i(x).$$

Then  $\deg p = m$  and

$$\begin{aligned} p(z_j) &= \frac{w_1}{p_1(z_1)} p_1(z_j) + \cdots + \frac{w_j}{p_j(z_j)} p_j(z_j) + \cdots + \frac{w_{m+1}}{p_{m+1}(z_{m+1})} p_{m+1}(z_j) \\ &= w_j. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 61 (4.3). Prove that if  $p, q \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F})$ , with  $p \neq 0$ , then there exist unique polynomials  $s, r \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F})$  such that  $q = sp + r$  and  $\deg r < \deg p$ .

PROOF. Assume that there also exist  $s', r' \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F})$  such that  $q = s'p + r'$  and  $\deg r' < \deg p$ . Then

$$(s - s')p + (r - r') = 0.$$

If  $s \neq s'$ , then  $\deg (s - s')p + \deg (r - r') = \deg (s - s') + \deg p + \deg (r - r') \geq 0$ ; but  $\deg 0 = -\infty$ . Hence,  $s = s'$  and so  $r = r'$ . □

► EXERCISE 62 (4.4). Suppose  $p \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{C})$  has degree  $m$ . Prove that  $p$  has  $m$  distinct roots if and only if  $p$  and its derivative  $p'$  have no roots in common.

PROOF. If  $\lambda$  is a root of  $p$ , then we can write  $p$  as  $p(z) = (z - \lambda)q(z)$ . Then

$$p'(z) = q(z) + (z - \lambda)q'(z).$$

So  $\lambda$  is also a root for  $p'$  if and only if  $\lambda$  is a root of  $q$ ; that is,  $\lambda$  is a multiple root. A contradiction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 63 (4.5). *Prove that every polynomial with odd degree and real coefficients has a real root.*

PROOF. If  $p \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{R})$  with  $\deg p$  is odd, then  $p(-\infty) < 0$  and  $p(+\infty) > 0$ . Then there exists  $x^* \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $p(x^*) = 0$ .  $\square$

# 5

## EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS

### “AS YOU SHOULD VERIFY”

REMARK (p.80). Fix an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ , then the function from  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F})$  to  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  given by  $p \mapsto p(T)$  is linear.

PROOF. Let the mapping be  $A: \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(V)$  with  $A(p) = p(T)$ . For any  $p, q \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F})$ , we have  $A(p+q) = (p+q)(T) = p(T) + q(T) = A(p) + A(q)$ . For any  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ , we have  $A(ap) = (ap)(T) = ap(T) = aA(p)$ .  $\square$

### EXERCISES

► EXERCISE 64 (5.1). Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that if  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$  invariant under  $T$ , then  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is invariant under  $T$ .

PROOF. Take an arbitrary  $\mathbf{u} \in U_1 + \dots + U_m$ ; then  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{u}_m$ , where  $\mathbf{u}_i \in U_i$  for every  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Therefore,  $T\mathbf{u} = T\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + T\mathbf{u}_m \in U_1 + \dots + U_m$  since  $T\mathbf{u}_i \in U_i$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 65 (5.2). Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that the intersection of any collection of subspaces of  $V$  invariant under  $T$  is invariant under  $T$ .

PROOF. Let the collection  $\{U_i \leq V : i \in I\}$  of subspaces of  $V$  invariant under  $T$ , where  $I$  is an index set. Let  $U = \bigcap_{i \in I} U_i$ . Then  $\mathbf{u} \in U_i$  for every  $i \in I$  if  $\mathbf{u} \in U$ , and so  $T\mathbf{u} \in U_i$  for every  $i \in I$ . Then  $T\mathbf{u} \in U$ ; that is,  $U$  is invariant under  $T$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 66 (5.3). Prove or give a counterexample: if  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  that is invariant under every operator on  $V$ , then  $U = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  or  $U = V$ .

PROOF. Assume that  $U \neq \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and  $U \neq V$ . Let  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m)$  be a basis of  $U$ , which then can be extended to a basis  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m, \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  of  $V$ , where  $n \geq 1$  since  $U \neq V$ . Define an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  by letting  $T(a_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + a_m\mathbf{u}_m +$

$b_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + b_n \mathbf{v}_n) = (a_1 + \cdots + a_m + b_1 + \cdots + b_n) \mathbf{v}_1$ . Then  $U$  fails to be invariant clearly.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 67 (5.4). Suppose that  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  are such that  $ST = TS$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{N}_{T-\lambda \text{Id}}$  is invariant under  $S$  for every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ .

PROOF. If  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{N}_{T-\lambda \text{Id}}$ , then  $(T - \lambda \text{Id})(\mathbf{u}) = T\mathbf{u} - \lambda \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ ; hence

$$\begin{aligned} S(T\mathbf{u} - \lambda \mathbf{u}) = S\mathbf{0} &\iff ST\mathbf{u} - \lambda S\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} \\ &\iff TS\mathbf{u} - \lambda S\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} \\ &\iff (T - \lambda \text{Id})(S\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}; \end{aligned}$$

that is,  $S\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{N}_{T-\lambda \text{Id}}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 68 (5.5). Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^2)$  by  $T(w, z) = (z, w)$ . Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $T$ .

PROOF.  $T\mathbf{u} = \lambda \mathbf{u}$  implies that  $(z, w) = (\lambda w, \lambda z)$ . Hence,  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -1$ , and the corresponding eigenvectors are  $(1, 1)$  and  $(1, -1)$ . Since  $\dim \mathbb{F}^2 = 2$ , they are the all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $T$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 69 (5.6). Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^3)$  by  $T(z_1, z_2, z_3) = (2z_2, 0, 5z_3)$ . Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $T$ .

PROOF. If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$  and  $(z_1, z_2, z_3) \neq \mathbf{0}$  is a corresponding eigenvector, then  $T(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \lambda(z_1, z_2, z_3)$ , that is,

$$\begin{cases} 2z_2 = \lambda z_1 & \text{(i)} \\ 0 = \lambda z_2 & \text{(ii)} \\ 5z_3 = \lambda z_3 & \text{(iii)}. \end{cases} \quad (5.1)$$

- If  $z_2 \neq 0$ , then  $\lambda = 0$  from (ii); but then  $z_2 = 0$  from (i). A contradiction. Hence,  $z_2 = 0$  and (5.1) becomes

$$\begin{cases} 0 = \lambda z_1 & \text{(i')} \\ 5z_3 = \lambda z_3 & \text{(iii')}. \end{cases} \quad (5.2)$$

- If  $z_3 \neq 0$ , then  $\lambda = 5$  from (iii'); then (i') implies that  $z_1 = 0$ . Hence,  $\lambda = 5$  is an eigenvalue, and the corresponding eigenvector is  $(0, 0, 1)$ .
- If  $z_1 \neq 0$ , then  $\lambda = 0$  from (i'); then (iii') implies that  $z_3 = 0$ . Hence,  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue, and the corresponding eigenvector is  $(1, 0, 0)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 70 (5.7). Suppose  $n$  is a positive integer and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^n)$  is defined by

$$T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right);$$

in other words,  $T$  is the operator whose matrix (with respect to the standard basis) consists of all 1's. Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $T$ .

PROOF. If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \neq \mathbf{0}$  is a corresponding eigenvector, then  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \neq 0$  and

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda x_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence,  $\lambda \neq 0$ ,  $x_i \neq 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $\lambda x_1 = \dots = \lambda x_n$  implies that  $x_1 = \dots = x_n$ , and so the unique eigenvalue of  $T$  is  $(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)/x_i = n$ . Then an eigenvector to  $n$  is  $(1, \dots, 1)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 71 (5.8). Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the backward shift operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^\infty)$  defined by  $T(z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots) = (z_2, z_3, \dots)$ .

PROOF. For any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  with  $\lambda \neq 0$ , we have  $T(\lambda, \lambda^2, \lambda^3, \dots) = (\lambda^2, \lambda^3, \dots) = \lambda \cdot (\lambda, \lambda^2, \dots)$ ; hence, every  $\lambda \neq 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ . We now show that  $\lambda = 0$  is also an eigenvalue: let  $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, 0, \dots)$  with  $z_1 \neq 0$ . Then  $T\mathbf{z} = (0, 0, \dots) = 0 \cdot \mathbf{z}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 72 (5.9). Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $\dim \mathcal{R}_T = k$ . Prove that  $T$  has at most  $k + 1$  distinct eigenvalues.

PROOF. Suppose that  $T$  has more than or equal to  $k + 2$  distinct eigenvalues. We take the first  $k + 2$  eigenvalues:  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{k+2}$ . Then there are  $k + 2$  corresponding nonzero eigenvectors,  $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{k+2}$ , satisfying  $T\mathbf{u}_1 = \lambda_1\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, T\mathbf{u}_{k+2} = \lambda_{k+2}\mathbf{u}_{k+2}$ . Since the  $k + 2$  eigenvectors are linearly independent, the list  $(\lambda_1\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \lambda_{k+2}\mathbf{u}_{k+2})$  is linearly independent, too (there are  $n + 1$  vectors if one  $\lambda$  is zero). Obviously, the above list is in  $\mathcal{R}_T$ , which means that  $\dim \mathcal{R}_T \geq k + 1$ . A contradiction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 73 (5.10). Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is invertible and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F} \setminus \{0\}$ . Prove that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$  if and only if  $1/\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T^{-1}$ .

PROOF. If  $\lambda \neq 0$  be an eigenvalue of  $T$ , then there exists a nonzero  $\mathbf{u} \in V$  such that  $T\mathbf{u} = \lambda\mathbf{u}$ . Therefore,

$$T^{-1}(T\mathbf{u}) = T^{-1}(\lambda\mathbf{u}) \iff \mathbf{u} = \lambda T^{-1}\mathbf{u} \iff T^{-1}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}/\lambda;$$

that is,  $1/\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T^{-1}$ . The other direction can be proved with the same way.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 74 (5.11). Suppose  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that  $ST$  and  $TS$  have the same eigenvalues.

PROOF. Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $ST$ , and  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$  be the corresponding eigenvector. Then  $(ST)\mathbf{u} = \lambda\mathbf{u}$ . Therefore,

$$T(ST\mathbf{u}) = T(\lambda\mathbf{u}) \iff (TS)(T\mathbf{u}) = \lambda(T\mathbf{u}).$$

Hence, if  $T\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $TS$ , and the corresponding eigenvector is  $T\mathbf{u}$ ; if  $T\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $(ST)\mathbf{u} = S(T\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$  implies that  $\lambda = 0$  (since  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ). In this case,  $T$  is not injective, and so  $TS$  is not injective (by Exercise 54). But this means that there exists  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that  $(TS)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} = 0\mathbf{v}$ ; that is, 0 is an eigenvalue of  $TS$ . The other direction can be proved with the same way.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 75 (5.12). Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is such that every vector in  $V$  is an eigenvector of  $T$ . Prove that  $T$  is a scalar multiple of the identity operator.

PROOF. Let  $B = (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  be a basis of  $V$  and take arbitrary  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and  $\mathbf{v}_j$  from  $B$ . Then there are  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$  such that  $T\mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{v}_i$  and  $T\mathbf{v}_j = \lambda_j\mathbf{v}_j$ . Since  $\mathbf{v}_i + \mathbf{v}_j$  is also an eigenvector, there is  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $T(\mathbf{v}_i + \mathbf{v}_j) = \lambda(\mathbf{v}_i + \mathbf{v}_j)$ . Therefore,

$$\lambda_i\mathbf{v}_i + \lambda_j\mathbf{v}_j = \lambda\mathbf{v}_i + \lambda\mathbf{v}_j;$$

that is,  $(\lambda_i - \lambda)\mathbf{v}_i + (\lambda_j - \lambda)\mathbf{v}_j = \mathbf{0}$ . Since  $(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j)$  is linearly independent, we have  $\lambda_i = \lambda_j = \lambda$ . Hence, for any  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i\mathbf{v}_i \in V$ , we have

$$T\mathbf{v} = T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i\mathbf{v}_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i\lambda\mathbf{v}_i = \lambda\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i\mathbf{v}_i\right) = \lambda\mathbf{v},$$

i.e.,  $T = \lambda\text{Id}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 76 (5.13). Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is such that every subspace of  $V$  with dimension  $\dim V - 1$  is invariant under  $T$ . Prove that  $T$  is a scalar multiple of the identity operator.

PROOF. Let  $\dim V = n$  and  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  be a basis of  $V$ . We first show that there exists  $\lambda_1 \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $T\mathbf{v}_1 = \lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1$ .

Let  $V_1 = \{a\mathbf{v}_1 : a \in \mathbb{F}\}$  and  $U_1 = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$ . Then for any  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i\mathbf{v}_i \in V$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} T\mathbf{v} &= T\left(a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n a_i\mathbf{v}_i\right) = a_1T\mathbf{v}_1 + T\left(\sum_{i=2}^n a_i\mathbf{v}_i\right) \\ &= a_1\left(\sum_{j=1}^n b_j\mathbf{v}_j\right) + T\left(\sum_{i=2}^n a_i\mathbf{v}_i\right) \\ &= (a_1b_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + \left[\sum_{i=2}^n (a_1b_i)\mathbf{v}_i + T\left(\sum_{i=2}^n a_i\mathbf{v}_i\right)\right] \\ &\in V_1 + U_1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $T\left(\sum_{i=2}^n a_i\mathbf{v}_i\right) \in U_1$  since  $U_1$  is invariant under  $T$ .

Since  $V = V_1 + U_1$  and  $\dim V = \dim V_1 + \dim U_1$ , we have  $V = V_1 \oplus U_1$  by Proposition 2.19, which implies that  $V_1 \cap U_1 = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  by Proposition 1.9. If  $\mathbf{v}_1 \notin V_1$ , then  $T\mathbf{v}_1 \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $T\mathbf{v}_1 \in U_1$ ; hence, there exist  $c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$  not all zero such that

$$T\mathbf{v}_1 = \sum_{i=2}^n c_i \mathbf{v}_i.$$

Without loss of generality, we suppose that  $c_n \neq 0$ .

Let  $V_n = \{a\mathbf{v}_n : a \in \mathbb{F}\}$  and  $U_n = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n-1})$ . Similarly,  $V = V_n \oplus U_n$  and  $V_n \cap U_n = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . Since  $U_n$  is invariant under  $T$ , we have  $T\mathbf{v}_1 \in U_n$ , that is,  $T\mathbf{v}_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} d_j \mathbf{v}_j$ , but which means that  $c_n = 0$ . A contradiction. We thus proved that  $T\mathbf{v}_1 \in V_1$ , i.e., there is  $\lambda_1 \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $T\mathbf{v}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1$ . But this way can be applied to every  $\mathbf{v}_i$ . Therefore, every  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is an eigenvector of  $T$ . By Exercise 75,  $T$  is a scalar multiple of the identity operator.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 77 (5.14). *Suppose  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $S$  is invertible. Prove that if  $p \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{F})$  is a polynomial, then  $p(STS^{-1}) = Sp(T)S^{-1}$ .*

PROOF. Let  $p(z) = a_0 + a_1z + a_2z^2 + \dots + a_mz^m$ . Then

$$p(STS^{-1}) = a_0\text{Id} + a_1 \cdot (STS^{-1}) + a_2 \cdot (STS^{-1})^2 + \dots + a_m \cdot (STS^{-1})^m.$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} (STS^{-1})^n &= (STS^{-1}) \cdot (STS^{-1}) \cdot (STS^{-1})^{n-2} \\ &= (ST^2S^{-1}) \cdot (STS^{-1})^{n-2} \\ &= \dots \\ &= ST^nS^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} Sp(T)S^{-1} &= S(a_0\text{Id} + a_1T + a_2T^2 + \dots + a_mT^m)S^{-1} \\ &= a_0\text{Id} + a_1 \cdot (STS^{-1}) + a_2 \cdot (ST^2S^{-1}) + \dots + a_m \cdot (ST^mS^{-1}) \\ &= p(STS^{-1}). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 78 (5.15). *Suppose  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ ,  $p \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{C})$ , and  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ . Prove that  $a$  is an eigenvalue of  $p(T)$  if and only if  $a = p(\lambda)$  for some eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $T$ .*

PROOF. If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ , then there exists  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that  $T\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} [p(T)](\mathbf{v}) &= (a_0\text{Id} + a_1T + a_2T^2 + \dots + a_mT^m)\mathbf{v} \\ &= a_0\mathbf{v} + a_1T\mathbf{v} + a_2T^2\mathbf{v} + \dots + a_mT^m\mathbf{v} \\ &= a_0\mathbf{v} + a_1\lambda\mathbf{v} + a_2T(\lambda\mathbf{v}) + \dots + a_mT^{m-1}(\lambda\mathbf{v}) \\ &= a_0\mathbf{v} + (a_1\lambda)\mathbf{v} + (a_2\lambda^2)\mathbf{v} + \dots + (a_m\lambda^m)\mathbf{v} \\ &= p(\lambda)\mathbf{v}; \end{aligned}$$



that is,  $p(\lambda)$  is an eigenvalue of  $p(T)$ .

Conversely, let  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  be an eigenvalue of  $p(T) = a_0\text{Id} + a_1T + \cdots + a_mT^m$ , and  $\mathbf{v}$  be the corresponding eigenvector. Then  $p(T)(\mathbf{v}) = a\mathbf{v}$ ; that is,

$$[(a_0 - a)\text{Id} + a_1T + \cdots + a_mT^m]\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}.$$

It follows from Corollary 4.8 that the above display can be rewritten as follows:

$$[c(T - \lambda_1\text{Id}) \cdots (T - \lambda_m\text{Id})]\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}, \quad (5.3)$$

where  $c, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $c \neq 0$ . Hence, for some  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , we have  $(T - \lambda_i\text{Id})\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ ; that is,  $\lambda_i$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 79 (5.16). *Show that the result in the previous exercise does not hold if  $\mathbb{C}$  is replaced with  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

PROOF. Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  defined by  $T(w, z) = (-z, w)$ . Then  $T$  has no eigenvalue (see p. 78). But  $T^2(w, z) = T(-z, w) = (-w, -z)$  has an eigenvalue: let  $(-w, -z) = \lambda(w, z)$ ; then

$$\begin{cases} -w = \lambda w \\ -z = \lambda z. \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $\lambda = -1$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 80 (5.17). *Suppose  $V$  is a complex vector space and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that  $T$  has an invariant subspace of dimension  $j$  for each  $j = 1, \dots, \dim V$ .*

PROOF. Suppose that  $\dim V = n$ . Let  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  be a basis of  $V$  with respect to which  $T$  has an upper-triangular matrix (by Theorem 5.13)

$$\mathcal{M}(T, (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & * \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ \mathbf{0} & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then it follows from Proposition 5.12 that the claim holds.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 81 (5.18). *Give an example of an operator whose matrix with respect to some basis contains only 0's on the diagonal, but the operator is invertible.*

PROOF. Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . Take the standard basis  $((0, 1), (1, 0))$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , with respect to which  $T$  has the following matrix

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $T(x, y) = \mathcal{M}(T) \cdot (x, y)' = (y, x)$  is invertible.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 82 (5.19). *Give an example of an operator whose matrix with respect to some basis contains only nonzero numbers on the diagonal, but the operator is not invertible.*

PROOF. Consider the standard basis  $((1, 0), (0, 1))$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $T \in \mathfrak{L}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  be defined as  $T(x, y) = (x, 0)$ . Then  $T$  is not injective and so is not invertible. Its matrix is

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 83 (5.20). *Suppose that  $T \in \mathfrak{L}(V)$  has  $\dim V$  distinct eigenvalues and that  $S \in \mathfrak{L}(V)$  has the same eigenvectors as  $T$  (not necessarily with the same eigenvalues). Prove that  $ST = TS$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\dim V = n$ . Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  be  $n$  distinct eigenvalues of  $T$  and  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  be  $n$  eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalues. Then  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  is independent and so is a basis of  $V$ . Further, the matrix of  $T$  with respect to  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  is given by

$$\mathcal{M}(T, (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $S$  has the same eigenvectors as  $T$ , so for any  $\mathbf{v}_i$ , there is some  $\hat{\lambda}_i$  such that  $S\mathbf{v}_i = \hat{\lambda}_i \mathbf{v}_i$ . For every  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{v}_i \in V$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (ST)(\mathbf{v}) &= S \left[ T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{v}_i \right) \right] = S \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i T\mathbf{v}_i \right) = S \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i \lambda_i) S\mathbf{v}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i \lambda_i \hat{\lambda}_i) \mathbf{v}_i, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (TS)(\mathbf{v}) &= T \left[ S \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{v}_i \right) \right] = T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i S\mathbf{v}_i \right) = T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i \hat{\lambda}_i) \mathbf{v}_i \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i \hat{\lambda}_i) T\mathbf{v}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i \lambda_i \hat{\lambda}_i) \mathbf{v}_i. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $ST = TS$ . □

► EXERCISE 84 (5.21). *Suppose  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$ . Prove that  $V = \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$ .*

PROOF. By Theorem 3.4,  $\dim V = \dim \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}} + \dim \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$ , so it suffices to show that  $V = \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}} + \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$  by Proposition 2.19. Take an arbitrary  $v \in V$ . Since  $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$ , we have

$$\mathbf{P}^2 v = \mathbf{P} v \iff \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{P}v - v) = \mathbf{0} \iff \mathbf{P}v - v \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}};$$

that is, there exists  $u \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}}$  such that  $\mathbf{P}v - v = u$ . Therefore,

$$v = -u + \mathbf{P}v \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}} + \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 85 (5.22). *Suppose  $V = U \oplus W$ , where  $U$  and  $W$  are nonzero subspaces of  $V$ . Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{P}_{U,W}$ .*

PROOF. We first show that  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{P}_{U,W}$ . Since  $W \neq \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , we can take  $w \in W$  with  $w \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Obviously,  $w \in V$  and  $w$  can be written as  $w = \mathbf{0} + w$  uniquely. Then

$$\mathbf{P}_{U,W}(w) = \mathbf{0} = 0w;$$

that is, 0 is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{P}_{U,W}$  and any  $w \in W$  with  $w \neq \mathbf{0}$  is an eigenvector corresponding to 0.

Now let us check whether there is eigenvalue  $\lambda \neq 0$ . If there is an eigenvalue  $\lambda \neq 0$  under  $\mathbf{P}_{U,W}$ , then there exists  $v = u + w \neq \mathbf{0}$ , where  $u \in U$  and  $w \in W$ , such that  $\mathbf{P}_{U,W}(v) = \lambda v$ , but which means that

$$u = \lambda(u + w).$$

Then  $w = (1 - \lambda)u/\lambda \in U$  since  $\lambda \neq 0$ , and which implies that  $w = \mathbf{0}$  since  $V = U \oplus W$  forces  $U \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . Therefore,  $v = u \neq \mathbf{0}$  and

$$\mathbf{P}_{U,W}(v)\mathbf{P}_{U,W}(u) = u = 1 \cdot u,$$

that is,  $\lambda = 1$  is the unique nonzero eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{P}_{U,W}$ . □

► EXERCISE 86 (5.23). *Give an example of an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^4)$  such that  $T$  has no (real) eigenvalues.*

PROOF. Our example is based on (5.4). Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^4)$  be defined by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (-x_2, x_1, -x_4, x_3).$$

Suppose that  $\lambda$  is a (real) eigenvalue of  $T$ ; then

$$\begin{cases} \lambda x_1 = -x_2 \\ \lambda x_2 = x_1 \\ \lambda x_3 = -x_4 \\ \lambda x_4 = x_3. \end{cases}$$

If  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \mathbf{0}$ . So  $\lambda \neq 0$ . It is evident that

$$x_1 \neq 0 \iff x_2 \neq 0, \quad \text{and} \quad x_3 \neq 0 \iff x_4 \neq 0.$$

Suppose that  $x_1 \neq 0$ . Then from the first two equations we have

$$\lambda^2 x_2 = -x_2 \implies \lambda^2 = -1,$$

which has no solution in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Hence,  $x_1 = x_2 = 0$  when  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Similarly, we can show that  $x_3 = x_4 = 0$  if  $\lambda \neq 0$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 87 (5.24). *Suppose  $V$  is a real vector space and  $T \in \mathfrak{L}(V)$  has no eigenvalues. Prove that every subspace of  $V$  invariant under  $T$  has even dimension.*

PROOF. If  $U$  is invariant under  $T$  and  $\dim U$  is odd, then  $T|_U \in \mathfrak{L}(U)$  has an eigenvalue. But this implies that  $T$  has an eigenvalue. A contradiction.  $\square$



# 6

## INNER-PRODUCT SPACES

### “AS YOU SHOULD VERIFY”

REMARK (p. 113). The orthogonal projection  $\mathbf{P}_U$  has the following properties:

- $\mathbf{P}_U \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ ;
- $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}_U} = U$ ;
- $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}_U} = U^\perp$ ;
- $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{v} \in U^\perp$  for every  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ ;
- $\mathbf{P}_U^2 = \mathbf{P}_U$ ;
- $\|\mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\|$  for every  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ ;
- $\mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^m \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{e}_i \rangle \mathbf{e}_i$  for every  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ , where  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m)$  is a basis of  $U$ .

PROOF. (a) For any  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}' \in V$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_U(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}') &= \mathbf{P}_U[(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}) + (\mathbf{u}' + \mathbf{w}')] = \mathbf{P}_U[(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}') + (\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w}')] \\ &= \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}' \\ &= \mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{v}', \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}' \in U$  and  $\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}' \in U^\perp$ . Also it is true that  $\mathbf{P}_U(a\mathbf{v}) = a\mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{v}$ . Therefore,  $\mathbf{P}_U \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ .

(b) Write every  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  as  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$ , where  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in U^\perp$ . Since  $\mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}$ , we have one direction that  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}_U} \subseteq U$ . For the other direction, notice that  $U = \mathbf{P}_U[U] \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}_U}$ .

(c) If  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}_U}$ , then  $\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}$ ; that is,  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{w}$  with  $\mathbf{w} \in U^\perp$ . This proves that  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}_U} \subseteq U^\perp$ . The other inclusion direction is clear.

(d) For every  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ , we have  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$ , where  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in U^\perp$ . Hence,  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}) - \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{w} \in U^\perp$ .

(e) For every  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ , we have  $\mathbf{P}_U^2 \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{P}_U(\mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{v}$ .

(f) We can write every  $v \in V$  as  $v = u + w$  with  $u \in U$  and  $w \in U^\perp$ ; therefore,  $\|v\| = \|u + w\| \stackrel{*}{=} \|u\| + \|w\| \geq \|u\| = \|\mathbf{P}_U v\|$ , where  $(*)$  holds since  $U \perp U^\perp$ .

(g) It follows from Axler (1997, 6.31, p.112).  $\square$

REMARK (p. 119-120). Verify that the function  $T \mapsto T^*$  has the following properties:

- $(S + T)^* = S^* + T^*$  for all  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ ;
- $(aT)^* = \bar{a}T^*$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ ;
- $(T^*)^* = T$  for all  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ ;
- $\text{Id}^* = \text{Id}$ , where  $\text{Id}$  is the identity operator on  $V$ ;
- $(ST)^* = T^*S^*$  for all  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{L}(W, U)$ .

PROOF. (a)  $\langle (S + T)v, w \rangle = \langle Sv, w \rangle + \langle Tv, w \rangle = \langle v, S^*w \rangle + \langle v, T^*w \rangle = \langle v, (S^* + T^*)w \rangle$ .

(b)  $\langle (aT)v, w \rangle = a\langle Tv, w \rangle = a\langle v, T^*w \rangle = \langle v, (\bar{a}T^*)(w) \rangle$ .

(c)  $\langle T^*w, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, T^*w \rangle} = \overline{\langle Tv, w \rangle} = \langle w, Tv \rangle$ .

(d)  $\langle \text{Id}v, w \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle = \langle v, \text{Id}w \rangle$ .

(e)  $\langle (ST)v, w \rangle = \langle S(Tv), w \rangle = \langle Tv, S^*w \rangle = \langle v, (T^*S^*)w \rangle$ .  $\square$

## EXERCISES

► EXERCISE 88 (6.1). Prove that if  $x, y$  are nonzero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then  $\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $x$  and  $y$ .

PROOF. Using notation as in Figure 6.1, the law of cosines states that

$$\|x - y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 - 2\|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta. \quad (6.1)$$

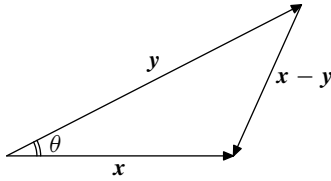


FIGURE 6.1. The law of cosines

After inserting  $\|x - y\|^2 = \langle x - y, x - y \rangle = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 - 2\langle x, y \rangle$  into (6.1), we get the conclusion.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 89 (6.2). Suppose  $u, v \in V$ . Prove that  $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $\|u\| \leq \|u + av\|$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ .

PROOF. If  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$ , then  $\langle \mathbf{u}, a\mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$  and so

$$\|\mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \langle \mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v} \rangle = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|a\mathbf{v}\|^2 \geq \|\mathbf{u}\|^2.$$

Now suppose that  $\|\mathbf{u}\| \leq \|\mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}\|$  for any  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ . If  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$  holds trivially. Thus we assume that  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . We first have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}\|^2 &= \langle \mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v} \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v} \rangle + \langle a\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v} \rangle \\ &= \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \bar{a}\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + a\overline{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} + \|a\mathbf{v}\|^2 \\ &= \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|a\mathbf{v}\|^2 + \bar{a}\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + \overline{\bar{a}\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \\ &= \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|a\mathbf{v}\|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(\bar{a}\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\|\mathbf{u}\| \leq \|\mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}\|$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{F}$  implies that for all  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ ,

$$2\operatorname{Re}(\bar{a}\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle) \geq -\|a\mathbf{v}\|^2 = -|a|^2 \|\mathbf{v}\|^2. \quad (6.2)$$

Take  $a = -\alpha\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$ , with  $\alpha > 0$ ; then (6.2) becomes

$$2|\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle|^2 \leq \alpha |\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle|^2 \|\mathbf{v}\|^2. \quad (6.3)$$

Let  $\alpha = 1/\|\mathbf{v}\|^2$ . Then (6.3) becomes

$$2|\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle|^2 \leq |\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle|^2.$$

Hence,  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$ . □

► EXERCISE 90 (6.3). Prove that  $\left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_j b_j\right)^2 \leq \left(\sum_{j=1}^n j a_j^2\right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n b_j^2/j\right)$  for all  $a_j, b_j \in \mathbb{R}$ .

PROOF. Since  $a_j, b_j \in \mathbb{R}$ , we can write any  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$  as  $\mathbf{a} = (a'_1, a'_2/\sqrt{2}, \dots, a'_n/\sqrt{n})$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (b'_1, \sqrt{2}b'_2, \dots, \sqrt{n}b'_n)$  for some  $\mathbf{a}' = (a'_1, \dots, a'_n)$  and  $\mathbf{b}' = (b'_1, \dots, b'_n)$ . Then

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_j b_j\right)^2 = \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a'_j b'_j\right)^2 = \langle \mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}' \rangle^2,$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n j a_j^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n j \frac{a_j'^2}{j} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j'^2 = \|\mathbf{a}'\|^2,$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{b_j^2}{j} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{j b_j'^2}{j} = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j'^2 = \|\mathbf{b}'\|^2.$$

Hence, by the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality,



$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_j b_j\right)^2 = \langle \mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}' \rangle^2 \leq \|\mathbf{a}'\|^2 \|\mathbf{b}'\|^2 = \left(\sum_{j=1}^n j a_j^2\right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{b_j^2}{j}\right). \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 91 (6.4). Suppose  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$  are such that  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 3$ ,  $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| = 4$ , and  $\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\| = 6$ . What number must  $\|\mathbf{v}\|$  equal?

SOLUTION. By the parallelogram equality,  $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 = 2(\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2)$ , so we have  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{17}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 92 (6.5). Prove or disprove: there is an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that the associated norm is given by  $\|(x_1, x_2)\| = |x_1| + |x_2|$  for all  $(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

PROOF. There is no such inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . For example, let  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (0, 1)$ . Then  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = \|\mathbf{v}\| = 1$  and  $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\| = 2$ . But then the Parallelogram Equality fails.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 93 (6.6). Prove that if  $V$  is a real inner-product space, then  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = (\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2)/4$  for all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$ .

PROOF. If  $V$  is a real inner-product space, then for any  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2}{4} &= \frac{\langle \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \rangle}{4} \\ &= \frac{(\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + 2\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2) - (\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 - 2\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2)}{4} \\ &= \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 94 (6.7). Prove that if  $V$  is a complex inner-product space, then

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \frac{\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{u} + i\mathbf{v}\|^2 i - \|\mathbf{u} - i\mathbf{v}\|^2 i}{4}$$

for all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$ .

PROOF. If  $V$  is a complex inner-product space, then for any  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 &= \langle \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \rangle \\ &= \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2, \\ \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 &= \langle \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \rangle \\ &= \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 - \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2, \\ \|\mathbf{u} + i\mathbf{v}\|^2 i &= \langle \mathbf{u} + i\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} + i\mathbf{v} \rangle i = (\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} + i\mathbf{v} \rangle + \langle i\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} + i\mathbf{v} \rangle) i \\ &= \left(\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + i\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + i\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + i\bar{i}\|\mathbf{v}\|^2\right) i \\ &= \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 i + \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 i, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{u} - i\mathbf{v}\|^2 i &= \langle \mathbf{u} - i\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} - i\mathbf{v} \rangle i = (\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} - i\mathbf{v} \rangle - \langle i\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} - i\mathbf{v} \rangle) i \\
&= \left( \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 - \bar{i}\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle - i\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + i\bar{i}\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \right) i \\
&= \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 i - \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 i.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{u} + i\mathbf{v}\|^2 i - \|\mathbf{u} - i\mathbf{v}\|^2 i}{4} \\
&= \frac{2\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + 2\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + 2\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle - 2\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle}{4} \\
&= \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

► EXERCISE 95 (6.10). On  $\mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ , consider the inner product given by

$$\langle p, q \rangle = \int_0^1 p(x)q(x) \, dx.$$

Apply the Gram-Schmidt procedure to the basis  $(1, x, x^2)$  to produce an orthonormal basis of  $\mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

SOLUTION. It is clear that  $e_1 = 1$  since  $\|1\|^2 = \int_0^1 (1 \times 1) \, dx = 1$ . As for  $e_2$ , let

$$e_2 = \frac{x - \langle x, e_1 \rangle e_1}{\|x - \langle x, e_1 \rangle e_1\|}.$$

Since

$$\langle x, e_1 \rangle = \int_0^1 x \, dx = \frac{1}{2};$$

we have

$$e_2 = \frac{x - 1/2}{\|x - 1/2\|} = \frac{x - 1/2}{\sqrt{\int_0^1 (x - 1/2)^2 \, dx}} = \sqrt{3}(2x - 1).$$

As for  $e_3$ ,

$$e_3 = \frac{x^2 - \langle x^2, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \langle x^2, e_2 \rangle e_2}{\|x^2 - \langle x^2, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \langle x^2, e_2 \rangle e_2\|}.$$

Since

$$\langle x^2, e_1 \rangle = \int_0^1 x^2 \, dx = \frac{1}{3},$$

$$\langle x^2, e_2 \rangle = \int_0^1 x^2 [\sqrt{3}(2x - 1)] \, dx = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6},$$

and

$$\|x^2 - \langle x^2, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \langle x^2, e_2 \rangle e_2\| = \sqrt{\int_0^1 \left(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}\right)^2 \, dx} = \frac{\sqrt{1/5}}{6},$$

we know that

$$e_3 = \frac{x^2 - x + 1/6}{\sqrt{1/5}/6} = \sqrt{5} (6x^2 - 6x + 1). \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 96 (6.11). *What happens if the Gram-Schmidt procedure is applied to a list of vectors that is not linearly independent.*

SOLUTION. If  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  is not linearly independent, then

$$e_j = \frac{\mathbf{v}_j - \langle \mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{e}_j \rangle \mathbf{e}_1 - \dots - \langle \mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{e}_{j-1} \rangle \mathbf{e}_{j-1}}{\left\| \mathbf{v}_j - \langle \mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{e}_j \rangle \mathbf{e}_1 - \dots - \langle \mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{e}_{j-1} \rangle \mathbf{e}_{j-1} \right\|}$$

may not be well defined since if  $\mathbf{v}_j \in \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{j-1})$ , then

$$\left\| \mathbf{v}_j - \langle \mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{e}_j \rangle \mathbf{e}_1 - \dots - \langle \mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{e}_{j-1} \rangle \mathbf{e}_{j-1} \right\| = 0. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 97 (6.12). *Suppose  $V$  is a real inner-product space and  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m)$  is a linearly independent list of vectors in  $V$ . Prove that there exist exactly  $2^m$  orthonormal lists  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m)$  of vectors in  $V$  such that*

$$\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_j) = \text{span}(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_j)$$

for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

PROOF. Given the linearly independent list  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m)$ , we have a corresponding orthonormal list  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m)$  by the Gram-Schmidt procedure, such that  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_j) = \text{span}(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_j)$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

Now, for every  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , the list  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, -\mathbf{e}_i, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m)$  is also an orthonormal list; further,

$$\text{span}(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_i) = \text{span}(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, -\mathbf{e}_i).$$

The above shows that there are at least  $2^m$  orthonormal lists satisfying the requirement.

On the other hand, if there is an orthonormal list  $(\mathbf{f}_1, \dots, \mathbf{f}_m)$  satisfying

$$\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_j) = \text{span}(\mathbf{f}_1, \dots, \mathbf{f}_j)$$

for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ , then  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1) = \text{span}(\mathbf{f}_1)$  implies that

$$\mathbf{f}_1 = \pm \frac{\mathbf{v}_1}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|} = \pm \mathbf{e}_1;$$

Similarly,  $\text{span}(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2) = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2) = \text{span}(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{f}_2)$  implies that

$$\mathbf{f}_2 = a_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{e}_2, \quad \text{for some } a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then the orthonormality implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{e}_1, a_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{e}_2 \rangle &= 0 \implies a_1 = 0, \\ \langle a_2 \mathbf{e}_2, a_2 \mathbf{e}_2 \rangle &= 1 \implies a_2 = \pm 1; \end{aligned}$$

that is,  $f_2 = \pm e_2$ . By induction, we can show that  $f_i = \pm e_i$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , and this completes the proof.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 98 (6.13). *Suppose  $(e_1, \dots, e_m)$  is an orthonormal list of vectors in  $V$ . Let  $v \in V$ . Prove that  $\|v\|^2 = |\langle v, e_1 \rangle|^2 + \dots + |\langle v, e_m \rangle|^2$  if and only if  $v \in \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_m)$ .*

PROOF. It follows from Corollary 6.25 that the list  $(e_1, \dots, e_m)$  can be extended to an orthonormal basis  $(e_1, \dots, e_m, f_1, \dots, f_n)$  of  $V$ . Then by Theorem 6.17, every vector  $v \in V$  can be presented uniquely as  $v = \sum_{i=1}^m \langle v, e_i \rangle e_i + \sum_{j=1}^n \langle v, f_j \rangle f_j$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|^2 &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^m \langle v, e_i \rangle e_i + \sum_{j=1}^n \langle v, f_j \rangle f_j \right\|^2 \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^m \langle v, e_i \rangle e_i + \sum_{j=1}^n \langle v, f_j \rangle f_j, \sum_{i=1}^m \langle v, e_i \rangle e_i + \sum_{j=1}^n \langle v, f_j \rangle f_j \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m |\langle v, e_i \rangle|^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n |\langle v, f_j \rangle|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|^2 = |\langle v, e_1 \rangle|^2 + \dots + |\langle v, e_m \rangle|^2 &\iff \langle v, f_j \rangle = 0, \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n \\ &\iff v = \sum_{i=1}^m \langle v, e_i \rangle e_i \\ &\iff v \in \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_m). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

► EXERCISE 99 (6.14). *Find an orthonormal basis of  $\mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  such that the differentiation operator on  $\mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to this basis.*

SOLUTION. Consider the orthonormal basis  $(1, \sqrt{3}(2x-1), \sqrt{5}(6x^2-6x+1)) = (e_1, e_2, e_3)$  in Exercise 95. Let  $T$  be the differentiation operator on  $\mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . We have

$$Te_1 = 0 \in \text{span}(e_1),$$

$$Te_2 = [\sqrt{3}(2x-1)]' = 2\sqrt{3} \in \text{span}(e_1, e_2),$$

and

$$Te_3 = [\sqrt{5}(6x^2-6x+1)]' = 12\sqrt{5}x - 6\sqrt{5} \in \text{span}(e_1, e_2, e_3).$$

It follows from Proposition 5.12 that  $T$  has an upper-triangular matrix.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 100 (6.15). *Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Prove that  $\dim U^\perp = \dim V - \dim U$ .*

PROOF. We have  $V = U \oplus U^\perp$ ; hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\dim V &= \dim U + \dim U^\perp - \dim U \cap U^\perp \\ &= \dim U + \dim U^\perp;\end{aligned}$$

that is,  $\dim U^\perp = \dim V - \dim U$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 101 (6.16). *Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Prove that  $U^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  if and only if  $U = V$ .*

PROOF. If  $U^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , then  $V = U \oplus U^\perp = U \oplus \{\mathbf{0}\} = U$ . To see the converse direction, let  $U = V$ . For any  $\mathbf{w} \in U^\perp$ , we have  $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0$  since  $\mathbf{w} \in U^\perp \subseteq V = U$ ; then  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ , that is,  $U^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 102 (6.17). *Prove that if  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is such that  $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$  and every vector in  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}}$  is orthogonal to every vector in  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$ , then  $\mathbf{P}$  is an orthogonal projection.*

PROOF. For every  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$ , there exists  $\mathbf{v}_w \in V$  such that  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}_w = \mathbf{w}$ . Hence,

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}_w) = \mathbf{P}^2\mathbf{v}_w = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}_w = \mathbf{w}.$$

By Exercise 84,  $V = \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$  if  $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$ . Then any  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  can be uniquely written as  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$  with  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}}$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$ , and

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w},$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}}$  when  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}} \perp \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 103 (6.18). *Prove that if  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is such that  $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$  and  $\|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\|$  for every  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ , then  $\mathbf{P}$  is an orthogonal projection.*

PROOF. It follows from the previous exercise that if  $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$ , then  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}$  for every  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ , where  $\mathbf{v}$  is uniquely written as  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$  with  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}}$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$ .

It now suffices to show that  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}} \perp \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$ . Take an arbitrary  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} \in V$ , where  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}}$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$ . Then  $\|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\|$  implies that

$$\langle \mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \leq \langle \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} \rangle \iff -\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \leq 2\operatorname{Re}(\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle).$$

The above inequality certainly fails for some  $\mathbf{v}$  if  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle \neq 0$  (see Exercise 89). Therefore,  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}} \perp \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$  and  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 104 (6.19). *Suppose  $\mathbf{T} \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Prove that  $U$  is invariant under  $\mathbf{T}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{P}_U\mathbf{T}\mathbf{P}_U = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{P}_U$ .*

PROOF. It follows from Theorem 6.29 that  $V = U \oplus U^\perp$ .

**Only if:** Suppose that  $U$  is invariant under  $\mathbf{T}$ . For any  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$  with  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in U^\perp$ , we have

$$(\mathbf{P}_U\mathbf{T}\mathbf{P}_U)(\mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{P}_U\mathbf{T})(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{P}_U(\mathbf{T}\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{u},$$

where the last equality holds since  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  and  $U$  is invariant under  $T$ . We also have

$$(TP_U)(\mathbf{v}) = T\mathbf{u}.$$

**If:** Now suppose that  $\mathbf{P}_U TP_U = TP_U$ . Take any  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  and we have

$$T\mathbf{u} = T(\mathbf{P}_U(\mathbf{u})) = (TP_U)(\mathbf{u}) = (\mathbf{P}_U TP_U)(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{P}_U(T\mathbf{u}) \in U$$

by the definition of  $\mathbf{P}_U$ . This proves that  $U$  is invariant under  $T$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 105 (6.20). Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Prove that  $U$  and  $U^\perp$  are both invariant under  $T$  if and only if  $\mathbf{P}_U T = TP_U$ .

PROOF. Suppose first that both  $U$  and  $U^\perp$  are both invariant under  $T$ . Then for any  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$ , where  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in U^\perp$ , we have

$$(\mathbf{P}_U T)(\mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{P}_U T)(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{P}_U(T\mathbf{u} + T\mathbf{w}) = T\mathbf{u},$$

and  $(TP_U)(\mathbf{v}) = T\mathbf{u}$ .

Now suppose  $\mathbf{P}_U T = TP_U$ . For any  $\mathbf{u} \in U$ , we have  $T\mathbf{u} = (TP_U)(\mathbf{u}) = (\mathbf{P}_U T)(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{P}_U(T\mathbf{u}) \in U$ . Applying the previous argument to  $U^\perp$  proves that  $U^\perp$  is invariant.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 106 (6.21). In  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , let  $U = \text{span}((1, 1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1, 2))$ . Find  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  such that  $\|\mathbf{u} - (1, 2, 3, 4)\|$  is as small as possible.

SOLUTION. We first need to find the orthonormal basis of  $U$ . Using the Gram-Schmidt procedure, we have

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{(1, 1, 0, 0)}{\|(1, 1, 0, 0)\|} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0, 0\right),$$

and

$$\mathbf{e}_2 = \frac{(1, 1, 1, 2) - \langle (1, 1, 1, 2), \mathbf{e}_1 \rangle \mathbf{e}_1}{\|(1, 1, 1, 2) - \langle (1, 1, 1, 2), \mathbf{e}_1 \rangle \mathbf{e}_1\|} = \left(0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}, \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}\right).$$

Then by 6.35,

$$\mathbf{P}_U(1, 2, 3, 4) = \langle (1, 2, 3, 4), \mathbf{e}_1 \rangle \mathbf{e}_1 + \langle (1, 2, 3, 4), \mathbf{e}_2 \rangle \mathbf{e}_2 = \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{11}{5}, \frac{22}{5}\right).$$

REMARK. We can use *Maple* to obtain the orthonormal basis easily:

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>with(LinearAlgebra):
>v1:=<1,1,0,0>:
>v2:=<1,1,1,2>:
>GramSchmidt({v1,v2}, normalized)
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$\square$

► EXERCISE 107 (6.22). Find  $p \in \mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $p(0) = 0$ ,  $p'(0) = 0$ , and  $\int_0^1 |2 + 3x - p(x)|^2 dx$  is as small as possible.

PROOF.  $p(0) = p'(0) = 0$  implies that  $p(x) = ax^2 + bx^3$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . We want to find  $p \in U \equiv \text{span}(x^2, x^3)$  such that distance from  $q = 2_3x$  to  $U$  is as small as possible. With the Gram-Schmidt procedure, the orthonormal basis is

$$e_1 = \frac{x^2}{\|x^2\|} = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{\int_0^1 |x^2 \cdot x^2| dx}} = \sqrt{5}x^2,$$

and

$$e_2 = \frac{x^3 - \left(\int_0^1 |\sqrt{5}x^5| dx\right) \sqrt{5}x^2}{\left\|x^3 - \left(\int_0^1 |\sqrt{5}x^5| dx\right) \sqrt{5}x^2\right\|} = \frac{x^3 - \frac{5}{6}x^2}{\sqrt{7/42}} = 6\sqrt{7}x^3 - 5\sqrt{7}x^2.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_U(2 + 3x) &= \left[ \int_0^1 (2 + 3x) \sqrt{5}x^2 dx \right] \sqrt{5}x^2 \\ &\quad + \left[ \int_0^1 (2 + 3x) (6\sqrt{7}x^3 - 5\sqrt{7}x^2) dx \right] (6\sqrt{7}x^3 - 5\sqrt{7}x^2). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

► EXERCISE 108 (6.24). Find a polynomial  $q \in \mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_0^1 p(x)q(x) dx$$

for every  $p \in \mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

SOLUTION. For every  $p \in \mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ , we define a function  $T: \mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by letting  $Tp = p(1/2)$ . It is clear that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{R})$ .

It follows from [Exercise 95](#) that  $(e_1, e_2, e_3) = (1, \sqrt{3}(2x-1), \sqrt{5}(6x^2-6x+1))$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Then, by Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} Tp &= T(\langle p, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \langle p, e_2 \rangle e_2 + \langle p, e_3 \rangle e_3) \\ &= \langle p, T(e_1)e_1 + T(e_2)e_2 + T(e_3)e_3 \rangle; \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$\begin{aligned} q(x) &= e_1(1/2)e_1 + e_2(1/2)e_2 + e_3(1/2)e_3 \\ &= 1 + 0 - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} [\sqrt{5}(6x^2 - 6x + 1)] \\ &= -\frac{3}{2} + 15x - 15x^2. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

► EXERCISE 109 (6.25). Find a polynomial  $q \in \mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\int_0^1 p(x)(\cos \pi x) dx = \int_0^1 p(x)q(x) dx$$

for every  $p \in \mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

SOLUTION. As in the previous exercise, we let  $T: p \mapsto \int_0^1 p(x)(\cos \pi x) dx$  for every  $p \in \mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Then  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{R})$ . Let

$$q(x) = T(e_1)e_1 + T(e_2)e_2 + T(e_3)e_3 = 12/\pi^2 - 24x/\pi^2. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 110 (6.26). Fix a vector  $v \in V$  and define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F})$  by  $Tu = \langle u, v \rangle$ . For  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ , find a formula for  $T^*a$ .

PROOF. Take any  $u \in V$ . We have  $\langle Tu, a \rangle = \langle \langle u, v \rangle, a \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle a = \langle u, av \rangle$ ; thus,  $T^*a = av$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 111 (6.27). Suppose  $n$  is a positive integer. Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^n)$  by  $T(z_1, \dots, z_n) = (0, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1})$ . Find a formula for  $T^*(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ .

SOLUTION. Take the standard basis of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ , which is also an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ . We then have

$$\begin{aligned} T(1, 0, 0, \dots, 0) &= (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0), \\ T(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) &= (0, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0), \\ &\dots \\ T(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1) &= (0, 0, 0, 0, \dots, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  is given by

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and so

$$\mathcal{M}(T^*) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $T^*(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \mathcal{M}(T^*)\mathcal{M}(z_1, \dots, z_n) = (z_2, z_3, \dots, z_{n-1}, z_n, 0)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 112 (6.28). Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . Prove that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$  if and only if  $\bar{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $T^*$ .



PROOF. If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ , then there exists  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that  $T\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$ . Take  $\mathbf{w} \in V$  with  $\mathbf{w} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Then

$$\langle T\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \lambda\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \overline{\lambda}\mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, T^*\mathbf{w} \rangle,$$

which implies that  $T^*\mathbf{w} = \overline{\lambda}\mathbf{w}$ ; that is,  $\overline{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $T^*$ . With the same logic, we can show the inverse direction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 113 (6.29). *Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Prove that  $U$  is invariant under  $T$  if and only if  $U^\perp$  is invariant under  $T^*$ .*

PROOF. Take any  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in U^\perp$ . If  $U$  is invariant under  $T$ , then  $T\mathbf{u} \in U$  and so

$$0 = \langle T\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, T^*\mathbf{w} \rangle;$$

that is,  $T^*\mathbf{w} \in U^\perp$ . Applying  $T^*$  then we obtain the inverse direction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 114 (6.30). *Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that*

- $T$  is injective if and only if  $T^*$  is surjective;*
- $T$  is surjective if and only if  $T^*$  is injective.*

PROOF. (a) If  $T$  is injective, then  $\dim \mathcal{N}_T = 0$ . Then

$$\dim \mathcal{R}_{T^*} = \dim \mathcal{R}_T = \dim V - \dim \mathcal{N}_T = \dim V,$$

i.e.,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(W, V)$  is surjective. If  $T^*$  is surjective, then  $\dim \mathcal{R}_{T^*} = \dim V$  and so

$$\dim \mathcal{N}_T = \dim V - \dim \mathcal{R}_T = \dim V - \dim \mathcal{R}_{T^*} = 0,$$

that is,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is injective.

(b) Using the fact that  $(T^*)^* = T$  and the result in part (a) we get (b) immediately.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 115 (6.31). *Prove that  $\dim \mathcal{N}_{T^*} = \dim \mathcal{N}_T + \dim W - \dim V$  and  $\dim \mathcal{R}_{T^*} = \dim \mathcal{R}_T$  for every  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .*

PROOF. It follows from Proposition 6.46 that  $\mathcal{N}_{T^*} = (\mathcal{R}_T)^\perp$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}_T$  is a subspace of  $W$ , and  $W = \mathcal{R}_T \oplus (\mathcal{R}_T)^\perp$ , we thus have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim V &= \dim \mathcal{N}_T + \dim \mathcal{R}_T \\ &= \dim \mathcal{N}_T + \dim W - \dim \mathcal{R}_T^\perp \\ &= \dim \mathcal{N}_T + \dim W - \dim \mathcal{N}_{T^*}, \end{aligned} \tag{6.4}$$

which proves the first claim. As for the second equality, we first have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \mathcal{R}_T &= \dim V - \dim \mathcal{N}_T, \\ \dim \mathcal{R}_{T^*} &= \dim W - \dim \mathcal{N}_{T^*}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\dim \mathcal{R}_T - \dim \mathcal{R}_{T^*} = 0$  by (6.4), that is,  $\dim \mathcal{R}_T = \dim \mathcal{R}_{T^*}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 116 (6.32). *Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix of real numbers. Prove that the dimension of the span of the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  (in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ) equals the dimension of the span of the rows of  $\mathbf{A}$  (in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ).*

PROOF. Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m)$  is the linear map induced by  $\mathbf{A}$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  corresponds to an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ; that is,  $T\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . By Proposition 6.47, we know that for any  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,

$$T^*\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}'\mathbf{y},$$

where  $\mathbf{A}'$  is the (conjugate) transpose of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{b}_m \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\mathbf{A}' = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}'_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}'_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}'_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{b}'_m \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is easy to see that

$$\text{span}(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n) = \mathcal{R}_T, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{span}(\mathbf{a}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}'_n) = \mathcal{R}_{T^*}.$$

It follows from Exercise 115 that  $\dim \mathcal{R}_T = \dim \mathcal{R}_{T^*}$ .  $\square$



# 7

## OPERATORS ON INNER-PRODUCT SPACES

### “AS YOU SHOULD VERIFY”

REMARK (p.131). If  $T$  is normal, then  $T - \lambda \text{Id}$  is normal, too.

PROOF. Note that  $(T - \lambda \text{Id})^* = T^* - \bar{\lambda} \text{Id}$ . For any  $v \in V$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}(T - \lambda \text{Id})(T^* - \bar{\lambda} \text{Id})v &= (T - \lambda \text{Id})(T^*v - \bar{\lambda}v) \\ &= T(T^*v - \bar{\lambda}v) - \lambda \cdot (T^*v - \bar{\lambda}v) \\ &= TT^*v - \bar{\lambda}Tv - \lambda T^*v + |\lambda|^2 v,\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}(T^* - \bar{\lambda} \text{Id})(T - \lambda \text{Id})v &= (T^* - \bar{\lambda} \text{Id})(Tv - \lambda v) \\ &= T^*(Tv - \lambda v) - \bar{\lambda} \cdot (Tv - \lambda v) \\ &= T^*Tv - \lambda T^*v - \bar{\lambda}Tv + |\lambda|^2 v.\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(T - \lambda \text{Id})(T^* - \bar{\lambda} \text{Id}) = (T^* - \bar{\lambda} \text{Id})(T - \lambda \text{Id})$  since  $TT^* = T^*T$ .  $\square$

### EXERCISES

► EXERCISE 117 (7.1). Make  $\mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  into an inner-product space by defining  $\langle p, q \rangle = \int_0^1 p(x)q(x) dx$ . Define  $T \in \mathfrak{L}(\mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R}))$  by  $T(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = a_1x$ .

a. Show that  $T$  is not self-adjoint.

b. The matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $(1, x, x^2)$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This matrix equals its conjugate transpose, even though  $T$  is not self-adjoint. Explain why this is not a contradiction.

PROOF. (a) Suppose  $T$  is self-adjoint, that is,  $T = T^*$ . Take any  $p, q \in \mathfrak{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  with  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$  and  $q(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2$ . Then  $\langle Tp, q \rangle = \langle p, T^*q \rangle = \langle p, Tq \rangle$  implies that

$$\int_0^1 (a_1x)(b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2) dx = \int_0^1 (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2)(b_1x) dx,$$

that is,

$$\frac{a_1b_0}{2} + \frac{a_1b_1}{3} + \frac{a_1b_2}{4} = \frac{a_0b_1}{2} + \frac{a_1b_1}{3} + \frac{a_2b_1}{4}. \quad (7.1)$$

Let  $a_1 = 0$ , then (7.1) becomes  $0 = a_0b_1/2$ , which fails to hold for any  $a_0b_1 \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $T \neq T^*$ .

(b)  $(1, x, x^2)$  is not an orthonormal basis. See Proposition 6.47.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 118 (7.2). *Prove or give a counterexample: the product of any two self-adjoint operators on a finite-dimensional inner-product space is self-adjoint.*

PROOF. The claim is incorrect. Let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  be two self-adjoint operators. Then  $(ST)^* = T^*S^* = TS$ . It is not necessarily that  $ST = TS$  since multiplication is not commutable.

For example, let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  be defined by the following matrices (with respect to the stand basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ):

$$\mathcal{M}(S) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then both  $S$  and  $T$  are self-adjoint, but  $ST$  is not since  $\mathcal{M}(S)\mathcal{M}(T) \neq \mathcal{M}(T)\mathcal{M}(S)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 119 (7.3). a. *Show that if  $V$  is a real inner-product space, then the set of self-adjoint operators on  $V$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ .*

b. *Show that if  $V$  is a complex inner-product space, then the set of self-adjoint operators on  $V$  is not a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ .*

PROOF. (a) Let  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{sa}}(V)$  be the set of self-adjoint operators. Obviously,  $0 = 0^*$  since for any  $v, w$  we have  $0 = \langle 0v, w \rangle = \langle v, 0w \rangle = \langle v, 0^*w \rangle$ . To see  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{sa}}(V)$  is closed under addition, let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}^{\text{sa}}(V)$ . Then  $(S + T)^* = S^* + T^* = S + T$  implies that  $S + T \in \mathcal{L}^{\text{sa}}(V)$ . Finally, for any  $a \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}^{\text{sa}}(V)$ , we have  $(aT)^* = aT^* = aT \in \mathcal{L}^{\text{sa}}(V)$ .

(b) If  $V$  is a complex inner-product, then  $(aT)^* = \bar{a}T^* = \bar{a}T$ , so  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{sa}}(V)$  is not a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 120 (7.4). *Suppose  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is such that  $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$ . Prove that  $\mathbf{P}$  is an orthogonal projection if and only if  $\mathbf{P}$  is self-adjoint.*

PROOF. If  $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$ , then  $V = \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}} \oplus \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$  (by Exercise 84), and  $\mathbf{P}w = w$  for every  $w \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$  (by Exercise 102).

Suppose first that  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^*$ . Take arbitrary  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}}$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$ . Then

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{P}\mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{P}^*\mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{P}\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0.$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}} \perp \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}$  and so  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{P}}}$ .

Now suppose that  $\mathbf{P}$  is an orthogonal projection. Then there exists a subspace  $U$  of  $V$  such that  $V = U \oplus U^\perp$  and  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}$  if  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$  with  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in U^\perp$ . Take arbitrary  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in V$  with  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{w}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{w}_2$ . Then  $\langle \mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2 + \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2 \rangle$ . Similarly,  $\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}_2 \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{u}_2 \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2 \rangle$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^*$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 121 (7.5). *Show that if  $\dim V \geq 2$ , then the set of normal operators on  $V$  is not a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{L}^n(V)$  denote the set of normal operators on  $V$  and  $\dim V \geq 2$ . Let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}^n(V)$ . It is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} (S + T)(S + T)^* &= (S + T)(S^* + T^*) \\ &\neq (S^* + T^*)(S + T) \end{aligned}$$

generally since matrix multiplication is not commutable.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 122 (7.6). *Prove that if  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is normal, then  $\mathcal{R}_T = \mathcal{R}_{T^*}$ .*

PROOF.  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is normal if and only if  $\|T\mathbf{v}\| = \|T^*\mathbf{v}\|$  for all  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  (by Proposition 7.6). Then  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{N}_T \iff \|T\mathbf{v}\| = 0 \iff \|T^*\mathbf{v}\| = 0 \iff \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{N}_{T^*}$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{N}_T = \mathcal{N}_{T^*}$ . It follows from Proposition 6.46 that

$$\mathcal{R}_{T^*} = \mathcal{N}_T^\perp = \mathcal{N}_{T^*}^\perp = \mathcal{R}_T. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 123 (7.7). *Prove that if  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is normal, then  $\mathcal{N}_{T^k} = \mathcal{N}_T$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{T^k} = \mathcal{R}_T$  for every positive integer  $k$ .*

PROOF. It is evident that  $\mathcal{N}_T \subseteq \mathcal{N}_{T^k}$ . So we take any  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{N}_{T^k}$  with  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$  (if  $\mathcal{N}_{T^k} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , there is nothing to prove). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T^*T^{k-1}\mathbf{v}, T^*T^{k-1}\mathbf{v} \rangle &= \langle TT^*T^{k-1}\mathbf{v}, T^{k-1}\mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle T^*TT^{k-1}\mathbf{v}, T^{k-1}\mathbf{v} \rangle \\ &= \langle T^*T^k\mathbf{v}, T^{k-1}\mathbf{v} \rangle \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and so  $(T^*T^{k-1})\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ . Now

$$\langle T^{k-1}\mathbf{v}, T^{k-1}\mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle T^{k-2}\mathbf{v}, T^*T^{k-1}\mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$$

implies that  $T^{k-1}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ , that is,  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{N}_{T^{k-1}}$ . With the same logic, we can show that  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{N}_{T^{k-2}}, \dots, \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{N}_T$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 124 (7.8). *Prove that there does not exist a self-adjoint operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  such that  $T(1, 2, 3) = (0, 0, 0)$  and  $T(2, 5, 7) = (2, 5, 7)$ .*

PROOF. Suppose there exists such a operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . Then

$$\langle T(1, 2, 3), (2, 5, 7) \rangle = \langle (0, 0, 0), (2, 5, 7) \rangle = 0,$$

but

$$\langle (1, 2, 3), T(2, 5, 7) \rangle = \langle (1, 2, 3), (2, 5, 7) \rangle \neq 0. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 125 (7.9). *Prove that a normal operator on a complex inner-product space is self-adjoint if and only if all its eigenvalues are real.*

PROOF. It follows from Proposition 7.1 that every eigenvalue of a self-adjoint operator is real, so the “only if” part is clear.

To see the “if” part, let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  be a normal operator, and all its eigenvalues be real. Then by the Complex Spectral Theorem,  $V$  has an orthonormal basis consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  is diagonal with respect to this basis, and so the conjugate transpose of  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  equals to  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  since all eigenvalues are real.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 126 (7.10). *Suppose  $V$  is a complex inner-product space and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is a normal operator such that  $T^9 = T^8$ . Prove that  $T$  is self-adjoint and  $T^2 = T$ .*

PROOF. Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  be normal and  $v \in V$ . Then by Exercise 123,

$$T^8(Tv - v) = 0 \implies Tv - v \in \mathcal{N}_{T^8} = \mathcal{N}_T \implies T(Tv - v) = 0 \implies T^2 = T.$$

By the Complex Spectral Theorem, there exists an orthonormal basis of  $V$  such that  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  is diagonal, and the entries on the diagonal line consists of the eigenvalues  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  of  $T$ . Now  $T^2 = T$  implies that  $\mathcal{M}(T)\mathcal{M}(T) = \mathcal{M}(T)$ ; that is,

$$\lambda_i^2 = \lambda_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Then each  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ . It follows from Exercise 125 that  $T$  is self-adjoint.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 127 (7.11). *Suppose  $V$  is a complex inner-product space. Prove that every normal operator on  $V$  has a square root.*

PROOF. By the Complex Spectral Theorem, there exists an orthonormal basis of  $V$  such that  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  is diagonal, and the entries on the diagonal line consists of the eigenvalues  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  of  $T$ . Let  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  be an operator whose matrix is

$$\mathcal{M}(S) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\lambda_2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $S^2 = T$ ; that is,  $S$  is a square root of  $T$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 128 (7.12). *Give an example of a real inner-product space  $V$  and  $T \in \mathfrak{L}(V)$  and real numbers  $\alpha, \beta$  with  $\alpha^2 < 4\beta$  such that  $T^2 + \alpha T + \beta \text{Id}$  is not invertible.*

PROOF. We use a normal, but not self-adjoint operator on  $V$  (See Lemma 7.15). Let

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\mathcal{M}(T^2) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

If we let  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = 1$ , then

$$(T^2 + \text{Id})(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Thus,  $T^2 + \text{Id}$  is not injective, and so is not invertible.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 129 (7.13). *Prove or give a counterexample: every self-adjoint operator on  $V$  has a cube root.*

PROOF. By the Spectral Theorem, for any self-adjoint operator on  $V$  there is an orthonormal basis  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$  such that

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \mathbf{0} \\ & \ddots & \\ \mathbf{0} & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix},$$

where there may be some  $i$  with  $\lambda_i = 0$ . Then it is clear that there exists a matrix  $\mathcal{M}(S)$  with

$$\mathcal{M}(S) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt[3]{\lambda_1} & & \mathbf{0} \\ & \ddots & \\ \mathbf{0} & & \sqrt[3]{\lambda_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

such that  $[\mathcal{M}(S)]^3 = \mathcal{M}(T)$ . Let  $S$  be the operator with the matrix  $\mathcal{M}(S)$  and so  $S$  is the cube root of  $T$ .  $\square$



► EXERCISE 130 (7.14). Suppose  $T \in \mathfrak{L}(V)$  is self-adjoint,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ , and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Prove that if there exists  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  such that  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 1$  and  $\|T\mathbf{v} - \lambda\mathbf{v}\| < \varepsilon$ , then  $T$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda'$  such that  $|\lambda - \lambda'| < \varepsilon$ .

PROOF. By the Spectral Theorem, there exists an orthonormal basis  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n)$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$ . Write  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{e}_i$ , where  $a_i \in \mathbb{F}$ . Since  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 1$ , we have

$$1 = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{e}_i \right\|^2 = |a_1|^2 + \cdots + |a_n|^2.$$

Suppose that  $|\lambda - \lambda_i| \geq \varepsilon$  for all eigenvalues  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|T\mathbf{v} - \lambda\mathbf{v}\|^2 &= \left\| T \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{e}_i \right) - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{e}_i \right\|^2 = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_i \mathbf{e}_i - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda \mathbf{e}_i \right\|^2 \\ &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i (\lambda_i - \lambda) \mathbf{e}_i \right\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2 \cdot |\lambda_i - \lambda|^2 \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2 \cdot \varepsilon^2 \\ &= \varepsilon^2, \end{aligned}$$

that is,  $\|T\mathbf{v} - \lambda\mathbf{v}\| \geq \varepsilon$ . A contradiction. Thus, there exists some eigenvalue  $\lambda'$  so that  $|\lambda - \lambda'| < \varepsilon$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 131 (7.15). Suppose  $U$  is a finite-dimensional real vector space and  $T \in \mathfrak{L}(U)$ . Prove that  $U$  has a basis consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$  if and only if there is an inner product on  $U$  that makes  $T$  into a self-adjoint operator.

PROOF. Suppose first that  $U$  has a basis consisting of eigenvectors  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n)$  of  $T$ . Let the corresponding eigenvalues be  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ . Then

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Define  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : U \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by letting

$$\langle \mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}.$$

Then, for arbitrary  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \in U$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle T\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n a_i T\mathbf{e}_i, \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \mathbf{e}_i \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i b_j \langle T\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j \rangle \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i \lambda_i b_j \langle \mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j \rangle \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_i b_i.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $\langle \mathbf{u}, T\mathbf{w} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_i b_i$ . Hence  $T = T^*$ .

The other direction follows from the Real Spectral Theorem directly.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 132 (7.16). Give an example of an operator  $T$  on an inner-product space such that  $T$  has an invariant subspace whose orthogonal complement is not invariant under  $T$ .

SOLUTION. Let  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m)$  be an orthonormal basis of  $U$ . Extend to an orthonormal basis  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m, \mathbf{f}_1, \dots, \mathbf{f}_n)$  of  $V$ . Let  $U$  be invariant under  $T$ , but  $U^\perp$  is not invariant under  $T$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}(T)$  takes the following form

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{e}_m & \mathbf{f}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{f}_n \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} \mathbf{e}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{e}_m \\ \mathbf{f}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{f}_n \end{matrix} & \left( \begin{array}{cccccc} & & & & & \\ & \mathbf{A} & & & \mathbf{B} & \\ & & & & & \\ & \mathbf{0} & & & \mathbf{C} & \end{array} \right). \end{matrix}$$

Since  $(\mathbf{f}_1, \dots, \mathbf{f}_n)$  is a orthonormal basis of  $U^\perp$ , we know that  $U^\perp$  is not invariant if  $\mathbf{C} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .

For example, let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $U$  be the  $x$ -axis, and  $U^\perp$  be the  $y$ -axis. Let  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2)$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{e}_2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} \mathbf{e}_1 \\ \mathbf{e}_2 \end{matrix} & \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \end{matrix}$$

Notice that  $T$  is not normal:

$$\mathcal{M}(T)\mathcal{M}(T^*) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{but} \quad \mathcal{M}(T^*)\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 133 (7.17). Prove that the sum of any two positive operators on  $V$  is positive.

PROOF. Let  $S, T \in \mathfrak{L}(V)$  be positive. Then

$$(S + T)^* = S^* + T^* = S + T;$$

that is,  $S + T$  is self-adjoint. Also, for an arbitrary  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ ,

$$\langle (S + T)\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle S\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + \langle T\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \geq 0.$$

Hence,  $S + T$  is positive.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 134 (7.18). *Prove that if  $T \in \mathfrak{L}(V)$  is positive, then so is  $T^k$  for every positive integer  $k$ .*

PROOF. It is evident that  $T^k$  is self-adjoint. Pick an arbitrary  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ . If  $k = 2$ , then  $\langle T^2\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle T\mathbf{v}, T\mathbf{v} \rangle = \|T\mathbf{v}\|^2 \geq 0$ . Now suppose that  $\langle T^\ell\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \geq 0$  for all integer  $\ell < k$ . Then

$$\langle T^k\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle T^{k-1}\mathbf{v}, T\mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle T^{k-2}(T\mathbf{v}), T\mathbf{v} \rangle \geq 0$$

by the induction hypothesis.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 135 (7.19). *Suppose that  $T$  is a positive operator on  $V$ . Prove that  $T$  is invertible if and only if  $\langle T\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle > 0$  for every  $\mathbf{v} \in V \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .*

PROOF. First assume that  $\langle T\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle > 0$  for every  $\mathbf{v} \in V \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . Then  $T\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ; that is,  $T$  is injective, which means that  $T$  is invertible.

Now suppose that  $T$  is invertible. Since  $T$  is self-adjoint, there exists an orthonormal basis  $(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$  by the Real Spectral Theorem. Let  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  be the corresponding eigenvalues. Since  $T$  injective, we know that  $T\mathbf{v}_i \neq \mathbf{0}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ; hence,  $\lambda_i \neq 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

For every  $\mathbf{v} \in V \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , there exists a list  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , not all zero, such that  $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{v}_i$ . Then

$$\langle T\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n a_i T\mathbf{v}_i, \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{v}_i \right\rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i, \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{v}_i \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i |a_i|^2 > 0. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 136 (7.20). *Prove or disprove: the identity operator on  $\mathbb{F}^2$  has infinitely many self-adjoint square roots.*

PROOF. Let

$$\mathcal{M}(S) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $S^2 = \text{Id}$ . Hence, there are infinitely many self-adjoint square roots.  $\square$

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# 8

## FUNDAMENTALS

► EXERCISE 137 (1.1). *Show that the zero of vector addition is unique.*

PROOF. Suppose that  $\mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{0}'$  are both additive identities for some vector. Then  $\mathbf{0}' = \mathbf{0}' + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ . □

► EXERCISE 138 (1.2). *Show that the vector with all components zero serves as the zero element of classical vector addition.*

PROOF. Let  $\mathbf{0} = (0, \dots, 0)$ . Then  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{0} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) + (0, \dots, 0) = (x_1, \dots, x_n) = \mathbf{x}$ . □

EXAMPLE 1 (Examples of Linear Spaces).

- (i) Set of all row vectors:  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $a_j \in K$ ; addition, multiplication defined componentwise. This space is denoted as  $K^n$ .
- (ii) Set of all real-valued functions  $f(x)$  defined on the real line,  $K = \mathbb{R}$ .
- (iii) Set of all functions with values in  $K$ , defined on an arbitrary set  $S$ .
- (iv) Set of all polynomials of degree less than  $n$  with coefficients in  $K$ .

► EXERCISE 139 (1.3). *Show that (i) and (iv) are isomorphic.*

PROOF. Let  $\mathfrak{P}_{n-1}(K)$  denote the set of all polynomials of degree less than  $n$  with coefficients in  $K$ , that is,

$$\mathfrak{P}_{n-1}(K) = \left\{ a_1 + a_2x + \dots + a_nx^{n-1} \mid a_1, \dots, a_n \in K \right\}.$$

Then,  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mapsto a_1 + a_2x + \dots + a_nx^{n-1}$  is an isomorphism. □

► EXERCISE 140 (1.4). *Show that if  $S$  has  $n$  elements, (i) and (iii) are isomorphic.*

PROOF. Let  $|S| = n$ . Then any function  $f \in K^S$  can be written as

$$(f(s_1), \dots, f(s_n)) = (a_1, \dots, a_n),$$

where  $s_1, \dots, s_n \in S$ . □

► EXERCISE 141 (1.5). Show that when  $K = \mathbb{R}$ , (iv) is isomorphic with (iii) when  $S$  consists of  $n$  distinct points of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

PROOF. We need to show that  $\mathbb{R}^S$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{P}_{n-1}(\mathbb{R})$ . We can write each  $f \in \mathbb{R}^S$  as  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , and consider the map  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mapsto a_1 + a_2x + \dots + a_nx^{n-1}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 142 (1.6). Prove that  $Y + Z$  is a linear subspace of  $X$  if  $Y$  and  $Z$  are.

PROOF. If  $y_1 + z_1, y_2 + z_2 \in Y + Z$ , then  $(y_1 + z_1) + (y_2 + z_2) = (y_1 + y_2) + (z_1 + z_2) \in Y + Z$ ; if  $y + z \in Y + Z$  and  $k \in K$ , then  $k(y + z) = ky + kz \in Y + Z$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 143 (1.7). Prove that if  $Y$  and  $Z$  are linear subspaces of  $X$ , so is  $Y \cap Z$ .

PROOF. If  $x, y \in Y \cap Z$ , then  $x + y \in Y$  and  $x + y \in Z$ , which imply that  $x + y \in Y \cap Z$ ; if  $x \in Y \cap Z$ , then  $x \in Y$  and  $x \in Z$ ; since both  $Y$  and  $X$  are subspaces of  $X$ , we have  $kx \in Y$  and  $kx \in Z$  for all  $k \in K$ , that is  $kx \in Y \cap Z$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 144 (1.8). Show that the set  $\{0\}$  consisting of the zero element of a linear space  $X$  is a subspace of  $X$ . It is called the trivial subspace.

PROOF. Trivial.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 145 (1.9). Show that the set of all linear combinations of  $x_1, \dots, x_j$  is a subspace of  $X$ , and that is the smallest subspace of  $X$  containing  $x_1, \dots, x_j$ . This is called the subspace spanned by  $x_1, \dots, x_j$ .

PROOF. Let  $\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_j) \equiv \{x : x = \sum_{i=1}^j k_i x_i\}$ . Let  $x = \sum_{i=1}^j k_i x_i$  and  $x' = \sum_{i=1}^j k'_i x_i$ . Then

$$x + x' = \sum_{i=1}^j (k_i + k'_i) x_i,$$

and

$$kx = \sum_{i=1}^j (kk_i) x_i.$$

Hence, the set of all linear combinations of  $x_1, \dots, x_j$  is a subspace of  $X$ .

Since  $x_i = 1 \cdot x_i + \sum_{\ell \neq i} 0 \cdot x_\ell$ , each  $x_i$  is a linear combination of  $(x_1, \dots, x_j)$ . Thus,  $\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_j)$  contains each  $x_i$ . Conversely, because subspaces are closed under scalar multiplication and addition, every subspace of  $V$  containing each  $x_i$  must contain  $\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_j)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 146 (1.10). Show that if the vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_j$  are linearly independent, then none of the  $x_i$  is the zero vector.

PROOF. Suppose that there is a vector  $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{0}$ . Then

$$k_i \cdot \mathbf{0} + \sum_{\ell \neq i} 0 \cdot \mathbf{x}_\ell = 0, \quad \forall k \neq 0,$$

that is, the list  $(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_j)$  is linearly dependent.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 147 (1.11). *Prove that if  $X$  is finite dimensional and the direct sum of  $Y_1, \dots, Y_m$ , then  $\dim X = \sum_{j=1}^m \dim Y_j$ .*

PROOF. Let  $(\mathbf{y}_1^1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{n_1}^1)$  be a basis of  $Y_1, \dots, (\mathbf{y}_1^m, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{n_m}^m)$  be a basis of  $Y_m$ . We show that the list  $B = (\mathbf{y}_1^1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{n_1}^1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_1^m, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{n_m}^m)$  is a basis of  $X = Y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Y_m$ . To see  $X = \text{span}(B)$ , note that for any  $\mathbf{x} \in X$ , there exists a unique list  $(\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_m)$  with  $\mathbf{y}_i \in Y_i$  such that  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{y}_i$ . But each  $\mathbf{y}_i$  can be uniquely represented as  $\mathbf{y}_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} a_j^i \mathbf{y}_j^i$ ; thus,

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} a_j^i \mathbf{y}_j^i.$$

To see that the list  $B$  is linearly independent, suppose that there exists a list of scalars  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1^1, \dots, b_{n_1}^1, \dots, b_1^m, \dots, b_{n_m}^m)$ , such that

$$b_1^1 \mathbf{y}_1^1 + \dots + b_{n_1}^1 \mathbf{y}_{n_1}^1 + \dots + b_1^m \mathbf{y}_1^m + \dots + b_{n_m}^m \mathbf{y}_{n_m}^m = \mathbf{0}_X.$$

But  $\mathbf{0}_X = 0\mathbf{y}_1^1 + \dots + 0\mathbf{y}_{n_1}^1 + \dots + 0\mathbf{y}_1^m + \dots + 0\mathbf{y}_{n_m}^m$  and  $X = Y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Y_m$  implies that all the scalars are zero, that is,  $B$  is linearly independent. Therefore,  $\dim X = \sum_{j=1}^m \dim Y_j$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 148 (1.12). *Show that every finite-dimensional space  $X$  over  $K$  is isomorphic to  $K^n$ ,  $n = \dim X$ . Show that this isomorphism is not unique when  $n$  is  $> 1$ .*

PROOF. Let  $(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$  be a basis of  $X$ , and  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n)$  be a basis of  $K^n$ . Define a linear map  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, K^n)$  by letting  $T\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{e}_i$ . Then for any  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{x}_i \in X$ , we have

$$T\mathbf{x} = T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{x}_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i T\mathbf{x}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{e}_i.$$

We first show that  $T$  is surjective. For any  $\mathbf{k} \in K^n$ , there exists  $(k_1, \dots, k_n)$  such that  $\mathbf{k} = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \mathbf{e}_i$ , and so there exists  $\mathbf{x}_\mathbf{k} = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \mathbf{x}_i \in X$  such that  $T\mathbf{x}_\mathbf{k} = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{k}$ . To see  $T$  is injective, let

$$T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{x}_i\right) = T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i \mathbf{x}_i\right),$$

that is,



$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i e_i \iff \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i - b_i) e_i = \mathbf{0} \iff a_i = b_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$$

since  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$  is linearly independent. Thus,  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i$ .

The isomorphism is not unique when  $n > 1$  since there are many, many basis.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 149 (1.13). *Congruence mod  $Y$  is an equivalence relation. Show further that if  $x_1 \equiv x_2$ , then  $kx_1 \equiv kx_2$  for every scalar  $k$ .*

PROOF. (i) If  $x_1 \equiv x_2$ , then  $x_1 - x_2 \in Y$ , which means that  $x_2 - x_1 = -(x_1 - x_2) \in Y$  since  $Y$  is a subspace; (ii)  $x - x = \mathbf{0} \in Y$ ; (iii) if  $x_1 - x_2 \in Y$  and  $x_2 - x_3 \in Y$ , then  $x_1 - x_3 = (x_1 - x_2) + (x_2 - x_3) \in Y$ , that is,  $x_1 \equiv x_3$ .

If  $x_1 \equiv x_2 \pmod{Y}$ , then  $x_1 - x_2 \in Y$  and so  $k(x_1 - x_2) \in Y$  since  $Y$  is a subspace of  $X$ . But then  $kx_1 - kx_2 \in Y$ , i.e.,  $kx_1 \equiv kx_2 \pmod{Y}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 150 (1.14). *Show that two congruence classes are either identical or disjoint.*

PROOF. Let  $x_3 \in [x_1] \cap [x_2]$ . Then  $x_1 \equiv x_3$  and  $x_3 \equiv x_2$ . By transitivity of  $\equiv$  we have  $x_1 \equiv x_2$ , that is,  $[x_1] = [x_2]$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 151 (1.15). *Show that the above definition of addition and multiplication by scalars is independent of the choice of representatives in the congruence class.*<sup>1</sup>

PROOF. By definition,  $[x] + [z] = [x + z] = (x + z) + Y$ , and  $k[x] = [kx] = kx + Y$ . Note that  $[x'] = [x]$  if  $x' \in [x]$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 152 (1.16). *Denote by  $X$  the linear space of all polynomials  $p(t)$  of degree  $< n$ , and denote by  $Y$  the set of polynomials that are zero at  $t_1, \dots, t_j$ ,  $j < n$ .*

a. *Show that  $Y$  is a subspace of  $X$ .*

b. *Determine  $\dim Y$ .*

c. *Determine  $\dim X/Y$ .*

PROOF.

a. Any  $p \in \mathfrak{P}_{n-1}(K)$  with roots  $t_1, \dots, t_j$  can be written in the form

$$q(t) \prod_{i=1}^j (t - t_i),$$

where  $q(t) \in \mathfrak{P}_{n-1-j}(K)$ . These clearly form a vector space.

<sup>1</sup> We have  $[x] = x + Y$ . **Proof:** If  $z \in [x]$ , then there exists  $y \in Y$  such that  $z - x = y$ ; then  $z = x + y \in x + Y$ . Conversely, if  $z \in x + Y$ , then  $z = x + y$  for some  $y \in Y$ ; hence,  $z - x = y \in Y$ , i.e.,  $z \in [x]$ .

b.  $\dim Y = n - j$ .

c.  $\dim X/Y = \dim X - \dim Y = n - (n - j) = j$ .

□

► EXERCISE 153 (1.17). *A subspace  $Y$  of a finite-dimensional linear space  $X$  whose dimension is the same as the dimension of  $X$  is all of  $X$ .*

PROOF. Suppose that  $Y \subsetneq X$ , then there exists  $x \in X \setminus Y$  and  $x \neq \mathbf{0}_X$  since  $\mathbf{0}_X \in Y$ . Let  $[x] = x + Y$ . Thus,  $[x] \in X/Y$  and  $[x] \neq Y = \mathbf{0}_{X/Y}$  and so  $\dim X/Y \geq 1$ , which implies that  $\dim Y = \dim X - \dim X/Y < \dim X$  by Theorem 1.6. A contradiction. □

► EXERCISE 154 (1.18). *Show that  $\dim X_1 \oplus X_2 = \dim X_1 + \dim X_2$ .*

PROOF.  $X_1 \oplus X_2$  implies that  $X_1 \cap X_2 = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , that is,  $\dim X_1 \cap X_2 = 0$ . Therefore,  $\dim X_1 \oplus X_2 = \dim X_1 + \dim X_2$ . See Exercise 147. □

► EXERCISE 155 (1.19).  *$X$  is a linear space,  $Y$  a subspace. Show that  $Y \oplus X/Y$  is isomorphic to  $X$ .*

PROOF. According to Exercise 148, we only need to show that  $\dim Y \oplus X/Y = \dim X$ . This holds since

$$\dim Y \oplus X/Y = \dim Y + \dim X/Y = \dim X.$$

□

► EXERCISE 156 (1.20). *Which of the following sets of vectors  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ? Explain your answer.*

- All  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $x_1 \geq 0$ .
- All  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $x_1 + x_2 = 0$ .
- All  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $x_1 + x_2 + 1 = 0$ .
- All  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $x_1 = 0$ .
- All  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $x_1$  is an integer.

PROOF.

- No.  $-\mathbf{x}$  is not in that set if  $x_1 > 0$ .
- Yes.
- No.  $k\mathbf{x}$  is not in that set if  $k \neq 1$ .
- Yes.

e. No.  $kx$  is not in that set if  $k \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

□

► EXERCISE 157 (1.21). Let  $U$ ,  $V$ , and  $W$  be subspaces of some finite-dimensional vector space  $X$ . Is the statement

$$\begin{aligned} \dim U + V + W = \dim U + \dim V + \dim W - \dim U \cap V \\ - \dim U \cap W - \dim V \cap W + \dim U \cap V \cap W, \end{aligned}$$

true or false? If true, prove it. If false, provide a counterexample.

PROOF. It is false. See [Exercise 30](#).

□

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## DUALITY

REMARK (Theorem 3). The bilinear function  $\langle x, \ell \rangle$  gives a natural identification of  $X$  with  $X''$ .

PROOF. For  $\langle x, \ell \rangle$ , fix  $x = x_0$ , then we observe that the function of the vectors in  $X'$ , whose value at  $\ell$  is  $\langle x_0, \ell \rangle = \ell(x_0)$ , is a scalar-valued function that happens to be linear [Proof: Let  $z_0 \in X''$  be so defined. For any  $\ell, \ell' \in X'$ , we have  $z_0(\ell + \ell') = \langle x_0, \ell + \ell' \rangle = (\ell + \ell')(x_0) = \ell(x_0) + \ell'(x_0) = z_0(\ell) + z_0(\ell')$ . For any  $k \in K$  and  $\ell \in X'$ , we have  $z_0(k\ell) = \langle x_0, k\ell \rangle = (k\ell)(x_0) = k\ell(x_0) = k \cdot z_0(\ell)$ .] Thus,

$\langle x_0, \ell \rangle$  defines a linear functional on  $X'$ , and consequently, an element of  $X''$ .

By this method we have exhibited *some* linear functionals on  $X'$ ; have we exhibited them all? For the finite-dimensional case the following theorem furnishes the affirmative answer.

If  $X$  is a finite-dimensional vector space, then corresponding to every linear functional  $z_0$  on  $X'$  there is a vector  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $z_0(\ell) = \langle x_0, \ell \rangle = \ell(x_0)$  for every  $\ell \in X'$ ; the correspondence  $z_0 \leftrightarrow x_0$  between  $X''$  and  $X$  is an isomorphism.

**Proof:** To every  $x_0 \in X$ , we make correspond a vector  $z_{x_0} \in X''$  defined by  $z_{x_0}(\ell) = \ell(x_0)$  for every  $\ell \in X'$ . We first show that the transformation  $x_0 \mapsto z_{x_0}$  is linear. For any  $x_0, x_1 \in X$ , we have  $x_0 + x_1 \mapsto z_{x_0+x_1}$ ; by definition,  $z_{x_0+x_1}(\ell) = \ell(x_0 + x_1) = \ell(x_0) + \ell(x_1) = z_{x_0}(\ell) + z_{x_1}(\ell)$  for any  $\ell \in X'$ . For any  $k \in K$  and  $x_0 \in X$ , we have  $kx_0 \mapsto z_{kx_0}$  and so  $z_{kx_0}(\ell) = \ell(kx_0) = k \cdot \ell(x_0) = k \cdot z_{x_0}(\ell)$  for any  $\ell \in X'$ .

We shall show that this transformation is injective. Take any  $z_{x_1}, z_{x_2} \in X''$  with  $z_{x_1} = z_{x_2}$ . To say that  $z_{x_1} = z_{x_2}$  means that  $\langle x_1, \ell \rangle = \langle x_2, \ell \rangle$  for every  $\ell \in X'$ . But then  $x_1 = x_2$  by [Exercise 158](#) (iii).

Therefore, the set  $Z \equiv \{z_x : x \in X\}$  is a subspace of  $X''$  since  $Z$  is the range under a linear map, and  $Z$  is isomorphic to  $X$ , and so  $\dim Z = \dim X$ . Since  $\dim X = \dim X' = \dim X''$ , we have  $\dim Z = \dim X''$ . It follows that  $X'' = Z$  by [Exercise 153](#).  $\square$

REMARK (p. 16).  $Y^\perp$  is isomorphic to  $(X/Y)'$ .



► EXERCISE 158 (2.1). Given a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{x}_1 \in X$ , show that there is a linear function  $\ell$  such that  $\ell(\mathbf{x}_1) \neq 0$ .

PROOF. See Halmos (1974, Sec. 15).

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i) If  $X$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector space, if  $(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$  is a basis of  $X$ , and if  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  is any list of  $n$  scalars, then there is one and only one linear functional  $\ell$  on  $X$  such that  $\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \ell \rangle = a_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Proof:** Every  $\mathbf{x} \in X$  can be represented uniquely as  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \mathbf{x}_i$ , where  $k_i \in K$ . If  $\ell$  is any linear functional, then

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \ell \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \mathbf{x}_i, \ell \right\rangle = k_1 \langle \mathbf{x}_1, \ell \rangle + \dots + k_n \langle \mathbf{x}_n, \ell \rangle.$$

From this relation the uniqueness of  $\ell$  is clear: if  $\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \ell \rangle = a_i$ , then the value of  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \ell \rangle$  is determined, for every  $\mathbf{x}$ , by  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \ell \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i a_i$ . The argument can also be turned around; if we define  $\ell$  by

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \ell \rangle = k_1 a_1 + \dots + k_n a_n,$$

then  $\ell$  is indeed a linear functional, and  $\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \ell \rangle = a_i$ .

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ii) If  $X$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector space and if  $B = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$  is a basis of  $X$ , then there is a uniquely determined basis  $B'$  in  $X'$ ,  $B' = (\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n)$ , with the property that  $\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \ell_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ . Consequently the dual space of an  $n$ -dimensional space is  $n$ -dimensional.

**Proof:** It follows from (i) that, for each  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , a unique  $\ell_j \in X'$  can be found so that  $\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \ell_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ ; we have only to prove that the list  $B' = (\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n)$  is a basis in  $X'$ . In the first place,  $B'$  is linearly independent, for if we had  $a_1 \ell_1 + \dots + a_n \ell_n = 0$ , in other words, if

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, a_1 \ell_1 + \dots + a_n \ell_n \rangle = a_1 \langle \mathbf{x}, \ell_1 \rangle + \dots + a_n \langle \mathbf{x}, \ell_n \rangle = 0$$

for all  $\mathbf{x} \in X$ , then we should have, for  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_i$ ,

$$0 = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \langle \mathbf{x}_i, \ell_j \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \delta_{ij} = a_i.$$

In the second place,  $X' = \text{span}(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n)$ . To prove this, write  $\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \ell \rangle = a_i$ ; then, for  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \mathbf{x}_i$ , we have

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \ell \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \mathbf{x}_i, \ell \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \langle \mathbf{x}_i, \ell \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i a_i.$$

On the other hand,

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \ell_j \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \langle \mathbf{x}_i, \ell_j \rangle = k_j,$$

so that, substituting in the preceding equation, we get

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \ell \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i a_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot \langle \mathbf{x}, \ell_i \rangle = \left\langle \mathbf{x}, \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \ell_i \right\rangle.$$

Consequently  $\ell = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \ell_i$ , and the proof of (ii) is complete.

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iii) For any non-zero vector  $\mathbf{x} \in X$  there corresponds a  $\ell \in X'$  such that  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \ell \rangle \neq 0$ .

**Proof:** Let  $(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$  be a basis of  $X$ , and let  $(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n)$  be the dual basis in  $X'$ . If  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \mathbf{x}_i$ , then  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \ell_j \rangle = k_j$ . Hence if  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \ell \rangle = 0$  for all  $\ell$ , in particular, if  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \ell_j \rangle = 0$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , then  $k_j = 0$  and so  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}_X$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 159 (2.2). Verify that  $Y^\perp$  is a subspace of  $X'$ .

PROOF. (i) Obviously that  $0 \in Y^\perp$  since  $\langle \mathbf{x}, 0 \rangle = 0$  for any  $\mathbf{x} \in X$ , including  $\mathbf{y} \in Y \subseteq X$ . (ii) Let  $\ell, m \in Y^\perp$ . Then  $\langle \mathbf{y}, \ell \rangle = 0 = \langle \mathbf{y}, m \rangle$  for all  $\mathbf{y} \in Y$  and so  $\langle \mathbf{y}, \ell + m \rangle = \langle \mathbf{y}, \ell \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, m \rangle = 0$ , i.e.,  $\ell + m \in Y^\perp$ . (iii) If  $\ell \in Y^\perp$ , then  $k \langle \mathbf{y}, \ell \rangle = 0$  for any  $\mathbf{y} \in Y$ , and so  $k\ell \in Y^\perp$ . Thus  $Y^\perp$  is a subspace of  $X'$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 160 (2.3). Denote by  $Y$  the smallest subspace containing  $S$ . Then  $S^\perp = Y^\perp$ .

PROOF. It is clear that  $Y^\perp \subseteq S^\perp$ . If  $S = \emptyset$ , then  $Y = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and the conclusion is obvious. Similarly, the proof is trivial if  $S = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . So we suppose that  $S \neq \emptyset$  and  $S \neq \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . Take any  $\mathbf{y}_1 \in S$  with  $\mathbf{y}_1 \neq \mathbf{0}$ . If  $S \subseteq \text{span}(\mathbf{y}_1)$ , let  $Y = \text{span}(\mathbf{y}_1)$ ; if there is  $\mathbf{y}_2 \in S \setminus \text{span}(\mathbf{y}_1)$ , let  $Y = \text{span}(\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2)$ ; ... Since the embedding vector space is finite-dimensional, the process will be ended with a list  $(\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n)$  with  $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n \in S$ , and this list is a basis of  $Y$ . Then for any  $\ell \in S^\perp$  and any  $\mathbf{y} \in Y$ , we have

$$\langle \mathbf{y}, \ell \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \mathbf{y}_i, \ell \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \langle \mathbf{y}_i, \ell \rangle = 0$$

since  $\ell(\mathbf{y}_i) = 0$ . Thus,  $\ell \in Y^\perp$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 161 (2.4). In Theorem 7 take the interval  $I$  to be  $[-1, 1]$ , and take  $n = 3$ . Choose the three points to be  $t_1 = -a$ ,  $t_2 = 0$ , and  $t_3 = a$ .

- a. Determine the weights  $m_1, m_2, m_3$  so that  $\int_I p(t) dt = m_1 p(t_1) + m_2 p(t_2) + m_3 p(t_3)$  holds for all polynomials  $p \in \mathfrak{P}_2(K)$ .
- b. Show that for  $a > \sqrt{1/3}$ , all three weights are positive.
- c. Show that for  $a = \sqrt{3/5}$ , (9) holds for all  $p \in \mathfrak{P}_5(K)$ .

PROOF.

- a. If  $p(t) = t$ , then  $\int_{-1}^1 t dt = 0$  and so  $0 = m_1(-a) + m_3 a$ , i.e.,  $m_1 = m_3$ . Then (9) can be rewritten as

$$\int_{-1}^1 p(t) dt = m_1 [p(-a) + p(a)] + m_2 p(0). \quad (9.1)$$

Take  $p(t) = 1$  now. Then  $2 = \int_{-1}^1 dt = 2m_1 + m_2$ , i.e.,  $m_2 = 2(1 - m_1)$ . So we rewrite (9.1) as

$$\int_{-1}^1 p(t) dt = m_1 [p(-a) + p(a)] + 2(1 - m_1) p(0). \quad (9.2)$$

Now let  $p(t) = t^2$  and hence  $p(0) = 0$ . We then have  $\frac{2}{3} = \int_{-1}^1 t^2 dt = m_1 2a^2$  implies that

$$m_1 = m_3 = \frac{1}{3a^2}, \quad \text{and} \quad m_2 = 2 - \frac{2}{3a^2}.$$

□





# 10

## LINEAR MAPPINGS

► EXERCISE 162 (3.1). *The image of a subspace of  $X$  under a linear map  $T$  is a subspace of  $U$ . The inverse image of a subspace of  $U$ , that is the set of all vectors in  $X$  mapped by  $T$  into the subspace, is a subspace of  $X$ .*

PROOF. Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ ; then  $\mathbf{0}_X \in Y$  and so  $\mathbf{0}_U = T\mathbf{0}_X \in T[Y]$ . To see  $T[Y]$  is closed under addition, take any  $T\mathbf{x}, T\mathbf{y} \in T[Y]$ . Then  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in Y$  and  $T\mathbf{x} + T\mathbf{y} = T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \in T[Y]$ ; to see  $T[Y]$  is closed under scalar multiplication, take any  $k \in K$  and  $T\mathbf{x} \in T[Y]$ ; then  $k\mathbf{x} \in Y$  and  $kT\mathbf{x} = T(k\mathbf{x}) \in T[Y]$ . Thus  $T[Y]$  is a subspace of  $U$ .

We then show that  $T^{-1}[V]$  is a subspace of  $X$  if  $V$  is a subspace of  $U$ . (i)  $\mathbf{0}_X \in T^{-1}[V]$  since  $\mathbf{0}_U \in V$  and  $T\mathbf{0}_X = \mathbf{0}_U$ . (ii) For any  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in T^{-1}[V]$ , we have  $T\mathbf{x}, T\mathbf{y} \in V$  and so  $T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = T\mathbf{x} + T\mathbf{y} \in V$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in T^{-1}[V]$ . (iii) For any  $k \in K$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in T^{-1}[V]$ , we have  $T\mathbf{x} \in V$  and  $kT\mathbf{x} \in V$ ; then  $T(k\mathbf{x}) = kT\mathbf{x} \in V$ , that is,  $k\mathbf{x} \in T^{-1}[V]$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 163 (3.3).

- a. *The composite of linear mappings is also a linear mapping.*
- b. *Composition is distributive with respect to the addition of linear maps, that is,  $(R + S) \circ T = R \circ T + S \circ T$  and  $S \circ (T + P) = S \circ T + S \circ P$ , where  $R$  and  $S$  map  $U \rightarrow V$  and  $P$  and  $T$  map  $X \rightarrow U$ .*

PROOF.

- a. Let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(X, U)$  and consider  $S \circ T$ . To see  $S \circ T$  is additive, take any  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in X$ ; then  $(S \circ T)(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = S[T(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})] = S[T\mathbf{x} + T\mathbf{y}] = (S T)\mathbf{x} + (S T)\mathbf{y} = (S \circ T)\mathbf{x} + (S \circ T)\mathbf{y}$ . To see  $S \circ T$  is homogenous, take any  $k \in K$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in X$ . Then  $(S \circ T)(k\mathbf{x}) = S[T(k\mathbf{x})] = S(kT\mathbf{x}) = kST\mathbf{x} = k(S \circ T)\mathbf{x}$ .

- b. Let

$$V \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{R} \\ \xleftarrow{S} \end{array} U \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{P} \\ \xleftarrow{T} \end{array} X.$$

For any  $\mathbf{x} \in X$ , we have  $[(R + S) \circ T](\mathbf{x}) = (R + S)(T\mathbf{x}) = R(T\mathbf{x}) + S(T\mathbf{x}) = (R \circ T)\mathbf{x} + (S \circ T)\mathbf{x}$ . The other claim is proved similarly.

□

► EXERCISE 164 (3.7). *Show that whenever meaningful,*

$$(ST)' = T'S', \quad (T + R)' = T' + R', \quad \text{and} \quad (T^{-1})' = (T')^{-1}.$$

PROOF. For a generic linear mapping  $T \in \mathfrak{L}(X, U)$ , we have the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{T} & U, \\ X' & \xleftarrow{T'} & U'. \end{array}$$

For the first equality<sup>1</sup>, let  $\mathbb{F} \xleftarrow{\ell} V \xleftarrow{S} U \xleftarrow{T} X$ , i.e.,  $\mathbb{F} \xleftarrow{\ell} V \xleftarrow{ST} X$ , and so  $(ST)' : V' \rightarrow X'$ . We have

$$\langle (T'S')\ell, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \langle T'(S'\ell), \mathbf{x} \rangle = \langle S'\ell, T\mathbf{x} \rangle = \langle \ell, (ST)\mathbf{x} \rangle = \langle (ST)'\ell, \mathbf{x} \rangle,$$

and this establish the first equality. As for the second equality,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (T' + S')\ell, \mathbf{x} \rangle &= \langle T'\ell + S'\ell, \mathbf{x} \rangle \\ &= \langle T'\ell, \mathbf{x} \rangle + \langle S'\ell, \mathbf{x} \rangle \\ &= \langle \ell, T\mathbf{x} \rangle + \langle \ell, S\mathbf{x} \rangle \\ &= \langle \ell, (T + S)\mathbf{x} \rangle \\ &= \langle (T + S)'\ell, \mathbf{x} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, let  $\mathbb{F} \xleftarrow{\ell} U \xleftarrow{T} X$ , then  $T' : U' \rightarrow X'$  and  $(T')^{-1} : \mathfrak{R}_{T'} \rightarrow U'$ . Take any  $m \in \mathfrak{R}_{T'}$ ; then there exists  $\ell \in U'$  such that  $(T')^{-1}(m) = \ell$ , or equivalently,  $T'\ell = m$ . Now consider  $(T^{-1})'(m)$ . Then

$$(T^{-1})'(m) = (T^{-1})'(T'\ell) = (TT^{-1})'\ell = \text{Id}'\ell = \ell$$

since  $\text{Id}' = \text{Id}$ . □

► EXERCISE 165 (3.8). *Show that if  $X''$  is identified with  $X$  and  $U''$  with  $U$ , then  $T'' = T$ .*

PROOF. We have

$$\langle T\ell, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \langle \ell, T'\mathbf{x} \rangle = \langle T''\ell, \mathbf{x} \rangle.$$

□

► EXERCISE 166 (3.9). *Show that if  $A \in \mathfrak{L}(X)$  is a left inverse of  $B \in \mathfrak{L}(X)$ , that is,  $AB = \text{Id}$ , then it is also a right inverse:  $BA = \text{Id}$ .*

<sup>1</sup> Notation Warning: We occasionally use  $\mathbb{F}$ , instead of  $K$ , to denote the field. From now on we also be back to Lax's notation of linear mapping, that is,  $\ell(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \ell, \mathbf{x} \rangle$ .

PROOF.  $AB = \text{Id} \implies ABA = A \implies A(BA) = A \implies BA = \text{Id}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 167 (3.10). *Show that if  $M$  is invertible, and similar to  $K$ , then  $K$  also is invertible, and  $K^{-1}$  is similar to  $M^{-1}$ .*

PROOF.  $M$  similar to  $K$  means that  $K = SMS^{-1}$ ; then

$$K^{-1} = \left[ (SM)S^{-1} \right]^{-1} = S(SM)^{-1} = SM^{-1}S^{-1},$$

and

$$M = S^{-1}KS \implies M^{-1} = S^{-1}K^{-1}S.$$

$\square$

► EXERCISE 168 (3.11). *If either  $A$  or  $B$  in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  is invertible, then  $AB$  and  $BA$  are similar.*

PROOF. Suppose  $B$  is invertible. Then

$$B(AB)B^{-1} = BA,$$

i.e.,  $AB$  similar to  $BA$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 169 (3.14). *Suppose  $T$  is a linear map of rank 1 of a finite dimensional vector space into itself.*

a. *Show there exists a unique number  $c$  such that  $T^2 = cT$ .*

b. *Show that if  $c \neq 1$  then  $\text{Id} - T$  has an inverse.*

PROOF. Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ . By definition  $\text{rank}(T) = 1$  means that  $\dim \mathcal{R}_T = 1$ . Let  $\dim X = n$ . Then

$$\dim X = \dim \mathcal{N}_T + \dim \mathcal{R}_T$$

implies that

$$\dim \mathcal{N}_T = n - 1.$$

Let  $(v)$ , where  $v \neq \mathbf{0}_X$ , be a basis of  $\mathcal{R}_T$ , and extend it to a basis  $(v, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1})$  of  $X$ . Since  $u_i \notin \text{span}(v)$  for all  $u_i$ , we have  $Tu_i = \mathbf{0}_X$ ; since  $\mathcal{R}_T = \text{span}(v)$ , there exists  $c \in K$  such that  $Tv = av$ . For any  $x \in X$ , there exists a list of scalars  $(b, k_1, \dots, k_{n-1})$  such that  $x = bv + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} k_i u_i$ . Then

$$Tx = bTv = b(cv) = cbv,$$

and

$$T^2x = T(Tx) = T(cbv) = cbTv = c^2bv = c(cbv) = cTx.$$

Since the above display holds for any  $x \in X$ , we have  $T^2 = cT$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 170 (3.15<sup>23</sup>). Suppose  $T$  and  $S$  are linear maps of a finite dimensional vector space into itself. Show that  $\text{rank}(ST) \leq \text{rank}(S)$ . Show that  $\dim \mathcal{N}_{ST} \leq \dim \mathcal{N}_S + \dim \mathcal{N}_T$ .

PROOF. Let  $X \xleftarrow{S} X \xleftarrow{T} X$ . By definition,  $\text{rank}(ST) \leq \text{rank}(S)$  if and only if  $\dim \mathcal{R}_{ST} \leq \dim \mathcal{R}_S$ . But this is obvious. As for the second claim, we have

$$\mathcal{R}_{ST} = (ST)[X] = S[T[X]] = S[\mathcal{R}_T],$$

so that

$$\text{rank}(ST) = \dim \mathcal{R}_{ST} = \dim S[\mathcal{R}_T].$$

If  $M$  is a subspace of dimension  $m$ , say, and if  $N$  is any complement of  $M$  so that  $X = M + N$ , then<sup>4</sup>

$$\mathcal{R}_S = S[X] = S[M] + S[N].$$

It follows that

$$\text{rank}(S) = \dim \mathcal{R}_S \leq \dim S[M] + \dim S[N] \leq \dim S[M] + \dim N,$$

and hence that

$$\dim X - \mathcal{N}_S \leq \dim S[M] + \dim X - m.$$

If in particular

$$M = \mathcal{R}_T = T[X],$$

then the last inequality implies that

$$\text{rank}(T) - \mathcal{N}_S \leq \text{rank}(ST),$$

or, equivalently, that

$$\dim X - \dim \mathcal{N}_S - \dim \mathcal{N}_T \leq \dim X - \dim \mathcal{N}_{ST},$$

that is,

$$\dim \mathcal{N}_{ST} \leq \dim \mathcal{N}_S + \dim \mathcal{N}_T.$$

□

<sup>2</sup> See Exercise 48.

<sup>3</sup> See Halmos (1995, Problem 95, p. 270).

<sup>4</sup> Theorem 1.5 (b).

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## MATRICES



# 12

## DETERMINANT AND TRACE

► EXERCISE 171 (5.1). *Prove the properties of signature:*<sup>1</sup>

$$\text{sign}(\pi) = \pm 1. \quad (5\text{-a})$$

$$\text{sign}(\pi \circ \sigma) = \text{sign}(\pi) \text{sign}(\sigma). \quad (5\text{-b})$$

PROOF. The discriminant of  $(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$  is  $P(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) = \prod_{i < j} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)$ . Thus

$$(P\pi)(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) = \prod_{i < j} (\mathbf{x}_{\pi_i} - \mathbf{x}_{\pi_j}).$$

A typical factor in  $P\pi$  is  $\mathbf{x}_{\pi_i} - \mathbf{x}_{\pi_j}$ . Now if  $\pi_i < \pi_j$ , this is also a factor of  $P$ , while if  $\pi_i > \pi_j$ , then  $-(\mathbf{x}_{\pi_i} - \mathbf{x}_{\pi_j})$  is a factor of  $P$ . Consequently,  $P\pi = +P$  if the number of inversions of the natural order in  $\pi$  is even and  $P\pi = -P$  if it is odd. Then (5-a) holds since

$$\text{sign}(\pi) = \frac{P\pi}{P} = \pm 1.$$

We not prove (5-b). Let  $P = \prod_{i < j} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)$ . Then, since  $P\pi = \text{sign}(\pi)P$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (P\pi\sigma)(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) &= [(P\pi)\sigma](\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) \\ &= \text{sign}(\sigma)(P\pi)(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) \\ &= \text{sign}(\sigma)\text{sign}(\pi)P(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n). \end{aligned}$$

But  $P\pi\sigma = \sigma\pi\sigma P$ . Hence,  $\text{sign}(\pi\sigma) = \text{sign}(\pi)\text{sign}(\sigma)$ . □

► EXERCISE 172 (5.2). *Prove that transposition has the following properties:*

a. *The signature of a transposition  $t$  is minus one:*

$$\text{sign}(t) = -1. \quad (5\text{-c})$$

<sup>1</sup> See Robinson (2003, Sec. 3.1) for a detailed discussion of permutation, signature function, and so on.



b. Every permutation  $\pi$  can be written as a composition of transpositions:

$$\pi = t_k \circ \cdots \circ t_1. \quad (5-d)$$

PROOF. (5-c) is clear. For (5-d), see [Robinson \(2003, 3.1.3 & 3.1.4, p. 34-35\)](#).  $\square$

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# General Topology

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## Acronyms

$\mathbb{R}$	the set of real numbers
$\mathbb{I}$	$[0, 1]$
$\mathbb{P}$	$\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$



# 1

## SET THEORY AND METRIC SPACES

### 1.1 SET THEORY

#### 1A. Russell's Paradox

► EXERCISE 1. *The phenomenon to be presented here was first exhibited by Russell in 1901, and consequently is known as Russell's Paradox.*

*Suppose we allow as sets things  $A$  for which  $A \in A$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the set of all sets. Then  $\mathcal{P}$  can be divided into two nonempty subsets,  $\mathcal{P}_1 = \{A \in \mathcal{P} : A \notin A\}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_2 = \{A \in \mathcal{P} : A \in A\}$ . Show that this results in the contradiction:  $\mathcal{P}_1 \in \mathcal{P}_1 \iff \mathcal{P}_1 \notin \mathcal{P}_1$ . Does our (naive) restriction on sets given in 1.1 eliminate the contradiction?*

PROOF. If  $\mathcal{P}_1 \in \mathcal{P}_1$ , then  $\mathcal{P}_1 \in \mathcal{P}_2$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{P}_1 \notin \mathcal{P}_1$ . But if  $\mathcal{P}_1 \notin \mathcal{P}_1$ , then  $\mathcal{P}_1 \in \mathcal{P}_1$ . A contradiction.  $\square$

#### 1B. De Morgan's laws and the distributive laws

► EXERCISE 2. a.  $A \setminus (\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda) = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (A \setminus B_\lambda)$ .

b.  $B \cup (\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda) = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (B \cup B_\lambda)$ .

c. *If  $A_{nm}$  is a subset of  $A$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ , is it necessarily true that*

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} A_{nm} \right] = \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{nm} \right] ?$$

PROOF. (a) If  $x \in A \setminus (\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda)$ , then  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda$ ; thus,  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B_\lambda$  for some  $\lambda$ , so  $x \in (A \setminus B_\lambda)$  for some  $\lambda$ ; hence  $x \in \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (A \setminus B_\lambda)$ . On the other hand, if  $x \in \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (A \setminus B_\lambda)$ , then  $x \in A \setminus B_\lambda$  for some  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , i.e.,  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin B_\lambda$  for some  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Thus,  $x \in A$  and  $x \notin \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda$ ; that is,  $x \in A \setminus (\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda)$ .

**(b)** If  $x \in B \cup (\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda)$ , then  $x \in B_\lambda$  for all  $\lambda$ , then  $x \in (B \cup B_\lambda)$  for all  $\lambda$ , i.e.,  $x \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (B \cup B_\lambda)$ . On the other hand, if  $x \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (B \cup B_\lambda)$ , then  $x \in (B \cup B_\lambda)$  for all  $\lambda$ , i.e.,  $x \in B$  or  $x \in B_\lambda$  for all  $\lambda$ ; that is,  $x \in B \cup (\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda)$ .

**(c)** They are one and the same set.  $\square$

### 1C. Ordered pairs

► EXERCISE 3. Show that, if  $(x_1, x_2)$  is defined to be  $\{\{x_1\}, \{x_1, x_2\}\}$ , then  $(x_1, x_2) = (y_1, y_2)$  iff  $x_1 = y_1$  and  $x_2 = y_2$ .

PROOF. If  $x_1 = y_1$  and  $x_2 = y_2$ , then, clearly,  $(x_1, x_2) = \{\{x_1\}, \{x_1, x_2\}\} = \{\{y_1\}, \{y_1, y_2\}\} = (y_1, y_2)$ . Now assume that  $\{\{x_1\}, \{x_1, x_2\}\} = \{\{y_1\}, \{y_1, y_2\}\}$ . If  $x_1 \neq y_1$ , then  $\{x_1\} = \{y_1\}$  and  $\{x_1, x_2\} = \{y_1, y_2\}$ . So, first,  $x_1 = y_1$  and then  $\{x_1, x_2\} = \{y_1, y_2\}$  implies that  $x_2 = y_2$ . If  $x_1 = y_1$ , then  $\{\{x_1\}, \{x_1, x_1\}\} = \{\{x_1\}\}$ . So  $\{y_1\} = \{y_1, y_2\} = \{x_1\}$ , and we get  $y_1 = y_2 = x_1$ , so  $x_1 = y_1$  and  $x_2 = y_2$  holds in this case, too.  $\square$

### 1D. Cartesian products

► EXERCISE 4. Provide an inductive definition of “the ordered  $n$ -tuple  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  of elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  of a set” so that  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $(y_1, \dots, y_n)$  are equal iff their coordinates are equal in order, i.e., iff  $x_1 = y_1, \dots, x_n = y_n$ .

PROOF. Define  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \{(1, x_1), \dots, (n, x_n)\}$  as a finite sequence.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 5. Given sets  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  define the Cartesian product  $X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$

a. by using the definition of ordered  $n$ -tuple you gave in Exercise 4,

b. inductively from the definition of the Cartesian product of two sets,

and show that the two approaches are the same.

PROOF. **(a)**  $X_1 \times \dots \times X_n = \{f \in (\bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i)^n : f(i) \in X_i\}$ .

**(b)** From the definition of the Cartesian product of two sets,  $X_1 \times \dots \times X_n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in X_i\}$ , where  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = ((x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), x_n)$ .

These two definitions are equal essentially since there is a bijection between them.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 6. Given sets  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  let  $X = X_1 \times \dots \times X_n$  and let  $X^*$  be the set of all functions  $f$  from  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  into  $\bigcup_{k=1}^n X_k$  having the property that  $f(k) \in X_k$  for each  $k = 1, \dots, n$ . Show that  $X^*$  is the “same” set as  $X$ .

PROOF. Each function  $f$  can be written as  $\{(1, x_1), \dots, (n, x_n)\}$ . So define  $F: X^* \rightarrow X$  as  $F(f) = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .  $\square$



► EXERCISE 7. Use what you learned in *Exercise 6* to define the Cartesian product  $X_1 \times X_2 \times \cdots$  of denumerably many sets as a collection of certain functions with domain  $\mathbb{N}$ .

PROOF.  $X_1 \times X_2 \times \cdots$  consists of functions  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$  such that  $f(n) \in X_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$

## 1.2 METRIC SPACES

### 2A. Metrics on $\mathbb{R}^n$

► EXERCISE 8. Verify that each of the following is a metric on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

a.  $\rho(x, y) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2}$ .

b.  $\rho_1(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|$ .

c.  $\rho_2(x, y) = \max\{|x_1 - y_1|, \dots, |x_n - y_n|\}$ .

PROOF. Clearly, it suffices to verify the triangle inequalities for all of the three functions. Pick arbitrary  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

(a) By Minkowski's Inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x, z) &= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - z_i)^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n [(x_i - y_i) + (y_i - z_i)]^2} \\ &\leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2} + \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - z_i)^2} \\ &= \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z). \end{aligned}$$

(b) We have

$$\rho_1(x, z) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - z_i| = \sum_{i=1}^n (|x_i - y_i| + |y_i - z_i|) = \rho_1(x, y) + \rho_1(y, z).$$

(c) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_2(x, z) &= \max\{|x_1 - z_1|, \dots, |x_n - z_n|\} \\ &\leq \max\{|x_1 - y_1| + |y_1 - z_1|, \dots, |x_n - y_n| + |y_n - z_n|\} \\ &\leq \max\{|x_1 - y_1|, \dots, |x_n - y_n|\} + \max\{|y_1 - z_1|, \dots, |y_n - z_n|\} \\ &= \rho_2(x, y) + \rho_2(y, z). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

2B. Metrics on  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{I})$ 

► EXERCISE 9. Let  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{I})$  denote the set of all continuous real-valued functions on the unit interval  $\mathbb{I}$  and let  $x_0$  be a fixed point of  $\mathbb{I}$ .

- a.  $\rho(f, g) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{I}} |f(x) - g(x)|$  is a metric on  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{I})$ .  
 b.  $\sigma(f, g) = \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx$  is a metric on  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{I})$ .  
 c.  $\eta(f, g) = |f(x_0) - g(x_0)|$  is a pseudometric on  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{I})$ .

PROOF. Let  $f, g, h \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{I})$ . It is clear that  $\rho, \sigma$ , and  $\eta$  are positive, symmetric; it is also clear that  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  satisfy M-b.

(a) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(f, h) &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{I}} |f(x) - h(x)| \leq \sup_{x \in \mathbb{I}} (|f(x) - g(x)| + |g(x) - h(x)|) \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in \mathbb{I}} |f(x) - g(x)| + \sup_{x \in \mathbb{I}} |g(x) - h(x)| \\ &= \rho(f, g) + \rho(g, h). \end{aligned}$$

(b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(f, h) &= \int_0^1 |f(x) - h(x)| dx \leq \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx + \int_0^1 |g(x) - h(x)| dx \\ &= \sigma(f, g) + \sigma(g, h). \end{aligned}$$

(c) For arbitrary  $f, g \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{I})$  with  $f(x_0) = g(x_0)$  we have  $\eta(f, g) = 0$ , so  $\eta(f, g) = 0$  does not imply that  $f = g$ . Further,  $\eta(f, h) = |f(x_0) - h(x_0)| \leq |f(x_0) - g(x_0)| + |g(x_0) - h(x_0)| = \eta(f, g) + \eta(g, h)$ .  $\square$

## 2C. Pseudometrics

► EXERCISE 10. Let  $(M, \rho)$  be a pseudometric space. Define a relation  $\sim$  on  $M$  by  $x \sim y$  iff  $\rho(x, y) = 0$ . Then  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

PROOF. (i)  $x \sim x$  since  $\rho(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in M$ . (ii)  $x \sim y$  iff  $\rho(x, y) = 0$  iff  $\rho(y, x) = 0$  iff  $y \sim x$ . (iii) Suppose  $x \sim y$  and  $y \sim z$ . Then  $\rho(x, z) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z) = 0$ ; that is,  $\rho(x, z) = 0$ . So  $x \sim z$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 11. If  $M^*$  is the set of equivalence classes in  $M$  under the equivalence relation  $\sim$  and if  $\rho^*$  is defined on  $M^*$  by  $\rho^*([x], [y]) = \rho(x, y)$ , then  $\rho^*$  is a well-defined metric on  $M^*$ .

PROOF.  $\rho^*$  is well-defined since it does not depend on the representative of  $[x]$ : let  $x' \in [x]$  and  $y' \in [y]$ . Then

$$\rho(x', y') \leq \rho(x', x) + \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, y') = \rho(x, y).$$

Symmetrically,  $\rho(x, y) \leq \rho(x', y')$ . To verify  $\rho^*$  is a metric on  $M^*$ , it suffices to show that  $\rho^*$  satisfies the triangle inequality. Let  $[x], [y], [z] \in M^*$ . Then

$$\rho^*([x], [z]) = \rho(x, z) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z) = \rho^*([x], [y]) + \rho^*([y], [z]). \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 12. *If  $h: M \rightarrow M^*$  is the mapping  $h(x) = [x]$ , then a set  $A$  in  $M$  is closed (open) iff  $h(A)$  is closed (open) in  $M^*$ .*

PROOF. Let  $A$  be open in  $M$  and  $h(x) = [x] \in h(A)$  for some  $x \in A$ . Since  $A$  is open, there exist an  $\varepsilon$ -disk  $U_\rho(x, \varepsilon)$  contained in  $A$ . For each  $y \in U_\rho(x, \varepsilon)$ , we have  $h(y) = [y] \in h(A)$ , and  $\rho^*([x], [y]) = \rho(x, y) \leq \varepsilon$ . Hence, for each  $[x] \in h(A)$ , there exists an  $\varepsilon$ -disk  $U_{\rho^*}([x], \varepsilon) = h(U_\rho(x, \varepsilon))$  contained in  $h(A)$ ; that is,  $h(A)$  is open in  $M^*$ . Since  $h$  is surjective, it is now easy to see that  $h(A)$  is closed in  $M^*$  whenever  $A$  is closed in  $M$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 13. *If  $f$  is any real-valued function on a set  $M$ , then the distance function  $\rho_f(x, y) = |f(x) - f(y)|$  is a pseudometric on  $M$ .*

PROOF. Easy.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 14. *If  $(M, \rho)$  is any pseudometric space, then a function  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous iff each set open in  $(M, \rho_f)$  is open in  $(M, \rho)$ .*

PROOF. Suppose that  $f$  is continuous and  $G$  is open in  $(M, \rho_f)$ . For each  $x \in G$ , there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that if  $|f(y) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$  then  $y \in G$ . The continuity of  $f$  at  $x$  implies that there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $\rho(y, x) < \delta$  then  $|f(y) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$ , and so  $y \in G$ . We thus proved that for each  $x \in G$  there exists a  $\delta$ -disk  $U_\rho(x, \delta)$  contained in  $G$ ; that is,  $G$  is open in  $(M, \rho)$ .

Conversely, suppose that each set is open in  $(M, \rho)$  whenever it is open in  $(M, \rho_f)$ . For each  $x \in (M, \rho_f)$ , there is an  $\varepsilon$ -disk  $U_{\rho_f}(x, \varepsilon)$  contained in  $M$  since  $M$  is open under  $\rho_f$ ; then  $U_{\rho_f}(x, \varepsilon)$  is open in  $(M, \rho)$  since  $U_{\rho_f}(x, \varepsilon)$  is open in  $(M, \rho_f)$ . Hence, there is an  $\delta$ -disk  $U_\rho(x, \delta)$  such that  $U_\rho(x, \delta) \subset U_{\rho_f}(x, \varepsilon)$ ; that is, if  $\rho(y, x) < \delta$ , then  $|f(y) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$ . So  $f$  is continuous on  $M$ .  $\square$

## 2D. Disks Are Open

► EXERCISE 15. *For any subset  $A$  of a metric space  $M$  and any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the set  $U(A, \varepsilon)$  is open.*

PROOF. Let  $A \subset M$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Take an arbitrary point  $x \in U(A, \varepsilon)$ ; take an arbitrary point  $y \in A$  such that  $\rho(x, y) < \varepsilon$ . Observe that every  $\varepsilon$ -disk  $U(y, \varepsilon)$  is contained in  $U(A, \varepsilon)$ . Since  $x \in U(y, \varepsilon)$  and  $U(y, \varepsilon)$  is open, there exists an  $\delta$ -disk  $U(x, \delta)$  contained in  $U(y, \varepsilon)$ . Therefore,  $U(A, \varepsilon)$  is open.  $\square$

## 2E. Bounded Metrics

► EXERCISE 16. If  $\rho$  is any metric on  $M$ , the distance function  $\rho^*(x, y) = \min\{\rho(x, y), 1\}$  is a metric also and is bounded.

PROOF. To see  $\rho^*$  is a metric, it suffices to show the triangle inequality. Let  $x, y, z \in M$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^*(x, z) &= \min\{\rho(x, z), 1\} \leq \min\{\rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z), 1\} \\ &\leq \min\{\rho(x, y), 1\} + \min\{\rho(y, z), 1\} \\ &= \rho^*(x, y) + \rho^*(y, z). \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that  $\rho^*$  is bounded above by 1. □

► EXERCISE 17. A function  $f$  is continuous on  $(M, \rho)$  iff it is continuous on  $(M, \rho^*)$ .

PROOF. It suffices to show that  $\rho$  and  $\rho^*$  are equivalent. If  $G$  is open in  $(M, \rho)$ , then for each  $x \in G$  there is an  $\varepsilon$ -disk  $U_\rho(x, \varepsilon) \subset G$ . Since  $U_{\rho^*}(x, \varepsilon) \subset U_\rho(x, \varepsilon)$ , we know  $G$  is open in  $(M, \rho^*)$ . Similarly, we can show that  $G$  is open in  $(M, \rho^*)$  whenever it is open in  $(M, \rho)$ . □

## 2F. The Hausdorff Metric

Let  $\rho$  be a bounded metric on  $M$ ; that is, for some constant  $A$ ,  $\rho(x, y) \leq A$  for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $M$ .

► EXERCISE 18. Show that the elevation of  $\rho$  to the power set  $\mathcal{P}(M)$  as defined in 2.4 is not necessarily a pseudometric on  $\mathcal{P}(M)$ .

PROOF. Let  $M := \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 1\}$ , and let  $\rho$  be the usual metric. Then  $\rho$  is a bounded metric on  $M$ . We show that the function  $\rho^* : (E, F) \mapsto \inf_{x \in E, y \in F} \rho(x, y)$ , for all  $E, F \in \mathcal{P}(M)$ , is not a pseudometric on  $\mathcal{P}(M)$  by showing that the triangle inequality fails. Let  $E, F, G \in \mathcal{P}(M)$ , where  $E = U_\rho((-1/4, 0), 1/4)$ ,  $G = U_\rho((1/4, 0), 1/4)$ , and  $F$  meets both  $E$  and  $G$ . Then  $\rho^*(E, G) > 0$ , but  $\rho^*(E, F) = \rho^*(F, G) = 0$ . □

► EXERCISE 19. Let  $\mathcal{F}(M)$  be all nonempty closed subsets of  $M$  and for  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}(M)$  define

$$\begin{aligned} d_A(B) &= \sup\{\rho(A, x) : x \in B\} \\ d(A, B) &= \max\{d_A(B), d_B(A)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $d$  is a metric on  $\mathcal{F}(M)$  with the property that  $d(\{x\}, \{y\}) = \rho(x, y)$ . It is called the Hausdorff metric on  $\mathcal{F}(M)$ .

PROOF. Clearly,  $d$  is nonnegative and symmetric. If  $d(A, B) = 0$ , then  $d_A(B) = d_B(A) = 0$ , i.e.,  $\sup_{y \in B} \rho(A, y) = \sup_{x \in A} \rho(B, x) = 0$ . But then  $\rho(A, y) = 0$  for all  $y \in B$  and  $\rho(B, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in A$ . Since  $A$  is closed, we have  $y \in A$  for all  $y \in B$ ; that is,  $B \subset A$ . Similarly,  $A \subset B$ . Hence,  $A = B$ .

We next show the triangle inequality of  $d$ . Let  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{F}(M)$ . For an arbitrary point  $a \in A$ , take a point  $b \in C$  such that  $\rho(a, b) = \rho(B, a)$  (since  $B$  is closed, such a point exists). Then

$$\rho(a, b) \leq \sup_{x \in A} \rho(B, x) = d_B(A) \leq d(A, B).$$

For this  $b \in C$ , we take a point  $c \in C$  such that  $\rho(b, c) \leq d(B, C)$ . Therefore,

$$\rho(a, c) \leq \rho(a, b) + \rho(b, c) \leq d(A, B) + d(B, C).$$

We thus proved that for every  $a \in A$ , there exists  $c \in C$  (depends on  $a$ ), such that  $\rho(a, c) \leq d(A, B) + d(B, C)$ . In particular, we have

$$\rho(a, C) = \inf_{z \in C} \rho(a, z) \leq d(A, B) + d(B, C).$$

Since the above inequality holds for all  $a \in A$ , we obtain

$$d_C(A) = \sup_{x \in A} \rho(a, C) \leq d(A, B) + d(B, C). \quad (1.1)$$

Similarly, for each  $c \in C$  there exists  $b \in B$  with  $\rho(c, b) \leq d(B, C)$ ; for this  $b$ , there exists  $a \in A$  with  $\rho(a, b) \leq d(A, B)$ . Hence  $\rho(a, c) \leq d(A, B) + d(B, C)$  for all  $c \in C$ . The same argument shows that

$$d_A(C) \leq d(A, B) + d(B, C). \quad (1.2)$$

Combining (1.1) and (1.2) we get the desired result.

Finally, notice that  $d_{\{x\}}(\{y\}) = d_{\{y\}}(\{x\}) = \rho(x, y)$ ; hence,  $d(\{x\}, \{y\}) = \rho(x, y)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 20. Prove that closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  are “close” in the Hausdorff metric iff they are “uniformly close”; that is,  $d(A, B) < \varepsilon$  iff  $A \subset U_\rho(B, \varepsilon)$  and  $B \subset U_\rho(A, \varepsilon)$ .

PROOF. If  $d(A, B) < \varepsilon$ , then  $\sup_{y \in B} \rho(A, y) = \rho_A(B) < \varepsilon$ ; that is,  $\rho(A, y) < \varepsilon$  for all  $y \in B$ , so  $B \subset U_\rho(A, \varepsilon)$ . Similarly,  $A \subset U_\rho(B, \varepsilon)$ .

Conversely, if  $A \subset U_\rho(B, \varepsilon)$ , then  $\rho(B, x) < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in A$ . Since  $A$  is closed, we have  $d_B(A) < \varepsilon$ ; similarly,  $B \subset U_\rho(A, \varepsilon)$  implies that  $d_A(B) < \varepsilon$ . Hence,  $d(A, B) < \varepsilon$ .  $\square$

## 2G. Isometry

Metric spaces  $(M, \rho)$  and  $(N, \sigma)$  are *isometric* iff there is a one-one function  $f$  from  $M$  onto  $N$  such that  $\rho(x, y) = \sigma(f(x), f(y))$  for all  $x$  and  $y$  in  $M$ ;  $f$  is called an *isometry*.

► EXERCISE 21. *If  $f$  is an isometry from  $M$  to  $N$ , then both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are continuous functions.*

PROOF. By definition,  $f$  is (uniformly) continuous on  $M$ : for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $\delta = \varepsilon$ ; then  $\rho(x, y) < \delta$  implies that  $\sigma(f(x), f(y)) = \rho(x, y) < \varepsilon$ .

On the other hand, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $y \in N$ , pick the unique  $f^{-1}(y) \in M$  (since  $f$  is bijective). For each  $z \in N$  with  $\sigma(y, z) < \varepsilon$ , we must have  $\rho(f^{-1}(y), f^{-1}(z)) = \sigma(f(f^{-1}(y)), f(f^{-1}(z))) = \sigma(y, z) < \varepsilon$ ; that is,  $f^{-1}$  is continuous.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 22.  *$\mathbb{R}$  is not isometric to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (each with its usual metric).*

PROOF. Consider  $S^1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ . Notice that there are only two points around  $f^{-1}(0, 0)$  with distance 1.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 23.  *$\mathbb{I}$  is isometric to any other closed interval in  $\mathbb{R}$  of the same length.*

PROOF. Consider the function  $f: \mathbb{I} \rightarrow [a, a + 1]$  defined by  $f(x) = a + x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{I}$ .  $\square$

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## TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

### 2.1 FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS

#### 3A. Examples of Topologies

► EXERCISE 24. If  $\mathcal{F}$  is the collection of all closed, bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  (in its usual topology), together with  $\mathbb{R}$  itself, then  $\mathcal{F}$  is the family of closed sets for a topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  strictly weaker than the usual topology.

PROOF. It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a topology. Further, for instance,  $(-\infty, 0]$  is a closed set of  $\mathbb{R}$ , but it is not in  $\mathcal{F}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 25. If  $A \subset X$ , show that the family of all subsets of  $X$  which contain  $A$ , together with the empty set  $\emptyset$ , is a topology on  $X$ . Describe the closure and interior operations. What topology results when  $A = \emptyset$ ? when  $A = X$ ?

PROOF. Let

$$\mathcal{E} = \{E \subset X : A \subset E\} \cup \{\emptyset\}.$$

Now suppose that  $E_\lambda \in \mathcal{E}$  for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Then  $A \subset \bigcup_\lambda E_\lambda \subset X$  and so  $\bigcup E_\lambda \in \mathcal{E}$ . The other postulates are easy to check.

For any set  $B \subset X$ , if  $A \subset B$ , then  $B \in \mathcal{E}$  and so  $B^\circ = B$ ; if not, then  $B^\circ = \emptyset$ .

If  $A = \emptyset$ , then  $\mathcal{E}$  is the discrete topology; if  $A = X$ , then  $\mathcal{E} = \{\emptyset, X\}$ .  $\square$

#### 3D. Regularly Open and Regularly Closed Sets

An open subset  $G$  in a topological space is *regularly open* iff  $G$  is the interior of its closure. A closed subset is *regularly closed* iff it is the closure of its interior.

► EXERCISE 26. The complement of a regularly open set is regularly closed and vice versa.

PROOF. Suppose  $G$  is regular open; that is,  $G = (\bar{G})^\circ$ . Then

$$X \setminus G = X \setminus (\bar{G})^\circ = \overline{X \setminus \bar{G}} = \overline{(X \setminus G)^\circ}.$$

Hence,  $X \setminus G$  is regularly closed. If  $F$  is regular closed, i.e.,  $F = \overline{F^\circ}$ , then

$$X \setminus F = X \setminus \overline{F^\circ} = (X \setminus F^\circ)^\circ = \overline{(X \setminus F)^\circ};$$

that is,  $X \setminus F$  is regularly open.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 27. *There are open sets in  $\mathbb{R}$  which are not regularly open.*

PROOF. Consider  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We have  $(\bar{\mathbb{Q}})^\circ = \mathbb{R}^\circ = \mathbb{R} \neq \mathbb{Q}$ . So  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not regularly open.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 28. *If  $A$  is any subset of a topological space, then  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$  is regularly open.*

PROOF. Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $X$ . We then have

$$\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))) \implies \text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) = \text{int}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))) \subset \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subset \text{cl}(A) &\implies \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))) \subset \text{cl}(\text{cl}(A)) = \text{cl}(A) \\ &\implies \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))) \subset \text{int}(\text{cl}(A)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))))$ ; that is,  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$  is regularly open.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 29. *The intersection, but not necessarily the union, of two regularly open sets is regularly open.*

PROOF. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two regularly open sets in a topological space  $X$ . Then

$$(\overline{A \cap B})^\circ \subset (\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})^\circ = (\bar{A})^\circ \cap (\bar{B})^\circ = A \cap B,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})^\circ &= (\bar{A})^\circ \cap (\bar{B})^\circ = A \cap B \subset \overline{A \cap B} \\ &\implies A \cap B = (\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})^\circ = \left[ (\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})^\circ \right]^\circ \subset (\overline{A \cap B})^\circ. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $A \cap B = (\overline{A \cap B})^\circ$ .

To see that the union of two regularly open sets is not necessarily regularly open, consider  $A = (0, 1)$  and  $B = (1, 2)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  with its usual topology. Then

$$(\overline{A \cup B})^\circ = [0, 2]^\circ = (0, 2) \neq A \cup B. \quad \square$$



### 3E. Metrizable Spaces

Let  $X$  be a metrizable space whose topology is generated by a metric  $\rho$ .

► EXERCISE 30. *The metric  $2\rho$  defined by  $2\rho(x, y) = 2 \cdot \rho(x, y)$  generates the same topology on  $X$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{O}_\rho$  be the collection of open sets in  $(X, \rho)$ , and let  $\mathcal{O}_{2\rho}$  be the collection of open sets in  $(X, 2\rho)$ . If  $O \in \mathcal{O}_\rho$ , then for every  $x \in O$ , there exists an open ball  $\mathbb{B}_\rho(x, \varepsilon) \subseteq O$ ; but then  $\mathbb{B}_{2\rho}(x, \varepsilon/2) \subset O$ . Hence,  $O \in \mathcal{O}_{2\rho}$ . Similarly, we can show that  $\mathcal{O}_{2\rho} \subset \mathcal{O}_\rho$ . In fact,  $\rho$  and  $2\rho$  are equivalent metrics.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 31. *The closure of a set  $E \subset X$  is given by  $\bar{E} = \{y \in X : \rho(E, y) = 0\}$ .*

PROOF. Denote  $\tilde{E} := \{y \in X : \rho(E, y) = 0\}$ . We first show that  $\tilde{E}$  is closed (see Definition 2.5, p. 17). Take an arbitrary  $x \in X$  such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $y_n \in \tilde{E}$  with  $\rho(x, y_n) < 1/2n$ . For each  $y_n \in \tilde{E}$ , take  $z_n \in E$  with  $\rho(y_n, z_n) < 1/2n$ . Then

$$\rho(x, z_n) \leq \rho(x, y_n) + \rho(y_n, z_n) < 1/n, \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Thus,  $\rho(x, E) = 0$ , i.e.,  $x \in \tilde{E}$ . Therefore,  $\tilde{E}$  is closed. It is clear that  $E \subseteq \tilde{E}$ , and so  $\bar{E} \subset \tilde{E}$ .

We next show that  $\tilde{E} \subseteq \bar{E}$ . Take an arbitrary  $x \in \tilde{E}$  and a closed set  $K$  containing  $E$ . If  $x \in X \setminus K$ , then  $\rho(x, K) > 0$  (see Exercise 35). But then  $\rho(x, E) > 0$  since  $E \subset K$  and so

$$\inf_{y \in E} \rho(x, y) \geq \inf_{z \in K} \rho(x, z).$$

Hence,  $\tilde{E} \subset \bar{E}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 32. *The closed disk  $U(x, \bar{\varepsilon}) = \{y : \rho(x, y) \leq \varepsilon\}$  is closed in  $X$ , but may not be the closure of the open disk  $U(x, \varepsilon)$ .*

PROOF. Fix  $x \in X$ . We show that the function  $\rho(x, \cdot): X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is (uniformly) continuous. For any  $y, z \in X$ , the triangle inequality yields

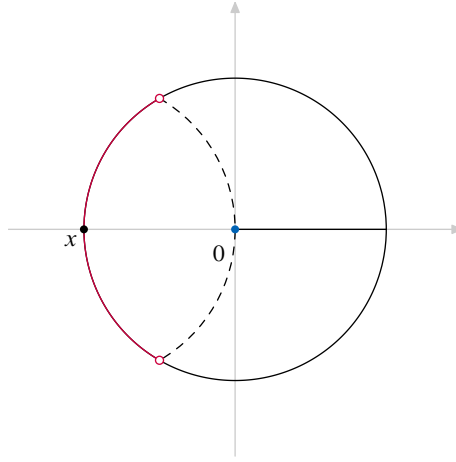
$$|\rho(x, y) - \rho(x, z)| \leq \rho(y, z).$$

Hence, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , take  $\delta = \varepsilon$ , and  $\rho(x, \cdot)$  satisfies the  $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$  criterion. Therefore,  $U(x, \bar{\varepsilon})$  is closed since  $U(x, \bar{\varepsilon}) = \rho^{-1}(x, [0, \varepsilon])$  and  $[0, \varepsilon]$  is closed in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

To see it is not necessary that  $U(x, \bar{\varepsilon}) = \overline{U(x, \varepsilon)}$ , consider  $\varepsilon = 1$  and the usual metric on

$$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\} \cup \{(x, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq x \leq 1\};$$

see Figure 2.1. Observe that  $(0, 0) \notin U(x, 1)$ , but  $(0, 0) \in U(x, \bar{1})$ . It follows from Exercise 31 that  $(0, 0) \notin \overline{U(x, 1)}$ .  $\square$

FIGURE 2.1.  $U(x, \bar{1}) \neq \overline{U(x, 1)}$ .

### 3H. $G_\delta$ and $F_\sigma$ Sets

► EXERCISE 33. *The complement of a  $G_\delta$  is an  $F_\sigma$ , and vice versa.*

PROOF. If  $A$  is a  $G_\delta$  set, then there exists a sequence of open sets  $\{U_n\}$  such that  $A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$ . Then  $A^c = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n^c$  is  $F_\sigma$ . Vice versa.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 34. *An  $F_\sigma$  can be written as the union of an increasing sequence  $F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots$  of closed sets.*

PROOF. Let  $B = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$ , where  $E_n$  is closed for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Define  $F_1 = E_1$  and  $F_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Then each  $F_n$  is closed,  $F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots$ , and  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = B$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 35. *A closed set in a metric space is a  $G_\delta$ .*

PROOF. For an arbitrary set  $A \subset X$  and a point  $x \in X$ , define

$$\rho(x, A) = \inf_{y \in A} \{\rho(x, y)\}.$$

We first show that  $\rho(\cdot, A): X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is (uniformly) continuous by showing

$$|\rho(x, A) - \rho(y, A)| \leq \rho(x, y), \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X. \quad (2.1)$$

For an arbitrary  $z \in A$ , we have

$$\rho(x, A) \leq \rho(x, z) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z).$$

Take the infimum over  $z \in A$  and we get

$$\rho(x, A) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, A). \quad (2.2)$$

Symmetrically, we have

$$\rho(y, A) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(x, A). \quad (2.3)$$

Hence, (2.1) follows from (2.2) and (2.3). We next show that if  $A$  is closed, then  $\rho(x, A) = 0$  iff  $x \in A$ . The “if” part is trivial, so we do the “only if” part. If  $\rho(x, A) = 0$ , then for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $y_n \in A$  such that  $\rho(x, y_n) < 1/n$ ; that is,  $y_n \rightarrow x$ . Since  $\{y_n\} \subset A$  and  $A$  is closed, we must have  $x \in A$ .

Therefore,

$$A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x \in X : \rho(x, A) < 1/n\}.$$

The continuity of  $\rho(\cdot, A)$  implies that  $\{x \in X : \rho(x, A) < 1/n\}$  is open for all  $n$ . Thus,  $A$  is a  $G_\delta$  set.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 36. *The rationals are an  $F_\sigma$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

PROOF.  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable, and every singleton set in  $\mathbb{R}$  is closed; hence,  $\mathbb{Q}$  is an  $F_\sigma$ .  $\square$

### 3I. Borel Sets

## 2.2 NEIGHBORHOODS

### 4A. The Sorgenfrey Line

► EXERCISE 37. *Verify that the set  $[x, z)$ , for  $z > x$ , do form a nhood base at  $x$  for a topology on the real line.*

PROOF. We need only check that for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , the family  $\mathcal{B}_x := \{[x, z) : z > x\}$  satisfies V-a, V-b, and V-c in Theorem 4.5. V-a is trivial. If  $[x, z_1) \in \mathcal{B}_x$  and  $[x, z_2) \in \mathcal{B}_x$ , then  $[x, z_1) \cap [x, z_2) = [x, z_1 \wedge z_2) \in \mathcal{B}_x$  and is in  $[x, z_1) \cap [x, z_2)$ . For V-c, let  $[x, z) \in \mathcal{B}_x$ . Let  $z' \in (x, z)$ . Then  $[x, z') \in \mathcal{B}_x$ , and if  $y \in [x, z')$ , the right-open interval  $[y, z') \in \mathcal{B}_y$  and  $[y, z') \subset [x, z)$ .

Then, define open sets using V-d:  $G \subset \mathbb{R}$  is open if and only if  $G$  contains a set  $[x, z)$  of each of its points  $x$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 38. *Which intervals on the real line are open sets in the Sorgenfrey topology?*

SOLUTION.

- Sets of the form  $(-\infty, x)$ ,  $[x, z)$ , or  $[x, \infty)$  are both open and closed.
- Sets of the form  $(x, z)$  or  $(x, +\infty)$  are open in  $\mathbb{R}$ , since

$$(x, z) = \bigcup \{[y, z) : x < y < z\}. \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 39. Describe the closure of each of the following subset of the Sorgenfrey line: the rationals  $\mathbb{Q}$ , the set  $\{1/n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ , the set  $\{-1/n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ , the integers  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

SOLUTION. Recall that, by Theorem 4.7, for each  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\bar{E} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \text{each basic nhood of } x \text{ meets } E\}.$$

Then  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{R}$  since for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have  $[x, z) \cap \mathbb{Q} \neq \emptyset$  for  $z > x$ . Similarly,  $\overline{\{1/n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}} = \{1/n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ , and  $\bar{\mathbb{Z}} = \mathbb{Z}$ .  $\square$

#### 4B. The Moore Plane

► EXERCISE 40. Verify that this gives a topology on  $\Gamma$ .

PROOF. Verify (V-a)—(V-c). It is easy.  $\square$

#### 4E. Topologies from nhoods

► EXERCISE 41. Show that if each point  $x$  in a set  $X$  has assigned a collection  $\mathcal{U}_x$  of subsets of  $X$  satisfying N-a through N-d of 4.2, then the collection

$$\tau = \{G \subset X : \text{for each } x \text{ in } G, x \in U \subset G \text{ for some } U \in \mathcal{U}_x\}$$

is a topology for  $X$ , in which the nhood system at each  $x$  is just  $\mathcal{U}_x$ .

PROOF. We need to check G1—G3 in Definition 3.1. Since G1 and G3 are evident, we focus on G2. Let  $E_1, E_2 \in \tau$ . Take any  $x \in E_1 \cap E_2$ . Then there exist some  $U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{U}_x$  such that  $x \in U_1 \subset E_1$  and  $x \in U_2 \subset E_2$ . By N-b, we know that  $U_1 \cap U_2 \in \mathcal{U}_x$ . Hence,

$$x \in U_1 \cap U_2 \subset E_1 \cap E_2,$$

and so  $E_1 \cap E_2 \in \tau$ . The induction principle then means that  $\tau$  is closed under finite intersections.  $\square$

#### 4F. Spaces of Functions

► EXERCISE 42. For each  $f \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{I}}$ , each finite subset  $F$  of  $\mathbb{I}$  and each positive  $\delta$ , let

$$U(f, F, \delta) = \{g \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{I}} : |g(x) - f(x)| < \delta, \text{ for each } x \in F\}.$$

Show that the sets  $U(f, F, \delta)$  form a nhood base at  $f$ , making  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{I}}$  a topological space.

PROOF. Denote

$$\mathcal{B}_f = \{U(f, F, \delta) : F \subset \mathbb{I}, |F| < \infty, \delta > 0\}.$$

**(V-a)** For each  $U(f, F, \delta) \in \mathcal{B}_f$ , we have  $|f(x) - f(x)| = 0 < \delta$  for all  $x \in F$ ; hence,  $f \in U(f, F, \delta)$ .

**(V-b)** Let  $U(f, F_1, \delta_1), U(f, F_2, \delta_2) \in \mathcal{B}_f$ . Define  $U(f, F_3, \delta_3)$  by letting

$$F_3 = F_1 \cup F_2, \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_3 = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}.$$

Clearly,  $U(f, F_3, \delta_3) \in \mathcal{B}_f$ . If  $g \in U(f, F_3, \delta_3)$ , then

$$|g(x) - f(x)| < \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}, \quad \text{for all } x \in F_1 \cup F_2.$$

Hence,  $|g(x) - f(x)| < \delta_1$  for all  $x \in F_1$  and  $|g(x) - f(x)| < \delta_2$  for all  $x \in F_2$ ; that is,  $g \in U(f, F_1, \delta_1) \cap U(f, F_2, \delta_2)$ . Hence, there exists  $U(f, F_3, \delta_3) \in \mathcal{B}_f$  such that  $U(f, F_3, \delta_3) \subset U(f, F_1, \delta_1) \cap U(f, F_2, \delta_2)$ .

**(V-c)** Pick  $U(f, F, \delta) \in \mathcal{B}_f$ . We must show that there exists some  $U(f, F_0, \delta_0) \in \mathcal{B}_f$  such that if  $g \in U(f, F_0, \delta_0)$ , then there is some  $U(g, F', \delta') \in \mathcal{B}_g$  with  $U(g, F', \delta') \subset U(f, F, \delta)$ .

Let  $F_0 = F$ , and  $\delta_0 = \delta/2$ . Then  $U(f, F, \delta/2) \in \mathcal{B}_f$ . For every  $g \in U(f, F, \delta/2)$ , we have

$$|g(x) - f(x)| < \delta/2, \quad \text{for all } x \in F.$$

Let  $U(g, F', \delta') = U(g, F, \delta/2)$ . If  $h \in U(g, F, \delta/2)$ , then

$$|h(x) - f(x)| < \delta/2, \quad \text{for all } x \in F.$$

Triangle inequality implies that

$$|h(x) - f(x)| \leq |h(x) - g(x)| + |g(x) - f(x)| < \delta/2 + \delta/2 = \delta, \quad \text{for all } x \in F;$$

that is,  $h \in U(f, F, \delta)$ . Hence,  $U(g, F, \delta/2) \subset U(f, F, \delta)$ .

Now,  $G \subset \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{I}}$  is open iff  $G$  contains a  $U(f, F, \delta)$  of each  $f \in G$ . This defines a topology on  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{I}}$ . □

► EXERCISE 43. For each  $f \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{I}}$ , the closure of the one-point set  $\{f\}$  is just  $\{f\}$ .

PROOF. For every  $g \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{I}} \setminus \{f\}$ , pick  $x \in \mathbb{I}$  with  $g(x) \neq f(x)$ . Define  $U(g, F, \delta)$  with  $F = \{x\}$  and  $\delta < |g(x) - f(x)|$ . Then  $f \notin U(g, \{x\}, \delta)$ ; that is,  $U(g, \{x\}, \delta) \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{I}} \setminus \{f\}$ . Hence,  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{I}} \setminus \{f\}$  is open, and so  $\{f\}$  is closed. This proves that  $\overline{\{f\}} = \{f\}$ . □

► EXERCISE 44. For  $f \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{I}}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let

$$V(f, \varepsilon) = \left\{g \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{I}} : |g(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon, \text{ for each } x \in \mathbb{I}\right\}.$$

Verify that the sets  $V(f, \varepsilon)$  form a neighborhood base at  $f$ , making  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{I}}$  a topological space.

PROOF. Denote  $\mathcal{V}_f = \{V(f, \varepsilon) : \varepsilon > 0\}$ . We verify the following properties.

(V-a) If  $V(f, \varepsilon) \in \mathcal{V}_f$ , then  $|f(x) - f(x)| = 0 < \varepsilon$ ; that is,  $f \in V(f, \varepsilon)$ .

(V-b) Let  $V(f, \varepsilon_1), V(f, \varepsilon_2) \in \mathcal{V}_f$ . Let  $\varepsilon_3 = \min\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2\}$ . If  $g \in V(f, \varepsilon_3)$ , then

$$|g(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon_3 = \min\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2\}, \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{I}.$$

Hence,  $V(f, \varepsilon_3) \subset V(f, \varepsilon_1) \cap V(f, \varepsilon_2)$ .

(V-c) For an arbitrary  $V(f, \varepsilon) \in \mathcal{V}_f$ , pick  $V(f, \varepsilon/2) \in \mathcal{V}_f$ . For each  $g \in V(f, \varepsilon/2)$ , pick  $V(g, \varepsilon/2) \in \mathcal{V}_g$ . If  $h \in V(g, \varepsilon/2)$ , then  $|h(x) - g(x)| < \varepsilon/2$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{I}$ . Hence

$$|h(x) - f(x)| \leq |h(x) - g(x)| + |g(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon;$$

that is,  $V(g, \varepsilon/2) \subset V(f, \varepsilon)$ . □

► EXERCISE 45. *Compare the topologies defined in 1 and 3.*

PROOF. It is evident that for every  $U(f, F, \delta) \in \mathcal{B}_f$ , there exists  $V(f, \delta) \in \mathcal{V}_f$  such that  $V(f, \delta) \subset U(f, F, \delta)$ . Hence, the topology in 1 is weaker than in 3 by Hausdorff criterion. □

## 2.3 BASES AND SUBBASES

### 5D. No Axioms for Subbase

► EXERCISE 46. *Any family of subsets of a set  $X$  is a subbase for some topology on  $X$  and the topology which results is the smallest topology containing the given collection of sets.*

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a family of subsets of  $X$ . Let  $\tau(\mathcal{S})$  be the intersection of all topologies containing  $\mathcal{S}$ . Such topologies exist, since  $2^X$  is one such. Also  $\tau(\mathcal{S})$  is a topology. It evidently satisfies the requirements “unique” and “smallest.”

The topology  $\tau(\mathcal{S})$  can be described as follows: It consists of  $\emptyset$ ,  $X$ , all finite intersections of the  $\mathcal{S}$ -sets, and all arbitrary unions of these finite intersections. To verify this, note that since  $\mathcal{S} \subset \tau(\mathcal{S})$ , then  $\tau(\mathcal{S})$  must contain all the sets listed. Conversely, because  $\cup$  distributes over  $\cap$ , the sets listed actually do form a topology containing  $\mathcal{S}$ , and which therefore contains  $\tau(\mathcal{S})$ . □

### 5E. Bases for the Closed Sets

► EXERCISE 47.  *$\mathcal{F}$  is a base for the closed sets in  $X$  iff the family of complements of members of  $\mathcal{F}$  is a base for the open sets.*

PROOF. Let  $G$  be an open set in  $X$ . Then  $G = X \setminus E$  for some closed subset  $E$ . Since  $E = \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}} F$ , we obtain

$$G = X \setminus \left( \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}} F \right) = \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}} F^c.$$

Thus,  $\{F^c : F \in \mathcal{F}\}$  forms a base for the open sets. The converse direction is similar.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 48.  $\mathcal{F}$  is a base for the closed sets for some topology on  $X$  iff (a) whenever  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  belong to  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $F_1 \cup F_2$  is an intersection of elements of  $\mathcal{F}$ , and (b)  $\bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} F = \emptyset$ .

PROOF. If  $\mathcal{F}$  is a base for the closed sets for some topology on  $X$ , then (a) and (b) are clear. Suppose, on the other hand,  $X$  is a set and  $\mathcal{F}$  a collection of subsets of  $X$  with (a) and (b). Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be all intersections of subcollections from  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then any intersection of members of  $\mathcal{T}$  certainly belongs to  $\mathcal{T}$ , so  $\mathcal{T}$  satisfies (F-a). Moreover, if  $\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2 \subset \mathcal{F}$ , so that  $\bigcap_{E \in \mathcal{F}_1} E$  and  $\bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}_2} F$  are elements of  $\mathcal{T}$ , then

$$\left( \bigcap_{E \in \mathcal{F}_1} E \right) \cup \left( \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}_2} F \right) = \bigcap_{E \in \mathcal{F}_1} \bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}_2} (E \cup F).$$

But by property (a), the union of two elements of  $\mathcal{F}$  is an intersection of elements of  $\mathcal{F}$ , so  $(\bigcap_{E \in \mathcal{F}_1} E) \cup (\bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}_2} F)$  is an intersection of elements of  $\mathcal{F}$ , and hence belongs to  $\mathcal{T}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{T}$  satisfies (F-b). Finally,  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$  by (b) and  $X \in \mathcal{T}$  since  $X$  is the intersection of the empty subcollection from  $\mathcal{F}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{T}$  satisfies (F-c). This completes the proof that  $\mathcal{T}$  is the collection of closed sets of  $X$ .  $\square$





# 3

## NEW SPACES FROM OLD

### 3.1 SUBSPACES

### 3.2 CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

#### 7A. Characterization of Spaces Using Functions

► EXERCISE 49. *The characteristic function of  $A$  is continuous iff  $A$  is both open and closed in  $X$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\mathbb{1}_A: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the characteristic function of  $A$ , which is defined by

$$\mathbb{1}_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A. \end{cases}$$

First suppose that  $\mathbb{1}_A$  is continuous. Then, say,  $\mathbb{1}_A^{-1}((1/2, 2)) = A$  is open, and  $\mathbb{1}_A^{-1}((-1, 1/2)) = X \setminus A$  is open. Hence,  $A$  is both open and closed in  $X$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $A$  is both open and closed in  $X$ . For any open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{1}_A^{-1}(U) = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } 1 \in U \text{ and } 0 \notin U \\ X \setminus A & \text{if } 1 \notin U \text{ and } 0 \in U \\ \emptyset & \text{if } 1 \notin U \text{ and } 0 \notin U \\ X & \text{if } 1 \in U \text{ and } 0 \in U. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\mathbb{1}_A$  is continuous. □

► EXERCISE 50.  *$X$  has the discrete topology iff whenever  $Y$  is a topological space and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , then  $f$  is continuous.*

PROOF. Let  $Y$  be a topological space and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ . It is easy to see that  $f$  is continuous if  $X$  has the discrete topology, so we focus on the sufficiency

direction. For any  $A \subset X$ , let  $Y = \mathbb{R}$  and  $f = \mathbb{1}_A$ . Then by [Exercise 49](#)  $A$  is open.  $\square$

### 7C. Functions Agreeing on a Dense Subset

► EXERCISE 51. *If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous functions from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , the set of points  $x$  for which  $f(x) = g(x)$  is a closed subset of  $X$ . Thus two continuous maps on  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  which agree on a dense subset must agree on all of  $X$ .*

PROOF. Denote  $A = \{x \in X : f(x) \neq g(x)\}$ . Take a point  $y \in A$  such that  $f(y) > g(y)$  (if it is not true then let  $g(y) > f(y)$ ). Take an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $f(y) - \varepsilon \geq g(y) + \varepsilon$ . Since  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous, there exist nhoods  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  of  $y$  such that  $f[U_1] \subset (-\varepsilon + f(y), \varepsilon + f(y))$  and  $g[U_2] \subset (-\varepsilon + g(y), \varepsilon + g(y))$ . Let  $U = U_1 \cap U_2$ . Then  $U$  is a nhood of  $x$  and for every  $z \in U$  we have

$$f(z) - g(z) > [f(x) - \varepsilon] - [g(x) + \varepsilon] \geq 0.$$

Hence,  $U \subset A$ ; that is,  $U$  is open, and so  $\{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\} = X \setminus U$  is closed.

Now suppose that  $D := \{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}$  is dense. Take an arbitrary  $x \in X$ . Since  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exist nhoods  $V_f$  and  $V_g$  such that  $|f(y) - f(x)| < 1/n$  for all  $y \in V_f$  and  $|g(y) - g(x)| < 1/n$  for all  $y \in V_g$ . Let  $V_n = V_f \cap V_g$ . Then there exists  $x_n \in V_n \cap D$  with  $|f(x_n) - f(x)| < 1/2n$  and  $|g(x_n) - g(x)| < 1/2n$ . Since  $f(x_n) = g(x_n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - g(x)| &\leq |f(x) - f(x_n)| + |f(x_n) - g(x)| = |f(x) - f(x_n)| + |g(x_n) - g(x)| \\ &< 1/n. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f(x) = g(x)$ .  $\square$

### 7E. Range Immaterial

► EXERCISE 52. *If  $Y \subset Z$  and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , then  $f$  is continuous as a map from  $X$  to  $Y$  iff  $f$  is continuous as a map from  $X$  to  $Z$ .*

PROOF. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Z$  be continuous. Let  $U$  be open in  $Y$ . Then  $U = Y \cap V$  for some  $V$  which is open in  $Z$ . Therefore,

$$f^{-1}(U) = f^{-1}(Y \cap V) = f^{-1}(Y) \cap f^{-1}(V) = X \cap f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(V)$$

is open in  $X$ , and so  $f$  is continuous as a map from  $X$  to  $Y$ .

Conversely, let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous and  $V$  be open in  $Z$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(Y \cap V)$ . Since  $Y \cap V$  is open in  $Y$  and  $f$  is continuous from  $X$  to  $Y$ , the set  $f^{-1}(Y \cap V)$  is open in  $X$  and so  $f$  is continuous as a map from  $X$  to  $Z$ .  $\square$

## 7G. Homeomorphisms within the Line

► EXERCISE 53. Show that all open intervals in  $\mathbb{R}$  are homeomorphic.

PROOF. We have

- $(a, b) \sim (0, 1)$  by  $f_1(x) = (x - a)/(b - a)$ .
- $(a, \infty) \sim (1, \infty)$  by  $f_2(x) = x - a + 1$ .
- $(1, \infty) \sim (0, 1)$  by  $f_3(x) = 1/x$ .
- $(-\infty, -a) \sim (a, \infty)$  by  $f_4(x) = -x$ .
- $(-\infty, \infty) \sim (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$  by  $f_5(x) = \arctan x$ .

Therefore, by compositing, every open interval is homeomorphic to  $(0, 1)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 54. All bounded closed intervals in  $\mathbb{R}$  are homeomorphic.

PROOF.  $[a, b] \sim [0, 1]$  by  $f(x) = (x - a)/(b - a)$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 55. The property that every real-valued continuous function on  $X$  assumes its maximum is a topological property. Thus,  $\mathbb{I} := [0, 1]$  is not homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

PROOF. Every continuous function assumes its maximum on  $[0, 1]$ ; however,  $x^2$  has no maximum on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Therefore,  $\mathbb{I} \not\sim \mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

## 7K. Semicontinuous Functions

► EXERCISE 56. If  $f_\alpha$  is a lower semicontinuous real-valued function on  $X$  for each  $\alpha \in A$ , and if  $\sup_\alpha f_\alpha(x)$  exists at each  $x \in X$ , then the function  $f(x) = \sup_\alpha f_\alpha(x)$  is lower semicontinuous on  $X$ .

PROOF. For an arbitrary  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have  $f(x) \leq a$  iff  $f_\alpha(x) \leq a$  for all  $\alpha \in A$ . Hence,

$$\{x \in X : f(x) \leq a\} = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} \{x \in X : f_\alpha(x) \leq a\},$$

and so  $f^{-1}(-\infty, a]$  is closed; that is,  $f$  is lower semicontinuous.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 57. Every continuous function from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is lower semicontinuous. Thus the supremum of a family of continuous functions, if it exists, is lower semicontinuous. Show by an example that “lower semicontinuous” cannot be replaced by “continuous” in the previous sentence.

PROOF. Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. Since  $(-\infty, x]$  is closed in  $\mathbb{R}$ , the set  $f^{-1}(-\infty, x]$  is closed in  $X$ ; that is,  $f$  is lower semicontinuous.

To construct an example, let  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as follows:

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} nx & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1/n \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 1/n. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$f(x) = \sup_n f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 0, \end{cases}$$

and  $f$  is not continuous.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 58. *The characteristic function of a set  $A$  in  $X$  is lower semicontinuous iff  $A$  is open, upper semicontinuous iff  $A$  is closed.*

PROOF. Observe that

$$\mathbb{1}_A^{-1}(-\infty, a] = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } a < 0 \\ X \setminus A & \text{if } 0 \leq a < 1 \\ X & \text{if } a \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $\mathbb{1}_A$  is LSC iff  $A$  is open. Similarly for the USC case.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 59. *If  $X$  is metrizable and  $f$  is a lower semicontinuous function from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{I}$ , then  $f$  is the supremum of an increasing sequence of continuous functions on  $X$  to  $\mathbb{I}$ .*

PROOF. Let  $d$  be the metric on  $X$ . First assume  $f$  is nonnegative. Define

$$f_n(x) = \inf_{z \in X} \{f(z) + nd(x, z)\}.$$

If  $x, y \in X$ , then  $f(z) + nd(x, z) \leq f(z) + nd(y, z) + nd(x, y)$ . Take the inf over  $z$  (first on the left side, then on the right side) to obtain  $f_n(x) \leq f_n(y) + nd(x, y)$ . By symmetry,

$$|f_n(x) - f_n(y)| \leq nd(x, y);$$

hence,  $f_n$  is uniformly continuous on  $X$ . Furthermore, since  $f \geq 0$ , we have  $0 \leq f_n(x) \leq f(x) + nd(x, x) = f(x)$ . By definition,  $f_n$  increases with  $n$ ; we must show that  $\lim_n f_n$  is actually  $f$ .

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , by definition of  $f_n(x)$  there is a point  $z_n \in X$  such that

$$f_n(x) + \varepsilon > f(z_n) + nd(x, z_n) \geq nd(x, z_n) \quad (3.1)$$

since  $f \geq 0$ . But  $f_n(x) + \varepsilon \leq f(x) + \varepsilon$ ; hence  $d(x, z_n) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $f$  is LSC, we have  $\liminf_n f(z_n) \geq f(x)$  (Ash, 2009, Theorem 8.4.2); hence

$$f(z_n) > f(x) - \varepsilon \quad \text{ev.} \quad (3.2)$$

By (3.1) and (3.2),

$$f_n(x) > f(z_n) - \varepsilon + nd(x, z_n) \geq f(z_n) - \varepsilon > f(x) - 2\varepsilon$$

for all sufficiently large  $n$ . Thus,  $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ .

If  $|f| \leq M < \infty$ , then  $f + M$  is LSC, finite-valued, and nonnegative. If  $0 \leq g_n \uparrow (f + M)$ , then  $f_n = (g_n - M) \uparrow f$  and  $|f_n| \geq M$ .  $\square$

### 7M. $C(X)$ and $C^*(X)$

► EXERCISE 60. If  $f$  and  $g$  belong to  $C(X)$ , then so do  $f + g$ ,  $f \cdot g$  and  $a \cdot f$ , for  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . If, in addition,  $f$  and  $g$  are bounded, then so are  $f + g$ ,  $f \cdot g$  and  $a \cdot f$ .

PROOF. We first do  $f + g$ . Since  $f, g \in C(X)$ , for each  $x \in X$  and each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist nhoods  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  of  $x$  such that  $f[U_1] \subset (-\varepsilon/2 + f(x), \varepsilon/2 + f(x))$  and  $g[U_2] \subset (-\varepsilon/2 + g(x), \varepsilon/2 + g(x))$ . Let  $U = U_1 \cap U_2$ . Then  $U$  is a nhood of  $x$ , and for every  $y \in U$ , we have

$$|[f(y) + g(y)] - [f(x) + g(x)]| \leq |f(y) - f(x)| + |g(y) - g(x)| < \varepsilon;$$

that is,  $f + g$  is continuous.

We then do  $a \cdot f$ . We suppose that  $a > 0$  (all other cases are similar). For each  $x \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a nhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $f[U] \subset (-\varepsilon/a + f(x), \varepsilon/a + f(x))$ . Then  $(a \cdot f)[U] \subset (-\varepsilon + a \cdot f(x), \varepsilon + a \cdot f(x))$ . So  $a \cdot f \in C(X)$ .

Finally, to do  $f \cdot g$ , we first show that  $f^2 \in C(X)$  whenever  $f \in C(X)$ . For each  $x \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a nhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $f[U] \subset (-\sqrt{\varepsilon} + f(x), \sqrt{\varepsilon} + f(x))$ . Then  $f^2[U] \subset (-\varepsilon + f^2(x), \varepsilon + f^2(x))$ , i.e.,  $f^2 \in C(X)$ . Since

$$f(x) \cdot g(x) = \frac{1}{4} \left[ (f(x) + g(x))^2 - (f(x) - g(x))^2 \right],$$

we know that  $f \cdot g \in C(X)$  from the previous arguments.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 61.  $C(X)$  and  $C^*(X)$  are algebras over the real numbers.

PROOF. It follows from the previous exercise that  $C(X)$  is a vector space on  $\mathbb{R}$ . So everything is easy now.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 62.  $C^*(X)$  is a normed linear space with the operations of addition and scalar multiplication given above and the norm  $\|f\| = \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)|$ .

PROOF. It is easy to see that  $C^*(X)$  is a linear space. So it suffices to show that  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm on  $C^*(X)$ . We focus on the triangle inequality. Let  $f, g \in C^*(X)$ . Then for every  $x \in X$ , we have  $|f(x) + g(x)| \leq |f(x)| + |g(x)| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|$ ; hence,  $\|f + g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|$ .  $\square$

### 3.3 PRODUCT SPACES, WEAK TOPOLOGIES

#### 8A. Projection Maps

► EXERCISE 63. The  $\beta$ th projection map  $\pi_\beta$  is continuous and open. The projection  $\pi_1: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is not closed.

PROOF. Let  $U_\beta$  be open in  $X_\beta$ . Then  $\pi_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta)$  is a subbasis open set of the Tychonoff topology on  $\prod_\alpha X_\alpha$ , and so is open. Hence,  $\pi_\beta$  is continuous.

Take an arbitrary basis open set  $U$  in the Tychonoff topology. Denote  $I := \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Then

$$U = \prod_\alpha U_\alpha,$$

where  $U_\alpha$  is open in  $X_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in A$ , and  $U_{\alpha_j} = X_{\alpha_j}$  for all  $j \notin I$ . Hence,

$$\pi_\beta(U) = \begin{cases} U_\beta & \text{if } \beta = \alpha_i \text{ for some } i \in I \\ X_\beta & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

That is,  $\pi_\beta(U)$  is open in  $X_\beta$  in both case. Since any open set is a union of basis open sets, and since functions preserve unions, the image of any open set under  $\pi_\beta$  is open.

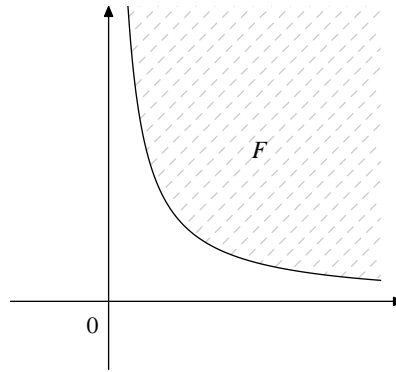


FIGURE 3.1.  $\pi_1(F) = (0, \infty)$

Finally, let  $F = \text{epi}(1/x)$ . Then  $F$  is closed in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , but  $\pi_1(F) = (0, \infty)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}$ ; that is,  $\pi_1$  is not closed. See Figure 3.1.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 64. Show that the projection of  $\mathbb{I} \times \mathbb{R}$  onto  $\mathbb{R}$  is a closed map.

PROOF. Let  $\pi: \mathbb{I} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the projection. Suppose  $A \subset \mathbb{I} \times \mathbb{R}$  is closed, and suppose  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \pi[A]$ . For every  $x \in \mathbb{I}$ , since  $(x, y_0) \notin A$  and  $A$  is closed, we find a basis open subset  $U(x) \times V(x)$  of  $\mathbb{I} \times \mathbb{R}$  that contains  $(x, y_0)$ , and  $[U(x) \times V(x)] \cap A = \emptyset$ . The collection  $\{U(x) : x \in \mathbb{I}\}$  covers  $\mathbb{I}$ , so finitely many of them cover  $\mathbb{I}$  by compactness, say  $U(x_1), \dots, U(x_n)$  do. Now define  $V =$

$\bigcap_{i=1}^n V(x_i)$ , and note that  $V$  is an open nhod of  $y_0$ , and  $V \cap \pi[A] = \emptyset$ . So  $\pi[A]$  is closed; that is,  $\pi$  is closed. See Lee (2011, Lemma 4.35, p. 95) for the Tube Lemma.

Generally, if  $\pi: X \times Y \rightarrow X$  is a projection map where  $Y$  is compact, then  $\pi$  is a closed map.  $\square$

### 8B. Separating Points from Closed Sets

► EXERCISE 65. If  $f_\alpha$  is a map (continuous function) of  $X$  to  $X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $\{f_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  separates points from closed sets in  $X$  iff  $\{f_\alpha^{-1}[V] : \alpha \in A, V \text{ open in } X_\alpha\}$  is a base for the topology on  $X$ .

PROOF. Suppose that  $\{f_\alpha^{-1}[V] : \alpha \in A, V \text{ open in } X_\alpha\}$  consists of a base for the topology on  $X$ . Let  $B$  be closed in  $X$  and  $x \notin B$ . Then  $x \in X \setminus B$  and  $X \setminus B$  is open in  $X$ . Hence there exists  $f_\alpha^{-1}[V]$  such that  $x \in f_\alpha^{-1}[V] \subset X \setminus B$ ; that is,  $f_\alpha(x) \in V$ . Since  $V \cap f_\alpha[B] = \emptyset$ , i.e.,  $f_\alpha[B] \subset X_\alpha \setminus V$ , and  $X_\alpha \setminus V$  is closed, we get  $\overline{f_\alpha[B]} \subset X_\alpha \setminus V$ . Thus,  $f_\alpha(x) \notin \overline{f_\alpha[B]}$ .

Next assume that  $\{f_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  separates points from closed sets in  $X$ . Take an arbitrary open subset  $U \subset X$  and  $x \in U$ . Then  $B := X \setminus U$  is closed in  $X$ , and hence there exists  $\alpha \in A$  such that  $f_\alpha(x) \notin \overline{f_\alpha[B]}$ . Then  $f_\alpha(x) \in X_\alpha \setminus \overline{f_\alpha[B]}$  and, since  $X_\alpha \setminus \overline{f_\alpha[B]}$  is open in  $X_\alpha$ , there exists an open set  $V$  of  $X_\alpha$  such that  $f_\alpha(x) \in V \subset X_\alpha \setminus \overline{f_\alpha[B]}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} x \in f_\alpha^{-1}[V] &\subset f_\alpha^{-1} \left[ X_\alpha \setminus \overline{f_\alpha[B]} \right] = X \setminus f_\alpha^{-1} \left[ \overline{f_\alpha[B]} \right] \\ &\subset X \setminus f_\alpha^{-1}[f_\alpha[B]] \\ &\subset X \setminus B \\ &= U. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\{f_\alpha^{-1}[V] : \alpha \in A, V \text{ open in } X_\alpha\}$  is a base for the topology on  $X$ .  $\square$

### 8D. Closure and Interior in Products

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces containing subsets  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively. In the product space  $X \times Y$ :

► EXERCISE 66.  $(A \times B)^\circ = A^\circ \times B^\circ$ .

PROOF. Since  $A^\circ \subset A$  is open in  $A$  and  $B^\circ \subset B$  is open in  $B$ , the set  $A^\circ \times B^\circ \subset A \times B$  is open in  $A \times B$ ; hence,  $A^\circ \times B^\circ \subset (A \times B)^\circ$ .

For the converse inclusion, let  $x = (a, b) \in (A \times B)^\circ$ . Then there is an basis open set  $U_1 \times U_2$  such that  $x \in U_1 \times U_2 \subset A \times B$ , where  $U_1$  is open in  $A$  and  $U_2$  is open in  $B$ . Hence,  $a \in U_1 \subset A$  and  $b \in U_2 \subset B$ ; that is,  $a \in A^\circ$  and  $b \in B^\circ$ . Then  $x \in A^\circ \times B^\circ$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 67.  $\overline{A \times B} = \overline{A} \times \overline{B}$ .

PROOF. See [Exercise 68](#). □

► EXERCISE 68. *Part 2 can be extended to infinite products, while part 1 can be extended only to finite products.*

PROOF. Assume that  $y = (y_\alpha) \in \overline{\times A_\alpha}$ ; we show that  $y_\alpha \in \overline{A_\alpha}$  for each  $\alpha$ ; that is,  $y \in \times \overline{A_\alpha}$ . Let  $y_\alpha \in U_\alpha$ , where  $U_\alpha$  is open in  $Y_\alpha$ ; since  $y \in \pi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha)$ , we must have

$$\emptyset \neq \pi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha) \cap \times A_\alpha = (U_\alpha \cap A_\alpha) \times \left( \times_{\beta \neq \alpha} A_\beta \right),$$

and so  $U_\alpha \cap A_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ . This proves  $y_\alpha \in \overline{A_\alpha}$ . The converse inclusion is established by reversing these steps: If  $y \in \times \overline{A_\alpha}$ , then for any open nhood

$$B := U_{\alpha_1} \times \cdots \times U_{\alpha_n} \times \left( \times \{Y_\beta : \beta \neq \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\} \right),$$

each  $U_{\alpha_i} \cap A_{\alpha_i} \neq \emptyset$  so that  $B \cap \times A_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ . □

► EXERCISE 69.  $\text{Fr}(A \times B) = [\overline{A} \times \text{Fr}(B)] \cup [\text{Fr}(A) \times \overline{B}]$ .

PROOF. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Fr}(A \times B) &= \overline{A \times B} \cap \overline{(X \times Y) \setminus (A \times B)} \\ &= (\overline{A} \times \overline{B}) \cap [(X \times Y) \setminus (A^\circ \times B^\circ)] \\ &= (\overline{A} \times \overline{B}) \cap [(X \times (Y \setminus B^\circ)) \cup ((X \setminus A^\circ) \times Y)] \\ &= [\overline{A} \times \text{Fr}(B)] \cup [\text{Fr}(A) \times \overline{B}]. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

► EXERCISE 70. *If  $X_\alpha$  is a nonempty topological space and  $A_\alpha \subset X_\alpha$ , for each  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $\times A_\alpha$  is dense in  $\times X_\alpha$  iff  $A_\alpha$  is dense in  $X_\alpha$ , for each  $\alpha$ .*

PROOF. It follows from [Exercise 68](#) that

$$\overline{\times A_\alpha} = \times \overline{A_\alpha};$$

that is,  $\times A_\alpha$  is dense in  $\times X_\alpha$  iff  $A_\alpha$  is dense in  $X_\alpha$ , for each  $\alpha$ . □

### 8E. Miscellaneous Facts about Product Spaces

Let  $X_\alpha$  be a nonempty topological space for each  $\alpha \in A$ , and let  $X = \times X_\alpha$ .

► EXERCISE 71. *If  $V$  is a nonempty open set in  $X$ , then  $\pi_\alpha(V) = X_\alpha$  for all but finitely many  $\alpha \in A$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$  be the topology on  $X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in A$ . Let  $V$  be an arbitrary open set in  $X$ . Then  $V = \bigcup_{k \in K} B_k$ , where for each  $k \in K$  we have  $B_k = \times_{\alpha \in A} E_{\alpha k}$ ,



and for each  $\alpha \in A$  we have  $E_{\alpha k} \in \mathcal{T}_\alpha$  while

$$A_k := \{\alpha \in A : E_{\alpha k} \neq X_\alpha\}$$

is finite. Then  $\bigcap_{k \in K} A_k$  is finite. If  $\alpha_0 \notin \bigcap_{k \in K} A_k$ , then there exists  $k_0 \in K$  such that  $E_{\alpha_0 k_0} = X_{\alpha_0}$ . Then

$$\pi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(B_{k_0}) = \pi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}\left(\bigtimes_{\alpha \in A} E_{\alpha k_0}\right) = X_{\alpha_0},$$

and so  $X_{\alpha_0} = \pi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(B_{k_0}) \subset \pi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(V)$  implies that  $\pi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(V) = X_{\alpha_0}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 72. If  $b_\alpha$  is a fixed point in  $X_\alpha$ , for each  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $X'_{\alpha_0} = \{x \in X : x_\alpha = b_\alpha \text{ whenever } \alpha \neq \alpha_0\}$  is homeomorphic to  $X_{\alpha_0}$ .

PROOF. Write an element in  $X'_{\alpha_0}$  as  $(x_{\alpha_0}, \mathbf{b}_{-\alpha_0})$ . Then consider the mapping  $(x_{\alpha_0}, \mathbf{b}_{-\alpha_0}) \mapsto x_{\alpha_0}$ .  $\square$

### 8G. The Box Topology

Let  $X_\alpha$  be a topological space for each  $\alpha \in A$ .

► EXERCISE 73. In  $\bigtimes X_\alpha$ , the sets of the form  $\bigtimes U_\alpha$ , where  $U_\alpha$  is open in  $X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in A$ , form a base for a topology.

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{B} := \{\bigtimes U_\alpha : \alpha \in A, U_\alpha \text{ open in } X_\alpha\}$ . Then it is clear that  $\bigtimes X_\alpha \in \mathcal{B}$  since  $X_\alpha$  is open for each  $\alpha \in A$ . Now take any  $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ , with  $B_1 = \bigtimes U_\alpha^1$  and  $B_2 = \bigtimes U_\alpha^2$ . Let

$$p = (p_1, p_2, \dots) \in B_1 \cap B_2 = \bigtimes (U_\alpha^1 \cap U_\alpha^2).$$

Then  $p_\alpha \in U_\alpha^1 \cap U_\alpha^2$ , and so there exists an open set  $B_\alpha \subset X_\alpha$  such that  $p_\alpha \in B_\alpha \subset U_\alpha^1 \cap U_\alpha^2$ . Hence,  $\bigtimes B_\alpha \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $p \in \bigtimes B_\alpha \subset B_1 \cap B_2$ .  $\square$

### 8H. Weak Topologies on Subspaces

Let  $X$  have the weak topology induced by a collection of maps  $f_\alpha : X \rightarrow X_\alpha$ , for  $\alpha \in A$ .

► EXERCISE 74. If each  $X_\alpha$  has the weak topology given by a collection of maps  $g_{\alpha\lambda} : X_\alpha \rightarrow Y_{\alpha\lambda}$ , for  $\lambda \in \Lambda_\alpha$ , then  $X$  has the weak topology given by the maps  $g_{\alpha\lambda} \circ f_\alpha : X \rightarrow Y_{\alpha\lambda}$  for  $\alpha \in A$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda_\alpha$ .

PROOF. A subbase for the weak topology on  $X_\alpha$  induced by  $\{g_{\alpha\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda_\alpha\}$  is

$$\{g_{\alpha\lambda}^{-1}(U_{\alpha\lambda}) : \lambda \in \Lambda_\alpha, U_{\alpha\lambda} \text{ open in } Y_{\alpha\lambda}\}.$$

Then a subbasic open set in  $X$  for the weak topology on  $X$  induced by  $\{f_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  is

$$\left\{ f_\alpha^{-1}[g_{\alpha\lambda}^{-1}(U_{\alpha\lambda})] : \alpha \in A, \lambda \in \Lambda_\alpha, U_{\alpha\lambda} \text{ open in } Y_{\alpha\lambda} \right\}.$$

Since  $f_\alpha^{-1}(g_{\alpha\lambda}^{-1}(U_{\alpha\lambda})) = (g_{\alpha\lambda} \circ f_\alpha)^{-1}(U_{\alpha\lambda})$ , we get the result.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 75. Any  $B \subset X$  has the weak topology induced by the maps  $f_\alpha \upharpoonright B$ .

PROOF. As a subspace of  $X$ , the subbase on  $B$  is

$$\left\{ B \cap f_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha) : \alpha \in A, U_\alpha \text{ open in } X_\alpha \right\}.$$

On the other hand,  $(f_\alpha \upharpoonright B)^{-1}(U_\alpha) = B \cap f_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha)$  for every  $\alpha \in A$  and  $U_\alpha$  open in  $X_\alpha$ . Hence, the above set is also the subbase for the weak topology induced by  $\{f_\alpha \upharpoonright B : \alpha \in A\}$ .  $\square$

### 3.4 QUOTIENT SPACES

#### 9B. Quotients versus Decompositions

► EXERCISE 76. The process given in 9.5 for forming the topology on a decomposition space does define a topology.

PROOF. Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space; let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a decomposition of  $X$ . Define

$$\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{D} \text{ is open in } \mathcal{D} \iff \bigcup \{F : F \in \mathcal{F}\} \text{ is open in } X. \quad (3.3)$$

Let  $\mathfrak{T}$  be the collection of open sets defined by (3.3). We show that  $(\mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{T})$  is a topological space.

- Take an arbitrary collection  $\{\mathcal{F}_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \mathfrak{T}$ ; then  $\bigcup \{F : F \in \mathcal{F}_i\}$  is open in  $X$  for each  $i \in I$ . Hence,  $\bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}_i \in \mathfrak{T}$  since

$$\bigcup_{F \in \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}_i} F = \bigcup_{i \in I} \left( \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_i} F \right)$$

is open in  $X$ .

- Let  $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2 \in \mathfrak{T}$ ; then  $\bigcup_{E \in \mathcal{F}_1} E$  and  $\bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_2} F$  are open in  $X$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{F}_1 \cap \mathcal{F}_2 \in \mathfrak{T}$  since

$$\bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_1 \cap \mathcal{F}_2} F = \left( \bigcup_{E \in \mathcal{F}_1} E \right) \cap \left( \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_2} F \right)$$

is open in  $X$ .

- $\emptyset \in \mathfrak{T}$  since  $\bigcup \emptyset = \emptyset$  is open in  $X$ ; finally,  $\mathcal{D} \in \mathfrak{T}$  since  $\bigcup \mathcal{D} = X$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 77. *The topology on a decomposition space  $\mathcal{D}$  of  $X$  is the quotient topology induced by the natural map  $P: X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ . (See 9.6.)*

PROOF. Let  $\mathfrak{T}$  be the decomposition topology of  $\mathcal{D}$ , and let  $\mathfrak{T}_P$  be the quotient topology induced by  $P$ . Take an open set  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathfrak{T}$ ; then  $\bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} F$  is open in  $X$ . Hence,

$$P^{-1}(\mathcal{F}) = P^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} F\right) = \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} P^{-1}(F) = \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} F$$

is open in  $X$ , and so  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathfrak{T}_P$ . We thus proved that  $\mathfrak{T} \subset \mathfrak{T}_P$ .

Next take an arbitrary  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathfrak{T}_P$ . By definition, we have  $P^{-1}(\mathcal{F}) = \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} F$  is open in  $X$ . But then  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathfrak{T}$ .

We finally prove Theorem 9.7 (McCleary, 2006, Theorem 4.18): *Suppose  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a quotient map. Suppose  $\sim$  is the equivalence relation defined on  $X$  by  $x \sim x'$  if  $f(x) = f(x')$ . Then the quotient space  $X/\sim$  is homeomorphic to  $Y$ .*

By the definition of the equivalence relation, we have the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ P \downarrow & \searrow h \circ P = f & \parallel \\ X/\sim & \xrightarrow{h} & Y \end{array}$$

Define  $h: X/\sim \rightarrow Y$  by letting  $h([x]) = f(x)$ . It is well-defined. Notice that  $h \circ P = f$  since for each  $x \in X$  we obtain

$$(h \circ P)(x) = h(P(x)) = h([x]) = f(x).$$

Both  $f$  and  $P$  are quotient maps so  $h$  is continuous by Theorem 9.4. We show that  $h$  is injective, surjective and  $h^{-1}$  is continuous, which implies that  $h$  is a homeomorphism. If  $h([x]) = h([x'])$ , then  $f(x) = f(x')$  and so  $x \sim x'$ ; that is,  $[x] = [x']$ , and  $h$  is injective. If  $y \in Y$ , then  $y = f(x)$  since  $f$  is surjective and  $h([x]) = f(x) = y$  so  $h$  is surjective. To see that  $h^{-1}$  is continuous, observe that since  $f$  is a quotient map and  $P$  is a quotient map, this shows  $P = h^{-1} \circ f$  and Theorem 9.4 implies that  $h^{-1}$  is continuous.  $\square$



# 4

## CONVERGENCE

### 4.1 INADEQUACY OF SEQUENCES

#### 10B. Sequential Convergence and Continuity

► EXERCISE 78. Find spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  and a function  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  which is not continuous, but which has the property that  $F(x_n) \rightarrow F(x)$  in  $Y$  whenever  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ .

PROOF. Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$  and  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $F: \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by letting  $F(f) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f(x)|$ . Then  $F$  is not continuous: Let

$$E = \left\{ f \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} : f(x) = 0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ and } f(x) = 0 \text{ only finitely often} \right\},$$

and let  $g \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$  be the function which is 0 everywhere. Then  $g \in \bar{E}$ . However,  $0 \in F[\bar{E}]$  since  $F(g) = 0$ , and  $\bar{F[E]} = \{1\}$ .  $\square$

#### 10C. Topology of First-Countable Spaces

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be first-countable spaces.

► EXERCISE 79.  $U \subset X$  is open iff whenever  $x_n \rightarrow x \in U$ , then  $(x_n)$  is eventually in  $U$ .

PROOF. If  $U$  is open and  $x_n \rightarrow x \in U$ , then  $x$  has a nhood  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subset U$ . By definition of convergence, there is some positive integer  $n_0$  such that  $n \geq n_0$  implies  $x_n \in V \subset U$ ; hence,  $(x_n)$  is eventually in  $U$ .

Conversely, suppose that whenever  $x_n \rightarrow x \in U$ , then  $(x_n)$  is eventually in  $U$ . If  $U$  is not open, then there exists  $x \in U$  such that for every nhood  $V$  of  $x$  we have  $V \cap (X \setminus U) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $X$  is first-countable, we can pick a countable nhood base  $\{V_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  at  $x$ . Replacing  $V_n = \bigcap_{i=1}^n V_i$  where necessary, we may assume that  $V_1 \supset V_2 \supset \dots$ . Now  $V_n \cap (X \setminus U) \neq \emptyset$  for each  $n$ , so we can pick  $x_n \in V_n \cap (X \setminus U)$ . The result is a sequence  $(x_n)$  contained in  $X \setminus U$

which converges to  $x \in U$ ; that is,  $x_n \rightarrow x$  but  $(x_n)$  is not eventually in  $U$ . A contradiction.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 80.  $F \subset X$  is closed iff whenever  $(x_n)$  is contained in  $F$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then  $x \in F$ .

PROOF. Let  $F$  be closed; let  $(x_n)$  be contained in  $F$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . Then  $x \in \bar{F} = F$ .

Conversely, assume that whenever  $(x_n)$  is contained in  $F$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then  $x \in F$ . It follows from Theorem 10.4 that  $x \in \bar{F}$  with the hypothesis; therefore,  $\bar{F} \subset F$ , i.e.,  $\bar{F} = F$  and so  $F$  is closed.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 81.  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous iff whenever  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ , then  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$  in  $Y$ .

PROOF. Suppose  $f$  is continuous and  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . Since  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ , for every nhoo  $V$  of  $f(x)$  in  $Y$ , there exists a nhoo  $U$  of  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ . Since  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , there exists  $n_0$  such that  $n \geq n_0$  implies that  $x_n \in U$ . Hence, for every nhoo  $V$  of  $f(x)$ , there exists  $n_0$  such that  $n \geq n_0$  implies that  $f(x_n) \in V$ ; that is,  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ .

Conversely, let the criterion hold. Suppose that  $f$  is not continuous. Then there exists  $x \in X$  and a nhoo  $V$  of  $f(x)$ , such that for every nhoo base  $U_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , of  $x$ , there is  $x_n \in U_n$  with  $f(x_n) \notin V$ . By letting  $U_1 \supset U_2 \supset \dots$ , we have  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and so  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ ; that is, eventually,  $f(x_n)$  is in  $V$ . A contradiction.  $\square$

## 4.2 NETS

### 11A. Examples of Net Convergence

► EXERCISE 82. In  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ , let

$$E = \left\{ f \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} : f(x) = 0 \text{ or } 1, \text{ and } f(x) = 0 \text{ only finitely often} \right\},$$

and  $g$  be the function in  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$  which is identically 0. Then, in the product topology on  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $g \in \bar{E}$ . Find a net  $(f_\lambda)$  in  $E$  which converges to  $g$ .

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{U}_g = \{U(g, F, \varepsilon) : \varepsilon > 0, F \subset \mathbb{R} \text{ a finite set}\}$  be the nhoo base of  $g$ . Order  $\mathcal{U}_g$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} U(g, F_1, \varepsilon_1) \leq U(g, F_2, \varepsilon_2) &\iff U(g, F_2, \varepsilon_2) \subset U(g, F_1, \varepsilon_1) \\ &\iff F_1 \subset F_2 \text{ and } \varepsilon_2 \leq \varepsilon_1. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mathcal{U}_g$  is a directed set. So we have a net  $(f_{F,\varepsilon})$  converging to  $g$ .  $\square$

## 11B. Subnets and Cluster Points

► EXERCISE 83. *Every subnet of an ultranet is an ultranet.*

PROOF. Take an arbitrary subset  $E \subset X$ . Let  $(x_\lambda)$  be an ultranet in  $X$ , and suppose that  $(x_\lambda)$  is residually in  $E$ , i.e., there exists some  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  implies that  $x_\lambda \in E$ . If  $(x_{\lambda_\mu})$  is a subnet of  $(x_\lambda)$ , then there exists some  $\mu_0$  such that  $\lambda_{\mu_0} \geq \lambda_0$ . Then for every  $\mu \geq \mu_0$ , we have  $\lambda_\mu \geq \lambda_0$ , and so  $\mu \geq \mu_0$  implies that  $x_{\lambda_\mu} \in E$ ; that is,  $(x_{\lambda_\mu})$  is residually in  $E$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 84. *Every net has a subnet which is an ultranet.*

PROOF. See [Adamson \(1996, Exercise 127, p. 40\)](#).  $\square$

► EXERCISE 85. *If an ultranet has  $x$  as a cluster point, then it converges to  $x$ .*

PROOF. Let  $(x_\lambda)$  be an ultranet, and  $x$  be a cluster point of  $(x_\lambda)$ . Let  $U$  be a nhood of  $x$ . Then  $(x_\lambda)$  lies in  $U$  eventually since for any  $\lambda_0$  there exists  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  such that  $x_\lambda \in U$ .  $\square$

## 11D. Nets Describe Topologies

► EXERCISE 86. *Nets have the following four properties:*

- if  $x_\lambda = x$  for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , then  $x_\lambda \rightarrow x$ ,*
- if  $x_\lambda \rightarrow x$ , then every subnet of  $(x_\lambda)$  converges to  $x$ ,*
- if every subnet of  $(x_\lambda)$  has a subnet converging to  $x$ , then  $(x_\lambda)$  converges to  $x$ ,*
- (Diagonal principal) if  $x_\lambda \rightarrow x$  and, for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , a net  $(x_\mu^\lambda)_{\mu \in M_\lambda}$  converges to  $x_\lambda$ , then there is a diagonal net converging to  $x$ ; i.e., the net  $(x_\mu^\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda, \mu \in M_\lambda}$ , ordered lexicographically by  $\Lambda$ , then by  $M_\lambda$ , has a subnet which converges to  $x$ .*

PROOF. **(a)** If the net  $(x_\lambda)$  is trivial, then for each nhood  $U$  of  $x$ , we have  $x_\lambda \in U$  for all  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Hence,  $x_\lambda \rightarrow x$ .

**(b)** Let  $(x_{\varphi(\mu)})_{\mu \in M}$  be a subnet of  $(x_\lambda)$ . Take any nhood  $U$  of  $x$ . Then there exists  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  implies that  $x_\lambda \in U$  since  $x_\lambda \rightarrow x$ . Since  $\varphi$  is cofinal in  $\Lambda$ , there exists  $\mu_0 \in M$  such that  $\varphi(\mu_0) \geq \lambda_0$ ; since  $\varphi$  is increasing,  $\mu \geq \mu_0$  implies that  $\varphi(\mu) \geq \varphi(\mu_0) \geq \lambda_0$ . Hence, there exists  $\mu_0 \in M$  such that  $\mu \geq \mu_0$  implies that  $x_{\varphi(\mu)} \in U$ ; that is,  $x_{\varphi(\mu)} \rightarrow x$ .

**(c)** Suppose by way of contradiction that  $(x_\lambda)$  does not converge to  $x$ . Then there exists a nhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that for any  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , there exists some  $\varphi(\lambda) \geq \lambda$  with  $x_{\varphi(\lambda)} \notin U$ . Then  $(x_{\varphi(\lambda)})$  is a subnet of  $(x_\lambda)$ , but which has no converging subnets.

(d) Order  $\{(\lambda, \mu) : \lambda \in \Lambda, \mu \in M_\lambda\}$  as follows:

$$(\lambda_1, \mu_1) \leq (\lambda_2, \mu_2) \iff \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2, \text{ or } \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 \text{ and } \mu_1 \leq \mu_2.$$

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be the nhood system of  $x$  which is ordered by  $U_1 \leq U_2$  iff  $U_2 \subset U_1$  for all  $U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{U}$ . Define

$$\Gamma = \{(\lambda, U) : \lambda \in \Lambda, U \in \mathcal{U} \text{ such that } x^\lambda \in U\}.$$

Order  $\Gamma$  as follows:  $(\lambda_1, U_1) \leq (\lambda_2, U_2)$  iff  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2$  and  $U_2 \subset U_1$ . For each  $(\lambda, U) \in \Gamma$  pick  $\mu_\lambda \in M_\lambda$  so that  $x_{\mu_\lambda}^\lambda \in U$  for all  $\mu \geq \mu_\lambda$  (such a  $\mu_\lambda$  exists since  $x_\mu^\lambda \rightarrow x^\lambda$  and  $x^\lambda \in U$ ). Define  $\varphi: (\lambda, U) \mapsto x_{\mu_\lambda}^\lambda$  for all  $(\lambda, U) \in \Gamma$ . It is now easy to see that this subnet converges to  $x$ .  $\square$

### 4.3 FILTERS

#### 12A. Examples of Filter Convergence

► EXERCISE 87. *Show that if a filter in a metric space converges, it must converge to a unique point.*

PROOF. Suppose a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  in a metric space  $(X, d)$  converges to  $x, y \in X$ . If  $x \neq y$ , then there exists  $r > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{B}(x, r) \cap \mathbb{B}(y, r) = \emptyset$ . But since  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow x$  and  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow y$ , we must have  $\mathbb{B}(x, r) \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathbb{B}(y, r) \in \mathcal{F}$ . This contradicts the fact that the intersection of every two elements in a filter is nonempty. Thus,  $x = y$ .  $\square$

#### 12C. Ultrafilters: Uniqueness

► EXERCISE 88. *If a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  is contained in a unique ultrafilter  $\mathcal{F}'$ , then  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}'$ .*

PROOF. We first show: *Every filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on a non-empty set  $X$  is the intersection of the family of ultrafilters which include  $\mathcal{F}$ .*

Let  $E$  be a set which does not belong to  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then for each set  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  we cannot have  $F \subset E$  and hence we must have  $F \cap E^c \neq \emptyset$ . So  $\mathcal{F} \cup \{E^c\}$  generates a filter on  $X$ , which is included in some ultrafilter  $\mathcal{F}_E$ . Since  $E^c \in \mathcal{F}_E$  we must have  $E \notin \mathcal{F}_E$ . Thus  $E$  does not belong to the intersection of the set of all ultrafilters which include  $\mathcal{F}$ . Hence this intersection is just the filter  $\mathcal{F}$  itself.

Now, if  $\mathcal{F}$  is contained in a unique ultrafilter  $\mathcal{F}'$ , we must have  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}'$ .  $\square$



## 12D. Nets and Filters: The Translation Process

► EXERCISE 89. A net  $(x_\lambda)$  has  $x$  as a cluster point iff the filter generated by  $(x_\lambda)$  has  $x$  as a cluster point.

PROOF. Suppose  $x$  is a cluster point of the net  $(x_\lambda)$ . Then for every nhood  $U$  of  $x$ , we have  $x_\lambda \in U$  i. o. But then  $U$  meets every  $B_{\lambda_0} := \{x_\lambda : \lambda \geq \lambda_0\}$ , the filter base of the filter  $\mathcal{F}$  generated by  $(x_\lambda)$ ; that is,  $x$  is a cluster point of  $\mathcal{F}$ . The converse implication is obvious.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 90. A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  has  $x$  as a cluster point iff the net based on  $\mathcal{F}$  has  $x$  as a cluster point.

PROOF. Suppose  $x$  is a cluster point of  $\mathcal{F}$ . If  $U$  is a nhood of  $x$ , then  $U$  meets every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then for an arbitrary  $(p, F) \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{F}}$ , pick  $q \in F \cap U$  so that  $(q, F) \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{F}}$ ,  $(q, F) \geq (p, F)$ , and  $P(p, F) = p \in U$ ; that is,  $x$  is a cluster point of the net based on  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Conversely, suppose the net based on  $\mathcal{F}$  has  $x$  as a cluster point. Let  $U$  be a nhood of  $x$ . Then for every  $(p_0, F_0) \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{F}}$ , there exists  $(p, F) \geq (p_0, F_0)$  such that  $p \in U$ . Then  $F_0 \cap U \neq \emptyset$ , and so  $x$  is a cluster point of  $\mathcal{F}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 91. If  $(x_{\lambda_\mu})$  is a subnet of  $(x_\lambda)$ , then the filter generated by  $(x_{\lambda_\mu})$  is finer than the filter generated by  $(x_\lambda)$ .

PROOF. Suppose  $(x_{\lambda_\mu})$  is a subnet of  $(x_\lambda)$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}_{\lambda_\mu}$  be the filter generated by  $(x_{\lambda_\mu})$ , and  $\mathcal{F}_\lambda$  be the filter generated by  $(x_\lambda)$ . Then the base generating  $\mathcal{F}_{\lambda_\mu}$  is the sets  $B_{\lambda_{\mu_0}} = \{x_{\lambda_\mu} : \mu \geq \mu_0\}$ , and the base generating  $\mathcal{F}_\lambda$  is the sets  $B_{\lambda_0} = \{x_\lambda : \lambda \geq \lambda_0\}$ . For each such a  $B_{\lambda_{\mu_0}}$ , there exists  $\mu_0$  such that  $\lambda_{\mu_0} \geq \lambda_0$ ; that is,  $B_{\lambda_{\mu_0}} \subset B_{\lambda_0}$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{F}_\lambda \subset \mathcal{F}_{\lambda_\mu}$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 92. The net based on an ultrafilter is an ultranet and the filter generated by an ultranet is an ultrafilter.

PROOF. Suppose  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter. Let  $E \subset X$  and we assume that  $E \in \mathcal{F}$ . Pick  $p \in E$ . If  $(q, F) \geq (p, E)$ , then  $q \in E$ ; that is,  $P(p, F) \in E$  ev. Hence, the net based on  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultranet.

Conversely, suppose  $(x_\lambda)$  is an ultranet. Let  $E \subset X$  and we assume that there exists  $\lambda_0$  such that  $x_\lambda \in E$  for all  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Then  $B_{\lambda_0} = \{x_\lambda : \lambda \geq \lambda_0\} \subset E$  and so  $E \in \mathcal{F}$ , where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the filter generated by  $(x_\lambda)$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 93. The net based on a free ultrafilter is a nontrivial ultranet. Hence, assuming the axiom of choice, there are nontrivial ultranets.

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a free ultrafilter, and  $(x_\lambda)$  be the net based on  $\mathcal{F}$ . It follows from the previous exercise that  $(x_\lambda)$  is an ultranet. If  $(x_\lambda)$  is trivial, i.e.,  $x_\lambda = x$  for some  $x \in X$  and all  $\lambda \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{F}}$ , then for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ , we must have  $F = \{x\}$ . But then  $\bigcap \mathcal{F} = \{x\} \neq \emptyset$ ; that is,  $\mathcal{F}$  is fixed. A contradiction.

Now, for instance, the Frechet filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  is contained in some free ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$  by Example (b) when the Axiom of Choice is assumed. Hence, the net based on  $\mathcal{G}$  is a nontrivial ultranet.  $\square$

# 5

## SEPARATION AND COUNTABILITY

### 5.1 THE SEPARATION AXIOMS

#### 13B. $T_0$ - and $T_1$ -Spaces

► EXERCISE 94. Any subspace of a  $T_0$ - or  $T_1$ -space is, respectively,  $T_0$  or  $T_1$ .

PROOF. Let  $X$  be a  $T_0$ -space, and  $A \subset X$ . Let  $x$  and  $y$  be distinct points in  $A$ . Then, say, there exists an open nhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $y \notin U$ . Then  $U \cap A$  is relatively open in  $A$ , contains  $x$ , and  $y \notin A \cap U$ . The  $T_1$  case can be proved similarly.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 95. Any nonempty product space is  $T_0$  or  $T_1$  iff each factor space is, respectively,  $T_0$  or  $T_1$ .

PROOF. If  $X_\alpha$  is a  $T_0$ -space, for each  $\alpha \in A$ , and  $x \neq y$  in  $\prod X_\alpha$ , then for some coordinate  $\alpha$  we have  $x_\alpha \neq y_\alpha$ , so there exists an open set  $U_\alpha$  containing, say,  $x_\alpha$  but not  $y_\alpha$ . Now  $\pi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha)$  is an open set in  $\prod X_\alpha$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$ . Thus,  $\prod X_\alpha$  is  $T_0$ .

Conversely, if  $\prod X_\alpha$  is a nonempty  $T_0$ -space, pick a fixed point  $b_\alpha \in X_\alpha$ , for each  $\alpha \in A$ . Then the subspace  $B_\alpha := \{x \in \prod X_\alpha : x_\beta = b_\beta \text{ unless } \beta = \alpha\}$  is  $T_0$ , by Exercise 94, and is homeomorphic to  $X_\alpha$  under the restriction to  $B_\alpha$  of the projection map. Thus  $X_\alpha$  is  $T_0$ , for each  $\alpha \in A$ . The  $T_1$  case is similar.  $\square$

#### 13C. The $T_0$ -Identification

For any topological space  $X$ , define  $\sim$  by  $x \sim y$  iff  $\overline{\{x\}} = \overline{\{y\}}$ .

► EXERCISE 96.  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$ .

PROOF. Straightforward.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 97. The resulting quotient space  $X/\sim = \tilde{X}$  is  $T_0$ .

PROOF. We first show that  $X$  is  $T_0$  iff whenever  $x \neq y$  then  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$ . If  $X$  is  $T_0$  and  $x \neq y$ , then there exists an open nhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $y \notin U$ ; then  $y \notin \overline{\{x\}}$ . Since  $y \in \overline{\{y\}}$ , we have  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$ . Conversely, suppose that  $x \neq y$  implies that  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$ . Take any  $x \neq y$  in  $X$  and we show that there exists an open nhood of one of the two points such that the other point is not in  $U$ . If not, then  $y \in \overline{\{x\}}$ ; since  $\overline{\{x\}}$  is closed, we have  $\overline{\{y\}} \subset \overline{\{x\}}$ ; similarly,  $\overline{\{x\}} \subset \overline{\{y\}}$ . A contradiction.

Now take any  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$  in  $X/\sim$ . Then  $\overline{\{x\}} = \overline{\overline{\{x\}}} \neq \overline{\overline{\{y\}}} = \overline{\{y\}}$ . Hence,  $X/\sim$  is  $T_0$ .  $\square$

### 13D. The Zariski Topology

For a polynomial  $P$  in  $n$  real variables, let  $Z(P) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : P(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the collection of all such polynomials.

► EXERCISE 98.  $\{Z(P) : P \in \mathcal{P}\}$  is a base for the closed sets of a topology (the Zariski topology) on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

PROOF. Denote  $\mathcal{Z} := \{Z(P) : P \in \mathcal{P}\}$ . If  $Z(P_1)$  and  $Z(P_2)$  belong to  $\mathcal{Z}$ , then  $Z(P_1) \cup Z(P_2) = Z(P_1 \cdot P_2) \in \mathcal{Z}$  since  $P_1 \cdot P_2 \in \mathcal{P}$ . Further,  $\bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{P}} Z(P) = \emptyset$  since there are  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  with  $Z(P) = \emptyset$  (for instance,  $P = 1 + X_1^2 + \dots + X_n^2$ ). It follows from Exercise 48 that  $\mathcal{Z}$  is a base for the closed sets of the Zariski topology on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 99. The Zariski topology on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is  $T_1$  but not  $T_2$ .

PROOF. To verify that the Zariski topology is  $T_1$ , we show that every singleton set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is closed (by Theorem 13.4). For each  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , define a polynomial  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  as follows:

$$P = (X_1 - x_1)^2 + \dots + (X_n - x_n)^2.$$

Then  $Z(P) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n)\}$ ; that is,  $\{(x_1, \dots, x_n)\}$  is closed.

To see the Zariski topology is not  $T_2$ , consider the  $\mathbb{R}$  case. In  $\mathbb{R}$ , the Zariski topology coincides with the cofinite topology (see Exercise 100). It is well known that the cofinite topology is not Hausdorff (Example 13.5(a)).  $\square$

► EXERCISE 100. On  $\mathbb{R}$ , the Zariski topology coincides with the cofinite topology; in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n > 1$ , they are different.

PROOF. On  $\mathbb{R}$ , every  $Z(P)$  is finite. So on  $\mathbb{R}$  every closed set in the Zariski topology is finite since every closed set is an intersection of some subfamily of  $\mathcal{Z}$ . However, if  $n > 1$ , then  $Z(P)$  can be infinite: for example, consider the polynomial  $X_1 X_2$  (let  $X_1 = 0$ , then all  $X_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  is a solution).  $\square$

## 13H. Open Images of Hausdorff Spaces

► EXERCISE 101. Given any set  $X$ , there is a Hausdorff space  $Y$  which is the union of a collection  $\{Y_x : x \in X\}$  of disjoint subsets, each dense in  $Y$ .

PROOF. □

## 5.2 REGULARITY AND COMPLETE REGULARITY

THEOREM 5.1 (Dugundji 1966). a. Let  $P : X \rightarrow Y$  be a closed map. Given any subset  $S \subset Y$  and any open  $U$  containing  $P^{-1}(S)$ , there exists an open  $V \supset S$  such that  $P^{-1}(V) \subset U$ .

b. Let  $P : X \rightarrow Y$  be an open map. Given any subset  $S \subset Y$ , and any closed  $A$  containing  $P^{-1}S$ , there exists a closed  $B \supset S$  such that  $P^{-1}(B) \subset A$ .

PROOF. It is enough to prove (a). Let  $V = Y \setminus P(X \setminus U)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} P^{-1}(S) \subset U &\implies X \setminus U \subset X \setminus P^{-1}(S) = P^{-1}(Y \setminus S) \\ &\implies P(X \setminus U) \subset P[P^{-1}(Y \setminus S)] \\ &\implies Y \setminus P[P^{-1}(Y \setminus S)] \subset V. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P[P^{-1}(Y \setminus S)] \subset Y \setminus S$ , we obtain

$$S = Y \setminus (Y \setminus S) \subset Y \setminus P[P^{-1}(Y \setminus S)] \subset V;$$

that is,  $S \subset V$ . Because  $P$  is closed,  $V$  is open in  $Y$ . Observing that

$$P^{-1}(V) = X \setminus P^{-1}[P(X \setminus U)] \subset X \setminus (X \setminus U) = U$$

completes the proof. □

THEOREM 5.2 (Theorem 14.6). If  $X$  is  $T_3$  and  $f$  is a continuous, open and closed map of  $X$  onto  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is  $T_2$ .

PROOF. By Theorem 13.11, it is sufficient to show that the set

$$A := \{(x_1, x_2) \in X \times X : f(x_1) = f(x_2)\}$$

is closed in  $X \times X$ . If  $(x_1, x_2) \notin A$ , then  $x_1 \notin f^{-1}[f(x_2)]$ . Since a  $T_3$ -space is  $T_1$ , the singleton set  $\{x_2\}$  is closed in  $X$ ; since  $f$  is closed,  $\{f(x_2)\}$  is closed in  $Y$ ; since  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}[f(x_2)]$  is closed in  $X$ . Because  $X$  is  $T_3$ , there are disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  with

$$x_1 \in U, \quad \text{and} \quad f^{-1}[f(x_2)] \subset V.$$

Since  $f$  is closed, it follows from [Theorem 5.1](#) that there exists open set  $W \subset Y$  such that  $\{f(x_2)\} \subset W$ , and  $f^{-1}(W) \subset V$ ; that is,

$$f^{-1}[f(x_2)] \subset f^{-1}(W) \subset V.$$

Then  $U \times f^{-1}(W)$  is a nhood of  $(x_1, x_2)$ . We finally show that  $[U \times f^{-1}(W)] \cap A = \emptyset$ . If there exists  $(y_1, y_2) \in A$  such that  $(y_1, y_2) \in U \times f^{-1}(W)$ , then  $y_1 \in f^{-1}[f(y_2)] \subset f^{-1}(W)$ ; that is,  $y_1 \in U \times f^{-1}(W)$ . However,  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  and  $f^{-1}(W) \subset V$  imply that  $U \cap f^{-1}(W) = \emptyset$ . A contradiction.  $\square$

**DEFINITION 5.3.** If  $X$  is a space and  $A \subset X$ , then  $X/A$  denotes the quotient space obtained via the equivalence relation whose equivalence classes are  $A$  and the single point sets  $\{x\}$ ,  $x \in X \setminus A$ .

**THEOREM 5.4.** *If  $X$  is  $T_3$  and  $Y$  is obtained from  $X$  by identifying a single closed set  $A$  in  $X$  with a point, then  $Y$  is  $T_2$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $A$  be a closed subset of a  $T_3$ -space  $X$ . Then  $X \setminus A$  is an open subset in both  $X$  and  $X/A$  and its two subspace topologies agree. Thus, points in  $X \setminus A \subset X/A$  are different from  $[A]$  and have disjoint nhoods as  $X$  is Hausdorff. Finally, for  $x \in X \setminus A$ , there exist disjoint open nhoods  $V(x)$  and  $W(A)$ . Their images,  $f(V)$  and  $f(W)$ , are disjoint open nhoods of  $x$  and  $[A]$  in  $X/A$ , because  $V = f^{-1}[f(V)]$  and  $W = f^{-1}[f(W)]$  are disjoint open sets in  $X$ .  $\square$

## 5.3 NORMAL SPACES

### 15B. Completely Normal Spaces

► **EXERCISE 102.**  *$X$  is completely normal iff whenever  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $X$  with  $A \cap \bar{B} = \bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$ , then there are disjoint open sets  $U \supset A$  and  $V \supset B$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose that whenever  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $X$  with  $A \cap \bar{B} = \bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$ , then there are disjoint open sets  $U \supset A$  and  $V \supset B$ . Let  $Y \subset X$ , and  $C, D \subset Y$  be disjoint closed subsets of  $Y$ . Hence,

$$\emptyset = \text{cl}_Y(C) \cap \text{cl}_Y(D) = [\bar{C} \cap Y] \cap [\bar{D} \cap Y] = \bar{C} \cap [\bar{D} \cap Y].$$

Since  $D \subset \text{cl}_Y(D)$ , we have  $\bar{C} \cap D = \emptyset$ . Similarly,  $C \cap \bar{D} = \emptyset$ . Hence there are disjoint open sets  $U'$  and  $V'$  in  $X$  such that  $C \subset U'$  and  $D \subset V'$ . Let  $U = U' \cap Y$  and  $V = V' \cap Y$ . Then  $U$  and  $V$  are open in  $Y$ ,  $C \subset U$ , and  $D \subset V$ ; that is,  $Y$  is normal, and so  $X$  is completely normal.

Now suppose that  $X$  is completely normal and consider the subspace  $Y := X \setminus (\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})$ . We first show that  $A, B \subset Y$ . If  $A \not\subset Y$ , then there exists  $x \in A$  with  $x \notin Y$ ; that is,  $x \in \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$ . But then  $x \in A \cap \bar{B}$ . A contradiction. Similarly for  $B$ . In the normal space  $Y$ , we have

$$\text{cl}_Y(A) \cap \text{cl}_Y(B) = [\bar{A} \cap Y] \cap [\bar{B} \cap Y] = (\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}) \cap [X \setminus (\bar{A} \cap \bar{B})] = \emptyset.$$

Therefore, there exist disjoint open sets  $U \supset \text{cl}_Y(A)$  and  $V \supset \text{cl}_Y(B)$ . Since  $A \subset \text{cl}_Y(A)$  and  $B \subset \text{cl}_Y(B)$ , we get the desired result.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 103. *Why can't the method used to show every subspace of a regular space is regular be carried over to give a proof that every subspace of a normal space is normal?*

PROOF. In the first proof, if  $A \subset Y \subset X$  is closed in  $Y$  and  $x \in Y \setminus A$ , then there must exist closed set  $B$  in  $X$  such that  $x \notin B$ . This property is not applied if  $\{x\}$  is replaced a general closed set  $B$  in  $Y$ .  $\square$

► EXERCISE 104. *Every metric space is completely normal.*

PROOF. Every subspace of a metric space is a metric space; every metric space is normal [Royden and Fitzpatrick \(2010, Proposition 11.7\)](#).  $\square$

## 5.4 COUNTABILITY PROPERTIES

### 16A. First Countable Spaces

► EXERCISE 105. *Every subspace of a first-countable space is first countable.*

PROOF. Let  $A \subset X$ . If  $x \in A$ , then  $V$  is a nhod of  $x$  in  $A$  iff  $V = U \cap A$ , where  $U$  is a nhod of  $x \in X$  (Theorem 6.3(d)).  $\square$

► EXERCISE 106. *A product  $\times X_\alpha$  of first-countable spaces is first countable iff each  $X_\alpha$  is first countable, and all but countably many of the  $X_\alpha$  are trivial spaces.*

PROOF. If  $\times X_\alpha$  is first-countable, then each  $X_\alpha$  is first countable since it is homeomorphic to a subspace of  $\times X_\alpha$ . If the number of the family of untrivial sets  $\{X_\alpha\}$  is uncountable, then for  $x \in \times X_\alpha$  the number of nhod bases is uncountable.  $\square$

► EXERCISE 107. *The continuous image of a first-countable space need not be first countable; but the continuous open image of a first-countable space is first countable.*

PROOF. Let  $X$  be a discrete topological space. Then any function defined on  $X$  is continuous.

Now suppose that  $X$  is first countable, and  $f$  is a continuous open map of  $X$  onto  $Y$ . Pick an arbitrary  $y \in Y$ . Let  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ , and  $\mathcal{U}_x$  be a countable nhod base of  $x$ . If  $W$  is a nhod of  $y$ , then there is a nhod  $V$  of  $x$  such that

$f(V) \subset W$  since  $f$  is continuous. So there exists  $U \in \mathcal{U}_x$  with  $f(U) \subset W$ . This proves that  $\{f(U) : U \in \mathcal{U}_x\}$  is a neighborhood base of  $y$ . Since  $\{f(U) : U \in \mathcal{U}_x\}$  is  $\square$