

# Lecture 1

CS 117, S25

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- Course goal: transition to higher level math
- "What is a proof?"  $\Rightarrow$  "Let's prove interesting things"
  - This is a mathematical writing course.
    - $\hookrightarrow$  You must back up your claims using clear, logical arguments.
    - $\hookrightarrow$  You must be able to precisely state important definitions and theorems.
  - If something doesn't make sense...
    - ① Carefully read all relevant definitions and theorems. **Get the textbook!**
    - ② Come to office hours.
    - ③ Hang in there. If you stay on top of learning definitions and theorems, things will start to make sense. If you don't, things will become more confusing.

Q: Why analysis? What is analysis?

A: It takes everything you learned in Calculus and puts it on rigorous mathematical footing.

A: Analysis is the mathematics of approximation, allowing us to...

□ quantify accuracy of mathematical models with respect to data

□ study convergence behavior in the limit of

- more data
- more computational power

□ estimate the likelihood and sensitivity of mathematical predictions

## Numbers!

Natural numbers

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

Integers

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

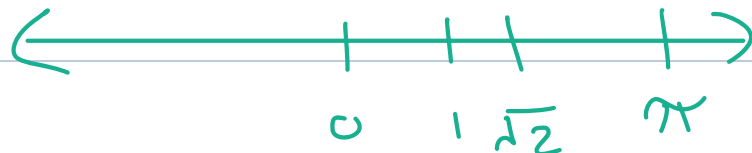
Rational numbers

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{m}{n} : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0 \right\}$$

Real numbers

$$\mathbb{R} = ?$$

Intuitively,  $\mathbb{R}$  is all the numbers on the number line...



Goal: define  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Def: A binary operation on a set  $X$  is a function from  $X \times X$  to  $X$ .

Def: (field) A set  $F$  is a field if it has two binary operations (addition and multiplication) that satisfy the following properties  $\forall a, b, c \in F$ :

- (A1)  $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$  associativity
- (A2)  $a + b = b + a$  commutativity
- (A3)  $\exists!$  element  $0 \in F$  s.t.  $\forall a \in F, a + 0 = a$ . identity
- (A4) for each  $a \in F, \exists!$   $b \in F$  s.t.  $a + b = 0$ ; denote  $-a := b$  inverse

- (M1)  $a(bc) = (ab)c$  associativity
- (M2)  $ab = ba$  commutativity
- (M3)  $\exists!$  element  $1 \in F \setminus \{0\}$  s.t.  $\forall a \in F, a \cdot 1 = a$  identity
- (M4) for each  $a \in F \setminus \{0\}, \exists!$   $b \in F$  s.t.  $ab = 1$ ; denote  $\frac{1}{a} = a^{-1} = b$  inverse

(D2)  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$  distributive law

Remark:  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  aren't fields

Thm:  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a field.

Using the definition of a field, you can rigorously prove familiar algebraic properties.

Thm: If  $F$  is a field, then  $\forall a, b \in F$ ,  
(i) if  $a+c = b+c$ , then  $a=b$ ;  
(ii)  $a \cdot 0 = 0$ .

Prf: First, we show (i). By (A4),  
 $\exists -c$  s.t.  $c + (-c) = 0$ . Thus,  
 $a+c = b+c \stackrel{(A1)}{\implies} a+c+(-c) = b+c+(-c)$   
 $\stackrel{(A4)}{\implies} a+(c-c) = b+(c-c)$   
 $\stackrel{(A3)}{\implies} a+0 = b+0$   
 $\stackrel{(A3)}{\implies} a=b$ .

We now show (ii). By (A3),  $0+0=0$ , so  
 $\forall a \in F$ ,

$$a \cdot (0+0) = a \cdot 0 \stackrel{(D2)}{\implies} a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 = a \cdot 0$$
$$\stackrel{(A3)}{\implies} a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 = a \cdot 0 + 0$$
$$\stackrel{(A2)}{\implies} a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 = 0 + a \cdot 0$$

Thus, by (i),  $a \cdot 0 = 0$ .  $\square$

The definition of a field captures our intuition of how elements in  $\mathbb{R}$  should "interact" with each other via addition and multiplication.

An equally important feature of  $\mathbb{R}$  is that we perceive its elements (possessing an "order," from left to right) on the number line!

Def (ordered field): A field  $F$  is an ordered field if it has an ordering relation  $\leq$  so that, for all  $a, b, c \in F$ ,

- (01) either  $a \leq b$  or  $b \leq a$  totality
- (02) if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a$ , then  $a = b$  antisymmetry
- (03) if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq c$ , then  $a \leq c$  transitivity
- (04) if  $a \leq b$ , then  $a + c \leq b + c$  addition
- (05) if  $a \leq b$  and  $c \geq 0$ , then  $ac \leq bc$  multiplication

Def: Given an ordered field  $F$  and  $a, b \in F$ , if  $a \leq b$  and  $a \neq b$ , then write  $a < b$ .

Using the definition of an ordered field, we can obtain many familiar rules about inequalities.

Thm: Suppose  $F$  is an ordered field.

Then  $\forall a, b, c \in F$ ,

(i)  $a \leq b \Rightarrow -b \leq -a$

(ii)  $a \leq b$  and  $c \leq 0 \Rightarrow ac \geq bc$

(iii)  $0 \leq a$  and  $0 \leq b \Rightarrow 0 \leq ab$ .

(iv)  $0 \leq a^2$ , where  $a^2 := a \cdot a$

(v)  $0 < a \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{a}$ .

Pf: We will show (i) and (iii).

To see (i), suppose  $a \leq b$ . By (04),  
 $a + (-a-b) \leq b + (-a-b)$ . By (A1-4),  
 $-b \leq -a$ .

To see (iii), suppose  $0 \leq a$  and  $0 \leq b$ ,  
by (05),  $0 \cdot b \leq a \cdot b$ .  
 $= 0$ , by previous thm  $\square$

Rmk: For any ordered field,  $0 < 1$ .

Thm:  $\mathbb{Q}$  is an ordered field.

Rmk: We will show on the homework that any ordered field  $F$  has a subfield that is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}$ .



Ex:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{bmatrix} : q \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$  is an ordered field.

Rmk: We will show on the homework that any ordered field  $F$  has a subfield that is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

An important property of an ordered field is that...

Prop: Suppose  $F$  is an ordered field. Then  $\forall p, q \in F$  with  $p < q$ ,  $\exists r \in F$  s.t.  $p < r < q$ .

Pf: Let  $2 := 1+1$ . Since  $0 < \underbrace{1}_1$ ,  $0 + \underbrace{1}_1 < \underbrace{1+1}_2$ , so  $0 < 2$ . By Thm(v),  $0 < \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $p < q$ ,  $\frac{p}{2} < \frac{q}{2}$ .

By the distributive law,

$$p + p = (1+1)p = 2p \Rightarrow \frac{p+p}{2} = p.$$

Therefore,

$$p = \frac{p+p}{2} \stackrel{(D2)}{=} \frac{p}{2} + \frac{p}{2} < \underbrace{\frac{p}{2} + \frac{q}{2}}_{r:=} < \frac{q}{2} + \frac{q}{2} = q$$

□

On any ordered field  $F$ , we may define a notion of absolute value.

Def: For any  $a \in F$ ,  $|a| := \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a \geq 0 \\ -a & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$

Thm (basic properties of  $|\cdot|$ ): For all  $a, b \in F$ ,

(i)  $|a| \geq 0$

(ii)  $|ab| = |a||b|$   $\leftarrow$  absolute value distributes over multiplication

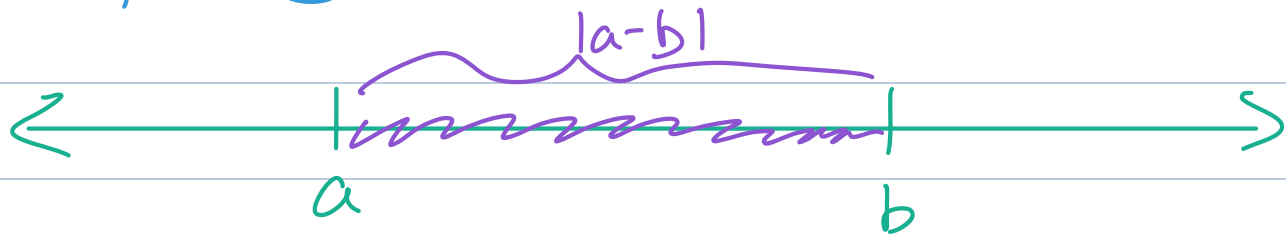
(iii)  $|a| \geq a$  and  $|a| \geq -a$

(iv)  $|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$   $\leftarrow$  Triangle inequality

Pf: Homework.

We can use the absolute value to define a notion of distance between any two elements of an ordered field.

Def: For any  $a, b \in F$ ,  
 $\text{dist}(a, b) = |a - b|$ .



Likewise, on an ordered field, we can define what it means for a set to be bounded above or below.



What about when a set "almost" has a maximum?