

Last time •  $\limsup S_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sup \{s_n \mid n \geq N\}$ .

•  $\liminf S_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \inf \{s_n \mid n \geq N\}$

• Notion of a Cauchy sequence

7.2 Convergent sequences are Cauchy.

• Converse is false in general. If every Cauchy sequence in a space  $(E, d)$  converges,  $E$  is called complete.

7.3 Any Cauchy sequence is bounded.

7.4 If  $\{s_n\}$  is Cauchy and a subsequence  $s_{n_k} \rightarrow L$  then  $s_n \rightarrow L$ .

Goal:  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is complete  $\forall n$ .

∴ We'll prove that  $\mathbb{R}$  is complete first.

(Bolzano-Weierstrass in  $\mathbb{R}$ )

Lemma 8.1 Let  $\{s_n\}$  be a bounded sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $L = \limsup s_n$ .

Then  $\exists$  a subsequence  $\{s_{n_k}\}$  st  $s_{n_k} \rightarrow L$ .

Proof Let  $v_N = \sup \{s_n \mid n \geq N\}$ . By definition  $L = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} v_N$ .

$$\Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists K \text{ st } N \geq K \Rightarrow$$

$$L - \epsilon < v_N = \sup \{s_n \mid n \geq N\} < L + \epsilon.$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists i \geq N \text{ st } L - \epsilon < s_i \leq v_N < L + \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{For } \epsilon = 1, \exists K_1 \text{ and } n_1 \geq K_1 \text{ st } L - 1 < s_{n_1} < L + 1$$

$$\text{For } \epsilon = 1/2 \exists K_2 \text{ and } n_2 \geq K_2 \text{ st } L - 1/2 < s_{n_2} \leq v_{K_2} < L + 1/2$$

Moreover by replacing  $K_2$  with  $\max(K_2, n_1 + 1)$  we may assume

$$n_2 \geq K_2 > n_1$$

Continuing this way we get a sequence

$$n_1 < n_2 < n_3 \dots < n_k < n_{k+1} < \dots$$

$$\text{so that } L - 1/k < s_{n_k} < L + 1/k \quad \forall k$$

And then  $s_{n_k} \rightarrow L$ .

Corollary 8.2  $\mathbb{R}$  is complete.

Proof Suppose  $\{s_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}$  is Cauchy. By 7.3  $\{s_n\}$  is bounded.

By 8.1  $\{s_n\}$  has a convergent subsequence  $\{s_{n_k}\}$ .

By 7.4  $s_n \rightarrow \lim s_{n_k}$ .

□

We have seen that  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d_2)$  is a metric space where

$$d_2(x, y) = \left( \sum (x_i - y_i)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

There are two more useful metrics on  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$d_1(x, y) := \sum |x_i - y_i|$$

$$\text{and } d_\infty(x, y) := \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i - y_i|.$$

Lemma 8.3  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d_1)$  is complete.

Proof Let  $\{x^{(k)} = (x_1^{(k)}, \dots, x_n^{(k)})\}_{k=1}^\infty$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  w.r.t.  $d_1$ .

Note:  $\forall j \quad |x_j - y_j| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i| = d_1(x, y) \quad (\text{all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n)$

Hence  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N$  st  $k, l > N \Rightarrow$

$$\varepsilon > d_1(x^{(k)}, x^{(l)}) \geq |x_j^{(k)} - x_j^{(l)}| \quad \forall j$$

$\Rightarrow \{x_1^{(k)}\}, \dots, \{x_n^{(k)}\}$  are Cauchy sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$

Since  $\mathbb{R}$  is complete,  $\forall j \exists L_j$  with  $x_j^{(k)} \rightarrow L_j$ .

$$\Rightarrow \forall \varepsilon, \exists N_j \text{ st } k > N_j \Rightarrow |x_j^{(k)} - L_j| < \varepsilon/n.$$

Then  $\forall k > \max\{N_1, \dots, N_n\}$ ,

$$d_1((L_1, \dots, L_n), x^{(k)}) = \sum_{j=1}^n |L_j - x_j^{(k)}| < \frac{\varepsilon}{n} + \frac{\varepsilon}{n} + \dots + \frac{\varepsilon}{n} = \varepsilon.$$

$\therefore x^{(k)} \rightarrow L$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  w.r.t.  $d_1$ .

Question: Are  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d_2)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d_\infty)$  complete?

Definition A norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a function  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \mapsto \|x\|$

so that

$$(1) \|x\| \geq 0 \quad \forall x \text{ and } \|x\| = 0 \iff x = \mathbf{0}$$

$$(2) \|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\| \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$(3) \|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

( $L_2$ -norm)

Examples  $\|x\|_2 = \left(\sum x_i^2\right)^{1/2}$  is a norm, the Euclidean norm,

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum |x_i| \quad \text{is a norm} \quad (L_1\text{-norm})$$

$$\|x\|_\infty = \max\{|x_i|\} \quad \text{is a norm.} \quad (L_\infty\text{-norm})$$

Lemma 8.4 Let  $\|\cdot\|: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a norm.

Then  $d: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$  is a metric.

Proof exercise.

Definition Two norms  $\|\cdot\|$ ,  $\|\cdot\|'$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are equivalent if

$\exists c_1, c_2 > 0$  st

$$c_1 \|x\| \leq \|x\|' \leq c_2 \|x\| \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Two metrics  $d, d'$  on a set  $E$  are equivalent if  $\exists c_1, c_2 > 0$

so that  $c_1 d(x, y) \leq d'(x, y) \leq c_2 d(x, y) \quad \forall x, y \in E.$

Theorem 8.5

$$\frac{1}{n} \|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Proof  $\downarrow$  Fix  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\|x\|_\infty = \max\{|x_1|, \dots, |x_n|\} \leq \text{so } \exists j \text{ st } \|x\|_\infty = |x_j|$$

$$\text{But then } |x_j| = (x_j^2)^{1/2} \leq \left(\sum x_i^2\right)^{1/2} = \|x\|_2$$

$$(\|x\|_2)^2 = \sum_j |x_j|^2 \leq \left(\sum |x_j|\right)^2 = (\|x\|_1)^2$$

$$\therefore \|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1.$$

$$n \|x\|_\infty = \underbrace{|x_j| + \dots + |x_j|}_n \geq |x_1| + |x_2| + \dots + |x_n| = \|x\|_1. \quad \square$$



Remark Suppose  $\|\cdot\|, \|\cdot\|'$  are two equivalent norms:

$$\exists c_1, c_2 > 0 \text{ s.t. } c_1 \|z\| \leq \|z\|' \leq c_2 \|z\| \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Then  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$c_1 \|x-y\| \leq \|x-y\|' \leq c_2 \|x-y\|$$

$\Rightarrow$  the metrics  $d(x,y) = \|x-y\|$  and  $d'(x,y) = \|x-y\|'$  are equivalent.

Lemma 8.6 Suppose  $d, d': E \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  are two equivalent metrics

- (1) A sequence  $\{s_n\} \subseteq E$  is Cauchy w.r.t.  $d \Leftrightarrow \{s_n\}$  is Cauchy w.r.t.  $d'$
- (2) A sequence  $\{s_n\} \subseteq E$  converges to  $L$  w.r.t.  $d \Leftrightarrow s_n \rightarrow L$  w.r.t.  $d'$ .

Proof Since  $d, d'$  are equivalent  $\exists c_1, c_2 > 0$  s.t.

$$(*) \quad c_1 d(x,y) \leq d'(x,y) \leq c_2 d(x,y).$$

- (1) Suppose  $\{s_n\}$  is Cauchy w.r.t.  $d'$ .

Then given  $\varepsilon > 0 \exists N$  s.t.  $n, m \geq N \Rightarrow d'(s_n, s_m) < c_1 \varepsilon$ .

Then for  $n, m \geq N$

$$d(s_n, s_m) \leq \frac{1}{c_1} d'(s_n, s_m) < \frac{1}{c_1} \cdot c_1 \varepsilon = \varepsilon.$$

$\therefore \{s_n\}$  is Cauchy w.r.t. to  $d$ .

For the converse observe that  $(*)$  holds  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{c_2} d'(x,y) \leq d(x,y) \leq \frac{1}{c_1} d'(x,y).$$

- (2) Suppose  $s_n \rightarrow L$  w.r.t.  $d'$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0 \exists N$  s.t.  
for  $n \geq N \quad d'(s_n, L) < c_1 \varepsilon$

$$\text{Then } d(s_n, L) \leq \frac{1}{c_1} d'(s_n, L) < \frac{1}{c_1} c_1 \varepsilon = \varepsilon$$

So  $s_n \rightarrow L$  w.r.t.  $d$ .

Corollary  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is complete w.r.t.  $d_2$  and w.r.t.  $d_\infty$ .