

3.3 Linearity Properties for Infinite sets of Vectors

Goal Study LCs, LI & LD, basis for ^{infinite} sets
 $S = \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots \} \subseteq (V, \oplus, \odot)$
 which are potentially infinite!

before need to study cardinality.

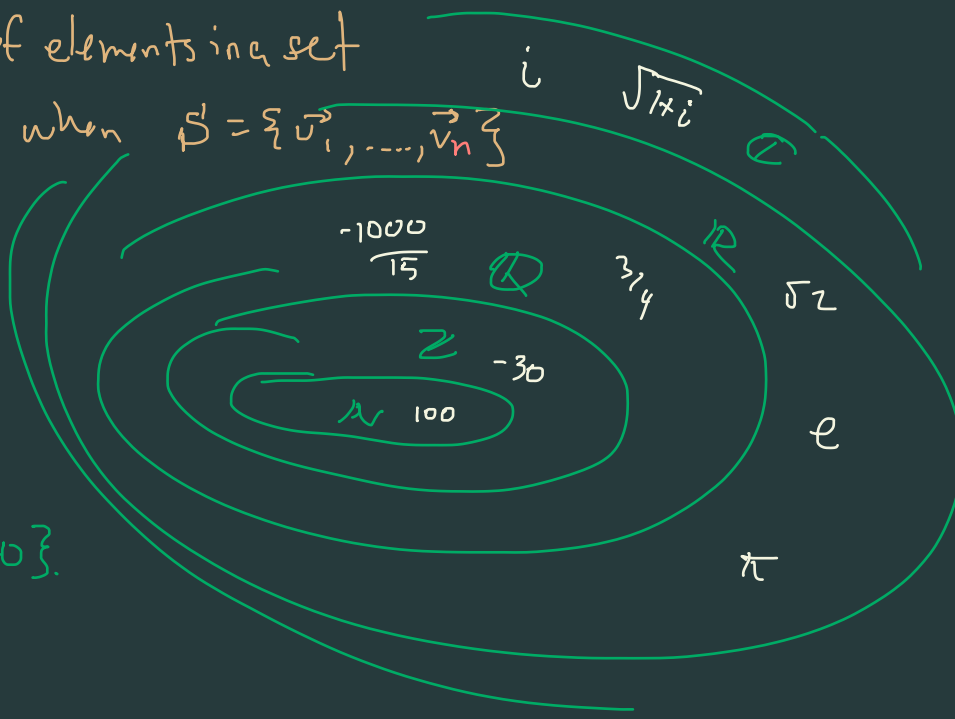
First, we need to do a deep study of infinite sets. Recall we previously introduced cardinality, but for finite sets. We now develop this concept rigorously & prove many surprising results.

Previously: Cardinality = # of elements in a set

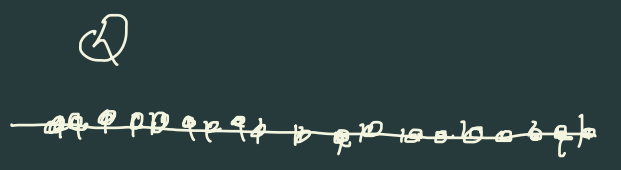
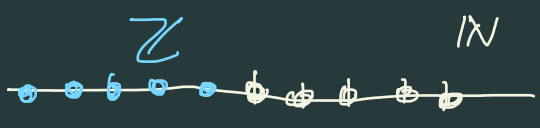
ex: $\text{Card}(S) = n$ when $S = \{ \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n \}$

Ex of Infinity sets

- $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
- $\mathbb{Z} = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
- $\mathbb{Q} = \{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0 \}$



Card() = ?
 ↳ precise | y?



Q & R look same?

Def Cardinality. "intuitively: size of a set"

let X & Y be two non-empty sets. we say X & Y have same cardinality if there's a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ that's both 1-1 (injective) & onto (surjective)

In this case: write $\text{Card}(X) = \text{Card}(Y)$.
(or $|X| = |Y|$).

Remarks (1) $\text{Card}(A)$ by itself is meaningless! Need two sets & comparing.

(2) Special cases (exceptions):

X is finite, just write $\text{Card}(X) = n$

to mean $\text{Card}(X) = \text{Card}(\{1, 2, \dots, n\})$.

Ex $\text{Card}(X) = 3 = \text{Card}(\{a, b, c\})$.

(3) Technically, this an "equivalence relations".

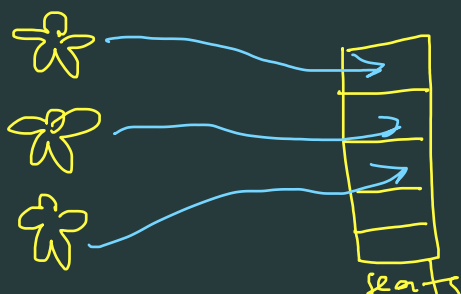
History Cantor: inventor of set theory.

↳ introduced cardinality

↳ extremely clever idea.

↳ "How to count without #'s"

called
one-to-one
correspondence



↳ Example: People & Movie Theatre (seats)

Cantor's Idea have people sit & if there's

no seats left & people standing then there's more people, etc...

$\text{Card}(\text{ps}) < \text{Card}(\text{seats})$

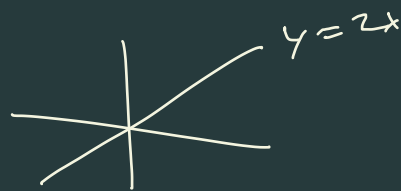
Ex Paradoxical Examples w/ Infinite Sets:

$$\mathbb{N} \text{ \& \ } \mathbb{E} = \{\text{even \#s}\}$$

Show: $\text{Card}(\mathbb{N}) = \text{Card}(\mathbb{E})$.

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}, f(n) = 2n. \quad f(x) = 2x$$

1-1 & onto.



Notation & Terminology

- Countable sets: \mathcal{X} is countable if $\text{Card}(\mathcal{X}) = \text{Card}(\mathbb{N})$
- Uncountable sets: \mathcal{X} is uncountable if it is not countable.

◦ Aleph Naught: \aleph_0 is by def $\aleph_0 = \text{Card}(\mathbb{N})$.

Remark if a set \mathcal{X} is countable this means there exists a function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ that is 1-1 & onto.

Theorem The following sets are all countable:

- a) \mathbb{N}
- b) \mathbb{E} = even natural #s
- c) \mathbb{O} = odd natural numbers
- d) \mathbb{Z}
- e) \mathbb{Q} (surprising!)

PF (b) ✓ (c) exercise. (d) $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$f \downarrow$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	...
	0	1	-1	2	-2	3	-3	...

1-1? yes, b/c each # in second list is only listed once!
onto? yes, b/c eventually every $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ will be listed...

Pf cont (e) ^{NTS} $\text{Card}(\mathbb{Q}) = \text{Card}(\mathbb{N}) = \aleph_0$

NTS: $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ "snake argument"

$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ where \mathbb{X} contains \mathbb{Q} (ie $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{X}$)

[informally, $\text{card}(\mathbb{Q}) \leq \text{card}(\mathbb{X})$ & $\text{card}(\mathbb{X}) = \aleph_0$

& also $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ so $\aleph_0 \leq \text{card}(\mathbb{Q}) \leq \aleph_0$]

\mathbb{X} : $0, 1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3, \dots$ (\mathbb{Z})

$\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{2}, -\frac{2}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, \dots$

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"snake argument"

Bonus Theorem Let \mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y} both countable sets.

Then so are:

a) $\mathbb{X} \cup \mathbb{Y}$

c) $\mathbb{X}_1 \cup \mathbb{X}_2 \cup \dots \cup \mathbb{X}_n$ (each \mathbb{X}_i countable)

b) $\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{Y}$

d) $\mathbb{X}_1 \times \mathbb{X}_2 \times \dots \times \mathbb{X}_n$ (")

e) $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{X}_i$ still countable!

Theorem (Cantor) "Cantor's Diagonalization Argument" ||

\mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{R} don't have the same cardinality!

Pf By contradiction. Assume that \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{R} have same cardinality.

So, by previous theorem \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{R} have same cardinality. By def of cardinality, there's a function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Then

\mathbb{N}	\mathbb{R}
n	x
1	3.4156.....
2	0.789.....
3	-11.11.....
4	-2.5000.....
5	0.8989113113.....
6
...

• Clever Idea #1 Use decimal expansions

$$3.415\dots = n + \frac{x_1}{10} + \frac{x_2}{100} + \frac{x_3}{1000} + \dots$$

• Clever Idea #2 build a real # not on this list

r = it differs from every # on our list by a digit!

so by "construction"

$r \neq x$ for any x in list

$$(x = f(n) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N})$$

ex whole # part = take 2

tenths part = take 6

hundredths part = take 1

thousandths part = take 8

This is a contradiction so our assumption that \mathbb{R} is countable is wrong!

so \mathbb{R} is uncountable. □

Terminology $\aleph_1 = \text{Card}(\mathbb{R})$ \aleph_1 = ^{first} uncountable infinity

Bonus Theorem def $\mathcal{P}(X) = \text{power set of } X$
= set of all subsets of X .

$$\text{Card}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})) = \text{Card}(\mathbb{R}).$$

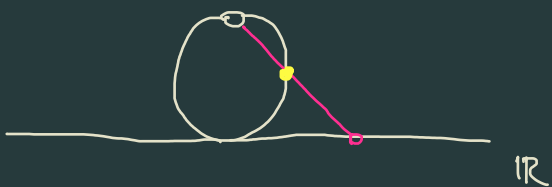
Prmk If $\text{Card}(X) = \aleph_1$, X is called uncountable.

- def • $\text{Card}(X) < \text{Card}(Y)$ means $\exists f: X \rightarrow Y$ 1-1 but no such map can also be onto.
- $\text{Card}(X) \leq \text{Card}(Y)$ means $\exists f: X \rightarrow Y$ that's 1-1 (can be onto or not)
- $\text{Card}(Y) > \text{Card}(X)$
- $\text{Card}(Y) \geq \text{Card}(X)$.

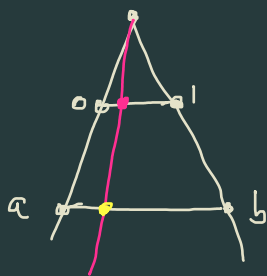
Theorem $N_1 =$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Card}(\mathbb{R}) &= \text{Card}([0,1]) = \text{Card}([a,b]) \quad (a < b) \\ &= \text{Card}(]0,1[) = \text{Card}(]a,b[) \\ &= \text{Card}([0,1[) = \text{Card}([a,b[) \\ &= \text{Card}(]0,\infty[) = \text{Card}([b,\infty[). \end{aligned}$$

Pf by Picture



$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (a,b)$$



$$\tan: \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

□

back to LA

Indexing Sets

part: $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ finite list, \vec{v}_i i is an index.

now: $S' = \{\vec{v}_i \mid i \text{ index from a set } I\}$
 I for index / not interval

Assume $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, I not empty ($I \neq \emptyset$)

$I = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ same as before.

$I = \mathbb{N}$, or $I = \mathbb{R}$

Examples $P^n = \{\text{polynomials degree } \leq n\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$

$$S' = \{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\} = \{x^i \mid i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$$

Ex $P = \{ \text{all polynomials of all degrees} \}$.

$$S = \{ 1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n, x^{n+1}, \dots \} = \{ x^i \mid i \in \mathbb{N} \} = \{ x^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}$$

$$E = \{ 1, x^2, x^4, \dots, x^{100}, \dots \} = \{ x^{2n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}.$$

Say: S, E are countably indexed (in particular, countable).

Ex $S_1 = \{ e^{kx} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \}$ (previously $\{ e^{-2x}, e^x, e^{3x} \}$ (LI set))

\hookrightarrow countably indexed.

$$S_2 = \{ e^{kx} \mid k \in \mathbb{Q} \} \quad e^{-x/2} \in S_2 \text{ but not } S_1.$$

$$S_3 = \{ e^{kx} \mid k \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

\hookrightarrow uncountably indexed.

$$S_1 \subsetneq S_2 \subsetneq S_3$$

Linear Combinations

(previously: $S = \{ \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n \}$: LC: $c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n$
where $c_i \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^k$.)

Mimic this but S can be infinite now (countably or uncountably infinite).

Let I . When I is finite, $\text{Card}(I) = n$, some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then $S = \{ \vec{v}_i \mid i \in I \}$ we can list as before $\{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n \}$.

• Now, I finite or infinite: list a finite subset of I as follows:

i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n WLOG without loss of generality
 $\rightarrow i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n$

(reminder $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ so these are all real #'s).

Write $\{ \vec{v}_{i_1}, \vec{v}_{i_2}, \dots, \vec{v}_{i_n} \}$ finite subset of (V, \oplus, \odot)

★ ★ Def LINEAR COMBINATIONS.

Let (V, \oplus, \odot) be a vector space.

Let $S = \{ \vec{v}_i \mid i \in I \}$ some $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, $I \neq \emptyset$,

The a linear combination of vectors of S is constructed as follows:

a) choose a finite set of vectors in S :

$\vec{v}_{i_1}, \vec{v}_{i_2}, \dots, \vec{v}_{i_n} \in S$, w/ $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n$.

b) choose a finite set of coefficients:

$c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$.

c) ^a linear combination is:

$$c_1 \odot \vec{v}_{i_1} \oplus c_2 \odot \vec{v}_{i_2} \oplus \dots \oplus c_n \odot \vec{v}_{i_n} \quad \text{LC}$$

★ ★ Span(S) = $\{$ all LCs of all possible finite subsets of S $\}$

Remarks ① we don't define "infinite" LCs: in our class we always form finite LC of vectors.

② if $I = \mathbb{N}$ or even $I = \mathbb{R}$

$\text{Span}(S)$) unfathomably complex! ~~Useful!~~

Thm

Special Case I is countable, S is countably indexed:

• Write $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots\}$. Then LCs are of the form:

$$c_1 \odot \vec{v}_1 \oplus c_2 \odot \vec{v}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus c_k \odot \vec{v}_k$$

• $\text{Span}(S) = \left\{ c_1 \odot \vec{v}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus c_k \odot \vec{v}_k \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{some } k \in \mathbb{N}. \\ c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{v}_i \in S \end{array} \right\}$

Pf Next time.

Ex $S = \{x^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}_0\} = \{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$ "monomials"

$$\rightarrow \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

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

$$\mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

• $S \not\subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$

• LCs By theorem of countably indexed sets

So $\text{Span}(S)$ contains

\mathbb{P}^k , true for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Any $p(x) \in \text{Span}(S)$: for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$p(x) = c_0 \cdot 1 + c_1 \cdot x + c_2 \cdot x^2 + \dots + c_k \cdot x^k$$

$$\mathbb{P}^0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^1 \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathbb{P}^k \subseteq \dots \subseteq \text{Span}(S).$$

$$\left(\text{bonus notation: } \mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}^0 \cup \mathbb{P}^1 \cup \mathbb{P}^2 \cup \dots \cup \mathbb{P}^n \cup \dots \right)$$

$$= \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{P}^k$$

Pr of Thm (I is countable)

A finite set of vectors from S has the form:

$$\{ \vec{v}_{i_1}, \vec{v}_{i_2}, \dots, \vec{v}_{i_n} \} \text{ where } \underline{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n} \text{ (wlog)}$$

so a LC:

$$\underline{r_1 \odot \vec{v}_{i_1} \oplus \dots \oplus r_n \odot \vec{v}_{i_n}} \text{ (scalars } r_i \in \mathbb{R}) \quad (*)$$

CT idea: make a longer LC w/ $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ & new scalars

$c_j = 0$ when \vec{v}_j doesn't show up in $(*)$ but is r_j when \vec{v}_{i_j} does)

Let

$$c_j = \begin{cases} r_j, & \text{if } j = i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$r_1 \odot \vec{v}_{i_1} \oplus \dots \oplus r_n \odot \vec{v}_{i_n} = c_1 \odot \vec{v}_1 \oplus c_2 \odot \vec{v}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus c_k \odot \vec{v}_k.$$

Result follows. □

Ex $\{ \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_5, \vec{v}_7 \}$ w/ $i_1 = 2, i_2 = 5, i_3 = 7$ $\{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \dots, \vec{v}_7 \}$

Then $c_j = \begin{cases} r_j, & \text{if } j = 2, 5, 7 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

So: $r_1 \vec{v}_2 + r_2 \vec{v}_5 + r_3 \vec{v}_7 = 0 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + 0 \vec{v}_3 + 0 \vec{v}_4 + c_5 \vec{v}_5 + 0 \vec{v}_6 + c_7 \vec{v}_7$

Linearly Independent Sets

• Suppose $S = \{ \vec{v}_i \mid i \in I \} \in (V, \oplus, \odot)$, $I \neq \emptyset$.

def say S is linearly independent if every finite subset of I

gives LI vectors $\{ \vec{v}_{i_1}, \vec{v}_{i_2}, \dots, \vec{v}_{i_n} \}$.

DTE

$$c_1 \odot \vec{v}_{i_1} \oplus c_2 \odot \vec{v}_{i_2} \oplus \dots \oplus c_n \odot \vec{v}_{i_n} = \vec{0}_V$$

has the trivial solution $\vec{c} = \langle c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \rangle = \langle 0, 0, \dots, 0 \rangle$ as the only solution.

Thm

When S is countable, $S = \{ \vec{v}_i \mid i \in I \} = \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \dots \}$

S is LI iff $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\left[c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k = \vec{0}_V \right] \Rightarrow \left[c_1 = \dots = c_k = 0 \right]$$

Ex $S' = \{ x^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}$

$$S'_n = \{ 1, x, \dots, x^n \} \text{ (finite)}$$

is LI: $\forall n$:

each poly has a distinct degree. (§3.2).

So S is a basis for

$$\text{Span}(S) = \mathbb{P}$$

Ex $S'_3 = \{ e^{kx} \mid k \in \mathbb{R} \}$

• is S'_3 LI?

choose finite indices: $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_n$

form:

$$S_n = \{ e^{k_1 x}, e^{k_2 x}, \dots, e^{k_n x} \}.$$

Is S_n LI? Yes! Did this in §3.2.

S'_3 is a basis for

$$\text{Span}(S'_3).$$