

(Q1) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Recall  $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R}) \equiv$  All  $n \times n$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Claim:  $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$  is a vector space (over  $\mathbb{R}$ ).

Define  $\|\cdot\|_2: \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $A \mapsto \left\{ \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{Z}_{n+1}^2} [(A)_{ij}]^2 \right\}^{1/2}$

where  $(A)_{ij}$  is the entry on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of the matrix  $A$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_{n+1} \equiv \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

Claim:  $\|\cdot\|_2$  is a norm on the v.s.p.  $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$ , making  $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$  "complete" w.r.t.  $\|\cdot\|_2$ .

Recall that a map  $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R}) \times \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$  is naturally defined, called "matrix multiplication" and given by:

$$(A, B) \longmapsto \text{A matrix whose } (i, j)^{\text{th}} \text{ component is given by} \\ \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{n+1}} A_{ik} B_{kj}$$

Thus,  $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$  is a normed v.s.p. complete w.r.t. its norm which has a Banach space

certain multiplication defined on it as well.

In fact, this multiplication makes  $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$  into an associative ring, as it obeys the associative ring axioms: (Herstein "Topics in Algebra" ch. 3)

1.  $(\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R}), +)$  is an Abelian group.
2.  $(\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R}), \text{"matrix multiplication"})$  is a semi-group.
3. The two operations are distributive:

$$\begin{cases} A(B+C) = AB+AC \\ (B+C)A = BA+CA \end{cases} \quad \forall (A, B, C) \in [\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})]^3$$

These statements are easily verifiable using the definitions of "matrix multiplication" and addition.

In fact, this multiplication turns  $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$  into an associative algebra, as it obeys an extra axiom: (Herstein ch. 6)

4. Compatibility of "matrix mul." with v.s.p. structure:

$$\alpha(AB) = (\alpha A)B = A(\alpha B) \quad \forall (\alpha, A, B) \in \mathbb{R} \times [\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})]^2$$

A Banach algebra is defined as an associative algebra which is also a Banach space obeying the additional condition that

$$\|xy\| \leq \|x\| \|y\| \quad \forall (x, y) \in (\text{Space})^2.$$

(Rudin: "Functional Analysis" chapter 10)

Claim: The multiplication in a Banach algebra  $V$  is continuous,

Proof: Recall that continuity may be characterized in terms of

(1st countable: each point has a countable nbhd basis)

2 sequential continuity for sufficiently nice topological spaces (If the space is first countable, which metric spaces always are.  $V$  with its norm is a metric space and so  $V^2$  is also a metric space (but with a different metric)  $\forall p \in [1, \infty)$

$$d_p(\underbrace{(x_1, y_1)}_{\in V^2}, \underbrace{(x_2, y_2)}_{\in V^2}) := (\|x_1 - x_2\|^p + \|y_1 - y_2\|^p)^{1/p}$$

or  $d_\infty((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) := \max(\|x_1 - x_2\|, \|y_1 - y_2\|)$

are possible metrics on  $V^2$ .  $\Rightarrow$  Use seq. continuity.

So let  $\{(x_n, y_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a seq. in  $V^2$  converging to  $(x, y) \in V^2$ .

We need to show the seq.  $\{x_n y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $V$  converges to  $xy \in V$ .

That is,  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists m(\epsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t. if  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \geq m(\epsilon)$  then  $\|x_n y_n - xy\| < \epsilon$ .

But we have:  $\|x_n y_n - xy\| = \|(x_n - x)y_n + x(y_n - y)\|$  } norm axiom  
 $\leq \|(x_n - x)y_n\| + \|x(y_n - y)\|$  } Banach algebra  
 $\leq \|x_n - x\| \|y_n\| + \|x\| \|y_n - y\|$

and we may certainly make the last expression arbitrarily small for sufficiently large  $n$  due to the convergence of  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$  and  $\{y_n\} \rightarrow y$ . ■

(a) Claim:  $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$  is a Banach algebra.

Proof: Assuming all other axioms are easy, we show only the axiom regarding multiplication and the norm:

$$\|AB\|_2 \leq \|A\|_2 \|B\|_2 \quad \forall (A, B) \in [\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})]^2$$

$$(\|AB\|_2)^2 \equiv \sum_{(i,j)} \left[ \underbrace{\sum_k (A)_{ik} (B)_{kj}}_{\equiv \langle a_i, b_j \rangle} \right]^2$$

where  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the vector taken as the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row in  $A$   
 $b_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the vector taken as the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column in  $B$

Now use the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality on the inner product space  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  to obtain  $|\langle a_i, b_j \rangle|^2 \leq \|a_i\|^2 \|b_j\|^2$

where  $\|a_i\|^2 \equiv \sum_k [(a_i)_k]^2 = \sum_k [(A)_{ik}]^2$  and  $\|b_j\|^2 = \sum_k [(B)_{kj}]^2$

so that we obtain:

$$(\|AB\|_2)^2 \leq \sum_{(i,j)} \left( \sum_k [(A)_{ik}]^2 \right) \left( \sum_k [(B)_{kj}]^2 \right) =$$

$$= \left( \sum_{(i,k)} [(A)_{ik}]^2 \right) \left( \sum_{(r,j)} [(B)_{rj}]^2 \right)$$

$$\equiv (\|A\|_2)^2 (\|B\|_2)^2$$

(b) Claim:  $\|Ax\|_2 \leq \|A\|_2 \|x\|_2 \quad \forall A \in \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Proof:  $(\|Ax\|_2)^2 \equiv \sum_i [(Ax)_i]^2 = \sum_i \left[ \sum_j (A)_{ij} (x)_j \right]^2$

$$= \sum_i \underbrace{\left[ \sum_j (A)_{ij} (x)_j \right]^2}_{|\langle a_i, x \rangle|^2}$$

where  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is as above.  $\Rightarrow |\langle a_i, x \rangle|^2 \leq (\|a_i\|)^2 (\|x\|)^2$

↑  
Cauchy-Schwarz again on  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Thus  $(\|Ax\|_2)^2 \leq \sum_i (\|a_i\|)^2 (\|x\|)^2$

$$= \sum_i \left( \sum_j (a_i)_j^2 \right) (\|x\|)^2$$

$$= \left\{ \sum_{(i,j)} [(A)_{ij}]^2 \right\} (\|x\|)^2 \equiv (\|A\|_2)^2 (\|x\|)^2$$

**Q2** A sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is called "absolutely summable" iff the series  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} x_j$  is absolutely convergent (that is, if the seq.  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |x_j|$  converges.)

Define  $\| \{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \| := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n|$  for every abs. summable seq.  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .  
called the space  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R})$

Claim:  $(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space.

Proof: There are many properties to prove:

Claim:  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R})$  is a  $\mathbb{R}$ -sp. over  $\mathbb{R}$ . (Exercise)

Claim:  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm on  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R})$ . (Exercise)

Claim:  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R})$  is complete w.r.t.  $\|\cdot\|$ .

Proof: We must show that if  $\{\{x_n^{(m)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy in  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R})$  then it converges to some  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

The fact  $\{\{x_n^{(m)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy in  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R})$  means:  
 $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \ell(\epsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t. if  $(m_1, m_2) \in \mathbb{N}^2$  and  $m_1 \geq \ell(\epsilon)$  and  $m_2 \geq \ell(\epsilon)$  then  $\|\{x_n^{(m_1)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} - \{x_n^{(m_2)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\| < \epsilon$ .

But  $\|\{x_n^{(m_1)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} - \{x_n^{(m_2)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\| =$

$$= \left\| \{X_n^{(m_1)} - X_n^{(m_2)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \right\| \equiv \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |X_n^{(m_1)} - X_n^{(m_2)}| < \varepsilon$$

Claim:  $\{X_n^{(m)}\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy in  $\mathbb{R} \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Proof:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$|X_n^{(m_1)} - X_n^{(m_2)}| \leq \sum_{n' \in \mathbb{N}} |X_{n'}^{(m_1)} - X_{n'}^{(m_2)}|$$

and thus using the above properties the claim follows.

But  $\mathbb{R}$  is complete.  $\Rightarrow \{X_n^{(m)}\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} X_n \in \mathbb{R}$  for some  $X_n$ .

As this holds  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , this naturally defines a sequence  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of real numbers.

Claim:  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R})$ .

Proof: We need to show  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |X_n| < \infty$  (as this is a series of positive numbers that would mean that the series converges.)

Recall that every Cauchy seq. is bounded.

$$\Rightarrow \exists M > 0 \text{ s.t. } \left\| \{X_n^{(m)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \right\| \leq M \ \forall m \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |X_n^{(m)}| \leq M \ \forall m \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |X_n^{(m)}| \leq M \ \forall m \in \mathbb{N}, \forall N \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |X_n| \leq M \ \forall N \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \right\| \leq M < \infty$$

Claim:  $\left\{ \left\{ X_n^{(m)} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \right\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} \{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

Proof: We must show that  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists l(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t. if  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $M \geq l(\varepsilon)$  then  $\left\| \left\{ X_n^{(m)} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} - \left\{ X_n \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \right\| < \varepsilon$

$$\left\| \left\{ X_n^{(m)} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} - \left\{ X_n \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \right\| \equiv \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |X_n^{(m)} - X_n|$$

For any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |X_n^{(m)} - X_n| = \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |X_n^{(m)} - X_n^{(q)}|$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |X_n^{(m)} - X_n^{(q)}| \leq \left\| \left\{ X_n^{(m)} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} - \left\{ X_n^{(q)} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \right\|$$

Take the lim-inf of both sides (always possible)

Then the L.H.S. becomes just  $\lim$  and the R.H.S. stays in general  $\liminf$  (we don't know if it converges or not) so that we have:

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |X_n^{(m)} - X_n| \leq \liminf_{q \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \{X_n^{(m)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} - \{X_n^{(q)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \right\|$$

for every  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus in the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\left\| \{X_n^{(m)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} - \{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \right\| \leq \liminf_{q \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \{X_n^{(m)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} - \{X_n^{(q)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \right\|$$

for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The result follows by taking another  $\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty}$  of both sides. The R.H.S. goes to zero (b.c.  $\{\{X_n^{(m)}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy).

(b) Define the convolution of two elements in  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R})$ :

$$\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} * \{Y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} := \left\{ \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i Y_{n-i} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

Claim:  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R})$  is a Banach algebra.

Proof: There are many properties to prove:

Claim:  $(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R}), +, *)$  is an assoc. ring. (Exercise)

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Claim:  $(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R}), +, *, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach algebra.

Proof: We must show (relying on the above claims) only that  $\|\{X_n\} * \{Y_n\}\| \leq \|\{X_n\}\| \|\{Y_n\}\|$

Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  be given. Then:

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i Y_{n-i} \right| \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} |X_i Y_{n-i}|$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{only adding terms}} \leq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |X_i Y_j|$$

$$\leq \|\{X_n\}\| \|\{Y_n\}\|$$

This holds for all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , so in the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  the result follows. In particular we have also shown  $\|\{X_n\} * \{Y_n\}\| < \infty$  and thus  $(\{X_n\} * \{Y_n\}) \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R})$ . So at least one point about  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}; \mathbb{R})$  being a ring is taken care of (namely, closure w.r.  $*$ ).

6 **Q3** Let  $(A, \|\cdot\|)$  be a real Banach algebra.

Recall that we have a map  $A \xrightarrow{\exp} \mathcal{A}$  given by

$$x \mapsto \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n!} x^n$$

Claim:  $\exp$  is well-defined

Proof: We must show that  $\left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n!} x^n \right\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  actually converges. Because  $A$  is complete, suffice to show that  $\left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n!} x^n \right\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy.

Let  $(N_1, N_2) \in \mathbb{N}^2$  be given s.t.  $N_1 < N_2$ .

Then  $\left\| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n!} x^n - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n!} x^n \right\| =$  norm axioms

$$= \left\| \sum_{n=N_1+1}^{N_2} \frac{1}{n!} x^n \right\| \leq \sum_{n=N_1+1}^{N_2} \frac{1}{n!} \|x^n\|$$

Banach Algebra  $\leq \sum_{n=N_1+1}^{N_2} \frac{1}{n!} \|x\|^n$

So that  $\left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n!} x^n \right\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy in  $A$  iff

$\left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n!} \|x\|^n \right\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy in  $\mathbb{R}$ , which is of course true bcs.  $\exp(\|x\|)$  converges  $\forall x \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Notation:  $A^* := \{ x \in \mathcal{A} \mid \exists y \in \mathcal{A} : xy = yx = e \text{ where}$

$e$  is the identity element in  $\mathcal{A}$  (if one exists) }

(a) Claim:  $\exp(yxy^{-1}) = y \exp(x) y^{-1} \quad \forall (x, y) \in A \times A^*$ .

Proof: Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  be given.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n!} (yxy^{-1})^n &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n!} \underbrace{yx y^{-1} yx y^{-1} \dots yx y^{-1}}_{n\text{-times}} = \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n!} y x^n y^{-1} \\ &= y \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n!} x^n y^{-1} \quad \text{for all } N \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

In the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain:

$$\exp(yxy^{-1}) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ y \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n!} x^n y^{-1} \right\}$$

But we have seen that multiplication in a Banach algebra is continuous, so that

$$\left[ \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (a_N b_N) \right] = \left[ \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} a_N \right] \left[ \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} b_N \right]$$

and thus our result follows.  $\blacksquare$

(b)(i) Claim: If  $A = \text{diag}(a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn})$  then  $A^m = \text{diag}(a_{11}^m, a_{22}^m, \dots, a_{nn}^m)$ .

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Thus  $\forall N \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{m!} A^m = \text{diag} \left( \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{m!} (a_{11})^m, \dots, \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{m!} (a_{nn})^m \right)$$

In the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  we get:

$$\exp(A) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{diag} \left( \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{m!} (a_{11})^m, \dots, \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{m!} (a_{nn})^m \right)$$

Recall PMA  $\square$  3.4 (a)  $\Rightarrow \text{diag}(e^{a_{11}}, \dots, e^{a_{nn}})$

(ii) Diagonalize and use (a)

(iii) Compute  $A^2$ . Then  $A^{2k}$  and  $A^{2k+1}$

**Q4** Let  $(A, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach algebra,  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{b_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be two sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and

Recall that to  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  are associated power series:

$$z \xrightarrow{P} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad \text{and} \quad z \xrightarrow{Q} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$$

with corresponding radii of convergence:

$$R_a = \left[ \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} \right]^{-1} \quad \text{and}$$

$$R_b = \left[ \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|b_n|} \right]^{-1}$$

Let  $R \in (0, R_a)$  be s.t.  $\left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| R^n \right) < R_b$ .

Thus for any  $|z| < R$ ,  $z \xrightarrow{QP} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m z^m \right)^n \right]$  is well defined.

8 Define a new sequence by  $C_n := \sum_{m=1}^n b_m \sum_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_m=n} \prod_{l=1}^m a_{j_l}$ .

Observe that  $\{C_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  gives the corresponding power series coefficients of  $Q \circ P$  if we could re-arrange the summation of the two limits.

Appendix A  
of Banach  
spaces and  
linear op.

Claim:  $\underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n X^n}_{(Q)} = \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m X^m \right)^n}_{R(X)} \quad \forall X \in A$   
s.t.  $\|X\| < R$ .

Proof:  $R(X) \equiv \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^N b_n \left( \sum_{m=1}^M a_m X^m \right)^n \right]$



(b) Use part (a):  $P(z) = -\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k} = -\log(1-z)$   $R=1$

$Q(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k!} = \exp(z)$   $R=\infty$

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$S^{n-1} \equiv \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\|=1\}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$

The following discussion follows Munkres §23.

Let  $X$  be a top. space.

Def.: A separation of  $X$  is two subsets  $(U, V) \in [\text{open}(X)]^2$  s.t.:

- ①  $U \cap V = \emptyset$
- ②  $U \cup V = X$

Def.:  $X$  is connected iff  $\nexists$  a separation of  $X$ .

Def.: A path from  $x_1 \in X$  to  $x_2 \in X$  is a map  $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  s.t.

- $\gamma(0) = x_1$
- $\gamma(1) = x_2$
- $\gamma$  is continuous

Def.:  $X$  is path-connected iff  $\forall (x_1, x_2) \in X \exists$  path  $\gamma$  between these two points.

Claim: If  $X$  is path-connected then  $X$  is connected.

Proof: Assume otherwise.  $\Rightarrow \exists$  a separation of  $X$  by  $U, V$ .  
 $(U, V) \in \{\emptyset\}^2 \Rightarrow \exists (u, v) \in U \times V$ .  
 $X$  is path-connected  $\Rightarrow \exists$  path  $\gamma$  from  $u$  to  $v$ .

Claim: The image of a connected space under a cont. map is connected (Munkres §23)

So  $\gamma([0, 1]) \subseteq U \quad \vee \quad \gamma([0, 1]) \subseteq V$

$\Downarrow$   
 $u \in U$

$\Downarrow$   
 $\square$

$\Downarrow$   
 $u \in V$

$\Downarrow$   
 $\square$

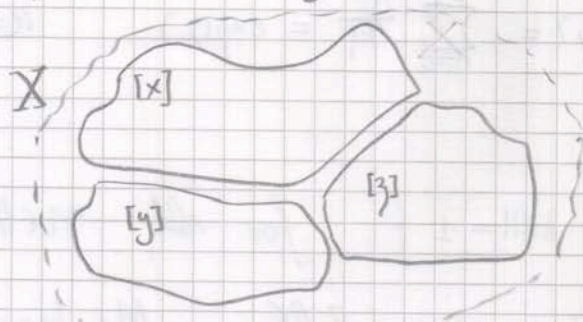
Claim: If  $X$  is connected it is not necessarily path-connected.

Proof: (b)

Define an eq. rel. on  $X$  by  $x \sim y$  iff  $\exists A \in \text{Connected}(X)$  s.t.  $(x, y) \in A^2$  for all  $(x, y) \in X^2$ .

No

Then  $\forall x \in X$ ,  $[x] \equiv \{y \in X \mid x \sim y\}$  is called the connected component containing  $x$ .



(a) Claim:  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus S^{n-1}$  has exactly two connected components  
 $\forall n \geq 2$ .

Proof: Use path-connected  $\Rightarrow$  connected, Paths are easy.

(b) Define  $A := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x > 0, y = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y \in [-1, 1] \right\}$

Claim:  $A$  is connected but not path-connected.

Proof:  $A = \text{closure} \left( \sin\left(\frac{1}{(0,1]}\right) \right)$

image of connected set under cont.  
 function is connected

closure of connected set is connected.

Assume  $\exists$  path from  $(0,0)$  to  $(1, \sin(1))$ .

$\Rightarrow$  This path would coincide with the graph of  
 $x \mapsto \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  on  $(0, 1]$

$\Rightarrow$  The function  $\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  has a limit at  $x \rightarrow 0$

$\Rightarrow \square$

Def.:  $X$  is totally disconnected iff its only connected subsets are  $\boxed{\{x\}}$  singletons.

(c) Claim:  $\mathbb{Q}$  is totally disconnected.

Proof: Let  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

Assume  $[r]$  has at least two points  $a < b$ .

But we may pick any irrational  $i \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.  $a < i < b$ .

But then  $(-\infty, i) \cap [r]$  and  $(i, +\infty) \cap [r]$  is a separation of  $[r] \Rightarrow [r]$  is not connected  $\Rightarrow \boxed{\perp}$