

## Vector space $(V, +, \cdot)$ over $\mathbb{K}$ -1-

→ operation  $+: V \times V \rightarrow V$ ,  $(v_1, v_2) \mapsto v_1 + v_2$   
making  $(V, +)$  into an abelian group ( $0 \in V$ )

→ multiplication by scalars  $\cdot: \mathbb{K} \times V \rightarrow V$ ,  $(\lambda, v) \mapsto \lambda \cdot v$   
satisfying distributivity

$$(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \cdot v = \lambda_1 \cdot v + \lambda_2 \cdot v \quad (\forall \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{K}, v \in V)$$

$$\lambda \cdot (v_1 + v_2) = \lambda \cdot v_1 + \lambda \cdot v_2$$

and

$$\lambda_1 \cdot (\lambda_2 \cdot v) = (\lambda_1 \lambda_2) \cdot v$$

Ex:  $C(X)$  = a vector space

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## Ring $(R, +, \cdot)$

→ operation  $+: R \times R \rightarrow R$  making  $(R, +)$  abelian group  
(neutral element denoted:  $0$ )

→ multiplication on  $R$ ,  $\cdot: R \times R \rightarrow R$  which is

- associative:  $(r_1 \cdot r_2) \cdot r_3 = r_1 \cdot (r_2 \cdot r_3) \quad (\forall r_1, r_2, r_3 \in R)$

- distributive w.r.t.  $+$ :  $r_1 \cdot (r_2 + r_3) = r_1 \cdot r_2 + r_1 \cdot r_3$

$$(r_2 + r_3) \cdot r_1 = r_2 \cdot r_1 + r_3 \cdot r_1$$

- unital:  $\exists 1 \in R$  st.  $1 \cdot r = r \cdot 1 = r \quad (\forall r \in R)$



The algebra  $C(X)$  of observables

$X =$  Hausdorff compact space.

$C(X) := \{ f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f = \text{continuous} \}$  (of observables / measurements on  $X$ )

generically  $K \in \{ \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C} \}$  and then use notation  $C(X, K)$ .

$C(X)$ : algebraic structure:

- ① addition:  $f+g$  where  $(f+g)(x) = f(x)+g(x)$ :  $f+g \in C(X)$  whenever  $f, g \in C(X)$
- ② multiplication by scalars  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\lambda \cdot f$ :  $(\lambda \cdot f)(x) = \lambda f(x)$
- ③ multiplication.  $(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$

Def: An algebra over  $K$  is a ring  $(A, +, \cdot)$  and a vector space  $(A, +, \cdot)$  (same  $A$ , same  $+$ !) such that:  
 $\lambda \cdot (a \cdot b) = (\lambda a) \cdot b = a \cdot (\lambda b) \quad (\forall \lambda \in K, a, b \in A)$

Conclusion:  $C(X) =$  an algebra over  $\mathbb{R}$   
 $C(X, K) =$  an algebra over  $K$ .

Other examples of algebras:  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n], M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Thm (1<sup>st</sup> version of Gelfand-Naimark): The top. space  $X$  can be recovered from the algebra  $C(X)$ . (see Thm 8.22 to be discussed later)

Separability (TITEL): given  $X =$  top. space, assume we have

$A, B \subseteq X$  closed,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  (\*)

Def (2.54): ① say  $A$  and  $B$  can be separated topologically if  $\exists U_A, U_B \subseteq X$  opens st  $\begin{cases} A \subseteq U_A \text{ and } U_A \cap U_B = \emptyset \\ B \subseteq U_B \end{cases}$   
 ② say  $A$  and  $B$  can be separated by continuous fcts. if  $\exists f: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  continuous st  $f|_A = 0, f|_B = 1$ .

Rk: ②  $\Rightarrow$  ①: if  $\exists f$ : can take  $U_A = f^{-1}(-\infty, \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $U_B = f^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$  open because  $f =$  continuous.



Rk: An implication  $\Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$  would give quite a lot: would give functions! Producing functions is, in general, hard!

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& This may have consequences on the metrization problem: when is a space  $X$  metrizable?

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Using this ... one can then prove:

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variables



Metric space  $(X, d)$ : <sup>(-6-7-1)</sup>

$$d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

& axioms (see 1<sup>st</sup> lecture)

Called complete if  $\forall$  Cauchy sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $(X, d)$  is convergent

i.e.  $(\forall) \varepsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  
 $d(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon \quad (\forall) n, m \geq N_\varepsilon$

Normed space  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ : <sup>(-8-)</sup>  $V$  is vector space and

$$\|\cdot\|: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \quad (\text{norm})$$

satisfying:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|v+w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\| \\ \|\lambda v\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|v\| \quad (\forall) \lambda \in \mathbb{K}, v \in V \\ \|v\| = 0 \text{ only for } v=0. \end{array} \right.$$

From  $\|\cdot\| \Rightarrow$  a metric  $d_{\|\cdot\|}$  where  $d_{\|\cdot\|}(v, w) = \|v-w\|$ .

Banach space:  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  which is complete (wrt.  $d_{\|\cdot\|}$ )



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 Some topological structure present on  $C(X)$ : metric  $d_{\text{sup}}$  on  $C(X)$

$$d_{\text{sup}}(f, g) = \sup \left\{ \underbrace{d_{\mathbb{R}}(f(x), g(x))}_{|f(x) - g(x)|} : x \in X \right\}$$

Actually: a norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{sup}}$  on  $C(X)$ :

$$\|f\|_{\text{sup}} = \sup \{ |f(x)| : x \in X \} \quad \text{and } d_{\text{sup}} = d_{\|\cdot\|_{\text{sup}}}$$

(exercise: show that  $d_{\text{sup}}(f, g) < \infty \iff f, g$ )  
 Hint:  $X = \text{cpt}$

Conclusion:  $C(X) =$  Banach space.

Def: A Banach algebra over  $\mathbb{K}$  is an algebra  $A$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  which also has a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  s.t. & require completeness.

$$\|a \cdot b\| \leq \|a\| \cdot \|b\| \quad \forall a, b \in A$$

Final conclusion:  $C(X) =$  a Banach algebra



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# Stone-Weierstrass

Classical Weierstrass: Any continuous function  $f: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can be approximated uniformly by polynomial fcts such that  $p_n \rightarrow f$ .

$\exists p_n: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  pol.

or:

$$C_{\text{pol}}([0,1]) \subseteq C([0,1], d_{\text{sup}})$$

↑  
densely

$C_{\text{pol}}([0,1])$  is dense in  $C([0,1])$

$A$  is dense in  $X$  ← top. space  
means:  $\bar{A} = X$

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What if  $[0,1]$  is replaced by a compact Hausdorff  $X$ ?

$\mathcal{P} \subseteq C(X)$  ← with  $d_{\text{sup}}$   
give it as input in theorem.

Q: What conditions to impose on  $\mathcal{P}$  s.t. they imply that  $\mathcal{P}$  is dense in  $C(X)$  (and obtain W-thm) as immediate consequence

Condition 1:  $\mathcal{P}$  is a subalgebra of  $C(X)$ , i.e.: a vector subspace and:  $f \cdot g \in \mathcal{P} \ (\forall f, g \in \mathcal{P})$ , and  $1 \in \mathcal{P}$ .

Condition 2:  $\mathcal{P}$  is point separating: i.e.:  $\forall x, y \in X, x \neq y$

$\exists f \in \mathcal{P}$  s.t.  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ .

$\lambda f$   
 $f + \lambda$

Theorem (S-W): If  $\mathcal{P}$  satisfies (1), (2)  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  is dense in  $C(X)$ .



For  $X = [0, 1]$ : produce a seq. of poly <sup>[-11-]</sup>nominals

$p_n : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $p_n \rightrightarrows$  the square root fct.  $\sqrt{t}$   
 $\in C([0, 1])$ .

Define  $p_n$ :

$$\begin{cases} p_1 = 0, \\ p_2(t) = \frac{1}{2}t \\ p_3(t) = t - \frac{1}{8}t^3 \\ \vdots \end{cases} \quad p_{n+1}(t) = p_n(t) + \frac{1}{2}(t - p_n(t)^2) \quad (**)$$

Claim:  $p_n \rightrightarrows \sqrt{t}$

Notice: when fixing  $t \in [0, 1]$  if the sequence  $(p_n(t))_{n \geq 1}$  is convergent, passing to limit in  $(**)$   $\Rightarrow$

$$\lim = \lim + \frac{1}{2}(t - \lim^2) \Rightarrow \lim \text{ must be } \sqrt{t}$$

EXERCISE