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1. [40 points] Let $\lambda, \rho \in [-\infty, \infty]$, $\lambda < \rho$, $I =]\lambda, \rho[$, $x_* \in I$, and $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function.

(a) [20 points] **Prove or disprove the following statement:**

If f is differentiable at x_* , then there is exactly one function $\ell : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of the form $\ell : x \mapsto Ax + B$ for $A, B \in \mathbb{R}$ that is tangent to f at x_* . *It suffices to solve for A, B.*

f, ℓ are diff. at $x_ \Rightarrow f - \ell$ diff. at $x_* \Rightarrow f - \ell$ cont. at x_* .*

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(x_* + h) - \ell(x_* + h)] = f(x_*) - \ell(x_*)$$

$f(x_ + h) - \ell(x_* + h) = o(h)$*

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(x_* + h) - \ell(x_* + h)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_*) = \ell(x_*) = Ax_* + B$$

$0 = \lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ h \neq 0}} \frac{f(x_ + h) - \ell(x_* + h)}{h}$*

$$= \lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ h \neq 0}} \left(\frac{f(x_* + h) - f(x_*)}{h} - A \right)$$

$$= \left(\lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ h \neq 0}} \frac{f(x_* + h) - f(x_*)}{h} \right) - A \Rightarrow \boxed{A = f'(x_*)}$$

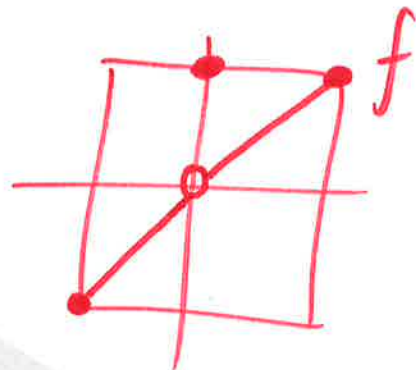
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{B = f(x_*) - f'(x_*)x_*} \quad \square$$

(b) [20 points] Prove or disprove the following statement:

If there is exactly one function $\ell : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of the form $\ell : x \mapsto Ax + B$ for $A, B \in \mathbb{R}$ that is tangent to f at x_* , then f is differentiable at x_* .

• Put $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $I =]-1, 1[$,

$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$



For $|x| < \varepsilon$, $x \neq 0$, $|f(x)| < \delta$
 $\Rightarrow f$ is not continuous at $x_* = 0$
 $\Rightarrow f$ is not differentiable at x_* .

• Put $\ell : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x \mapsto x$ ($A = 1, B = 0$).

$$f(h) - \ell(h) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } h \neq 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } h = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is tangent to ℓ at $x_* = 0$

• Let $\lambda : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x \mapsto Ax + B$ be arbitrary such that f is tangent to λ at x_* .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 &= \lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ h \neq 0}} \frac{f(h) - \lambda(h)}{h} = \lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ h \neq 0}} \frac{h - Ah - B}{h} \\ &= (1 - A) - B \lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ h \neq 0}} \frac{1}{h} \Rightarrow \boxed{B = 0, A = 1} \quad \square. \end{aligned}$$

$\underbrace{\lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ h \neq 0}} \frac{1}{h}}_{= \pm \infty}$

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2. [40 points] Prove or disprove the following statement: Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function and define for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $J(n, x) = \frac{d(f^n)}{dx}(x)$. Then J satisfies the following identity:

$$\forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} : J(n+m, x) = J(n, f^m(x)) J(m, x).$$

• By the Chain Rule,

$$J(n+m, x) = \frac{d}{dx} (f^{n+m})(x)$$

~~$$= \frac{d}{dx} (f^n \circ f^m)(x)$$~~

$$\stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{d(f^n)}{dx}(f^m(x)) \cdot \frac{d(f^m)}{dx}(x)$$

$$= J(n, f^m(x)) \cdot J(m, x) \quad \square$$

(*) By def., $f^0 = \text{id}$, $f^n = f \circ f^{n-1}$.

• Base step: $\forall m : f^{1+m} = f \circ f^m = f^1 \circ f^m$.

• Induction step: say works for $n=k$, for any m .
Want: works for $n=k+1$, for any m .

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(k+1)+m} &= f^{k+(1+m)} = f^k \circ f^{1+m} = f^k \circ (f \circ f^m) \\ &= (f^k \circ f) \circ f^m = f^{k+1} \circ f^m = f^{k+1} \circ f^m \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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3. [20 points] Let $\lambda, \rho \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lambda < \rho$, $I = [\lambda, \rho]$, f_n be a sequence of real valued Riemann integrable functions on I , and $f_\infty : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be another function.

(a) [8 points] Prove or disprove the following statement: If $f_n \rightarrow f_\infty$ uniformly, then f_∞ is Riemann integrable.

Let $J \in \mathcal{P}(I)$, $P \in \mathcal{P}$, $x, y \in P$. Then

$$|f_\infty(x) - f_\infty(y)| \leq |f_\infty(x) - f_n(x)| + |f_n(x) - f_n(y)| + |f_n(y) - f_\infty(y)| \leq 2d_c(f_n, f_\infty) + \left[\sup(f_n|_P) - \inf(f_n|_P) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sup(f_\infty|_P) - \inf(f_\infty|_P) \leq 2d_c(f_n, f_\infty) + \sup(f_n|_P) - \inf(f_n|_P).$$

$$\Rightarrow U(f_\infty; P) - L(f_\infty; P) \leq 2d_c(f_n, f_\infty) \cdot \ell(I) + [U(f_n; P) - L(f_n; P)] \quad (*)$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$, N be such that $2d_c(f_n, f_\infty)\ell(I) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$.
 $N = N(\varepsilon)$

$P = P_{\varepsilon, N} \in \mathcal{P}(I)$ be such that $U(f_n; P) - L(f_n; P) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$.

Then for this P , by $(*)$,

$$U(f_\infty; P) - L(f_\infty; P) < \varepsilon \quad \square.$$

(b) [8 points] **Prove or disprove the following statement:** If $f_n \rightarrow f_\infty$ uniformly and f_∞ is Riemann integrable, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_I f_n(x) dx = \int_I f_\infty(x) dx.$$

*(by part (a))
this is
redundant.*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_I f_n(x) dx - \int_I f_\infty(x) dx \right| \\ &= \left| \int_I (f_n(x) - f_\infty(x)) dx \right| \\ &\leq \int_I |f_n(x) - f_\infty(x)| dx \\ &\leq d_{C^0}(f_n, f_\infty) \ell(I) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

(c) [2 points] Prove or disprove the following statement: If

$f_n \rightarrow f_\infty$ pointwise, then f_∞ is Riemann integrable.

Consider the sequence b_i made up of integer multiples of powers of $\frac{1}{2}$:

$$b_i = 0, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{7}{8}, \dots$$

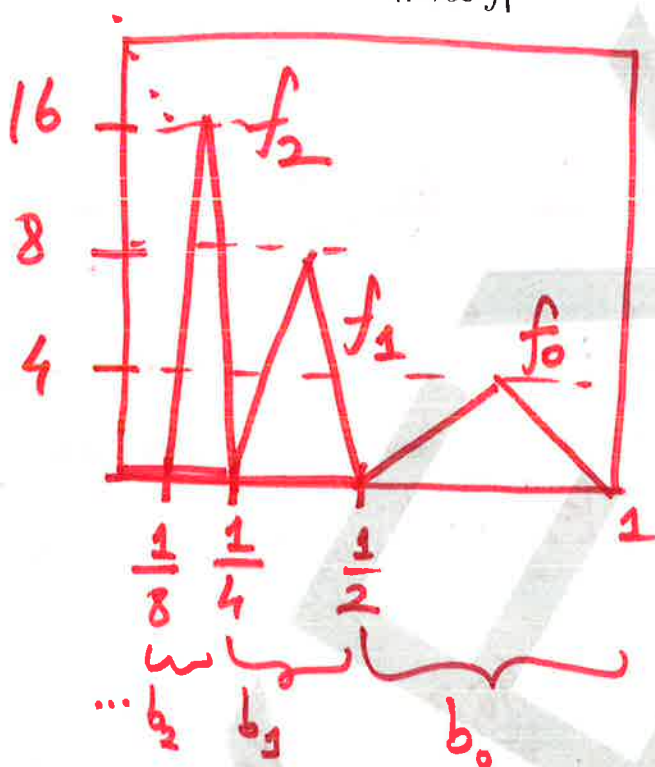
Define $\forall n: f_n: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = b_i, i \leq n \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$

$$f_\infty: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = b_n \exists n \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

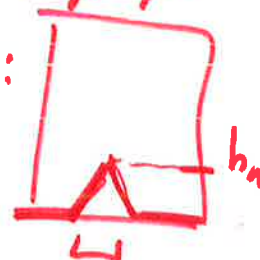
Then $\forall n: f_n \in \mathcal{R}([0, 1]; \mathbb{R})$, $f_n \rightarrow f_\infty$ pointwise,
but $f_\infty \notin \mathcal{R}([0, 1]; \mathbb{R})$.

- (d) [2 points] Prove or disprove the following statement: If $f_n \rightarrow f_\infty$ pointwise and f_∞ is Riemann integrable, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_1 f_n(x) dx = \int_1 f_\infty(x) dx.$$



Let f_n have graphs of the form:



$$\Rightarrow \int f_n = \frac{1}{2} b_n \cdot h_n$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$$

$$h_n = 2^{n+2}$$

$\Rightarrow \int f_n = 1, \forall n$. f_n is continuous hence Riemann integrable.

$f_n \rightarrow f_\infty \equiv 0$ pointwise,

$$\int f_\infty = 0. \quad \square$$

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