

Math 265: Real Analysis I

Midterm Exam 2

Thursday, October 31, 2024

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- You have 75 minutes to work on this exam.
- You are responsible for checking that this exam has all 9 pages.
- No calculators, phones, electronic devices, books, notes are allowed during the exam.
- **Show all work and justify all answers**, unless specified otherwise. Correct answers with insufficient work will not be given full credit.
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- Clearly circle all final answers.

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1. (15 points) Prove that there exists a sequence of rational numbers which converge to the number  $\pi$ .

(Hint: The Density Theorem)

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , by the density thm,  $\exists r_n \in \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.

$$\pi < r_n < \pi + \frac{1}{n}.$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (r_n) = \pi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\pi + \frac{1}{n})$$

$$\therefore \text{By the squeeze thm, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (r_n) = \pi.$$

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2. (20 points) Let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence of positive numbers. If  $I_n = [-\frac{1}{n}, x_n]$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , is a nested sequence of closed bounded intervals.

(a) Prove that  $(x_n)$  is decreasing.

(b) By (a), the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Let  $x = \lim(x_n)$ . Write

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$$

into a single interval. Justify your answer.

(a) For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , since  $I_{n+1} \subseteq I_n$  &  $x_{n+1} \in I_{n+1}$ ,

$$x_{n+1} \in I_n \Rightarrow x_{n+1} \leq x_n.$$

$\Rightarrow (x_n)$  is decreasing.

(b) Claim  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n = [0, x]$ .

pf " $\supseteq$ " let  $y \in [0, x]$ . Then  $0 \leq y \leq x$

$\therefore (x_n)$  is decreasing &  $x = \lim(x_n)$

$\therefore x = \inf(x_n)$  by the monotone convergence thm.

$$\Rightarrow x \in x_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{n} \leq y \leq x \leq x_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in I_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$$

" $\subseteq$ " let  $y \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$ . Then  $-\frac{1}{n} \leq y \leq x_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \sup(-\frac{1}{n}) \leq y \leq \inf(x_n) = x$$

since  $y$  is an upper bound for  $(-\frac{1}{n})$

& a lower bound for  $(x_n)$

$$\Rightarrow y \in [0, x].$$

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3. (15 points) Find the following limit and use the definition of a limit to justify your answer.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2}{n^2 + (-1)^{n+1}} \right).$$

$$\text{Claim } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2}{n^2 + (-1)^{n+1}} \right) = 1$$

$$\text{pf } \left| \frac{n^2}{n^2 + (-1)^{n+1}} - 1 \right| = \frac{1}{n^2 + (-1)^{n+1}} \leq \frac{1}{n^2 - 1}, \quad \text{if } n \geq 2.$$

$$\text{let } \varepsilon > 0. \text{ Consider } N_{\varepsilon} := \left\lceil \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\rceil.$$

$$\text{For } n > N_{\varepsilon}, \quad n^2 > \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n^2 - 1} < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{n^2}{n^2 + (-1)^{n+1}} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2}{n^2 + (-1)^{n+1}} \right) = 1$$

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4. (20 points) Let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers that converges to  $x > 0$  and  $x_n \neq x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Find the following limit and justify your answer.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x_n + x} - \sqrt{2x}}{\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x}}.$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{x_n + x} - \sqrt{2x}}{\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x}} = \frac{\cancel{\sqrt{x_n}} \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x_n + x}}{(\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x_n + x} + \sqrt{2x})}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x_n + x} + \sqrt{2x}}$$

$$\therefore (x_n) \rightarrow x \quad \therefore (\sqrt{x_n + x}) \rightarrow \sqrt{2x}$$

$$(\sqrt{x_n}) \rightarrow \sqrt{x}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{2x} + \sqrt{2x} \neq 0$$

$\therefore$  By limit laws,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x_n + x} - \sqrt{2x}}{\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x}} = \frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{2x}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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5. (15 points) Define a sequence  $(x_n)$  of real numbers by

$$x_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2}.$$

Using Monotone Convergence Theorem, show that  $(x_n)$  is convergent.

(Hint: Use  $\frac{1}{k(k-1)} = \frac{1}{k-1} - \frac{1}{k}$  for  $k \geq 2$ .)

$$\text{For } n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad x_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \geq x_n$$

$\Rightarrow (x_n)$  is increasing.

$$x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\leq 1 + \frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)n}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n}$$

$$= 2 - \frac{1}{n} \leq 2.$$

$\Rightarrow (x_n)$  is bounded above.

Therefore,  $(x_n)$  is conv. by Monotone Convergence Thm.

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6. (15 points) For a sequence  $(x_n)$  of real numbers and for any subsequence  $(x_{n_k})$  of  $(x_n)$ , show that

$$\limsup(x_n) \geq \limsup(x_{n_k}).$$

let  $S$  &  $S'$  be the set of subsequential limits

of  $(x_n)$  &  $(x_{n_k})$ , resp.

Then  $S \supseteq S'$

$$\Rightarrow \limsup(x_n) = \sup S \geq \sup S' = \limsup(x_{n_k}).$$

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