

Mathematical Analysis

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General Mathematical Concepts and Notation

1.1 Mathematical Symbols and their meanings

Notation	Meaning
$L \Rightarrow P$	L implies P
$L \Leftrightarrow P$	L is equivalent to P
$((L \Rightarrow P) \wedge (\neg P)) \Rightarrow (\neg L)$	If P follows from L and P is false, then L is false
$\neg((L \Leftrightarrow G) \vee (P \Leftrightarrow G))$	G is not equivalent either to L or to P
$A := B$	The Definition of A is B (equality by definition)
\square	End of proof

1.2 Sets and Operations on Them

1.2.1 Naive Set Theory

1⁰. A set may consist of any distinguishable objects($x \in A \Rightarrow \exists!x \in A$)

2⁰. A set is unambiguously determined by the collection of objects that comprise it.

3⁰. Any property defines the set of objects having that property($A = \{x|P(x)\} \Rightarrow P(A)$).

However, this will lead to Russell's Paradox:

Let's have $P(M) := M \notin M$

Consider the class $K = \{M|P(M)\}$. If so K is not a set, since whether $P(K)$ is true or false, contradiction arises.

1.2.2 ZFC: Zermelo-Fraenkel Axioms and Axiom of Choice

1⁰. **(Axiom of Extensionality)** Sets A and B are equal iff they have the same elements. $(A = B) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x((x \in A) \Leftrightarrow (x \in B)))$

2⁰. **(Axiom of Separation)** To any set A and any property P there corresponds a set B whose elements are those elements of A , and only those, having property P (if A is a set, then $B = \{x \in A | P(x)\}$ is also a set).

3⁰. **(Union Axiom)** For any set M whose elements are sets there exists a set $\bigcup M$, called the union of M and consisting of those elements and only those that belong to some element of M ($x \in \bigcup M \Leftrightarrow \exists X((X \in M) \wedge (x \in X))$)

Similarly, the intersection of the set M is defined as:

$$\bigcap M := \{x \in \bigcup M | \forall X((X \in M) \Rightarrow (x \in X))\}$$

4⁰ **(Pairing Axiom)** For any sets X and Y there exists a set Z such that X and Y are its only elements.

5⁰ **(Power Set Axiom)** For any set X there exists a set $P(X)$ having each subset of X as an element, and having no other elements.

Definition. The *successor* X^+ of the set X is $X^+ = X \cup \{X\}$.

Definition. An *inductive* set is a set that \emptyset is one of its elements and the successor of each of its elements also belongs to it.

6⁰ **(Axiom of Infinity)** There exist inductive sets (Example: \mathbb{N}_0).

7⁰ **(Axiom of Replacement)** Let $F(x, y)$ be a statement (a formula) such that for every $x_0 \in X$ there exists a unique object y_0 such that $F(x_0, y_0)$ is true. Then the objects y for which there exists an element $x \in X$ such that $F(x, y)$ is true form a set.

And finally, an axiom that is independent of ZF.

Definition. A choice function is a function f , defined on a collection X of nonempty sets, such that for every set A in X , $f(A)$ is an element of A .

8⁰ **(Axiom of Choice/Zermelo's Axiom)** For any set X of nonempty sets, there exists a choice function f defined on X . ($\forall X[\emptyset \notin X \Rightarrow \exists f : X \mapsto \bigcup X \quad \forall A \in X(f(A) \in A)]$)

1.2.3 The Cardinality of a Set (Cardinal Numbers)

Definition. The set X is said to be *equipollent* to the set Y if there exists a bijective mapping of X onto Y (then $X \sim Y$).

Definition. *Cardinality* is a measure of the number of elements of the set. If $X \sim Y$, we write $\text{card}X = \text{card}Y$.

If X is equipollent to some subset of Y , we say $\text{card}X \leq \text{card}Y$, thus

$$(\text{card}X \leq \text{card}Y) := \exists Z \subset Y (\text{card}X = \text{card}Z)$$

A set is called *finite* if it is not equipollent to any proper subset of itself; otherwise it is called *infinite*.

It has the properties below:

$$1^0 \quad (\text{card}X \leq \text{card}Y) \wedge (\text{card}Y \leq \text{card}Z) \Rightarrow (\text{card}X \leq \text{card}Z).$$

$$2^0 \quad (\text{card}X \leq \text{card}Y) \wedge (\text{card}Y \leq \text{card}X) \Rightarrow (\text{card}X = \text{card}Y) \text{ (The Schröder–Bernstein theorem).}$$

$$3^0 \quad \forall X \forall Y (\text{card}X \leq \text{card}Y) \vee (\text{card}Y \leq \text{card}X) \text{ (Cantor's theorem).}$$

We say $\text{card}X < \text{card}Y$ if $(\text{card}X \leq \text{card}Y) \wedge (\text{card}X \neq \text{card}Y)$.

let \emptyset be the empty set and $P(X)$ the set of all subsets (thus, the power set) of the set X . Then:

Theorem 1.2.1. $\text{card}X < \text{card}P(X)$

Proof. The assertion is obvious for the empty set, and we shall assume that $X \neq \emptyset$.

Since $P(X)$ contains all the one-element subsets of X , $\text{card}X \leq \text{card}P(X)$. Suppose, contrary to the assertion, that there exists a bijective mapping $f : X \rightarrow P(X)$. Let set $A = \{x \in X : x \notin f(x)\}$ consisting of the elements $x \in X$ that do not belong to the set $f(x) \in P(X)$ assigned to them by the bijection. Because $A \in P(X)$, there exists $a \in X$ such that $f(a) = A$. For the element a the relation $a \in A$ or $a \notin A$ is impossible by the definition of A (Similar to Russell's Paradox). \square

1.2.4 Operations on Sets

Notation	Meaning	Definition
$A \subset B$	A is a subset of B	$\forall x ((x \in A) \Rightarrow (x \in B))$
$A = B$	A equals to B	$(A \subset B) \wedge (B \subset A)$
\emptyset	Empty Set	$\{x x \neq x\}$
$A \cup B$	The union of A and B	$\{x x \in A \vee x \in B\}$
$A \cap B$	The intersection of A and B	$\{x x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$
$A \setminus B$	The difference between A and B	$\{x x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$
$C_M A$	The complement of A in M	$\{x x \in M \wedge x \notin A\}$ where $A \subset M$
$A \times B$	The Cartesian Product of A and B	$\{(x, y) x \in A \wedge y \in B\}$
A^2	$A \times A$	

In the ordered pair $z = (x_1, x_2)$ where $Z = X_1 \times X_2, z \in Z, x_1 \in X_1, x_2 \in X_2$, x_1 is called the *first projection* of the pair z and denoted $\text{pr}_1 z$ while x_2 is called the *second projection* of the pair z and denoted $\text{pr}_2 z$.

1.3 Relations and Functions

1.3.1 Definitions of Functions

Definition. We say that there is a *function* defined on X with values in Y if, by virtue of some rule f , to each element $x \in X$ there corresponds an element $y \in Y$.

$$f(X) := \{y \in Y \mid \exists x((x \in X) \wedge (y = f(x)))\}$$

X is called the *domain of definition* and Y is called *set of values* or *range* of the function.

Definition. If $A \subset X$ and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function. We denote by $f|_A$ the function $\varphi : A \rightarrow Y$ that agrees with f on A . More precisely, $f|_A(x) := \varphi(x)$ if $x \in A$. The function $f|_A$ is called the *restriction* of f to A , and the function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called an *extension* or a *continuation* of φ to X .

We use the term *domain of departure* of the function to denote any set X containing the domain of a function, and *domain of arrival* to denote any subset of Y containing its range.

1.3.2 Elementary Classification of Mappings

Definition. When a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called a *mapping*, the value $f(x) \in Y$ that it assumes at the element $x \in X$ is usually called the *image* of x .

The *image* of a set $A \subset X$ under the mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is defined as the set

$$f(A) := \{y \in Y \mid \exists x((x \in A) \wedge (y = f(x)))\}$$

consisting of the elements of Y that are images of elements of A .

The set

$$f^{-1}(B) := \{x \in X \mid f(x) \in B\}$$

consisting of the elements of X whose images belong to B is called the *pre-image* (or *complete pre-image*) of the set $B \subset Y$.

Definition. A mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be

surjective if $f(X) = Y$

injective if $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X, (f(x_1) = f(x_2)) \Rightarrow (x_1 = x_2)$ holds.

bijective if it's both surjective and injective.

Definition. The inverse mapping of a bijective f is denoted as

$$f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$$

and defined as follows: if $f(x) = y$, then $f^{-1}(y) = x$.

Note that the pre-image of a set is defined for any mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$, even if it is not bijective and hence has no inverse.

1.3.3 Composition of Functions and Mutually Inverse Mappings

Definition. For two mappings $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$,

$$g \circ f : X \rightarrow Z, \quad (g \circ f)(x) := g(f(x))$$

is called the *composition* of the mapping f and the mapping g .

If all the terms of a composition $f_n \circ \dots \circ f_1$ are equal to the same function f , we abbreviate it to f^n .

Function composition is associative, that is,

$$h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$$

But in general, $g \circ f \neq f \circ g$.

Definition. The mapping $f : X \rightarrow X$ that assigns each element in X to itself is called the *identity mapping* on X and denoted e_X .

Lemma. $(g \circ f = e_X) \Rightarrow (g \text{ is surjective}) \wedge (f \text{ is injective})$.

Proof. If $f : X \rightarrow Y, g : Y \rightarrow X$, and $g \circ f = e_X : X \rightarrow X$, then

$$X = e_X(X) = (g \circ f)(X) = g(f(X)) \subset g(Y)$$

and hence g is surjective.

Further, if $x_1 \in X$ and $x_2 \in X$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1 \neq x_2) &\Rightarrow (e_X(x_1) \neq e_X(x_2)) \Rightarrow ((g \circ f)(x_1) \neq (g \circ f)(x_2)) \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow (g(f(x_1)) \neq g(f(x_2))) \Rightarrow (f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)) \end{aligned}$$

and therefore f is injective. □

Proposition. The mappings $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow X$ are bijective and mutually inverse to each other if and only if $g \circ f = e_X$ and $f \circ g = e_Y$.

1.3.4 Functions as Relations. The Graph of a Function

Relations

Definition. A Relation R is any set of ordered pairs (x, y) .

The set X is called the *domain of definition* of R , and the set Y is the *range of values*.

Any set containing the domain of definition of a relation is called a *domain of departure* for that relation, and *domain of arrival* is a set that contains the range of values of the relation.

Instead writing $(x, y) \in R$, we write xRy and say that x is *connected with* y *by the relation* R .

If $R \subset X^2$, then we say that the relation R is defined on X .

Classification of Relations

Definition. An *equivalence relation* is a relation that satisfy the following properties:

- aRa (Reflexivity);
- $aRb \Rightarrow bRa$ (Symmetry);
- $(aRb) \wedge (bRc) \Rightarrow aRc$ (Transitivity).

An equivalence relation is denoted by the special symbol \sim . $a \sim b$ means a is *equivalent* to b .

Definition. A *partial ordering* on a set X^2 is a relation R that have the following properties:

- aRa (Reflexivity);
- $(aRb) \wedge (bRc) \Rightarrow aRc$ (Transitivity).
- $(aRb) \wedge (bRa) \Rightarrow (a = b)$ (Anti-symmetry);

We often write $a \preceq b$ and say that b *follows* a . If the condition

$$\forall a \forall b ((aRb) \vee (bRa))$$

holds in addition to transitivity and anti-symmetry defining a partial ordering relation (this means any two elements of X is comparable), the relation R is called an *ordering*, and the set X is said to be *linearly ordered*.

Functions and Their Graphs

Definition. A relation R is said to be functional if

$$(xRy_1) \wedge (xRy_2) \Rightarrow (y_1 = y_2)$$

and it is called a *function*.

$R \subset X \times Y$ is a *mapping from X into Y* , or a *function from X into Y* .

Definition. The *graph* of a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, is the subset Γ of $X \times Y$.

$$\Gamma := \{(x, y) \in X \times Y | y = f(x)\}$$

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The Real Numbers

2.1 The Axiom System and Some General Properties of the Set of Real Numbers

2.1.1 The Axiom System of the Real Numbers

Axioms for Addition:

An operation

$$+ : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is defined, assigning to each ordered pair (x, y) of elements x, y of \mathbb{R} a certain element $x + y \in \mathbb{R}$.

1₊ There exists a neutral, or identity element 0 (called zero) such that

$$x + 0 = 0 + x = x$$

for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

2₊ For every element $x \in \mathbb{R}$ there exists an element $-x \in \mathbb{R}$ called the *negative of x*.

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow (\exists!(-x) \in \mathbb{R}) \wedge (x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0)$$

3₊ The operation $+$ is associative.

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$$

4₊ The operation $+$ is commutative.

$$\forall x \forall y \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow (x + y = y + x)$$

Definition. A group structure is defined on the set G – or G is a group – if Axioms 1_+ , 2_+ , and 3_+ holds for an operation defined on this set. The group is called *additive* group if the operation is called addition. When the operation is also commutative, that is, Axiom 4_+ holds, the group is also called a *commutative group* or an *Abelian group*.

According to Axioms 1_+ – 4_+ , \mathbb{R} is an additive Abelian group.

Axioms for Multiplication:

An operation

$$\bullet : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is defined, assigning to each ordered pair (x, y) of elements $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ a certain element $x \cdot y \in \mathbb{R}$, called the product of x and y .

1. There exists a neutral, or identity element $1 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus 0$ such that

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow (x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x)$$

2. For every element $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus 0$ there exists an element $x^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}$, called the *inverse* or *reciprocal* of x .

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow (x \cdot x^{-1} = x^{-1} \cdot x = 1)$$

3. The operation \bullet is associative.

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$$

4. The operation \bullet is commutative.

$$\forall x \forall y \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$

The set $\mathbb{R} \setminus 0$ is a *multiplicative* group.

Multiplication is distributive with respect to addition.

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow (x + y)z = xz + yz$$

Definition. If two operations satisfying the Axioms of Addition and Multiplication are defined on a set G , then G is called a *field*.

Order Axioms

Between elements of \mathbb{R} there is a relation \leq defined, and :

- $0 \leq \forall x \in \mathbb{R} (x \leq x)$ (Reflexivity)
- $1 \leq (x \leq y) \wedge (y \leq x) \Rightarrow (x = y)$ (Anti-Symmetry)
- $2 \leq (x \leq y) \wedge (y \leq z) \Rightarrow (x \leq z)$ (Transitivity)
- $3 \leq \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \forall y \in \mathbb{R} (x \leq y) \vee (y \leq x)$

Thus, the relation \leq is an ordering, and \mathbb{R} is linearly ordered.

2.1. THE AXIOM SYSTEM AND SOME GENERAL PROPERTIES OF THE SET OF REAL NUMBERS

The Connection between Addition and Order on \mathbb{R}

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow ((x \leq y) \Rightarrow (x + z \leq y + z))$$

The Connection between Multiplication and Order on \mathbb{R}

$$\forall x \forall y \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow ((0 \leq x) \wedge (0 \leq y) \Rightarrow (0 \leq x \cdot y))$$

The Axiom of Completeness(Continuity)

If X and Y are nonempty subsets of \mathbb{R} having the property that $x \leq y$ for every $x \in X$ and every $y \in Y$, then there exists $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x \leq c \leq y$ for all $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$.

$$(\forall X \forall Y \subset \mathbb{R}) \wedge (X, Y \neq \emptyset) \wedge (\forall x \in X \forall y \in Y \Rightarrow x \leq y) \Rightarrow (\exists c \in \mathbb{R} \forall x \in X \forall y \in Y (x \leq c \leq y))$$

Any set on which these axioms hold can be considered a *model* of the real numbers.

Definition. An axiom system is said to be *categorical* if it determines an unique mathematical object.

Definition. If there are two models of independent number systems \mathbb{R}_A and \mathbb{R}_B that satisfying all the axioms, then a bijective correspondence can be established between these two systems, say $f : \mathbb{R}_A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_B$, preserving the arithmetic operations and the order, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + y) &= f(x) + f(y) \\ f(x \cdot y) &= f(x) \cdot f(y) \\ x \leq y &\Leftrightarrow f(x) \leq f(y) \end{aligned}$$

and we can say that \mathbb{R}_A and \mathbb{R}_B are *isomorphic* and the mapping f is called an *isomorphism*.

Theorem 2.1.1. *The Axiom System of The Real Numbers is categorical.*

2.1.2 Some General Algebraic Properties of Real Numbers

Consequences of the Addition Axioms

- 1⁰ There is only one zero in the set of real numbers.
- 2⁰ Each element of the set of real numbers has a unique negative.
- 3⁰ In \mathbb{R} the equation

$$a + x = b$$

has the unique solution

$$x = b + (-a)$$

Consequences of the Multiplication Axioms

- 1^0 There is only one multiplicative unit in the real numbers.
 2^0 For each $x \neq 0$ there is only one reciprocal x^{-1} .
 3^0 For $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus 0$, the equation $a \cdot x = b$ has the unique solution $x = b \cdot a^{-1}$.

Consequences of the Axiom Connecting Addition and Multiplication

- 1^0 For any $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$x \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot x = 0$$

- 2^0 $(x \cdot y = 0) \Rightarrow (x = 0) \vee (y = 0)$.

- 3^0 For any $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$-x = (-1) \cdot x$$

- 4^0 For any $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(-1) \cdot (-x) = x$$

- 5^0 For any $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(-x) \cdot (-x) = x \cdot x$$

Consequences of the Order Axioms

- 1^0 For any x and y in \mathbb{R} precisely one of the following relations holds:

$$x < y, \quad x = y, \quad x > y$$

- 2^0 For any $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(x < y) \wedge (y \leq z) \Rightarrow (x < z)$$

$$(x \leq y) \wedge (y < z) \Rightarrow (x < z)$$

Consequences of the Axiom Connecting Order with Addition and Multiplication

- 1^0 For any $x, y, z, w \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(x < y) \Rightarrow (x + z) < (y + z)$$

$$(0 < x) \Rightarrow (-x < 0)$$

$$(x \leq y) \wedge (z \leq w) \Rightarrow (x + z) \leq (y + w)$$

$$(x < y) \wedge (z < w) \Rightarrow (x + z) < (y + w)$$

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2⁰ If $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}(0 < x) \wedge (0 < y) &\Rightarrow (0 < xy) \\ (x < 0) \wedge (y < 0) &\Rightarrow (0 < xy) \\ (x < 0) \wedge (0 < y) &\Rightarrow (xy < 0) \\ (x < y) \wedge (0 < z) &\Rightarrow (xz < yz) \\ (x < y) \wedge (z < 0) &\Rightarrow (yz < xz)\end{aligned}$$

3⁰ $0 < 1$.

4⁰ $(0 < x) \Rightarrow (0 < x^{-1})$ and $(0 < x) \wedge (x < y) \Rightarrow (0 < y^{-1}) \wedge (y^{-1} < x^{-1})$.

2.1.3 The Completeness Axiom and the Existence of a Least Upper(or Greatest Lower) Bound of a Set of Numbers

Definition. A set $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ is said to be *bounded above* (resp. *bounded below*) if there exists a number $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x \leq c$ (resp. $c \leq x$) for all $x \in X$.

Definition (Maximal and Minimal Elements).

$$\begin{aligned}(a = \max X) &:= (a \in X \wedge \forall x \in X (x \leq a)) \\ (a = \min X) &:= (a \in X \wedge \forall x \in X (a \leq x))\end{aligned}$$

It follows from the order Axiom 1_< that if there is a maximal (resp. minimal) element in a set of numbers, it is the only one.

However, not every set, not even every bounded set, has a maximal or minimal element (e.g. $X = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | 0 \leq x < 1\}$).

Definition. The smallest number that bounds a set $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ from above is called the *least upper bound* (or the *exact upper bound*) of X and denoted $\sup X$ ("the supremum of X ").

$$(s = \sup X) := \forall x \in X ((x \leq s) \wedge (\forall s' < s \exists x' \in X (s' < x')))$$

Similarly, the greatest lower bound of X , $\inf X$ ("the infimum of X ") can be defined as:

$$(i = \inf X) := \forall x \in X ((i \leq x) \wedge (\forall i' > i \exists x' \in X (x' < i')))$$

Lemma. (*The least upper bound principle*) Every nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded from above has a unique least upper bound.

Proof. Since we already know that the minimal element of a set of numbers is unique (the relation \leq is Anti-Symmetric), we need only verify that the least upper bound exists.

Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ be a given set and $Y = \{y \in \mathbb{R} | \forall x \in X (x \leq y)\}$. We know that $X \neq \emptyset$ and $Y \neq \emptyset$. Then, by the completeness axiom there exists $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\forall x \in X \forall y \in Y (x \leq c \leq y)$. Because c is greater than all the elements in X and smaller than all the elements in Y , we can see that $c \in Y$ and $c = \min Y$. $\forall c' < c$ we have $c' \in X$, and according to the completeness axiom of real numbers, there exists some $x' \in X$ such that $c' \leq x' \leq c$. Thus c is $\sup X$. \square

The existence of greatest lower bound is analogous with the existence of least upper bound, so

Lemma. $(X \text{ is nonempty and bounded below}) \Rightarrow (\exists! \inf X)$.

2.2 The Most Important Classes of Real Numbers and Computational Aspects of Operations with Real Numbers

2.2.1 The Natural Numbers and the Principle of Mathematical Induction

Definition of the Set of Natural Numbers

Definition. A set $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ is *inductive* if for each number $x \in X$, it also contains $x + 1$.

Definition. The set of *natural numbers* is the smallest inductive set (has the cardinality of \aleph_0) containing 1, that is, the intersection of all inductive sets that contain 1.

The Principle of Mathematical Induction

Definition. If a subset E of the set of natural numbers \mathbb{N} is such that $1 \in E$ and together with each number $x \in E$, the number $x + 1$ also belongs to E , then $E = \mathbb{N}$.

$$(E \subset \mathbb{N}) \wedge (1 \in E) \wedge (x \in E \Rightarrow (x + 1) \in E) \Rightarrow E = \mathbb{N}$$

Some properties of the natural numbers:

1^0 The sum and product of natural numbers are natural numbers.

2^0 $(n \in \mathbb{N}) \wedge (n \neq 1) \Rightarrow ((n - 1) \in \mathbb{N})$.

3^0 For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the set $\{x \in \mathbb{N} | n < x\}$ contains a minimal element, namely

$$\min\{x \in \mathbb{N} | n < x\} = n + 1$$

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4^0 $(n \in \mathbb{N}) \wedge (m \in \mathbb{N}) \wedge (n < m) \Rightarrow (n + 1 \leq m)$.

5^0 The number $(n+1) \in \mathbb{N}$ is the immediate successor of the number $n \in \mathbb{N}$; that is, if $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there are no natural numbers x satisfying $n - 1 < x < n$.

6^0 If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n \neq 1$, then $(n - 1) \in \mathbb{N}$ and $(n - 1)$ is the immediate predecessor of $n \in \mathbb{N}$; that is, if $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there are no natural numbers x satisfying $n - 1 < x < n$.

7^0 In any nonempty subset of \mathbb{N} there is a minimal element.

Proof. Let $M \subset \mathbb{N}$.

Case 1: For $1 \in M$, We'll have $\min M = 1$, since $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (1 \leq n)$.

Case 2: For $1 \notin M$, we find a set E such that $1 \in E = \mathbb{N} \setminus M$. If n is $\max E$, then $\forall e \in E \Rightarrow e \leq n$. However, $(n + 1) \notin E$ because $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow (n + 1) > n$, and thus $(n + 1) \in M$ (If such n do not exist, then E which contains 1 is not bounded from above, and we can see that $(n \in E) \Rightarrow ((n + 1) \in E)$. By the principle of induction, $E = \mathbb{N}$. But this is impossible, since $\mathbb{N} \setminus E = M \neq \emptyset$). Therefore, $(\forall x \in M) \Rightarrow (n \not\leq x \not\leq (n + 1)) \Rightarrow (\min M = (n + 1))$. \square

2.2.2 Rational and Irrational Numbers

The Integers

Definition. The union of the set of natural numbers, the set of negatives of natural numbers, and zero is called the set of *integers* and is denoted \mathbb{Z} .

The addition and multiplication of integers do not lead outside of \mathbb{Z} . Thus, \mathbb{Z} is an Abelian group with respect to addition, but \mathbb{Z} nor $\mathbb{Z} \setminus 0$ is a group with respect to multiplication.

Theorem 2.2.1 (The fundamental theorem of arithmetic). *Each natural number admits a representation as a product*

$$n = p_1 \cdots p_k$$

where p_1, \dots, p_k are prime numbers. This representation is unique except for the order of the factors.

Corollary. 1 is not a prime number, since the product representation can contain infinite numbers of 1, which makes the representation not unique.

The Rational Numbers

Definition. Numbers of the form $m \cdot n^{-1}$, where $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, are called rational numbers. The set of rational numbers is denoted as \mathbb{Q} .

The Irrational Numbers

Definition. The real numbers that are not rational are called *irrational*. The set of irrational numbers is $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$.

Example 2.1. $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

Proof. Let X and Y be the sets of positive real numbers such that $\forall x \in X (x^2 < 2)$ and $\forall y \in Y (2 < y^2)$. $X \neq \emptyset$ and $Y \neq \emptyset$, since $1 \in X$ and $2 \in Y$.

Further, $(x < y) \Leftrightarrow (x^2 < y^2)$, and by the completeness axiom there exists $s \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\forall x \in X \forall y \in Y (x \leq s \leq y)$. The next step is to show that $s^2 = 2$.

Case 1: $s^2 < 2$. Then we can see, for example, the number $s + \frac{2-s^2}{3s}$, which is larger than s , would have a square less than 2. Indeed, we know that $1 \in X$, $1^2 \leq s^2 < 2$, and $0 < \Delta := 2 - s^2 \leq 1$. It follows that

$$(s + \frac{\Delta}{3s})^2 = s^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{\Delta}{3s} + (\frac{\Delta}{3s})^2 < s^2 + 3s \cdot \frac{\Delta}{3s} = s^2 + \Delta = 2$$

Therefore $(s + \frac{\Delta}{3s}) \in X$, and this contradicts to the fact that $\forall x \in X (x \leq s)$.

Similarly, we can prove that $s^2 \not> 2$ by consider the number $s - \frac{\Delta}{3s}$ and $0 < \Delta := s^2 - 2 < 3$, and we have $s^2 = 2$.

Finally, now we'll show that $s \notin \mathbb{Q}$. Let's suppose the contrary that $\exists m \in \mathbb{N} \exists n \in \mathbb{N} (s = \frac{m}{n})$ and m as well as n is a prime number. Because m and n are both prime, we can see that the only common factor between them is 1. But

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{m}{n} &= \sqrt{2} \\ (\frac{m}{n})^2 &= 2 \\ m^2 &= n^2 \cdot 2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence m is even. Now let $m = 2k$, and $2k^2 = n^2$. Also, n has to be divisible by 2. This contradicts with the fact that the only common factors between m and n is 1. \square

Definition. (Algebraic Numbers and Transcendental Numbers) A real number is called *algebraic* if it is the root of an algebraic equation

$$a_0x^n + \cdots + a_{n-1}x + a_n = 0$$

with rational coefficients. Otherwise, it is called *transcendental*.

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2.2.3 The Principle of Archimedes

¹⁰ Any nonempty subset of natural numbers that is bounded from above contains a maximal element.

Corollary. *The set of natural numbers is not bounded above.*

²⁰ Any nonempty subset of the integers that is bounded from above (resp. from below) contains a maximal element (resp. minimal element).

³⁰ The set of integers is unbounded above and unbounded below.

Theorem 2.2.2 (The principle of Archimedes). *For any fixed positive number h and any real number x there exists a unique integer k such that $(k-1)h \leq x \leq kh$*

Proof. The set $\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \frac{x}{h} < n\}$ is not empty, since we can always find an integer that is greater than $\frac{x}{h}$ for any value of x and h . This set is also bounded below and contains a minimal element k . We can see that $(k-1) \leq \frac{x}{h} < k$. These inequalities are equivalent to the principle of Archimedes because $h > 0$. The uniqueness of k can be derived from the uniqueness of the minimal element of a set of numbers. \square

Corollary. *For any positive number ε there exists a natural number n such that $0 < \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$.*

Proof. By the principle of Archimedes there exists $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $1 < \varepsilon \cdot n$. Since $0 < 1$ and $0 < \varepsilon$, we have $0 < n$. Thus $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 < \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$. \square

Corollary. *If the number $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is such that $0 \leq x$ and $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z} (x < \frac{1}{n})$, then $x = 0$.*

Corollary. *For any numbers $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a < b$ there is a rational number $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $a < r < b$.*

Proof. According to what we had proved, we can choose $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $0 < \frac{1}{n} < (b-a)$. Then by the principle of Archimedes, there exists an integer $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\frac{m-1}{n} \leq a < \frac{m}{n}$. Hence the relationship $b < \frac{m}{n}$ is impossible, since then we'll have $\frac{m-1}{n} \leq a < b \leq \frac{m}{n}$. Now we subtract each side by a , and $(b-a) \leq \frac{m}{n} - a$. Because $\frac{m-1}{n} \leq a$, it is obvious that $(b-a) \leq \frac{m}{n} - \frac{m-1}{n} \Rightarrow (b-a) \leq \frac{1}{n}$, which contradicts with the fact that $\frac{1}{n} < b-a$. We can choose $r = \frac{m}{n} \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $a < \frac{m}{n} < b$. \square

Corollary. *For any number $x \in \mathbb{R}$ there exists a unique integer $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $k \leq x < k+1$.*

Proof. Replace h with 1 in the principle of Archimedes. \square

The number k just mentioned is denoted $[x]$ and is called the *integer part* of x . The quantity $\{x\} := x - [x]$ is called the *fractional part* of x . Thus $x = [x] + \{x\}$, and $\{x\} \geq 0$.

2.2.4 Miscellaneous

Theorem 2.2.3 (Triangle Inequality). $|a+b| \leq |a|+|b|$ holds for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. We know that $|x| = \max\{x, -x\}$ and $\pm x \leq |x|$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} a+b &\leq |a|+b \leq |a|+|b| \\ -a-b &\leq |a|-b \leq |a|+|b| \\ a-b &\leq |a|-b \leq |a|+|b| \end{aligned}$$

□

By the principle of induction, we can prove the following theorem.

Theorem 2.2.4. *The inequality*

$$|x_1 + \cdots + x_n| \leq |x_1| + \cdots + |x_n|$$

holds and equality holds if $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (x_n \leq 0) \vee \forall n \in \mathbb{N} (0 \leq x_n)$.

Definition. An open interval containing the point $x \in \mathbb{R}$ will be called a *neighborhood* of this point. The interval $(x - \delta, x + \delta)$ is the δ -*neighborhood* about x .

Estimation for errors in arithmetic operations

Definition. If x is the exact value of a quantity and \tilde{x} is a known approximation to the quantity, the numbers

$$\Delta(\tilde{x}) := |x - \tilde{x}|$$

and

$$\delta(\tilde{x}) := \frac{\Delta(\tilde{x})}{|\tilde{x}|}$$

are called respectively the *absolute* and *relative* error of approximation by \tilde{x} . The relative error is not defined when $\tilde{x} = 0$.

Proposition. If

$$|x - \tilde{x}| = \Delta(\tilde{x}), \quad |y - \tilde{y}| = \Delta(\tilde{y}),$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}) &:= |(x + y) - (\tilde{x} + \tilde{y})| \leq \Delta(\tilde{x}) + \Delta(\tilde{y}), \\ \Delta(\tilde{x} \cdot \tilde{y}) &:= |(x \cdot y) - (\tilde{x} \cdot \tilde{y})| \leq |\tilde{x}| \Delta(\tilde{y}) + |\tilde{y}| \Delta(\tilde{x}) + \Delta(\tilde{x}) \cdot \Delta(\tilde{y}), \end{aligned}$$

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if, in addition

$$y \neq 0, \quad \tilde{y} \neq 0, \quad \delta(\tilde{y}) = \frac{\Delta(\tilde{y})}{|\tilde{y}|} < 1$$

then

$$\Delta\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\tilde{y}}\right) := \left|\frac{x}{y} - \frac{\tilde{x}}{\tilde{y}}\right| \leq \frac{|\tilde{x}|\Delta(\tilde{y}) + |\tilde{y}|\Delta(\tilde{x})}{\tilde{y}^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \delta(\tilde{y})}$$

Proof. Let $x = \tilde{x} + \alpha$ and $y = \tilde{y} + \beta$. Thus, $|\alpha| = \Delta(\tilde{x})$ and $|\beta| = \Delta(\tilde{y})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}) &= |(x + y) - (\tilde{x} + \tilde{y})| = |\alpha + \beta| \leq |\alpha| + |\beta| = \Delta(\tilde{x}) + \Delta(\tilde{y}) \\ \Delta(\tilde{x} \cdot \tilde{y}) &= |(x \cdot y) - (\tilde{x} \cdot \tilde{y})| = |(\tilde{x} + \alpha)(\tilde{y} + \beta) - \tilde{x} \cdot \tilde{y}| = \\ &= |\tilde{x}\beta + \tilde{y}\alpha + \alpha\beta| \leq |\tilde{x}||\beta| + |\tilde{y}||\alpha| + |\alpha||\beta| = \\ &= |\tilde{x}|\Delta(\tilde{y}) + |\tilde{y}|\Delta(\tilde{x}) + \Delta(\tilde{x}) \cdot \Delta(\tilde{y}) \\ \Delta\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\tilde{y}}\right) &= \left|\frac{x}{y} - \frac{\tilde{x}}{\tilde{y}}\right| = \left|\frac{x\tilde{y} - y\tilde{x}}{y\tilde{y}}\right| = \\ &= \left|\frac{(\tilde{x} + \alpha)\tilde{y} - (\tilde{y} + \beta)\tilde{x}}{\tilde{y}^2}\right| \cdot \left|\frac{1}{1 + \beta/\tilde{y}}\right| \leq \frac{|\tilde{x}||\beta| + |\tilde{y}||\alpha|}{\tilde{y}^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \delta(\tilde{y})} = \\ &= \frac{|\tilde{x}|\Delta(\tilde{y}) + |\tilde{y}|\Delta(\tilde{x})}{\tilde{y}^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \delta(\tilde{y})} \end{aligned}$$

□

These statements imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}) &\leq \frac{\Delta(\tilde{x} + \Delta(\tilde{y}))}{|\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}|} \\ \delta(\tilde{x} \cdot \tilde{y}) &\leq \delta(\tilde{x}) + \delta(\tilde{y}) + \delta(\tilde{y}) \cdot \delta(\tilde{y}) \\ \delta\left(\frac{\tilde{x}}{\tilde{y}}\right) &\leq \frac{\delta(\tilde{x}) + \delta(\tilde{y})}{1 - \delta(\tilde{y})} \end{aligned}$$

The Positional Computation System

Lemma. *If a number $q > 1$ is fixed, then for every positive number $x \in \mathbb{R}$ there exists a unique integer $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that*

$$q^{k-1} \leq x < q^k$$

Proof. We first verify that the set of numbers of the form q^k , $k \in \mathbb{N}$ is not bounded above. Suppose the contrary, we'll have a least upper bound such that there exists some $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $q^m < s$. Also, we can see that $\frac{s}{q} < q^m$ (If this is not the case, then we can have $q^m \leq \frac{s}{q} \Rightarrow q^{m+1} \leq s$, which makes the biggest element in this set be q^{m+1} , and this is impossible, since q^m must be the biggest element if the least upper bound is s). Here we'll have $\frac{s}{q} < q^m \leq s \Rightarrow s < q^{m+1}$, so s could not be the least upper bound of the set.

Because $1 < q$, $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \wedge (m < n) \Rightarrow q^m < q^n$. We already show that this set is not bounded from above, so $\forall c \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \exists N \in \mathbb{N}(\forall n > N(c < q^n))$ (or c will be the upper bound of this set).

Now let's set $c = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ and $M = N$, it follows that $\forall \varepsilon > 0(\exists M \in \mathbb{N} \forall n > M(\frac{1}{q^m} < \varepsilon))$.

The set $K \subset \mathbb{Z}$ that $K\{m | (0 < x) \wedge (x < q^m)\}$ is bounded below (because when $x = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$, for $m < M$ we will have $q^m < x$). Therefore if the minimal element is denoted as k , for this integer x it is obvious that $q^{k-1} < x < q^k$.

Next we have to prove the uniqueness of such integer k . For $m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow ((m < n) \Rightarrow (m \leq n-1))$, and $q > 1 \Rightarrow (q^m \leq q^{n-1})$. Thus, if m and n are both the minimal element of the set K , it can be derived that $q^{m-1} \leq x < q^m$ and $q^{n-1} \leq x < q^n$, which imply $q^{n-1} \leq x < q^m$, are incompatible if $m \neq n$. \square

Definition. The number p satisfying the Lemma($p = k$) is called the *order of x in the base q* or (when q is fixed) simply the *order of x* .

By the principle of Archimedes, $\exists! \alpha_p(\alpha_p q^p \leq x < (\alpha_p + 1)q^p)$. We can use r_n , a sequence of numbers, can be used to approximate some real number x . Take $\alpha_p, \alpha_{p-1}, \dots, \alpha_{p-n} \dots$ from the set $\{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}$ then

$$r_n = \alpha_p q^p + \dots + \alpha_{p-n} q^{p-n}$$

and such that

$$r_n \leq x < r_n + \frac{1}{q^{n-p}}$$

The set $\{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}$ is all the digits under base q while the power of q is the order of this corresponding digit.

2.3 Basic Lemmas Connected with the Completeness of the Real Numbers

2.3.1 The Nested Interval Lemma (Cauchy-Cantor Principle)

Definition. A function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$ of a natural-number argument is called a *sequence* or a *sequence of elements* of X . $f(n)$ corresponding to the number $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is often denoted x_n and called the n th term of the sequence.

Definition. Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \dots$ be a sequence of sets. If $X_{n+1} \subset X_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we say the sequence is *nested*.

Lemma (Cauchy-Cantor). *For any nested sequence $I_1 \supset I_2 \supset \cdots \supset I_n \supset \cdots$ of closed intervals, there exists a point $c \in \mathbb{R}$ belonging to all of these intervals.*

If in addition it is known that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is an interval I_k such that $|I_k| < \varepsilon$, then c is the unique point common to all the intervals.

Proof. Let's find two sets in this sequence, denoted as $M = [a_m, b_m]$ and $N = [a_n, b_n]$ where $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Suppose $n < m$, and we obtain $a_m \leq b_n$. Thus the two numerical sets $A = \{a_m\}$ and $B = \{b_n\}$ satisfy the axiom of completeness. So $\exists c \in \mathbb{R} (a_m \leq c \leq b_n)$. This also means that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (a_n \leq c \leq b_n)$. Therefore this point c belongs to all the intervals.

Now let c_1 and c_2 be two points having this property. Without loss of generality, let $c_1 < c_2$, then $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (a_n \leq c_1 < c_2 \leq b_n) \Rightarrow (0 < c_2 - c_1 < b_n - a_n)$, and the length of any interval in this sequence cannot be less than $c_2 - c_1$. Hence if there are intervals of arbitrarily small length in the sequence, their common point is unique. \square

2.3.2 The Finite Covering Lemma (Borel-Lebesgue Principle, or Heine-Borel Theorem)

Definition. A system $S = \{X\}$ of sets X is said to *cover* a set Y if $Y \subset \bigcup_{X \in S} X$.

A subset of S that is also a system of sets will be called a *subsystem* of S .

Lemma (Borel-Lebesgue). *Every system of open intervals covering a closed interval contains a finite subsystem that covers the closed interval.*

Proof. Let $S = \{U\}$ be a system of open intervals U that cover the closed interval $[a, b] = I_1$. If the interval I_1 could not be covered by a finite set of intervals of the system S , then, dividing I_1 into two halves, we could find that at least one of the two halves, which we denoted by I_2 , does not admit a finite covering. We now repeat this procedure with the interval I_2 , and so on.

In this way a nested sequence I_1

supset I_2

supset \cdots

supset I_n

supset \cdots of closed intervals arises, none of which admit a covering by a finite subsystem of S . Since the length of the interval $|I_n| = |I_1| \cdot 2^{-n}$, the sequence $\{I_n\}$ contains intervals of arbitrarily small length (The second part of **Cauchy-Cantor Principle**), and thus there exists a unique point c belonging to all the intervals $I_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $c \in I_1 = [a, b]$, there exists an

open interval $(\alpha, \beta) = U \in S$ containing c . Let $\varepsilon = \min\{c - \alpha, \beta - c\}$. In the sequence just constructed, we find an interval I_n such that $|I_n| < \varepsilon$. Since $c \in I_n$ and $|I_n| < \varepsilon$, we conclude that $I_n \subset (\alpha, \beta)$. But this contradicts the fact that the interval I_n cannot be covered by a finite set of intervals from the system. \square

2.3.3 The Limit Point Lemma(Bolzano-Weierstrass Principle)

Definition. A point $p \in \mathbb{R}$ is a *limit point* of the set $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ if every neighborhood of the point contains an infinite subset of X .

Examples:

If $X = \{\frac{1}{n} \in \mathbb{R} | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, the only limit point of X is the point $0 \in \mathbb{R}$.

For an open interval (a, b) every point of the closed interval $[a, b]$ is a limit point, and there are no others.

For the set \mathbb{Q} every point of \mathbb{R} is a limit point; for, as we know, every open interval of the real numbers contains rational numbers.

Lemma (Bolzano-Weierstrass). *Every bounded infinite set of real numbers has at least one limit point.*

Proof. Let X be the given subset of \mathbb{R} . It follows from the definition of boundedness that X is contained in some closed interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$. The next step is to show that at least one point of I is a limit point of X .

If, suppose the contrary, each point $x \in I$ would have a neighborhood $U(x)$ containing either no points of X or at most a finite number. The totality of such neighborhoods $\{U(x)\}$ constructed for the points $x \in I$ forms a covering of I by open intervals $U(x)$. By the finite covering Lemma(Borel-Lebesgue) we can extract a system $U(x_1), \dots, U(x_n)$ of open intervals that cover I . But, since $X \subset I$, this same system also covers X . However, there are only finitely many points of X in $U(x_i)$ (the definition of $U(x)$), and hence only finitely many in their union. That is, X is a finite set. This contradiction completes the proof. \square

2.4 Countable and Uncountable Sets

Definition. A set X is *countable* if it is equipollent with the set \mathbb{N} of natural numbers, that is, $\text{card}X = \text{card}\mathbb{N}$.

Proposition. An infinite subset of a countable set is countable.

Proof. Let's consider a countable set E . There is a minimal element of $E_1 := E$, which we assign to $1 \in \mathbb{N}$ and denote $e_1 \in E$. E is infinite, so $E_2 := E \setminus e_1$ is not empty. Following the principle of induction, we can

construct an injective mapping from $\{1, 2, \dots\}$ to $\{e_1, e_2, \dots\}$.

Now we have to prove that this mapping is also surjective. Suppose the contrary, that an element $e \in E$ does not have a natural number assigned to it. The set $K = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \leq e\}$ is finite, since it's a subset of \mathbb{N} bounded both from below and above. According to our previous construction, we assign 1 to $\min K$, denoted as e_1 , and we can acquire a sequence $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{k=\text{card}K}$. But $e_{k=\text{card}K}$ is $\max K$, and because $e \in K \wedge (\forall n \in K (n \leq e))$, $e = \max K$. Therefore $e = e_k$, or otherwise it will contradict the uniqueness of maximal element. \square

Proposition. The Union of the sets of a finite or countable system of countable sets is also a countable set.

Proof. Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, \dots$ is a countable system of sets and each set $X_m = \{x_m^1, \dots, x_m^n, \dots\}$ is itself countable. Since $\forall m \in \mathbb{N} (\text{card}(X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X_n) \geq \text{card}(X_m))$, X is an infinite set. The ordered pair (m, n) identifies the element $x_m^n \in X_m$. We can construct a mapping, like $f : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} := (m, n) \rightarrow \frac{(m+n-2)(m+n-1)}{2} + m$, such that it is bijective. Thus X is countable. Then because $\text{card}X \leq \text{card}\mathbb{N}$ and the fact that X is infinite, we conclude that $\text{card}X = \text{card}\mathbb{N}$. \square

If it is known that a set is either finite or countable, we say it is *at most countable* ($\text{card}X \leq \aleph_0$).

Corollary. $\text{card}\mathbb{Z} = \text{card}\mathbb{N}$

Corollary. $\text{card}\mathbb{N}^2 = \text{card}\mathbb{N}$ (The direct product of countable sets is countable).

Corollary. $\text{card}\mathbb{Q} = \text{card}\mathbb{N}$, that is, the set of rational numbers is countable.

Proof. Let (m, n) denote a rational number $\frac{m}{n}$. It is known that the pair (m, n) and (m', n') define the same number iff they are proportional. Thus \mathbb{Q} is equipollent to some infinite subset of the set $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$. Since $\text{card}\mathbb{Z}^2 = \text{card}\mathbb{N}$, we can conclude that $\text{card}\mathbb{Q} = \text{card}\mathbb{N}$. \square

Corollary. The set of algebraic numbers is countable.

Proof. It can be observed that $\text{card}\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} = \text{card}\mathbb{N}$. By the principle of induction, $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} (\text{card}\mathbb{Q}^k = \text{card}\mathbb{N})$. Let $r \in \mathbb{Q}^k$ be an ordered set (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k) consists of k rational numbers.

An algebraic equation of degree k with rational coefficient can be written in the reduced form $x^k + r_1x^{k-1} + \dots + r_k = 0$. Thus there are as many different algebraic equations of degree k as there are different ordered sets (r_1, \dots, r_k) of rational numbers, that is, a countable set.

The algebraic equation with rational coefficients (of arbitrary degree) is the union of sets consisting of algebraic equation (of a fixed degree) which is countable, and this union is countable. Each such equation has only a finite number of roots. Hence the set of algebraic numbers is at most countable. But it is infinite, and therefore countable. \square

2.4.1 The Cardinality of the Continuum

Definition. The set \mathbb{R} of real numbers is also called the *number continuum* (from Latin *continuum*, meaning continuous, or solid), and its cardinality the *cardinality of the continuum*.

Theorem 2.4.1 (Cantor). $\text{card}\mathbb{N} < \text{card}\mathbb{R}$

Proof by Nested Interval Lemma. It is sufficient to show that even $[0, 1]$ is an uncountable set.

Assume it is countable, that is, can be written as a sequence $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$. Take x_1 on $I_0 = [0, 1]$, and find I_1 such that $x_1 \notin I_1$. Then construct the nested interval I_n such that $x_{n+1} \notin I_{n+1}$ and $|I_n| > 0$. It follows the nested interval lemma that there exist a point $c \in [0, 1]$ belonging to all I_n . But by our construction, $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and c cannot be any point of the sequence $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$. \square

Proof by Cantor's Diagonal Argument. Let's first consider an the set L and write out the infinite sequence of distinct binary numbers in it which has the form:

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots) \\ s_2 &= (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots) \\ s_3 &= (0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots) \\ s_4 &= (1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots) \\ s_5 &= (1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, \dots) \\ s_6 &= (0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, \dots) \\ s_7 &= (1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots) \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

We then construct a number s such that its first digit is the complementary

(swapping 0s for 1s and vice versa) of the first digit of s_1 and etc.

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_1 &= (\mathbf{0}, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots) \\
 s_2 &= (1, \mathbf{1}, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots) \\
 s_3 &= (0, 1, \mathbf{0}, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots) \\
 s_4 &= (1, 0, 1, \mathbf{0}, 1, 0, 1, \dots) \\
 s_5 &= (1, 1, 0, 1, \mathbf{0}, 1, 1, \dots) \\
 s_6 &= (0, 0, 1, 1, 0, \mathbf{1}, 1, \dots) \\
 s_7 &= (1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, \mathbf{0}, \dots) \\
 &\dots \\
 s &= (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, \dots)
 \end{aligned}$$

By construction s differs from s_n at the n th digit, so s is not in this sequence, and thus L is uncountable.

We can now define a mapping $f : L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. $f(s_n) = r_n \in \mathbb{R}$ means that s_n and r_n have the same digit while r_n is under base 10 and s_n is under base 2. For $s_n \neq s_m \Rightarrow (r_n = f(s_n)) \neq (r_m = f(s_m))$, f is injective, and with the fact that all s_n corresponds to a r_n together give us $\text{card}f(L) = \text{card}L$. Since $f(L)$ is a subset of \mathbb{R} , we can see that \mathbb{R} is also uncountable. \square

The cardinality of \mathbb{R} is often denotes as \mathfrak{c} .

Corollary. $\mathbb{Q} \neq \mathbb{R}$, and so irrational numbers exist.

Corollary. There exist transcendental numbers, since the set of algebraic numbers is countable.

2.4.2 Miscellaneous

Example 2.2. The cardinality of $P(X)$, which is the power set of X , satisfy that if $\text{card}X = n$, $\text{card}P(X) = 2^n$.

Proof. We can use the principle of induction to complete the proof. If $n = 1$, $X = \{x\}$, then $P(X) = \{\emptyset, X\}$, then $\text{card}P(X) = 2^1$.

Now if $n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \text{card}P(X) = 2^n$, let X be a set that has x as one of its elements and has the cardinality of $n + 1$. Therefore $Y = X \setminus \{x\}$ has n elements. We can divide $P(X)$ into two parts: the ones containing x and the ones don't. If $x \in A \subset P(X)$, then $A \setminus \{x\} \subset P(Y)$ and vice versa. Thus we can set up a bijection between $P(Y)$ and the elements in $P(X)$ that contains x . Similarly, we can clearly see that a bijection between the subsets of $P(X)$ that does not contains x and $P(Y)$. Thus $\text{card}P(X) = 2^n + 2^n = 2^{n+1}$, and we complete the proof. \square

3

Limits

3.1 The Limit of a Sequence

3.1.1 Definitions and Examples

Definition. A number $A \in \mathbb{R}$ is called the *limit of the numerical sequence* $\{x_n\}$ if for every neighborhood $V(A)$ of A there exists an index N (depending on $V(A)$) such that all terms of the sequence having index larger than N belong to $V(A)$. $((\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = A) := \forall V(A) \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \forall n > N (x_n \in V(A)))$

An equivalent way (or more common) way to say this is that a number $A \in \mathbb{R}$ is called the *limit of the sequence* $\{x_n\}$ if $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ there exists an index N such that $\forall n > N (|x_n - A| < \varepsilon)$. $((\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = A) := \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \forall n > N (|x_n - A| < \varepsilon))$

Definition. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = A$, we say that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ *converges* to A or *tends* to A and write $x_n \rightarrow A$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Otherwise, it's called *divergent*.

Examples:

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$, since $|\frac{1}{n} - 0| = \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$ when $n > N = [\frac{1}{\varepsilon}]$ (the integer part of $\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$).

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n} = 1$, since $|\frac{n+1}{n} - 1| = \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$ if $n > [\frac{1}{\varepsilon}]$.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin n}{n} = 0$, since $|\frac{\sin n}{n} - 0| \leq \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$ if $n > [\frac{1}{\varepsilon}]$.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{q^n} = 0$ if $|q| > 1$.

Proof. As shown in the proof in 2.2.4(Miscellaneous), for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{|q|^N} < \varepsilon$. Since $|q| > 1$, we have $|\frac{1}{q^n} - 0| \leq \frac{1}{|q|^n} < \frac{1}{|q|^N} < \varepsilon$ for $n > N$. \square

The sequence $1, 2, \frac{1}{3}, 4, \frac{1}{5}, 6, \frac{1}{7}, \dots$ whose n th term is $x_n = n^{(-1)^n}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, is divergent.

Proof. If A is the limit of this sequence, then any neighborhood of A would contain all but a finite number of terms of the sequence.

A number $A \neq 0$ cannot be the limit, since when $\varepsilon = \frac{|A|}{2} > 0$, any point of the form $\frac{1}{2k+1}$ for which $\frac{1}{2k+1} < \frac{|A|}{2}$ lie outside the ε -neighborhood of A . At the same time $A = 0$ cannot be the limit of this sequence because there are infinitely many terms lie outside of even 1-neighborhood of 0. \square

3.1.2 Properties of the Limit of a Sequence

Definition. If there exists a number A and an index N such that $x_n = A$ for all $n > N$, the sequence $\{x_n\}$ will be called *ultimately constant*.

Definition. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is *bounded* if there exists M such that $|x_n| < M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem 3.1.1. *An ultimately constant sequence converges.*

Proof. if $x_N = A$, then $\forall n > N (x_n \in V(A))$. \square

Theorem 3.1.2. *Any neighborhood of the limit of a sequence contains all but a finite number of terms of the sequence.*

Theorem 3.1.3. *A convergent sequence cannot have two different limits.*

Proof. Suppose the contrary, that is, A_1 and A_2 are both the limit of the sequence x_n . Then we find two nonintersecting neighborhoods $V(A_1)$ and $V(A_2)$ of A_1 and A_2 . By the definition of limits we find two indices N_1 and N_2 such that $\forall n > N_1 (x_n \in V(A_1))$ and $\forall n > N_2 (x_n \in V(A_2))$. But then for $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$, we'll have $\forall n > N (x_n \in V(A_1) \cap V(A_2))$, and this is impossible since $V(A_1) \cap V(A_2) = \emptyset$. \square

Theorem 3.1.4. *A convergent sequence is bounded.*

Proof. Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = A$. Set $\varepsilon = 1$ in the common definition of limit, we find N such that $|x_n - A| < 1$ for all $n > N$. Then by the triangle inequality we have $|x_n| < |A| + 1$. Considering $n < N$, we take $M > \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_N|, |A| + 1\}$, and for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $M > |x_n|$. \square

Passage to the Limit and the Arithmetic Operations

Definition. If $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ are two numerical sequences, their *sum*, *product*, and *quotient* are the sequences

$$\{(x_n + y_n)\}, \quad \{(x_n \cdot y_n)\}, \quad \left\{\left(\frac{x_n}{y_n}\right)\right\}$$

while the quotient is defined when $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (y_n \neq 0)$.

Let $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ be two numerical sequences, if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = A$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = B$, then

Theorem 3.1.5. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{x_n + y_n\} = A + B$.

Proof. Set $|A - x_n| = \Delta(x_n)$, $|B - y_n| = \Delta(y_n)$. Now we have

$$|(A + B) - (x_n + y_n)| \leq \Delta(x_n) + \Delta(y_n)$$

Suppose $\varepsilon > 0$ is given. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = A$, there exists N' such that $\Delta(x_n) < \varepsilon/2$ for all $n > N'$. Similarly, since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = B$, there exists N'' such that $\Delta(y_n) < \varepsilon/2$ for all $n > N''$. Then for $n > \max\{N', N''\}$ we have

$$|(A + B) - (x_n + y_n)| \leq \varepsilon$$

and our proof completes. \square

Theorem 3.1.6. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{x_n \cdot y_n\} = A \cdot B$.

Proof. Similar to our first proof, we show that $|x_n| \Delta(y_n)$, $|y_n| \Delta(x_n)$ and $\Delta(x_n) \cdot \Delta(y_n)$ are less than $\frac{\varepsilon}{3}$, since their sum is greater or equal to $|(A \cdot B) - (x_n \cdot y_n)|$. \square

Theorem 3.1.7. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right\} = \frac{A}{B}$ when $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (y_n \neq 0) \wedge (B \neq 0)$.

Proof. If we prove that $|x_n| \cdot \frac{1}{y_n^2} \Delta(y_n) = \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$, $|\frac{1}{y_n}| \Delta(x_n) = \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$, and $0 < \frac{1}{1 - \delta(y_n)} < 2$, we'll have $|\frac{A}{B} - \frac{x_n}{y_n}| < \varepsilon$. \square

Passage to the Limit and Inequalities

Theorem 3.1.8. Let $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ be two convergent sequences with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = A$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = B$. If $A < B$, then there exists an index $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_n < y_n$ for all $n > N$.

Proof. Choose a number C such that $A < C < B$. By definition of limit, we can find numbers N' and N'' such that $|x_n - A| < C - A$ for all $n > N'$ and $|y_n - B| < B - C$ for all $n > N''$. Then for $n > N = \max\{N', N''\}$ we shall have $x_n < (A + C - A) = C = (B - (B - C)) < y_n$. \square

Theorem 3.1.9. Suppose the sequences $\{x_n\}$, $\{y_n\}$, and $\{z_n\}$ are such that $x_n \leq y_n \leq z_n$ for all $n > N \in \mathbb{N}$. If the sequences $\{x_n\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ both converge to the same limit, then the sequence $\{y_n\}$ also converges to that limit.

Proof. Suppose $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = A$. Given $\varepsilon > 0$ choose N' and N'' such that $\forall n > N' (A - \varepsilon < x_n)$ and $\forall n > N'' (z_n < A + \varepsilon)$. Then for $n > N = \max\{N', N''\}$ we shall have $A - \varepsilon < x_n \leq y_n \leq z_n < A + \varepsilon$, which says $|y_n - A| < \varepsilon$, that is $A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$. \square

Corollary. Suppose $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = A$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = B$. If there exists N such that for all $n > N$ we have

- a) $x_n > y_n$, then $A \geq B$;
- b) $x_n \geq y_n$, then $A \geq B$;
- c) $x_n > B$, then $A \geq B$;
- d) $x_n \geq B$, then $A \geq B$.

Proof. The first two statement can be proved by contradiction using the theorem we mentioned above, and the last two statement are the special cases when $y_n \equiv B$. \square

3.1.3 Questions Involving the Existence of the Limit of a Sequence

The Cauchy Criterion

Definition. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is called a *fundamental* or *Cauchy* sequence if for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an index $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|x_m - x_n| < \varepsilon$ whenever $n > N$ and $m > N$.

Theorem 3.1.10 (Cauchy's convergence criterion). *A numerical sequence converges if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence.*

Proof. First, we prove that a convergent sequence is a Cauchy sequence. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = A$, we set $|x_n - A| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$, and we obtain that $|x_m - x_n| \leq |x_m - A| + |x_n - A| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$ for $m, n > N$ (imagine two points on a line, their distance to a fixed point is greater or equal to the distance between these two points).

Next, let $\{x_k\}$ be a Cauchy sequence. We find $|x_m - x_k| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ for $m, k \geq N$. Fix $m = N$, we can see that $x_N - \frac{\varepsilon}{3} < x_k < x_N + \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$, and thus this sequence is bounded. Then we set $a_n := \inf_{k \geq n} x_k$ and $b_n := \sup_{k \geq n} x_k$. Apply the **Nested Interval Lemma** to the close intervals $[a_n, b_n]$ and denote that point A . The inequality can be derived from the following inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &\leq x_k \leq b_k \\ |A - x_k| &\leq b_n - a_n \\ x_N - \frac{\varepsilon}{3} &\leq a_n \leq b_n \leq x_N + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \end{aligned}$$

\square

A Criterion for the Existence of the Limit of a Monotonic Sequence

Definition. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is *increasing* if $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}(x_n < x_{n+1})$, *nondecreasing* if $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}(x_n \leq x_{n+1})$, *nonincreasing* if $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}(x_n \geq x_{n+1})$, and *decreasing* if $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}(x_n > x_{n+1})$. Sequence of these four types are called *monotonic* sequences.

Definition. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is *bounded above* if there exists a number M such that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (x_n < M)$.

Theorem 3.1.11 (Weierstrass). *In order for a nondecreasing sequence to have a limit, it is necessary and sufficient that it be bounded above.*

Proof. We already know that a convergent sequence is bounded, hence we just need to prove its sufficiency.

Let s be the least upper bound of this sequence. Since it's a nondecreasing sequence, we have $s - \varepsilon < x_N \leq x_n \leq s$ for all $n > N$, and thus $s - x_n < \varepsilon$. \square

Analogously one can prove that in order for a nonincreasing sequence to have a limit, it has to be bounded below.

Corollary. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{q^n} = 0$ if $q > 1$.

Proof. We prove that this sequence is bounded below (all terms are positive). Let $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ for $n > N$, where N is the index that satisfies $x_{n+1} < x_n$ (from N the sequence is monotonically decreasing). From the relation $x_{n+1} = \frac{n+1}{nq} x_n$, one can have:

$$x = \frac{1}{q} x$$

and hence $(1 - \frac{1}{q})x = 0 \Rightarrow (x = 0)$. \square

Corollary. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$.

Proof. There exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $1 \leq n < (1 + \varepsilon)^n$ for all $n > N$. Thus $1 \leq \sqrt[n]{n} < 1 + \varepsilon$, which implies $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$. \square

Corollary. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a} = 1$ for any $a > 0$.

Proof. Assume $a \geq 1$ first, use the same technique from above, and then prove $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a} = 1$ for $0 < a < 1$. \square

Example 3.1. $\forall q \in \mathbb{R} \forall n \in \mathbb{N} (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{q^n}{n!} = 0)$.

Proof. If $q = 0$, the assertion is obvious. Since $|\frac{q^n}{n!}| = \frac{|q|^n}{n!}$, let's assume $q > 0$. Use the same technique as we used in proving $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{q^n} = 0$. First prove that $0 < \frac{1}{n+1} < 1$ and $x_{n+1} < x_n$ for all $n > N \in \mathbb{N}$, thus this sequence is monotonically decreasing from N . Let the limit be x , one will have:

$$x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{q}{n+1} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0 \cdot x = 0$$

\square

The Number e **Theorem 3.1.12** (Jacob Bernoulli's inequality).

$$(1 + \alpha)^n \geq 1 + n\alpha \quad (3.8)$$

holds for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\alpha > -1$.

Proof. Prove by the principle of induction. □

Incidentally, strict inequality holds if $\alpha \neq 0$ and $n > 1$.

Example 3.2. The limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$ exists.

Proof. Let $y_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^{n+1}$ and $n \geq 2$. Use Bernoulli's inequality, we find that $\frac{y_{n-1}}{y_n} > 1$, and since all terms are positive, this sequence is bounded, monotonically decreasing and hence, has a limit. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^{n+1} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^{-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^{n+1}$$

□

Definition. $e := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$.**Subsequences and Partial Limits of a Sequence**

Definition. If $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$ is a sequence and $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots < n_k < \dots$ an increasing sequence of natural numbers, then the sequence $x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, \dots, x_{n_k}, \dots$ is called a *subsequence* of the sequence $\{x_n\}$.

Lemma (Bolzano-Weierstrass). *Every bounded sequence of real numbers contains a convergent subsequence.*

Proof. Let E be the set of values of the bounded sequence $\{x_n\}$. If E is finite, there exists a point $x \in E$ and a sequence $n_1 < n_2 < \dots$ of indices such that $x_{n_1} = x_{n_2} = \dots = x$. The subsequence is constant and hence converges.

If E is infinite, then by the **Bolzano-Weierstrass principle** from section 2.3.3 it has a limit point x . Use the property of limit points, one can see that $|x_{n_k} - x| < \frac{1}{k}$ and $|x_{n_{k+1}} - x| < \frac{1}{k+1}$. Because $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k} = 0$, the sequence $x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, \dots, x_{n_k}, \dots$ converges to x . □

Definition. We shall write $x_n \rightarrow +\infty$ and say that the sequence $\{x_n\}$ *tends to positive infinity* if for each number c there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\forall n > N (x_n > c)$. We can generalize this to both positive and negative infinity:

$$(x_n \rightarrow \infty) := \forall c \in \mathbb{R} \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \forall n > N (c < |x_n|).$$

Lemma. From each sequence of real numbers one can extract either a convergent subsequence or a subsequence that tends to infinity.

Proof. When the sequence $\{x_n\}$ is not bounded, the new case occurs. Then for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ we can choose $n_k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|x_{n_k}| > k$ and $n_k < n_{k+1}$. This sequence is monotonically increasing and not bounded above, hence it tends to infinity. \square

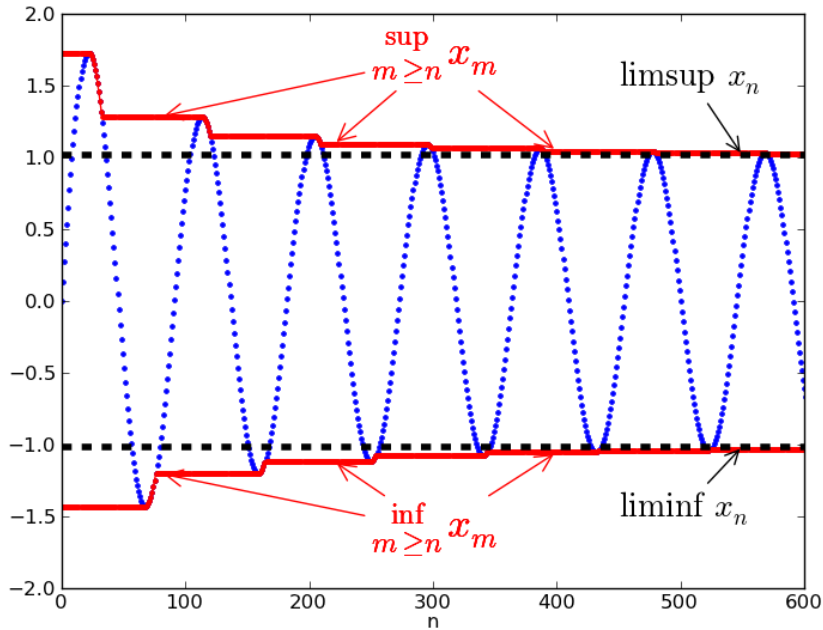
Let $\{x_k\}$ be an arbitrary sequence of real numbers that is bounded below. We can consider the sequence $i_n = \inf_{k \geq n} x_k$. The sequence $\{i_n\}$ has a finite limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} i_n = l$, or $i_n \rightarrow +\infty$, since $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (i_n \leq i_{n+1})$.

Definition. The number $l = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{k \geq n} x_k$ is called the *inferior limit* of the sequence $\{x_k\}$ and denoted $\underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k$. If $i_n \rightarrow +\infty$, it is said that the inferior limit of the sequence equals positive infinity, and we write $\underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = +\infty$. If the original sequence $\{x_k\}$ is not bounded below, then we shall have $i_n = \inf_{k \geq n} x_k = -\infty$ and write $\underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = -\infty$.

$$\underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{k \geq n} x_k$$

Similarly, the superior limit of the sequence $\{x_k\}$ can be defined as

$$\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{k \geq n} x_k$$



Definition. A number (or the symbol $-\infty$ or $+\infty$) is called a *partial limit* of a sequence, if the sequence contains a subsequence converging to that number.

Proposition. The inferior and superior limits of any sequence are respectively the smallest and largest partial limits of the sequence.

Proof. Let's assume that this sequence is bounded. First consider the inferior limit $i = \underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k$. The sequence $i_n = \inf_{k \geq n} x_k$ is nondecreasing. Using the definition of the greatest lower bound, we choose by induction numbers $k_n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k_n < k_{n+1}$ and $i_{k_n} \leq x_{k_n} < i_{k_n} + \frac{1}{n}$ (Taking i_1 we find k_1 ; taking i_{k_1+1} we find k_2 , etc.). Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} i_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (i_n + \frac{1}{n}) = i$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{k_n} = i$. It is the smallest partial limit since for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $i - \varepsilon < i_n$, that is $i - \varepsilon < i_n = \inf_{k \geq n} x_k \leq x_k$ for any $k \geq n$. Now we have $i - \varepsilon < x_k$ for $k > n$ means that no partial limit of the sequence can be less than $i - \varepsilon$. But $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, and hence no partial limit can be less than i . The proof for the superior limit is of course analogous.

Now if the sequence is not bounded below (resp. above), one can select a subsequence of it tending to $-\infty$ (resp. $+\infty$). But then we also have $\underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = -\infty$ (resp. $\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = +\infty$). Finally, if $\underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = -\infty$ (resp. $\underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = +\infty$), the sequence itself tends to $-\infty$ (resp. $+\infty$). \square

Corollary. A sequence has a limit or tends to $\pm\infty$ iff its inferior and superior limits are the same.

Proof. The cases when $\underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = \pm\infty$ have been investigated above, and so we may assume that $\underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = A \in \mathbb{R}$. Since $(i_n = \inf_{k \geq n} x_k) \leq x_k \leq (\sup_{k \geq n} x_k = s_n)$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = A$. \square

Corollary. A sequence converges iff every subsequence of it converges.

Proof. The inferior and superior limits of a subsequence lie between those of the sequence itself. If the sequence converges, then its subsequences must converge, and their limits are the same. The converse assertion is obvious, since the subsequence can be chosen as the sequence itself. \square

Corollary. The Bolzano-Weierstrass Lemma in its restricted and wider formulations (corresponding to Lemmas at page 32 and page 33) follows from the Proposition we just proved.

Proof. If the sequence $\{x_k\}$ is bounded, then $i = \underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k$ and $s = \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k$ are finite and partial limits of the sequence. When $i = s$ some subsequences have a unique limit, and at least two when $i < s$. If the sequence is unbounded on one side or the other, there exists a subsequence tending to the corresponding infinity. \square

3.1.4 Elementary Facts about Series

The Sum of a Series and the Cauchy Criterion for Convergence of Series

Definition. The expression $a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n + \cdots$ is denoted by the symbol $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ and usually called a *series* or an *infinite series*.

Definition. The elements of the sequence $\{a_n\}$, when regarded as elements of the series, are called the *terms* of the series. The element a_n is called the *nth term*.

Definition. The sum $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ is called the *partial sum of the series* or the *nth partial sum of the series*.

Definition. If the sequence $\{s_n\}$ of partial sums of a series converges (resp. diverges), we say the series is *convergent* (resp. *divergent*).

Definition. The limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$ of the sequence of partial sums of the series, if it exists, is called the *sum of the series*.

One can see that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = s$.

Theorem 3.1.13 (The Cauchy convergence criterion for a series). *The series $a_1 + \cdots + a_n + \cdots$ converges iff for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that the inequalities $m \geq n > N$ imply $|a_n + \cdots + a_m| < \varepsilon$.*

Corollary. *If only a finite number of terms of a series are changed, the resulting new series will converge if the original series did and diverge if it diverged.*

Corollary. *A necessary condition for convergence of the series $a_1 + \cdots + a_n + \cdots$ is that the terms tend to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$, that is, it is necessary that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.*

Proof. Set $m = n$ in the Cauchy convergence criterion and use the definition of the limit of a sequence.

Alternatively, $a_n = s_n - s_{n-1}$, and, given that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (s_n - s_{n-1}) = s - s = 0$. \square

Example 3.3. *The series $1 + q + q^2 + \cdots + q^n + \cdots$ is often called the geometric series. It converges iff $|q| < 1$.*

Proof. Suppose $|q| \geq 1$, then we have $|q^n| \geq 1$, and in this case this series does not converge.

Now let $|q| < 1$, and we'll have $s_n = 1 + q + \cdots + q^{n-1} = \frac{1-q^n}{1-q}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \frac{1}{1-q}$, since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q^n = 0$ if $|q| < 1$. \square

Example 3.4. The series $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n} + \cdots$, called the harmonic series, diverges because its partial sums $s_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}$ diverges.

Proof. It's sufficient to prove that its partial sum $s_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}$ diverges. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$|x_{2n} - x_n| = \frac{1}{n+1} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n+n} > n \cdot \frac{1}{2n} = \frac{1}{2}$$

and our proof completes. \square

Remark Usual laws for dealing with finite sums does not apply to series in general (e.g. insert parentheses to a divergent series).

Absolute Convergence. The Comparison Theorem and Its Consequences

Definition. The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is *absolutely* convergent if the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ converges.

Since $|a_n + \cdots + a_m| \leq |a_n| + \cdots + |a_m|$, the Cauchy convergence criterion implies that an absolutely convergent series converges, but the converse is generally not true.

Example 3.5. The series $1 - 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + \cdots$, whose partial sums are either $\frac{1}{n}$ or 0, converges to 0. However, this sequence does not absolutely converges, and its proof is similar to the proof for the divergence of harmonic series.

Theorem 3.1.14 (Criterion for convergence of series of non-negative terms). A series whose terms are non-negative converges iff the sequence of partial sums is bounded above.

Theorem 3.1.15 (Comparison Theorem). Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ be two series with non-negative terms. If there exists an index $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a_n \leq b_n$ for all $n > N$, then the convergence of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ implies the convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$, and the divergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ implies the divergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$.

Proof. Omit terms for these two series for all $n < N$, since a finite number of terms has no effect on the convergence of a series. Denote the partial sum of the sequences as $A_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \leq \sum_{k=1}^n b_k = B_n$. If the series $\{B_n\}$ converges, then $\{A_n\}$ is bounded above. Because $\{A_n\}$ is also non-decreasing (all terms are non-negative), it has a limit, and so do $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$. The second assertion is similar and can be proved by contradiction. \square

Corollary (The Weierstrass M-test for absolute convergence). Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ be series. Suppose there exists an index X such that $|a_n| \leq b_n$

for all $n > N$. Then a sufficient condition for absolute convergence of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is that the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converge.

It's often summarized as following: If the terms of a series are majorized (in absolute value) by the terms of a convergent numerical series, then the original series converges absolutely.

Proof. By the comparison theorem the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ will then converge, and that is what is meant by the absolute convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$. \square

Corollary (Cauchy's Test). Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ be a given series and $\alpha = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}$. Then the following are true:

- a) if $\alpha < 1$, the series converges absolutely;
- b) if $\alpha > 1$, the series diverges;
- c) there exist both absolutely convergent and divergent series for which $\alpha = 1$.

Proof. For $\alpha < 1$, we find a $q \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\alpha < q < 1$, and show that the sequence $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q^n$ converges and its terms are always greater than $|a_n|$. Thus the original sequence absolutely converges.

For $\alpha > 1$, we find that α is the greatest partial limit of the sequence $\{\sqrt[n]{|a_n|}\}$. Hence for some $k > K(|a_{n_k}| > 1)$, and the necessary condition for convergence ($a_n \rightarrow 0$) does not meet for the original sequence.

If $\alpha = 1$, for example, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges absolutely, but their superior limit under n th root are both 1. \square

Corollary (d'Alembert's Test). Suppose the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \alpha$ exists for the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$. Then,

- a) if $\alpha < 1$, the series converges absolutely;
- b) if $\alpha > 1$, the series diverges;
- c) there exist both absolutely convergent and divergent series for which $\alpha = 1$.

Proof. If $\alpha < 1$, then we find a number q such that $\alpha < q < 1$. Fixing q and use the properties of limits, we find an index $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < q$ for $n > N$. Since

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \cdot \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} \right| \cdots \left| \frac{a_2}{a_1} \right| = \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_1}$$

and therefore we have $|a_{n+1}| < |a_1| \cdot q^n$. But the geometric series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_1| q^n$ converges for $|q| < 1$, hence the original series converges.

For $\alpha > 1$, we can find some terms that $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| > 1$, thus it diverges. For case involving $\alpha = 1$, the examples from our proof for **Cauchy's Test** are sufficient. \square

Proposition (Cauchy). If $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq 0$, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges iff the series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k a_{2^k} = a_1 + 2a_2 + 4a_4 + 8a_8 \dots$ converges.

Proof. By the inequality

$$2^n a_{2^{n+1}} \leq a_{2^n+1} + \dots + a_{2^{n+1}} \leq 2^n a_{2^n} \quad (3.-14)$$

we have

$$\frac{1}{2}(S_{n+1} - a_1) \leq A_{2^{n+1}} - a_1 \leq S_n \quad (3.-14)$$

where $A_k = a_1 + \dots + a_k$ and $S_n = a_1 + 2a_2 + \dots + 2^n a_{2^n}$. $\{A_k\}$ and $\{S_n\}$ are non-decreasing, and hence they are both bounded above or unbounded above. Since all their terms are non-negative, our proof completes. \square

Corollary. The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ converges for $p > 1$ and diverges for $p \leq 1$.

Proof. If $p \geq 0$, by our proposition it converges when $2^{1-p} < 1$, that is, $p > 1$. The case when $p \leq 0$ is obvious since all terms are not smaller than 1. \square

The Number e as the Sum of a Series

We know that $e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$. By Newton's binomial formula:

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n &= 1 + \frac{n}{1!} \frac{1}{n} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \frac{1}{n^2} + \dots + \frac{(n(n-1) \dots (n-k+1))}{k!} \frac{1}{n^k} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^n} \\ &= 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!}(1 - \frac{1}{n}) + \dots + \frac{1}{k!}(1 - \frac{1}{n})(1 - \frac{2}{n}) \times \dots \\ &\quad \times (1 - \frac{k-1}{n}) + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}(1 - \frac{1}{n}) \dots (1 - \frac{n-1}{n}) \end{aligned}$$

Setting $(1 + \frac{1}{n}) = e_n$ and $1 + 1 + \dots + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} = s_n$, we thus have $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (e_n < s_n)$.

On the other hand, for any fixed k and $n \geq k$, as can be seen from the same expansion, we have

$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!}(1 - \frac{1}{n}) + \dots + \frac{1}{k!}(1 - \frac{1}{n})(1 - \frac{2}{n}) \dots (1 - \frac{k-1}{n}) < e_n$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$ the left-hand side of the inequality tends to s_k and the right-hand side to e . We can now conclude that $s_k \leq e$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then from the relation $e_n < s_n \leq e$ we find that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = e$.

Definition. $e = 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} + \dots$

The difference between e and its estimation s_n can be expressed as following

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 < e - s_n &= \frac{1}{(n+1)!} + \frac{1}{(n+2)!} + \cdots = \\
 &= \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left[1 + \frac{1}{n+2} + \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+3)} + \cdots \right] < \\
 &< \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left[1 + \frac{1}{n+2} + \frac{1}{(n+2)^2} + \cdots \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{n+2}} = \frac{n+2}{n!(n+1)^2} < \frac{1}{n!n}
 \end{aligned}$$

This estimate of the difference $e - s_n$ can be written as the equality

$$e = s_n + \frac{\theta_n}{n!n}$$

where $0 < \theta_n < 1$.

Hence e is irrational.

e's irrationality. Suppose the contrary, that $e = \frac{p}{q}$, where $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$. Then the number $q!e$ must be an integer, while

$$q!e = q!(s_q + \frac{\theta_q}{q!q}) = q! + \frac{q!}{1!} + \frac{q!}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{q!}{n!} + \frac{\theta_q}{q}$$

and therefore $\frac{\theta_q}{q}$ would have to be an integer, which is impossible. \square

Moreover, e is transcendental.

3.2 The Limit of a Function

3.2.1 Definitions and Examples

Let $E \subset \mathbb{R}$, a be an limit point of E , and $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a real-valued function defined on E .

Definition. The function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ *tends to* A as x *tends to* a , or that A is the *limit* of f as x *tends to* a , if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(x) - A| < \varepsilon$ for every $x \in E$ such that $0 < |x - a| < \delta$.

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x \in E (0 < |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - A| < \varepsilon)$$

which is denoted as $\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A$.

Example 3.6.

$$\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

Proof. Let $\varepsilon = \delta$. □

Definition. A *deleted neighborhood* of a point is a neighborhood of the point from which the point itself has been removed.

If $U(a)$ denotes a neighborhood of a , the deleted neighborhood is denoted as $\mathring{U}(a)$.

The sets

$$\begin{aligned} U_E(a) &:= E \cap U(a) \\ \mathring{U}_E(a) &:= E \cap \mathring{U}(a) \end{aligned}$$

will be called respectively a *neighborhood of a in E* and a *deleted neighborhood of a in E* .

if the temporarily-adopted cumbersome symbols $\mathring{U}_E^\delta(a)$ and $V_\mathbb{R}^\varepsilon(A)$ denote the deleted δ -neighborhood of a in E and the ε -neighborhood of A in \mathbb{R} , then the definition of the limit of a function can be rewritten as

$$\left(\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A \right) := \forall V_\mathbb{R}^\varepsilon(A) \exists \mathring{U}_E^\delta(a) (f(\mathring{U}_E^\delta(a)) \subset V_\mathbb{R}^\varepsilon(A)).$$

This expression says that A is the limit of the function f as x tends to a in the set E if for every ε -neighborhood $V_\mathbb{R}^\varepsilon(A)$ of A there exists a deleted δ -neighborhood $\mathring{U}_E^\delta(a)$ of a in E whose image $f(\mathring{U}_E^\delta(a))$ under the mapping $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is entirely contained in $V_\mathbb{R}^\varepsilon(A)$.

Since every neighborhood of a point on the real line contains a symmetric neighborhood (a δ -neighborhood) of the same point, the **final version of our definition for a limit** is:

Definition.

$$\left(\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A \right) := \forall V_\mathbb{R}(A) \exists \mathring{U}_E(a) (f(\mathring{U}_E(a)) \subset V_\mathbb{R}(A)).$$

Example 3.7. The function

$$\operatorname{sgn} x = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x = 0 \\ -1 & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

(read "signum x ") has no limit as $x \rightarrow 0$.

Proof. Apparently no number distinct from $-1, 0, 1$ can be the limit of the function. But no matter what $\mathring{U}(0)$ we choose, some points of it does not belong to the ε -neighborhood of A with $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$, since $\mathring{U}(0)$ contains both positive and negative points while $V(A)$ can't contain both 1 and -1 at the same time. □

When the function f is defined on a whole deleted neighborhood of a point $a \in \mathbb{R}$, that is, when $\mathring{U}_E(a) = \mathring{U}_{\mathbb{R}}(a) = \mathring{U}(a)$, we adopt the expression $x \rightarrow a$ instead of $E \ni x \rightarrow a$.

Example 3.8.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |\operatorname{sgn}(x)| = 1$$

Proof.

$$\forall V(1)(f(\mathring{U}(0)) = 1 \in V(1))$$

□

Example 3.9.

$$\lim_{\mathbb{R}_- \ni x \rightarrow 0} \operatorname{sgn}(x) = -1, \quad \lim_{\mathbb{R}_+ \ni x \rightarrow 0} \operatorname{sgn}(x) = 1$$

Example 3.10. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin \frac{1}{x}$ has no limit.

Proof. In any deleted neighborhood of 0 $\mathring{U}(0)$ there are always points of the form $\frac{1}{-\pi/2 + 2\pi n}$ and $\frac{1}{\pi/2 + 2\pi n}$ which assume the values -1 and 1 respectively, but for $\varepsilon < 1$ these two numbers can't both lie in the ε -neighborhood. □

Example 3.11. If

$$E_- = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | x = \frac{1}{-\pi/2 + 2\pi n}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$E_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | x = \frac{1}{\pi/2 + 2\pi n}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

then

$$\lim_{E_- \ni x \rightarrow 0} \sin \frac{1}{x} = -1$$

$$\lim_{E_+ \ni x \rightarrow 0} \sin \frac{1}{x} = 1$$

The next proposition, also called the statement of the equivalence of the Cauchy definition of a limit (in terms of neighborhoods) and the Heine definition (in terms of sequences), is:

Proposition. The relation $\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A$ holds iff for every sequence $\{x_n\}$ of points $x_n \in E \setminus a$ converging to a , the sequence $\{f(x_n)\}$ converges to A .

Proof. First, $(\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A) \Rightarrow (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = A)$ is obvious. Now for the converse, if A is not the limit of $f(x)$ as $E \ni x \rightarrow a$, then there exists a neighborhood $V(A)$ such that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there is a point x_n in the deleted $\frac{1}{n}$ -neighborhood of a in E such that $f(x_n) \notin V(A)$. But this means that the sequence $\{f(x_n)\}$ does not converge to A . □

3.2.2 Properties of the Limit of a Function

Properties of Deleted Neighborhood of a Limit Point of a Set

Example 3.12. $\dot{U}_E(a) \neq \emptyset$, that is, the deleted neighborhood of the point in E is nonempty.

Example 3.13. $\forall \dot{U}'_E(a) \forall \dot{U}''_E(a) \exists \dot{U}_E(a) (\dot{U}_E(a) \subset \dot{U}'_E(a) \cap \dot{U}''_E(a))$, that is, the intersection of any pair of deleted neighborhoods contains a deleted neighborhood.

General Properties of the Limit of a Function

Definition. A function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ assuming only one value is called *constant*. A function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called *ultimately constant* as $E \ni x \rightarrow a$ if it is constant in some deleted neighborhood $\dot{U}_E(a)$, where a is a limit point of E .

Definition. A function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *bounded*, *bounded above*, or *bounded below* respectively if there is a number $C \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $|f(x)| < C$, $f(x) < C$, or $C < f(x)$ for all $x \in E$.

Theorem 3.2.1. a) $(f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is ultimately the constant } A \text{ as } E \ni x \rightarrow a) \Rightarrow (\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A)$.

b) $(\exists \lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x)) \Rightarrow (f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is ultimately bounded as } E \ni x \rightarrow a)$.

c) $(\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A_1) \wedge (\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A_2) \Rightarrow (A_1 = A_2)$.

Proof. The proof is similar to how we prove that a ultimately constant sequence converges and its limits is unique. \square

Passage to the Limit and Arithmetic Operations

Definition. If two numerical-valued functions $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ have a common domain of definition E , the *sum*, *product*, and *quotient* are respectively the functions defined on the same set by the following formulas

$$\begin{aligned} (f + g)(x) &:= f(x) + g(x) \\ (f \cdot g)(x) &:= f(x) \cdot g(x) \\ \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) &:= \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \text{ if } \forall x \in E (g(x) \neq 0) \end{aligned}$$

Definition. A function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be *infinitesimal* as $E \ni x \rightarrow a$ if $\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$.

Proposition. a) If $\alpha : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\beta : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are infinitesimal functions as $E \ni x \rightarrow a$, then their sum $\alpha + \beta : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is also infinitesimal as $E \ni x \rightarrow a$.

b) If $\alpha : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\beta : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are infinitesimal functions as $E \ni x \rightarrow a$, then their product $\alpha \cdot \beta : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is also infinitesimal as $E \ni x \rightarrow a$.

c) If $\alpha : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is infinitesimal as $E \ni x \rightarrow a$ and $\beta : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is ultimately bounded as $E \ni x \rightarrow a$, then the product $\alpha \cdot \beta : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is infinitesimal as $E \ni x \rightarrow a$.

Proof. For assertion **a)**, we set $|\alpha(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$.

Assertion **b)** is a special case of assertion **c)**, since every function that has a limit is ultimately bounded.

Let M bounds $|\beta(x)|$, and set $|\alpha(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{M}$ will help to prove assertion **c)**. \square

Example 3.14.

$$\left(\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A \right) \Leftrightarrow (f(x) = A + \alpha(x) \wedge \lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} \alpha(x) = 0)$$

Proof. This follows immediately from the definition of limit, by virtue which

$$\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A \Leftrightarrow \lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} (f(x) - A) = 0$$

\square

Theorem 3.2.2. Let $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two functions with a common domain of definition. If $\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A$ and $\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} g(x) = B$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} (f + g)(x) &= A + B \\ \lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} (f \cdot g)(x) &= A \cdot B \\ \lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} \left(\frac{f}{g} \right)(x) &= \frac{A}{B} \text{ if } \forall x \in E (g(x) \neq 0 \text{ and } B \neq 0) \end{aligned}$$

Proof. These properties can be derived from the properties of the limit of sequences according to the proposition above. In order to complete the proof, one only need to convert "for some $N \in \mathbb{N}$ " to $\dot{U}_E(a)$. \square

alternative proof with infinitesimal functions. Let $f(x) = \alpha(x)$ and $g(x) = \beta(x)$, where $\alpha(x)$ and $\beta(x)$ are infinitesimal functions. The first two assertions are obvious. For the quotient one, find the value of $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - \frac{A}{B}$ after proving that $\frac{1}{g(x)}$ is ultimately bounded as $E \ni x \rightarrow a$. \square

Passage to the Limit and Inequalities

Theorem 3.2.3. *a) If the functions $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are such that $\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A$, and $\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} g(x) = B$ and $A < B$, then there exists a deleted neighborhood $\dot{U}_E(a)$ of a in E at each point of which $f(x) < g(x)$.*

b) If the relations $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ hold for the functions $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $h : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and if $\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} h(x) = C$, then the limit of $g(x)$ exists as $E \ni x \rightarrow a$, and $\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} g(x) = C$.

Proof. **a)** Choose a number C such that $A < C < B$. By definition of limit, we find deleted neighborhoods $\dot{U}'_E(a)$ and $\dot{U}''_E(a)$ such that $|f(x) - A| < C - A$ for $x \in \dot{U}'_E(a)$ and $|g(x) - B| < B - C$ for $x \in \dot{U}''_E(a)$. Then at any point of a deleted neighborhood $\dot{U}_E(a)$ contained in $\dot{U}'_E(a) \cup \dot{U}''_E(a)$, we have

$$f(x) < A + (C - A) = C = B - (B - C) < g(x)$$

b) This proof is similar. □

Corollary. *Suppose $\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A$ and $\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} g(x) = B$. Let $\dot{U}_E(a)$ be a deleted neighborhood of a in E .*

a) If $f(x) > g(x)$ for all $x \in \dot{U}_E(a)$, then $A \geq B$;

b) $f(x) \geq g(x)$ for all $x \in \dot{U}_E(a)$, then $A \geq B$;

c) $f(x) > B$ for all $x \in \dot{U}_E(a)$, then $A \geq B$;

d) $f(x) \geq B$ for all $x \in \dot{U}_E(a)$, then $A \geq B$.

Proof. Assertion a) and b) can be proved by contradiction and the theorem mentioned above. Set $g(x) \equiv B$ and we prove assertion c) and d). □

Two Important Examples

Example 3.15.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

Proof. The geometric proof is sufficient with the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} |\sin x| &\leq |x| \\ 0 \leq |\sin x| &\leq |x| \Rightarrow \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |\sin x| = 0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

□

Now we define the exponential, logarithmic, and power functions using the theory of real numbers and limits. **A) The exponential function**

Let $a > 1$

1⁰ For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we define inductively $a^1 := a$, $a^{n+1} := a^n \cdot a$

2⁰ $a^0 = 1$, $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$

3⁰ We define $a = a^1 = (a^{1/n})^n$ and $a^{m/n} := (a^{1/n})^m$, Now we have defined a^r for $r \in \mathbb{Q}$.

4⁰ By induction, for $x > 0$ and $y > 0$ we have $(x < y) \Leftrightarrow (x^n < y^n)$, and in particular, $(x = y) \Leftrightarrow (x^n = y^n)$.

5⁰ $a^{(mk)/(nk)} = a^{m/n}$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a^{m_1/n_1} \cdot a^{m_2/n_2} = a^{m_1/n_1 + m_2/n_2}$

6⁰ $(r_1 < r_2) \Rightarrow (a^{r_1} < a^{r_2})$ for any $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$.

7⁰ For $r^0 \in \mathbb{Q}$ $(\lim_{\mathbb{Q} \ni r \rightarrow r_0} a^r = a^{r_0})$.

Proof. First we prove that $a^p \rightarrow 1$ as $\mathbb{Q} \ni p \rightarrow 0$ by use the inequality $a^{-1/n} < a^p < a^{1/n}$. Then we choose δ such that $1 - \varepsilon a^{-r_0} < a^p < 1 + \varepsilon a^{-r_0}$ for $|p| < \delta$. If now $|r - r_0| < \delta$, we have $a^{r_0}(1 - \varepsilon a^{-r_0}) < a^{r_0} \cdot a^{r-r_0} < a^{r_0}(1 + \varepsilon a^{-r_0})$, which says $a^{r_0} - \varepsilon < a^r < a^{r_0} + \varepsilon$. \square

8⁰ Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $s = \sup_{\mathbb{Q} \ni r < x} a^r$, and $i = \inf_{\mathbb{Q} \ni r > x} a^r$. We show that $s = i$.

Proof.

$$a^{r_1} \leq s \leq i \leq a^{r_2}$$

and for $0 < |r_2 - r_1| < \delta$ we have $0 \leq i - s \leq \varepsilon$. \square

We now define $a^x := s = i$.

9⁰ $a^x = \lim_{\mathbb{Q} \ni r \rightarrow x} a^r$.

Proof. We find $r' < x$ such that $s - \varepsilon < a^{r'} \leq s = a^x$ and $r'' > x$ such that $a^x = i \leq a^{r''} < i + \varepsilon$. Then for all $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ in (r', r'')

$$a^x - \varepsilon < a^r < a^x + \varepsilon$$

\square

10⁰ For $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a > 1$, $(x_1 < x_2) \Rightarrow (a^{x_1} < a^{x_2})$.

11⁰ For any $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, $a^{x_1} \cdot a^{x_2} = a^{x_1+x_2}$.

$$12^0 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} a^x = a^{x_0}.$$

Proof. The proof is similar with the proof for 7⁰. □

13⁰ The range of values of the function $x \mapsto a^x$ is the set \mathbb{R}_+ .

Proof. The proof is similar with our first step for proving the irrationality of $\sqrt{2}$. □

14⁰ We repeat the construction mentioned above for $0 < a < 1$. In 6⁰ and 10⁰ we find that $(x_1 < x_2) \Rightarrow (a^{x_1} > a^{x_2})$ where $0 < a < 1$.

Definition. The mapping $x \mapsto a^x$ is called the *exponential* function with base a . In the case $a = e$, it's denoted with $\exp(x)$, but in general it's denoted with $\exp_a(x)$.

B) The logarithmic function

The properties of the exponential function show that it's bijective. Hence it has an inverse.

Definition. The mapping inverse to $\exp_a : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is called the *logarithm to base a* ($0 < a, a \neq 1$), and is denoted

$$\log_a : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

for base $a = e$, the logarithm is called the *natural logarithm* and is denoted $\ln : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

By definition of the logarithm as the function inverse to the exponential function, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \in \mathbb{R} (\log_a(a^x) &= x) \\ \forall y \in \mathbb{R}_+ (a^{\log_a(y)} &= y) \end{aligned}$$

$$1' \quad \log_a a = 1.$$

$$2' \quad \log_a(y_1 \cdot y_2) = \log_a y_1 + \log_a y_2.$$

$$3' \quad \log_a y \rightarrow \log_a y_0 \text{ as } \mathbb{R}_+ \ni y \rightarrow y_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

Proof. We verify that $y_0 a^{-\varepsilon} < y < y_0 a^\varepsilon$ when $a > 1$ and take their logarithms. □

4' $(\log_a y_1 < \log_a y_2) \Leftrightarrow (y_1 < y_2)$ if $a > 1$ and $(\log_a y_1 > \log_a y_2) \Leftrightarrow (y_1 < y_2)$ if $0 < a < 1$.

5' The range of values of the function $\log_a : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the set \mathbb{R} .

6' $\log_a(b^\alpha) = \alpha \log_a b$ holds for any $b > 0$ and any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. First we verify that the equality holds in the following conditions:
 $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$, $\alpha = -1$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\alpha = \frac{1}{n}$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$, $\log_a b^\alpha = \lim_{\mathbb{Q} \ni r \rightarrow \alpha} \log_a b^r =$
 $\lim_{\mathbb{Q} \ni r \rightarrow \alpha} r \log_a b = \alpha \log_a b$ where $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $\log_a b^r = r \log_a b$, finally, $(a^\alpha)^\beta = a^{\alpha\beta}$. \square

C) The power function

Definition. The function $x \mapsto x^\alpha$ defined on the set \mathbb{R}_+ is called a power function, and the number α is called its *exponent*.

$$x^\alpha = a^{\log_a(x^\alpha)} = a^{\alpha \log_a(x)}$$

3.2.3 The General Definition of the Limit of a Function (Limit over a Base)

Bases; Definition and Elementary Properties

Definition. A set \mathcal{B} of subsets $B \subset X$ of a set X is called a *base* in X if the following conditions hold: $B_1) \forall B \in \mathcal{B} (B \neq \emptyset)$.
 $B_2) \forall B_1 \in \mathcal{B} \forall B_2 \in \mathcal{B} \exists B \in \mathcal{B} (B \subset B_1 \cap B_2)$. These two conditions are related to the two properties of deleted neighborhood we mentioned in the previous subsection. "Base" here is an abbreviation for what is called a "filter base".

Notation for the base	Read	Elements of the base	Definition of and notation for elements
$x \rightarrow a$	x tends to a	Deleted neighborhoods of $a \in \mathbb{R}$	$\dot{U}(a) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} a - \delta_1 < x < a + \delta_2 \wedge x \neq a\}$, where $\delta_1 > 0$ and $\delta_2 > 0$.
$x \rightarrow \infty$	x tends to infinity	Neighborhoods of infinity	$U(\infty) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} \delta < x \}$, where $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$
$x \rightarrow a, x \in E$ or $x \rightarrow_{\in E} a$ or $E \ni x \rightarrow a$	x tends to a in E	Deleted neighborhoods ¹ of a in E	$\dot{U}_E(a) := E \cap \dot{U}(a)$
$x \rightarrow \infty, x \in E$ or $E \ni x \rightarrow \infty$ or $x \rightarrow_{\in E} \infty$	x tends to infinity in E	Neighborhoods ² of infinity in E	$U_E(\infty) := E \cap U(\infty)$

If $E = E_a^+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | x > a\}$ (resp. $E = E_a^- = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | x < a\}$), we write $x \rightarrow a + 0$ (resp. $x \rightarrow a - 0$), and we say that x *tends to a from the right* (resp. *x tends to a from the left*) or *through larger values* (resp. *through smaller values*). When $a = 0$ we write $x \rightarrow +0$ (resp. $x \rightarrow -0$).

The notation $E \ni x \rightarrow a + 0$ (resp. $E \ni x \rightarrow a - 0$) will be used. It means that x tends to a in E while remaining larger (resp. smaller) than a .

If

$$E = E_\infty^+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | c < x\} \text{ (resp. } E = E_\infty^- = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | x < c\})$$

we write $x \rightarrow +\infty$ (resp. $x \rightarrow -\infty$). When $E = \mathbb{N}$, we shall write $n \rightarrow \infty$ instead of $x \rightarrow \infty, x \in \mathbb{N}$.

The Limit of a Function over a Base

Definition. Let $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined on a set X and \mathcal{B} a base in X . A number A is called the *limit of the function f over the base \mathcal{B}* if for every neighborhood $V(A)$ of A there is an element $B \in \mathcal{B}$ whose image $f(B)$ is contained in $V(A)$.

$$(\lim_{\mathcal{B}} f(x) = A) := \forall V(A) \exists B \in \mathcal{B} (f(B) \subset V(A))$$

Definition. A function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *ultimately constant over the base \mathcal{B}* if there exists a number $A \in \mathbb{R}$ and an element $B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $f(x) = A$ for all $x \in B$.

¹It is assumed that a is a limit point of E

²It is assumed that E is not bounded

Definition. A function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *ultimately bounded over the base \mathcal{B}* if there exists a number $c > 0$ and an element $B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $|f(x)| < c$ for all $x \in B$.

Definition. A function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *infinitesimal over the base \mathcal{B}* if $\lim_{\mathcal{B}} f(x) = 0$.

3.2.4 Existence of the Limit of a Function

The Cauchy Criterion

Definition. The *oscillation* of a function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ on a set $E \subset X$ is

$$\omega(f, E) := \sup_{x_1, x_2 \in E} |f(x_1) - f(x_2)|$$

that is, the least upper bound of the absolute value of the difference of the values of the function at two arbitrary points $x_1, x_2 \in E$.

Theorem 3.2.4 (The Cauchy Criterion for the existence of a limit of a function). *Let X be a set and \mathcal{B} a base in X .*

A function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has a limit over the base \mathcal{B} iff for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that the oscillation of f on B is less than ε .

$$\exists \lim_{\mathcal{B}} f(x) \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists B \in \mathcal{B} (\omega(f, B) < \varepsilon)$$

Proof. Setting $m_B = \inf_{x \in B} f(x)$ and $M_B = \sup_{x \in B} f(x)$, and remarking that $m_{B_1} \leq m_{B_1 \cap B_2} \leq M_{B_1 \cap B_2} \leq M_{B_2}$ for any elements B_1 and B_2 of the base \mathcal{B} , we find by the axiom of completeness that there exists a number $A \in \mathbb{R}$ separating the numerical sets $\{m_B\}$ and $\{M_B\}$, where $B \in \mathcal{B}$. Since $\omega(f, B) = M_B - m_B$, we can now conclude that, since $\omega(f, B) < \varepsilon$, we have $|f(x) - A| < \varepsilon$ at every point $x \in B$. \square

Remark: When $X = \mathbb{N}$ and \mathcal{B} is the base $n \rightarrow \infty, n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\omega(f, B) < \varepsilon$ where $B \in \mathcal{B}$ is equivalent with the assertion that this sequence is a Cauchy sequence.

The Limit of a Composite Function

Theorem 3.2.5 (The Limit of a Composite Function). *Let Y be a set, \mathcal{B}_Y a base in Y , and $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a mapping having a limit over the base \mathcal{B}_Y . Let X be a set, \mathcal{B}_X a base in X , and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ a mapping of X into Y such that for every element $B_Y \in \mathcal{B}_Y$ there exists $B_X \in \mathcal{B}_X$ whose image $f(B_X)$ is contained in B_Y .*

Under these hypotheses, the composition $g \circ f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of the mapping f and g is defined and has a limit over the base \mathcal{B}_X and $\lim_{\mathcal{B}_X} (g \circ f)(x) = \lim_{\mathcal{B}_Y} g(y)$

Proof. Suppose $\lim_{\mathcal{B}_Y} g(y) = A$. $g(B_Y) \subset V(A) \wedge (\exists B_X \in \mathcal{B}_X (f(B_X) \subset B_Y)) \Rightarrow (g \circ f)(B_X) = g(f(B_X)) \subset g(B_Y) \subset V(A)$. \square

Example 3.16.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = e$$

Example 3.17.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x}{q^x} = 0 \text{ if } q > 1$$

Example 3.18.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\log_a x}{x} = 0$$

The Limit of a Monotonic Function

Theorem 3.2.6 (Criterion for the Existence of a Limit of a Monotonic Function). Assume $i = \inf E$ and $s = \sup E$ are limit points of the set E and $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a monotonic function on E . A necessary and sufficient condition for this function that is non-decreasing on the set E to have a limit as $x \rightarrow s, x \in E$, is that it be bounded above. For this function to have a limit as $x \rightarrow i, x \in E$, it is necessary and sufficient that it be bounded below.

Proof. For $x \rightarrow s$, use the definition of least upper bound and the fact the set $\{x \in E | x_0 < x < s\}$ is an element of the base $x \rightarrow s, x \in E$, where for a given $\varepsilon > 0$ we have $A - \varepsilon < f(x_0) \leq A$ and $A = \sup_{x \in E \setminus \{s\}} f(x)$. \square

Comparison of the Asymptotic Behavior of Functions

Definition. We shall say that a certain property of functions or a certain relation between functions holds *ultimately over a given base* \mathcal{B} is there exists $B \in \mathcal{B}$ on which it holds.

Definition. The function f is said to be *infinitesimal* compared with the function g over the base \mathcal{B} , and we write $f =_{\mathcal{B}} o(g)$ or $f = o(g)$ over \mathcal{B} if the relation $f(x) = \alpha(x)g(x)$ holds ultimately over \mathcal{B} , where $\alpha(x)$ is a function that is infinitesimal over \mathcal{B} .

Definition. If $f =_{\mathcal{B}} o(g)$ and g is itself infinitesimal over \mathcal{B} , we say that f is an *infinitesimal of higher order than* g over \mathcal{B} .

Definition. A function that tends to infinity over a given base is said to be an *infinite function* or simply an *infinity* over the given base.

Definition. If f and g are infinite functions over \mathcal{B} and $f =_{\mathcal{B}} o(g)$, we say that g is a *higher order infinity* than f over \mathcal{B} .

Example 3.19.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^\alpha}{a^x} = 0$$

that is, $x^\alpha = o(a^x)$ as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ for $a > 1$ and any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

Example 3.20.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\log_a x}{x^\alpha} = 0$$

that is, for $\alpha > 0$ we have $\log_a x = o(x^\alpha)$ as $x \rightarrow +\infty$.

Definition. The notation $f =_{\mathcal{B}} O(g)$ or $f = O(g)$ over the base \mathcal{B} means that the relation $f(x) = \beta(x)g(x)$ holds ultimately over \mathcal{B} where $\beta(x)$ is ultimately bounded over \mathcal{B} .

Definition. The functions f and g are of the same order over \mathcal{B} , and we write $f \asymp g$ over \mathcal{B} , if $f =_{\mathcal{B}} O(g)$ and $g =_{\mathcal{B}} O(f)$ simultaneously. This condition is equivalent to the condition that there exist $c_1 > 0$ and $c_2 > 0$ and an element $B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that the relations

$$c_1|g(x)| \leq |f(x)| \leq c_2|g(x)|$$

Example 3.21. The functions $(2 + \sin x)x$ and x are of the same order as $x \rightarrow \infty$, but $(1 + \sin x)$ and x are not of the same order as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

Definition. If the relation $f(x) = \gamma(x)g(x)$ holds ultimately over \mathcal{B} where $\lim_{\mathcal{B}} \gamma(x) = 1$, we say that the function f behaves asymptotically like g over \mathcal{B} , or that f is equivalent to g over \mathcal{B} , and we write $f \sim_{\mathcal{B}} g$ or $f \sim g$ over \mathcal{B} . This relation is indeed an equivalent relation.

Example 3.22.

$$\ln(1+x) \sim x$$

as $x \rightarrow 0$.

Example 3.23.

$$e^x = 1 + x + o(x)$$

as $x \rightarrow 0$.

Example 3.24.

$$(1+x)^\alpha = 1 + \alpha x + o(x)$$

as $x \rightarrow 0$.

Proposition. If $f \sim_{\mathcal{B}} \tilde{f}$, then $\lim_{\mathcal{B}} f(x)g(x) = \lim_{\mathcal{B}} \tilde{f}(x)g(x)$, provided one of these limits exists.

This rule should not be extended to sums and differences of functions.

Proposition. For a given base

- a) $o(f) + o(f) = o(f)$;
- b) $o(f)$ is also $O(f)$;
- c) $o(f) + O(f) = O(f)$;
- d) $O(f) + O(f) = O(f)$;
- e) if $g(x) \neq 0$, then $\frac{o(f(x))}{g(x)} = o(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)})$ and $\frac{O(f(x))}{g(x)} = O(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)})$;

Here the equality sign is used in the sense of "is". The symbols $o(\cdot)$ and $O(\cdot)$ do not really denote a function, but rather indicate its asymptotic behavior, a behavior that many functions may have simultaneously.

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^x &= 1 + \frac{1}{1!}x + \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}x^n + \cdots \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R} \\
 \cos x &= 1 - \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^k}{2k!}x^{2k} + \cdots \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R} \\
 \sin x &= \frac{1}{1!}x - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!}x^{2k+1} + \cdots \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R} \\
 \ln(1+x) &= x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}x^n + \cdots \text{ for } |x| < 1 \\
 (1+x)^\alpha &= 1 + \frac{\alpha}{1!}x + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2!}x^2 + \cdots \\
 &\quad + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)\cdots(\alpha-n+1)}{n!}x^n + \cdots \text{ for } |x| < 1
 \end{aligned}$$

And as $x \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^x &= 1 + \frac{1}{1!}x + \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}x^n + O(x^{n+1}) \\
 \cos x &= 1 - \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 - \cdots + \frac{(-1)^k}{2k!}x^{2k} + O(x^{2k+2}) \\
 \sin x &= \frac{1}{1!}x - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!}x^{2k+1} + O(x^{2k+3}) \\
 \ln(1+x) &= x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}x^n + O(x^{n+1}) \\
 (1+x)^\alpha &= 1 + \frac{\alpha}{1!}x + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2!}x^2 + \cdots \\
 &\quad + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)\cdots(\alpha-n+1)}{n!}x^n + O(x^{n+1})
 \end{aligned}$$

These formulas can be derived from Taylor's formula, and they are usually the most efficient method of finding the limits of the elementary functions.

When doing so, it is useful to keep in mind that $O(x^{m+1}) = x^{m+1} \cdot O(1) = x^m \cdot xO(1) = x^m o(1) = o(x^m)$ as $x \rightarrow 0$.

4

Continuous Functions

4.1 Basic Definitions and Examples

4.1.1 Continuity of a Function at a Point

Definition. A real-valued function f is *continuous at the point a* if for any neighborhood $V(f(a))$ there is a neighborhood $U(a)$ of a whose image under the mapping f is contained in $V(f(a))$.

$$\begin{aligned} f \text{ is continuous at } a &:= (\forall V(f(a))) \exists U(a) (f(U(a)) \subset V(f(a))) \\ &\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists U(a) \forall x \in U(a) (|f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon) \\ &\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R} (|x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

This is equivalent to the condition that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ exists and $f(a)$ is defined.

$$(f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is continuous at } a \in E) \Leftrightarrow (\exists \lim_{\mathcal{B}_a} f(x))$$

where \mathcal{B}_a is the base consists of neighborhoods (not deleted neighborhoods) of $a \in E$.

Definition (General Case). A function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *continuous at the point $a \in E$* if for every neighborhood $V(f(a))$ of the value $f(a)$ that the function assumes at a there exists a neighborhood $U_E(a)$ of a in E whose image $f(U_E(a))$ is contained in $V(f(a))$.

$$\begin{aligned} (f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is continuous at } a \in E) &:= \\ &(\forall V(f(a))) \exists U_E(a) (f(U_E(a)) \subset V(f(a))) \\ &\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists U_E(a) \forall x \in U_E(a) (|f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon) \\ &\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R} (|x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Definition. The quantity $\omega(f, a) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow +0} \omega(f, U_E^\delta(a))$ is called the *oscillation* of $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ at a .

The oscillation of a function on a subset of a set does not exceed its oscillation on the set itself, so that $\omega(f, U_E^\delta(a))$ is a non-decreasing function of δ .

$$(f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is continuous at } a \in E) \Leftrightarrow (\omega(f, a) = 0)$$

Definition. A function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on the set E if it is continuous at each point of E .

The set of all continuous real-valued functions defined on a set E will be denoted $C(E, \mathbb{R})$, or, more, $C(E)$.

Example 4.1. The function $f(x) = \sin x$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} .

Proof. For any point $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\sin x - \sin x_0| &= \left| 2 \cos \frac{x + x_0}{2} \sin \frac{x - x_0}{2} \right| \\ &\leq 2 \left| \sin \frac{x - x_0}{2} \right| \leq 2 \left| \frac{x - x_0}{2} \right| = |x - x_0| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

provided $|x - x_0| < \delta = \varepsilon$. Here we used the inequality $|\sin x| \leq |x|$. \square

Example 4.2. Any sequence $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function that is continuous on the set \mathbb{N} of natural numbers, since each point of \mathbb{N} is isolated.

4.1.2 Points of Discontinuity

Definition. If the function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is not continuous at a point of E , this point is called a point of *discontinuity* or simply a *discontinuity* of f .

Definition. If a point of discontinuity $a \in E$ of the function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is such that there exists a continuous function $\tilde{f} : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f|_{E \setminus a} = \tilde{f}|_{E \setminus a}$, then a is called a *removable discontinuity* of the function f .

Definition. The point $a \in E$ is called a discontinuity of *first kind* for the function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ if the following limits exist:

$$\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a-0} f(x) := f(a-0), \quad \lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a+0} f(x) := f(a+0)$$

but at least one of them is not equal to $f(a)$. If at least one of the two limits does not exist, then a is called a discontinuity of *second kind*.

Example 4.3. The Dirichlet function

$$\mathcal{D}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{ if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & , \text{ if } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

is discontinuous at every point, and obviously all of its discontinuities are of second kind, since in every interval there are both rational and irrational numbers.

Example 4.4. *The Riemann function*

$$\mathcal{R}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & , \text{ if } x = \frac{m}{n} \in \mathbb{Q} , \text{ where } \frac{m}{n} \text{ is in lowest terms, } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0 & , \text{ if } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

is continuous at any irrational number. This function is discontinuous except for $x = 0$, and all of these discontinuities are of first kind.

Proof. For any point $a \in \mathbb{R}$, any bounded neighborhood $U(a)$ of it, and any number $N \in \mathbb{N}$, $U(a)$ contains only a finite number of rational numbers $\frac{m}{n}$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, with $n < N$.

By shrinking the neighborhood, one can then assume that the denominators of all rational numbers in the neighborhood (except possibly for the point a itself if $a \in \mathbb{Q}$) are larger than N . Thus at any point $x \in \dot{U}(a)$ we have $|\mathcal{R}(x)| < \frac{1}{N}$. Now we have shown that for any point $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \mathcal{R}(x) = 0$$

□

4.2 Properties of Continuous Functions

4.2.1 Local Properties

Theorem 4.2.1. *Let $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function that is continuous at the point $a \in E$. Then the following statements hold:*

- 1⁰ *The function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded in some neighborhood $U_E(a)$.*
- 2⁰ *If $f(a) \neq 0$, then in some neighborhood $U_E(a)$ all the values of the function have the same sign as $f(a)$.*
- 3⁰ *If the function $g : U_E(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined in some neighborhood of a and, like f , is continuous at a , then the following functions are defined in some neighborhood of a and continuous at a :*

- a) $(f + g)(x) := f(x) + g(x)$
- b) $(f \cdot g)(x) := f(x) \cdot g(x)$
- c) $\frac{f}{g}(x) := \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ (provided $g(a) \neq 0$)

4⁰ *If the function $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at a point $b \in Y$ and f is such that $f : E \rightarrow Y$, $f(a) = b$, and f is continuous at a , then the composite function $(g \circ f)(x)$ is defined on E and continuous at a .*

Example 4.5. *All algebraic polynomials, rational functions, and the composition of a finite number of continuous functions are continuous at each point of its domain of definition.*

4.2.2 Global Properties of Continuous Functions

Theorem 4.2.2 (The Bolzano-Cauchy intermediate-value theorem). *If a function that is continuous on a closed interval assumes values with different signs at the endpoints of the interval, then there is a point in the interval where it assumes the value 0.*

$$(f \in C[a, b] \wedge f(a) \cdot f(b) < 0) \Rightarrow \exists c \in [a, b](f(c) = 0)$$

Proof. Divide the interval $[a, b]$ in half where the point of division is the point that the function does not assume the value 0 and apply the nested interval lemma, then find the limit of the sequence of these two endpoints for the nested intervals. \square

Corollary. *If the function φ is continuous on an open interval and assumes values $\varphi(a) = A$ and $\varphi(b) = B$, then for any number C between A and B , there is a point c between a and b at which $\varphi(c) = C$.*

Proof. The function $f(x) = \varphi(x) - C$ is defined and continuous on the closed interval. The intermediate-value theorem implies that $f(x) = \varphi(c) - C = 0$, since $f(a) \cdot f(b) = (A - C)(B - C) < 0$. \square

Theorem 4.2.3 (The Weierstrass maximum-value theorem). *A function that is continuous on a closed interval is bounded on that interval. Moreover there is a point in the interval where the function assumes its maximum value and a point where it assumes its minimal value.*

Proof. Let $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function on the closed interval $E = [a, b]$. By the local properties of a continuous function, for any point $x \in E$ there exists a neighborhood $U(x)$ such that the function is bounded on $U_E(x)$. The set of such neighborhoods forms a covering of $[a, b]$. By the finite covering lemma, one can extract a finite system of open intervals that cover $[a, b]$. Since the function is bounded, one can find $m_k \leq f(x) \leq M_k$ where $x \in U_E(x_k)$.

$$\min\{m_1, \dots, m_n\} \leq f(x) \leq \max\{M_1, \dots, M_N\}$$

Now let $M = \sup_{x \in E} f(x)$. Set $f(x) < M$ and contradiction arises by considering the auxiliary function $\frac{1}{M-f(x)}$, which must be continuous by the local properties of the continuous functions. Similarly, one can prove that there exists a point such that $f(x_m) = m$. \square

Definition. If from every covering of a set by open intervals one can extract a finite subcovering, the set is called *compact*. According to the Heine-Borel theorem, in an Euclidean space, compact means that the set is closed (contains all of its limit points) and bounded (all of its points lie in some fixed distance).

Definition. A function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *uniformly continuous* on a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| < \varepsilon$ for all points $x_1, x_2 \in E$ such that $|x_1 - x_2| < \delta$. The following expression states the negation of the property of uniform continuity for a function:

$$(f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is not uniformly continuous}) := (\exists \varepsilon > 0 \forall \delta > 0 \exists x_1 \in E \exists x_2 \in E (|x_1 - x_2| < \delta \wedge |f(x_1) - f(x_2)| \geq \varepsilon))$$

Example 4.6. The function $f(x) = x^2$, which is continuous on \mathbb{R} , is not uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R} .

Proof. For all the points $x'_n = \sqrt{n+1}$ and $x''_n = \sqrt{n}$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $f(x'_n) - f(x''_n) = 1$, but

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = 0$$

so that for any $\delta > 0$ there are points x'_n and x''_n such that $|x'_n - x''_n| < \delta$, yet $f(x'_n) - f(x''_n) = 1$. \square

Example 4.7. The function $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$, which is continuous and bounded on \mathbb{R} , is not uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R} .

Theorem 4.2.4 (The Cantor-Heine Theorem on Uniform Continuity). A function that is continuous on a closed interval is uniformly continuous on that interval.

Proof. Let $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a given function, $E = [a, b]$, and $f \in C(E)$. Since f is continuous at every point, we construct a system consists of δ -neighborhoods for all points $x \in E$ such that the oscillation of that neighborhood is less than ε . Let $U(x) = U^{\delta(x)}(x)$ and $V(x) = U^{\delta(x)/2}(x)$. Then the open intervals $V(x), x \in E$ cover the closed interval $[a, b]$. By the finite covering lemma we select a finite covering $V(x_1), \dots, V(x_n)$. Let $\delta = \{\frac{1}{2}\delta(x_1), \dots, \frac{1}{2}\delta(x_n)\}$. Since this system of open intervals covers E , there exists an interval $V(x_i)$ that contains x' , and $|x' - x_i| < \frac{1}{2}\delta(x_i)$. But for another point $x'' \in E$ we have

$$|x'' - x_i| \leq |x' - x''| + |x' - x_i| < \delta + \frac{1}{2}\delta(x_i) \leq \delta(x_i)$$

Consequently $x', x'' \in E$, and we have $|f(x') - f(x'')| \leq \omega(f, U_E^{\delta(x_i)}(x_i)) < \varepsilon$. \square

Proposition. A continuous mapping $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of a closed interval $E = [a, b]$ into \mathbb{R} is injective iff the function f is strictly monotonic on $[a, b]$.

Proof. The fact that a strictly monotonic mapping is injective is obvious. For the converse, suppose the contrary, we find three points $x_1 < x_2 < x_3$ in the interval such that $f(x_2)$ does not lie between $f(x_1)$ and $f(x_3)$. Let $f(x_2) < f(x_1) < f(x_3)$. Since f is continuous, by Bolzano-Cauchy intermediate-value theorem, there exists a point x'_1 in $[x_2, x_3]$ such that $f(x'_1) = f(x_1)$. We then have $x_1 < x'_1$, but this contradicts to the injectiveness of this function. \square

Proposition. Each strictly monotonic function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined on a numerical set $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ has an inverse $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined on the set $Y = f(X)$ of values of f , and has the same kind of monotonicity on Y that f has on X .

Proof. The mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is apparently both injective and surjective. Then $\forall y_1 \in Y \forall y_2 \in Y (f^{-1}(y_1) < f^{-1}(y_2) \Leftrightarrow y_1 < y_2)$ if f is increasing on X . The case when f is decreasing can be handled similarly. \square

Proposition. The discontinuities of a function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that is monotonic on the set $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ can be only discontinuities of first kind.

Proof. Let a be the point of discontinuity. It follows that a cannot be an isolated point of E (some of its neighborhoods contain no points of E but a itself), since $U_E(a) = a$ and $f(U_E(a)) = f(a) \subset V(f(a))$ for any neighborhood of $f(a)$. Then a must be a limit point of one of two following sets: E_a^- and E_a^+ . Suppose f is non-decreasing, then the restriction $f|_{E_a^-}$ is a non-decreasing function that is bounded from above. Then the limit $\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} f|_{E_a^-}(x) = \lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a-0} f(x) = f(a-0)$ exists. The rest of this proof is analogous. \square

Corollary. If a is a point of discontinuity of a monotonic function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, then at least one of the limits

$$\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a-0} f(x) = f(a-0) \quad \lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a+0} f(x) = f(a+0)$$

exists, and strict inequality holds in at least one of the inequalities $f(a-0) \leq f(a) \leq f(a+0)$ when f is non-decreasing and $f(a-0) \geq f(a) \geq f(a+0)$ when f is non-increasing. The function assumes no values in the open interval defined by the strict inequality. Open intervals of this kind determined by different points of discontinuity have no point in common.

Proof. The first assertion is obvious. For the second assertion, since $f(x) \leq \lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a-0} f(x) = f(a-0)$ for $x < a \in E$, the open interval $(f(a-0), f(a))$ defined by the strict inequality $f(a-0) < f(a)$ contains no value of this function. It's similar for $f(a) < f(a+0)$. Let a_1 and a_2 be two different

points of discontinuity of f and assume $a_1 < a_2$. Since the function is non-decreasing

$$f(a_1 - 0) \leq f(a_1) \leq f(a_1 + 0) \leq f(a_2 - 0) \leq f(a_2) \leq f(a_2 + 0)$$

It follows from this that the intervals containing no values of f and corresponding to different points of discontinuity are disjoint. \square

Corollary. *The set of points of discontinuity of a monotonic function is at most countable.*

Proof. The intervals are pairwise disjoint. Since they are defined by strict inequality, one can choose a rational number in each of these intervals, so that the collection of intervals is equipollent with a subset of \mathbb{Q} . \square

Proposition (A Criterion for Continuity of a Monotonic Function). A monotonic function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined on a closed interval $E = [a, b]$ is continuous iff its set of values $f(E)$ is the closed interval with endpoints $f(a)$ and $f(b)$.

Proof. If f is a continuous monotonic function, its monotonicity implies that all the values f assumes on $[a, b]$ lie between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$. Now we consider the converse. Suppose there is a point of discontinuity c . Then one of the open intervals $(f(c - 0), f(c))$ and $(f(c), f(c + 0))$ contains no value of f , but this interval is contained between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ because of its monotonicity. \square

Theorem 4.2.5 (The Inverse Function Theorem). *A function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that is strictly monotonic on a set $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ has an inverse $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined on the set $Y = f(X)$ of values of f . The function $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is monotonic and has the same type of monotonicity on Y that f has on X .*

Proof. This can be easily proved with our last proposition. \square

5

Differential Calculus

5.1 Differentiable Functions

5.1.1 Functions Differentiable at a Point

Definition. A function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined on a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ is *differentiable* at a point $a \in E$ that is a limit point of E if there exists a linear function $A \cdot (x - a)$ of the increment $x - a$ of the argument such that $f(x) - f(a)$ can be represented as

$$f(x) - f(a) = A \cdot (x - a) + o(x - a) \text{ as } x \rightarrow a, x \in E$$

In other words, a function is differentiable at a point a if the change in its values in a neighborhood of the point in question is linear up to a correction that is infinitesimal compared with the magnitude of the displacement $x - a$ from the point a .

Definition. The linear function $A \cdot (x - a)$ is called the *differential* of the function f at a . The differential of a function at a point is uniquely determined; for it follows from our former definition that

$$\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} \left(A + \frac{o(x - a)}{x - a} \right) = A$$

The uniqueness of A follows from the uniqueness of the limit.

Definition. The number

$$f'(a) = \lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

is called the *derivative* of the function f at a .

Differentiability of a function at a point is equivalent to the existence of its derivative at the same point.

Definition. A function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined on a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at a point $x \in E$ that is a limit point of E if

$$f(x+h) - f(x) = A(x)h + \alpha(x, h)$$

where $h \mapsto A(x)h$ is a linear function in f and $\alpha(x, h) = o(h)$ as $h \rightarrow 0, x+h \in E$.

The quantities

$$\Delta x(h) := (x+h) - x = h$$

and

$$\Delta f(x, h) := f(x+h) - f(x)$$

are called respectively the *increment of the argument* and the *increment of the function*.

Definition. The function $h \mapsto A(x)h$, which is a linear in h , is called the differential of the function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ at the point $x \in E$ and is denoted $df(x)$ or $Df(x)$. Thus, $df(x)(h) = A(x)h$. From the definitions above we have

$$\Delta f(x, h) - df(x)(h) = \alpha(x, h)$$

and $\alpha(x, h) = o(h)$ as $h \rightarrow 0, x+h \in E$. For this reason, we say that the differential is the (*principal*) *linear part of the increment of the function*.

$$A(x) = f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0, x+h, x \in E} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

The derivative is frequently denoted by the symbol $\frac{df(x)}{dx}$.

5.1.2 The Tangent Line; Geometric Meaning of the Derivative and Differential

Proposition. A function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that is continuous at a point $x_0 \in E$ that is a limit point of $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ admits a linear approximation iff it is differentiable at the point.

Definition. If a function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined on a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ and differentiable at a point $x_0 \in E$, the line defined by $y - f(x_0) = f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$ that passing through $(x_0, f(x_0))$ and having slope $f'(x_0)$ is called the *tangent* to the graph of this function at the point $(x_0, f(x_0))$.

Definition. If the mappings $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuous at a point $x_0 \in E$ that is a limit point of E and $f(x) - g(x) = o((x - x_0)^n)$ as $x \rightarrow x_0, x \in E$, we say that f and g have *n th order contact* at x_0 (more precisely, *contact of order at least n*). For $n = 1$ we say that the mappings f and g are tangent to each other at x_0 .

5.1.3 Examples

Example 5.1. If $f(t) = r \cos \omega t$, then $f'(t) = -r\omega \sin \omega t$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{r \cos \omega(t+h) - r \cos \omega t}{h} &= r \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \sin(\frac{\omega h}{2}) \sin \omega(t + \frac{h}{2})}{h} \\ &= -r\omega \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin \omega(t + \frac{h}{2}) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\frac{\omega h}{2})}{(\frac{\omega h}{2})} \\ &= -r\omega \sin \omega t \end{aligned}$$

□

Example 5.2. If $f(t) = r \sin \omega t$, then $f'(t) = r\omega \cos \omega t$.

Proof. The proof is analogous. □

By the definition of differentiability of a function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ at a point $x_0 \in E$, we have

$$f(x) - f(x_0) = A(x_0)(x - x_0) + o(x - x_0) \text{ as } x \rightarrow x_0, x \in E$$

Since the right-hand side of this equality tends to zero as $x \rightarrow x_0, x \in E$, it follows that $\lim_{E \ni x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$, so that a function that is differentiable at a point is necessarily continuous at that point. However, the converse is not always true. It's easy to see that although $f(x) = |x|$ is continuous at 0, it's not differentiable at 0.

Example 5.3. $e^{x+h} - e^x = e^x h + o(h)$ as $h \rightarrow 0$. Thus $\frac{de^x}{dx} = e^x$.

Proof.

$$e^{x+h} - e^x = e^x(e^h - 1) = e^x(h + o(h)) = e^x h + o(h)$$

Here we have used the formula $e^h - 1 = h + o(h)$ obtained in Section 3.2.4. □

Example 5.4. If $a > 0$, then $a^{x+h} - a^x = a^x(\ln a)h + o(h)$ as $h \rightarrow 0$. Thus $da^x = a^x(\ln a)dx$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} a^{x+h} - a^x &= a^x(a^h - 1) = a^x(e^{h \ln a} - 1) \\ &= a^x(h \ln a + o(h \ln a)) = a^x(\ln a)h + o(h) \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

Example 5.5. If $x \neq 0$, then $\ln|x+h| - \ln|x| = \frac{1}{x}h + o(h)$ as $h \rightarrow 0$. Thus $d \ln|x| = \frac{1}{x}dx$.

Proof.

$$\ln|x+h| - \ln|x| = \ln\left|1 + \frac{h}{x}\right|$$

For $|h| < |x|$ we have $|1 + \frac{h}{x}| = 1 + \frac{h}{x}$, and so for sufficiently small value of h we can write

$$\ln|x+h| - \ln|x| = \ln\left(1 + \frac{h}{x}\right) = \frac{h}{x} + o\left(\frac{h}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x}h + o(h)$$

as $h \rightarrow 0$. Here we have used the relation $\ln(1+t) = t + o(t)$ as $t \rightarrow 0$, shown in Section 3.2.4. \square

Example 5.6. If $x \neq 0$ and $0 < a \neq 1$, then $\log_a|x+h| - \log_a|x| = \frac{1}{x \ln a}h + o(h)$ as $h \rightarrow 0$. Thus, $d \log_a|x| = \frac{1}{x \ln a}dx$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \log_a|x+h| - \log_a|x| &= \log_a\left|1 + \frac{h}{x}\right| = \log_a\left(1 + \frac{h}{x}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln a} \ln\left(1 + \frac{h}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{\ln a} \left(\frac{h}{x} + o\left(\frac{h}{x}\right)\right) = \frac{1}{x \ln a}h + o(h) \end{aligned}$$

\square

Example 5.7 (Waerden's Function). Set

$$\Psi_0(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 1-x, & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

and extend this function to the entire real line so as to have period 1. We denote the extended function by φ_0 . Further, let

$$\varphi_n(x) = \frac{1}{4^n} \varphi_0(4^n x)$$

The function φ_n has period 4^{-n} and a derivative equal to $+1$ or -1 everywhere except at the points $x = \frac{k}{2^{2n+1}}, k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi_n(x)$$

This function is defined and continuous on \mathbb{R} , but does not have a derivative at any point.

Proof. The function series $\{\varphi_n(x)\}$ is convergent by Weierstrass's M-test, thus the function is continuous everywhere. Now we prove that this function is not differentiable everywhere.

For any positive n and any arbitrary point a , choose h_n to be $\frac{1}{4^{n+1}}$ or $-\frac{1}{4^{n+1}}$, so that $|\varphi_n(a + h_n) - \varphi_n(a)| = |h_n|$. This is possible because h_n is a quarter of the period of $\varphi_n(x)$ and $\varphi_n(x)$ is a linear function that has a slope of ± 1 in the interval $2h_n$ containing a .

We can also see that for $m \leq n$ we have $|\varphi_m(a + h_n) - \varphi_m(a)| = h_n$ and for $m > n$ we have $|\varphi_m(a + h_n) - \varphi_m(a)| = 0$, since h_n can be expressed as $\frac{4(m-n)}{4^m}$, a multiple of the period of $\varphi_m(x)$. Hence $\frac{f(a+h_n)-f(a)}{h_n}$ is an integer whose parity (the fact of being odd or even) is the same as n . Therefore the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(a+h_n)-f(a)}{h_n}$ cannot exist, which implies that this function is not differentiable at any arbitrary point. \square

5.2 The Basic Rules of Differentiation

5.2.1 Differentiation and the Arithmetic Operations

Theorem 5.2.1. *If two functions f and g are differentiable at x , then their sum, product, and quotient if the denominator is not zero, are differentiable.*

$$\begin{aligned}(f + g)'(x) &= (f' + g')(x) \\ (f \cdot g)'(x) &= f'(x) \cdot g(x) + f(x) \cdot g'(x) \\ \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x) &= \frac{f'(x) \cdot g(x) - f(x) \cdot g'(x)}{g^2(x)}\end{aligned}$$

Proof. The theorem is easy to prove with the definition of a differentiable function and the properties of the symbol $o(\cdot)$. \square

Corollary. *The derivative of a linear combination of differentiable functions equals the same linear combination of the derivatives of these functions.*

Corollary. *If the function f_1, \dots, f_n are differentiable at x , then*

$$\begin{aligned}(f_1 \cdots f_n)'(x) &= f_1'(x) f_2(x) \cdots f_n(x) \\ &\quad + f_1(x) f_2'(x) f_3(x) \cdots f_n(x) + \cdots + f_1(x) \cdots f_{n-1}(x) f_n'(x)\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Easy to prove by induction. \square

Corollary. *Following from the relation between the derivative and the differential, the theorem can also be written in terms of differentials.*

5.2.2 Differentiation of a Composite Function(Chain Rule)

Theorem 5.2.2. *If the function $f : X \rightarrow Y \subset \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at a point $x \in X$ and the function $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at the point $y = f(x) \in$*

Y , then the composite function $g \circ f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at x , and the differential $d(g \circ f)(x) : T\mathbb{R}(x) \rightarrow T\mathbb{R}(g(f(x)))$ of their composition equals the composition $df(y) \circ df(x)$ of their differentials

$$df(x) : T\mathbb{R}(x) \rightarrow T\mathbb{R}(y = f(x)) \text{ and } dg(y = f(x)) : T\mathbb{R}(y) \rightarrow T\mathbb{R}(g(y))$$

Corollary. The derivative $(g \circ f)'(x)$ of the composition of differentiable real-valued functions equals the product $g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x)$ of the derivatives of these functions compared at the corresponding points.

Corollary. If the composition $(f_n \circ \cdots \circ f_1)(x)$ of differentiable functions $y_1 = f_1(x), \dots, y_n = f_n(y_{n-1})$ exists, then

$$(f_n \circ \cdots \circ f_1)'(x) = f'_n(y_n - 1)f'_{n-1}(y_n - 2) \cdots f'_1(x)$$

Example 5.8. The derivative of the logarithm of the absolute value of a differentiable function is often called its logarithmic derivative.

Since $F(x) = \ln |f(x)| = (\ln \circ || \circ f)(x)$, we have $F'(x) = (\ln |f|)'(x) = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$

Example 5.9. For a function $u(x)^{v(x)}$, where $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ are differentiable functions and $u(x) > 0$. We write $u(x)^{v(x)} = e^{v(x) \ln u(x)}$, then

$$\frac{de^{v(x) \ln u(x)}}{dx} = u(x)^{v(x)} \cdot v'(x) \ln u(x) + v(x)u(x)^{v(x)-1} \cdot u'(x)$$

5.2.3 Differentiation of an Inverse Function

Theorem 5.2.3 (The derivative of an inverse function). Let the functions $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ be mutually inverse and continuous at points $x_0 \in X$ and $f(x_0) = y_0 \in Y$ respectively. If f is differentiable at x_0 and $f'(x_0) \neq 0$, then f^{-1} is also differentiable at the point y_0 , and

$$(f^{-1})'(y_0) = (f'(x_0))^{-1}$$

Example 5.10. The hyperbolic and inverse hyperbolic functions and their

derivatives are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sinh x &= \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x}) \\
 \sinh' x &= \cosh x \\
 \operatorname{arsinh} y &= \ln(y + \sqrt{1 + y^2}) \\
 \operatorname{arsinh}' y &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + y^2}} \\
 \cosh x &= \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}) \\
 \cosh' x &= \sinh x \\
 \operatorname{arcosh}_- y &= \ln(y - \sqrt{y^2 - 1}) \\
 \operatorname{arcosh}_+ y &= \ln(y + \sqrt{y^2 - 1}) \\
 \operatorname{arcosh}'_- y &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{y^2 - 1}}, \quad y > 1 \\
 \operatorname{arcosh}'_+ y &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{y^2 - 1}}, \quad y > 1 \\
 \tanh x &= \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x} \\
 \tanh' x &= \frac{1}{\cosh^2 x} \\
 \operatorname{artanh} y &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + y}{1 - y}, \quad |y| < 1 \\
 \operatorname{artanh}' y &= \frac{1}{1 - y^2}, \quad |y| < 1 \\
 \coth x &= \frac{\cosh x}{\sinh x} \\
 \coth' x &= -\frac{1}{\sinh^2 x} \\
 \operatorname{arcoth} y &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{y + 1}{y - 1}, \quad |y| > 1 \\
 \operatorname{arcoth}' y &= -\frac{1}{y^2 - 1}, \quad |y| > 1
 \end{aligned}$$

5.2.4 Higher-Order Derivatives

Definition. The *derivative of order n* is defined by the formula

$$f^{(x)}(x) := (f^{(n-1)})'(x)$$

The set of functions $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ having continuous derivatives up to order n inclusive will be denoted $C^{(n)}(E, \mathbb{R})$ or $C^{(n)}(E)$. $C^{(0)}(E) = C(E)$ by $f^{(0)}(x) = f(x)$.

Example 5.11 (Leibniz's formula). Let $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ be functions having derivatives up to order n inclusive on a common set E . Then following formula of Leibniz holds for the n th derivative of their product:

$$(uv)^{(n)} = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} u^{(n-m)} v^{(m)}$$

5.3 The Basic Theorems of Differential Calculus

5.3.1 Fermat's Lemma and Rolle's Theorem

Definition. A point $x_0 \in E \subset \mathbb{R}$ is called a *local maximum* (resp. *local minimum*) and the value of a function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ at the point a *local maximum value* (resp. *local minimum value*) if there exists a neighborhood $U_E(x_0)$ of x_0 in E such that at any point $x \in U_E(x_0)$ we have $f(x) \leq f(x_0)$ (resp. $f(x) \geq f(x_0)$).

Definition. If the strict inequality $f(x) < f(x_0)$ (resp. $f(x) > f(x_0)$) holds at every point $x \in \dot{U}_E(x_0)$, the point x_0 is called *strict local maximum* (resp. *strict local minimum*) and the value of the function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a *strict local maximum value* (resp. *strict local minimum value*).

Definition. The local maxima and minima are called *local extrema* and the values of the function at these points *local extreme values of the function*.

Definition. An extremum $x_0 \in E$ of the function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called an *interior extremum* if x_0 is a limit point of both sets $E_- = \{x \in E | x < x_0\}$ and $E_+ = \{x \in E | x > x_0\}$.

Lemma (Fermat). If a function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at an interior extremum, $x_0 \in E$, then its derivative at x_0 is 0: $f'(x_0) = 0$.

Proposition (Rolle's Theorem). If a function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on the closed interval $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) and $f(a) = f(b)$, then there exists a point $\xi \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(\xi) = 0$.

5.3.2 The Theorems of Lagrange and Cauchy on Finite Increments

Theorem 5.3.1 (Lagrange's Finite-increment Theorem). If a function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on a closed interval $[a, b]$ and differentiable on the open interval (a, b) , there exists a point $\xi \in [a, b]$ such that

$$f(b) - f(a) = f'(\xi)(b - a)$$

Proof. Consider the auxiliary function

$$F(x) = f(x) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}(x - a)$$

and apply Rolle's theorem to it. □

Corollaries of Lagrange's Theorem

Corollary (Criterion for monotonicity of a function). *If the derivative of a function is nonnegative (resp. positive) at every point of an open interval, then the function is nondecreasing (resp. increasing) on that interval.*

An analogous assertion can be made about the nonincreasing (resp. decreasing) nature of a function with a nonpositive (resp. negative) derivative.

Corollary (Criterion for a function to be constant). *A function that is continuous on a closed interval is constant on it iff its derivative equals zero at every point of the interval $[a, b]$ (or only on (a, b)).*

If the derivative of two functions are equal on some interval, then the difference between them is constant.

Proposition (Cauchy's Finite-increment Theorem). Let $x = x(t)$ and $y = y(t)$ be functions that are continuous on a closed interval $[\alpha, \beta]$ and differentiable on the open interval (α, β) .

Then there exists a point $\tau \in [\alpha, \beta]$ such that

$$x'(\tau)(y(\beta) - y(\alpha)) = y'(\tau)(x(\beta) - x(\alpha))$$

If in addition $x'(t) \neq 0$ for each t in (α, β) , then $x(\alpha) \neq x(\beta)$ and we have the equality

$$\frac{y(\beta) - y(\alpha)}{x(\beta) - x(\alpha)} = \frac{y'(\tau)}{x'(\tau)}$$

5.3.3 Taylor's Formula

Definition. The algebraic polynomial given by

$$P_n(x_0, x) = P_n(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x - x_0)^n$$

is the *Taylor polynomial of order n of $f(x)$ at x_0* .

The *n th remainder term in Taylor's formula*, or the *remainder*, is the value

$$f(x) - P_n(x_0, x) = r_n(x_0, x)$$

Then

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x - x_0)^n + r_n(x_0, x)$$

When $x_0 = 0$, this is often called *MacLaurin's formula*.

Theorem 5.3.2. *If the function f is continuous on the closed interval with end-points x_0 and x along with its first n derivatives, and it has a derivative of order $n + 1$ at the interior points of this interval, then for any function φ that is continuous on this closed interval and has a nonzero derivative at its interior points, there exists a point ξ between x_0 and x such that*

$$r_n(x_0, x) = \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(x_0)}{\varphi'(\xi)n!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi)(x - \xi)^n$$

Proof. Consider the auxiliary function

$$F(t) = f(x) - P_n(t, x)$$

Find $F'(t)$. Apply Cauchy's theorem to the pair of functions $F(t)$, $\varphi(t)$ and find a point ξ . Substitute the expression for $F'(\xi)$ here and the theorem is proved with the fact that $F(x) - F(x_0) = 0 - F(x_0) = -r_n(x_0, x)$. \square

Corollary (Cauchy's Formula for the remainder term). *Setting $\varphi(t) = x - t$, we obtain*

$$r_n(x_0, x) = \frac{1}{n!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi)(x - \xi)^n(x - x_0)$$

Corollary (The Lagrange form of the remainder). *Setting $\varphi(t) = (x - t)^{n+1}$, we have*

$$r_n(x_0, x) = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi)(x - x_0)^{n+1}$$

Theorem 5.3.3.

$$(1 + x)^n = 1 + \binom{n}{1}x + \binom{n}{2}x^2 + \cdots + \binom{n}{n}x^n$$

Definition. If the function has derivatives of all orders $n \in \mathbb{N}$ at a point x_0 , the series

$$f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x - x_0)^n + \cdots$$

is called the *Taylor's series* of f at the point x_0 .

it should not be thought that the Taylor series of an infinitely differentiable function converges in some neighborhood of x_0 .

It should also not be thought that if the Taylor series converges, it necessarily converges to the function that generated it – it converges to the

function that generated it only when the generating function belongs to the class of *analytic functions*. Cauchy gave an example of a nonanalytic function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/x^2}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

The Taylor series in this case has all its terms equal to 0 and hence its sum is 0, while $f(x) \neq 0$ if $x \neq 0$.

Proposition. if there exists a polynomial $P_n(x_0, x) = c_0 + c_1(x - x_0) + \cdots + c_n(x - x_0)^n$ satisfying the following condition:

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1(x - x_0) + \cdots + c_n(x - x_0)^n + o((x - x_0)^n) \text{ as } x \rightarrow x_0, x \in E$$

then the polynomial is unique.

Proposition (The Local Taylor Formula). Let E be a closed interval having $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ as an endpoint. If the function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has derivatives $f'(x_0), \dots, f^{(n)}(x_0)$ up to order n inclusive at the point x_0 , then the following representation holds:

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x - x_0)^n + o((x - x_0)^n) \text{ as } x \rightarrow x_0, x \in E$$

Lemma. If a function $\varphi : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined on a closed interval E with endpoint x_0 , is such that it has derivatives up to order n inclusive at x_0 and $\varphi(x_0) = \varphi'(x_0) = \cdots = \varphi^{(n)}(x_0) = 0$, then $\varphi(x) = o((x - x_0)^n)$ as $x \rightarrow x_0, x \in E$.

Proof. content... □

The relation is called the *local Taylor formula* since the form of the remainder term given in it (the so-called *Peano form*)

$$r_n(x_0, x) = o((x - x_0)^n)$$

makes it possible to draw inferences only about the asymptotic nature of the connection between the Taylor polynomial and the function as $x \rightarrow x_0, x \in E$.

Example 5.12 (Taylor's formula with the Lagrange form of the remainder). If f has a derivative of order $n + 1$ on the open interval with endpoints x_0 and x , then

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x - x_0)^n + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!}(x - x_0)^{n+1}$$

where ξ is a point between x_0 and x . This is a generalization of Lagrange's mean-value theorem (finite-increment theorem), to which it reduces when $n = 0$.

Example 5.13 (Taylor's formula with the Peano form of the remainder). If f has derivative of orders up to $n \geq 1$ inclusive at the point x_0 , then

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!}(x - x_0) + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!}(x - x_0)^n + o((x - x_0)^n)$$

This is a generalization of the definition of differentiability of a function at a point, to which it reduces when $n = 1$.

Now we write the following table of asymptotic formulas as $x \rightarrow 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} e^x &= 1 + \frac{1}{1!}x + \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}x^n + O(x^{n+1}) \\ \cos x &= 1 - \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 - \cdots + \frac{(-1)^n}{2n!}x^{2n} + O(x^{2n+2}) \\ \sin x &= \frac{1}{1!}x - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!}x^{2n+1} + O(x^{2n+3}) \\ \cosh x &= 1 + \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 + \cdots + \frac{1}{2n!}x^{2n} + O(x^{2n+2}) \\ \sinh x &= \frac{1}{1!}x + \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2n+1)!}x^{2n+1} + O(x^{2n+3}) \\ \ln(1+x) &= x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}x^n + O(x^{n+1}) \\ (1+x)^\alpha &= 1 + \frac{\alpha}{1!}x + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2!}x^2 + \cdots \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)\cdots(\alpha-n+1)}{n!}x^n + O(x^{n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

5.4 The Study of Functions Using the Methods of Differential Calculus

5.4.1 Conditions for a Function to be Monotonic

Proposition. The following relations hold between the monotonicity properties of a function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that is differentiable on an open interval $(a, b) = E$ and the sign(positivity) of its derivative f' on that interval:

$f'(x) > 0 \Rightarrow f$ is increasing	$\Rightarrow f'(x) \geq 0$
$f'(x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow f$ is nondecreasing	$\Rightarrow f'(x) \geq 0$
$f'(x) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow f \equiv \text{const.}$	$\Rightarrow f'(x) \equiv 0$
$f'(x) \leq 0 \Rightarrow f$ is nonincreasing	$\Rightarrow f'(x) \leq 0$
$f'(x) < 0 \Rightarrow f$ is decreasing	$\Rightarrow f'(x) \leq 0$

Proof. The left-hand column of implications is already known from Lagrange's theorem. The right-hand column of implications can be obtained immediately from the definition of the derivative. \square

5.4.2 Conditions for an Interior Extremum of a Function

Proposition (Necessary Conditions for an Interior Extremum). In order for a point x_0 to be an extremum of a function $f : U(x_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined on a neighborhood $U(x_0)$ of that point, a necessary condition is that one of the following two conditions hold: either the function is not differentiable at x_0 or $f'(x_0) = 0$.

Proposition (Sufficient Conditions for an Extremum in terms of the First Derivative). Let $f : U(x_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined on a neighborhood $U(x_0)$ of the point x_0 , which is continuous at the point itself and differentiable in a deleted neighborhood $\dot{U}(x_0)$. Let $\dot{U}^-(x_0) = \{x \in U(x_0) | x < x_0\}$ and $\dot{U}^+(x_0) = \{x \in U(x_0) | x > x_0\}$.

Then the following conclusions are valid:

- a) $(\forall x \in \dot{U}^-(x_0)(f'(x) < 0)) \wedge (\forall x \in \dot{U}^+(x_0)(f'(x) < 0)) \Rightarrow (f \text{ has no extremum at } x_0)$
- b) $(\forall x \in \dot{U}^-(x_0)(f'(x) < 0)) \wedge (\forall x \in \dot{U}^+(x_0)(f'(x) > 0)) \Rightarrow (x_0 \text{ is a strict local minimum of } f)$
- c) $(\forall x \in \dot{U}^-(x_0)(f'(x) > 0)) \wedge (\forall x \in \dot{U}^+(x_0)(f'(x) < 0)) \Rightarrow (x_0 \text{ is a strict local maximum of } f)$
- d) $(\forall x \in \dot{U}^-(x_0)(f'(x) > 0)) \wedge (\forall x \in \dot{U}^+(x_0)(f'(x) > 0)) \Rightarrow (f \text{ has no extremum at } x_0)$

Proposition (Sufficient Conditions for an Extremum in terms of Higher-order Derivatives). Suppose a function $f : U(x_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined on a neighborhood $U(x_0)$ of x_0 has derivatives of order up to n inclusive at x_0 ($n > 1$). If $f'(x_0) = \dots = f^{(n-1)}(x_0) = 0$ and $f^{(n)}(x_0) \neq 0$, then there is no extremum at x_0 if n is odd. If n is even, the point x_0 is a local extremum,

in fact a strict local minimum if $f^{(n)}(x_0) > 0$ and a strict local maximum if $f^{(n)}(x_0) < 0$.

Proof. Using the local Taylor formula and observe the change of sign of the term $(x - x_0)^n$. \square

a. Young's Inequalities

If $a > 0$ and $b > 0$, and the numbers p and q such that $p \neq 0, 1$, $q \neq 0, 1$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} a^{1/p} b^{1/q} &\leq \frac{1}{p} a + \frac{1}{q} b, & \text{if } p > 1 \\ a^{1/p} b^{1/q} &\geq \frac{1}{p} a + \frac{1}{q} b, & \text{if } p < 1 \end{aligned}$$

and equality holds only when $a = b$.

Proof. Set $x = \frac{a}{b}$ and $\alpha = \frac{1}{p}$, then introduce the notation $\frac{1}{q} = 1 - \frac{1}{p}$. \square

b. Hölder's Inequalities

Let $x_i \geq 0$, $y_i \geq 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q \right)^{1/q} \quad \text{for } p > 1$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q \right)^{1/q} \quad \text{for } p < 1, p \neq 0$$

In the case $p < 0$ it is assumed that $x_i > 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$). Equality is possible only when the vectors (x_1^p, \dots, x_n^p) and (y_1^q, \dots, y_n^q) are proportional.

Proof. Let $X = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p > 0$ and $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q > 0$. Set $a = \frac{x_i^p}{X}$ and $b = \frac{y_i^q}{Y}$ in Young's Inequalities when $p > 1$. The case when $p < 1, p \neq 0$ is similar. \square

c. Minkowski's Inequalities

Let $x_i \geq 0$, $y_i \geq 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i)^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \right)^{1/p} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^p \right)^{1/p} \quad \text{when } p > 1$$

and

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i)^p \right)^{1/p} \geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \right)^{1/p} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^p \right)^{1/p} \quad \text{when } p < 1, p \neq 0$$

Knowing the conditions for equality in Hölder's inequality, equality is possible in Minkowski's inequalities only when the vectors (x_1, \dots, x_n) and (y_1, \dots, y_n) are collinear.

Proof. Apply Hölder's inequality to the **terms** on the right-hand side of the identity. The left side is then bounded from above (for $p > 1$) or below (for $p < 1$). Finally, divide these inequalities by $(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i)^p)^{1/q}$. (See Pg. 240 for details). \square

For $n = 3$ and $p = 2$, Minkowski's inequality is the triangle inequality in three-dimensional Euclidean space.

5.4.3 Conditions for a Function to be Convex

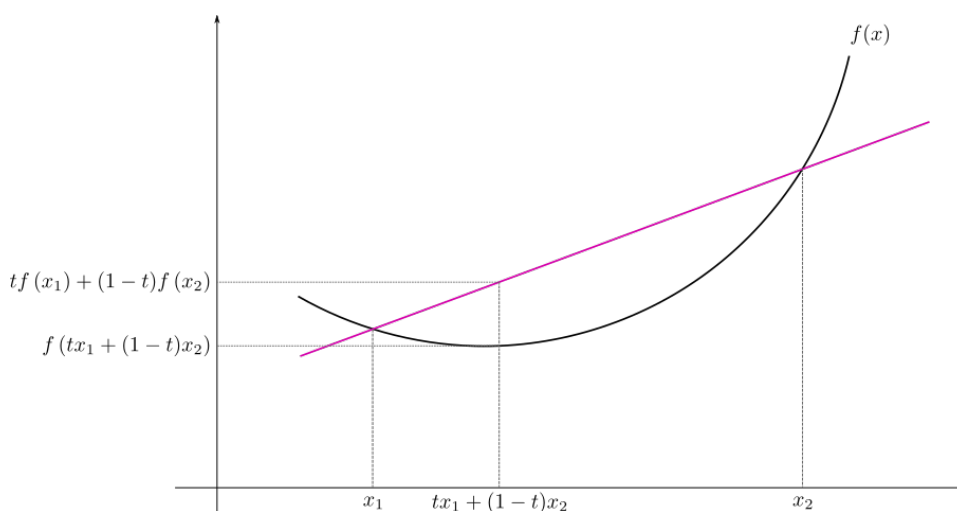
Definition. A function $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined on an open interval $(a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$ is *convex* if the inequalities

$$f(\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2) \leq \alpha_1 f(x_1) + \alpha_2 f(x_2)$$

hold for any points $x_1, x_2 \in (a, b)$ and any numbers $\alpha_1 \geq 0, \alpha_2 \geq 0$ such that $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1$. If this inequality is strict whenever $x_1 \neq x_2$ and $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \neq 0$, then function is *strictly convex* on (a, b) . The definition of convexity can be written as

$$\frac{f(x) - f(x_1)}{x - x_1} \leq \frac{f(x_2) - f(x)}{x_2 - x}$$

for $x_1 < x < x_2$ and any $x_1, x_2 \in (a, b)$.



For the first definition, geometrically, convexity of a function means that the points of any arc of the graph of the function lie below the chord subtended by the arc. **For the second definition**, geometrically, it means that the slope of the chord joining $(x_1, f(x_1))$ to $(x, f(x))$ is not larger

than (and in the case of strict convexity is less than) the slope of the chord Π joining $(x, f(x))$ to $(x_2, f(x_2))$.

Definition. If the opposite inequality holds for a function $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, that function is said to be *concave* on the interval (a, b) , or, more often, *convex upward* in the interval, as opposed to a convex function, which is then said to be *convex downward* on (a, b) .

Proposition. A necessary and sufficient condition for a function $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that is differentiable on the open interval (a, b) to be convex(downward) on that interval is that its derivative f' be nondecreasing on (a, b) . A strictly increasing f' corresponds to a strict convex function.

Corollary. A necessary and sufficient condition for a function $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ having a second derivative on the open interval (a, b) to be convex(downward) on (a, b) is that $f''(x) \geq 0$ on that interval. The condition $f''(x) > 0$ on (a, b) is sufficient to guarantee that f is strictly convex.

Proposition. A function $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that is differentiable on the open interval (a, b) is convex(downward) on (a, b) iff its graph contains no points below any tangent drawn to it. In that case, a necessary and sufficient condition for strict convexity is that all points of the graph except the point of tangency lie strictly above the tangent line.

Definition. Let $f : U(x_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined and differentiable on a neighborhood $U(x_0)$ of $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. If the function is convex downward (resp. upward) on the set $\dot{U}^-(x_0) = \{x \in U(x_0) | x < x_0\}$ and convex upward (resp. downward) on $\dot{U}^+(x_0) = \{x \in U(x_0) | x > x_0\}$, then $(x_0, f(x_0))$ is called a *point of inflection of the graph*. **The point of inflection is where the function changes its convexity.**

Proposition (Jensen's Inequality). If $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex function, x_1, \dots, x_n are points of (a, b) , and $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ are nonnegative numbers such that $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n = 1$, then

$$f(\alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n) \leq \alpha_1 f(x_1) + \dots + \alpha_n f(x_n)$$

For a function that is convex upward, we have

$$f(\alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n) \geq \alpha_1 f(x_1) + \dots + \alpha_n f(x_n)$$

Proof. Can be proved by induction. □

Example 5.14. Since $f(x) = \ln x$ is strictly convex upward on the set of positive numbers, then

$$\ln(\alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n) \geq \alpha_1 \ln(x_1) + \dots + \alpha_n \ln(x_n)$$

If $\alpha_1 = \cdots = \alpha_n = \frac{1}{n}$, we have

$$\sqrt[n]{x_1 \cdots x_n} \leq \frac{x_1 + \cdots + x_n}{n}$$

between the geometric and arithmetic means of n nonnegative numbers. Equality holds only when $x_1 = x_2 = \cdots = x_n$. By setting $n = 2$, $\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{p}$, $\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{q}$, $x_1 = a$, $x_2 = b$, we obtain Young's inequality for $p > 1$.

5.4.4 L'Hôpital's Rule

Proposition (L'Hôpital's Rule). Suppose the function $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are differentiable on the open interval (a, b) ($-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$) with $g'(x) \neq 0$ on (a, b) and

$$\frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} \rightarrow A \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow a + 0 \quad (-\infty \leq A \leq +\infty)$$

Then

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \rightarrow A \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow a + 0$$

in each of the following two cases:

1⁰ $(f(x) \rightarrow 0) \wedge (g(x) \rightarrow 0)$ as $x \rightarrow a + 0$.

or

2⁰ $g(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow a + 0$.

A similar assertion holds as $x \rightarrow b - 0$.

5.4.5 Constructing the Graph of a Function

Definition. The line $c_0 + c_1x$ is called an *asymptote* of the graph of the function $y = f(x)$ as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ if $f(x) - (c_0 + c_1x) = o(1)$ as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$. If $|f(x)| \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow a \pm 0$, the line $x = a$ is called a *vertical asymptote* of the graph.

In general, if $f(x) - (c_0 + c_1x + \cdots + c_nx^n) = o(1)$ as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, then

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{f(x)}{x^n} \\ c_{n-1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{f(x) - c_nx^n}{x^{n-1}} \\ &\vdots \\ c_0 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (f(x) - (c_1x + \cdots + c_nx^n)) \end{aligned}$$

It uses the graph of the corresponding algebraic polynomial $c_0 + c_1x + \cdots + c_nx^n$ to describe the asymptotic behavior of $f(x)$.

5.5 Complex Numbers and Elementary Functions

5.5.1 Complex Numbers

Example 5.15. *The set of complex numbers, \mathbb{C} , is a field containing \mathbb{R} as a subfield.*

Proof. The only nonobvious point in the verification that \mathbb{C} is a field is that every non-zero complex number $z = x + iy$ has an inverse z^{-1} . We denote the *conjugate* of z as $\tilde{z} = x - iy$. Then z^{-1} should be taken as $\frac{1}{x^2+y^2} \cdot \tilde{z} = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} - i \frac{y}{x^2+y^2}$. \square

Geometrically speaking, a complex number can be viewed as the Cartesian coordinates in \mathbb{R}^2 . Therefore, the *absolute value* or *modulus* $|z|$ of a complex number is

$$|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \text{ if } z = x + iy$$

The set of complex numbers is called the *complex plane*.

Definition. If $z = x + iy$ (*algebraic form*), then the *trigonometric (polar) forms* of a complex number is

$$z = r(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi)$$

since $x = r \cos \varphi$ and $y = r \sin \varphi$ for (x, y) and a polar coordinate (r, φ) . Note that r is the modulus or absolute value of z . φ is called the *argument* of z and denoted $\varphi \in \text{Arg}z$. By the characteristics of polar coordinates, there are infinitely many representation of a complex number. To make a representation unique, we must constrain the range of the argument. If such a choice has been made (usually $0 \leq \varphi < 2\pi$), we say that a *branch* (or the *principle branch*) of the argument has been chosen, thus $\varphi = \arg z$.

We can see that

$$z_1 \cdot z_2 = r_1 r_2 (\cos(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2) + i \sin(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2))$$

Example 5.16 (de Moivre's Formula).

$$z^n = r^n (\cos n\varphi + i \sin n\varphi)$$

The product az where $a = |a|(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi) \neq 0$ can be viewed as the composition of a dilation by a factor of $|a|$ and a rotation through the angle $\varphi \in \text{Arg}(a)$.

5.5.2 Convergence in \mathbb{C} and Series with Complex Terms

The set $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - z_0| < \varepsilon\}$, the ε -neighborhood of a number $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ is a disk (without the boundary circle) of radius ε centered at z_0 .

Definition. A sequence of complex terms *converges* to $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |z_n - z_0| = 0$.

It is clear that a sequence of complex numbers converges iff the sequence of its real and imaginary parts of the terms of the sequence both converge. The definition for a *fundamental* or *Cauchy* sequence in \mathbb{C} is analogous with its definition for a sequence of real numbers.

Proposition (The Cauchy Criterion). A sequence of complex numbers converges iff it is a Cauchy sequence.

The Cauchy Criterion for series and the definition of absolute convergence is the same as them for a series of real numbers.

Proposition (The Cauchy-Hadamard Formula). The power series

$$c_0 + c_1(z - z_0) + \cdots + c_n(z - z_0)^n + \cdots$$

converges inside the disk $|z - z_0| < R$ with center at z_0 and radius given by the Cauchy-Hadamard formula

$$R = \frac{1}{\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|c_n|}}$$

At any point exterior to this disk the power series diverges.

At any point interior to the disk, the power series converges absolutely.

Proposition (Abel's First Theorem on Power Series). If the power series converges at some value z^* , then it absolutely converges for any value of z satisfying the inequality $|z - z_0| < |z^* - z_0|$.

Proposition. If a series of complex numbers converges absolutely, then a series obtained by rearranging its terms also converges absolutely and has the same sum.

Proposition. The product of absolute convergent series is an absolutely convergent series whose sum equals the product of the sums of the factor series.

Example 5.17. For two series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} a^n$ and $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} b^m$ that converge absolutely, if $k = m + n$, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} a^n \cdot \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} b^m = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (a + b)^k$$

5.5.3 Euler's Formula and the Connections Among the Elementary Functions

Theorem 5.5.1 (Euler Formula).

$$e^{iy} = \cos y + i \sin y$$

Here y is either a real number or an arbitrary number. If $y = 0$

$$e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$$

Proof. Find the Taylor series for $e^z, \cos z, \sin z$, where $z \in \mathbb{C}$, then substitute z with iy . \square

Definition (The Trigonometric Notation for a Complex Number).

$$z = re^{i\varphi}$$

where r is the modulus of z and φ its argument.

Theorem 5.5.2 (Formula of de Moivre).

$$z^n = r^n e^{in\varphi}$$

5.5.4 Power Series Representation of a Function. Analyticity

A function that has complex domain and complex range, thus its graph is a subset of $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}^4$ and can not be visualized in the traditional way. To compensate for this loss to some extent, one usually keeps two copies of the complex plane \mathbb{C} , indicating points of the domain in one and points of the range of values in the other.

The definitions of continuity, derivative, and differentiability for complex-valued functions are identical to those for real-valued functions. Since the arithmetic properties of the fields \mathbb{C} and \mathbb{R} are the same, all the general rules for differentiation, such as rules for addition, product, and quotient, are the same.

Theorem 5.5.3. *The sum $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(z - z_0)^n$ of a power series is an infinitely differentiable function inside the entire disk in which convergence occurs. Moreover,*

$$f^{(k)}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d^k}{dz^k} (c_n(z - z_0)^n), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

and

$$c_n = \frac{1}{n!} f^{(n)}(z_0), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

Proof. content... □

Definition. A function is *analytic* at a point $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ if it can be represented in a neighborhood of the point in the following ("analytic") form:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z - z_0)^n$$

that is, as the sum of a power series in $z - z_0$.

Corollary. *a) If a function is analytic at a point, then it is infinitely differentiable at that point, and its Taylor series converges to it in a neighborhood of the point.*

b) The Taylor series of a function defined in a neighborhood of a point and infinitely differentiable at that point converges to the function in some neighborhood of the point iff the function is analytic.

This means that if a function has one derivative in a neighborhood of a point, it also has derivatives of all orders in that neighborhood.

5.5.5 Algebraic Closedness of the Field \mathbb{C} of Complex Numbers

Theorem 5.5.4 (Fundamental Theorem of Algebra). *Every polynomial*

$$P(z) = c_0 + c_1 z + \cdots + c_n z^n$$

of degree $n \geq 1$ with complex coefficients has a root in \mathbb{C} .

Proof. content... □

Remark If $P(z_0) = 0$, then its conjugate \bar{z}_0 satisfies $P(\bar{z}_0) = 0$.

Corollary. *Every polynomial $P(z) = c_0 + \cdots + c_n z^n$ of degree $n \geq 1$ with complex coefficients admits a representation in the form*

$$P(z) = c_n (z - z_1) \cdots (z - z_n)$$

where $z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathbb{C}$ (they are not necessarily all distinct). This representation is unique up to the order of the factors.

Proof. Use the long division algorithm on $P(z)$, we find that $P(z) = q(z)Q(z) + r(z)$, where $q(z)$ and $r(z)$ are polynomials, the degree of $r(z)$ being less than the degree m of $Q(z)$. Set $m = 1$ and find that $r = 0$, then use the principle of induction. □

By multiplying out all identical factors, one can rewrite that product:

$$P(z) = c_n(z - z_1)^{k_1} \cdots (z - z_n)^{k_p}$$

The number k_j is called the *multiplicity* of the root z_j .

Corollary. Every polynomial $P(z) = a_0 + \cdots + a_n z^n$ with real coefficients can be expanded as a product of linear and quadratic polynomials with real coefficients.

Corollary. Every root z_j of multiplicity $k_j > 1$ of a polynomial $P(z)$ is a root of multiplicity $k_j - 1$ of the derivative $P'(z)$.

Corollary. a) If $Q(z) = (z - z_1)^{k_1} \cdots (z - z_p)^{k_p}$ and $\frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}$ is a proper fraction (the degree of $P(z)$ is less than that of $Q(z)$), there exists a unique representation of the fraction $\frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}$ in the form

$$\frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} = \sum_{j=1}^p \left(\sum_{k=1}^{k_j} \frac{a_{jk}}{(z - z_j)^k} \right)$$

b) If $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ are polynomials with real coefficients and

$$Q(x) = (x - x_1)^{k_1} \cdots (x - x_l)^{k_l} (x^2 + p_1 x + q_1)^{m_1} \cdots (x^2 + p_n x + q_n)^{m_n}$$

there exists a unique representation of the proper fraction $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ in the form

$$\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \sum_{j=1}^l \left(\sum_{k=1}^{k_j} \frac{a_{jk}}{(x - x_j)^k} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m_j} \frac{b_{jk}x + c_{jk}}{(x^2 + p_j x + q_j)^k} \right)$$

where a_{jk} , b_{jk} , and c_{jk} are real numbers.

5.6 Primitives

5.6.1 The Primitive and the Indefinite Integral

Definition. A function $F(x)$ is a *primitive* of a function $f(x)$ on an interval if F is differentiable on the interval and satisfies the equation $F'(x) = f(x)$, or $dF(x) = f(x)dx$.

Proposition. From Lagrange's theorem, if $F_1(x)$ and $F_2(x)$ are two primitives of $f(x)$ on the same interval, then the difference $F_1(x) - F_2(x)$ is constant on that interval.

Definition. The *indefinite integral* of $f(x)$ is denoted as

$$\int f(x)dx$$

where \int is called the *indefinite integral sign*, f is called the **integrand**, and $f(x)dx$ is called a *differential form*.

5.6.2 The Basic General Methods of Finding a Primitive

Theorem 5.6.1. *Taken account of the relationship between a function and its primitive as well as the laws of differentiation, we can assert that the following relations hold*

$$\begin{aligned} a. \quad & \int (\alpha u(x) + \beta v(x)) dx = \alpha \int u(x) dx + \beta \int v(x) dx + c \\ b. \quad & \int (uv)' dx = \int u'(x)v(x) dx + \int u(x)v'(x) dx + c \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, if

$$\int f(x) dx = F(x) + c$$

on an interval I_x and $\varphi : I_t \rightarrow I_x$ is a smooth (continuously differentiable) mapping of the interval I_t into I_x , then

$$\int (f \circ \varphi)(t) \varphi'(t) dt = (F \circ \varphi)(t) + c$$

Here we make the change of variable $\varphi(t) = x$. This can be used to find primitive.

Example 5.18 (Integration by Parts).

$$\int (uv)' dx = \int u'(x)v(x) dx + \int u(x)v'(x) dx + c$$

can be rewritten as

$$\int u(x) dv(x) = u(x)v(x) - \int v(x) du(x) + c$$

Some primitives of the composition of elementary functions **cannot be expressed as the composition of elementary functions**. We make the following definition for special cases of indefinite integrals:

Definition (Sine Integral). The *sine integral*, denoted $\text{Si } x$, is defined as

$$\text{Si } x = \int \frac{\sin x}{x} dx$$

Definition (Cosine Integral). The *cosine integral*, denoted $\text{Ci } x$, is defined as

$$\text{Ci } x = \int \frac{\cos x}{x} dx$$

Definition (Logarithmic Integral). The *logarithmic integral*, denoted $\text{li } x$, is defined as

$$\text{li } x = \int \frac{dx}{\ln x}$$

5.6.3 Primitives of Rational Functions

Example 5.19.

$$\int \frac{1}{(x-a)^k} dx = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{-k+1}(x-a)^{-k+1} + c & \text{for } k \neq 1 \\ \ln|x-a| + c & \text{for } k = 1 \end{cases}$$

Example 5.20. For the following integral

$$\int \frac{bx+c}{(x^2+px+q)^k} dx$$

We represent x^2+px+q as $(x+\frac{1}{2}p)^2+(p-\frac{1}{4}p^2)$, where $q-\frac{1}{4}p^2 > 0$, since the original polynomial has no real roots. Setting $x+\frac{1}{2}p = u$ and $q-\frac{1}{4}p^2 = a^2$, we obtain

$$\int \frac{bx+c}{(x^2+px+q)^k} dx = \int \frac{\alpha u + \beta}{(u^2+a^2)^k} du$$

where $\alpha = b$ and $\beta = c - \frac{1}{2}bp$. Next

$$\int \frac{\alpha u + \beta}{(u^2+a^2)^k} du = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2(1-k)}(u^2+a^2)^{-k+1} & \text{for } k \neq 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \ln(u^2+a^2) & \text{for } k = 1 \end{cases}$$

Example 5.21. For the following integral

$$I_k = \int \frac{du}{(u^2+a^2)^k}$$

Integrating by parts and making elementary transformations, we have

$$I_k = \frac{u}{(u^2+a^2)^k} + 2kI_k - 2ka^2I_{k+1}$$

which makes it possible to lower the exponent k in the integral. But I_1 is easy to compute

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{a} \arctan \frac{u}{a} + c$$

and then we can compute the primitive our original problem.

Proposition. The primitive of any rational function $R(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ can be expressed in terms of rational functions and the transcendental functions \ln and \arctan . The rational part of the primitive, when placed over a common denominator, will have a denominator containing all the factors of the polynomial $Q(x)$ with multiplicities one less than they have in $Q(x)$.

Example 5.22. For the indefinite integral

$$\int \frac{2x^2+5x+5}{(x^2-1)(x+2)} dx$$

We find all the factors of the denominator, then

$$\frac{2x^2 + 5x + 5}{(x^2 - 1)(x + 2)} = \frac{A}{x - 1} + \frac{B}{x + 1} + \frac{C}{x + 2}$$

Putting the right-hand side of this equation over a common denominator

$$\frac{2x^2 + 5x + 5}{(x^2 - 1)(x + 2)} = \frac{(A + B + C)x^2 + (3A + B)x + (2A - 2B - C)}{(x - 1)(x + 1)(x + 2)}$$

and solve the system

$$\begin{cases} A + B + C = 1 \\ 3A + B = 5 \\ 2A - 2B - C = 5 \end{cases}$$

5.6.4 Primitives of the Form $\int R(\cos x, \sin x) dx$

Let $R(u, v)$ be a rational function in u and v , that is a quotient of polynomials $\frac{P(u, v)}{Q(u, v)}$, which are linear combinations of monomials $u^m v^n$, where $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and $n = 0, 1, \dots$.

a. We make the change of variable $t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$, and

$$\int R(\cos, \sin x) dx = \int R\left(\frac{1 - t^2}{1 + t^2}, \frac{2t}{1 + t^2}\right) \frac{2}{1 + t^2} dt$$

b. In the case of $\int R(\cos^2 x, \sin^2 x) dx$ or $\int r(\tan x) dx$, where $r(u)$ is a rational function, we substitute t with $\tan x$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \int R(\cos^2 x, \sin^2 x) dx &= \int R\left(\frac{1}{1 + t^2}, \frac{t^2}{1 + t^2}\right) \frac{dt}{1 + t^2} \\ \int r(\tan x) dx &= \int r(t) \frac{dt}{1 + t^2} \end{aligned}$$

c. In the case of integrals of the form

$$\int R(\cos x, \sin^2 x) \sin x dx \quad \text{or} \quad \int R(\cos^2 x, \sin x) \cos x dx$$

One can move the functions $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ into the differential and make the substitution $t = \cos x$ or $t = \sin x$ respectively. Then

$$- \int R(t, 1 - t^2) dt \quad \text{or} \quad \int R(1 - t^2, t) dt$$

5.6.5 Primitives of the Form $\int R(x, y(x))dx$

Let $R(x, y)$, as in previous subsection, a rational function where y is a function of x .

a. If $y = \sqrt[n]{\frac{ax+b}{cx+d}}$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then, setting $t^n = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$, we obtain

$$x = \frac{d \cdot t^n - b}{a - c \cdot t^n}, \quad y = t$$

b. When $y = \sqrt{ax^2 + bx + c}$, we reduce the general case to one of the following three simple cases by completing the square in the trinomial $ax^2 + bx + c$ and making a suitable linear substitution

$$\int R(t, \sqrt{t^2 + 1})dt, \quad \int R(t, \sqrt{t^2 - 1})dt, \quad \int R(t, \sqrt{1 - t^2})dt$$

Now we make the following substitutions

$$\sqrt{t^2 + 1} = tu + 1, \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt{t^2 + 1} = tu - 1, \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt{t^2 + 1} = t - u$$

$$\sqrt{t^2 - 1} = u(t - 1), \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt{t^2 - 1} = u(t + 1), \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt{t^2 - 1} = t - u$$

$$\sqrt{1 - t^2} = u(1 - t), \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt{1 - t^2} = u(1 + t), \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt{1 - t^2} = tu \pm 1$$

that will reduce these integrals to the integral of a rational function. Alternatively, one can make the substitution $t = \sinh \varphi$, $t = \cosh \varphi$, and $t = \sin \varphi$ (or $t = \cos \varphi$) respectively. **c. Elliptic Integrals**

Definition (Elliptic Integrals).

$$\int R(x, \sqrt{P(x)})dx$$

Here $P(x)$ is a polynomial of degree $n > 2$. In general, such an integral cannot be expressed in terms of elementary functions. For $n = 3$ and $n = 4$, this integral is called an *elliptic integral*, and for $n > 4$ it is called *hyperelliptic*.

By elementary substitutions the general elliptic integral can be reduced to the following three standard forms up to terms expressible in elementary functions:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-k^2x^2)}}, \\ & \int \frac{x^2 dx}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-k^2x^2)}}, \\ & \int \frac{dx}{(1+hx^2)\sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-k^2x^2)}} \end{aligned}$$

where h and k are parameters and $k \in (0, 1)$. By the substitution $x = \sin \varphi$, we reduce all these three integrals to:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{d\varphi}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \varphi}}, \\ & \int \sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \varphi} d\varphi, \\ & \int \frac{d\varphi}{(1 + h \sin^2 \varphi) \sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \varphi}} \end{aligned}$$

The integrals are called respectively the *elliptic integral of **first kind**, **second kind***, and ***third kind*** (in the Legendre form).

The symbols $F(k, \varphi)$ and $E(k, \varphi)$ respectively denote the particular elliptic integrals of first and second kind that satisfy $F(k, 0) = 0$ and $E(k, 0) = 0$.

6

Integration

6.1 Definition of the Integral and Description of the Set of Integrable Functions

6.1.1 Definition of the Riemann Integral

Partitions

Definition. A *partition* P of a closed interval $[a, b]$, is a finite system of points x_0, \dots, x_n of the interval such that $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$.

The intervals $[x_{i-1}, x_i], (i = 1, \dots, n)$ are called the *intervals* of the partition P .

The largest of the lengths of the intervals of the partition P , denoted $\lambda(P)$, is called the *mesh* of the partition.

Definition. We speak of a *partition with distinguished points* (P, ξ) on $[a, b]$ if we have a partition P of $[a, b]$ and a point $\xi_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ has been chosen in each of the intervals. The set of points (ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n) is denoted by the single letter ξ .

A Base in the Set of Partitions

The base $\mathcal{B} = \{B_d\}$ where $d > 0$ consists of all partitions with distinguished points (P, ξ) on $[a, b]$ for which $\lambda(P) < d$.

Riemann Sums

Definition. If a function f is defined on $[a, b]$ and (P, ξ) is a partition with distinguished points on this closed interval, the sum

$$\sigma(f, P, \xi) := \sum_{i=1}^n f(\xi_i) \Delta x_i$$

where $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$, is the *Riemann sum* of the function f corresponding to the partition (P, ξ) on $[a, b]$.

When the function f is fixed, the Riemann sum is a function $\Phi(p) = \sigma(f, p)$ on the set \mathcal{P} of all partitions $p = (P, \xi)$ on $[a, b]$.

The Riemann Integral

Definition. The number I is the Riemann integral of the function f on the closed interval $[a, b]$ if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|I - \sum_{i=1}^n f(\xi_i) \Delta x_i| < \varepsilon$$

for any partition (P, ξ) on $[a, b]$ whose mesh $\lambda(P)$ is less than δ . The definition is equivalent to the statement

$$I = \lim_{\mathcal{B}} \Phi(p)$$

The integral of $f(x)$ over $[a, b]$ is denoted

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx$$

in which the numbers a and b are called respectively the *lower* and *upper limits of integration*. The function f is called the *integrand*, $f(x)dx$ is called the *differential form*, and x is the *variable of integration*. Thus

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx := \lim_{\lambda(p) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n f(\xi_i) \Delta x_i$$

Definition. A function f is *Riemann integrable* on $[a, b]$ if the Riemann integral of f is defined on $[a, b]$. The set of Riemann-integrable functions on a closed interval $[a, b]$ will be denoted $\mathcal{R}[a, b]$.

6.1.2 The Set of Integrable Functions

A Necessary Condition for Integrability

Proposition. A necessary condition for a function f defined on a closed interval to be Riemann integrable on it is that f be bounded on this closed interval.

6.1. DEFINITION OF THE INTEGRAL AND DESCRIPTION OF THE SET OF INTEGRABLE FUNCTIONS

A Sufficient Condition for Integrability and the Most Important Classes of Integrable Functions

Theorem 6.1.1 (Reverse Triangle Inequality). *In a normed vector space*

$$| \|x\| - \|y\| | \leq \|x - y\|$$

Or for metric spaces

$$|d(y, x) - d(x, z)| \leq d(y, z)$$

Proof. Use the regular triangle inequality. \square

Definition. If a partition \tilde{P} of $[a, b]$ is obtained from the partition P by adjunction of new points to P , \tilde{P} is called a *refinement* of P .

Proposition. A sufficient condition for a bounded function f to be integrable on a closed interval $[a, b]$ is that for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \omega(f, \Delta_i) \Delta x_i < \varepsilon$$

for any partition P of $[a, b]$ with mesh $\lambda(P) < \delta$.

Proof. Under the sufficient condition given in the statement, for any $\varepsilon > 0$ we can find $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|\sigma(f, \tilde{P}, \tilde{\xi}) - \sigma(f, P, \xi)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

for any partition P of $[a, b]$ with $\lambda(P) < \delta$. Now if (P', ξ') and (P'', ξ'') are arbitrary partitions with distinguished points on $[a, b]$ whose meshes satisfy $\lambda(P') < \delta$ and $\lambda(P'') < \delta$, then the partition $\tilde{P} = P' \cup P''$ must satisfy the inequality above. Add these two inequality with the proper substitution while taking account of the triangle inequality and reverse triangle inequality, we have

$$|\sigma(f, P', \xi') - \sigma(f, P'', \xi'')| < \varepsilon$$

then by the Cauchy criterion, the limit of the Riemann sums exists. \square

Corollary. $(f \in C[a, b]) \Rightarrow (f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b])$, that is, every continuous function on a closed interval is integrable on that closed interval.

Proof. content... \square

6.2 Linearity, Additivity and Monotonicity of the Integral

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7

Functions of Several Variables: Their Limits and Continuity

7.1 The Space \mathbb{R}^m and the Most Important Classes of Its Subsets

7.1.1 The Set \mathbb{R}^m and the Distance in It

Definition. The function $d : \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$d(x_1, x_2) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m (x_1^i - x_2^i)^2}$$

is called the *metric* or *distance* of the set \mathbb{R}^m . It has the following properties:

- a) $d(x_1, x_2) \geq 0$;
- b) $(d(x_1, x_2) = 0) \Leftrightarrow (x_1 = x_2)$;
- c) $d(x_1, x_2) = d(x_2, x_1)$;
- d) $d(x_1, x_3) \leq d(x_1, x_2) + d(x_2, x_3)$.

The last inequality (called, because of geometric analogies, the *triangle inequality*) is a special case of Minkowski's inequality (see Section 5.4.2).

Any set with a fixed metric on it is called a *metric space*.

For $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ in \mathbb{R}^m

$$|x_1^i - x_2^i| \leq d(x_1, x_2) \leq \sqrt{m} \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} |x_1^i - x_2^i|$$

that is, the distance between the points $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is small iff the corresponding coordinates of these points are close together.

7.1.2 Open and Closed Sets in \mathbb{R}^m

Definition. For $\delta > 0$ the set

$$B(a, \delta) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid d(a, x) < \delta\}$$

is called the *ball with center $a \in \mathbb{R}^m$ of radius δ* or the δ -neighborhood of the point $a \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Definition. A set $G \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is open in \mathbb{R}^m if for every point $x \in G$ there is a ball $B(x, \delta)$ such that $B(x, \delta) \subset G$.

Example 7.1. \mathbb{R}^m and \emptyset are open sets in \mathbb{R}^m .

Example 7.2. A ball $B(a, r)$ is open in \mathbb{R}^m .

Proof. If $x \in B(a, r)$, that is, $d(a, x) < r$, then for $0 < \delta < r - d(a, x)$, we have $B(x, \delta) \subset B(a, r)$, since

$$\begin{aligned} (\xi \in B(x, \delta)) &\Rightarrow (d(x, \xi) < \delta) \\ &\Rightarrow (d(a, \xi) \leq d(a, x) + d(x, \xi) < d(a, x) + r - d(a, x) = r) \end{aligned}$$

□

Example 7.3. A set $G = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid d(a, x) > r\}$ is open.

Definition. The set $F \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is *closed* in \mathbb{R}^m if its complement $G = \mathbb{R}^m \setminus F$ is open in \mathbb{R}^m . For example, the set $\bar{B}(a, r) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid d(a, x) \leq r\}$, $r \geq 0$ is closed, and is called the *closed ball with center a of radius r* .

Proposition. a) The union $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$ of the sets of any system $\{G_\alpha, \alpha \in A\}$ of open sets in \mathbb{R}^m is open.

b) The intersection $\bigcap_{i=1}^n G_i$ of a finite number of open sets in \mathbb{R}^m is an open set.

a') The intersection $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} F_\alpha$ of the sets of any system $\{F_\alpha, \alpha \in A\}$ of closed sets F_α in \mathbb{R}^m is closed.

b') The union $\bigcup_{i=1}^n F_i$ of a finite number of closed sets in \mathbb{R}^m is a closed set.

Proof. content... □

Example 7.4. The set $S(a, r) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid d(a, x) = r\}$, $r \geq 0$, is called the *sphere of radius r with center $a \in \mathbb{R}^m$* . By the proposition just proved, the sphere $S(a, r)$ is closed.

Definition. An open set in \mathbb{R}^m containing a given point is called a *neighborhood* of that point in \mathbb{R}^m .

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Definition. In relation to a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ a point $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is
an interior point if some neighborhood of it is contained in E ;
an exterior point if it is an interior point of the complement of E in \mathbb{R}^m ;
a boundary point if it is neither an interior point nor an exterior point.

Example 7.5. The sphere $S(a, r)$, $r > 0$ is the set of boundary points of both the open ball $B(a, r)$ and the closed ball $\bar{B}(a, r)$.

Example 7.6. A point $a \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is a boundary point of the set $\mathbb{R}^m \setminus a$, which has no exterior points.

Example 7.7. All points of the sphere $S(a, r)$ are boundary points of it regarded as a subset of \mathbb{R}^m , the sphere has no interior points.

Definition. A point $a \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is a limit point of the set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ if for any neighborhood $O(a)$ of a the intersection $E \cap O(a)$ is an infinite set.

Definition. The union of a set E and all its limit points in \mathbb{R}^m is the *closure* of E in \mathbb{R}^m and usually denoted \bar{E} .

Example 7.8. The set $\bar{B}(a, r) = B(a, r) \cup S(a, r)$ is the set of limit points of the open ball $B(a, r)$; that is why $\bar{B}(a, r)$ is called a closed ball.

Example 7.9. $\bar{S}(a, r) = S(a, r)$

Proposition. (F is closed in \mathbb{R}^m) \Leftrightarrow ($F = \bar{F}$ in \mathbb{R}^m). That is, F is closed in \mathbb{R}^m iff it contains all its limit points.

Proof. content... □

7.1.3 Compact Sets in \mathbb{R}^m

Definition. A set $K \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is *compact* if from every covering of K by sets that are open in \mathbb{R}^m one can extract a finite covering.

Example 7.10. A closed interval $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}^1$ is compact by the finite covering lemma (Heine-Borel Theorem).

Example 7.11. A generalization to \mathbb{R}^m of the concept of a closed interval is the set

$$I = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m | a^i \leq x^i \leq b^i, i = 1, \dots, m\}$$

which is called an m -dimensional interval, or an m -dimensional block or an m -dimensional parallelepiped. I is compact in \mathbb{R}^m .

Proof. content... □

Proposition. If K is a compact space in \mathbb{R}^m , then

- a) K is closed in \mathbb{R}^m ;
- b) any closed subset of \mathbb{R}^m contained in K is itself compact.

Proof. content... □

Definition. The *diameter* of a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is the quantity

$$d(E) := \sup_{x_1, x_2 \in E} d(x_1, x_2)$$

Definition. A set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is *bounded* if its diameter is finite.

Proposition. If K is compact set in \mathbb{R}^m , then K is a bounded subset of \mathbb{R}^m .

Proof. content... □

Proposition. The set $K \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is compact iff K is closed and bounded in \mathbb{R}^m .

Proof. content... □

7.2 Limits and Continuity of Functions of Several Variables

7.2.1 The Limit of a Function

Definition. A point $A \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the *limit* of the mapping $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ over a base \mathcal{B} in X if for every neighborhood $V(A)$ of the point there exists an element $B \in \mathcal{B}$ of the base whose image $f(B)$ is contained in $V(A)$.

$$(\lim_{\mathcal{B}} f(x) = A) := (\forall V(A) \exists B \in \mathcal{B} (f(B) \subset V(A)))$$

Or, with explicit use of the metric in \mathbb{R}^n

$$(\lim_{\mathcal{B}} f(x) = A \in \mathbb{R}^n) := (\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists B \in \mathcal{B} \forall x \in B (d(f(x), A) < \varepsilon))$$

$$(\lim_{\mathcal{B}} f(x) = A \in \mathbb{R}^n) := (\lim_{\mathcal{B}} (d(f(x), A)) = 0)$$

If the limit $A = (A^1, \dots, A^n)$ and $y = (y^1, \dots, y^n)$ where $f^i(x) = y^i$, we have

$$|y^i - A^i| \leq d(y, A) \leq \sqrt{n} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |y^i - A^i|$$

from which one can see that

$$\lim_{\mathcal{B}} f(x) = A \Leftrightarrow \lim_{\mathcal{B}} f^i(x) = A^i$$

that is, convergence in \mathbb{R}^n is coordinatewise.

Definition. A mapping $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is *bounded* if the set $f(X) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is bounded in \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition. Let \mathcal{B} be a base in X . A mapping $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is *ultimately bounded* over the base \mathcal{B} if there exists an element $B \in \mathcal{B}$ on which f is bounded.

As one can easily verified, a function can have at most one limit over a given base. If its limit exists over a base, the function is ultimately bounded over that base.

Definition. A sequence $\{y_k\}$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, of points $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is *fundamental* (a *Cauchy sequence*) if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a number $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $d(y_{k_1}, y_{k_2}) < \varepsilon$ for all $y_{k_1}, y_{k_2} > N$. One can see that $\{y_k\}$ is a Cauchy sequence iff $\{y_k^i\}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ is a Cauchy sequence.

In other words, the Cauchy criterion is also valid in \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition. The *oscillation* of a function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ on a set $E \subset X$ is the quantity

$$\omega(f, E) := d(f(E))$$

where $d(f(E))$ is the diameter of $f(E)$.

Theorem 7.2.1. Let X be a set and \mathcal{B} a base in X . A function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ has a limit over the base \mathcal{B} iff for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an element $B \in \mathcal{B}$ of the base on which the oscillation of the function is less than ε .

$$\exists \lim_{\mathcal{B}} f(x) \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists B \in \mathcal{B} (\omega(f, B) < \varepsilon)$$

Theorem 7.2.2. Let Y be a set, \mathcal{B}_Y a base in Y , and $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ a mapping having a limit over the base \mathcal{B}_Y .

Let X be a set, \mathcal{B}_X a base in X , and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ a mapping of X into Y such that for each $B_Y \in \mathcal{B}_Y$ there exists $B_X \in \mathcal{B}_X$ such that the image $f(B_X)$ is contained in B_Y .

Under these conditions the composition $g \circ f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ of the mapping f and g is defined and has a limit over the base \mathcal{B}_X , and

$$\lim_{\mathcal{B}_X} (g \circ f)(x) = \lim_{\mathcal{B}_Y} g(y)$$

All notations about base and neighborhoods remain the same.

Example 7.12. Let $x \mapsto \pi^i(x)$ be the mapping $\pi^i : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\pi^i(x) = x^i$. This function does not tend to any finite value nor to infinity as $x \rightarrow \infty$ if $m > 1$.

On the other hand

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m (\pi^i(x))^2 \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

Example 7.13. Let the function $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined at the point $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ as follows:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}, & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then $f(0, y) = f(x, 0) = 0$, while $f(x, x) = \frac{1}{2}$ for $x \neq 0$. Hence this function has no limit as $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$. We can see that the limit of a function of several variables cannot be found by computing successively the limits with respect to each of its coordinates.

Often change the order of coordinates in finding the corresponding limit will yield different results, such as $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-y^2}{x^2+y^2}, & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 = 0. \end{cases}$ when $x, y \rightarrow 0$ (iteratively).

7.2.2 Continuity of a Function of Several Variables and Properties of Continuous Functions

Let E be a subset of \mathbb{R}^m and $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ a function defined on E with values in \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition. The function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is *continuous* at $a \in E$ if for every neighborhood $V(f(a))$ there exists a neighborhood $U_E(a)$ and $f(U_E(a)) \subset V(f(a))$.

The mapping $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ defined by the relation

$$\begin{aligned} (x^1, \dots, x^m) = x &\xrightarrow{f} y = (y^1, \dots, y^n) = \\ &= (f^1(x^1, \dots, x^m), \dots, f^n(x^1, \dots, x^m)) \end{aligned}$$

is continuous at a point iff each of the functions $y^i = f^i(x^1, \dots, x^m)$ is continuous at that point.

We defined a *path* in \mathbb{R}^n to be a mapping $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ of an interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ defined by continuous functions $f^1(x), \dots, f^n(x)$ in the form

$$x \mapsto y = (y^1, \dots, y^n) = (f^1(x), \dots, f^n(x))$$

Thus we can now say that a *path* in \mathbb{R}^n is a continuous mapping of an interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ of the real line into \mathbb{R}^n .

Let E be a subset of \mathbb{R}^m , $a \in E$, and $B_E(a, r) = E \cap B(a, r)$.

Definition. The *oscillation* of the function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$ at the point $a \in E$ is the quantity

$$\omega(f, a) := \lim_{r \rightarrow +0} \omega(f, B_E(a, r))$$

Local Properties of Continuous Functions

a) A mapping $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ of a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous at a point $a \in E$ iff $\omega(f, a) = 0$.

b) A mapping $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ that is continuous at $a \in E$ is bounded in some neighborhood $U_E(a)$.

c) If the mapping $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ of the set $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous at a point $y_0 \in Y$ and the mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ of the set $X \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous at a point $x_0 \in X$ and $f(x_0) = y_0$, then the mapping $(g \circ f)(x) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is defined, and it is continuous at $x_0 \in X$.

Real-valued functions possess, in addition, the following properties.

d) If the function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at the point $a \in E$ and $f(a) > 0$ (or $f(a) < 0$), there exists a neighborhood $U_E(a)$ such that $f(x) > 0$ (resp. $f(x) < 0$) for all $x \in U_E(a)$.

e) If the functions $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuous at $a \in E$, then any linear combination of them $(\alpha f + \beta g) : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, their product, and, if $g(x) \neq 0$ on E , their quotient, are defined on E and continuous at a .

The function is *continuous* on the set E if it is continuous at each point of the set. The set of functions $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ that are continuous on E will be denoted $C(E, \mathbb{R}^n)$, or simply $C(E)$, if the range of values of the functions is unambiguously determined from the context.

Example 7.14. The functions, $\pi^i : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined before are obviously continuous at each point $a \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Example 7.15. The function $f(x, y)$ of Example 7.13 is continuous at any point of the space \mathbb{R}^2 except $(0, 0)$, but the function is continuous in either of its two variables for each fixed value of the other variable.

Definition. A mapping $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ of a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ into \mathbb{R}^n is *uniformly continuous* on E if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a number $\delta > 0$ such that $d(f(x_1), f(x_2)) < \varepsilon$ for any points $x_1, x_2 \in E$ such that $d(x_1, x_2) < \delta$.

Definition. A set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is *pathwise connected* if for any pair of its points x_0, x_1 , there exists a path $\Gamma : I \rightarrow E$ with support in E and endpoints at these points.

In other words, it is possible to go from any point $x_0 \in E$ to any other point $x_1 \in E$ without leaving E .

Definition. A *domain* in \mathbb{R}^m is an open connected set.

Example 7.16. An open ball $B(a, r), r > 0$, in \mathbb{R}^m is a domain.

Proof. See Pg.424. □

Example 7.17. A circle is a connected set, but it is not a domain in \mathbb{R}^2 , since it is not open in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Global Properties of Continuous Functions

- a)** If a mapping $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous on a compact set $K \subset \mathbb{R}^m$, then it is uniformly continuous on K .
- b)** If a mapping $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous on a compact set $K \subset \mathbb{R}^m$, then it is bounded on K .
- c)** If a function $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on a compact set $K \subset \mathbb{R}^m$, then it assumes its maximal and minimal values at some points of K .
- d)** If a function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on a connected set E and assumes the value $f(a) = A$ and $f(b) = B$ at points $a, b \in E$, then for any C between A and B , there is a point $c \in E$ at which $f(c) = C$.

All the properties, except **d)**, can be proved similarly as we did for single variable functions. We now prove property **d)**.

Proof. content...

□

Example 7.18. The sphere $S(0, r)$ defined in \mathbb{R}^m by the equation

$$(x^1)^2 + \cdots + (x^m)^2 = r^2$$

is a compact set.

Proof. content...

□

Example 7.19. The open set $\mathbb{R}^m \setminus S(0, r)$ for $r > 0$ is not a domain, since it is not connected.

Proof. content...

□

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The Differential Calculus of Functions of Several Variables

8.1 The Linear Structure on \mathbb{R}^m

8.1.1 \mathbb{R}^m as a Vector Space

Definition. A *vector space* over a field F is a set V with two operations, *vector addition* or simply *addition* and *scalar multiplication*, that satisfy the following axioms:

- 1⁰: Associativity of addition;
- 2⁰: Commutativity of addition;
- 3⁰: Identity element of addition;
- 4⁰: Inverse elements of addition;
- 5⁰: Compatibility of scalar multiplication with field multiplication;

$$a(b\mathbf{v}) = (ab)\mathbf{v}$$

- 6⁰: Identity element of scalar multiplication;
- 7⁰: Distributivity of scalar multiplication with respect to vector addition;
- 8⁰: Distributivity of scalar multiplication with respect to field addition.

Here the field F is **the field of real numbers and the set of the vectors consists of the planar arrows with fixed starting point and of pairs of real numbers**, respectively.

Any vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ can be expanded with respect to the basis, that is, represented in the form

$$x = x^1 e_1 + \cdots + x^m e_m$$

If the same letter simultaneously present in the subscript and superscript, we make the convention of summation with respect to that letter over its range of variation

$$x = x^i e_i$$

8.1.2 Linear Transformations $L : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

Definition. A mapping $L : X \rightarrow Y$ from a vector space X into a vector space Y is called *linear* if

$$L(\lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 x_2) = \lambda_1 L(x_1) + \lambda_2 L(x_2)$$

When vectors are indexed, we shall write the index as a subscript, while denoting its coordinates by superscripts.

8.1.3 The Norm in \mathbb{R}^m

Definition. The quantity

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{(x^1)^2 + \cdots + (x^m)^2}$$

is called the *norm* of the vector $x = (x^1, \dots, x^m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Taking account of Minkowski's inequality, we have

$$1^0 \quad \|x\| \geq 0,$$

$$2^0 \quad (\|x\| = 0) \Leftrightarrow (x = 0),$$

$$3^0 \quad \|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|x\|, \text{ where } \lambda \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$4^0 \quad \|x_1 + x_2\| \leq \|x_1\| + \|x_2\| \text{ (triangle inequality).}$$

In general, any function $\|\cdot\| : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ on a vector space X satisfying these four conditions is called a *norm* on the vector space.

If $d(x_1, x_2)$ is the distance in \mathbb{R}^m between the vectors x_1 and x_2 , regarded as points of \mathbb{R}^m , we have

$$\|x_2 - x_1\| = d(x_1, x_2)$$

in particular

$$\|x\| = d(0, x)$$

By extending the triangle inequality using induction, we have

$$\|x_1 + \cdots + x_k\| \leq \|x_1\| + \cdots + \|x_k\|$$

For $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and $g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, we agree to write $f(x) = o(g(x))$ or $f = o(g)$ over a base \mathcal{B} in X if $\|f(x)\|_{\mathbb{R}^m} = o(\|g(x)\|_{\mathbb{R}^n})$ over the base \mathcal{B} .

If $f(x) = (f^1(x), \dots, f^m(x))$ is the coordinate representation of the mapping $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, then in view of the inequalities

$$|f^i(x)| \leq \|f(x)\| \leq \sum_{i=1}^m |f^i(x)|$$

one can make the following observation

$$(f = o(g) \text{ over } \mathcal{B}) \Leftrightarrow (f^i = o(g) \text{ over } \mathcal{B}; i = 1, \dots, m)$$

We also make the convention that $f = O(g)$ over \mathcal{B} in X will mean that $\|f(x)\|_{\mathbb{R}^m} = O(\|g(x)\|_{\mathbb{R}^n})$. Then from the inequality above

$$(f = O(g) \text{ over } \mathcal{B}) \Leftrightarrow (f^i = O(g) \text{ over } \mathcal{B}; i = 1, \dots, m)$$

A linear transformation is continuous, and uniformly continuous, at every point of its domain.

8.1.4 The Euclidean Structure on \mathbb{R}^m

Definition. An inner product space is a vector space V over a field F with a map

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow F$$

that satisfying the following axioms for all vectors $x, y, z \in V$ and all scalars in F **Conjugate symmetry:**

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$$

Linearity in the first argument:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle ax, y \rangle &= a \langle x, y \rangle \\ \langle x + y, z \rangle &= \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Positive-definiteness:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, x \rangle &\geq 0 \\ \langle x, x \rangle &= 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Two vectors (x^1, \dots, x^m) and (y^1, \dots, y^m) and a basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$ is fixed in the space, then

$$\langle x, y \rangle = g_{ij} x^i y^j$$

in which $g_{ij} = \langle e_i, e_j \rangle$. Vectors are said to be *orthogonal* if their inner product equals 0.

Definition. The function δ_{ij} , the *Kronecker delta*, is defined as

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1, & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

Definition. A basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$ is *orthonormal* if $g_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$, that is, if these vectors are orthogonal and unit vectors.

In an orthonormal basis the inner product has the very simple form

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \delta_{ij} x^i y^j$$

or

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x^1 \cdot y^1 + \dots + x^m \cdot y^m$$

Definition. Coordinates in which the inner product has the form above are called *Cartesian coordinates*.

Definition. The space \mathbb{R}^m with an inner product defined in it is called *Euclidean space*.

Now it is obvious that

$$\langle x, x \rangle = \|x\|^2$$

and

$$\langle x, y \rangle^2 \leq \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle$$

hold.

It shows in particular that for any pair of vectors there is an angle $\varphi \in [0, \pi]$ such that

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \varphi$$

This angle φ is called the *angle between the vectors x and y* .

Theorem 8.1.1. Any linear function $L : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ in Euclidean space has the form

$$L(x) = \langle \xi, x \rangle$$

where $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is a fixed vector determined uniquely by the function L .

8.2 The Differential of a Function of Several Variables

8.2.1 Differentiability and the Differential of a Function at a Point

Definition. A function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ defined on a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is *differentiable* at the point $x \in E$, which is a limit point of E , if

$$f(x+h) - f(x) = L(x)h + \alpha(x, h)$$

where $L(x) : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a function that is linear in h and $\alpha(x, h) = o(h)$ as $h \rightarrow 0, x + h \in E$.

The vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta x(h) &:= (x + h) - x = h \\ \Delta f(x, h) &:= f(x + h) - f(x)\end{aligned}$$

are called respectively the *increment of the argument* and the *increment of the function*. These vectors are traditionally denoted by the symbols of the functions of h themselves Δx and $\Delta f(x)$. The Linear function $L(x) : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is called the *differential*, *tangent mapping*, or *derivative mapping* of the function at the point.

Definition. If we attach a copy of the vector space \mathbb{R}^m to the point $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and denote it $\mathbf{T}_x \mathbb{R}^m$, $\mathbf{T} \mathbb{R}^m(x)$, or $\mathbf{T} \mathbb{R}_x^m$. The space $\mathbf{T} \mathbb{R}_x^m$ can be interpreted as a set of vectors attached at the point $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$. The vector space $\mathbf{T} \mathbb{R}_x^m$ is called the *tangent space* to \mathbb{R}^m at $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

The value of the differential on a vector $h \in \mathbf{T} \mathbb{R}_x^m$ is the vector $f'(x)h \in \mathbf{T} \mathbb{R}_{f(x)}^n$ attached to the point $f(x)$ and approximating the increment $f(x + h) - f(x)$ of the function caused by the increment h of the argument x . Thus $df(x)$ or $f'(x)$ is a linear transformation $f'(x) : \mathbf{T} \mathbb{R}_x^m \rightarrow \mathbf{T} \mathbb{R}_{f(x)}^n$.

8.2.2 The Differential and Partial Derivatives of a Real-Valued Function

Proposition. A mapping $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ of a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is differentiable at a point $x \in E$ that is a limit point of E iff the functions $f^i : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R} (i = 1, \dots, n)$ that define the coordinate representation of the mapping are differentiable at that point.

If we fixed all the variables in the function $f(x^1, \dots, x^m)$ except the i th one, the resulting function of the i th variable is differentiable at the point x^i . The condition following the proposition

$$f(x + h) - f(x) = L(x)h + o(h)$$

can be written as

$$f(x^1 + h^1, \dots, x^m + h^m) - f(x^1, \dots, x^m) = a_1(x)h^1 + \dots + a_m(x)h^m + o(h) \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0$$

In that way, we find that

$$a_i(x) = \lim_{h^i \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x^1, \dots, x^{i-1}, x^i + h^i, x^{i+1}, \dots, x^m) - f(x^1, \dots, x^i, \dots, x^m)}{h^i}$$

This is the definition of *partial derivative*.

Definition. The limit above is called the *partial derivative* of the function $f(x)$ at the point $x = (x^1, \dots, x^m)$ with respect to the variable x^i . We denote it by one of the following symbols:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(x), \quad \partial_i f(x), \quad D_i f(x), \quad f'_{x^i}(x)$$

Proposition. If a function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined on a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is differentiable at an interior point $x \in E$ of that set, then the function has a partial derivative at that point with respect to each variable, and the differential of the function is uniquely determined by these partial derivatives in the form

$$df(x)h = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^1}(x)h^1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^m}(x)h^m$$

or using the summation convention

$$df(x)h = \partial_i f(x)h^i$$

8.2.3 Coordinate Representation of the Differential of a Mapping. The Jacob Matrix

Definition. For a mapping $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ of a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ that is differentiable at an interior point $x \in E$, the matrix $(\partial_i f^j(x)) (i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, n)$

$$\begin{aligned} df(x)h &= \begin{pmatrix} df^1(x)h \\ \vdots \\ df^n(x)h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_i f^1(x)h^i \\ \vdots \\ \partial_i f^n(x)h^i \end{pmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f^1}{\partial x^1}(x) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f^1}{\partial x^m}(x) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f^n}{\partial x^1}(x) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f^n}{\partial x^m}(x) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h^1 \\ \vdots \\ h^m \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

of partial derivatives of the coordinate functions of a given mapping at the point $x \in E$ is called the *Jacobi matrix* or the *Jacobian* of the mapping at the point.

Proposition. If a mapping $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ of a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is differentiable at an interior point $x \in E$, then it has a unique differential $df(x)$ at that point, and the coordinate representation of the mapping $df(x) : \mathbf{T}\mathbb{R}_x^m \rightarrow \mathbf{T}\mathbb{R}_{f(x)}^n$ is given by the Jacobi Matrix.

8.2.4 Continuity, Partial Derivatives, and Differentiability of a Function at a Point

For functions of several variables, we have that differentiability of a function at an interior point of its domain of definition guarantees the existence of a partial derivative with respect to each variable at that point. However, the converse is not true.

8.3 The Basic Laws of Differentiation

8.3.1 Linearity of the Operation of Differentiation

Theorem 8.3.1. *If the mapping $f_1 : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and $f_2 : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, defined on a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$, are differentiable at a point $x \in E$, then a linear combination of them $(\lambda_1 f_1 + \lambda_2 f_2) : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is also differentiable at that point, and the following inequality holds:*

$$(\lambda_1 f_1 + \lambda_2 f_2)'(x) = (\lambda_1 f_1' + \lambda_2 f_2')(x)$$

Theorem 8.3.2. *For two differentiable functions defined on a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ and have their range of value as \mathbb{R} , the law of multiplication and division hold **just as for single variable functions**, providing the denominator is not 0 at that point. The partial derivatives of their combination also satisfy the laws mentioned above. For example*

$$(\partial_i(f \cdot g))(x) = g(x)\partial_i f(x) + f(x)\partial_i g(x) \quad (i = 1, \dots, m)$$

*By induction, the law of differentiation regard to the multiplication of functions also hold for arbitrary numbers of differentiable functions, **the same as one-dimensional cases**.*

8.3.2 Differentiation of a Composition of Mappings (Chain Rule)

The Main Theorem

Theorem 8.3.3. *If the mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ of a set $X \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ into a set $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is differentiable at a point $x \in X$, and the mapping $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is differentiable at the point $y = f(x) \in Y$, then their composition $g \circ f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is differentiable at x and the differential $d(g \circ f) : \mathbb{TR}_x^m \rightarrow \mathbb{TR}_{g(f(x))}^k$ of the composition equals the composition $dg(y) \circ df(x)$ of the differentials*

$$df(x) : \mathbb{TR}_x^m \rightarrow \mathbb{TR}_{f(x)=y}^n, \quad dg(y) : \mathbb{TR}_y^n \rightarrow \mathbb{TR}_{g(y)}^k$$

The equality also hold

$$(\partial_i(g^l \circ f))(x) = (\partial_j g^l(f(x)) \cdot \partial_i f^j(x))$$

where summation is understood on the right-hand side with respect to the index j over its interval of variation, that is, from 1 to n .

The Differential and Partial Derivatives of a Composite Real-Valued Function

Let $z = g(y^1, \dots, y^n)$ be a real-valued function of real functions $y^j = f^j(x^1, \dots, x^m)$ ($j = 1, \dots, n$) of the variables x^1, \dots, x^m . Assuming the

functions g and f^j are differentiable, then

$$\partial_i(g \circ f)(x) = \partial_j g(f(x)) \cdot \partial_i f^j(x)$$

or, in notation that shows more detail,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x^i}(x) = \partial_1 g(f(x)) \cdot \partial_i f^1(x) + \cdots + \partial_n g(f(x)) \cdot \partial_i f^n(x)$$

The Derivative with Respect to a Vector and the Gradient of a Function at a Point

Definition (Directional Derivatives). If the function $f(x)$ is defined in a neighborhood of the point $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and the vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{T}\mathbb{R}_{x_0}^m$ is attached at the point x_0 , then the quantity

$$D_{\mathbf{v}}f(x_0) := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + \mathbf{v}t) - f(x_0)}{t}$$

(if the indicated limit exists) is called the *derivative of f at the point x_0 with respect to the vector \mathbf{v}* or the *derivative along the vector \mathbf{v} at the point x_0* .

If x is a function $x = x(t)$ of t and $x(t) = x_0 + \mathbf{v}t + \alpha(t)$, then for a differentiable function f at x_0 we have

$$D_{\mathbf{v}}f(x_0) = \frac{d(f \circ x)}{dt}(0) = df(x_0)\mathbf{v}$$

or

$$D_{\mathbf{v}}f(x_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^1}(x_0)v^1 + \cdots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^m}(x_0)v^m$$

By virtue of the linearity of the differential $df(x_0)$, we have that if f is differentiable at x_0 , then for any vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in \mathbf{T}\mathbb{R}_{x_0}^m$ and any $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ the function has a derivative at the point x_0 with respect to the vector $(\lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \lambda_2\mathbf{v}_2) \in \mathbf{T}\mathbb{R}_{x_0}^m$, and that

$$D_{\lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \lambda_2\mathbf{v}_2}f(x_0) = \lambda_1 D_{\mathbf{v}_1}f(x_0) + \lambda_2 D_{\mathbf{v}_2}f(x_0)$$

Definition. The vector $\xi \in \mathbf{T}\mathbb{R}_{x_0}^m$ corresponding to the differential $df(x_0)$ of the function f at the point x_0 in the sense of

$$df(x_0)\mathbf{v} = \langle \xi, \mathbf{v} \rangle$$

is called the *gradient* of the function at that point and is denoted $\text{grad}f(x_0)$ or $\nabla f(x_0)$. Thus

$$df(x_0)\mathbf{v} = \langle \nabla f(x_0), \mathbf{v} \rangle$$

and the gradient has the following representation in a Cartesian coordinate system:

$$\nabla f(x_0) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^m} \right)(x_0)$$

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Geometrically, the rate of increase of the function f is **maximal** and equal to $\|\nabla f(x_0)\|$ for motion from the point x_0 precisely when the displacement is in the direction of the vector $\nabla f(x_0)$. The value of the function **decreases most sharply** under displacement in the opposite direction, and the **rate of variation of the function is zero** in a direction perpendicular to the vector $\nabla f(x_0)$.

8.3.3 Differentiation of an Inverse Mapping

Theorem 8.3.4. *Let $f : U(x) \rightarrow V(y)$ be a mapping of a neighborhood $U(x) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ of the point x onto a neighborhood $V(y) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ of the point $y = f(x)$. Assume that f is continuous at the point x and has an inverse mapping $f^{-1} : V(y) \rightarrow U(x)$ that is continuous at the point y .*

Given these assumptions, if the mapping f is differentiable at x and the tangent mapping $f' : \mathbf{T}\mathbb{R}_x^m \rightarrow \mathbf{T}\mathbb{R}_y^m$ to f at the point x has an inverse $[f'(x)]^{-1} : \mathbf{T}\mathbb{R}_y^m \rightarrow \mathbf{T}\mathbb{R}_x^m$, then the mapping $f^{-1} : V(y) \rightarrow U(x)$ is differentiable at the point $y = f(x)$, and the following equality holds:

$$(f^{-1})'(y) = [f'(x)]^{-1}$$

Thus, mutually inverse differentiable mappings have mutually inverse tangent mappings at corresponding points.

Moreover, the Jacobi of the function $f^{-1}(y)$ at y is the matrix inverse of the Jacobi matrix of $f(x)$ at x . When $m = 1$, that is, when $\mathbb{R}^m = \mathbb{R}$ and $f'(x) \neq 0$, the matrix of $[f'(x)]^{-1}$ consists of a single number equal to $[f'(x)]^{-1}$, that is, the reciprocal of $f'(x)$.

8.4 The Basic Facts of Differential Calculus of Real-Valued Functions of Several Variables

8.4.1 The Mean-Value Theorem

Theorem 8.4.1. *Let $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a real-valued function defined in a region $G \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ and let the closed line segment $[x, x+h]$ be contained in G . If the function f is continuous at the points of the closed line segment and differentiable at points of the open interval $(x, x+h)$, then there exists a point $\xi \in (x, x+h)$ such that the following equality holds:*

$$f(x+h) - f(x) = f'(\xi)h$$

Proof. Consider the auxiliary function $F(t) = f(x+th)$ where $t \in [0, 1]$ that satisfies all the hypotheses of Lagrange's theorem. \square

Corollary. *If the function $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable in the domain $G \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ and its differential equals zero at every point $x \in G$, then f is constant in the domain G .*

Proof. content... □

8.4.2 A Sufficient Condition for Differentiability of a Function of Several Variables

Theorem 8.4.2. *Let $f : U(x) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined in a neighborhood $U(x) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ of the point $x = (x^1, \dots, x^m)$.*

If the function f has all partial derivatives $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^m}$ at each point of the neighborhood $U(x)$ and they are continuous at x , then f is differentiable at x .

We now use the symbol $C^{(1)}(G, \mathbb{R})$, or simply $C^{(1)}(G)$ to denote the set of functions having continuous partial derivatives in the domain G .

8.4.3 Higher-Order Partial Derivatives

Theorem 8.4.3. *If the function $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has partial derivatives*

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(x), \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^j \partial x^i}(x)$$

in a domain G , then at every point $x \in G$ at which both partial derivatives are continuous, their values are the same.

Proof. Since there are only two variables we need to taken into account, we can assume that f is a function of two variables $f(x^1, x^2)$. Consider the auxiliary function

$$F(h^1, h^2) = f(x^1 + h^1, x^2 + h^2) - f(x^1 + h^1, x^2) - f(x^1, x^2 + h^2) + f(x^1, x^2) = \varphi(1) - \varphi(0)$$

where $\varphi(t) = f(x^1 + th^1, x^2 + h^2) - f(x^1 + th^1, x^2)$. We find by Lagrange's theorem that

$$F(h^1, h^2) = \varphi(\theta_1) = (\partial_1 f(x^1 + \varphi_1 h^1, x^2 + h^2) - \partial f(x^1 + \theta_1 h^1, x^2))h^1$$

Again applying Lagrange's theorem to this last difference

$$F(h^1, h^2) = \partial_{21} f(x^1 + \theta_1 h^1, x^2 + \theta_2 h^2) h^2 h^1$$

Now use the same method for $F(h^1, h^2) = \tilde{\varphi}(1) - \tilde{\varphi}(0)$, where

$$\tilde{\varphi}(t) = f(x^1 + h^1, x^2 + th^2) - f(x^1, x^2 + th^2)$$

Currently we have

$$\partial_{21} f(x^1 + \theta_1 h^1, x^2 + \theta_2 h^2) = \partial_{12} f(x^1 + \tilde{\theta}_1 h^1, x^2 + \tilde{\theta}_2 h^2)$$

where $\theta_1, \theta_2, \tilde{\theta}_1, \tilde{\theta}_2 \in (0, 1)$. Using the continuity of the partial derivatives at (x^1, x^2) , as $h \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\partial_{21} f(x^1, x^2) = \partial_{12} f(x^1, x^2)$$

□

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Proposition. If $f \in C^{(k)}(G, \mathbb{R})$, the value $\partial_{i_1 \dots i_k} f(x)$ of the partial derivative is independent of the order i_1, \dots, i_k of differentiation, that is, remains the same for any permutation of the indices i_1, \dots, i_k .

Proof. Use induction. □

8.4.4 Taylor's Formula

Theorem 8.4.4. If the function $f : U(x) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined and $f \in C^{(n)}(U(x), \mathbb{R})$ in a neighborhood $U(x) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ of $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$, and the closed interval is completely contained in $U(x)$, then the following equality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^1 + h^1, \dots, x^m + h^m) - f(x^1, \dots, x^m) &= \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k!} (h^1 \partial_1 + \dots + h^m \partial_m)^k f(x) + r_{n-1}(x, h) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$r_{n-1}(x, h) = \int_0^1 \frac{(1-t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} (h^1 \partial_1 + \dots + h^m \partial_m)^n f(x + th) dt$$

and they are called Taylor's formula with integral form of the remainder.

The remainder term can also be written as the Lagrange form:

$$r_{n-1}(x, h) = \frac{1}{n!} (h^1 \partial_1 + \dots + h^m \partial_m)^n f(x + \theta h)$$

where $\theta \in (0, 1)$, or since $f \in C^{(n)}(U(x), \mathbb{R})$, in Peano form

$$r_{n-1}(x, h) = \frac{1}{n!} (h^1 \partial_1 + \dots + h^m \partial_m)^n f(x) + o(\|h\|^n) \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0$$

Now we have the equality, called the Taylor's formula with the remainder term in Peano form

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^1 + h^1, \dots, x^m + h^m) - f(x^1, \dots, x^m) &= \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k!} (h^1 \partial_1 + \dots + h^m \partial_m)^k f(x) + o(\|h\|^n) \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Consider the auxiliary function $\varphi(t) = f(x + th)$ for $t \in [0, 1]$, by the mean-value theorem and the Taylor formula for functions of one variable, we have derived the Taylor formula for multi-variable functions. □

8.4.5 Extrema of Functions of Several Variables

Definition. A function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined on a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ has a *local maximum* (resp. *local minimum*) at an interior point $x_0 \in E$ if there exists a neighborhood $U(x_0) \subset E$ such that $f(x) \leq f(x_0)$ (resp. $f(x) \geq f(x_0)$) for all $x \in U(x_0)$. If strict inequality holds in the two circumstances above, the function has a *strict local maximum* (resp. *strict local minimum*).

Definition. The local minima and maxima of a function are called its *local extrema*.

Theorem 8.4.5. Suppose a function $f : U(x_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined in a neighborhood $U(x_0) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ of the point $x_0 = (x_0^1, \dots, x_0^m)$ has partial derivatives with respect to each of the variables x_0^1, \dots, x_0^m at the point x_0 .

Then a **necessary but not sufficient condition** for the function to have a local extremum at x_0 is that the following equalities hold at that point

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^1}(x_0) = 0, \quad \dots, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^m}(x_0) = 0$$

Proof. Use the necessary condition for a single variable function to have a local extremum on each variable respectively. \square

Definition. The point x_0 is a *critical point* of the mapping $f : U(x_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ if the rank of the Jacobi matrix of the mapping at that point is less than $\min\{m, n\}$, that is, smaller than the maximum possible value it can have. For real-valued functions, the point is also called the *stationary points*.

Theorem 8.4.6. Let $f : U(x_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function of class $C^{(2)}(U(x_0), \mathbb{R})$ defined in a neighborhood $U(x_0) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ of the point $x_0 = (x_0^1, \dots, x_0^m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$, and let x_0 be a critical point of the function f .

If, in the Taylor expansion of the function at the point x_0

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^1 + h^1, \dots, x^m + h^m) &= \\ &= f(x^1, \dots, x^m) + \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{i,j=1}^m \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(x_0) h^i h^j + o(\|h\|^2) \end{aligned}$$

the quadratic form

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^m \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(x_0) h^i h^j \equiv \partial_{ij} f(x_0) h^i h^j$$

a) is positive-definite or negative-definite, then the point x_0 has a local extremum at x_0 , which is a strict local minimum if the quadratic form is positive-definite and a strict local maximum if it is negative-definite.

b) assumes both positive and negative values, then the function does not have an extremum at x_0 .

Proof. content... \square

8.4.6 Some Geometric Images Connected with Functions of Several Variables

The Graph of a Function and Curvilinear Coordinates

Definition. *Curvilinear coordinates* are a coordinate system for Euclidean space in which the coordinate lines may be curved.

Here we say that the graph of a continuous function $z = f(x, y)$, defined in a domain $G \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is a two-dimensional surface S in \mathbb{R}^3 whose points can be defined by curvilinear coordinates $(x, y) \in G$.

The Tangent Plane to the Graph of a Function

Definition. The plane

$$z = f(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$$

is called the *tangent plane to the graph of the function* $z = f(x, y)$ at the point $(x_0, y_0, f(x_0, y_0))$.

The Normal Vector

Definition. The vector

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0), \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0), -1 \right)$$

is the *normal vector to the tangent plane*. Its direction is considered to be the direction normal or orthogonal to the surface S (the graph of the function) at that point.

Definition. A *saddle point* of a function is a stationary point (derivative is zero) but not the extremum of the function.

Tangent Planes and Tangent Vectors

Definition. The *hyperplane* is a subspace whose dimension is one less than that of its ambient space (e.g. a 2-d plane in \mathbb{R}^3).

The tangent plane, a hyperplane in \mathbb{R}^{m+1} , to the m -dimensional surface S at the point $(x_0^1, \dots, x_0^m, f(x_0^1, \dots, x_0^m))$ is formed by the vectors that are tangents at the point to curves on the surface S passing through the point.

8.5 The Implicit Function Theorem

8.5.1 An Elementary Version of the Implicit Function Theorem

8.5.2 Transition to the Case of a Relation $F(x^1, \dots, x^m, y) = 0$

8.5.3 The Implicit Function Theorem

8.6 Some Corollaries of the Implicit Function Theorem

8.6.1 The Inverse Function Theorem

8.6.2 Local Reduction of a Smooth Mapping to Canonical Form

8.6.3 Local Resolution of a Diffeomorphism into a Composition of Elementary Ones

8.6.4 Morse's Lemma

8.7 Surfaces in \mathbb{R}^n and the Theory of Extrema with Constraint

8.7.1 k -Dimensional Surfaces in \mathbb{R}^n

8.7.2 The Tangent Space

8.7.3 Extrema with Constraint