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Part I

Lebesgue Intergration

Key definitions here:

1 The Real Number: Sets, Sequences, and Functions

1.1 The Field, Positivity, and Completeness Axioms

1.1.1 Excercise

Ex 1. For $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$, show that $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$

$$(a^{-1}b^{-1})(ab) = a^{-1}b^{-1}ba = a^{-1}1a = 1$$

As a result, $a^{-1}b^{-1} = (ab^{-1})$

Ex 2. Verify the following:

- For each real number $a \neq 0$, $a^2 > 0$. In particular, $1 > 0$ since $1 \neq 0$ and $1 = 1^2$
- For each positive number a , its multiplicative inverse a^{-1} also is positive
- If $a > b$, then

$$ac > bc \text{ if } c > 0 \text{ and } ac < bc \text{ if } c < 0$$

For the first point, we first need to prove that, for any a , then $-a = (-1)a$,

$$a + (-a) = 0 = (1 + (-1))a = a + (-1)a$$

Next, for each $a \neq 0$, if a is positive, then a^2 is positive by definition of positiveness. On the other hand, if $a < 0$, then let $a = -b$ with $b > 0$,

$$a^2 = (-b)^2 = (-1)b(-1)b = (-1)(-b)b = (-1)^2 b^2 > 0 \quad (1)$$

For the second point, assuming by contradiction that $a^{-1} < 0$ for any $a > 0$, then let $a^{-1} = -b$ with $b > 0$. then

$$1 = a(a^{-1}) = a(-b) = (-1)ab < 0$$

Here $ab > 0$ since both a and b are positive, and we know from previous point that $0 > -(ab) = (-1)ab$

The last point is straightforward from the definition of $>$.

$$ac - bc = \underbrace{(a - b)}_{>0} \underbrace{c}_{>0} > 0$$

$$ac - bc = \underbrace{(a - b)}_{>0} \underbrace{c}_{<0} = (-1) \underbrace{(a - b)}_{>0} \underbrace{d}_{>0} < 0 \text{ with } d = -c$$

Ex 3. For a nonempty set of real numbers E , show that $\inf E = \sup E$ if and only if E consists of a single point.

If the set E has a single element, then the least upper bound equal to that single element. This similarly applies to lowerbound. In other word, its sup and inf coincides.

On the other direction, if a set E has its sup and inf equal, and assuming by contradiction that E has at least 2 distinct elements, then the gap between these two points $\neq 0$. The difference between sup and inf is lowerbounded by this gap, so they cannot equal.

Ex 4. Let a and b be real numbers.

- i Show that if $ab = 0$, then $a = 0$ or $b = 0$
- ii Verify that $a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$ and conclude from part (i) that if $a^2 = b^2$, then $a = b$ or $a = -b$.
- iii Let c be a positive real number. Define $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | x^2 < c\}$ verify that E is nonempty and bounded above. Define $x_0 = \sup E$. Show that $x_0^2 = c$. Use part (ii) to show that there is a unique $x > 0$ for which $x^2 = c$. It is denoted by \sqrt{c}

For the first point, suppose that $ab = 0$ and both a and b are not 0, then there exists a^{-1} and b^{-1} , then we have

$$abb^{-1}a^{-1} = 1$$

which means that $b^{-1}a^{-1} = (ab)^{-1}$, but since $ab = 0$, no such number exists.

The second point is a straightforward application of distributive property,

$$(a - b)(a + b) = a(a + b) + (-b)(a + b) = a^2 + ab - ba - b^2 = a^2 - b^2$$

Then from part (i), since $(a - b)(a + b) = 0$, one of the two terms must be 0.

In part (iii), we see that $0^2 = 0 < c$ for all $c > 0$, so E is nonempty. By contradiction, suppose E is not bounded from above, that is, for every $b > 0$, we can always choose some $x \in E$ such that $x > b$, letting $b > c$ lead to a contradiction with the definition of E .

Next, since E is bounded from above, then it has a supremum by completeness axiom. Denote $x_0 = \sup E$. We will show that $x_0^2 \geq c$ and $x_0^2 \leq c$ to conclude that $x_0^2 = c$.

Since $x^2 < c, \forall x \in E$, c is an upperbound of E^2 , and because $\sup E$ is the smallest/least upperbound, then $\sup(E)^2 \leq c$. On the otherhand, $x_0 \geq x, \forall x \in E$ and E contains **all** real numbers whose square less than c , so $x_0^2 \geq c$.

Finally, we need to show that x_0 is a unique positive real number such that $x_0^2 = c$. By contradiction, suppose there is some $x > 0$ such that $x \neq x_0$ and $x^2 = c$, then by part (ii), since $x_0^2 = x^2$, we have either $x = x_0$ or $x = -x_0$, but x is positive and $-x_0$ is negative, so $x = x_0$.

Ex 5. Let a, b, c be real bumbers such that $a \neq 0$ and consider the quadratic equation

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

- i Suppose $b^2 - 4ac > 0$, use the Field Axiom and the preceding problem to complete the square and thereby show that this equation has exactly two solutions given by

$$x = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad x = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

- ii Now suppose $b^2 - 4ac < 0$. Show that the quadratic equation fails to have any solution.

Suppose that $b^2 - 4ac > 0$, then from previous problem, there exists a unique positive number $\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$. we can verify that

$$\begin{aligned} \left(x - \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}\right) \left(x - \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}\right) &= x^2 - x \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} - x \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} + \frac{b^2 - b^2 + 4ac}{4a^2} \\ &= x^2 + x \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{a} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then also from the previous problem, either one of the two terms equal 0. As a result, the equation has exactly two solutions.

On the other hand, if $b^2 - 4ac < 0$, then the equation can be rewritten as

$$ax^2 + bx + c = a \left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a}\right) = a \left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{b^2}{4a^2} + \frac{4ac - b^2}{4a^2}\right) = a \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4} > 0,$$

which does not have any solution.

Ex 6. Use the Completeness Axiom to show that every nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded below has an infimum and that

$$\inf E = -\sup\{-x|x \in E\}.$$

The set E is bounded below, which means that the set $E' = \{-x|x \in E\}$ is bounded from above, then its supremum exists by completeness axiom. Denote $x_0 = \sup E'$, then $x_0 \geq -x, \forall x \in E \Leftrightarrow -x_0 \leq x, \forall x \in E$. As a result, $-x_0 \leq \inf E$.

Suppose that there exists some x' such that $x' > -x_0$ and $x' \leq x, \forall x \in E$; i.e. x' is a "greater" lowerbound of E than x_0 . Then we can show that $-x'$ is a "smaller" upperbound of E' , which contradicts with the definition of supremum. As a result, no such x' exists, and $-x_0$ is the infimum of E .

Ex 7. For real numbers a and b , verify the following:

- i $|ab| = |a||b|$
- ii $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$
- iii For $\epsilon > 0$,

$$|x - a| < \epsilon \text{ if and only if } a - \epsilon < x < a + \epsilon$$

First we define the sign operator as $\text{sg}(x) \in \{1, -1\}, x \neq 0$. The absolute value can be written as the product with the sign operator

$$|a| = a \text{sg}(a)$$

Then the first claim can be verified as

$$|ab| = a \text{sg}(ab) = a \text{sg}(a) \text{sg}(b) = |a||b|$$

by noting $\text{sg}(ab) = \text{sg}(a)\text{sg}(b)$, and

$$|a + b| = (a + b) \text{sg}(a + b) = a \text{sg}(a + b) + b \text{sg}(a + b) \leq a \text{sg}(a) + b \text{sg}(b) = |a| + |b|$$

by noting $a \text{sg}(a) = \max(a, -a) \geq a \text{sg}(c), \forall c$

Final point: if $x - a > 0$, then $|x - a| = x - a$ and $|x - a| < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow a < x < a + \epsilon$

Similar, if $x - a < 0$, then $|x - a| < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow a > x > a - \epsilon$, combining the both cases and with the zero case yield the desired claim.

1.2 The Natural and Rational Numbers

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1.2.1 Exercise

1.3 The Countable and Uncountable Sets

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1.3.1 Exercise

1.4 Open Sets, Closed Sets, and Borel Sets of Real Numbers

1.4.1 Exercise

1.5 Sequences of Real Numbers

1.5.1 Summary

A sequence is a function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with customary notation $\{a_n\}$ where n is called the index, the number a_n is the n th term.

A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is said to be

- bounded if $\exists c \geq 0$ s.t. $|a_n| \leq c \forall n$
- increasing if $a_n < a_{n+1} \forall n$
- decreasing if the sequence $\{-a_n\}$ is increasing
- monotone if it's either increasing or decreasing

For any sequence $\{a_n\}$ and a strictly increase sequence $\{n_k\} \in \mathbb{N}$, call the sequence $\{a_{n_k}\}$ a subsequence of $\{a_n\}$.

Definition 1. A sequence $\{a_n\}$ converges to its limit a (write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ or $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$) if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$n \geq N \implies |a - a_n| < \epsilon.$$

Proposition 1. If $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$, then the limit is unique, the sequence is bounded, and, $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$a_n \leq c \forall n \implies a \leq c.$$

Theorem 1. A monotone sequence of real numbers converges if and only if it is bounded.

Theorem 2 (Bolzano-Weierstrass). Every bounded sequence of real numbers has a convergent subsequence.

Definition 2. A sequence of real numbers $\{a_n\}$ is Cauchy if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$n, m \geq N \implies |a_m - a_n| < \epsilon.$$

Theorem 3. A sequence of real numbers converges if and only if it is Cauchy.

Theorem 4. Convergent real sequences are linear and monotonic.

Definition 3. A sequence $\{a_n\}$ converges to infinity (write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$ or $\{a_n\} \rightarrow \infty$) if $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$n \geq N \implies a_n \geq c.$$

Similar definitions are made at $-\infty$.

Definition 4. The limit superior and limit inferior of a sequence $\{a_n\}$ is defined as,

$$\begin{aligned}\limsup \{a_n\} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\sup \{a_k | k \geq n\}] \\ \liminf \{a_n\} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\inf \{a_k | k \geq n\}]\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2. Let $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ be sequences of real numbers

- (i) $\limsup \{a_n\} = \ell \in \mathbb{R}$ if and only if for each $\epsilon > 0$, there are infinitely many indices n for which $a_n > \ell - \epsilon$ and only finitely many indices n for which $a_n > \ell + \epsilon$.
- (ii) $\limsup \{a_n\} = \infty$ if and only if $\{a_n\}$ is not bounded above.
- (iii) $\limsup \{a_n\} = -\liminf \{-a_n\}$.
- (iv) A sequence of real numbers $\{a_n\}$ converges to $a \in \mathbb{R}$ if and only if $\liminf \{a_n\} = \limsup \{a_n\} = a$.
- (v) $a_n \leq b_n \forall n \implies \limsup \{a_n\} \leq \limsup \{b_n\}$.

Proof Ex 39.

Definition 5. For every sequence $\{a_k\}$ of real numbers, define a sequence of partial sums $\{s_n\}$ where $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$. The series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is summable to $s \in \mathbb{R}$ when $\{s_n\} \rightarrow s$.

Proposition 3. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers.

- (i) The series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is summable if and only if for each $\epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$\sum_{k=n}^{n+m} a_k < \epsilon \forall n \geq N, m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- (ii) If the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|$ is summable, then $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ also is summable.
- (iii) If each term a_k is nonnegative, then the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is summable if and only if the sequence of partial sums is bounded.

Proof Ex 45.

1.5.2 Exercice

Problems done: 38, 39, 40, 41, 45.

Ex 38.

Lemma 1. For any set $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}, \forall d > 0 \in \mathbb{R}, \exists x \in X$ s.t. $x < \inf X + d$.

Proof We prove by contradiction. Assume there exists $d > 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\forall x \in X, \inf X + d \leq x$. There is now a greater lower bound $\inf X + d$, which contradicts the definition of infimum.

We use the above lemma to solve this exercise.

Let $\liminf \{a_n\} = L$.

- $\liminf \{a_n\}$ is a cluster point.

By the above lemma, for every n , we can pick the smallest index $k_n \geq n$ satisfying $a_{k_n} \leq \inf \{a_k | k \geq n\} + \frac{1}{n}$. Now, $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, N \geq 1/\epsilon$ s.t. $n \geq N \implies a_{k_n} - L < 1/N < \epsilon$. The subsequence $\{a_{k_n}\}$ converges to L by definition.

- There does not exist a cluster point M satisfying $M < \liminf \{a_n\}$.

We argue by contradiction. Assume there exists such a cluster point, this means there also exists a subsequence $\{a_{m_j}\}$ that converges to M .

Let $\epsilon = \frac{M-L}{2}$, by definition, $\exists J \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$j \geq J \implies a_{m_j} - M < \epsilon \iff a_{m_j} < M + \epsilon = \frac{L+M}{2}.$$

Also, by definition, $L = \liminf \{a_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{\inf \{a_k | k \geq n\}\}$, as such $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}, N > J$ s.t.

$$n \geq N \implies L - \inf \{a_k | k \geq n\} < \epsilon \iff \inf \{a_k | k \geq n\} > L - \epsilon = \frac{L+M}{2}.$$

This is a contradiction, as there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfying

$$n \geq N \implies \begin{cases} a_{m_n} < \frac{L+M}{2} \\ \inf \{a_k | k \geq n\} \geq \frac{L+M}{2} \end{cases}.$$

Proof is similar for $\limsup \{a_n\}$

Ex 39. Let $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ be sequences of real numbers

- (i) $\limsup \{a_n\} = \ell \in \mathbb{R}$ if and only if for each $\epsilon > 0$, there are infinitely many indices n for which $a_n > \ell - \epsilon$ and only finitely many indices n for which $a_n > \ell + \epsilon$.

Trivial. Use definition of supremum and the fact that the collection of sequences $\{\{a_k | k \geq n\}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is decending.

- (ii) $\limsup \{a_n\} = \infty$ if and only if $\{a_n\}$ is not bounded above.

We prove the above through showing that $\limsup \{a_n\} < \infty$ if and only if $\{a_n\}$ is bounded above. Note that \limsup of a sequence always exists.

- If $\{a_n\}$ is bounded above, then $\exists M < \infty \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $a_n \leq M \forall n$. As a result, $\sup \{a_k | k \geq n\} \leq M$.
- If $\limsup \{a_n\} < \infty$, then $\sup \{a_k | k \geq n\}$ is bounded.
Because there exists $c > 0$ satisfying $a_n \leq \sup \{a_k | k \geq 1\} \leq c$ for all n , the sequence $\{a_n\}$ is also bounded above.

- (iii) $\limsup \{a_n\} = -\liminf \{-a_n\}$.

$$\limsup \{a_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \{a_k | k \geq n\} = -\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \{-a_k | k \geq n\} = -\liminf \{-a_n\}.$$

- (iv) A sequence of real numbers $\{a_n\}$ converges to $a \in \mathbb{R}$ if and only if $\liminf \{a_n\} = \limsup \{a_n\} = a$.

- $\liminf \{a_n\} = \limsup \{a_n\} = a \implies \{a_n\} \rightarrow a$

For any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $N, M \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$\begin{cases} n \geq N \implies -\epsilon < a - \sup \{a_k | k \geq n\} \leq a - a_n \\ n \geq M \implies a - a_n \leq a - \inf \{a_k | k \geq n\} < \epsilon \end{cases}$$

So $\exists L = \max N, M \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$n \geq L \implies \begin{cases} -\epsilon < a - a_n \\ a - a_n < \epsilon \end{cases} \implies |a - a_n| < \epsilon.$$

By definition, $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$

- $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a \implies \liminf \{a_n\} = \limsup \{a_n\} = a$

For any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$\forall n \geq N, \begin{cases} -\epsilon < a - a_n \\ a - a_n < \epsilon \end{cases} \implies \forall n \geq N, \begin{cases} \inf \{a_k | k \geq n\} \leq a_n < a + \epsilon \\ a - \epsilon < a_n \implies a - \epsilon < \inf \{a_k | k \geq n\} \end{cases}.$$

which is equivalent to $n \geq N \implies |a - \inf \{a_k | k \geq n\}| < \epsilon$ and so $\liminf \{a_n\} = a$ by definition.

Similar proof is done for $\limsup \{a_n\} = a$.

- (v) $a_n \leq b_n \forall n \implies \limsup \{a_n\} \leq \limsup \{b_n\}$. (similar to book)

Consider a new sequence $c_n = \inf \{b_k | k \geq n\} - \sup \{a_k | k \geq n\}$ for all n .

By linearity of convergent sequences, $\{c_n\} \rightarrow c = \liminf \{b_n\} - \limsup \{a_n\}$. This means, $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$n \geq N \implies -\epsilon < c - c_n < \epsilon.$$

In particular, $0 \leq c_N < c + \epsilon$. Since $c \geq -\epsilon$ for any positive number ϵ , $c \geq 0$.

Ex 40.

Prove above in **Ex. 38**, $\liminf \{a_n\}$ and $\limsup \{a_n\}$ are the smallest and largest cluster points of $\{a_n\}$.

Shown above in **Ex. 39**, $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a \iff \liminf \{a_n\} = \limsup \{a_n\} = a$.

The proof is now trivial.

The sequence $\{a_n\}$ has only one cluster point if and only if $\liminf \{a_n\} = \limsup \{a_n\} = a$, which is equivalent to $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$.

Ex 41. At every index n ,

$$\inf \{a_k | k \geq n\} \leq \sup \{a_k | k \geq n\}$$

And so, by the linearity property of convergent sequences, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \{a_k | k \geq n\} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \{a_k | k \geq n\}$ or $\liminf \{a_n\} \leq \limsup \{a_n\}$.

Q.E.D

Ex 45. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers.

- (i) The series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is summable if and only if for each $\epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$\left| \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} a_k \right| < \epsilon \forall n \geq N, m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is summable if and only if $\{s_n\}$ converges.

As such, for each $\epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} i \geq n \geq N &\implies \epsilon > \left| \sum_{k=n}^i a_k \right| \\ \iff n \geq N, m \in \mathbb{N} &\implies \epsilon > \left| \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} a_k \right| \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) If the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|$ is summable, then $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ also is summable.

If the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|$ is summable, then the partial sum sequence $\{\sum_{k=1}^n |a_k|\}$ converges.

As such, $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$n > m \geq N \implies \epsilon > \left| \sum_{k=m}^n |a_k| \right| \geq \left| \sum_{k=m}^n a_k \right|.$$

The partial sum sequence $\{\sum_{k=1}^n |a_k|\}$ converges because it is Cauchy. As a result, the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ also is summable.

- (iii) If each term a_k is nonnegative, then the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is summable if and only if the sequence of partial sums is bounded.

Since $a_k > 0 \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$, $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \leq \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} a_k = s_{n+1}$ for all n . In other words, the partial sum sequence is nondecreasing.

The series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is summable if and only if $\{s_n\}$ converges.

- If $\{s_n\}$ converges then it is bounded
- If $\{s_n\}$ is bounded, then it converges to $s = \sup \{s_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ (note that the supremum exists thanks to the Completeness Axiom)

For any $\epsilon > 0$,

+) $s_n \leq s < s + \epsilon$ for all n .

+) Because $s - \epsilon$ is not an upperbound of $\{s_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t $s_N > s - \epsilon$.

And since the sequence $\{s_n\}$ is nondecreasing, $n \geq N \implies s_n > s - \epsilon$.

By definition, $\{s_n\}$ converges to s .