

Westlake University  
Fundamental algebra and analysis I

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**Part I: Power series**

**Preamble.** In this part, we fix a field  $K$  equipped with an absolute value  $|\cdot|$ . We assume that  $K$  is complete under the metric

$$((a, b) \in K \times K) \mapsto |a - b|.$$

By convention, for any  $a \in K$ , the expression  $a^0$  denotes the multiplicative neutral element  $1 \in K$ .

We also fix a normed vector space  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  over  $K$ , which is again assumed to be complete under the metric

$$((x, y) \in V \times V) \mapsto \|x - y\|.$$

In other words,  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space over  $K$ .

If  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence in  $V$ , then the expression  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n$  denotes the sequence

$$\left( \sum_{j \in \{0, \dots, n\}} x_j \right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

and is called the series associated with the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . If this sequence converges in  $V$ , we say that the series  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n$  *converges*. If the series of real numbers  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|x_n\|$  converges, we say that the series  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n$  *converges absolutely*.

Since the normed vector space  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  is assumed to be complete, we have proved in the course that, if a series  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n$  in  $V$  converges absolutely, then it converges.

Let  $X$  be set and  $(\varphi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of mappings from  $X$  to  $V$ .

- (1) We say that the series  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \varphi_n$  *converges pointwisely* if, for any  $x \in X$ , the series  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \varphi_n(x)$  converges in  $V$ .
- (2) We say that the series  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \varphi_n$  *converges normally* if

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|\varphi_n\|_{\sup} < +\infty,$$

where

$$\|\varphi_n\|_{\sup} := \sup_{x \in X} \|\varphi_n(x)\|.$$

Since  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  is assumed to be complete, if the series  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \varphi_n$  converges normally, then it converges pointwisely to a certain mapping  $\varphi : X \rightarrow V$ . Moreover,  $(\varphi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  also converges uniformly to  $\varphi$ .

### Questions.

1. Let  $\varepsilon$  be an element of  $[0, 1[$ . Prove that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n\varepsilon^n \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{(1 - \varepsilon)^2}.$$

*Hint: One can write  $n\varepsilon^n$  as  $\sum_{k=1}^n \varepsilon^n$  and then switch the order of summations in*

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^n \varepsilon^n$$

*to get*

$$\sum_{n=1}^N n\varepsilon^n = \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{n=k}^N \varepsilon^n.$$

2. Let  $\varepsilon$  be an element of  $[0, 1[$ . Prove that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2} \binom{n}{2} \varepsilon^n \leq \frac{\varepsilon^2}{(1 - \varepsilon)^3}.$$

*Hint: Write  $\binom{n}{2}$  as  $1 + 2 + \dots + (n - 1)$ , and then perform a switch of summation order as in the previous question.*

3. Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be elements of  $K$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove the following equality

$$\beta^n - \alpha^n - n\alpha^{n-1}(\beta - \alpha) = (\beta - \alpha)^2 \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-2} (n - \ell - 1)\beta^\ell \alpha^{n-\ell-2}.$$

4. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in K$ . Prove that the mapping

$$g_n : K \longrightarrow K, \quad b \longmapsto (b - a)^n$$

is differentiable and determine the derivative  $g'_n$ .

5. Prove that the mapping

$$K \times V \longrightarrow V, \quad (b, x) \longmapsto bx$$

is differentiable and determine its differential.

(Hint: One can use the fact that it is a bounded bilinear mapping.)

6. Let  $x$  be an element of  $V$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in K$ . Let  $f_n$  be the mapping from  $K$  to  $V$  that sends  $b \in K$  to  $(b - a)^n x$ . Prove that  $f_n : K \rightarrow V$  is differentiable and determine  $f'_n$ .
7. Let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $V$ ,  $a \in K$  and  $R$  be a positive real number. Assume that, for any  $r \in [0, R[$ , the sequence  $(r^n \|x_n\|)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $p_n : K \rightarrow V$  be the mapping that sends  $b \in K$  to  $(b - a)^n x_n$ .

- (1) Prove that, for any positive real number  $r$  such that  $r < R$ , the series of mappings  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} p_n$  converges normally on

$$\overline{B}(a, r) = \{b \in K \mid |b - a| \leq r\}.$$

- (2) Deduce that the series  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} p_n$  converges simply on

$$B(a, R) = \{b \in K \mid |b - a| < R\}.$$

We denote by  $f : B(a, R) \rightarrow V$  the pointwise limit of the series  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} p_n$  on  $B(a, R)$ .

- (3) Prove that, for any positive real number  $r$  such that  $r < R$ , the series of mappings

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} p'_n$$

converges normally on  $\overline{B}(a, r)$ . Deduce that the series converges simply on  $B(a, R)$ . We denote by  $g : B(a, R) \rightarrow V$  the pointwise limit of the series

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} p'_n$$

on  $B(a, R)$ .

(Hint: use Question 1.)

- (4) Prove that  $f$  is differentiable on  $B(a, R)$  and, for any  $b \in B(a, R)$ ,  $f'(b) = g(b)$ .
- (5) Deduce that, for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the mapping  $f$  is of class  $C^k$ .  
(Hint: reason by induction on  $k$ .)

8. Let  $M$  be a positive real number. Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} M^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1.$$

(Hint: Let  $\varepsilon$  be an arbitrary positive real number. Compare  $(1 + \varepsilon)^n$  with  $M$  and  $M^{-1}$ .)

9. Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $V$ . We denote by

$$R(\mathbf{x}) = \sup\{r \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mid (r^n \|x_n\|)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is bounded}\} \in [0, +\infty].$$

We call  $R(\mathbf{x})$  the *radius of convergence* of the power series

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} b^n x_n, \quad b \in K.$$

- (1) Prove that the set

$$I(\mathbf{x}) := \{r \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mid (r^n \|x_n\|)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is bounded}\}$$

is an interval.

- (2) Deduce that, for any non-negative real number  $r$  such that  $r < R(\mathbf{x})$ , the sequence  $(r^n \|x_n\|)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded.

(3) Prove the following equality (here by convention  $0^{-1} = +\infty$ )

$$R(\mathbf{x})^{-1} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|x_n\|^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

(4) Suppose that  $x_n \neq \mathbf{0}$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\|x_n\|}{\|x_{n+1}\|} \leq R(\mathbf{x}) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\|x_n\|}{\|x_{n+1}\|}$$

Deduce that, if the sequence

$$\left( \frac{\|x_n\|}{\|x_{n+1}\|} \right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

has a limit  $\ell$ , then  $R(\mathbf{x}) = \ell$ .

*Hint: For natural numbers  $n$  and  $N$  such that  $n < N$ , express  $\|x_N\|$  as*

$$\|x_n\| \prod_{j=n}^{N-1} \frac{\|x_{j+1}\|}{\|x_j\|}.$$

*Then, use*

$$s_n = \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}, j \geq n} \frac{\|x_j\|}{\|x_{j+1}\|}, \quad \ell_n := \inf_{j \in \mathbb{N}, j \geq n} \frac{\|x_j\|}{\|x_{j+1}\|}$$

*to estimate  $\|x_N\|$  and obtain  $\ell_n \leq R(\mathbf{x}) \leq s_n$ .*

**10.** In this question, we suppose that  $(K, |\cdot|)$  is  $\mathbb{R}$  equipped with the usual absolute value. Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \in U$  and  $f : U \rightarrow V$  be a mapping which is of class  $C^\infty$ . Let  $R$  be a positive real number such that  $]a - R, a + R[ \subseteq U$ . Suppose that, for any  $r \in [0, R[$ , one has

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{r^n}{n!} \sup_{b \in [a-r, a+r]} \|f^{(n)}(b)\| = 0.$$

Prove that the series of functions

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{(b-a)^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(a), \quad b \in \mathbb{R}$$

converges pointwisely on  $]a - R, a + R[$  to  $f$ .

*(Hint: Apply Taylor-Lagrange inequality.)*

## Part II: Exponential in a Banach algebra

**Preamble.** As in Part I, we fix a complete valued field  $(K, |\cdot|)$ . We call a *Banach algebra* over  $K$  any complete normed vector space  $(A, \|\cdot\|)$  over  $K$  equipped with an  $K$ -bilinear mapping (called the *multiplication*)

$$A \times A \longrightarrow A, \quad (x, y) \longmapsto xy$$

such that

- (a)  $A$  equipped with the multiplication forms a monoid.
- (b) for any  $(x, y) \in A \times A$ ,

$$\|xy\| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|.$$

### Questions.

11. Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|_V)$  be a Banach space over  $K$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  the  $K$ -vector space of all bounded  $K$ -linear mappings from  $V$  to itself. We equipped  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  with the operator norm  $\|\cdot\|$  defined as

$$\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{L}(V), \quad \|\varphi\| := \sup_{x \in V \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|\varphi(x)\|_V}{\|x\|_V}.$$

Prove that  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  equipped with the following composition law

$$\left( (\psi, \varphi) \in \mathcal{L}(V) \times \mathcal{L}(V) \right) \longmapsto \psi \circ \varphi,$$

forms a Banach algebra over  $K$ .

*Hint: By a result of the course,  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  equipped with the operator norm forms a Banach space (you need not reprove this result in the exam).*

12. We equip  $\mathbb{R}$  with the usual absolute value. Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be the field of complex numbers and  $|\cdot| : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the mapping defined as

$$\forall (a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad |a + bi| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}.$$

Check that,  $(\mathbb{C}, |\cdot|)$  equipped with the usual multiplication of complex numbers forms a Banach algebra over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

*Hint: One can use without justification the fact that the mapping of usual multiplication*

$$\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad (z, w) \longmapsto zw$$

*is  $\mathbb{R}$ -bilinear and defines a structure of commutative monoid on  $\mathbb{C}$ .*

In the rest of Part II, we assume that  $(K, |\cdot|)$  is  $\mathbb{R}$  equipped with the usual absolute value.

We fix a Banach algebra  $(A, \|\cdot\|)$  over  $K$ . For any  $\varphi \in A$ , we denote by  $\mathbf{x}_\varphi$  the sequence

$$\left( \frac{1}{n!} \varphi^n \right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}},$$

where by convention  $0! = 1$  and  $\varphi^0$  denotes the multiplicative neutral element of  $A$ .

- 13.** Prove that  $R(\mathbf{x}_\varphi) = +\infty$ . For any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , denote by  $\exp(t\varphi)$  the limit of the series

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{t^n}{n!} \varphi^n.$$

- 14.** Let  $\varphi$  be an element of  $A$ . Prove that the mappings  $A \rightarrow A, \psi \mapsto \varphi\psi$  and  $A \rightarrow A, \psi \mapsto \psi\varphi$  are both continuous.

- 15.** Prove that, for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\exp(t\varphi)\varphi = \varphi \exp(t\varphi)$ .

*Hint: Use the previous question and the fact that  $\exp(t\varphi)$  is the limit of the sequence*

$$\left( \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{t^k}{k!} \varphi^k \right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}.$$

- 16.** Prove that the mapping  $t \mapsto \exp(t\varphi)$  is differentiable and determine its derivative.

- 17.** Prove that the mapping  $(t \in \mathbb{R}) \mapsto \exp(t\varphi)$  is a morphism of monoids from  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  to  $(A, \cdot)$ .

*Hint: For fixed  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , consider the derivative of the mapping*

$$\Phi_s : (t \in \mathbb{R}) \longmapsto \exp((t+s)\varphi) \exp(-t\varphi).$$

18. The purpose of this exercise is to discuss properties of the exponential and logarithmic functions. We consider the mapping  $\exp(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that sends  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  to the limit of

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

- (1) Prove that, for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\exp(t) > 0$ .
- (2) Prove that the mapping  $\exp(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is strictly increasing.
- (3) Prove that the image of the mapping  $\exp(\cdot)$  identifies with  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$ .
- (4) Denote by  $\ln(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the inverse of the mapping  $\exp(\cdot)$ . Prove that  $\ln(\cdot)$  is of class  $C^\infty$ .
- (5) For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , compute the  $n$ -th derivative of  $\ln(\cdot)$ .
- (6) Prove that the Taylor series of the mapping  $\ln(\cdot)$  at 1 is given by

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}} (t-1)^n \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Prove that this series converges pointwisely to  $\ln(\cdot)$  on  $]0, 2[$ .

*Hint: Prove that the series*

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}} (-1)^n (t-1)^n$$

*converges pointwisely on  $]0, 2[$  to  $1/t$ , and the convergence is uniform on any compact interval contained in  $]0, 2[$ .*

- (7) Let  $\alpha$  be a real number. We consider the mapping

$$f_\alpha : \mathbb{R}_{>0} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}, \quad t \longmapsto \exp(\alpha \ln(t)).$$

Prove that  $f_\alpha$  is a morphism of multiplicative groups and determine its Taylor series at 1.

19. In this question, we consider the mapping

$$\mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad t \longmapsto \exp(ti),$$



where  $i \in \mathbb{C}$  denotes the imaginary unit. For  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we denote by  $\cos(t)$  and  $\sin(t)$  the real and imaginary parts of  $\exp(ti)$  respectively. In other words, one has

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \exp(ti) = \cos(t) + \sin(t)i$$

- (1) Prove that, for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\exp(-ti) = \overline{\exp(ti)}.$$

Deduce that

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad |\exp(ti)| = 1.$$

- (2) Prove that  $\cos(\cdot)$  and  $\sin(\cdot)$  are of class  $C^\infty$ . Determine their derivatives.
- (3) Let  $\alpha$  be a non-zero real number. Prove that, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$|x - n\alpha| < |\alpha|.$$

- (4) Let  $G$  be a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ . Prove that, either  $\overline{G} = \mathbb{R}$ , or  $G$  is discrete, namely for any  $x \in G$ ,  $x$  has a neighbourhood  $V$  such that  $V \cap G = \{x\}$ .

*Hint: Prove that  $G$  is discrete if and only if there is a neighbourhood  $V$  of 0 in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $V \cap G = \{0\}$ .*

- (5) Prove that the kernel  $N$  of the morphism of groups

$$(\mathbb{R}, +) \longrightarrow (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \times), \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}) \longmapsto \exp(ti)$$

is discrete.

*Hint: Prove that  $N$  is closed, and then deduce that, if  $N$  is not discrete, then it is equal to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Establish a contradiction by considering the derivative of the mapping  $t \mapsto \exp(ti)$ .*

- (6) Prove that there exists a unique real number  $\pi > 0$  such that

$$N = \{2\pi n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

- (7) Prove that  $\exp(\pi i) = -1$ .

- (8) Prove that  $\sin(x) > 0$  when  $x \in ]0, \pi[$ .  
*Hint: First prove that  $\sin(x) \neq 0$  for any  $x \in ]0, \pi[$ . Then prove that there exists  $x_0 \in ]0, \pi[$  such that  $\sin(x_0) > 0$ . One can examine the derivative of  $\sin(\cdot)$  at 0. Finally prove that  $\sin(\cdot)$  cannot take negative values on  $]0, \pi[$  by using the theorem of intermediate values.*
- (9) Prove that the images of  $\cos(\cdot)$  and  $\sin(\cdot)$  are both equal to  $[-1, 1]$ .
- (10) Prove that  $\sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$ .  
*Hint: Let  $z = \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) + \sin(\frac{\pi}{2})i$  and determine  $z^2$ .*
- (11) Prove that  $\cos(\cdot)$  is strictly decreasing on  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  and  $\sin(\cdot)$  is strictly increasing on  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ .
- (12) Prove that the image of  $(t \in \mathbb{R}) \mapsto \exp(ti)$  is equal to

$$\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}.$$

**20.** Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $A = \mathcal{L}(V)$  equipped with the composition of mappings and the operator norm (see Question **11.**).

- (1) Let  $x_0$  be an element of  $X$  and  $\Phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow V$  be the mapping that sends  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  to  $\exp(t\varphi)(x_0)$ . Prove that  $\Phi$  is differentiable and

$$\Phi'(t) = \varphi(\Phi(t)).$$

- (2) Resolve the following ordinary differential equation in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) = y(t), \\ y'(t) = -x(t), \end{cases} \quad (x(0), y(0)) = (0, 1).$$

### Part III: Summation as an integral

**Preamble.** We denote by  $\mathbb{R}^{\oplus \mathbb{N}}$  the set of mappings  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid f(n) \neq 0\}$$

is finite. It is a vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ .

**Questions.**

**21.** Check that  $\mathbb{R}^{\oplus \mathbb{N}}$  is a Riesz space over  $\mathbb{N}$ . Namely, for any

$$(f, g) \in \mathbb{R}^{\oplus \mathbb{N}} \times \mathbb{R}^{\oplus \mathbb{N}}, \quad \left( (n \in \mathbb{N}) \mapsto \min\{f(n), g(n)\} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{\oplus \mathbb{N}}.$$

**22.** Denote by  $\Sigma : \mathbb{R}^{\oplus \mathbb{N}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the mapping which sends  $f \in \mathbb{R}^{\oplus \mathbb{N}}$  to

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}, f(n) \neq 0} f(n).$$

Prove that  $\Sigma$  is an integral operator, namely  $\Sigma$  is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear mapping,  $\Sigma(f) \geq 0$  when  $f(n) \geq 0$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and, for any decreasing sequence  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  that converges pointwisely to 0, one has

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \Sigma(f_n) = 0.$$

**23.** Let  $g$  be an element of  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . By using the theorem of Beppo Levi, prove that  $g$  is  $\Sigma$ -integrable in the sense of Daniell if and only if the sequence

$$\sum_{k=0}^n g(k), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

converges in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**24.** Let  $f$  be an element of  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . Prove that  $f$  is  $\Sigma$ -integrable in the sense of Daniell if and only if the series

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f(n)$$

converges absolutely.

## Part IV: Stieltjes integral

**Preamble.** We denote by  $S$  the  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$  that is composed of the mappings of the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mathbb{1}_{]a_i, b_i]},$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and for any  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $(a_i, b_i)$  is an element of  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a_i < b_i$ . We denote by  $S^\uparrow$  the set of elements in  $] -\infty, +\infty]^{\mathbb{R}}$  that can be written as a pointwise limit of an increasing sequence in  $S$ .

For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we denote by  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  the integral part of  $x$ , namely

$$\lfloor x \rfloor := \sup\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \leq x\}.$$

We denote by  $\langle x \rangle$  the decimal part of  $x$ , which is defined as

$$\langle x \rangle := x - \lfloor x \rfloor.$$

**25.** Prove that, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$0 \leq \langle x \rangle < 1.$$

**26.** Denote by  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the mapping sending  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  to  $\lfloor x \rfloor$ . Prove that  $\varphi$  is increasing and right-continuous. We denote by  $I_\varphi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the integral operator defined as follows

$$I_\varphi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mathbb{1}_{]a_i, b_i]} \right) := \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (\varphi(b_i) - \varphi(a_i)).$$

**27.** Let  $(a, b)$  be an element of  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a < b$ . Prove that, for any  $\lambda \in [0, +\infty]$ , one has  $\lambda \mathbb{1}_{]a, b]} \in S^\uparrow$ , where by convention  $(+\infty)0 := 0$ .

*Hint: Consider the sequence*

$$\left( \lambda \mathbb{1}_{]a, b - (b-a)/n]} \right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}}.$$

**28.** Let  $n$  be an integer. Determine  $I_\varphi(\mathbb{1}_{]n, n+1[})$ .

- 29.** Let  $f \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ . Prove that, for any  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a < b$ , the mapping  $\mathbb{1}_{]a, b]} f$  is  $I_{\varphi}$ -integrable, and

$$\int_{]a, b]} f(t) \, d[t] = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}, a < n \leq b} f(n).$$

In the questions **30.**–**32.**, let  $(a, b)$  be an element of  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a < b$ , and  $U$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  containing  $[a, b]$ . Let  $\psi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping of class  $C^1$ .

- 30.** Prove that  $\psi'$  is bounded on the interval  $[a, b]$ .

- 31.** Let  $M = \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |\psi'(t)|$ . Prove that the mapping

$$\psi_M : [a, b] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \psi_M(t) = \psi(t) + Mt$$

is increasing.

- 32.** Prove that

$$\int_{]a, b]} \psi(t) \, d[t] = \psi(b)[b] - \psi(a)[a] - \int_a^b [t] \psi'(t) \, dt.$$

*Hint: For any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,*

$$\int_{]n, n+1]} \psi(t) \, d[t] = \psi(n+1), \quad \int_n^{n+1} [t] \psi'(t) \, dt = n(\psi(n+1) - \psi(n))$$

## Part V: Stirling's formula

For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let

$$w_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(t)^n \, dt.$$

- 33.** Prove that  $(n+2)w_{n+2} = (n+1)w_n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- 34.** Prove that the sequence  $(w_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is positive and decreasing.

**35.** Prove that the sequence

$$(n+1)w_n w_{n+1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

is constant.

**36.** Prove that

$$\frac{n+1}{n+2} \leq \frac{w_{n+1}}{w_n} \leq 1.$$

Deduce that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{w_{n+1}}{w_n} = 1.$$

**37.** Prove that, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$w_{2n} = \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n}(n!)^2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad w_{2n+1} = \frac{2^{2n}(n!)^2}{(2n+1)!}.$$

**38.** Let  $x$  be a real number such that  $x \geq 1$ . Prove that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} = \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{x} + \int_1^x \frac{\lfloor t \rfloor}{t^2} dt.$$

*Hint: apply Question 32..*

**39.** Prove that the mapping

$$(t \in \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \frac{\langle t \rangle}{t^2}$$

is Lebesgue integrable on  $]1, +\infty[$ . We denote by  $\gamma$  the value

$$1 - \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{\langle t \rangle}{t^2} dt.$$

**40.** Prove that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} = \ln(x) + \gamma + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

when  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .

41. Prove that,

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq n \leq x} \ln(n) = x \ln(x) - x + O(\ln(x))$$

when  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .

42. Let  $b_1 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $b_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the mappings defined as follows:

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad b_1(t) := \langle t \rangle - \frac{1}{2}, \quad b_2(t) := \frac{1}{2} \langle t \rangle^2 - \frac{1}{2} \langle t \rangle.$$

Prove that  $b_1$  is locally Lebesgue integrable and  $b_2$  is its primitive function.

43. Let  $x$  be a real number such that  $x \geq 1$ . Prove that

$$\int_1^x \ln(t) \, dt = x \ln(x) - x + 1.$$

44. Deduce that the sequence

$$(n! e^n n^{-n-\frac{1}{2}})_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1}$$

converges to a positive real number.

45. Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{n! e^n}{n^n \sqrt{n}} = \sqrt{2\pi}.$$

*The end*