

Math 2213 Introduction to Analysis
Homework 1 Due September 10 (Thursday), 2025
Please submit your homework online in PDF format.

- (1) (10 pts) Dyadic density via the Archimedean property] Let $a < b$ be real numbers. Prove that there exists a *dyadic rational*

$$q = \frac{k}{2^n} \in \mathbb{Q} \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N})$$

such that $a < q < b$. Further show that there are *infinitely many* such dyadic rationals in (a, b) .

- (2) **A tour of the p -adic world.**

The field \mathbb{Q} inherits the Euclidean metric from \mathbb{R} , but it also carries a very different metric: the *p -adic metric*.

Given a prime number p and an integer n , the p -adic norm of n is defined as

$$|n|_p = \frac{1}{p^k},$$

where p^k is the largest power of p dividing n . (We define $|0|_p := 0$.) The more factors of p appear in n , the smaller the p -adic norm becomes.

For a rational number $x = \frac{a}{b}$ with $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, we may factor x as

$$x = p^k \cdot \frac{r}{s},$$

where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and p divides neither r nor s . We then define

$$|x|_p = p^{-k}.$$

The p -adic metric on \mathbb{Q} is given by

$$d_p(x, y) := |x - y|_p.$$

- (a) To compute the 5-adic norm $|x|_5$ of a rational number x , we examine how many factors of 5 occur in x (in either numerator or denominator).

- If $x = 5^k \cdot \frac{a}{b}$ with a, b not divisible by 5 and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, then the 5-adic norm is

$$|x|_5 = 5^{-k}.$$

- **Examples.**

- (i) $30 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$. There is exactly one factor of 5, so

$$|30|_5 = 5^{-1} = \frac{1}{5}.$$

- (ii) $32 = 2^5$. There is no factor of 5, so

$$|32|_5 = 5^0 = 1.$$

(iii) Compute $\left|\frac{1}{250}\right|_5$.

$$250 = 2 \cdot 5^3.$$

So

$$\frac{1}{250} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5^3} = 5^{-3} \cdot \frac{1}{2},$$

where $\frac{1}{2}$ has no factor of 5 in numerator or denominator.

Therefore,

$$\left|\frac{1}{250}\right|_5 = 5^{-(-3)} = 5^3 = 125.$$

Hence,

$$\boxed{\left|\frac{1}{250}\right|_5 = 125.}$$

Now practice computing the following 5-adic norms: (6 pts)

- (i) $\left|75\right|_5$
- (ii) $\left|\frac{10}{9}\right|_5$
- (iii) $\left|-\frac{20}{375}\right|_5$

(b) (9 pts) Further properties of the 5-adic norm.

- (i) Determine all rational numbers x satisfying $|x|_5 \leq 1$.
- (ii) Which rational numbers x satisfy $|x|_5 = 1$?
- (iii) What is $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 5^n$ in (\mathbb{Q}, d_5) (the 5-adic metric)?

Hint: Compute $d_5(5^n, 0)$.

(c) (15 pts) **Non-Archimedean absolute value and metric.** Prove that $|\cdot|_p$ satisfies

$$|xy|_p = |x|_p |y|_p, \quad |x + y|_p \leq \max\{|x|_p, |y|_p\},$$

and show that d_p is a metric on \mathbb{Q} .

(3) (exercise 1.1.3) (20 pts) Let X be a set, and let $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function.

- (a) Give an example of a pair (X, d) which obeys axioms (bcd) of Definition 1.1.2, but not (a). (Hint: modify the discrete metric.)
- (b) Give an example of a pair (X, d) which obeys axioms (acd) of Definition 1.1.2, but not (b).
- (c) Give an example of a pair (X, d) which obeys axioms (abd) of Definition 1.1.2, but not (c).
- (d) Give an example of a pair (X, d) which obeys axioms (abc) of Definition 1.1.2, but not (d). (Hint: try examples where X is a finite set.)

(4) (20 pts) Let $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n .

- (a) The ℓ^1 metric is defined by

$$d_1(x, y) := \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|.$$

Show that d_1 is a metric on \mathbb{R}^n

- (b) The ℓ^∞ metric is defined by

$$d_\infty(x, y) := \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i - y_i|.$$

Show that d_∞ is a metric on \mathbb{R}^n

- (5) (10 pts) A *vector space* V over \mathbb{R} is a set equipped with two operations:

(a) **Vector addition:** $+: V \times V \rightarrow V$, written $(u, v) \mapsto u + v$.

(b) **Scalar multiplication:** $\cdot: \mathbb{R} \times V \rightarrow V$, written $(\alpha, v) \mapsto \alpha v$,

such that the following properties hold for all $u, v, w \in V$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$:

(VS1) $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$ (associativity of addition)

(VS2) $u + v = v + u$ (commutativity of addition)

(VS3) There exists $0 \in V$ such that $u + 0 = u$ (additive identity)

(VS4) For each $u \in V$, there exists $-u \in V$ such that $u + (-u) = 0$ (additive inverse)

(VS5) $\alpha(u + v) = \alpha u + \alpha v$ (distributivity I)

(VS6) $(\alpha + \beta)u = \alpha u + \beta u$ (distributivity II)

(VS7) $(\alpha\beta)u = \alpha(\beta u)$ (compatibility of scalar multiplication)

(VS8) $1 \cdot u = u$ (identity element of scalar multiplication)

A function $\|\cdot\|: V \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called a *norm* on V if, for all $u, v \in V$ and

$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, the following properties hold:

(N1) $\|v\| \geq 0$, and $\|v\| = 0$ if and only if $v = 0$. (positivity)

(N2) $\|\alpha v\| = |\alpha| \cdot \|v\|$. (homogeneity)

(N3) $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$. (triangle inequality)

Given a norm $\|\cdot\|$ on V , define $d: V \times V \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by

$$d(u, v) = \|u - v\|.$$

Prove that d is a *metric* on V , that is, for all $x, y, z \in V$ show that:

(a) $d(x, y) \geq 0$ and $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$.

(b) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$.

(c) $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$.

(Thus we conclude that every normed vector space $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ is also a metric space with metric $d(u, v) = \|u - v\|$.)

- (6) (10 pts) Let S be a bounded nonempty set of real numbers, and let a and b be fixed nonzero real numbers. Define $T = \{as + bs \mid s \in S\}$. Find formulas for $\sup T$ and $\inf T$ in terms of $\sup S$ and $\inf S$. Prove your formulas.