

Real Analysis (2-27 notes, overview)

- (Last semester: “calculus on 1 real variable”: continuity, limit, differentiation...
 - Riemann integrals... (Fundamental theorem of calculus...)
 - what about $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$?
 - Sequences of real numbers: convergence; bounded; limit; Cauchy sequence...
 - Topics according to historic development and depth:
Calculus (differential, integral) \rightarrow Mathematical analysis \rightarrow Real analysis \rightarrow measure theory, functional analysis, ...
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Example: limit of a sequence (of real numbers)

- Sequence: “function whose domain is the set of natural numbers \mathbb{N} ”: $\{a_n\}$
- Example: $a_n = \frac{\cos^2 n}{\ln n + 2}$ is a sequence of real numbers.

Question: show that a_n converges to 0 (as $n \rightarrow \infty$): $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

- Show this using $\varepsilon - \delta$ definition:

- Definition: $a_n \rightarrow a$ ($\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$) if: for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists natural number N such that whenever $n \geq N$, $|a_n - a| < \varepsilon$.
- Proof:

$$\left| \frac{\cos^2 n}{\ln n + 2} - 0 \right| \leq \frac{1}{\ln n} < \varepsilon$$

happens whenever: $\ln n > 1/\varepsilon$; $n > e^{1/\varepsilon}$.

Therefore, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, we choose $N > e^{1/\varepsilon}$, then whenever $n \geq N$, $|a_n - 0| < \varepsilon$ as required. (Therefore we have shown that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.)

- Logical quantifiers, \forall means “for all/every/ for arbitrary...”,
 \exists means “exist/ for some/...”. The order of them is very important!
- Convergent sequence with limit a , i.e. $a_n \rightarrow a$ ($\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$):
 $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq N, |a_n - a| < \varepsilon$.
- In case the limit a is not clear, there is a related definition:

- Cauchy sequence: $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n, m \geq N, |a_n - a_m| < \varepsilon$.
- Example: Show that $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \right)$ is a Cauchy sequence.
- Proof: Fix an arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$. Let $N = \dots =$ Whenever $n > m \geq N$,

$$|s_n - s_m| \leq \left| \sum_{k=m+1}^n \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \right) \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m+1}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{m+1}} < 1 / \sqrt{N+1} < \varepsilon$$

holds if we choose $N > \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}$ (no need to write “-1”)

- (Of course, the series converges to $1 / \sqrt{1} - 1 / \sqrt{2} + (1 / \sqrt{2} - 1 / \sqrt{3}) + (1 / \sqrt{3} - 1 / \sqrt{4}) + \dots = 1$)

- Example Question about continuous function, and differentiable function: let $f: (-\pi, \pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a “continuously differentiable function”, i.e. f' exists and is continuous (denoted $f \in C^1((-\pi, \pi))$) with the property that $f'(3) = 0.001$. Show that f is increasing on some open interval containing 3.

- Proof: Since $f'(x)$ is “continuous” at the point $x = 3$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that whenever $x \in (3 - \delta, 3 + \delta)$, $f'(x) \geq 0.0005$. (Next, use Mean Value Theorem): By mean value theorem, whenever $x < y$ (in that open set),

$$\frac{f(x) - f(y)}{x - y} = f'(c) > 0$$

for some c between x, y ; therefore $f(y) > f(x)$; i.e. function is increasing there.

(Last period we mentioned: converging sequence; Cauchy sequence; continuous function...)

Review of Key properties/theorems about real numbers

\mathbb{R} is “ordered field”: $+, -, \times, \div$; $a < b, a = b, a > b$. ($\leq \dots$)

“Completeness property”:

1. A sequence of real number is convergent if and only if it is Cauchy.

(as we will see again, convergent sequences must be Cauchy; but the converse statement is not automatic; it is true for \mathbb{R} , but false for \mathbb{Q})

2. Monotone convergent theorem: if $\{a_n\}$ is “bounded above” and increasing, then a_n converges (to some real number).

(Bounded above: $\exists M > 0, \forall n, a_n \leq M$; bounded below is similar;

bounded: $|a_n| \leq M$)

3. Least Upper Bound Property: Any subset $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ that is bounded above, has a LEAST upper bound (supremum), denoted $\sup(A)$

(unlike maximum of a set, which might not exist.)

(of course, any $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ that has a lower bound (bounded below) has a greatest lower bound (infimum)... $\inf(A)$

Example: $B = \{1/n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, $\sup(B) = 1 = \max(B) \in B$; $\inf(B) = 0$. $\min(B)$ does not exist (you can always find a smaller number.)

$A = (2, 3)$, $\sup(A) = 3$, $\inf(A) = 2$. $\max(A)$, $\min(A)$ does not exist.

4. Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem: any bounded sequence $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ has some convergent “subsequence”. $(a_{n_k})_{k=1}^{\infty}$

Example: $a_n = (-1)^n = (-1, 1, -1, 1, \dots)$ is bounded but diverges. However, $a_{2n} = (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots)$ converges to 1.

5. Nested interval property (NIP): if $I_1 = [a, b] \supset I_2 \supset I_3 \supset I_4 \dots$ is a nested sequence of closed and bounded intervals, then $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n \neq \emptyset$
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Overview for this semester's Real Analysis.

1. Metric spaces (with a focus on \mathbb{R}^n)

- Distance function $d(x, y)$; convergence; Cauchy sequence; (completeness)
- Open set, closed set, limit point, interior, exterior, boundary... closure... (topology); compact sets; connected sets...
- Limit of functions; continuous functions... (Uniformly continuous functions); interactions between continuous functions and compact/connected sets (generalizing Extreme Value Theorem; Intermediate Value Theorem...)

- (Maybe not talk about differentiation; or sequence of functions)
2. Riemann-(Stieljes) integration (focus on \mathbb{R}), $\int f \, dg$
- Riemann integrable functions
 - Continuous functions on $[a, b]$ are Riemann integrable...
 - (fundamental theorem of calculus)
 - Theorem by Lebesgue about Riemann integrable functions are “continuous almost everywhere”, i.e. except for a “set of measure 0”.
3. Lebesgue integration (on \mathbb{R}^n) (maybe not focus too much on measure theory detail)
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Example of distances of $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$:

- Euclidean distance: $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$