

SOLUTIONS TO PRINCIPLES OF MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS
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1 The Real and Complex Numbers

1. If r is rational ($r \neq 0$) and x is irrational, prove that $r + x$ and rx are irrational.

We will prove that $r + x$ is irrational by *reductio ad impossibilem*, contradiction. That is, $p \rightarrow q$ becomes $p \wedge \neg q$. Suppose r is rational ($r \neq 0$) and x is irrational and $r + x$ is rational. Since r is rational, $-r$ is rational and exist by the field axioms of addition. The sum of two rational numbers is rational by the closure property of \mathbb{Q} . Then $-r + (r + x) = (-r + r) + x = x$. We have reached a contradiction since x is clearly irrational. Therefore, $r + x$ is irrational.

For the second statement, we will again use the argument of *reductio ad impossibilem*. Since $r \neq 0$ and rational, $\frac{1}{r}$ is rational and exists by the field axioms of multiplication. The multiplication of two rational numbers is rational, again, by the closure property of \mathbb{Q} . Then $\frac{1}{r}(rx) = (\frac{1}{r}r)(x) = x$. We have reached a contradiction since x is irrational. That is, rx is irrational.

2. Prove that there is no rational number whose square is 12.

Suppose there is a rational number whose square is 12. Let $\frac{a}{b}$ be this rational number. Then $a^2 = 12b^2$. By the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, we can write a , b , and 12 as a product of *unique* primes. Let p_i and q_i be prime numbers and $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then $a = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdot p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_n^{\alpha_n}$, $b = q_1^{\beta_1} \cdot q_2^{\beta_2} \cdots q_n^{\beta_n}$, and $12 = 2^2 \cdot 3$. We now have

$$\begin{aligned} (p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdot p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_n^{\alpha_n})^2 &= 2^2 \cdot 3 (q_1^{\beta_1} \cdot q_2^{\beta_2} \cdots q_n^{\beta_n})^2 \\ p_1^{2\alpha_1} \cdot p_2^{2\alpha_2} \cdots p_n^{2\alpha_n} &= 2^2 \cdot 3 (q_1^{2\beta_1} \cdot q_2^{2\beta_2} \cdots q_n^{2\beta_n}) \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

Let $p_k^{2\alpha_k}$ be $3^{2\alpha_k}$ and $q_m = 3^{2\beta_m}$. Then by equation (1.1)

$$\begin{aligned} 3^{2\alpha_k} &= 3 \cdot 3^{2\beta_m} \\ &= 3^{2\beta_m+1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $2\alpha_k = 2\beta_m + 1$ which is a contradiction since an even number can never be an odd number. That is, there is no rational number whose square is 12.

3. Prove Proposition 1.15.

Proposition 1.15 states that the axioms for multiplication imply the following statements.

- (a) If $x \neq 0$ and $xy = xz$, then $y = z$.

By the field axioms of multiplication, since $x \neq 0$,

$$y = 1 \cdot y = \frac{1}{x}xy = \frac{1}{x}xz = \frac{1}{x}xz = z$$

as was needed to be shown.

- (b) If $x \neq 0$ and $xy = x$, then $y = 1$.

Since $x \neq 0$, we have

$$y = 1 \cdot y = \frac{1}{x}xy = \frac{1}{x}x = 1$$

as was needed to shown.

- (c) If $x \neq 0$ and $xy = 1$, then $y = 1/x$.

Again, since we have that $x \neq 0$,

$$y = 1 \cdot y = \frac{1}{x}xy = \frac{1}{x} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{x}$$

as was needed to be shown.

(d) If $x \neq 0$, then $1/(1/x) = x$

Again, since we have that $x \neq 0$,

$$\frac{1}{1/x} = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{1/x} = x \frac{1}{x} \frac{1}{1/x} = x \frac{1}{x} x = x$$

as was needed to be shown.

4. Let E be a nonempty subset of an ordered set; suppose α is a lower bound of E and β is an upper bound of E . Prove that $\alpha \leq \beta$.

Since $E \neq \emptyset$, $x \in E$. Since α is a lower bound, $\alpha \leq x$, and since β is an upper bound, $\beta \geq x$. By the transitivity property, $\alpha \leq \beta$.

5. Let A be a nonempty set of real numbers which is bounded below. Let $-A$ be the set of all numbers $-x$, where $x \in A$. Prove that

$$\inf A = -\sup(-A).$$

Since A is nonempty and bounded below, $A = \{x : x \in A\}$ and $\inf(A) = \alpha$. Now, $-A = \{-x : x \in A\}$ is also nonempty. Since α is the infimum of A , $\alpha \leq x$ for all $x \in A$. By multiplying by -1 , we get the following inequality

$$\alpha \leq x \Rightarrow -\alpha \geq -x.$$

That is, $-\alpha$ is an upper bound of $-A$. Suppose $-\gamma = \sup(-A)$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. Then $-\gamma + \varepsilon \notin -A$

$$-\alpha \geq -\gamma + \varepsilon \geq -\gamma \geq -x$$

Again, by multiplying by negative one, we have

$$\alpha \leq \gamma - \varepsilon \leq \gamma \leq x$$

but $\gamma - \varepsilon \notin A$ so γ is a lower bound of A which would contradict the fact that α is the greatest lower bound of A . In order for γ to be the lower bound, $\gamma = \alpha$ since the infimum is unique. So $-\alpha = \sup(-A)$. Therefore, $\alpha = \inf(A) = -\sup(-A) = -(-\alpha) = \alpha$.

6. Fix $b > 1$.

(a) If m, n, p, q are integers, $n, q > 0$, and $r = m/n = p/q$, prove that

$$(b^m)^{1/n} = (b^p)^{1/q}.$$

Hence it makes sense to define $b^r = (b^m)^{1/n}$.

Since $n, q > 0$, $nr = m = np/q$.

$$(b^m)^{1/n} = (b^{np/q})^{1/n} = [(b^p)^{n/q}]^{1/n} = (b^p)^{1/q} = b^{p/q} = b^r$$

(b) Prove that $b^{r+s} = b^r b^s$ if r and s are rational.

Let $r = \frac{a}{b}$ and $s = \frac{c}{d}$. Then

$$b^{r+s} = b^{(ad+bc)/(bd)} = (b^{ad+bc})^{1/(bd)} = (b^a)^{1/b} (b^c)^{1/d} = b^r b^s$$

(c) If x is real, define $B(x)$ to be the set of all numbers b^t , where t is rational and $t \leq x$. Prove that

$$b^r = \sup B(r)$$

when r is rational. Hence it makes sense to define

$$b^x = \sup B(x)$$

for every real x .

From the statement $b^r = \sup B(r)$, we see that $b^r \in B(r)$. Let $b^t \in B(r)$. Then $b^r = b^t b^{r-t}$. Since $b > 1$, $b^t 1^{r-t} \leq b^t b^{r-t} = b^r$; therefore, $b^t \leq b^r$ for all $b^t \in B(r)$ so $b^r = \sup B(r)$.

(d) Prove that $b^{x+y} = b^x b^y$ for all real x and y .

7. Fix $b > 1$, $y > 0$, and prove that there is a unique real x such that $b^x = y$, by completing the following outline. (This is called the logarithm of y to the base of b .)

(a) For any positive integer n , $b^n - 1 \geq n(b - 1)$.

From Theorem 1.21, we have that $b^n - a^n = (b - a)(b^{n-1} + b^{n-2}a + \cdots + a^{n-1})$. Therefore, we now have

$$\begin{aligned} b^n - 1 &= (b - 1)(b^{n-1} + b^{n-2}1 + \cdots + b1^{n-2} + 1^{n-1}) \\ &\geq (b - 1)(1^{n-1} + 1^{n-2}1 + \cdots + (1)1^{n-2} + 1^{n-1}) \\ &= n(b - 1)1^{n-1} \\ &= n(b - 1) \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

where equation (1.2) occurs from letting $b = 1$, and since $b > 1$, we get the less than or equal to inequality.

(b) Hence $b - 1 \geq n(b^{1/n} - 1)$.

(c) If $t > 1$ and $n > (b - 1)/(t - 1)$, then $b^{1/n} < t$.

(d) If w is such that $b^w < y$, then $b^{w+1/n} < y$ for sufficiently large n ; to see this, apply part (c) with $t = y \cdot b^{-w}$.

(e) If $b^w > y$, then $b^{w-1/n} > y$ for sufficiently large n .

(f) Let A be the set of all w such that $b^w < y$, and show that $x = \sup(A)$ satisfies $b^x = y$.

(g) Prove that x is unique.

8. Prove that no order can be defined in the complex field that turns it into an ordered field. *Hint: -1 is a square*

Suppose that $i > 0$. Then $i^2 = -1 \not> 0$. Instead, let's suppose that $i < 0$. Then $i^4 = 1 \not< 0$. Therefore, \mathbb{C} is not ordered.

9. Suppose $z = a + bi$, $w = c + di$. Define $z < w$ if $a < c$, and also $a = c$ but $b < d$. Prove that this turns the set of all complex numbers into an ordered set. (This type of relation is called a *dictionary order*, or *lexicographic order*, for obvious reasons.) Does this ordered set have the least upper bound property?

The Law of Trichotomy states that a real number is either positive, negative, or zero. In other words, if $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, then $x < y$, $x = y$, or $x > y$. Let $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $a < c$, $a = c$, or $a > c$. If $a < c$, then $z < w$. If $a > c$, then $z > w$. For $a = c$, we have either $b < d$, $b = d$, or $b > d$. If $b < d$, then $z < w$. If $b > d$, then $z > w$. Finally, if $b = d$, then $z = w$. Let $z, w, u \in \mathbb{C}$ and $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}$ such that z and w are defined as above and $u = e + if$. We need to show the transitive property. That is, if $z < w$ and $w < u$, then $z < u$. Since $z < w$ and $w < u$, we have that either $a < c$ or $a = c$ and $b < d$ and $c < e$ or $c = e$ and $d < f$. If $a < c$ and $c < e$, then $a < e$ and $z < u$. If $a < c$, $c = e$, and $d < f$, then $z < u$ since $b < d < f$. If $a = c$, $b < d$, and $c < e$, then $a = c < e$ so $z < u$. If $a = c$, $b < d$, $c = e$, and $d < f$, then $a = c = e$ and $b < d < f$ so $z < u$. Thus, \mathbb{C} is an order set under the dictionary order. Since \mathbb{C} is an order set under the dictionary order, we have by the completeness axiom that \mathbb{C} with the dictionary order has the least upper bound property.

10. Suppose $z = a + bi$, $w = u + iv$, and

$$a = \left(\frac{|w| + u}{2} \right)^{1/2}, \quad b = \left(\frac{|w| - u}{2} \right)^{1/2}.$$

Prove that $z^2 = w$ if $v \geq 0$ and that $\bar{z}^2 = w$ if $v \leq 0$. Conclude that every complex number (with one exception!) has two complex square roots.

We have that $z^2 = a^2 - b^2 + 2abi$ so $a^2 - b^2 = u$.

$$2ab = 2 \left(\frac{|w| + u}{2} \frac{|w| - u}{2} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$= \pm \sqrt{|w|^2 - u^2}$$

$$= \pm v$$

For $v \geq 0$, $z^2 = u + iv = w$. Now, $\bar{z}^2 = a^2 - b^2 - 2abi$, so again we have $a^2 - b^2 = u$ and $-2ab = \mp v$. If $v \leq 0$, then $\bar{z}^2 = u + iv = w$. Therefore, all nonzero complex numbers have two complex square roots.

11. If z is a complex number, prove that there exists an $r \geq 0$ and a complex number w with $|w| = 1$ such that $z = rw$. Are w and r always uniquely determined by z ?

Since $|w| = 1$, we can write w as $w = \frac{z}{|z|}$. Then let $r = |z|$ so $z = rw$ where w and r are unique. If $z = 0$, then $r = 0$ and $w \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $|w| = 1$. Therefore, w is not unique.

12. If z_1, \dots, z_n are complex, prove that

$$|z_1 + z_2 + \dots + z_n| \leq |z_1| + |z_2| + \dots + |z_n|.$$

First, we will show the triangle inequality is true for $n = 2$ and use induction for $n \geq 2$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. For $n = 2$, we need to show $|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$.

$$\begin{aligned} |z_1 + z_2|^2 &= (z_1 + z_2)(\bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2) \\ &= z_1\bar{z}_1 + z_1\bar{z}_2 + z_2\bar{z}_1 + z_2\bar{z}_2 \\ &\leq |z_1|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(z_1\bar{z}_2) + |z_2|^2 \\ &= (|z_1| + |z_2|)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Taking square roots of the left and right sides, we have the desired results. Suppose this is true for $k < n$. Then

$$|z_1 + \dots + z_k| \leq |z_1| + \dots + |z_k|.$$

Now, we need to show it is true for $k + 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} |z_1 + \dots + z_{k+1}| &= |(z_1 + \dots + z_k) + z_{k+1}| \\ &\leq |z_1 + \dots + z_k| + |z_{k+1}| \\ &\leq |z_1| + \dots + |z_{k+1}| \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the principle of mathematical induction, the n dimensional triangle inequality is true.

13. If x, y are complex, prove that

$$||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|.$$

Let $x = x + y - y$. Then by the triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |x + y - y| &\leq |x - y| + |y| \\ |x| &\leq |x - y| + |y| \\ |x| - |y| &\leq |x - y| \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we could let $y = y + x - x$ and conclude

$$|y| - |x| \leq |x - y|.$$

Thus,

$$||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|.$$

14. If z is a complex number such that $|z| = 1$, that is, such that $z\bar{z} = 1$, compute

$$|1 + z|^2 + |1 - z|^2.$$

We have that $|z|^2 = z\bar{z}$ so

$$\begin{aligned} |1 + z|^2 + |1 - z|^2 &= (1 + z)(1 + \bar{z}) + (1 - z)(1 - \bar{z}) \\ &= 2 + z + \bar{z} + 2 - z - \bar{z} \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

15. Under what conditions does equality hold in the Schwarz inequality?

The Schwarz inequality (also known as the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality) is

$$\left| \sum_j^n a_j \bar{b}_j \right|^2 \leq \sum_j^n |a_j|^2 \sum_j^n |b_j|^2.$$

Let $A = \sum |a_j|^2$, $B = \sum |\bar{b}_j|^2$, and $C = \sum |a_j \bar{b}_j|^2$. From the Theorem 1.35 on page 15 in the book, we have that $0 = B(AB - |C|^2)$. Therefore, equality holds if $B = 0$ or $AB - |C|^2 = 0$.

16. Suppose $k \geq 3$, $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^k$, $|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| = d > 0$, and $r > 0$. Prove:

(a) If $2r > d$, there are infinitely many $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ such that

$$|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{x}| = |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}| = r.$$

(b) If $2r = d$, there exactly one such \mathbf{z} .

By the triangle inequality, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} d &= |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| \\ &= |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}| \\ &= |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}| \\ &\leq |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{x}| + |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}| \\ &= 2r \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if $|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| = |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{x}| + |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}|$. Let $\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})/2$ then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{x}| + |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y}| &= |\mathbf{y}/2 - \mathbf{x}/2| + |\mathbf{x}/2 - \mathbf{y}/2| \\ &= 2|\mathbf{x}/2 - \mathbf{y}/2| \\ &= |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, when \mathbf{z} is as described, $d = 2r$.

(c) If $2r < d$, there is no such \mathbf{z} .

Again, here we can use the triangle inequality from b. We have that $d \leq 2r$ so $d \not\geq 2r$; therefore, no solution exists.

How must these statements be modified if k is 2 or 1?

17. Prove that

$$|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}|^2 + |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2 = 2|\mathbf{x}|^2 + 2|\mathbf{y}|^2$$

if $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Interpret this geometrically, as a statement about parallelograms.

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}|^2 &= (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \\ &= |\mathbf{x}|^2 + 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} + |\mathbf{y}|^2 \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2 &= (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \\ &= |\mathbf{x}|^2 - 2\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} + |\mathbf{y}|^2 \end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

Then by adding equations (1.3) and (1.4), we have

$$|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}|^2 + |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2 = 2|\mathbf{x}|^2 + 2|\mathbf{y}|^2$$

Then $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$ is the longer diagonal of the parallelogram and $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$ is the shorter diagonal of the parallelogram see figure 1.1.

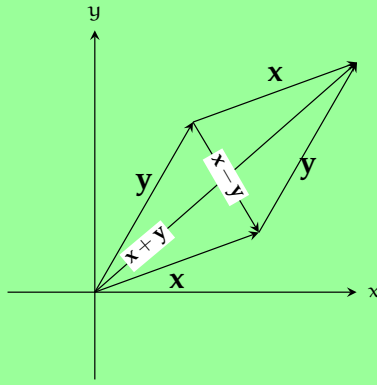


Figure 1.1: The parallelogram for vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} .

Then the sum of squares of the diagonals of a parallelogram are equal to the sum of the squares of the sides of the parallelogram.

18. If $k \geq 2$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k$, prove that there exists $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ such that $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0}$ but $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = 0$. Is this also true if $k = 1$?

If $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, then the components of \mathbf{y} can be any real numbers. If $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$, then

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_k & -x_{k-1} & \cdots & -x_1 \end{bmatrix}^T.$$

For $k = 1$, this is not true since for the multiplication of any two nonzero real numbers is nonzero.

19. Suppose $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^k$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Find $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $r > 0$ such that

$$|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}| = 2|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}|$$

if and only if $|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}| = r$. (Solutions $3\mathbf{c} = 4\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$, $3r = 2|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}|$.)

2 Basic Topology

1. Prove that the empty set is a subset of every set.

Let A be set. If $x \notin A$, then $x \notin \emptyset$. Since \emptyset is the empty set, $x \notin \emptyset$ is a given. By contrapositive, if $x \in \emptyset$, then $x \in A$; therefore, $\emptyset \subset A$.

2. A complex number z is said to be *algebraic* if there are integers a_0, \dots, a_n , not all zero, such that

$$a_0 z^n + a_1 z^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} z + a_n = 0.$$

Prove that the set of all algebraic numbers is countable. *Hint: For every positive integer N there are only finitely many equations with*

$$n + |a_0| + |a_1| + \dots + |a_n| = N.$$

Let $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and A_N be the set of algebraic equations for a given N . Since $1 \leq n \leq N$, each A_N is finite. The set of algebraic numbers is $\bigcup_{N \in \mathbb{Z}^+} A_N$. The union of countable sets is countable so the set of algebraic numbers is countable.

3. Prove that there exist real numbers which are not algebraic.

The set of algebraic numbers are countable. Therefore, the set of algebraic real numbers would also be countable. The real numbers are an uncountable set and the union of uncountable sets are not countable. We have reached a contradiction so there are real numbers which are not algebraic.

4. Is the set of all irrational real numbers countable?

No. Let \mathbb{I} be the set of irrational numbers and \mathbb{Q} be the set of rational numbers. Then $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{I} \cup \mathbb{Q}$. The set of rational numbers is countable. If \mathbb{I} were countable, then \mathbb{R} would be countable as well.

5. Construct a bounded set of real numbers with exactly three limit points.

Let $A_0 = \{1/n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$, $A_1 = \{1 + 1/n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$, and $A_2 = \{2 + 1/n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$. Then the limit point of A_0 is 0, the limit point of A_1 is 1, and the limit point of A_2 is 2. Let $S = A_0 \cup A_1 \cup A_2$. Now S is bounded below by zero and above by three with limit points 0, 1, 2.

6. Let E' be the set of all limit points of a set E . Prove that E' is closed. Prove that E and \bar{E} have the same limit points. (Recall that $\bar{E} = E \cup E'$.) Do E and E' always have the same limit points?

Let $x \notin E'$. Then x is not a limit point of E . Now x has a neighborhood which doesn't intersect with E' so the complement of E' is open; therefore, E' is closed. If x is a limit point of E then $x \in E'$ so x is a limit point of \bar{E} . Suppose x is a limit point of \bar{E} . Then $x \in \bar{E}$ since \bar{E} is closed. Thus, $x \in E'$ or $x \in E$. If $x \in E'$, then x is a limit point of E so suppose x is in E . Then we have a neighborhood $N_r(x)$ for $r > 0$ such that $N \cap E = \{x\}$. Since E' is closed, x isn't a limit point of E' . Let $M_r(x)$ be a neighborhood of x such that $M \cap E' = \emptyset$. Let $V = N \cap M$ where V is a neighborhood of x . Now $V \cap \bar{E} = (V \cap E) \cup (V \cap E') = \{x\} \cup \emptyset = \{x\}$; therefore, x is a limit point of \bar{E} so $x \in E'$ and is a limit point of E . No, consider $E = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$. Then $E' = \{0\}$ and $(E')^c$ is \emptyset .

7. Let A_1, A_2, \dots be subsets of a metric space.

- (a) If $B_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$, prove that $\bar{B}_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bar{A}_i$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$

For $n = 2$, $\bar{B} = \overline{A_1 \cup A_2} = \bar{A}_1 \cup \bar{A}_2$. Suppose $x \in \overline{A_1 \cup A_2}$. Then $x \in A_1 \cup A_1' \cup A_2 \cup A_2'$ since $\bar{E} = E \cup E'$. Therefore, $x \in \bar{A}_1 \cup \bar{A}_2$ so $\overline{A_1 \cup A_2} \subseteq \bar{A}_1 \cup \bar{A}_2$. Suppose $x \in \bar{A}_1 \cup \bar{A}_2$. Then $x \in A_1 \cup A_2 \cup (A_1 \cup A_2)' = \overline{A_1 \cup A_2}$. Thus, we have that $\bar{A}_1 \cup \bar{A}_2 \subseteq \overline{A_1 \cup A_2}$ and that $\bar{A}_1 \cup \bar{A}_2 = \overline{A_1 \cup A_2}$. Now we can show the closure of the union of n subsets is the union of closure of the subsets.

$$\bar{B}_n = \overline{\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \overline{A_1 \cup \bigcup_{i=2}^n A_i} \\
&= \bar{A}_1 \cup \bigcup_{i=2}^n \bar{A}_i \\
&= \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bar{A}_i
\end{aligned}$$

(b) If $B_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$, prove that $\bar{B} \supset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \bar{A}_i$.

From the premise, we have that $B_n \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ and $B_n \supseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$.

8. Is every point of every open set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ a limit point of E ? Answer the same question for closed sets of \mathbb{R}^2 .

Let $x \in E$. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Let $N_{\epsilon}(x)$ be a neighborhood about x of radius ϵ . Now $N \cap E \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and the intersection of a finite number of open sets is open. Therefore, $N \cap E$ open neighborhood about x . Thus, x is a limit point of E .

Let the closed set E consist of only the point $p = (0,0)$. Every open neighborhood of p contains no points of E except p . Thus, p is not a limit point of E .

9. Let E° denote the set of all interior points of a set E .

(a) Prove that E° is always open.

Let $x \in E^{\circ}$ and $\epsilon > 0$. There exists $y \in E$ such that $d(x, y) < \epsilon$. Let $r = \epsilon - d(x, y) > 0$. If $d(z, y) < r = \epsilon - d(x, y)$, then $d(z, y) + d(x, y) < \epsilon$. By the triangle inequality, $d(x, z) \leq d(z, y) + d(x, y) < \epsilon$. Therefore, $z \in E$. Now, $y \in E^{\circ}$ if there is a neighborhood of y such that $N_{\delta}(y) \subset E$. Let $\delta < \epsilon/2$. Then $N_{\delta}(y) = d(x, y) \subset E$. Thus, y is interior point and E° is always open.

(b) Prove that E is open if and only if $E^{\circ} = E$.

Suppose E is open. By definition, E is open if every point of E is an interior point of E or $E = E^{\circ}$. Suppose $E = E^{\circ}$. Then every point of E is an interior point of E so it follows that E is open by definition.

(c) If $G \subset E$ and G is open, prove that $G \subset E^{\circ}$.

By exercise 9(b), if G is open, $G = G^{\circ}$. Therefore, $G = G^{\circ} \subseteq E^{\circ} \subset E$ as was needed to be shown.

(d) Prove that the complement of E° is the closure of the complement of E .

(e) Do E and \bar{E} always have the same interiors?

Let $E = \mathbb{Q}$. Then $\bar{E} = \mathbb{R}$ so $E^{\circ} = \emptyset$ and $\bar{E}^{\circ} = \mathbb{R}$. Thus, they don't always have the same interiors.

(f) Do E and E° always have the same closures?

Let $E = \mathbb{Q}$. Then $E^{\circ} = \emptyset$ so $\bar{E} = \mathbb{R}$ and $\bar{E}^{\circ} = \emptyset$. Thus, they don't always have the same closures.

10. Let X be an infinite set. For $p \in X$ and $q \in X$, define

$$d(p, q) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } p \neq q \\ 0, & \text{if } p = q \end{cases}$$

Prove that this a metric space. Which subsets of the resulting metric space are open? Which are closed? Which are compact?

By definition, the separation and coincidence axioms are satisfied. That is,

$$d(p, q) \geq 0$$

for $p \neq q$ and zero when $p = q$. For $p \neq q$, $d(p, q) = 1 = d(q, p)$, and when $p = q$, $d(p, q) = d(p, p) = 0$. Thus, symmetry is satisfied $d(p, q) = d(q, p)$. For the triangle inequality, if $p = q = r$, then we have $d(p, q) \leq d(p, r) + d(q, r) \Rightarrow 0 \leq 0$. If $p \neq q \neq r$, then $1 \leq 2$, and if $p = q$, then $0 \leq 2$.

11. For $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}$, define

$$\begin{aligned}d_1(x, y) &= (x - y)^2 \\d_2(x, y) &= \sqrt{|x - y|} \\d_3(x, y) &= |x^2 - y^2| \\d_4(x, y) &= |x - 2y| \\d_5(x, y) &= \frac{|x - y|}{1 + |x - y|}\end{aligned}$$

Determine for each of these, whether it is a metric or not.

For d_1 , note that squaring is ≥ 0 for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and only when $x = y \Rightarrow (x - x)^2 = 0$. For symmetry, it is easy to show that $(x - y)^2 = [(-1)(y - x)]^2 = (y - x)^2$. For the triangle inequality, assume that $x \neq y \neq z$ because if they are we have $0 \leq 0$ and the identity holds.

$$\begin{aligned}d_1(x, z) &\leq d_1(x, y) + d_1(z, y) \\x^2 - 2xz + z^2 &\leq x^2 - 2xy + 2y^2 - 2yz + z^2 \\y(x + z) &\leq y^2 + xz\end{aligned}$$

Take $y = 0$. Then $0 \leq xz$. As long as either x or y are different signs \pm , the inequality doesn't hold. For instance, let $y = 0$, $x = -1$, and $z = 2$.

$$9 \not\leq 1 + 4 = 5$$

Therefore, d_1 is not a metric. For d_2 , $|x - y| \geq 0$ and $|x - y| = 0$ iff $x = y$. Therefore, $d_2(x, y) = \sqrt{|x - y|} \geq 0$ and zero iff $x = y$.

$$d_2(x, y) = \sqrt{|x - y|} = \sqrt{|(-1)(y - x)|} = \sqrt{|y - x|} = d_2(y, x)$$

For the triangle inequality, it is vacuously true when $x = y = z$.

$$\begin{aligned}d_2(x, z) &\leq d_2(x, y) + d_2(y, z) \\|x - z| &\leq |x - y| + |y - z| + 2\sqrt{|x - y|}\sqrt{|y - z|}\end{aligned}$$

By the triangle inequality, we can write $|x - z|$ as

$$|x - z| = |x - y + y - z| \leq |x - y| + |y - z|$$

Since $2\sqrt{|x - y|}\sqrt{|y - z|} > 0$ for $x \neq y \neq z$, $d_2(x, z) \leq d_2(x, y) + d_2(y, z)$ and d_2 is a metric. d_3 is not a metric since $|x^2 - y^2| = 0$ if $x = -y$ or $y = -x$. For example, let $x = 1$ and $y = -1$. Then $|1 - (-1)^2| = 0$. d_4 is not metric since $|x - 2x| = |-x| = |x|$ which is only zero when $x = 0$. Therefore, for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $x = y$ doesn't yield zero. For d_5 , we have already established that $|x - y| \geq 0$ and zero iff $x = y$. Since the numerator is $|x - y|$,

$$\frac{|x - y|}{1 + |x - y|} \geq 0$$

and zero iff $x = y$.

$$\begin{aligned}d_5(x, y) &= \frac{|x - y|}{1 + |x - y|} \\&= \frac{|(-1)(y - x)|}{1 + |(-1)(y - x)|} \\&= \frac{|y - x|}{1 + |y - x|} \\&= d_5(y, x)\end{aligned}$$

For the triangle inequality, we will multiple through by $(1 + |x - z|)(1 + |x - y|)(1 + |y - z|)$. After simplifying, we will be left with

$$|x - z| \leq |x - y| + |y - z| + 2|x - y||y - z| + |x - y||y - z||x - z|$$

By the triangle inequality, we have that $|x - z| \leq |x - y| + |y - z|$. Since the other terms are strictly greater than or equal to zero with equality only when $x = y = z$, we can see that d_5 is a metric.

12. Let $K \subset \mathbb{R}$ consist of 0 and the numbers $1/n$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Prove that K is compact directly from the definition (without using the Heine-Borel theorem).

Let $\{G_\alpha\}$ be an open cover of K . Therefore, for each α , G_α is open. Now, $0 \in K \subset \bigcup_\alpha G_\alpha$ so 0 exists in some G_α . Let $0 \in G_{\alpha_0}$. For each G_α , we can find a neighborhood of 0 contained in G_α . Let $\epsilon > 0$. Then $N_\epsilon(0) \subset G_\alpha$. Let $n \geq N$ such that $n > 1/\epsilon \iff \epsilon > 1/n$. Since $n < n+1 < \dots$, $\epsilon > 1/n > 1/(n+1) > \dots$. We can look at this in terms of a metric d

$$\epsilon > d(0, 1/n) > d[0, 1/(n+1)] > \dots$$

For all $n \geq N$, $1/n \in N_\epsilon(0) \subset G_{\alpha_0}$. The only points not in G_{α_0} are $\{1, 1/2, \dots, 1/(n-1)\}$. Since each of these points are in $K \subset G_\alpha$, each point exists in some G_{α_i} . Let $1 \in G_{\alpha_1}$, $1/2 \in G_{\alpha_2}, \dots, G_{\alpha_{n-1}}$. Thus, K belongs to a finite cover $K \subset \bigcup_{i=0}^{n-1} G_{\alpha_i}$.

13. Construct a compact set of real numbers whose limit points form a countable set.

Let $A = \{0\} \cup \{1/n : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\} \cup \{1/n + 1/m : n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$. Then $A' = \{0\} \cup \{1/n : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$. Since for each n and $m \rightarrow \infty$, $\{1/n + 1/m\} \rightarrow 1/n$ and for $n, m \rightarrow \infty$, $\{1/n + 1/m\} \rightarrow 0$. Thus, $A' \subset A$ and A is closed. Since $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, the elements of A are all non-negative so A is bounded below by zero. The maximum of A is when $n = m = 1$ which is $\max\{A\} = 2$; therefore, A is bounded above by two. Now, A is closed and bounded so by the Heine-Borel theorem, A is compact. The limit points of A are the non-negative rational numbers of the form $1/n$. Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Let $x = 1/n$. Define

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = 0 \\ n, & x = \frac{1}{n} \end{cases}$$

Clearly, f is a bijection. Now, f enumerates $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ which is the set $\mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$. Thus, f is a bijection to a subset of the integers; therefore, A is a compact set of real numbers whose limit points form a countable set.

14. Give an example of an open cover of the segment $(0, 1)$ which has no finite subcover.

Let $K_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{n}, 1)$. Then K_n is an open cover of $(0, 1)$. Suppose there exists a finite $N > 0$ such that $\{K_1, \dots, K_N\}$ covers $(0, 1)$. Then $\bigcup_{n=1}^N K_n = (\frac{1}{N}, 1)$ but $\frac{1}{2N} \notin \bigcup_{n=1}^N K_n$. Therefore, K_n doesn't have a finite subcover of $(0, 1)$.

15. Show that Theorem 2.36 and its Corollary become false (in \mathbb{R} , for example) if the word "compact" is replaced by "closed" or by "bounded".

Theorem 2.36: If $\{K_\alpha\}$ is a collection of compact subsets of a metric space X such that the intersection of every finite subcollection of $\{K_\alpha\}$ is nonempty, then $\bigcap K_\alpha$ is nonempty.

Consider the bounded set $\{K_\alpha\} = (0, 1/n)$ and the closed set $\{K_\beta\} = [n, \infty)$. Let $N > 0$ and finite. Then

$$\bigcap_{\alpha=1}^N K_\alpha = \left(0, \frac{1}{N}\right)$$

$$\bigcap_{\beta=1}^N K_\beta = [N, \infty)$$

which are both nonempty. If we take the intersection of the entire family of sets, our intersection will be empty since neither zero nor infinity is in their respected set. That is,

$$\bigcap_{\alpha=1}^{\infty} K_\alpha = \emptyset$$

$$\bigcap_{\beta=1}^{\infty} K_\beta = \emptyset$$

Thus, theorem 2.36 is false when compact is replaced by either closed or bounded.

Corollary: If $\{K_\alpha\}$ is a sequence of nonempty compact sets such that $K_n \supset K_{n+1}$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$, then $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n$ is not empty.

Consider the previous family of sets $\{K_\alpha\}$ and $\{K_\beta\}$.

16. Regard \mathbb{Q} , the set of all rational numbers, as a metric space, with $d(p, q) = |p - q|$. Let E be the set of all $p \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $2 < p^2 < 3$. Show that E is closed and bounded in \mathbb{Q} , but that E is not compact. Is E open in \mathbb{Q} ?

The set E is then $E = \{p \in \mathbb{Q} : (-\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) \text{ such that } 2 < p^2 < 3\}$. For all $p \in E$, $1 < p$ and $p < 2$; thus, E is bounded in \mathbb{Q} .

Let $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ be a limit point of E . If $x^2 < 2$, then $\pm x < \sqrt{2} \iff |x| < \sqrt{2} \iff 0 < \sqrt{2} - |x| = r_1$. Let $z \in N_{r_1}(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} |z| &= |z + x - x| \\ &= |-(x - z) + x| \\ &\leq |x - z| + |x| \\ &< r_1 + |x| \\ &= \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $z^2 < 2$ and $z \notin E$. A contradiction since a neighborhood of a limit point E must contain a point of E . Similarly, we can take $x^2 > 3$ to show again $z \in N_{r_2}(x)$ leads to $z \notin E$. Thus, E must contain its limits points and E is closed in \mathbb{Q} .

Compact

17. Let E be the set of all $x \in [0, 1]$ whose decimal expansion contains only the digits 4 and 7. Is E countable? Is E dense in $[0, 1]$? Is E compact? Is E perfect?

By cantor diagonalization argument, it can be shown that E is uncountable. Suppose E is countable and enumerate the elements of E as $\{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ where a_i is a decimal with only fours and sevens. Let d be the decimal representation of of i -th digit from the a_i s. Then $d \notin E$ but $d \in [0, 1]$. Thus, E is uncountable. Suppose $E \subset [0.4, 0.8]$ is dense in $[0, 1]$. Then every point of $[0, 1]$ is a limit point of E . However, E is closed and bounded so it contains all its limits points. Therefore, $[0, 1] \setminus E$ can't be limit points of E so E is not dense in $[0, 1]$. E is compact since it is closed and bounded. (missing E perfect proof)

18. Is there a nonempty perfect set in \mathbb{R} which contains no rational number?
19. (a) If A and B are disjoint closed sets in some metric space X , prove that they are separated.

A and B being disjoint means that $A \cap B = \emptyset$. A metric space E is closed if and only if $E = \bar{E} = E' \cup E$. Therefore, $A = \bar{A}$ and $B = \bar{B}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap B &= \bar{A} \cap B \\ &= A \cap \bar{B} \\ &= \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, A and B are separated since $\bar{A} \cap B = A \cap \bar{B} = \emptyset$.

- (b) Prove the same for disjoint open sets.

Suppose on the contrary that $A \cap \bar{B} \neq \emptyset$. Then there exists an $x \in A \cap \bar{B}$. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Since x is an interior point of A , there exists a neighborhood such that $N_\epsilon(x) \subset A$. Since x is a limit point of B , for all neighborhoods of x , we have $N_\epsilon(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset$. Therefore, $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ and we have reached a contradiction so disjoint open sets are separated.

- (c) Fix $p \in X$, $\delta > 0$, define A to be the set of all $q \in X$ for which $d(p, q) < \delta$, define B similarly, with $>$ in place of $<$. Prove that A and B are separated.

Since A and B are disjoint open sets, by exercise 19 (b), A and B are separated.

- (d) Prove that every connected metric space with at least two points is uncountable. *Hint: Use exercise 19 (c).*

Let X be a connected metric space and let $x, y \in X$. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given and set $d(x, y) = \epsilon$. For all $\delta \in (0, \epsilon)$, there exists a $z \in X$ such that $d(x, z) = \delta$. If this wasn't the case, metric space X would be made of two separated space similar to exercise 19 (c). Since $(0, \epsilon)$ is an interval of real numbers, by Cantor's diagonalization argument, the interval is uncountable. Since there exists a $z \in X$ for each δ , X is uncountable.

20. Are closures and interiors of connected sets always connected? (Look at subsets of \mathbb{R}^2 .)

Let $a > 0$. Let $E = [-a, a] \times \{0\} \cup (-\infty, -a] \times \mathbb{R} \cup [a, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$ be our connected set in \mathbb{R}^2 . The interior of E is $\text{Int}(E) = (-\infty, -a) \times \mathbb{R} \cup (a, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$. Let $A = (-\infty, -a) \times \mathbb{R}$ and $B = (a, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$. Then the interior of E is separated since $A \cap \bar{B} = \bar{A} \cap B = \emptyset$. Therefore, the closures and interiors of connected sets are not always connected.

21. Let A and B be separated subsets of some \mathbb{R}^k , suppose $\mathbf{a} \in A$, $\mathbf{b} \in B$, and define

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = (1-t)\mathbf{a} + t\mathbf{b}$$

for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Put $A_0 = \mathbf{p}^{-1}(A)$, $B_0 = \mathbf{p}^{-1}(B)$. (Thus $t \in A_0$ if and only if $\mathbf{p}(t) \in A$.)

- Prove that A_0 and B_0 are separated subsets of \mathbb{R} .
 - Prove that there exists $t_0 \in (0, 1)$ such that $\mathbf{p}(t_0) \notin A \cup B$.
 - Prove that every convex subset of \mathbb{R}^k is connected.
22. A metric space is *separable* if it contains a countable dense subset. Show that \mathbb{R}^k is separable. *Hint: Consider the set of points which have only rational coordinates*
23. A collection $\{V_\alpha\}$ of open subsets of X is said to be a *base* for X if the following is true: For every $x \in X$ and every open set $G \subset X$ such that $x \in G$, we have $x \in V_\alpha \subset G$ for some α . In other words, every open set in X is the union of a subcollection of $\{V_\alpha\}$. Prove that every separable metric space has a *countable* base. *Hint: Take all neighborhoods with rational radius and center in some countable dense subset of X .*
24. Let X be a metric space in which every infinite subset has a limit point. Prove that X is separable. *Hint: Fix $\delta > 0$, and pick $x_1 \in X$. Having chosen $x_1, \dots, x_j \in X$, choose $x_{j+1} \in X$, if possible, so that $d(x_i, x_{j+1}) \geq \delta$ for $i = 1, \dots, j$. Show that this process must stop after a finite number of steps, and that X can therefore be covered by finitely many neighborhoods of radius δ . Take $\delta = 1/n$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$), and consider the centers of the corresponding neighborhoods.*
25. Prove that every compact metric space K has a countable base, and that K is therefore separable. *Hint: For every positive integer n , there are finitely many neighborhoods of radius $1/n$ whose union covers K .*
26. Let X be a metric space in which every infinite subset has a limit point. Prove that X is compact. *Hint: By exercise 23, and 24., X has a countable base. It follows that every open cover of X has a countable subcover $\{G_n\}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. If no finite subcollection of $\{G_n\}$ covers X , then the complement F_n of $G_1 \cup \dots \cup G_n$ is nonempty for each n , but $\bigcap F_n$ is empty. If E is a set which contains a point from each F_n , consider a limit point of E , and obtain a contradiction.*
27. Define a point p in a metric space X to be *condensation point* of a set $E \subset X$ if every neighborhood of p contains uncountably many points of E . Suppose $E \subset \mathbb{R}^k$, E is uncountable, and let P be the set of all condensation points of E . Prove that P is perfect and that at most countably many points of E are not in P . In other words, show that $P^c \cap E$ is at most countable. *Hint: Let $\{V_n\}$ be a countable base of \mathbb{R}^k , let W be the union of those V_n for which $E \cap V_n$ is at most countable, and show that $P = W^c$.*
28. Prove that every closed set in a separable metric space is the union of a (possibly empty) perfect set and a set which is at most countable. (Corollary: Every countable closed set in \mathbb{R}^k has isolated points.) *Hint: Use exercise 27.*
29. Prove that every open set in \mathbb{R}^1 is the union of an at most countable collection of disjoint segments. *Hint: Use exercise 22.*

Since \mathbb{R}^1 contains a countable dense subset, \mathbb{R}^1 is separable by exercise 22. This countable dense subset is Q . Let $E \subset \mathbb{R}^1$ be open. Now $E \cap Q$ is a countable dense subset in E . Pick open intervals in E around the rationals in E . Therefore, E is the union of these intervals which are countable. These intervals, unfortunately, overlap at the inf and sup. Let $x \in E \cap Q$. Take the intervals in E that contain x , I_1 . Let $y \in E \cap Q$. Again, take the intervals in E but construct the intervals as $E \setminus I_1$ that contain y , I_2 . Continuing on in this fashion, we obtain a countable collection of disjoint intervals $\{I_1, I_2, \dots\} \subset E$ and these intervals cover E .

30. Imitate the proof of Theorem 2.43 to obtain the following results:

If $\mathbb{R}^k = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$, where each F_n is a closed subset of \mathbb{R}^k , then at least one F_n has a nonempty interior.

Equivalent statement: If G_n is a dense open subset of \mathbb{R}^k , for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ then $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n$ is not empty (in fact, it is dense in \mathbb{R}^k).

(This is a special case of Baire's theorem; see exercise 22, chapter 3, for the general case.)

Suppose on the contrary that $\mathbb{R}^k = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$, where each F_n is a closed subset of \mathbb{R}^k and that each F_n has an empty interior. Let $V_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n F_i$. For each n , F_n is closed so F_n^c is open. Then F_1^c is open. If $F_1^c = \emptyset$, then $F_1 = \mathbb{R}^k$ and $F_1^o \neq \emptyset$; therefore, $F_1^c \neq \emptyset$. Let K_1 be a neighborhood of F_1^c such that $\bar{K}_1 \cap V_1 = \emptyset$. Similarly, let $\bar{K}_n \cap V_n = \emptyset$. Let K_{n+1} be the neighborhood in $K_{n+1} \setminus F_{n+1} \neq \emptyset$ since $F_{n+1}^o \neq \emptyset$. Shrinking the neighborhood such that $\bar{K}_{n+1} \subset K_n$. Now $\bar{K}_{n+1} \cap V_{n+1} = \emptyset$ so $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{K}_n$ is disjoint for all F_n .

Theorem 2.39: Let k be a positive integer. If $\{I_n\}$ is a sequence of k -cells such that $I_n \supset I_{n+1}$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$, then $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$ is not empty.

Since \bar{K}_n is compact and $K_n \supset K_{n+1}$, $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{K}_n \neq \emptyset$ by theorem 2.39.

$$x \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{K}_n \subset \left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n \right)^c = (\mathbb{R}^k)^c = \emptyset$$

and we have reached a contradiction since $x \notin \emptyset$. Thus, atleast one F_n has a nonempty interior.

3 Numerical Sequences and Series

1. Prove that convergence of $\{s_n\}$ implies convergence of $\{|s_n|\}$. Is the converse true?

Since $\{s_n\}$ converges, it is Cauchy. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. There exist $n, m > N$ such that $|s_n - s_m| < \epsilon$ since $\{s_n\}$ is Cauchy.

$$\begin{aligned}|s_n| &= |s_n - s_m + s_m| \\ &\leq |s_n - s_m| + |s_m| \\ |s_n| - |s_m| &\leq |s_n - s_m|\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can show

$$\begin{aligned}|s_m| - |s_n| &\leq |s_m - s_n| \\ &= |s_n - s_m|\end{aligned}$$

so

$$||s_n| - |s_m|| \leq |s_n - s_m| < \epsilon.$$

No. Consider the sequence $\{s_n\} = (-1)^n$. Let $\epsilon = 1$. If $\{s_n\}$ converges, it will converge to ± 1 . WLOG assume $s_n \rightarrow 1$. Let $n > N$ such that n is odd.

$$|(-1)^n - 1| = |-1 - 1| = 2 \not< \epsilon$$

Therefore, the sequence $\{s_n\}$ doesn't converge. However, $\{|s_n|\}$ does converge to 1. Let $\epsilon > 0$ given. There exist an $n > N$ such that $|(-1)^n - 1| < \epsilon$. For any $n > N$, $(-1)^n = \pm 1$ and $|\pm 1| = 1$.

$$|(-1)^n - 1| = |1 - 1| = 0 < \epsilon$$

2. Calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n^2 + n} - n$.

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n^2 + n} - n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt{n^2 + n} - n \right) \frac{\sqrt{n^2 + n} + n}{\sqrt{n^2 + n} + n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2 + n} + n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2 + n} + n} \frac{1/n}{1/n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 1/n} + 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

3. If $s_1 = \sqrt{2}$ and

$$s_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{s_n}}$$

$n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ prove that $\{s_n\}$ converges, and that $s_n < 2$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Let $s_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{s_n}}$ be written as

$$s = \sqrt{2 + s} \Rightarrow s^2 - s - 2 = 0.$$

Then $\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{s_n}} < \sqrt{2 + s}$. Since we are dealing with real numbers, we are only looking for positive s .

$$s^2 - s - 2 = (s - 2)(s + 1) = 0 \tag{3.1}$$

so $s = 2, -1$. Thus, $s_n < 2$ so $\{s_n\}$ is bounded above by two. Additionally, since $s_1 = \sqrt{2}$, we have that $\sqrt{2} \leq s_n < 2$. The parabola is concave up and symmetrical about $s = 1/2$. That is, s monotonically increases from $(1/2, \infty)$ so $\{s_n\}$ monotonically increases on $[\sqrt{2}, 2)$. Theorem 3.14 states that monotonic sequences converge if and only if it is bounded. Therefore, since $\{s_n\}$ is bounded and monotonic, $\{s_n\}$ converges and it converges to 2.

4. Find the upper and lower limits of the sequence $\{s_n\}$ defined by

$$s_1 = 0, \quad s_{2m} = \frac{s_{2m-1}}{2}, \quad s_{2m+1} = \frac{1}{2} + s_{2m}.$$

Let's determine a few of the terms. Then $s_{2m} = \{0, 1/4, 3/8, 7/16, \dots\}$ and $s_{2m+1} = \{1/2, 3/4, 7/8, 15/16, \dots\}$ or we can write them as

$$s_{2m} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2^m}$$

$$s_{2m+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^m}$$

The $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \frac{1}{2^n} = 1$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2}$.

5. For any two real sequences $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}$, prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup(a_n + b_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup a_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup b_n,$$

provided the sum on the right is not of the form $\infty - \infty$.

Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup a_n = a$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup b_n = b$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup(a_n + b_n) = c$ where $a_n + b_n = c_n$. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Then there exist $N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that for $n \geq N_1$ and $n \geq N_2$

$$|a_n - a| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$|b_n - b| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Let $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$. Then when $n \geq N$,

$$|c_n - c| = |a_n + b_n - (a + b)| \tag{3.2}$$

$$\leq |a_n - a| + |b_n - b| \tag{3.3}$$

$$< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$= \epsilon$$

From equations (3.2) and (3.3), we have that

$$\limsup c_n \leq \limsup a_n + \limsup b_n,$$

and since $c_n = a_n + b_n$, the identity follows.

6. Investigate the behavior (convergence or divergence) of $\sum a_n$ if

(a) $a_n = \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}$

Let S_N be the N th partial sum. Then

$$S_N = \sum_{n=0}^N (\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) = 1 + \sqrt{2} - 1 + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2} + \dots + \sqrt{N} - \sqrt{N-1} + \sqrt{N+1} - \sqrt{N}$$

Therefore, the $S_N = \sqrt{N+1}$.

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{N+1} = \infty$$

so the series doesn't converge.

(b) $a_n = \frac{\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}}{n}$

Let's re-write the series by multiplying by the conjugate.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}}{n} \frac{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})}$$

Now

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n\sqrt{n}}$$

By theorem 3.28, $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$ converges if $p > 1$ and diverges if $p \leq 1$. Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n\sqrt{n}} < \infty$$

since $p = 3/2$ so

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})} < \infty.$$

(c) $a_n = (\sqrt[n]{n} - 1)^n$

By the root test,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|\sqrt[n]{n} - 1|^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\sqrt[n]{n} - 1|.$$

Let $x_n = \sqrt[n]{n} - 1$. Then

$$n = (x_n + 1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x_n^k = 1 + nx_n + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} x_n^2 + \dots$$

$$\text{so } \frac{n(n-1)}{2} x_n^2 < n \Rightarrow x_n^2 < \frac{2}{n-1} \Rightarrow x_n < \sqrt{\frac{2}{n-1}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\sqrt[n]{n} - 1| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_n| \\ &< \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{2}{n-1}} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\sqrt{\frac{2}{n-1}}$ converges and $x_n < \sqrt{\frac{2}{n-1}}$, x_n converges. By the root and comparison test,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt[n]{n} - 1)^n$$

converges.

(d) $a_n = \frac{1}{1+z^n}$ for complex values of z .

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+z^n} \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^n}$$

and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^n}$ converges for $|\frac{1}{z}| < 1$.

7. Prove that the convergence of $\sum a_n$ implies the convergence of

$$\sum \frac{\sqrt{a_n}}{n},$$

if $a_n \geq 0$.

For $a_n \geq 1$, $\sqrt{a_n} \leq a_n$. By the comparison test,

$$\sum \frac{\sqrt{a_n}}{n} < \sum a_n < \infty$$

so for $a_n \geq 1$, the series converges. For $0 \leq a_n < 1$, $a_n \leq \sqrt{a_n}$. We can write all rationals and irrational numbers in $[0, 1)$ as b/n for $b \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$. Then

$$\sum \frac{\sqrt{a_n}}{n} = \frac{\sqrt{b}}{n\sqrt{n}} < \infty$$

since $p = 3/2 > 1$ so the series converges.

8. If $\sum a_n$ converges, and if $\{b_n\}$ is monotonic and bounded, prove that $\sum a_n b_n$ converges.

By theorem 3.14, we know that monotonic bounded sequences converge. Let $\{b_n\} \rightarrow M$ for some number $M < \infty$ or $|b_n| \leq M$. Since $\sum a_n$ converges, for a given $\epsilon > 0$ and $k \geq N$, $m \geq k \geq N$ implies that

$$\left| \sum_{n=k}^m a_n \right| \leq \sum_{n=k}^m |a_n| \leq \epsilon.$$

Take $\epsilon = \frac{\epsilon}{M}$. Then

$$\left| \sum a_n b_n \right| \leq \sum |a_n| |b_n| \leq \sum |a_n| M.$$

Since $\sum |a_n| \leq \epsilon/M$, the result follows; that is,

$$\sum |a_n| M \leq \epsilon$$

so $\sum a_n b_n$ converges.

9. Find the radius of convergence of each of the following power series:

(a) $\sum n^3 z^n$

Here will use the ratio test.

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^3 z^{n+1}}{n^3 z^n} \right| = |z| \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n+1}{n} \right|^3 = |z| \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n}{n} \right|^3 = |z|$$

Then $\limsup = \alpha$ and $R = \frac{1}{\alpha}$ so $R = 1$ and $|z| < 1$ for convergence.

(b) $\sum \frac{2^n}{n!} z^n$

Again, we use the ratio test.

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2^{n+1} z^{n+1} n!}{2^n z^n (n+1)!} \right| = 2|z| \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{n+1} \right| = 0$$

Thus, $R = \infty$.

(c) $\sum \frac{2^n}{n^2} z^n$

Following the same test, we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2^{n+1} z^{n+1} n^2}{2^n z^n (n+1)^2} \right| = 2|z| \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n}{n+1} \right|^2 = 2|z|$$

so $R = 1/2$ and $|z| < 1/2$ for convergence.

(d) $\sum \frac{n^3}{3^n} z^n$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^3 z^{n+1} 3^n}{3^{n+1} z^n n^3} \right| = \frac{|z|}{3} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n}{n} \right|^3 = \frac{|z|}{3}$$

so $R = 3$ and $|z| < 3$ for convergence.

10. Suppose the the coefficients of the power series $\sum a_n z^n$ are integers, infinitely many of which are distinct from zero. Prove that the radius of convergence is at most 1.

Consider $|z| > 1$. Then

$$|a_n z^n| = |a_n| |z|^n > |a_n|.$$

Since $a_n \neq 0$ are integers, for each n , $|a_n| \geq 1$. Therefore,

$$1 \leq |a_n| < |a_n z^n|$$

and the $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n z^n| > 1$ so $\sum a_n z^n$, for $|z| > 1$, diverges. Thus, the radius of convergence is at most one.

11. Suppose $a_n > 0$, $s_n = a_1 + \cdots + a_n$, and $\sum a_n$ diverges.

(a) Prove that $\sum \frac{a_n}{1+a_n}$ diverges.

Theorem 3.23 states that if $\sum a_n$ converges, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$. Since $\sum a_n$ doesn't converge, there exist no M such that $a_n \leq M$ for $M \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{1+a_n} \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M}{1+M} = 1$$

for some $M \gg 10^8$. Therefore, the limit is greater than or equal to one so $\sum \frac{a_n}{1+a_n}$ doesn't converge.

(b) Prove that

$$\frac{a_{N+1}}{s_{N+1}} + \dots + \frac{a_{N+k}}{s_{N+k}} \geq 1 - \frac{s_N}{s_{N+k}}$$

and deduce that $\sum \frac{a_n}{s_n}$ diverges.

Each partial sum s_N increase so

$$\frac{a_{N+1}}{s_{N+1}} + \dots + \frac{a_{N+k}}{s_{N+k}} \geq \frac{1}{s_{N+k}} (a_{N+1} + \dots + a_{N+k}) = 1 - \frac{s_N}{s_{N+k}}$$

since $a_{N+1} + \dots + a_{N+k} = s_{N+k} - s_N$. Now,

$$\sum \frac{a_n}{s_n} = \frac{a_1}{a_1} + \frac{a_2}{a_1 + a_2} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{\sum a_n} + \dots$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Then

$$\left| 1 - \frac{s_N}{s_{N+k}} \right| > \epsilon$$

since for k sufficiently large, $s_{N+k} \rightarrow \infty$. That is, $|1 - s_N/s_{N+k}|$ can be made larger than $1/2$. Take $\epsilon = 0.1$ and the series falls to converge.

(c) Prove that

$$\frac{a_n}{s_n^2} \leq \frac{1}{s_{n-1}} - \frac{1}{s_n}$$

and deduce that $\sum \frac{a_n}{s_n^2}$ converges.

We can write $\frac{1}{s_{n-1}} - \frac{1}{s_n}$ as

$$\frac{1}{s_{n-1}} - \frac{1}{s_n} = \frac{s_n - s_{n-1}}{s_n s_{n-1}}$$

where $s_n = a_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i$ and $s_{n-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i$ so $s_n - s_{n-1} = a_n$. Now $s_n^2 \geq s_n s_{n-1}$ so $\frac{1}{s_n^2} \leq \frac{1}{s_n s_{n-1}}$.

$$\frac{1}{s_{n-1}} - \frac{1}{s_n} = \frac{a_n}{s_n s_{n-1}} \geq \frac{a_n}{s_n^2}$$

The telescoping series

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s_{n-1}} - \frac{1}{s_n} \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{s_n^2}.$$

Since

$$\sum_{n=2}^N \frac{1}{s_{n-1}} - \frac{1}{s_n} = \frac{1}{s_1} - \frac{1}{s_2} + \frac{1}{s_2} - \frac{1}{s_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{s_{N-1}} - \frac{1}{s_N} + \frac{1}{s_N} - \frac{1}{s_{N+1}} = \frac{1}{s_1} - \frac{1}{s_{N+1}}$$

and $\sum a_n \rightarrow \infty$, $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{s_{N+1}} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{a_{N+1}} = \frac{-1}{\infty} = 0$ so

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s_{n-1}} - \frac{1}{s_n} = \frac{1}{a_1}$$

and $\sum \frac{a_n}{s_n^2} < \infty$.

(d) What can be said about

$$\sum \frac{a_n}{1 + na_n} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum \frac{a_n}{1 + n^2 a_n}?$$

For the second series, we have

$$\sum \frac{a_n}{1 + n^2 a_n} \leq \sum \frac{1}{n^2} < \infty.$$

For the first series, suppose $a_n \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\sum \frac{a_n}{1 + na_n} \leq \sum \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow \infty$$

Suppose $a_n = 1/n^{1+p}$. Then

$$\sum \frac{a_n}{1 + na_n} = \sum \frac{1/n^{1+p}}{1 + n(1/n^{1+p})} = \sum \frac{1}{n^{1+p} + n} \leq \sum \frac{1}{n^{1+p}} < \infty$$

for $p > 0$. Otherwise, the series diverges to infinity.

12. Suppose $a_n > 0$ and $\sum a_n$ converges. Put

$$r_n = \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} a_m.$$

(a) Prove that

$$\frac{a_m}{r_m} + \cdots + \frac{a_n}{r_n} > 1 - \frac{r_n}{r_m}$$

if $m < n$, and deduce that $\sum \frac{a_n}{r_n}$ diverges.

$$\frac{a_m}{r_m} + \cdots + \frac{a_n}{r_n} > \frac{a_m + \cdots + a_n}{r_m} = \frac{r_m - r_n}{r_m} = 1 - \frac{r_n}{r_m}$$

By the same reasoning as exercise 11 (b), the series doesn't converge.

(b) Prove that

$$\frac{a_n}{\sqrt{r_n}} < 2(\sqrt{r_n} - \sqrt{r_{n+1}})$$

and deduce that $\sum \frac{a_n}{\sqrt{r_n}}$ converges.

Consider $\sqrt{r_n} - \sqrt{r_{n+1}}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{r_n} - \sqrt{r_{n+1}} &= \sqrt{r_n} - \sqrt{r_{n+1}} \frac{\sqrt{r_n} + \sqrt{r_{n+1}}}{\sqrt{r_n} + \sqrt{r_{n+1}}} \\ &= \frac{r_n - r_{n+1}}{\sqrt{r_n} + \sqrt{r_{n+1}}} \\ &= \frac{a_n}{\sqrt{r_n} + \sqrt{r_{n+1}}} \\ &> \frac{a_n}{2\sqrt{r_n}} \\ 2(\sqrt{r_n} - \sqrt{r_{n+1}}) &> \frac{a_n}{\sqrt{r_n}} \end{aligned}$$

Let's consider the series of

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt{r_n} - \sqrt{r_{n+1}}) &= 2 \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N (\sqrt{r_n} - \sqrt{r_{n+1}}) \\ &= 2 \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [\sqrt{r_1} - \sqrt{r_2} + \sqrt{r_2} - \sqrt{r_3} + \cdots + \sqrt{r_N} - \sqrt{r_{N+1}}] \\ &= 2 \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{r_1} - \sqrt{r_{N+1}}) \\ &= 2\sqrt{r_1} - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{m=N+1}^{\infty} a_m \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\sum a_n$ converges, $\sum_{m=N+1}^{\infty} a_m$ can be made less than $\epsilon > 0$.

$$= 2\sqrt{r_1}$$

By the comparison test, $\sum \frac{a_n}{\sqrt{r_n}}$ converges.

13. Prove that the Cauchy product of two absolutely convergent series converges absolutely.

Let $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ be two absolutely convergent series. Then $\sum |a_n| < M$ and $\sum |b_n| < N$. Let $c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=0}^m |c_n| &= \sum_{n=0}^m \left| \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k} \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{n=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^n |a_k b_{n-k}| \\
 &= |a_0 b_0| + |a_0 b_1| + |a_1 b_0| + \cdots + |a_0 b_m| + |a_1 b_{m-1}| + \cdots + |a_{m-1} b_1| + |a_m b_0| \\
 &= |a_0| |b_0| + |a_0| |b_1| + |a_1| |b_0| + \cdots + |a_0| |b_m| + |a_1| |b_{m-1}| + \cdots + |a_{m-1}| |b_1| + |a_m| |b_0| \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^m |a_n| \sum_{k=0}^{m-n} |b_k| \\
 &< M \sum_{k=0}^{m-n} |b_k| \\
 &< MN
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the Cauchy product of two absolutely convergent series converge.

14. If $\{s_n\}$ is a complex sequence, define its arithmetic means σ_n by

$$\sigma_n = \frac{s_0 + \cdots + s_n}{n+1}$$

for $n = 0, 1, \dots$

(a) If $\lim s_n = s$, prove that $\lim \sigma_n = s$.

Since $\{s_n\} \rightarrow s$, for $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $n > N$ such that $|s_n - s| < \epsilon/2$. Let $N_0 = \max\left\{N, \frac{4(N+1)|s|}{\epsilon}\right\}$. For $n > N_0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\sigma_n - s| &= \left| \frac{s_0 + \cdots + s_n}{n+1} - s \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{s_0 - s + \cdots + s_n - s}{n+1} \right| \\
 &\leq \left| \frac{s_0 - s + \cdots + s_N - s}{n+1} \right| + \left| \frac{s_{N+1} - s + \cdots + s_n - s}{n+1} \right| \\
 &< \frac{m_1}{n+1} |s_N - s| + \frac{m_2}{n+1} |s_n - s|
 \end{aligned}$$

where $m_1, m_2 < n+1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &< |s_N - s| + |s_n - s| \\
 &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\
 &= \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\lim \sigma_n = s$.

(b) Construct a sequence $\{s_n\}$ which does not converge, although $\lim \sigma_n = 0$.

Let $\{s_n\} = (-1)^n$. Then

$$\sigma_n = \frac{1 - 1 + 1 - \cdots + 1}{n+1} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{1}{n+1}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Now taking the limit of σ_n , we have that $\lim \sigma_n = 0$.

(c) Can it happen that $s_n > 0$ for all n and that $\limsup = \infty$, although $\lim \sigma_n = 0$.

Yes. Let $\{s_n\} = \log(\log(n+1))$ for $n \geq 2$. Then

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \infty.$$

We can write σ_n as

$$\sigma_n = \frac{\log(\log(3)) + \log(\log(4)) + \cdots + \log(\log(n+1))}{n+1} \leq \frac{\log(n \log(n))}{n+1}$$

Now taking the limit of σ_n , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s_n}{n+1} \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(n \log(n))}{n+1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(n)}{n+1} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(\log(n))}{n+1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(\log(n))}{n+1} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(d) Put $a_n = s_n - s_{n-1}$, for $n \geq 1$. Show that

$$s_n - \sigma_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k.$$

Assume that $\lim n a_n = 0$ and that $\{\sigma_n\}$ converges. Prove that $\{s_n\}$ converges. [This gives the converse of exercise 14 (a), but under the additional assumption that $n a_n \rightarrow 0$.]

Recall that $s_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k$. Then the left hand side can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} s_n - \sigma_n &= a_0 + \cdots + a_n - \frac{s_0 + \cdots + s_n}{n+1} \\ &= a_0 + \cdots + a_n - \frac{(n+1)a_0 + n a_1 + \cdots + a_n}{n+1} \\ &= \frac{a_1 + 2a_2 + \cdots + n a_n}{n+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k \end{aligned}$$

as was needed to be shown.

(e) Derive the last conclusion from a weaker hypothesis: Assume $M < \infty$, $|n a_n| \leq M$ for all n , and $\lim \sigma_n = \sigma$. Prove that $\lim s_n = \sigma$, by completing the following outline:

If $m < n$, then

we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_n - \sigma_m &= \frac{s_0 + \cdots + s_n}{n+1} - \frac{s_0 + \cdots + s_m}{m+1} \\ &= (s_0 + \cdots + s_n) \frac{m-n}{(n+1)(m+1)} + \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{i=m+1}^n s_i \\ &= \frac{m-n}{m+1} \sigma_n + \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{i=m+1}^n s_i \end{aligned}$$

Let's multiple through by $\frac{m+1}{m-n}$.

$$(\sigma_n - \sigma_m) \frac{m+1}{m-n} = \sigma_n - \frac{1}{n-m} \sum_{i=m+1}^n s_i$$

$$-\sigma_n = (\sigma_n - \sigma_m) \frac{m+1}{n-m} - \frac{1}{n-m} \sum_{i=m+1}^n s_i$$

Finally, we just need to add s_n to both sides. Note that $\sum_{i=m+1}^n 1 = n-m$ so take $s_n = \sum_{i=m+1}^n s_i$. Then we obtain the desired result.

$$s_n - \sigma_n = \frac{m+1}{n-m} (\sigma_n - \sigma_m) + \frac{1}{n-m} \sum_{i=m+1}^n (s_n - s_i).$$

For these i ,

we have

$$\begin{aligned} |s_n - s_i| &= |a_n + a_{n-1} + \cdots + a_{i+1}| \\ &\leq |a_n| + \cdots + |a_{i+1}| \end{aligned}$$

By the hypothesis, $|na_n| \leq M$ so $|a_n| \leq M/n$.

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{M}{n} + \cdots + \frac{M}{i+1} \\ &= M \left(\frac{1}{n} + \cdots + \frac{1}{i+1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now, $i+1$ is the smallest indices so $\frac{1}{i+1}$ is the largest fraction and we have $n-i$ fractions.

$$\leq \frac{M(n-i)}{i+1}$$

Plugging in $i = m+1$, we achieve the desired results.

$$|s_n - s_i| \leq \frac{(n-i)M}{i+1} \leq \frac{(n-m-1)M}{m+2}.$$

Fix $\epsilon > 0$ and associate with each n the integer m that satisfies

$$m \leq \frac{n-\epsilon}{1+\epsilon} < m+1$$

Then $(m+1)/(n-m) \leq 1/\epsilon$ and $|s_n - s_i| < M\epsilon$. Hence

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |s_n - \sigma| \leq M\epsilon.$$

Since ϵ was arbitrary, $\lim s_n = \sigma$.

15. Definition 3.21 can be extended to the case in which the a_n lie in some fixed \mathbb{R}^k . Absolute convergence is defined as convergence of $\sum |a_n|$. Show that Theorems 3.22, 3.23, 3.25(a), 3.33, 3.34, 3.42, 3.45, 3.47, and 3.55 are true in this more general setting. (Only slight modifications are required in any of the proofs.)

Theorem 3.22: $\sum a_n$ converges if and only if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there is an integer N such that

$$\left| \sum_{k=n}^m a_k \right| \leq \epsilon$$

if $m \geq n \geq N$.

For $|a_i - b_i| \leq |a - b| \leq \sum_{i=1}^k |a_i - b_i|$, the sequence $\{a_n\}$ converges if and only if each subsequence $\{a_{n_j}\}$ converges for $j = 1, \dots, k$. That is, the sequences converge if they are Cauchy; therefore, the vector sequence is Cauchy.

Theorem 3.23: If $\sum a_n$ converges, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.

From theorem 3.22, we have that $\sum a_n$ converges if each $\{a_{n_j}\}$ converges for $j = 1, \dots, k$. Thus, $a_{n_j} \rightarrow 0$ for each j so $a_n \rightarrow 0$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.

Theorem 3.25(a): If $|a_n| \leq c_n$ for $n \geq N_0$, where N_0 is some fixed integer, and if $\sum c_n$ converges, then $\sum a_n$ converges.

By the hypothesis, a_{n_j} converges for each j , and since each subsequences converges, $\sum a_n$ converges.

Theorem 3.33: Given $\sum a_n$, put $\alpha = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}$. Then

(a) if $\alpha < 1$, $\sum \mathbf{a}_n$ converges;

From the previous theorems, we have that $\sqrt[n]{|\mathbf{a}_{n_j}|} \leq \sqrt[n]{|\mathbf{a}_n|}$. Now, if $\alpha < 1$, then each subsequence converges; therefore, $\sum \mathbf{a}_n$ converges.

(b) if $\alpha > 1$, $\sum \mathbf{a}_n$ diverges; and

When $\alpha > 1$, $|\mathbf{a}_n| > 1$ for infinitely many n . Therefore, the series diverges.

(c) if $\alpha = 1$, the test gives no information.

Theorem 3.34: The series $\sum \mathbf{a}_n$

(a) converges if $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathbf{a}_{n+1}|}{|\mathbf{a}_n|} < 1$,

The limes superior inequality means that for some $\epsilon > 0$ and constant M , $|\mathbf{a}_n| M \epsilon^n$. Thus, $\sum \mathbf{a}_n$ converges absolutely so series converges by theorem 3.25.

(b) diverges if $\frac{|\mathbf{a}_{n+1}|}{|\mathbf{a}_n|} \geq 1$ for $n \leq n_0$, whenever n_0 is some fixed integer.

From the inequality, we get that \mathbf{a}_n doesn't go to zero. Therefore, the series doesn't converge.

Theorem 3.42: Suppose

(a) the partial sum \mathbf{A}_n of $\sum \mathbf{a}_n$ form a bounded sequence;

(b) $b_0 \geq b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots$;

(c) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$

Then $\sum b_n \mathbf{a}_n$ converges.

Choose M such that $|\mathbf{A}_n| \leq M$ for all n . Given $\epsilon > 0$, there is an integer N such that $b_N \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2M}$. For $N \leq p \leq q$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{n=p}^q \mathbf{a}_n b_n \right| &= \left| \sum_{n=p}^{q-1} \mathbf{A}_n (b_n - b_{n+1}) + \mathbf{A}_q b_q - \mathbf{A}_{p-1} b_p \right| \\ &\leq M \left(\sum_{n=p}^{q-1} |b_n - b_{n+1}| + b_q + b_p \right) \\ &\leq 2M b_p \\ &\leq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

The partial sums form a Cauchy sequence. Thus, $\sum b_n \mathbf{a}_n$ converges.

Theorem 3.45: If $\sum \mathbf{a}_n$ converges absolutely, then $\sum \mathbf{a}_n$ converges.

Let $c_n = |\mathbf{a}_n|$. Then by theorem 3.25, $\sum \mathbf{a}_n$ converges.

Theorem 3.47: If $\sum \mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{A}$ and $\sum \mathbf{b}_n = \mathbf{B}$, then $\sum \mathbf{a}_n + \mathbf{b}_n = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ and $\sum c \mathbf{a}_n = c \mathbf{A}$ for any fixed c .

By the previous theorems, we know that if for each component, the theorem holds, then the theorem holds for the vector itself.

Theorem 3.55: If $\sum \mathbf{a}_n$ is a series of vectors which converges absolutely, then every rearrangement of $\sum \mathbf{a}_n$ converges, and they all converge to the same sum.

16. Fix a positive number α . Choose $x_1 > \sqrt{\alpha}$, and define x_1, x_2, \dots , by the recursive formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(x_n + \frac{\alpha}{x_n} \right).$$

(a) Prove that $\{x_n\}$ decrease monotonically and the $\lim x_n = \sqrt{\alpha}$.

If $\{x_n\}$ decrease monotonically, then $x_n - x_{n+1} > 0$ for all n .

$$x_n - x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{1}{2} \left(x_n + \frac{\alpha}{x_n} \right)$$

$$= \frac{x_n^2 - \alpha}{2x_n} \quad (3.4)$$

Suppose, on the contrary, that equation (3.4) is less than zero. Then $x_n < \sqrt{\alpha}$ which contradicts the fact that $x_1 > \sqrt{\alpha}$. Thus, equation (3.4) is greater than zero and $\{x_n\}$ decreases monotonically. Now, $\{x_n\}$ is bounded above by $\sqrt{\alpha}$ and below by zero so $\{x_n\}$ converges. Suppose the limit is x . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n &= \frac{1}{2} \left(x_n + \frac{\alpha}{x_n} \right) \\ x &= \frac{1}{2} \left(x + \frac{\alpha}{x} \right) \\ x^2 &= \alpha \\ x &= \sqrt{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\{x_n\} \rightarrow \sqrt{\alpha}$.

(b) Put $\epsilon_n = x_n - \sqrt{\alpha}$, and show that

$$\epsilon_{n+1} = \frac{\epsilon_n^2}{2x_n} < \frac{\epsilon_n^2}{2\sqrt{\alpha}}$$

so that, setting $\beta = 2\sqrt{\alpha}$,

$$\epsilon_{n+1} < \beta \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\beta} \right)^{2^n}$$

for $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Let $\epsilon_{n+1} = x_{n+1} - \sqrt{\alpha}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} - \sqrt{\alpha} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(x_n + \frac{\alpha}{x_n} \right) - \sqrt{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{x_n^2 - 2x_n\sqrt{\alpha} + \alpha}{2x_n} \\ &= \frac{(x_n - \sqrt{\alpha})^2}{2x_n} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_n^2}{2x_n} \end{aligned}$$

Since $x_n > \sqrt{\alpha}$, $1/x_n < 1/\sqrt{\alpha}$. Therefore,

$$\epsilon_{n+1} = \frac{\epsilon_n^2}{2x_n} < \frac{\epsilon_n^2}{2\sqrt{\alpha}} \quad (3.5)$$

From equation (3.5), we have that $\epsilon_{n+1} < \epsilon_n^2/\beta$. For $n = 1$, we obtain

$$\epsilon_2 < \frac{\epsilon_1^2}{\beta},$$

and when $n = 2$, we have

$$\epsilon_3 < \frac{\epsilon_2^2}{\beta} < \frac{\epsilon_1^4}{\beta^2\beta} = \beta \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\beta} \right)^4 = \beta \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\beta} \right)^{2^{3-1}}.$$

Assume this is true for $k < n$. Then $\epsilon_k < \beta(\epsilon_1/\beta)^{2^{k-1}}$.

$$\epsilon_{k+1} < \frac{\epsilon_k^2}{\beta} < \frac{\beta^2 \left(\frac{\epsilon_1^{2^{k-1}}}{\beta^{2^{k-1}}} \right)^2}{\beta^{2^{k-1}}} = \beta \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\beta} \right)^{2^k}$$

By the principle of mathematical induction, $\epsilon_{n+1} = \beta(\epsilon_1/\beta)^{2^n}$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

(c) This is a good algorithm for computing square roots, since the recursion formula is simple and the convergence is extremely rapid. For example, if $\alpha = 3$ and $x_1 = 2$, show that $\epsilon_1/\beta < \frac{1}{10}$ and that therefore

$$\epsilon_5 < 4 \cdot 10^{-16}, \quad \epsilon_6 < 4 \cdot 10^{-23}.$$

$\epsilon_1 = x_1 - \sqrt{\alpha}$ and $\beta = 2\sqrt{\alpha}$ so

$$\frac{\epsilon_1}{\beta} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{3}} \approx 0.077 < \frac{1}{10}$$

For ϵ_5 and ϵ_6 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_5 &< \beta \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\beta} \right)^{2^k} \\ &\approx 5.69 \times 10^{-18} \\ &< 4 \cdot 10^{-16} \\ \epsilon_6 &< \beta \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\beta} \right)^{2^k} \\ &\approx 9.34 \times 10^{-36} \\ &< 4 \cdot 10^{-23}\end{aligned}$$

17. Fix $\alpha > 1$. Take $x_1 > \sqrt{\alpha}$, and define

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{\alpha + x_n}{1 + x_n} = x_n + \frac{\alpha - x_n^2}{1 + x_n}.$$

- (a) Prove that $x_1 > x_3 > x_5 > \dots$.
- (b) Prove that $x_2 < x_4 < x_6 < \dots$.
- (c) Prove that $\lim x_n = \sqrt{\alpha}$.
- (d) Compare the rapidity of convergence of this process with the one described in exercise 16..

18. Replace the recursion formula of exercise 16. by

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{p-1}{p}x_n + \frac{\alpha}{p}x_n^{-p+1}$$

where p is a fixed positive integer, and describe the behavior of the resulting sequences $\{x_n\}$.

Let $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+1} \\ x &= \frac{p-1}{p}x + \frac{\alpha}{p}x^{1-p} \\ &= \frac{p-1 + \alpha x^{-p}}{p}x \\ px &= p-1 + \alpha x^{-p} \\ x &= \sqrt[p]{\alpha}\end{aligned}$$

Let's consider $x_n - x_{n+1}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}x_n - x_{n+1} &= x_n - \frac{p-1}{p}x_n - \frac{\alpha}{p}x_n^{1-p} \\ &= x_n \left[\frac{1 - \alpha x_n^p}{p} \right] \\ &= \frac{x_n^p - \alpha}{p x_n^{p-1}}\end{aligned}$$

From exercise 16., we have that $x_1 > \sqrt[p]{\alpha}$. Therefore, $\frac{x_1^p - \alpha}{p x_1^{p-1}} > 0$; otherwise, $x_1 < \sqrt[p]{\alpha}$ which would be a contradiction. Thus, x_n decreases monotonically.

19. Associate to each sequence $a = \{\alpha_n\}$, in which α_n is 0 or 2, the real number

$$x(a) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_n}{3^n}.$$

Prove that the set of all $x(a)$ is precisely the Cantor set described in section 2.44.

The cantor set is constructed by taking a segment of unit length $[0, 1]$ and removing the middle third, $(1/3, 2/3)$. That is, we are left with $[0, 1/3] \cup [2/3, 1]$ and then doing this ad infinitum. Let's consider $1/3$ in base three (ternary).

$$\frac{1}{3} = 0 \cdot 3^1 + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 0 \cdot \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n} = 0.1$$

Well this poses a problem since $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence of 0 or 2. Suppose we can write 0.1 as $0.0\bar{2}$ instead.

$$0.0\bar{2} = 2\left(\frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^3} + \cdots\right) = 2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n} = \frac{2}{9} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n} = \frac{2}{9} \frac{1}{1-1/3} = \frac{1}{3} = 0.1 \quad (3.6)$$

Now, let's go back to the Cantor set. After the first iteration, in ternary, we removed $(0.1, 0.2)$. That is, we removed all the terms with $0.1 \dots$ as the first digit but it appears that we kept 0.1 . From equation (3.6), we see that we actually keep $[0, 0.0\bar{2}] \cup [0.2, 0.\bar{2}]$ where $1 = 0.\bar{2}$ by the same argument. With the second step, we remove all the digits with 0.01 as the first digit and keep $0.01 = 0.00\bar{2}$. Since this continues ad infinitum, we are left with a set that is represented by the ternary expansion

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_n}{3^n}$$

where $\{\alpha_n\}$ contains only 0 and 2 which is the Cantor set.

20. Suppose $\{p_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in a metric space X , and some subsequence $\{p_{n_i}\}$ converges to a point $p \in X$. Prove that the full sequence $\{p_n\}$ converges to p .

Since $\{p_{n_i}\}$ converges, $\{p_{n_i}\}$ is Cauchy. That is, there exist n, m such that for $n, m > N$,

$$\begin{aligned} |p_{n_i} - p_{m_i}| &= |p_{n_i} - p - (p_{m_i} - p)| \\ &\leq |p_{n_i} - p| + |p_{m_i} - p| \end{aligned}$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Now, the subsequence $\{p_{n_i}\}$ converges so for $n > N_1$, $|p_{n_i} - p| < \epsilon/2$. Take $n, m > \max\{N, N_1\}$ then

$$|p_{n_i} - p_{m_i}| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon.$$

Therefore, every subsequences converges to p and $\{p_n\} \rightarrow p$ as well.

21. Prove the following analogue of Theorem 3.10(b): If $\{E_n\}$ is a sequence of closed nonempty and bounded sets in a *complete* metric space X , if $E_n \supset E_{n+1}$, and if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam } E_n = 0,$$

then $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_n$ consists of exactly one point.

Suppose on the contrary that $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_n$ consist of more than one point. Then let $x, y \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_n$ such that $x \neq y$. Then $x, y \in \{E_n\}$ for all n . Since x is a metric space and $x \neq y$, $d(x, y) > 0$. The diameter of a set is the supremum of set containing $d(x, y)$ for all x, y in the set; therefore,

$$0 < d(x, y) \leq \text{diam } E_n$$

and we have reached a contradiction so $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_n$ consist of only one point. Now, all we need to do is show that intersection is nonempty. For all n , pick an $x_n \in E_n$. Then the sequence $\{x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots\} \in E_n$ since $E_n \supset E_{n+1} \supset \dots$. Since the diameter converges to zero, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $n > N$ such that $|\text{diam } E_n - 0| < \epsilon$. Let $n, m > N$.

$$|x_n - x_m| \leq \text{diam}\{x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots\} \leq \text{diam } E_n < \epsilon$$

Therefore, $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy in a complete metric space so $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ for $x \in X$. Since E_n is closed, $x \in E_n$. Thus, $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_n$ so intersection is nonempty.

22. Suppose X is a nonempty complete metric space, and $\{G_n\}$ is a sequence of dense open subsets of X . Prove Baire's theorem, namely, that $\bigcap_1^\infty G_n$ is not empty. (In fact, it is dense in X .) *Hint: Find a shrinking sequence of neighborhoods E_n such that $\bar{E}_n \subset G_n$, and apply exercise 21..*

Lemma: We say a set $E \subset X$ is dense in a metric space X if and only if $N_\epsilon \cap E \neq \emptyset$ for every neighborhood $N_\epsilon \in X$ given $\epsilon > 0$.

Suppose $E \subset X$ is dense. Since E is dense in X , $E \cup E' = \bar{E} = X$. Let N_ϵ be a neighborhood of X . For $x \in N_\epsilon$,

- i. we have $x \in E$, then $x \in N_\epsilon \cap E$; therefore, $N_\epsilon \cap E \neq \emptyset$, or
- ii. we have $x \in E'$ but $x \notin E$. By definition of x being a limit point, there exist a $y \in N_\epsilon$ where $x \neq y$ such that $y \in E$ so $N_\epsilon \cap E \neq \emptyset$.

Suppose $N_\epsilon \cap E \neq \emptyset$ for every neighborhood $N_\epsilon \subset X$. Let $x \in X$. If $x \in E$, the proof is complete so assume $x \notin E$. By the hypothesis, $N_\epsilon \cap E \neq \emptyset$. There exists $y \in N_\epsilon \cap E$. Since $x \notin E$, $y \neq x$. Thus, x is a limit point of E so $x \in E'$ so $X = E \cup E'$ and $E \subset X$ is dense in X .

Let $A = \bigcap_1^\infty G_n$ and $r > 0$. Then N_{r_1} is a neighborhood of X . By the hypothesis, G_n are dense open subsets of X so $N_{r_1} \cap G_1 \neq \emptyset$; therefore, exists x_1 such that $x_1 \in N_{r_1} \cap G_1$. The finite intersection of open sets is open so there exists $N_{r_2}(x_1)$. We can shrink N_{r_2} so that $\text{diam } \bar{N}_{r_2}(x_1) \leq 1$. Let $E_1 = \bar{N}_{r_2}(x_1)$. Continue with this process, we have that $x_n \in N_{r_n} \cap G_n$, and since the intersection is open, there exists $N_{r_{n+1}}(x_n)$. We can shrink $N_{r_{n+1}}$ such that $\text{diam } \bar{N}_{r_{n+1}} \leq 1/n$ where we let $E_n = \bar{N}_{r_{n+1}}$. The set $\{E_n\}$ satisfies exercise 22. Thus, $\bigcap_1^\infty E_n = \{y\}$ for some $y \in N_{r_1}$. $E_n \subset G_n$ so $y \in G_n$ for all n so $N_{r_1} \cap A \neq \emptyset$.

23. Suppose $\{p_n\}$ and $\{q_n\}$ are Cauchy sequences in a metric space X . Show that the sequence $\{d(p_n, q_n)\}$ converges. *Hint: For any m, n*

$$d(p_n, q_n) \leq d(p_n, p_m) + d(p_m, q_m) + d(q_m, q_n);$$

it follows that

$$|d(p_n, q_n) - d(p_m, q_m)|$$

is small if m and n are large.

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Since $\{p_n\}$ and $\{q_n\}$ are Cauchy, there exist $n, m > N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ such that

$$|p_n - p_m| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad |q_n - q_m| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

simultaneously. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(p_n, q_n) &= |p_n - q_n| \\ &= |p_n - p_m + p_m - q_m + q_m - q_n| \\ &\leq |p_n - p_m| + |p_m - q_m| + |q_m - q_n| \\ d(p_n, q_n) - d(p_m, q_m) &< \epsilon \\ |d(p_n, q_n) - d(p_m, q_m)| &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\{d(p_n, q_n)\}$ is Cauchy and hence converges.

24. Let X be a metric space.

(a) Call two Cauchy sequences $\{p_n\}, \{q_n\}$ in X *equivalent* if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, q_n) = 0.$$

Prove that this is an equivalence relation.

Since d is a distance function on the metric space X , d satisfies the metric properties. Then $d(p_n, p_n) = 0$ for all n since $d(x, y) = 0$ if $x = y$. Thus, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, q_n)$ reflexive. The second metric property is that of being symmetric; hence, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, q_n)$ is symmetric. Suppose $\{p_n\} \sim \{q_n\}$ and $\{q_n\} \sim \{t_n\}$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, q_n)$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(q_n, t_n)$ are both zero. Now

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, t_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, q_n) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(q_n, t_n)$$

by the triangle inequality.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, t_n) \leq 0$$

Since $d(x, y) \geq 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, t_n) = 0$. Thus, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, q_n)$ is transitive.

- (b) Let X^* be the set of all equivalence classes so obtained. If $P, Q \in X^*$, $\{p_n\} \in P$, $\{q_n\} \in Q$, define

$$\Delta(P, Q) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, q_n);$$

by exercise 23., this limit exists. Show that the number $\Delta(P, Q)$ is unchanged if $\{p_n\}$ and $\{q_n\}$ are replaced by equivalent sequences, and hence Δ is a distance function in X^* .

Let $\{p'_n\}$ and $\{q'_n\}$ be equivalent to $\{p_n\}$ and $\{q_n\}$, respectively. By exercise 23., we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p'_n, q'_n) &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p'_n, p_n) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, q_n) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(q_n, q'_n) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, q_n) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, p'_n) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p'_n, q'_n) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(q_n, q'_n) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p'_n, q'_n) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p'_n, q'_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, q_n)$ since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p'_n, q'_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p_n, q_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(p'_n, q'_n).$$

- (c) Prove that the resulting metric space X^* is complete.
 (d) For each $p \in X$, there is a Cauchy sequence all of whose terms are p ; let P_p be the element of X^* which contains this sequence. Prove that

$$\Delta(P_p, P_q) = d(p, q)$$

for all $p, q \in X$. In other words, the mapping φ defined by $\varphi(p) = P_p$ is an isometry (that is, a distance-preserving mapping) of X into X^* .

- (e) Prove that $\varphi(X)$ is dense in X^* , and that $\varphi(X) = X^*$ if X is complete. By exercise 24 (d), we may identify X and $\varphi(X)$ and thus regard X as embedded in the complete metric space X^* . We call X^* the *completion* of X .

25. Let X be the metric space whose points are the rational numbers, with the metric $d(x, y) = |x - y|$. What is the completion of this space?

4 Continuity

1. Suppose f is a real function defined on \mathbb{R}^1 which satisfies

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(x+h) - f(x-h)] = 0$$

for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^1$. Does this imply f is continuous?

Consider

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = 0 \\ 0, & x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Then f is continuous at zero if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exist a $\delta > 0$ such that $d_Y[f(x), f(0)] < \epsilon$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^1$ for which $0 < d_X(x, 0) < \delta$. For $x \neq 0$, $0 < |x - 0| < \delta$. Then $|f(x) - f(0)| = 1$. Take $\epsilon = 1/2$ so $|f(x) - f(0)| > \epsilon$ and f is not continuous at $x = 0$. For $x \neq 0$, $f(x) = 0$. Now for $h < |x|$, $x+h \neq 0 \neq x-h$; therefore, $f(x+h) = f(x-h) = 0$.

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [f(x+h) - f(x-h)] = 0$$

For $x = 0$ and $h > 0$, $f(x+h) = f(h) = f(-h) = f(x-h)$ and again the limit is zero.

2. If f is a continuous mapping of a metric space X into a metric space Y , prove that

$$f(\bar{E}) \subset \overline{f(E)}$$

for every set $E \subset X$. Show, by example, that $f(\bar{E})$ can be a proper subset of $\overline{f(E)}$.

Let $E \subset X$ and $x \in \bar{E}$. Let V be an open neighborhood of $f(x)$. Since f is continuous, $f^{-1}(V)$ is an open set of X where $x \in f^{-1}(V)$. Therefore, $f^{-1}(V)$ intersects E . Let $y \in f^{-1}(V) \cap E$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} f[f^{-1}(V) \cap E] &= f[f^{-1}(V)] \cap f(E) \\ &= V \cap f(E) \end{aligned}$$

so $f(y) \in V \cap f(E)$. Therefore, $f(y)$ exist in a neighborhood of $f(x)$ so $f(x)$ is an adherent point so $f(x) \in \overline{f(E)}$. Thus, $f(\bar{E}) \subset \overline{f(E)}$.

3. Let f be a continuous real function on a metric space X . Let $Z(f)$ (the zero set of f) be the set of all $p \in X$ at which $f(p) = 0$. Prove that $Z(f)$ is closed.

Let E be the set that contains $f(p) = 0$. The only element in E is 0 so E is closed. Since f is continuous, f and f^{-1} map closed sets to closed sets. Thus, $f^{-1}(E) \subset X$ and is closed in X . Now, $f^{-1}(E)$ are all the points $p \in X$ such that $f(p) = 0$ so $f^{-1}(E) = Z(f)$ and $Z(f)$ is closed.

4. Let f and g be continuous mappings of a metric space X into a metric space Y , and let E be a dense subset of X . Prove that $f(E)$ is dense in $f(X)$. If $g(p) = f(p)$ for all $p \in E$, prove that $g(p) = f(p)$ for all $p \in X$. (In other words, a continuous mapping is determined by its values on a dense subset of its domain.)

Let $y \in f(X)$ and set $y = f(x)$ for $x \in X$. Since f is continuous, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that whenever $d_X(x, z) < \delta$, $d_Y[f(x), f(z)] < \epsilon$. Since E is dense in X , $z \in E$ for this choice of δ . Now $w = f(z) \in f(E)$. Then $d_Y[f(x), f(z)] = d_Y(y, w) < \epsilon$. Therefore, we have that $f(E)$ is dense in $f(X)$ since for any $y \in f(X)$, and all $\epsilon > 0$, we have $w \in f(E)$ such that $d_Y(y, w) < \epsilon$. Let $x \in X$ and $n = 1/\epsilon$ where $\epsilon > 0$. Let $\{p_n\}$ be a sequence in E . For $n > N$, we have $\epsilon = 1/n$. Then $d(x, p_n) < 1/n = \epsilon$; therefore, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = x$. Since f and g are continuous, we have

$$f(x) = f\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(p_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(p_n) = g\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n\right) = g(x)$$

as was needed to be shown.

5. If f is a real continuous function defined on a closed set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^1$, prove that there exist continuous real functions g on \mathbb{R}^1 such that $g(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in E$. (Such functions g are called *continuous extensions* of f from E to \mathbb{R}^1 .) Show that the result becomes false if the word "closed" is omitted. Extend the result to vector valued functions. *Hint: let the graph of g be a straight line on each of the segments which constitute the complement of E (compare exercise 29, chapter 2). The result remains true if \mathbb{R}^1 is replaced by any metric space, but the proof is not so simple.*
6. If f is defined on E , the *graph* of f is the set of points $(x, f(x))$, for $x \in E$. In particular, if E is a set of real numbers, and f is real-valued, the graph of f is a subset of the plane. Suppose E is compact, and prove that f is continuous on E if and only if its graph is compact.
7. If $E \subset X$ and if f is a function defined on X , the *restriction* of f to E is the function g whose domain of definition is E , such that $g(p) = f(p)$ for $p \in E$. Define f and g on \mathbb{R}^2 by: $f(0,0) = g(0,0) = 0$, $f(x,y) = xy^2/(x^2 + y^4)$, $g(x,y) = xy^2/(x^2 + y^6)$ if $(x,y) \neq 0$. Prove that f is bounded on \mathbb{R}^2 , that g is unbounded in every neighborhood of $(0,0)$, and that f is not continuous at $(0,0)$; nevertheless, the restrictions of both f and g to every straight line in \mathbb{R}^2 are continuous!

If f is bounded, there exists $M > 0$ such that

$$\left| \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4} \right| \leq M.$$

Now, $x^2, y^4, y^2 \geq 0$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ so we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|x|y^2}{x^2 + y^4} &\leq M \\ |x|y^2 &\leq M(x^2 + y^4) \\ 0 &\leq x^2 - |x|y^2/M + y^4 \end{aligned}$$

For $M = 1/2$, we have $(|x| - y^2)^2 \geq 0$ and

$$\left| \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^4} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Thus, f is bounded. Let x_n be the sequence $\{1/n^3\}$ and y_n be the sequence $\{1/n\}$. Then $(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(x_n, y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n y_n^2}{x_n^2 + y_n^6} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n^5}{2/n^6} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2} = \infty$$

Therefore, g is not bounded in a neighborhood of $(0,0)$. For f to be continuous at $(0,0)$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = f(p)$ if and only if $f(p_n) \rightarrow f(p)$ for all sequences $p_n \rightarrow p$. Let x_n and y_n be the following sequences $\{1/n^2\}$ and $\{1/n\}$, respectively. Then $(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow (0,0)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n, y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n^4}{2/n^4} = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$$

Thus, f is not continuous at $(0,0)$. If we restrict both f and g to straight lines, we must show f and g are continuous at $(0,0)$. The only straight lines that go through $(0,0)$ are $y = x = 0$ and $y = mx$ for $m \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,y)} f(x,y) &= \frac{0 \cdot y^2}{0 + y^4} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x,0)} f(x,y) &= \frac{x \cdot 0}{x^2 + 0} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,y)} g(x,y) &= \frac{0 \cdot y^2}{0 + y^6} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x,0)} g(x,y) = \frac{x \cdot 0}{x^2 + 0}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 0 \\
\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x,mx)} f(x,y) &= \frac{m^2 x^3}{x^2 + m^4 x^4} \\
&= \frac{m^2 x}{1 + m^4 x^2} \tag{4.1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x,mx)} g(x,y) &= \frac{m^2 x^3}{x^2 + m^6 x^6} \\
&= \frac{m^2 x}{1 + m^6 x^4} \tag{4.2}
\end{aligned}$$

Then as $x \rightarrow 0$, equations (4.1) and (4.2) go to zero; thus, when f and g are restricted to straight lines, f and g are continuous at $(0,0)$.

8. Let f be a real uniformly continuous function on the bounded set E in \mathbb{R}^1 . Prove that f is bounded on E . Show that the conclusion is false if boundedness of E is omitted from the hypothesis.

Since E is a bounded set in \mathbb{R} , there exist $M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $x \in E$, $|x| \leq M < \infty$. Therefore, $E \subset [-M, M]$. Since f is uniformly continuous, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exist a $\delta > 0$ such that $|x - y| < \delta$ whenever $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$ for $x, y \in E$. Let n be an integer such that $1/n < \delta$. Let's construct a cover, S , of $[-M, M]$.

$$S = \{[-M, -M + 1/n], [-M + 1/n, -M + 2/n], \dots, [M - 2/n, M - 1/n], [M - 1/n, M]\}$$

Let $E \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^N I_k$ such that $I_k \cap E \neq \emptyset$ where I_k is an interval in S . For each $k \in [1, N]$, choose $x_k \in I_k \cap E$. Then for $x_k, x \in I_k \cap E$, we have $|x_k - x| > 1/n < \delta$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
|f(x_k) - f(x)| &\leq |f(x_k)| + |f(x)| \\
|f(x)| - |f(x_k)| &< \epsilon \\
|f(x)| &< \epsilon + |f(x_k)|
\end{aligned}$$

Let $S = \max_{1 \leq k \leq N} \{1 + |f(x_k)|\}$. Then for all $x \in E$, $|f(x)| \leq S$ so f is bounded on E .

Let $E = \mathbb{R}$. Since $f(x) = x$ is uniformly continuous, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exist a $\delta > 0$ such that $|x - y| < \delta$ whenever $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$. Let $\delta = \epsilon$ and $f(x) = x$. Then

$$|f(x) - f(y)| = |x - y| < \delta = \epsilon$$

but $f(x) = x$ is not bounded on $\mathbb{R} = E$.

9. Show that the requirement in the definition of uniform continuity can be rephrased as follows, in terms of diameters of sets: To every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that $\text{diam } f(E) < \epsilon$ for all $E \subset X$ with $\text{diam } E < \delta$.
10. Complete the details of the following alternate proof of theorem 4.19: If f is not uniformly continuous, then for some $\epsilon > 0$ there are sequences $\{p_n\}, \{q_n\} \in X$ such that $d_X(p_n, q_n) \rightarrow 0$ but $d_Y(f(p_n), f(q_n)) > \epsilon$. Use theorem 2.37 to obtain a contradiction.
11. Suppose f is a uniformly continuous mapping of a metric space X into a metric space Y and prove that $\{f(x_n)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in Y for every Cauchy sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X . Use this result to give an alternative proof of the theorem stated in exercise 13.
12. A uniformly continuous function of a uniformly continuous function is uniformly continuous. State this more precisely and prove it.
13. Let E be a dense subset of a metric space X , and let f be a uniformly continuous *real* function defined on E . Prove that f has a continuous extension from E to X (see exercise 5. for terminology). (Uniqueness follows from exercise 4.) *Hint: For each $p \in X$ and each positive integer n , let $V_n(p)$ be the set of all $q \in E$ with $d(p, q) < 1/n$. Use exercise 9. to show that the intersection of the closures of the sets $f(V_1(p)), f(V_2(p)), \dots$, consists of a single point, say $g(p)$, of \mathbb{R}^1 . Prove that the function g so defined on X is the desired extension of f . Could the range space \mathbb{R}^1 be replaced by \mathbb{R}^k ? By any compact metric space? By any complete metric space? By any metric space?*

14. Let $I = [0, 1]$ be the close unit interval. Suppose f is a continuous mapping of I into I . Prove that $f(x) = x$ for at least one $x \in I$.
15. Call a mapping of X into Y *open* if $f(V)$ is an open set in Y whenever V is an open set in X . Prove that every continuous open mapping of \mathbb{R}^1 into \mathbb{R}^1 is monotonic.
16. Let $[x]$ denote the largest integer contained in x , that is, $[x]$ is the integer such that $x - 1 < [x] \leq x$; and let $\{x\} = x - [x]$ denote the fractional part of x . What discontinuities do the functions $[x]$ and $\{x\}$ have?
17. Let f be a real function defined on (a, b) . Prove that the set of points at which f has a simple discontinuity is at most countable. *Hint: Let E be the set on which $f(x-) < f(x+)$. With each point x of E , associate a triple (p, q, r) of rational numbers such that*
- $f(x-) < p < f(x+)$,
 - $a < q < t < x$ implies $f(t) < p$,
 - $x < t < r < b$ implies $f(t) > p$.

The set of all such triples is countable. Show that each triple is associated with at most one point of E . Deal similarly with the other possible types of simple discontinuities.

18. Every rational x can be written in the form $x = m/n$, where $n > 0$, and m and n are integers without any common divisor. When $x = 0$, we take $n = 1$. Consider the function f defined on \mathbb{R}^1 by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \text{ irrational} \\ \frac{1}{n}, & x = \frac{m}{n} \end{cases}$$

Prove that f is continuous at every irrational point, and that f has a simple discontinuity at every rational point.

19. Suppose f is a real function with domain \mathbb{R}^1 which has the intermediate value property: If $f(a) < c < f(b)$, then $f(x) = c$ for some x between a and b . Suppose also, for every rational r , that the set of all x with $f(x) = r$ is closed. Prove that f is continuous. *Hint: If $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ but $f(x_n) > r > f(x_0)$ for some r and all n , then $f(t_n) = r$ for some t_n between x_0 and x_n ; thus, $t_n \rightarrow x_0$. Find a contradiction.* (N. J. Fine, *Amer. Math. Monthly*, vol. 73, 1966, p. 782.)

20. If E is a nonempty subset of a metric space X , define the distance from $x \in X$ to E by

$$\rho_E(x) = \inf_{z \in E} d(x, z).$$

- Prove that $\rho_E(x) = 0$ if and only if $x \in \bar{E}$.
- Prove that ρ_E is a uniformly continuous function on X , by showing that

$$|\rho_E(x) - \rho_E(y)| \leq d(x, y)$$

for all $x \in X, y \in Y$. *Hint: $\rho_E(x) \leq d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ so that $\rho_E(x) \leq d(x, y) + \rho_E(y)$.*

21. Suppose K and F are disjoint sets in a metric space X , K is compact, F is closed. Prove that there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $d(p, q) > \delta$ if $p \in K, q \in F$. *Hint: ρ_F is a continuous positive function on K .* Show that the continuous may fail for two disjoint closed sets if neither is compact.
22. Let A and B be disjoint nonempty closed sets in a metric space X , and define

$$f(p) = \frac{\rho_A(p)}{\rho_A(p) + \rho_B(p)}$$

for $p \in X$. Show that f is a continuous function on X whose range lies in $[0, 1]$, that $f(p) = 0$ precisely on A and $f(p) = 1$ precisely on B . This establishes a converse of exercise 3.: Every closed set $A \subset X$ is $Z(f)$ for some continuous real f on X . Setting

$$V = f^{-1}([0, 1/2]) \quad W = f^{-1}([1/2, 1])$$

show that V and W are open and disjoint, and that $A \subset V, B \subset W$. (Thus pairs of disjoint closed sets in a metric space can be covered by pairs of disjoint open sets. This property of metric spaces is called *normality*.)

23. A real-valued function f defined in (a, b) is said to be *convex* if

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y)$$

whenever $a < x < b$, $a < y < b$, $0 < \lambda < 1$. Prove that every convex function is continuous. (For example, if f is convex, so is e^f .) If f is convex in (a, b) and if $a < s < t < u < b$, show that

$$\frac{f(t) - f(s)}{t - s} \leq \frac{f(u) - f(s)}{u - s} \leq \frac{f(u) - f(t)}{u - t}.$$

24. Assume that f is a continuous real function defined in (a, b) such that

$$f\left(\frac{x + y}{2}\right) \leq \frac{f(x) + f(y)}{2}$$

for all $x, y \in (a, b)$. Prove that f is convex.

25. If $A \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ and $B \subset \mathbb{R}^k$, define $A + B$ to be the set of all sums $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$ with $\mathbf{x} \in A$, $\mathbf{y} \in B$.
- (a) If K is compact