

Introduction to Analysis I
Homework 1
Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Instructions: You may submit this homework “the old fashion” way, i.e., using paper and pencil (or pen), but if you do so, please use at least one sheet of $(8\frac{1}{2} \times 11)$ paper per problem. Write your name at the top of each sheet you use. Please write neatly. Staple the sheets together or use a paper clip.

However, I encourage you to do at least some of the problems using LaTeX. As of the third assignment, you will have to submit your homework in LaTeX.

If you use results from books, Royden or others, please be explicit about what results you are using.

Homework 1 is due by the start of class on Wednesday, September 6.

1. **Problem 34, page 20.** Show that the assertion of the Heine-Borel Theorem is equivalent to the Completeness Axiom for the real numbers. Show that the assertion of the Nested Set Theorem is equivalent to the Completeness Axiom for the real numbers.

Collaborators: One of my undergraduate classmate;

Solution: Proof. Completeness Axiom \rightarrow Heine-Borel theorem is shown in the proof of Heine-Borel theorem in Page 18.

Heine-Borel theorem \rightarrow Completeness Axiom:

Let E be a nonempty and upper-bounded set of real numbers, and let b be one of its upper boundaries. Pick $a \in E$, then $[a, b]$ is a closed set. Let U be the set of upper boundaries of E , and $T = E \cap [a, b]$. If the supremum does not exist, then $\forall x \in [a, b]$, either $\exists a_1 \in E$, s.t. $a_1 > x$, or $\exists b_1 \in T$, s.t. $b_1 < x$. If it is the former case, we define an open set $A_1 = (a - 1, a_1)$; else we define an open set $B_1 = (b_1, b + 1)$. Since we can define such an open set to cover every $x \in [a, b]$, there exists an open cover $\{A_i\} \cup \{B_i\}$. According to Heine-Borel theorem, there exists a finite cover $\{A\}_{i=1}^{n_1} \cup \{B\}_{i=1}^{n_2}$. If we denote $A_0 = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n_1} A_i$, $B_0 = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n_2} B_i$, then since A_0 consists of elements in T , while B_0 consists of elements of E 's upper bound, we have $A_0 \cap B_0 = \emptyset$. Then there exists a number $\epsilon \in T$, s.t. $\epsilon \notin A_0 \cup B_0$. It is contradictory to the assumption that $A_0 \cup B_0$ is a cover of $[a, b]$. So E has a supremum.

Completeness Axiom \rightarrow Nested Set theorem:

Let $\{[a_i, b_i]\}$ being a descending closed set series. Denote $A = \{a_i\}$, $B = \{b_i\}$, then A has an upper bound b_0 , and B has a lower bound a_0 . According to the Completeness Axiom, A has a supremum, denoted by x , and B has an infimum, denoted by y . If $x > y$, then according to the definition of supremum and infimum, there exists j_1, j_2 , s.t. $y \leq b_{j_2} < \frac{x+y}{2} < a_{j_1} \leq x$. It contradicts with that $a_i < b_j, \forall i, j$. so $x \leq y$, which means $\bigcap \{[a_i, b_i]\} \neq \emptyset$.

For the general case, it is the same using the similar skills.

Nested Set theorem \rightarrow Completeness Axiom theorem:

Let E be a nonempty and upper-bounded set of real numbers, and let T is the set consists of all upper bounds of E . Pick $a_1 \notin T$, and $b_1 \notin T$, then $a_1 < b_1$. If $\frac{a_1+b_1}{2} \in T$, then $[a_2, b_2] = [a_1, \frac{a_1+b_1}{2}]$; else $[a_2, b_2] = [\frac{a_1+b_1}{2}, b_1]$. Construct $[a_3, b_3], \dots$ as above, we can get a nested set series $\{[a_n, b_n]\}$, satisfying $a_n \notin T, b_n \in T$. With Nested Set theorem, there exist a real number x belongs to all these closed sets, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = x$.

If $x \notin T$, then exists $y \in E$, s.t. $x < y$. So $b_n < x$ when n is large enough. This makes a contradiction with $b_n \in T$, so $x \in T$. On the other hand, if there exists $z \in T$, s.t. $z < x$, then $a_n > z$ when n is large enough. This makes a contradiction with $a_n \in E$. So x is the supremum of E . ■

2. **Problem 44, page 24.** Let p be a natural number greater than 1, and x a real number, $0 < x < 1$. Show that there is a sequence $\{a_n\}$ of integers with $0 \leq a_n < p$ for each n such that

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{p^n}$$

and that this sequence is unique except when x is of the form q/p^n , in which case there are exactly two such sequences. Show that, conversely, if $\{a_n\}$ is any sequence of integers with $0 \leq a_n < p$, then the sequence

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{p^n}$$

converges to a real number x with $0 \leq x \leq 1$. (If $p = 10$, this series is called the *decimal* expansion of x . For $p = 2$ it is called the *binary* expansion of x , and for $p = 3$, the *tenary* expansion.)

Collaborators:

Solution: Proof. Existence:

Let $a_1 = \lfloor px \rfloor$, $a_2 = \lfloor p^2x - a_1p \rfloor$, \dots , $a_n = \lfloor p^n x - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i p^{n-i} \rfloor$. From this inductive construction we know that the subsum $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{p^i}$ forms an increasing sequence, while it is upper bounded by x . According to the Monotone Convergence Criterion, this sequence has a limit. Moreover, $|x - S_n| \leq \frac{1}{p^{n+1}}$ for each n , so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x - S_n| = 0$, that means x is a limit of $\{S_n\}$. By the same criterion, we can know that x is the only limit of $\{S_n\}$, that means $x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{p^n}$.

Uniqueness:

First, we need to prove that 0 can be represented in this way by two sequences if we may let $a_0 = -1$. The two sequences are trivial: the first one is $a_i = 0$, and the second one is $a_0 = -1, a_i = p - 1$. If there exist a third sequence b_i , then if $b_0 \geq 0, b_j > 0$, then $\sum b_i \geq \frac{1}{p^j} > 0$. If $b_0 \leq -1, b_j < p - 1$, the $\sum b_i \leq -\frac{1}{p^j} < 0$. So there only exists two sequences for 0. When $x = \frac{q}{p^n}$, it is just the same as $x = 0$ since we only need to shuffle the point n times to the right. So there also exists two sequences for x . When $x \neq \frac{q}{p^n}$, assume there exists two sequences for representing x , denoted by $\{a_i\}$ and $\{b_i\}$. According to this assumption, there must exist a j , s.t. $a_j \neq b_j$. Let k be the first position of difference between these two sequences, then $|\sum a_i - \sum b_i| \geq \frac{1}{p^k} - \sum_{i=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{|a_i - b_i|}{p^i} > \frac{1}{p^j}$. So this contradicts with our assumption, which means x only has one sequence in this form. ■

3. **Problem 46, page 25.** Show that the assertion of the Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem is equivalent to the Completeness Axiom of the real numbers. Show that the assertion of the Monotone Convergence Theorem is equivalent to the Completeness Axiom for the real numbers.

Collaborators:

Solution: Proof. Completeness Axiom \rightarrow Monotone Convergence Criterion is shown in the proof in Page 21.

Monotone Convergence Criterion \rightarrow Completeness Axiom:

Let E be an upper bounded set, and T be the set of upper bound of E . Pick $a_1 \in E, b_1 \in T$. If $\frac{a_1 + b_1}{2} \in E$, we choose $a_2 = \frac{a_1 + b_1}{2}, b_2 = b_1$; else we choose $a_2 = a_1, b_2 = \frac{a_1 + b_1}{2}$. Similarly, we get two sequences $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}$, and $\{a_n\}$ is an upper bounded monotone increasing sequence, $\{b_n\}$ is a lower bounded monotone decreasing sequence, and $b_n - a_n \rightarrow 0$. According to Monotone Convergence Criterion, there exists α , s.t. $\alpha = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$. Next we prove $\alpha = \sup E$.

First, $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N_\epsilon$, s.t. when $n > N_\epsilon$, $\alpha - \epsilon < a_n$. Since a_n is not an upper bound of E , there exists $x_\epsilon \in E$, s.t. $\alpha - \epsilon < a_n < x_\epsilon$. On the other hand, if there exists $x_0 \in E$, s.t. $x_0 > \alpha$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_1 - a_1}{2^n} = \alpha$. Thus $\exists n_0 > 0$, s.t. $x_0 > b_{n_0}$. It contradicts with the assumption that b_i are upper bounds of E . So $\alpha = \sup E$.

Since **Nested Set theorem \rightarrow Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem** has been proved in Page 21, and **Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem \rightarrow Cauchy Convergence Criterion** has been proved in Page 22, and we have proved the Nested Set theorem is equivalent to Completeness Axiom, we only need to prove **Cauchy Convergence Criterion \rightarrow Nested Set theorem**.

Assume $\{[a_n, b_n]\}$ is a sequence of closed sets, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_n - a_n) = 0$. Then pick $m > n$, we have $0 \leq a_m - a_n < b_n - a_n \rightarrow 0$. So $\{a_n\}$ is Cauchy, which means $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \alpha$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \alpha$.

Since $\{a_n\}$ is monotone increasing while $\{b_n\}$ is monotone decreasing, we know α is the only number belongs to every closed set. ■

4. Let \mathbb{F} be an ordered field with the property that if $[a, b]$ is any closed interval and if $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ is any continuous function such that $f(a) > 0$ and $f(b) < 0$, then there is an x , $a < x < b$, such that $f(x) = 0$. Show that such a field \mathbb{F} has the least upper bound property.

Collaborators:

Solution: Proof. Let E be a upper-bounded set, and T be the set of all upper bounds of E . Construct a function f like this:

$$f = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in E \\ -1, & x \in T \end{cases}$$

We assume that E has no supremum. That means $\forall x \in E, \forall \epsilon > 0$ (We may assume x is a inner point of E), we can find $x_1 > x \in E$, so $\forall x_2 \in (x - \delta, x_1), |f(x_1) - f(x)| = 0 < \epsilon$. So f is continuous on x . With the arbitrariness of x , f is continuous on E . Similarly, f is continuous on T . Now we prove that f is continuous on $E \cup T$. If not, assume f is not continuous on x_0 . If $x_0 \in E$, then f should be discontinuous on the right side, which means $\exists \epsilon > 0, \forall \eta > 0, \exists x$, s.t. $|x_0 - x| < \eta, |f(x_0) - f(x)| > \epsilon$. That just means x_0 is the supremum of E , which makes a contradiction. If $x_0 \in T$, similarly x_0 is the supremum of E according to definition. So f is continuous on $E \cup T$. Using the property in the problem, for $a \in E, b \in T$, there must exist x , s.t. $f(x) = 0$. It contradicts with the construction of f . So E has a supremum, which means \mathcal{F} has the least upper bound property. ■

5. Show that if \mathbb{F} is an ordered field such that

- (a) the order for \mathbb{F} satisfies the Archimedean property, and
- (b) every Cauchy sequence is convergent,

then \mathbb{F} satisfies the Completeness Axiom. (There are examples of ordered fields that *don't* have the Archimedean property and *do* have the property that every Cauchy sequence is convergent. Can you come up with such an example?)

Collaborators:

Solution: Proof. Let E be any upper bounded set in \mathcal{F} . Let T be the set of all upper bounds of E . Select $x_1 \in E, y_1 \in T$, and we construct two sequences like this:

$$x_2 = \begin{cases} x_1, & \frac{x_1 + y_1}{2} \in T, \\ \frac{x_1 + y_1}{2}, & \frac{x_1 + y_1}{2} \in E \end{cases}$$

$$y_2 = \begin{cases} \frac{x_1 + y_1}{2}, & \frac{x_1 + y_1}{2} \in T \\ y_1, & \frac{x_1 + y_1}{2} \in E \end{cases}$$

Let $\{z_n\} = \{x_1, y_1, y_2, x_2, \dots\}$, let $\xi = y_1 - x_1$, then according to Archimedean property, for $\forall \epsilon > 0$, there exists a $N > 0, \forall m, n > N, |z_m - z_n| < \frac{\xi}{2^N} < \epsilon$. Thus $\{z_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence, so it convergent to z .

Now we prove that z is the supremum of E . First, we have $\{x_i\} \leq z \leq \{y_i\}$, or if there exists n , s.t. $x_n > z$, then with the monotonicity of $\{x_i\}$, for $\forall m > n, |x_m - z| \leq |x_n - z|$, which contradicts with that $\{x_n\} \subset \{z_n\} \rightarrow z$. In fact this already contains that z is the minimal element of T , which means z is the supremum of E . Thus we proved the Completeness Axiom. ■

6. Suppose that for $i = 1, 2$, \mathbb{F}_i is an ordered field satisfying the Completeness Axiom. Show that there is a unique isomorphism α from \mathbb{F}_1 onto \mathbb{F}_2 . That is, α is a field isomorphism that preserves the order ($x \leq_1 y$ implies $\alpha(x) \leq_2 \alpha(y)$), where \leq_i denotes “less than or equal to” in the field \mathbb{F}_i). Thus, there is at most *one* field of “real numbers”.

Collaborators:

Solution: Proof. Uniqueness:

Assume there exists two field isomorphisms f_1, f_2 from \mathcal{F}_1 onto \mathcal{F}_2 . Let E is an upper bounded set in \mathcal{F}_1 , and according to the Completeness Axiom, it's supremum is e . Denote $E_1 = f_1(E) \in \mathcal{F}_2, E_2 = f_2(E) \in \mathcal{F}_2$. Then according to properties of isomorphism, E_1, E_2 are both upper bounded sets, so they both have supremums, denoted by e_1, e_2 . Then since the isomorphism preserves the order, we have $f_1(e) = f_2(e) = e_1 = e_2$. Since for each $x \in \mathcal{F}_1$, we can construct a set with x being it's supremum (for example, a sequence converge to x), we have $f_1(x) = f_2(x)$. Thus $f_1 = f_2$.

Existence:

We construct the function like this:

According to the properties of fields, there exists $0_1, 1_1 \in \mathcal{F}_1, 0_2, 1_2 \in \mathcal{F}_2$, Since $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$ are fields, they close to multiplications. Let I_1 be the identity of \mathcal{F}_1 , and I_2 be the identity of \mathcal{F}_2 . Then since each non-zero element have an inverse, we can define rational numbers in \mathcal{F}_i :

$$q = (c_1 I_i) \times (c_2 I_i)^{-1},$$

where x^{-1} means the inverse in it's field.

Now we construct the map like this:

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathcal{F}_1 &\rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2 \\ (c_1 I_1) \times (c_2 I_1)^{-1} &\mapsto (c_1 I_2) \times (c_2 I_2)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

For $x \in \mathcal{F}_1$, if x is not a rational number, we call it an irrational number. Since \mathcal{F} has the Archimedean property (WHICH I DIDN'T PROVE), the rational numbers are density in \mathcal{F} . So $\forall x \in \mathcal{F}$, if x is an irrational number, we can construct two monotone sequences of rational numbers a_i, b_i , s.t. $a_{i+1} > a_i, b_{i+1} < b_i$, and $a_i, b_i \rightarrow x$, then since the map preserves the order for rational numbers, we can define

$$f(x) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} f(a_i) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} f(b_i).$$

for irrational numbers. Then using the linear property of limit, it is trivial to prove that this function is a field isomorphism.

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