Assume $I=[a,b]\subset \mathbb{R}$, V is a normed linear space.

A1) $\sigma_1,\sigma_2\in\mathcal{S}$ are two partitions. Prove that for any $\varepsilon>0$, there exists a partition σ such that $\sigma\prec\sigma_1,\sigma\prec\sigma_2$ and $|\sigma|<\varepsilon$.

Proof: Take n>1/arepsilon , and let

$$\sigma = \sigma_1 \cup \sigma_2 \cup igg\{rac{k}{n}a + rac{n-k}{n}b : 0 \leqslant k \leqslant nigg\}.$$

A2) Consider the space of simple functions $\mathcal{E}(I)$ with range V. Prove that it is a linear space on \mathbb{R} , and the integration operator $\int_a^b:\mathcal{E}(I)\to V$ is well-defined and is linear. Use this to define Riemann integrable functions with range V.

Proof: For any simple function $f = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mathbf{1}_{A_i}$ (where A_i are disjoint), let

$$\int_a^b f = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mu(A_i)$$

For any function f:I o V , partition $\mathcal{C}=\{x_0,x_1,\cdots,x_n\}$ and $\xi_i\in[x_{i-1},x_i]$, define

$$\mathcal{R}(f;\mathcal{C},\xi) = \sum_{k=0}^n f(\xi_i)(x_i-x_{i-1}).$$

Then f is Riemann integrable iff $\lim_{|\mathcal{C}| \to 0} \mathcal{R}(f; \mathcal{C}, \xi)$ exists.

A3) Suppose $f:I o\mathbb{R}^n$ and f_i be the components of f, then $f\in\mathcal{R}(I)$ iff for every $i,f_i\in\mathcal{R}(I)$.

Proof: Note that

$$\max\{|x_k|\} \leqslant |(x_1,\cdots,x_n)|_{\mathbb{R}^n} \leqslant |x_1|+\cdots+|x_n|.$$

Hence the limit $|\underline{S}(f;\sigma)-\overline{S}(f;\sigma)|=0$ iff the components of f are all Riemenn integrable.

A4) Assume a < c < b, then for any $f \in \mathcal{R}(I)$, $f|_{[a,c]}$ and $f|_{[c,b]}$ are both Riemann integrable, and

$$\int_a^b f = \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f.$$

Proof: They are both obviously Riemann integrable, and for any partition σ , let $\sigma' = \sigma \cup \{c\} = \sigma_1 \cup \sigma_2$, where σ_1 and σ_2 are partitions of [a,c] and [c,b], then

$$\underline{S}(f;\sigma) \leqslant \underline{S}(f;\sigma') = \underline{S}(f|_{[a,c]};\sigma_1) + \underline{S}(f|_{[c,b]};\sigma_2),$$

and the other side is the same. Hence

$$\int_a^b f = \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f.$$

A5) Prove that for any two partition σ and σ' , $\underline{S}(f;\sigma)\leqslant \overline{S}(f;\sigma')$. Use this to prove that if $f\in \mathcal{R}(I)$, then $\lim_{|\sigma|\to 0}|\underline{S}(f;\sigma)-\overline{S}(f;\sigma)|=0$.

Proof: Let $\sigma'' = \sigma \cup \sigma'$, then

$$\underline{S}(f;\sigma) \leqslant \underline{S}(f;\sigma'') \leqslant \overline{S}(f;\sigma'') \leqslant \overline{S}(f;\sigma').$$

If $f\in \mathcal{R}(I)$, then $\sup_{\sigma} \underline{S}(f;\sigma) = \inf_{\sigma} \overline{S}(f;\sigma)$ hence

$$\lim_{|\sigma| o 0} \lvert \underline{S}(f;\sigma) - \overline{S}(f;\sigma)
vert = 0.$$

A6) $f \in \mathcal{R}(I)$. Prove that if we change the value of f at a finite number of points to g, then g is Riemann integrable and $\int_I g = \int_I f$.

Proof: We can assume that f and g differ only at the point $c \in (a,b)$. Let $M=\sup_{x\in I}|f(x)|$. For any $\varepsilon>0$, and any partition σ , let $\sigma'=\sigma\cup\{c-\varepsilon,c+\varepsilon\}$, then $|\underline{S}(f;\sigma')-\underline{S}(f;\sigma)|\leqslant 4\varepsilon M\to 0$.

A7) $f\in C([a,b]).$ Assume for any $x\in I$, $f(x)\geqslant 0$ and there exists $x_0\in I$ such that $f(x_0)>0.$ Prove that $\int_a^bf>0.$

Proof: Since f is continuous and $f(x_0)>0$, there is an $\varepsilon>0$ such that for all $y\in (x_0-\varepsilon,x_0+\varepsilon)$, f(y)>0. Hence for any partition $\sigma=\{x_0,x_1,\cdots,x_n\}$ such that $|\sigma|<\varepsilon/2$, there is a $k\in\{1,\cdots,n\}$ such that $(x_{k-1},x_k)\subset (x_0-\varepsilon,x_0+\varepsilon)$. Hence $\mathcal{R}(f;\sigma,\xi)>0$ whenever $|\sigma|<\varepsilon/2$, so $\int_a^b f(x)\,\mathrm{d} x>0$.

A8) Suppose $f,g\in C^1(I)$, then

$$\int f' \cdot g = f \cdot g - \int f \cdot g'.$$

Proof:

$$d(f\cdot g)=df\cdot g+f\cdot dg.$$

A9) Suppose $\Phi:\mathbb{R} o \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable, f is a continuous function, then

$$\int (f\circ\Phi)\Phi'=\int f.$$

Proof:

$$(f(\Phi(x)))' = f'(\Phi(x))\Phi'(x).$$

PSB: Calculating Integrals

(1)

$$\int \frac{x^5}{1+x} dx = \int x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1 - \frac{1}{1+x} dx$$
$$= \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2}{2} + x - \log(x+1) + C.$$

$$\int \sqrt{x\sqrt{x\sqrt{x}}}\,\mathrm{d}x = \int x^{7/8}\,\mathrm{d}x = rac{8}{15}x^{15/8}.$$

$$\int \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} + \frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) dx = \int \left(\frac{2}{1-x} + \frac{2}{1+x} - 2\right) dx$$
$$= -2x + 2\log \frac{1+x}{1-x} + C.$$

$$\int \frac{e^{3x} + 1}{1 + e^x} dx = \int 1 - e^x + e^{2x} dx = x - e^x + \frac{e^{2x}}{2} + C.$$

$$\int \sqrt{1-\sin{(2x)}} \, \mathrm{d}x = \int \sqrt{2}\sin{\left(x-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)} \, \mathrm{d}x = -\sqrt{2}\cos{\left(x-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)} + C.$$

(6)

$$\int \frac{\cos(2x)}{\cos x - \sin x} dx = \int \cos x + \sin x dx = \sin x - \cos x + C.$$

(7)

$$\int \tan^2 x \, \mathrm{d}x = -x + \tan x + C.$$

(8)

$$\int |x| \, \mathrm{d}x = rac{x|x|}{2} + C.$$

(9)

$$\int e^{-|x|}\,\mathrm{d}x = -\mathrm{sgn}(x)e^{-|x|} + C.$$

(10)

$$\int \frac{x^2}{(1-x)^{2018}} \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{1}{2017(1-x)^{2017}} - \frac{1}{1013(1-x)^{2016}} + \frac{1}{2015(1-x)^{2015}}.$$

(11)

$$\int |x-1| \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{(x-1)|x-1|}{2} + C.$$

(12)

$$\int rac{1}{\sqrt{b^2+x^2}}\,\mathrm{d}x = rac{1}{b} \mathrm{log} rac{1+ anrac{\arctanrac{x}{b}}{2}}{1- anrac{\arctanrac{x}{b}}{2}} + C.$$

(13)

Let $x=t^2$, then

$$\int \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} = 2\arctan\sqrt{x} + C.$$

(14)

$$\int \frac{x^4}{(1-x^5)^4} \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}x^5}{(1-x^5)^4} = \frac{1}{15(1-x^5)^3} + C.$$

(15)

$$\int \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3-x^2}} + \frac{1}{1-3x^2} \right) \mathrm{d}x = \arcsin \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \log \frac{1+\sqrt{3}x}{1-\sqrt{3}x} + C.$$

(16)

$$\int \frac{2x-3}{x^2-3x+8} \, \mathrm{d}x = \log \left(x^2 - 3x + 8 \right) + C.$$

(17)

$$\int rac{\mathrm{d}x}{\sin^2\left(2x+rac{\pi}{4}
ight)} = rac{ an\left(2x-\pi/4
ight)}{2} + C.$$

(18)

$$\int \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{1+\cos x} = \tan\frac{x}{2} + C.$$

(19)

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2} \sin \frac{1}{x} \, \mathrm{d}x = \cos \frac{1}{x} + C.$$

(20)

$$\int \cos^5 x \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{\sin^5 x}{5} - \frac{2\sin^3 x}{3} + \sin x + C.$$

(21)

$$\int \cos\left(ax\right)\sin\left(bx\right)\mathrm{d}x = rac{\cos\left(a-b
ight)x}{2(a-b)} - rac{\cos\left(a+b
ight)x}{2(a+b)} + C.$$

(22)

$$\int \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{a\cos x + b\sin x} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \tanh^{-1} \frac{a\tan(x/2) - b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + C.$$

(23)

$$\int \frac{\sin{(2x)}}{a^2\cos^2{x} + b^2\sin^2{x}} \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{\log{\left((b^2 - a^2)\sin^2{x} + a^2\right)}}{b^2 - a^2} + C.$$

(24)

$$\int \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{2-\sin^2 x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\arctan\left(\frac{\tan x}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + C.$$

(25)

$$\int \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{x \ln x \ln \ln x} = \ln \ln \ln x + C.$$

(26)

$$\int rac{\log x}{x\sqrt{1+\log x}} \, \mathrm{d}x = rac{2}{3} (1+\log x)^{3/2} - 2\sqrt{1+\log x} + C.$$

(27)

$$\int rac{\cos x + \sin x}{(\sin x - \cos x)^{1/3}} \, \mathrm{d}x = rac{3}{2} (\sin x - \cos x)^{2/3} + C.$$

(28)

$$\int e^{\sqrt{x}} \,\mathrm{d}x = 2\sqrt{x}e^{\sqrt{x}} - 2e^{\sqrt{x}} + C.$$

(29)

$$\int rac{x^{n/2}}{1+x^{n+2}} \, \mathrm{d}x = rac{2}{n+2} \mathrm{arctan} \, x^{n/2+1} + C.$$

(30)

$$\int rac{\sqrt{x}}{1-x^{1/3}} \, \mathrm{d}x = 6 \arctan x^{1/6} - rac{6}{5} x^{5/6} - rac{6}{7} x^{7/6} - 2 x^{1/2} - 6 x^{1/6} + C.$$

(31)

$$\int \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{x}{a^2 \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} + C.$$

(32)

$$\int \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\cos^4 x} = \frac{\sin x}{2\cos^3 x} + \frac{\sin(3x)}{6\cos^3 x} + C.$$

(33)

$$\int \arcsin^2 x \, \mathrm{d}x = x \arcsin^2 x + 2\sqrt{1 - x^2} \arcsin x - 2x + C.$$

(34)

$$\int x \arcsin x \, \mathrm{d}x = rac{x\sqrt{1-x^2}}{4} - rac{1}{4} \mathrm{arcsin}\, x(1-2x^2) + C.$$

$$\int x \arctan x = \frac{1}{2}(x^2+1)\arctan x - \frac{1}{2}x + C.$$

$$\int \frac{\arctan x}{x^2} = \log x - \frac{\arctan x}{x} - \frac{1}{2}\log(1+x^2) + C.$$

(37)

$$\int x^2 \sin x = -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x + C.$$

(38)

$$\int \frac{x}{\cos^2 x} = x \tan x + \log \cos x + C.$$

(39)

$$\int \log\left(x+\sqrt{1+x^2}
ight) = x\log\left(x+\sqrt{1+x^2}
ight) - \sqrt{1+x^2} + C.$$

(40)

$$\int \sin \log x = \frac{x}{2} (\sin \log x - \cos \log x) + C.$$

(41)

$$\int \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} + \frac{a^2}{4}\log\frac{x + \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2} - x^2} + C.$$

(42)

$$\int rac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2-a^2}} = rac{1}{2} x \sqrt{x^2-a^2} + rac{a^2}{4} \log rac{x+\sqrt{x^2-a^2}}{x-\sqrt{x^2-a^2}} + C.$$

(43)

$$\int rac{x \log \left(x+\sqrt{1+x^2}
ight)}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} = \sqrt{x^2+1} \log \left(x+\sqrt{1+x^2}
ight) - x + C.$$

Let $u=\sqrt{x^2+1}+x$ then $\mathrm{d}u/\mathrm{d}x=1+x/\sqrt{1+x^2}$, so it becomes

$$\int \frac{(u^2-1)\log u}{2u^2} \, \mathrm{d}x = -\frac{u}{2} + \frac{1}{2u} + \frac{1}{2}u\log u + \frac{\log u}{2u} + C.$$

(44)

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+a^2}} = \log \frac{\sin t + \cos t}{\sin t - \cos t} + C = \tanh^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+a^2}} + C.$$

where $t = \frac{1}{2}\arctan(x/a)$.

(45)

$$\int \frac{xe^x}{(1+x)^2} = \frac{e^x}{1+x} + C.$$

(46)

$$\int \arctan\left(1+\sqrt{x}
ight) = x \arctan\left(1+\sqrt{x}
ight) - \sqrt{x} + \log\left(2+2\sqrt{x}+x
ight) + C.$$

(47)

$$\int \left(1 - \frac{2}{x}\right)^2 e^x = e^x - \frac{4e^x}{x} + C.$$

since $\int e^x/x^2\,\mathrm{d}x = -e^x/x + \int e^x/x\,\mathrm{d}x$.

(48)

$$\int \sqrt{2+ an^2 x} = heta + \log rac{\sin heta + \cos heta}{\sin heta - \cos heta} + C.$$

where $heta=rcsin\left(\sin x/\sqrt{2}
ight)$.

(49)

$$\int \frac{1}{1+x^3} = -\frac{1}{6}\log\left(x^2 - x + 1\right) + \frac{1}{3}\log\left(x + 1\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\arctan\frac{2x - 1}{\sqrt{3}} + C.$$

(50)

$$\int rac{x^7}{x^4+2} = rac{x^4}{4} - rac{1}{2} \mathrm{log} \left(2 + x^4
ight).$$

(51)

$$\int \frac{2x^2+1}{(x+3)(x-1)(x-4)} = -\frac{1}{4}\log\left(1-x\right) + \frac{11}{7}\log\left(4-x\right) + \frac{19}{28}\log\left(x+3\right) + C.$$

(52)

$$\int rac{1+x^2}{1+x^4} = rac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(rctan\left(\sqrt{2}x+1
ight) - rctan\left(1-\sqrt{2}x
ight)) + C.$$

Note that

$$rac{1+x^2}{1+x^4} = rac{1}{2(x^2+\sqrt{2}x+1)} - rac{1}{2(-x^2+\sqrt{2}x+1)}.$$

(53)

Let $x=y^6-1$ then

$$\begin{split} &\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+1} + (x+1)^{1/3}} = \int (y^3 - 1)(1 - y + y^2)6y^3 \mathrm{d}y \\ = &\frac{2x\sqrt{x+1}}{3} - \frac{3x(x+1)^{1/3}}{4} + \frac{6x(x+1)^{1/6}}{7} - x + \frac{6}{5}(x+1)^{5/6} \\ &- \frac{3}{2}(x+1)^{2/3} + \frac{2\sqrt{x+1}}{3} - \frac{3(x+1)^{1/3}}{4} + \frac{6(x+1)^{1/6}}{7} + C. \end{split}$$

(54)

Let $x=y^2$, then

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+x^2}} = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\sqrt{y^2+1}} = \tanh^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{x+1}}\right) + C.$$

(55)

The Poisson kernel

$$\int rac{1-r^2}{1-2r\cos x+r^2} = 2 \arctan\left(rac{1+r}{1-r} anrac{x}{2}
ight) + C.$$

(56)

Let x= an heta then

$$\int \frac{1}{x\sqrt{1+x^2}} = \int \frac{d\theta}{\sin \theta} = \log \tan \frac{\arctan x}{2} + C.$$

(57)

Let $t = \tan x/2$ then

$$\int \frac{1}{5 - 3\cos x} = \frac{1}{2}\arctan\left(2\tan\frac{x}{2}\right) + C.$$

(58)

Let $t = \tan x$, then

$$\int \frac{1}{2+\sin^2 x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\arctan\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\tan x\right) + C.$$

(59)

$$\int \frac{\sin^3 x}{\cos^4 x} = \frac{1}{3\cos^3 x} - \frac{1}{\cos x} + C.$$

(60)

Let $t = \cos x$ then

$$\int \frac{1}{\sin x \cos^4 x} = -\int t^{-4} + t^{-2} + \frac{1}{1-t^2} = \frac{1}{3\cos^3 x} + \frac{1}{\cos x} + \frac{1}{2}\log \frac{1+\cos x}{1-\cos x} + C.$$

Problem W: Stone-Weierstraß Theorem

Part 1: Approximating |x|

W1) (Dini) Suppose $K\subset\mathbb{R}^n$ is compact, $f_n:K\to\mathbb{R}$ is a sequence of continuous functions, which converges point-wise to $f:K\to\mathbb{R}$. If f is continuous and $f_n\leqslant f_{n+1}$, then f_n converges uniformly to f.

Proof: For any $\varepsilon>0$, and any $x\in K$, there is an integer $n_x>0$ such that $|f_{n_x}(x)-f(x)|<\varepsilon/4$. There exists $\delta>0$, such that $\forall y\in \mathrm{B}(x,\delta)\cap K$, $|f(x)-f(y)|<\varepsilon/4$ and $|f_{n_x}(x)-f_{n_x}(y)|<\varepsilon/4$, then $|f_{n_x}(y)-f(y)|<\varepsilon/4$. Note that $K\subset\bigcup_{x\in K}\mathrm{B}(x,\delta_x)$ hence we can choose a finite set of x_1,x_2,\cdots,x_N such that $K\subset\bigcup_{i=1}^N\mathrm{B}(x_i,\delta_{x_i})$. Let $M=\max\{n_{x_i}:i=1,2,\cdots,N\}$ then for any $m\geqslant M$ and $x\in K$, $|f_m(x)-f(x)|<\varepsilon$. Hence f_n converges uniformly to f.

W2) Consider the interval $\left[-1,1\right]$. Define inductively a sequence of polynomials:

$$P_0(x)=0,\, P_{n+1}(x)=P_n(x)+rac{1}{2}(x^2-P_n^2(x)).$$

Prove that for any n, x, $0 \leqslant P_n(x) \leqslant P_{n+1}(x) \leqslant |x|$.

Proof: Assume x>0 , we prove by induction. If $t=P_n(x)\in [0,x]$, then

$$P_{n+1}(x) = rac{1}{2}x^2 - rac{1}{2}(t-1)^2 + rac{1}{2} \leqslant rac{1}{2}(x^2 - (1-x)^2 + 1) = x,$$

and $P_{n+1}(x)\geqslant P_n(x)=t$, hence $P_{n+1}(x)\in [0,x]$.

W3) Prove that |x| can be uniformly approximated by polynomials on the interval [-1,1], i.e. for any $\varepsilon>0$, there exists a polynomial $P_\varepsilon(x)$ such that $\sup_{x\in[-1,1]}||x|-P_\varepsilon(x)|<\varepsilon$.

Proof: By W2), the sequence of polynomials $\{P_n\}$ converge point-wise to |x|, hence by W1) P_n converge uniformly to |x|.

Part 3: Bernstein Polynomial

Assume I = [0, 1], and n is an integer.

W4) For any $0 \leqslant k \leqslant n$, define $p_{n,k}(x) = \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k}$. Prove that

$$\sum_{0 \le k \le n} p_{n,k}(x) \left(x - \frac{k}{n}\right)^2 = \frac{x(1-x)}{n}.$$

Proof:

Note that

$$egin{split} \sum_{k=0}^n inom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} x^2 &= x^2, \ &\sum_{k=0}^n inom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} rac{k}{n} &= \sum_{k=1}^n inom{n-1}{k-1} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} &= x, \ &\sum_{k=0}^n p_{n,k}(x) k(k-1) &= n(n-1) \sum_{k=2}^n inom{n-2}{k-2} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} &= n(n-1) x^2. \end{split}$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{k=0}^n p_{n,k}(x) igg(x-rac{k}{n}igg)^2 = rac{x(1-x)}{n}.$$

W5) For any $f \in C([0,1])$, define

$$B_{f,n} = \sum_{k=0}^n f\left(rac{k}{n}
ight) inom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k}.$$

For $x \in [0,1]$, prove that

$$|f(x)-B_{f,n}(x)|\leqslant \sum_{k=0}^n \left|f(x)-f\left(rac{k}{n}
ight)
ight|p_{n,k}(x).$$

Proof: Note that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n f(x)inom{n}{k}x^k(1-x)^{n-k}=f(x).$$

W6) For any $f\in C([0,1])$, prove that for any $\varepsilon>0$, there exists n such that $\|f-B_{f,n}\|_\infty<\varepsilon$.

Proof:

Let

$$egin{aligned} \mathrm{I} &= \sum_{|m-nx| < n^{3/4}} \Big(f(x) - f\left(rac{m}{n}
ight)\Big) p_{n,m}(x), \ \mathrm{II} &= \sum_{|m-nx| > n^{3/4}} \Big(f(x) - f\left(rac{m}{n}
ight)\Big) p_{n,m}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Then $|f - B_{f,n}| \leq |\mathrm{I}| + |\mathrm{II}|$.

For any arepsilon>0, $\exists N\in\mathbb{N}$ such that $\forall x\in[0,1]$, $n\geqslant N\implies |\mathrm{I}|<arepsilon$, since

$$|\mathrm{I}|\leqslant \sup_{|x-m/n|< n^{-1/4}}|f(x)-f(m/n)| o 0.$$

Suppose $M=\sup_{x\in [0,1]}|f(x)|$, then

$$|\mathrm{II}| \leqslant 2M \sum_{|m-nx|>n^{3/4}} p_{n,m}(x) \leqslant 2M \sqrt{n} \sum_{m=0}^n (x-m/n)^2 p_{n,m}(x) = rac{2Mx(1-x)}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

Hence $\|f-B_{f,n}\|_\infty o 0.$

Part 3: Stone-Weierstrass Theorem

W7-14):

Let X be a compact Hausdorff space, $\mathcal{A}\subset C(X,\mathbb{R})$ satisfy the following properties:

(a)
$$orall c \in \mathbb{R}$$
, $c \cdot 1_X \in \mathcal{A}$, (b) $orall f, g \in \mathcal{A}, f+g, f-g, fg \in \mathcal{A}$,

(c) \mathcal{A} can separate any pair of points in X.

Then $\bar{\mathcal{A}}=C(X,\mathbb{R}).$

Lemma 1

There is a list of polynomials $\{P_n(x)\}$ that converges uniformly to |x| on [-1,1].

Lemma 2

If $\mathcal A$ is a subspace of $C(X,\mathbb R)$, such that (a) $\mathcal A$ is a lattice, (b) $1_X\in\mathcal A$, and (c) $\mathcal A$ can separate any pair of points, then $\bar{\mathcal A}=C(X,\mathbb R)$.

Proof of main theorem

Assume WLOG $\mathcal A$ is closed, then by Lemma 1, $\forall f\in\mathcal A$, $P_n(f)\in\mathcal A$, hence $|f|\in\mathcal A$.(Since X is compact, |f| is bounded.) Note that

$$\max\left\{f,g
ight\} = rac{1}{2}(|f+g|+|f-g|), \min\left\{f,g
ight\} = rac{1}{2}(|f+g|-|f-g|).$$

Hence \mathcal{A} is a lattice, by Lemma 2 $\mathcal{A} = C(X, \mathbb{R})$.

Proof of Lemma 1

Proof 1: Let

$$egin{aligned} Q_n(x) &= \int_0^x (1-t^2)^n \, dt / \int_0^1 (1-t^2)^n \, dt. \ P_n(x) &= \int_0^x Q_n(t) \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\int_{arepsilon}^{1} (1-t^2)^n \, dt \leqslant (1-arepsilon^2)^n (1-arepsilon) o 0$$

Hence (combined with Wallis's formula), $P_n(x)$ converges uniformly to |x| on [a,b]. Proof 2: WLOG change the interval to [-1/2,1/2]. The series

$$(1-t)^{1/2}=1+\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}{(-t)^ninom{1}{2}{n}}=1-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}{c_nt^n}.$$

converges when |t|<1. Hence $\forall \varepsilon>0$, there exists $Q\in\mathbb{R}[x]$ such that $\sup_{|t|\leqslant 1/2}|Q(t)-(1-t)^{1/2}|<\varepsilon/2$. Let $t=1-x^2$, then $|Q(1-x^2)-|x||<\varepsilon/2$, so $P(x)=Q(1-x^2)-Q(1)$ converges to |x| uniformly on [-1/2,1/2].

Proof of Lemme 2

Step 1: Take any $f\in C(X,\mathbb{R})$, and any $x,y\in X$, we can find $g_{xy}\in \mathcal{A}$, such that $g_{xy}(x)=f(x),g_{xy}(y)=f(y)$. Since there exists $u\in \mathcal{A}$ such that $u(x)\neq u(y)$,

$$\begin{pmatrix} u(x),1\\ u(y),1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda\\ \mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f(x)\\ f(y) \end{pmatrix}$$

has a solution. (If x=y it is trivial.)

Step 2:

For all arepsilon>0, $x,y\in X$, there is an open neighborhood $O_{x,y}$ of y, such that $\forall z\in O_{x,y}$, $f(z)-g_{xy}(z)\leqslant arepsilon$. Note that $\bigcup_{y\in X}O_{x,y}=X$, so by X is compact, there is a list y_1,\cdots,y_N such that $\bigcup_{k\leqslant N}O_{x,y_k}=X$. Let $h_x=\max\{g_{xy_k}:k\leqslant N\}$, then $h_x(y)-f(y)\geqslant -arepsilon$, and $f(x)=h_x(x)$.

Step 3:

For all $x\in X$, there is an open neighborhood G_x of x, such that $\forall z\in G_x$, $h_x(z)-f(z)\leqslant \varepsilon$. Note that $\bigcup_{x\in X}G_x=X$, so by X is compact, there is a list x_1,\cdots,x_M such that $\bigcup_{k\leqslant M}G_x=X$. Let $F=\min\{h_{x_k}:k\leqslant M\}$, then $|F(x)-f(x)|\leqslant \varepsilon, \forall x\in X$. Therefore $\bar{\mathcal{A}}=C(X,\mathbb{R})$.

For complex numbers, there is an additional requirement: for any $f\in\mathcal{A}$, $\overline{f}\in\mathcal{A}$.

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It is easy to see that polynomials and trigonometric polynomials both satisfy the requirements of the theorem.