

# 18.100B Theorems

## 1 Real Numbers

1. The set  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers is the unique complete ordered field.
2. **(Existence of  $\sqrt{2}$ )**  
There exists  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $r^2 = 2$ .
3. **(Archimedean Property)**  
Let  $x, y$  be reals. Then
  - A)  $y > 0 \implies \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $ny > x$ .
  - B)  $x < y \implies \exists q \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $x < q < y$ . ( $\mathbb{Q}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ )
4. **(Principle of Induction)**  
For a property  $P(n)$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ), if  $P(0)$  and  $P(n) \implies P(n+1)$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) are true, then  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## 2 Sequences

1. **(Triangle Inequality)**  
 $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .
2. If a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to both  $\ell$  and  $\ell'$ , then  $\ell = \ell'$ .
3. If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \ell$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \ell'$ , then
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = \ell + \ell'$
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = \ell \ell'$
  - if  $\ell \neq 0$  and  $x_n \neq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = 1/\ell$
4. **(Squeeze Theorem)**  
If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \ell$  and  $x_n \leq z_n \leq y_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = \ell$ .
5. **(Monotone Convergence Theorem)**  
If  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is nondecreasing and bounded above, then it converges. Similarly, if it is nonincreasing and bounded below, then it converges.
6. Every sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  admits a monotone subsequence.
7. **(Bolzano-Weierstrass)**  
Every bounded sequence has a convergent subsequence.
8. In  $\mathbb{R}$ , a sequence converges if and only if it is Cauchy.
9.  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges if and only if  $\limsup x_n = \liminf x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ .

### 3 Series

#### 1. (Comparison Test)

If  $|a_k| \leq b_k$  for all  $k \geq N_0$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k$  converges, then  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$  converges.

#### 2. (Alternating Series Test)

If  $x_k \geq 0$  is non-increasing and  $x_k \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x_k$  converges.

#### 3. (Ratio Test)

If all  $x_k \neq 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x_{k+1}}{x_k} \right| < 1$ , then  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_k$  converges.

#### 4. $e := \exp(1)$ is irrational.

#### 5. $e^x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

#### 6. (Products of Series)

If  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k$  converge absolutely, then  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{\ell=0}^k a_{\ell} b_{k-\ell} \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k$ .

#### 7. (Dirichlet)

If  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_k$  is absolutely convergent, it is unconditionally convergent.

#### 8. (Riemann)

If  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_k$  converges but not absolutely, then for any  $\ell \in \mathbb{R}$  or  $\ell = \pm\infty$  there exists some

rearrangement  $\sigma$  such that  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_{\sigma(k)} = \ell$ .

### 4 Topology of $\mathbb{R}$

#### 1. $\mathbb{R}$ is not countable (*uncountable*).

#### 2. Every open set of $\mathbb{R}$ is a countable union of disjoint open intervals.

#### 3. Let $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . The following are equivalent:

(a)  $K$  is compact.

(b)  $K$  is sequentially compact.

(c)  $K$  is closed and bounded.

4. **(Cantor's Intersection Theorem)**

Let  $\{K_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of nonempty compact sets in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $K_0 \supseteq K_1 \supseteq K_2 \supseteq \dots$ . Then  $K = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} K_n$  is compact and nonempty.

## 5 Metric Spaces

1. Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . The following are equivalent:

- (a)  $K$  is compact.
- (b)  $K$  is sequentially compact.
- (c)  $K$  is complete and totally bounded.

2. **(Baire)**

Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $O_n$  is open and dense in  $X$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $O = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} O_n$  is dense in  $X$ .

## 6 Continuous Functions

1.  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous at  $x$  if and only if

$$(\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists \delta > 0) (\forall d_X(x, y) < \delta) (d_Y(f(x), f(y)) < \varepsilon).$$

2.  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if and only if for all open sets  $U$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $X$ .

3. **(Banach Fixed Point Theorem)**

Let  $(X, d)$  be complete and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz for some  $0 < \alpha < 1$  (such functions are called *contractions*). Then  $f$  has a unique fixed point:  $f(a) = a$ .

4. If  $X$  is compact and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, then  $f(X)$  is compact.

5. **(Heine-Cantor)**

If  $X$  is compact and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, then  $f$  is uniformly continuous.

6. If  $X$  is compact,  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, then  $f(X)$  has a maximum and minimum.

7. **(Intermediate Value Theorem)**

If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and  $f(a) < \mu < f(b)$ , there exists  $c \in [a, b]$  with  $f(c) = \mu$ .

8.  $(\mathcal{C}(X), d)$  is complete.

9. **(Arzelà-Ascoli)**

Let  $X$  be compact.  $K \subseteq \mathcal{C}(X)$  is *relatively compact* (i.e.  $\overline{K}$  is compact) if and only if it is uniformly bounded and uniformly equicontinuous.

## 7 Derivatives

1. If  $f$  is differentiable at  $x_0$ , then it is continuous at  $x_0$ .

2. **(Chain Rule)**

If  $f, g$  are differentiable at  $x_0$ , then  $f \circ g$  is differentiable at  $x_0$ , with

$$(f \circ g)'(x_0) = f'(g(x_0))g'(x_0).$$

3. If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable, then the maximum of  $f$  occurs at either  $a, b$  or a point  $x_0$  with  $f'(x_0) = 0$ . *Note:* Maximum exists since  $[a, b]$  is compact.

4. **(Rolle's)**

If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous,  $f$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , and  $f(a) = f(b)$ , then there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  with  $f'(c) = 0$ .

5. **(Mean Value Theorem)**

If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous,  $f$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  with  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$ .

6. **(L'Hôpital's Rule)**

Let  $f, g$  be differentiable on  $I$ , and let  $x_0 \in I$  such that  $f(x_0) = g(x_0) = 0$ , and  $g'(x) \neq 0$  on some  $\mathcal{B}(x_0, \varepsilon)$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$  exists.

$$\text{Then} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}.$$

7. Say  $f$  is convex on  $I$ . Then  $f'_-(x) \leq f'_+(x) \leq f'_-(y) \leq f'_+(y)$  for all  $x < y$  in  $I$ .

8. If  $f$  is convex,  $f'$  exists except at countably many points.

9. **(Sard's Theorem)**

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be in  $\mathcal{C}^1$ . Then  $\{\text{critical values of } f\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  has measure zero.

10. Any regular value of  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  in  $\mathcal{C}^1$  has a finite pre-image.

## 8 Riemann Integral

1. The following are equivalent:

- $f \in \mathcal{R}(a, b)$ .
- $(\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists \sigma) (S(f, \sigma) - s(f, \sigma) < \varepsilon)$ .

- $(\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists \delta > 0) (\forall |\sigma| < \delta) (S(f, \sigma) - s(f, \sigma) < \varepsilon).$
- $(\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists N > 0) (\forall n \geq N) (S(f, \sigma_n) - s(f, \sigma_n) < \varepsilon)$  where

$$\sigma_n = \left\{ a + \frac{k}{n}(b-a) : 0 \leq k \leq n \right\} \quad (\text{equipartition})$$

- $(\exists \mathcal{I} \in \mathbb{R}) (\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists \delta > 0) (\forall |\sigma| < \delta) (\forall \xi_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]):$

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - x_{i-1}) f(\xi_i) - \mathcal{I} \right| < \varepsilon.$$

2. Continuous functions are Riemann integrable.

3. **(Fundamental Theorem of Calculus / FTC)**

If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, then  $F(x) = \int_a^x f$  is differentiable with  $F' = f$ .

4. **(Integral Form of FTC)**

If  $F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is in  $\mathcal{C}^1$ , then  $\int_a^b F' = F(b) - F(a)$ .

5. **(Integration by Parts)**

If  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are in  $\mathcal{C}^1$ , then  $\int_a^b f'g = f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a) - \int_a^b fg'$ .

6. **(Characterization of Riemann Integrability)**

$f \in \mathcal{R}(a, b)$  if and only if

- $f$  is bounded, and
- The set of points of discontinuity of  $f$  has measure zero.

7. **(Picard-Lindelöf/Cauchy-Lipschitz)**

Let  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  be open and  $(x_0, y_0) \in D$ . Let  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $L$ -Lipschitz in the second variable (namely  $|f(x, y_1) - f(x, y_2)| \leq L|y_1 - y_2|$ ). Then for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a unique solution  $y : (x_0 - \varepsilon, x_0 + \varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to the ODE

$$y'(x) = f(x, y(x)), \quad y(x_0) = y_0.$$

8. • If  $R = 0$ , the series converges only at  $x = c$ .
- If  $R = \infty$ , the series converges absolutely for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- If  $0 < R < \infty$ , the series converges absolutely for  $|x - c| < R$  and does not converge for  $|x - c| > R$ .

9. Let  $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$  be a power series and let  $|x| < R$ . Then the partial sums  $f_n =$

$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k$  converge uniformly to  $f$  on any compact interval  $[a, b] \subseteq (-R, R)$ .

10. Given  $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$  on  $(-R, R)$  we have that  $f$  is differentiable on  $(-R, R)$  with

$$f'(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1}.$$

11. Let  $f \in \mathcal{C}^n((-R, R))$  for some  $R > 0$  and  $p_n(x)$  be its  $n$ -th Taylor polynomial

$$p_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k.$$

Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|f(x) - p_n(x)|}{|x|^n} = 0$ . (We also write this as  $f(x) = p_n(x) + o(x^n)$ .)

12. **(Weierstrass Approximation)**

For all  $f \in \mathcal{C}([a, b])$  there exists a sequence of polynomials  $p_n$  such that  $p_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly. In other words,  $\{\text{polynomials}\}$  is dense in  $\mathcal{C}([a, b])$ .