

wednesday, July 14

Midterm tomorrow

- check confirmation email from Tuesday.

**Exercise 1.** Justify the following facts about the Cantor set  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

(a)  $C$  is compact. intersection of closed sets is closed  
bound.

(b)  $C$  does not contain any intervals.

Suppose  $(a, b) \subseteq C$ . There exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  
 $(\frac{1}{3})^n < b - a$ .

(c)  $C$  does not have any interior points.

Let  $x \in C$ . For any  $r > 0$ ,  $(a, b) \not\subseteq C_n$ .  
 $B_r(x) = (x-r, x+r) \not\subseteq C$  by (b).

(d) Every point in  $C$  is a limit point of  $C$ .

Let  $x \in C$ . Let  $r > 0$ . There exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $(\frac{1}{3})^n < r$ .  
 $x \in C_n$ .  $x$  is an element of some closed interval of length  $(\frac{1}{3})^n$  contained in  $C_n$ .

(e) Every point in  $C$  is a limit point of  $C^c$ .

Let  $x \in C$ . Let  $r > 0$ .

$B_r(x) = (x-r, x+r) \not\subseteq C$

$\Rightarrow$  there exists  $y \in B_r(x)$  st.  $y \notin C$  hence  $y \in C^c$ .

**Exercise 2.** Prove that any open set in  $\mathbb{R}$  is an at most countable disjoint union of open intervals. (Hint: If  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is open, for any  $x \in U$ , any interval containing  $x$  can be expanded to the largest interval in  $U$  containing  $x$ .)

$U$  open. For each  $x \in U$ , there exists  $r > 0$ :  $B_r(x) \subseteq U$ .  
 $(x-r, x+r) \subseteq U$ .

Let  $I_x = (s_x, t_x)$ .

Check:  $I_x \subseteq U$ .

Claim:  $U = \bigcup_{x \in U} I_x$ .

Check (obvious).

Check: If  $x, y \in U$ ,  
then either  $I_x = I_y$ ,  
or  $I_x \cap I_y = \emptyset$ .

Argue: only at countably many distinct intervals.



$$C = \bigcap_{i=0}^{\infty} C_i$$

$$C \subseteq C_n$$

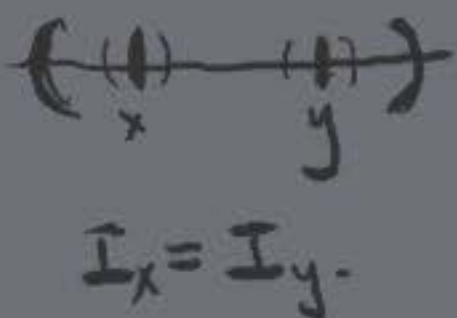
lie in  $B_r(x) \cap C$ .

$\therefore x$  is a limit point.

$$\text{Let } s_x = \inf\{a < x : (a, x) \subseteq U\}$$

$$t_x = \sup\{b > x : (x, b) \subseteq U\}$$

$\rightarrow$  for each interval  $I$ ,  
pick  $q_I \in \mathbb{Q} \cap I$ . by  
denseness of  $\mathbb{Q}$   
the map  $I \mapsto q_I$  is  
injective.



Recall

$$\sum_{k=m}^{\infty} a_k \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$$

$S_n$

partial sums of  $\sum_{k=m}^{\infty} a_k$ .

$$(S_n) = (a_m, a_m + a_{m+1}, \dots)$$

Inherit notions of  
convergence/divergence,  
Cauchy criterion.

Theorem: A series converges if and only if it satisfies Cauchy criterion.

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

Question: Is the converse true?

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n}.$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots$$

Harmonic series.



### Theorem (Comparison test).

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series such that  $a_n \geq 0$  for all  $n$ .

(i) If  $\sum a_n$  converges and  $|b_n| \leq a_n$  for all  $n$ , then  $\sum b_n$  converges.

(ii) If  $\sum a_n = \infty$ , and  $b_n \geq a_n$  for all  $n$ , then  $\sum b_n = \infty$ .  
diverges to  $\infty$

Proof: (i) (Show that  $\sum b_n$  satisfies the Cauchy criterion).

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . There exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq m \geq N$  implies  $\sum_{k=m}^n a_k < \varepsilon$ .

Then for  $n \geq m \geq N$ ,  $\left| \sum_{k=m}^n b_k \right| \leq \sum_{k=m}^n |b_k| \leq \sum_{k=m}^n a_k < \varepsilon$ .

(ii) Let  $(s_n)$  be the sequence of partial sums of  $\sum a_n$ .

Let  $(t_n)$  be the sequence of partial sums of  $\sum b_n$ .

$s_n \leq t_n$  for all  $n$ .  $s_n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow t_n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$$

$$b_1 + b_2 + b_3 + \dots$$

Corollary: Absolutely convergent series converge.

Proof:

$$a_n \leq |a_n|.$$

$\sum a_n$  abs. conv mean that  $\sum |a_n|$  converges.

If  $\sum a_n$  converges absolutely, then  $\sum \underbrace{|a_n|}_{b_n}$  converges.

By comparison test (i),  $|a_n| \leq b_n$  for all  $n \Rightarrow \sum a_n$  converges.

Ex. Harmonic series.

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{17} + \dots + \frac{1}{32} + \dots$$

smaller

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}}_{\frac{1}{2}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}}_{\frac{1}{2}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{16} + \dots + \frac{1}{16}}_{\frac{1}{2}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{32} + \dots + \frac{1}{32}}_{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

diverges

$\therefore$  Harmonic series diverge by comparison test.