

# Real Analysis Theorems

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## 1 Introduction

**Theorem 1.1** (Complete Axiom). *Every nonempty subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is bounded above has a least upper bound. In other words,  $\sup S$  exists and is a real number.*

## 2 Monotone Sequence and Cauchy Sequences

**Theorem 2.1.** *All bounded monotone sequences converge.*

**Definition 2.2.** *A sequence  $(s_n)$  of real numbers is called a Cauchy sequence if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a number  $N$  such that  $m, n > N$  implies  $|s_n - s_m| < \epsilon$*

**Lemma 2.3.** *Convergent sequences are Cauchy sequences.*

**Theorem 2.4.** *A sequence is a convergent sequence if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence.*

*sketch proof.*

$$|s_n - s_m| = |s_n - s + s - s_m| \leq |s_n - s| + |s - s_m|$$

□

## 3 Subsequences

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(s_n)$  be a sequence. If  $t$  is in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then there is a subsequence of  $(s_n)$  converging to  $t$  if and only if the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : |s_n - t| < \epsilon\}$  is infinite for all  $\epsilon > 0$*

**Theorem 3.2.** *If the sequence  $(s_n)$  converges, then every subsequence converges to the same limit.*

**Theorem 3.3.** *Every sequence  $(s_n)$  has a monotonic subsequence.*

**Theorem 3.4** (Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem). *Every bounded sequence has a convergent subsequence.*

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $(s_n)$  be any sequence. There exists a monotonic subsequence whose limit is  $\limsup s_n$ , and there exists a monotonic subsequence whose limit is  $\liminf s_n$ .*

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $(s_n)$  be any sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $S$  denote the set of subsequential limits of  $(s_n)$ .

- $S$  is nonempty
- $\sup S = \limsup s_n$  and  $\inf S = \liminf s_n$
- $\lim s_n$  exists if and only if  $S$  has exactly one element, namely  $\lim s_n$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $S$  denote the set of subsequential limits of a sequence  $(s_n)$ . Suppose  $(t_n)$  is a sequence in  $S$  and that  $t = \lim t_n$ . Then  $t$  belongs to  $S$  (which means  $S$  is **closed**).

## 4 Limsup and Liminf

**Theorem 4.1.** If  $(s_n)$  converges to a positive real number  $s$  and  $(t_n)$  is any sequence, then

$$\limsup s_n t_n = s \cdot \limsup t_n$$

Here we allow the conventions  $s \cdot (+\infty) = +\infty$  and  $s \cdot (-\infty) = -\infty$  for  $s > 0$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $(s_n)$  be any sequence of nonzero real numbers. Then we have

$$\liminf \left| \frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} \right| \leq \liminf |s_n|^{1/n} \leq \limsup |s_n|^{1/n} \leq \limsup \left| \frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} \right|$$

**Corollary 4.2.1.** If  $\lim \left| \frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} \right|$  exists [ and equals  $L$  ], then  $\lim |s_n|^{1/n}$  exists [ and equals  $L$  ].

## 5 Series

**Theorem 5.1** (Ratio Test). A series  $\sum a_n$  of nonzero terms

1. Converges absolutely if  $\limsup |a_{n+1}/a_n| < 1$
2. Diverges if  $\liminf |a_{n+1}/a_n| > 1$
3. Otherwise  $\liminf |a_{n+1}/a_n| \leq 1 \leq \limsup |a_{n+1}/a_n|$  and the test gives no information.

**Theorem 5.2** (Root Test). Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series and let  $\alpha = \limsup |a_n|^{1/n}$ . The series  $\sum a_n$

1. converges absolutely if  $\alpha < 1$
2. diverges if  $\alpha > 1$
3. ambiguous if  $\alpha = 1$

**Theorem 5.3.** If the terms  $a_n$  are nonzero and if  $\lim |a_{n+1}/a_n| = 1$ , then  $\alpha = \limsup |a_n|^{1/n} = 1$  by Corollary 4.2.1, so neither the Ratio Test nor the Root Test gives information concerning the convergence of  $\sum a_n$

## 6 Alternating Series and Integral Test

Basic Idea is that to compare a series with an integral to test for divergence or convergence.

**Theorem 6.1** (Alternating Series Theorem). *If  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \cdots \geq a_n \geq \cdots \geq 0$  and  $\lim a_n = 0$ , then the alternating series  $\sum (-1)^{n+1} a_n$  converges. Moreover, the partial sums  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} a_k$  satisfy  $|s - s_n| \leq a_n$  for all  $n$ .*

## 7 Continuous Functions

**Definition 7.1.** *Let  $f$  be a real-valued function whose domain is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . The function  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$  in  $\text{dom}(f)$  if, for every sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $\text{dom}(f)$  converging to  $x_0$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(x_0)$ . If  $f$  is continuous at each point of a set  $S \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$ , then  $f$  is said to be continuous on  $S$ . The function  $f$  is said to be continuous if it is continuous on  $\text{dom}(f)$ .*

**Theorem 7.2.** *Let  $f$  be a real-valued function whose domain is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$  in  $\text{dom}(f)$  if and only if for each  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that,  $x \in \text{dom}(f)$  and  $|x - x_0| < \delta$  imply  $|f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon$ .*

**Theorem 7.3.** *Let  $f$  be a real-valued function with  $\text{dom}(f) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$  in  $\text{dom}(f)$ , then  $|f|$  and  $kf$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , are continuous at  $x_0$ .*

## 8 Uniform Continuity

**Theorem 8.1.** *Pass. ...*

## 9 Power Series

Given power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$

**Theorem 9.1.** *Given any  $(a_n)$ , one of the following holds true:*

1. *The power series converges for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$*
2. *The power series converges only for  $x = 0$*
3. *The power series converges for all  $x$  in some bounded interval centered at 0; the interval may be open, half-open or closed.*

**Theorem 9.2.** *Let*

$$\beta = \limsup |a_n|^{1/n} \quad \text{and} \quad R = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

*Then*

1. *The power series converges for  $|x| < R$*

2. The power series diverges for  $|x| > R$

Also notice that  $\lim \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \beta$ , therefore most of the time we will use  $\lim \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$  as it's easier to compute than  $\beta$ .

## 10 More on Uniform Convergence

**Theorem 10.1.** Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of continuous functions on  $[a, b]$ , and suppose  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $[a, b]$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

**Definition 10.2.** A sequence  $(f_n)$  of functions defined on a set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is uniformly Cauchy on  $S$  if

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{for each } \epsilon > 0 \text{ there exists a number } N \text{ such that} \\ &|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \epsilon \text{ for all } x \in S \text{ and all } m, n > N \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 10.3.** Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of functions defined and uniformly Cauchy on a set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Then there exists a function  $f$  on  $S$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $S$ .

**Theorem 10.4.** Consider a series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k$  of functions on a set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose each  $g_k$  is continuous on  $S$  and the series converges uniformly on  $S$ . Then the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k$  represents a continuous function on  $S$ .

**Theorem 10.5.** If a series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k$  of functions satisfies the Cauchy criterion uniformly on a set  $S$ , then the series converges uniformly on  $S$ .

**Theorem 10.6.** Let  $(M_k)$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers where  $\sum M_k < \infty$ . If  $|g_k(x)| \leq M_k$  for all  $x$  in a set  $S$ , then  $\sum g_k$  converges uniformly on  $S$ .

**Theorem 10.7.** Show that if the series  $\sum g_n$  converges uniformly on a set  $S$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \{|g_n(x)| : x \in S\} = 0$

## 11 Differentiation and Integration of Power Series

**Theorem 11.1.** Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  be a power series with radius of convergence  $R > 0$  [possibly  $R = +\infty$ ]. If  $0 < R_1 < R$ , then the power series converges uniformly on  $[-R_1, R_1]$  to a continuous function.

**Lemma 11.2.** If the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  has radius of convergence  $R$ , then the power series

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

and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n+1} x^{n+1}$$

also have radius of convergence  $R$ .

**Theorem 11.3** (Abel's Theorem). Let  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  be a power series with finite positive radius of convergence  $R$ . If the series converges at  $x = R$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $x = R$ . If the series converges at  $x = -R$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $x = -R$ .

## 12 Basic Properties of the Derivative

**Theorem 12.1.** Differentiability implies continuity.

## 13 Mean Value Theorem

**Theorem 13.1.** Let  $f$  be a continuous function on  $[a, b]$  that is differentiable on  $(a, b)$ . Then there exists [at least one]  $x$  in  $(a, b)$  such that

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

**Theorem 13.2** (Intermediate Value Theorem for Derivatives). Let  $f$  be a differentiable function on  $(a, b)$ . If  $a < x_1 < x_2 < b$ , and if  $c$  lies between  $f'(x_1)$  and  $f'(x_2)$ , there exists [at least one]  $x$  in  $(x_1, x_2)$  such that  $f'(x) = c$

**Theorem 13.3.** Let  $f$  be a one-to-one continuous function on an open interval  $I$ , and let  $J = f(I)$ . If  $f$  is differentiable at  $x_0 \in I$  and if  $f'(x_0) \neq 0$ , then  $f^{-1}$  is differentiable at  $y_0 = f(x_0)$  and

$$(f^{-1})'(y_0) = \frac{1}{f'(x_0)}$$

**Corollary 13.3.1.** Let  $f$  be a differentiable function on  $(a, b)$  such that  $f'(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ . Then  $f$  is a constant function on  $(a, b)$ .

**Corollary 13.3.2.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be differentiable functions on  $(a, b)$  such that  $f' = g'$  on  $(a, b)$ . Then there exists a constant  $c$  such that  $f(x) = g(x) + c$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ .

**Theorem 13.4** (IVT for derivatives). Let  $f$  be a differentiable function on  $(a, b)$ . If  $a < x_1 < x_2 < b$ , and if  $c$  lies between  $f'(x_1)$  and  $f'(x_2)$ , there exists [at least one]  $x$  in  $(x_1, x_2)$  such that  $f'(x) = c$

**Theorem 13.5** (Rolle's Theorem). Let  $f$  be a continuous function on  $[a, b]$  that is differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and satisfies  $f(a) = f(b)$ . There exists [at least one]  $x$  in  $(a, b)$  such that  $f'(x) = 0$

## 14 Taylor's Theorem

**Definition 14.1.** Taylor's Theorem:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x - c)^k$$

Remainder:

$$R_n(x) = f(x) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x-c)^k$$

**Theorem 14.2** (Taylor's Theorem). *Let  $f$  be defined on  $(a, b)$  where  $a < c < b$ ; here we allow  $a = -\infty$  or  $b = \infty$ . Suppose the  $n$ th derivative  $f^{(n)}$  exists on  $(a, b)$ . Then for each  $x \neq c$  in  $(a, b)$  there is some  $y$  between  $c$  and  $x$  such that*

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n)}(y)}{n!} (x-c)^n$$

**Corollary 14.2.1.** *Let  $f$  be defined on  $(a, b)$  where  $a < c < b$ . If all the derivatives  $f^{(n)}$  exist on  $(a, b)$  and are bounded by a single constant  $C$ , then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in (a, b)$$

**Theorem 14.3** (Taylor's Theorem (another one)). *Let  $f$  be defined on  $(a, b)$  where  $a < c < b$ , and suppose the  $n$ th derivative  $f^{(n)}$  exists and is continuous on  $(a, b)$ . Then for  $x \in (a, b)$  we have*

$$R_n(x) = \int_c^x \frac{(x-t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n)}(t) dt$$

**Corollary 14.3.1.** *If  $f$  is as in Theorem 14.3, then for each  $x$  in  $(a, b)$  different from  $c$  there is some  $y$  between  $c$  and  $x$  such that*

$$R_n(x) = (x-c) \cdot \frac{(x-y)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n)}(y)$$

*This form of  $R_n$  is known as Cauchy's form of the remainder.*

**Theorem 14.4** (Binomial Series Theorem). *If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $|x| < 1$ , then*

$$(1+x)^\alpha = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1) \cdots (\alpha-k+1)}{k!} x^k$$

**Theorem 14.5** (Newton's Method). *Newton's method for finding an approximate solution to  $f(x) = 0$  is to begin with a reasonable initial guess  $x_0$  and then compute*

$$x_n = x_{n-1} - \frac{f(x_{n-1})}{f'(x_{n-1})} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

**Theorem 14.6** (Secant Method). *A similar approach to approximating solutions of  $f(x) = 0$  is to start with two reasonable guesses  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  and then compute*

$$x_n = x_{n-1} - \frac{f(x_{n-1})(x_{n-2} - x_{n-1})}{f(x_{n-2}) - f(x_{n-1})} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

# 15 The Riemann Integral

**Definition 15.1.**

$$M(f, S) = \sup\{f(x) : x \in S\} \quad \text{and} \quad m(f, S) = \inf\{f(x) : x \in S\}$$

A partition of  $[a, b]$  is any finite ordered subset  $P$  having the form

$$P = \{a = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_n = b\}$$

The upper Darboux sum  $U(f, P)$  of  $f$  with respect to  $P$  is the sum

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n M(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k]) \cdot (t_k - t_{k-1})$$

and the lower Darboux sum  $L(f, P)$  is

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n m(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k]) \cdot (t_k - t_{k-1})$$

**Lemma 15.2.** Let  $f$  be a bounded function on  $[a, b]$ . If  $P$  and  $Q$  are partitions of  $[a, b]$  and  $P \subseteq Q$ , then

$$L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q) \leq U(f, Q) \leq U(f, P)$$

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**Lemma 15.3.** If  $f$  is a bounded function on  $[a, b]$ , and if  $P$  and  $Q$  are partitions of  $[a, b]$ , then  $L(f, P) \leq U(f, Q)$

**Theorem 15.4.** A bounded function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  is integrable if and only if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$  such that

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \epsilon$$

**Definition 15.5.** The mesh of a partition  $P$  is the maximum length of the subintervals comprising  $P$ . Thus if

$$P = \{a = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_n = b\}$$

then

$$\text{mesh}(P) = \max\{t_k - t_{k-1} : k = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

**Theorem 15.6.** A bounded function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  is integrable if and only if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\text{mesh}(P) < \delta \quad \text{implies} \quad U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \epsilon$$

for all partitions  $P$  of  $[a, b]$ .

**Definition 15.7.** The function  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$  if there exists a number  $r$  with the following property. For each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$|S - r| < \epsilon$$

for every Riemann sum  $S$  of  $f$  associated with a partition  $P$  having  $\text{mesh}(P) < \delta$ .

**Theorem 15.8.** A bounded function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  is Riemann integrable if and only if it is [Darboux] integrable, in which case the values of the integrals agree.

**Corollary 15.8.1.** Let  $f$  be a bounded Riemann integrable function on  $[a, b]$ . Suppose  $(S_n)$  is a sequence of Riemann sums, with corresponding partitions  $P_n$ , satisfying  $\lim_n \text{mesh}(P_n) = 0$ . Then the sequence  $(S_n)$  converges to  $\int_a^b f$ .

**Theorem 15.9.** Every monotonic function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  is integrable.

**Theorem 15.10.** Every continuous function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  is integrable.

**Theorem 15.11.** If  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ , then  $|f|$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and

$$\left| \int_a^b f \right| \leq \int_a^b |f|$$

**Theorem 15.12.** If  $f$  is a piecewise continuous function or a bounded piecewise monotonic function on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ .

**Theorem 15.13** (IVT for integrals). If  $f$  is a continuous function on  $[a, b]$ , then for at least one  $x$  in  $(a, b)$  we have

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f$$

**Theorem 15.14** (Dominated Convergence Theorem). Suppose  $(f_n)$  is a sequence of integrable functions on  $[a, b]$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  pointwise where  $f$  is an integrable function on  $[a, b]$ . If there exists an  $M > 0$  such that  $|f_n(x)| \leq M$  for all  $n$  and all  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) dx = \int_a^b \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx$$

**Corollary 15.14.1** (Monotone Convergence Theorem). Suppose  $(f_n)$  is a sequence of integrable functions on  $[a, b]$  such that  $f_1(x) \leq f_2(x) \leq \dots$  for all  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ . Suppose also that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  pointwise where  $f$  is an integrable function on  $[a, b]$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) dx = \int_a^b \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx$$

## 16 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus