

Measure Theory

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Chapter 1

The Real Numbers

1.1 Open Sets, and σ -Algebras

Definition. We call a set U of real numbers **open** provided for any $x \in U$, there is an $r > 0$ such that $(x - r, x + r) \subseteq U$.

Lemma 1.1.1. *The set of real numbers \mathbb{R} , together with open sets defines a topology on \mathbb{R} .*

Proof. Notice that both \mathbb{R} and \emptyset are open sets. Moreover, if $\{U_n\}$ is a collection of open sets, then so is their union. Now, consider the finite collection $\{U_k\}_{k=1}^n$ and let $U = \bigcap_{k=1}^n U_k$. If U is empty, we are done. Otherwise, let $x \in U$. Then $x \in U_k$ for every $1 \leq k \leq n$, and since each U_k is open, choose an $r_k > 0$ for which $(x - r_k, x + r_k) \subseteq U_k$. Then let $r = \min\{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$. Then $r > 0$, and we have $(x - r, x + r) \subseteq U$, which makes U open in \mathbb{R} . ■

Lemma 1.1.2. *Every nonempty set is the disjoint union of a countable collection of open sets.*

Proof. Let U be nonempty and open in \mathbb{R} . Let $x \in U$. Then there is a $y > x$ for which $(x, y) \subseteq U$ and there is a $z < x$ for which $(z, x) \subseteq U$. Now, let $a_x = \inf\{z : (z, x) \subseteq U\}$ and $b_x = \sup\{y : (x, y) \subseteq U\}$, and let $I_x = (a_x, b_x)$. Then we have

$$x \in I_x \text{ and } a_x \notin I_x \text{ and } b_x \notin I_x$$

Let $w \in I_x$ such that $x < w < b_x$. Then there is a $y > w$ such that $(x, y) \subseteq U$ so that $w \in U$. Now, if $b_x \in U$, then there is an $r > 0$ for which $(b_x - r, b_x + r) \subseteq U$, in particular, $(x, b_x + r) \subseteq U$. But b_x is the least upperbound of all such numbers, and $b_x < b_x + r$, a contradiction. Thus $b_x \notin U$, and hence $b_x \notin I_x$. A similar argument shows that $a_x \notin I_x$.

Consider now the collection $\{I_x\}_{x \in U}$. Then $U = \bigcup I_x$ and since $a_x, b_x \notin I_x$ for each x , the collection $\{I_x\}$ is a disjoint collection. Lastly, by the density of \mathbb{Q} in \mathbb{R} there is a 1-1 mapping between this collection and \mathbb{Q} , making it countable. ■

Definition. Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ a set. We call a point $x \in \mathbb{R}$ a **point of closure** of E if every open interval containing x also contains a point of E . We call the collection of all such points the **closure** of E , and denote it $\text{cl } E$. If $E = \text{cl } E$, then we say that E is **closed**.

Lemma 1.1.3. *For any set E of real numbers, $\text{cl } E$ is closed; i.e. $\text{cl } E = \text{cl}(\text{cl } E)$. Moreover, $\text{cl } E$ is the smallest closed set containing E .*

Lemma 1.1.4. *Every set E of real numbers is open if, and only if $\mathbb{R} \setminus E$ is closed.*

Definition. Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ a set. We call a collection $\{E_\lambda\}$ a **cover** of E if $E \subseteq \bigcup E_\lambda$. If each E_λ is open, then we call this collection an **open cover** of E .

Theorem 1.1.5 (Heine-Borel). *For any closed and bounded set F of \mathbb{R} , every open cover of F has a finite subcover.*

Proof. Suppose first that $F = [a, b]$, for $a \leq b$ real numbers. Then F is closed and bounded. Let \mathcal{F} be an open cover of $[a, b]$, and define $E = \{x \in [a, b] : [a, x] \text{ has a finite subcover by sets in } \mathcal{F}\}$. Notice that $a \in E$, so that E is nonempty. Now, since E is bounded by b , by the completeness of \mathbb{R} , let $c = \sup \{E\}$. Then $c \in [a, b]$ and there is a set $U \in \mathcal{F}$ with $c \in U$. Since U is open, there exists an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $(c - \varepsilon, c + \varepsilon) \subseteq U$. Now, $c - \varepsilon$ is not an upperbound of E , so there is an $x \in E$ with $c - \varepsilon < x$, and a finite collection of open sets $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^k$ covering $[a, x]$. Then the collection $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^k \cup U$ covers $[a, x]$ so that $c = b$, and we have found a finite subcover of F .

Now, let F be closed and bounded. Then it is contained in a closed bounded interval $[a, b]$. Now, let $U = \mathbb{R} \setminus F$ open and \mathcal{F} an open cover of F . Let $\mathcal{F}' = \mathcal{F} \cup U$. Since \mathcal{F} covers F , \mathcal{F}' covers $[a, b]$. By above, there is a finite subcover of $[a, b]$, and hence of F by sets in \mathcal{F}' . Remove U from \mathcal{F}' , we get a finite subcover of F by sets in \mathcal{F} . ■

Theorem 1.1.6 (The Nested Set Theorem). *Let $\{F_n\}$ be a descending collection of nonempty closed sets of \mathbb{R} , for which F_1 is bounded. Then*

$$\bigcap F_n \neq \emptyset$$

Proof. Let $F = \bigcap F_n$, and suppose to the contrary that F is empty. Then for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, there is an $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ for which $x \notin F_n$. So that $x \in U_n = \mathbb{R} \setminus F_n$. Then $U_n = \mathbb{R}$, and each U_n is open. So $\{U_n\}$ is an open cover of \mathbb{R} , and hence F_1 . By the theorem of Heine-Borel, there is an $N > 0$ such that $F \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^N U_n$. Since $\{F_n\}$ is descending, the collection $\{U_n\}$ is ascending, and hence $\bigcup U_n = U_N = \mathbb{R} \setminus F_N$ which makes $F_1 \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus F_N$, a contradiction. ■

Definition. Let X be a set. We call a collection \mathcal{A} of subsets of X **σ -algebra** if

- (1) $\emptyset \in \mathcal{A}$.
- (2) For any $A \in \mathcal{A}$, $X \setminus A \in \mathcal{A}$.
- (3) If $\{A_n\}$ is a countable collection of elements of \mathcal{A} , then their union is an element of \mathcal{A} .

Lemma 1.1.7. *Let \mathcal{F} a collection of subsets of a set X . The intersection of all σ -algebras containing \mathcal{F} is a σ -algebra. Moreover, it is the smallest such σ -algebra.*

Definition. We define the **Borel sets** of \mathbb{R} to be the σ -algebra of \mathbb{R} containing all open sets in \mathbb{R} .

Lemma 1.1.8. *Every closed set of \mathbb{R} is a Borel set.*

Definition. We call a countable intersection of open sets of \mathbb{R} a **G_δ -set** and we call a countable union of closed sets of \mathbb{R} an **F_σ -set**.

1.2 Sequences of Real Numbers

Definition. A sequence $\{a_n\}$ of real numbers is said to **converge** to a point a , if, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there is an $N > 0$ such that

$$|a - a_n| < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } n \geq N$$

We call a the **limit** of $\{a_n\}$ and write $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$, or

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{a_n\} = a$$

Lemma 1.2.1. *Let $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$ a sequence of real numbers converging to $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Then the limit of $\{a_n\}$ is unique, $\{a_n\}$ is bounded, and for any $c \in \mathbb{R}$, if $a_n \leq c$ for all n , then $a \leq c$.*

Theorem 1.2.2 (The Monoton C Vonvergence Theorem). *A monotone sequence of real numbers converges to a point if, and only if it is bounded.*

Proof. Without loss of generality, suppose that the sequence $\{a_n\}$ is increasing. If $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$, by lemma 1.2.1, $\{a_n\}$ is bounded. On the otherhand, suppose that $\{a_n\}$ is bounded. Let $S = \{a_n : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$, then by the completeness of \mathbb{R} , let $a = \sup S$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Notice that $a_n \leq a$ for all n . Now, since $a - \varepsilon$ is not an upperbound, there exists an $N > 0$ for which $a_N > a - \varepsilon$, then since $\{a_n\}$ is increasing, $a_n > a - \varepsilon$ whenever $n \geq N$. So we get

$$|a - a_n| < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } n \geq N$$

Which makes $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$. ■

Theorem 1.2.3 (Bolzano-Weierstrass). *Every bounded sequence has a convergent subsequence.*

Proof. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a bounded sequence, and let $M > 0$ such that $|a_n| \leq M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Define $E_n = \text{cl}\{a_j : j \geq n\}$. Then $E_n \subseteq [-M, M]$. Thus $\{E_n\}$ is a decreasing sequence of closed, bounded, and nonempty sets of \mathbb{R} . By the nested set theorem, the intersection $E = \bigcap E_n$ is nonempty. Choose an $a \in E$. Then for every $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, a is a point of closure of the set $\{a_j : j \geq k\}$. SO that $a_j \in (a - \frac{1}{k}, a + \frac{1}{k})$ whenever $j \geq k$. By induction, construct a strictly increasing sequence $\{n_k\}$ of natural numbers for which $|a - a_{n_k}| < \frac{1}{k}$. Then by the principle of Archimedes, $\{a_{n_k}\} \rightarrow a$, and we have a convergent subsequence. ■

Definition. We call a sequence $\{a_n\}$ **Cauchy** if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there is an $N > 0$ for which

$$|a_m - a_n| < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } m, n \geq N$$

Theorem 1.2.4 (The Cauchy Convergence Criterion). *A sequence of real numbers converges if, and only if it is Cauchy.*

Proof. Suppose that the sequence $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$ converges to $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Then for any $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, notice that $|a_m - a_n| \leq |a_m - a| + |a - a_n|$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and choose $N > 0$ such that $|a - a_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$, and $|a_m - a| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Then if $n, m \geq N$, we get $|a_m - a_n| < \varepsilon$, which makes $\{a_n\}$ Cauchy.

Conversely, suppose that $\{a_n\}$ is Cauchy. Let $\varepsilon = 1$ and choose $N > 0$ such that if $m, n \geq N$, then $|a_m - a_n| < 1$. Then we get $|a_n| \leq 1 + |a_N|$ for all $n \geq N$. Define $M = 1 + \max\{|a_1|, \dots, |a_N|\}$. Then $|a_n| \leq M$ for all n . This makes $\{a_n\}$ bounded. By the theorem of Bolzano-Weierstrass, $\{a_n\}$ has a convergent subsequence $\{a_{n_k}\} \rightarrow a$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$, since $\{a_n\}$ is Cauchy, choose an $N > 0$ such that $|a_m - a_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ whenever $n, m \geq N$. Likewise, we get $|a - a_{n_k}| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and $n_k \geq N$. Thus we observe that $|a_n - a| \leq |a_n - a_{n_k}| + |a - a_{n_k}| < \varepsilon$ and so $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$. ■

Theorem 1.2.5. *Let $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$ and $\{b_n\} \rightarrow b$ be convergent sequences. Then for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, we have that the sequence $\{\alpha a_n + \beta b_n\}$ converges and that*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{\alpha a_n + \beta b_n\} = \alpha a + \beta b$$

Definition. We say a sequence $\{a_n\}$ of real numbers **converges to infinity** $\infty \in \mathbb{R}_\infty$ if for every $c \in \mathbb{R}$, there is an $N > 0$ such that $a_n \geq c$ whenever $n \geq N$. We write $\{a_n\} \rightarrow \infty$, or

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{a_n\} = \infty$$

Definition. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers. We define the **limit superior** of $\{a_n\}$ to be

$$\limsup \{a_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sup \{a_k : k \geq n\})$$

Similarly, we define the **limit inferior** of $\{a_n\}$ to be

$$\liminf \{a_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\inf \{a_k : k \geq n\})$$

Theorem 1.2.6. *For any sequences $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ of real numbers, the following are true:*

- (1) $\limsup \{a_n\} = l \in \mathbb{R}_\infty$ if, and only if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists infinitely many $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $a_n > l - \varepsilon$ and finitely many $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ for which $a_n > l + \varepsilon$.
- (2) $\limsup \{a_n\} = \infty$ if, and only if $\{a_n\}$ is not bounded above.
- (3) $\limsup \{a_n\} = -\liminf \{-a_n\}$
- (4) $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a \in \mathbb{R}_\infty$ if, and only if $\limsup \{a_n\} = \liminf \{a_n\}$.
- (5) If $a_n \leq b_n$ for all n , then $\limsup \{a_n\} \leq \limsup \{b_n\}$.

Definition. Let $\{a_n\}$ a sequence of real numbers. We call the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ **summable** if the sequence of partial sums $\{s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k\} \rightarrow s$ converges to a point $s \in \mathbb{R}$.

Lemma 1.2.7. *Let $\{a_n\}$ a sequence of real numbers. Then the following are true.*

- (1) The series $\sum a_k$ is summable if, and only if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there is an $N > 0$ such that

$$\left| \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} a_k \right| < \varepsilon \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ whenever } n \geq N$$

- (2) If $\sum |a_k|$ is summable, then so is $\sum a_k$.
- (3) If $a_k \geq 0$, then $\sum a_k$ is summable if, and only if the sequence of partial sums $\{s_n\}$ is bounded.

1.3 Continuous Functions of a Real Variable.

Definition. A realvalued function f on a domain E is said to be **continuous** at a point $x \in E$ provided for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ for which

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } |x - y| < \delta \text{ for any } y \in E$$

We call f **continuous** on E if it is continuous at every point in E . We call f **Lipschitz continuous** if there is a $c \geq 0$ for which

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq c|x - y| \text{ for all } x, y \in E$$

Lemma 1.3.1. *A Lipschitz continuous function on a domain is continuous on that domain.*

Lemma 1.3.2 (The Sequential Criterion). *A realvalued function f defined on a domain E is continuous at a point $x \in E$ if, and only if for any ssequence $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ of points in E , converging to x , that the sequence $\{f(x_n)\} \rightarrow f(x)$ converges to $f(x)$.*

Theorem 1.3.3 (The Extreme Value Theorem). *A continuous realvalued function defined on a nonempty, closed and bounded domain takes on a maximum value, and a minimum value on that domain.*

Proof. Let f be a continuous realvalued function defined on the domain E , where E is nonempty, closed, and bounded. Let $x \in E$ and $\delta > 0$ and $\varepsilon = 1$. Define the open interval $I_x = (x - \delta, x + \delta)$. Then if $y \in E \cap I_x$, then $|f(x) - f(y)| < 1$. So that $|f(y)| \leq |f(x)| + 1$. Notice also that the collection $\{I_x\}$ is an open cover of E . By the theorem of Heine-Borel, there is a finite subcover of E , $\{I_{x_k}\}_{k=1}^n$. Define, then, $M = 1 + \max \{|f(x_1)|, \dots, |f(x_n)|\}$. Then we get that $|f(x)| \leq M$ and f is bounded.

Now, let $m = \sup f(E)$. If f does not take the value m for any points in E , then the function $x \rightarrow \frac{1}{f(x)-m}$ is a continuous unbounded function on E ; which is impossible. So there is an $x \in E$ with $f(x) = m$ and m is a maximum value. Now, since f is continuous, then so is $-f$, and hence $-m$ defines a minimum value on f . ■

Theorem 1.3.4 (The Intermediate Value Theorem). *If f is a continuous realvalued function on a closed bounded interval $[a, b]$, for which $f(a) < c < f(b)$, then there exists an $x_0 \in (a, b)$ for which $f(x_0) = c$.*

Proof. Define $a_1 = a$ and $b_1 = b$ and let m_1 be the midpoint of the interval $[a_1, b_1]$. If $c < f(m_1)$, define $a_2 = a_1$ and $b_2 = m_1$, otherwise define $a_2 = m_1$ and $b_2 = b_1$, so that in either case we get $f(a_2) \leq c \leq f(b_2)$ and $b_2 - a_2 = \frac{b-a}{2}$. By induction, construct the collection of closed bounded intervals $\{[a_n, b_n]\}$ such that $f(a_n) \leq c \leq f(b_n)$ and $b_n - a_n = \frac{b-a}{2^{n-1}}$. This collection is a descending collection, so by the nested set theorem, the intersection $I = \bigcap [a_n, b_n]$ is nonempty. Choose an $x_0 \in I$, and observe that

$$|a_n - x_0| \leq b_n - a_n = \frac{b-a}{2^{n-1}}$$

So the sequence $\{a_n\} \rightarrow x_0$. By the sequential criterion, since f is continuous at x_0 , we get the sequence $\{f(a_n)\} \rightarrow f(x_0)$. Since $f(a_n) \leq c$, and $(-\infty, c]$ is closed, we also get $f(x_0) \leq c$.

By similar reasoning to the argument provided above, we also get that $f(x_0) \geq c$ so that equality is established. ■

Definition. A realvalued function f on a domain E is said to be **uniformly continuous** if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } |x - y| < \delta \text{ for all } x, y \in E$$

Lemma 1.3.5. *If f is a uniformly continuous function on a domain E , then it is continuous on E .*

Theorem 1.3.6. *A continuous realvalued function on a closed and bounded domain is uniformly continuous.*

Proof. Let f be continuous on E , and E a closed and bounded domain. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. For every $x \in E$, there is a $\delta_x > 0$ for which $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$ whenever $|x - y| < \delta_x$ for some $y \in E$. Define $I_x = (x - \frac{\delta_x}{2}, x + \frac{\delta_x}{2})$. Then $\{I_x\}$ is an open cover for E , so that by the theorem of Heine-Borel, there is a finite subcover $\{I_{x_k}\}_{k=1}^n$ of E . Define $\delta = \frac{1}{2} \min \{\frac{\delta_{x_1}}{2}, \dots, \frac{\delta_{x_n}}{2}\}$. Then $\delta > 0$ moreover, if $x, y \in E$, with $|x - y| < \delta$, then asince $\{I_{x_k}\}$ covers E , there is a $k > 0$ such that

$$|x - x_k| < \frac{\delta_{x_k}}{2} \text{ and } |x_{x_k} - y| < \frac{\delta_{x_k}}{2}$$

Then we have $|f(x) - f(x_k)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and $|f(x_k) - f(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ so that $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$, which makes f uniformly continuous. ■

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