

Honours Analysis Notes

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1 The Real Number System

1.1 Introduction

1.2 Ordered Field Axioms

- **Postulate 1** *Field Axioms*

There are functions $+$ and \cdot defined on $\mathbb{R}^2 := \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$, which satisfy the following properties $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

- *Closure Properties:* $a + b, a \cdot b \in \mathbb{R}$
- *Associative Properties:* $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$ and $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$
- *Commutative Properties:* $a + b = b + a$ and $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$
- *Distributive Law:* $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$
- *Existence of Additive Identity:* There is a unique element $0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $0 + a = a$ for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$
- *Existence of Multiplicative Identity:* There is a unique element $1 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $1 \neq 0$ and $1 \cdot a = a$ for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$
- *Existence of Additive Inverses:* For every $x \in \mathbb{R}$ there is a unique element $-x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$x + (-x) = 0$$

- *Existence of Multiplicative Inverses:* For every $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ there is a unique element $x^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$x \cdot (x^{-1}) = 1$$

- **Postulate 2** *Order Axioms*

There is a relation $<$ on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ that has the following properties:

- *Trichotomy Property:* Given $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, one and only one of the following statements hold:

$$a < b, b < a, \text{ or } a = b$$

- *Transitive Property:* For $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$a < b \text{ and } b < c \implies a < c$$

- *Additive Property:* For $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$a < b \text{ and } c \in \mathbb{R} \implies a + c < b + c$$

- *Multiplicative Properties:* For $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$a < b \text{ and } c > 0 \implies ac < bc$$

and

$$a < b \text{ and } c < 0 \implies bc < ac$$

- **Remark 1.1**

We will assume that the sets \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{Z} satisfy the following properties:

1. If $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $n + m, n - m$ and mn belong to \mathbb{Z}
2. If $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $n \in \mathbb{N}$ if and only if $n \geq 1$

3. There is no $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ that satisfies $0 < n < 1$

• **Definition 1.4** *Absolute Value*

The *absolute value* of a number $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is the number

$$|a| := \begin{cases} a & a \geq 0 \\ -a & a < 0 \end{cases}$$

• **Remark 1.5** The *absolute value* is multiplicative; that is, $|ab| = |a||b| \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

• **Theorem 1.6** *Fundamental Theorem of Absolute Values*

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $M \geq 0$. Then $|a| \leq M \iff -M \leq a \leq M$.

• **Theorem 1.7** The absolute value satisfies the following three properties:

1. *Positive Definite*: For all $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $|a| > 0$ with $|a| = 0$ if and only if $a = 0$.
2. *Symmetric*: For all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $|a - b| = |b - a|$,
3. *Triangle Inequalities*: For all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$|a + b| \leq |a| + |b| \quad \text{and} \quad ||a| - |b|| \leq |a - b|$$

• **Theorem 1.9** Let $x, y, a \in \mathbb{R}$

1. $x < y + \epsilon \forall \epsilon > 0 \iff x \leq y$
2. $x > y - \epsilon \forall \epsilon > 0 \iff x \geq y$
3. $|a| < \epsilon \forall \epsilon > 0 \iff a = 0$

1.3 Completeness Axiom

• **Definition 1.10** *Upper bounds*

Let $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ be non-empty

1. The set E is said to be *bounded above* if and only if there is an $M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a \leq M$ for all $a \in E$, in which case M is called an *upper bound* of E .
2. A number s is called a *supremum* of the set E if and only if s is an upper bound of E and $s \leq M$ for all upper bounds M of E . (In this case we shall say that E has a *finite supremum* s and write $s = \sup E$)

• **Remark 1.12** If a set has one upper bound, it has infinitely many upper bounds.

• **Remark 1.13** If a set has a supremum, then it has only one supremum.

• **Theorem** *Approximation Property for Suprema*

If E has a finite supremum and $\epsilon > 0$ is any positive number, then there is a point $a \in E$ such that

$$\sup E - \epsilon < a \leq \sup E$$

• **Theorem 1.15**

If $E \subset \mathbb{Z}$ has a supremum, then $\sup E \in E$. In particular, if the supremum of a set, which contains only integers, exists, that supremum must be an integer.

• **Postulate 3** *Completeness Axiom*

If E is a nonempty subset of \mathbb{R} that is bounded above, then E has a finite supremum.

• **Theorem 1.16** *The Archimedean Principle*

Given real numbers a and b , with $a > 0$, there is an integer $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $b < na$.

- **Theorem 1.18** *Density of Rationals*

If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfy $a < b$, then there is a $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $a < q < b$.

- **Definition 1.19** *Upper bounds*

Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be nonempty

1. The set E is said to be *bounded below* if and only if there is an $m \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a \geq m$, in which case m is called a *lower bound* of the set E .
2. A number t is called an *infimum* of the set E if and only if t is a lower bound of E and $t \geq m$ and write $t = \inf E$.
3. E is said to be *bounded* if and only if it is bounded both above and below.

- **Theorem 1.20** *Reflection Principle*

Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be nonempty

1. E has a supremum if and only if $-E$ has an infimum, in which case

$$\inf(-E) = -\sup E$$

2. E has an infimum if and only if $-E$ has a supremum, in which case

$$\sup(-E) = -\inf E$$

- **Theorem 1.21** *Monotone Property*

Suppose that $A \subseteq B$ are nonempty subsets of \mathbb{R} .

1. If B has a supremum, then $\sup A \leq \sup B$.
2. If B has an infimum, then $\inf A \geq \inf B$.

1.4 Mathematical Induction

- **Theorem 1.22** *Well-Ordering Principle*

If E is a nonempty subset of \mathbb{N} , then E has a least element (i.e. E has a finite infimum and $\inf E \in E$).

- **Theorem 1.23**

Suppose for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ that $A(n)$ is a proposition which satisfies the following two properties:

1. $A(1)$ is true.
2. For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ for which $A(n)$ is true, $A(n+1)$ is also true.

Then $A(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

- **Theorem 1.26** *Binomial Formula*

If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and 0^0 is interpreted to be 1, then

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k$$

1.5 Inverse Functions and Images

- **Definition 1.29** *Injection, Surjection, Bijection*

Let X and Y be sets and $f : X \rightarrow Y$

1. f is said to be *injective* if and only if

$$x_1, x_2 \in X \text{ and } f(x_1) = f(x_2) \implies x_1 = x_2$$

2. f is said to be *surjective* if and only if

$$\forall y \in Y \exists x \in X \ni y = f(x)$$

3. f is called *bijective* if and only if it is both injective and surjective

• **Theorem 1.30**

Let X and Y be sets and $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Then the following three statements are equivalent.

1. f has an inverse;
2. f is injective from X onto Y ;
3. There is a function $g : Y \rightarrow X$ such that

$$g(f(x)) = x \quad \forall x \in X$$

and

$$f(g(y)) = y \quad \forall y \in Y$$

Moreover, for each $f : X \rightarrow Y$, there is only one function g that satisfies these. It is the inverse function f^{-1} .

• **Remark 1.31**

Let I be an interval and let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. If the derivative of f is either always positive on I , or always negative on I , then f is injective on I .

• **Definition 1.33** *Image*

Let X and Y be sets and $f : X \rightarrow Y$. The *image* of a set $E \subseteq X$ under f is the set

$$f(E) := \{y \in Y : y = f(x) \text{ for some } x \in E\}$$

The *inverse image* of a set $E \subseteq Y$ under f is the set

$$f^{-1}(E) := \{x \in X : f(x) = y \text{ for some } y \in E\}$$

• **Definition 1.35** *Union, Intersection*

Let $\mathcal{E} = \{E_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ be a collection of sets.

1. The *union* of the collection \mathcal{E} is the set

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha := \{x : x \in E_\alpha \text{ for some } \alpha \in A\}$$

2. The *intersection* of the collection \mathcal{E} is the set

$$\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha := \{x : x \in E_\alpha \text{ for all } \alpha \in A\}.$$

• **Theorem 1.36** *DeMorgan's Laws*

Let X be a set and $\{E_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ be a collection of subsets of X . If for each $E \subseteq X$ the symbol E^c represents the set $X \setminus E$, then

$$\left(\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha \right)^c = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha^c$$

and

$$\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha \right)^c = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha^c$$

- **Theorem 1.37**

Let X and Y be sets and $f : X \rightarrow Y$.

1. If $\{E_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ is a collection of subsets of X , then

$$f\left(\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha\right) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} f(E_\alpha) \quad \text{and} \quad f\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha\right) \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} f(E_\alpha)$$

2. If B and C are subsets of X , then $f(C) \setminus f(B) \subseteq f(C \setminus B)$

3. If $\{E_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ is a collection of subsets of Y , then

$$f^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha\right) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} f^{-1}(E_\alpha) \quad \text{and} \quad f^{-1}\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha\right) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} f^{-1}(E_\alpha)$$

4. If B and C are subsets of Y , then $f^{-1}(C \setminus B) = f^{-1}(C) \setminus f^{-1}(B)$.

5. If $E \subseteq f(X)$, then $f(f^{-1}(E)) = E$, but if $E \subseteq X$, then $E \subseteq f^{-1}(f(E))$.

1.6 Countable and Uncountable Sets

- **Definition 1.38** *Countable Uncountable* Let E be a set.

1. E is said to be *finite* if and only if either $E = \emptyset$ or there exists an injective function which takes $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ onto E , for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
2. E is said to be *countable* if and only if there exists an injective function which takes \mathbb{N} onto E .
3. E is said to be *at most countable* if and only if E is either finite or countable.
4. E is said to be *uncountable* if and only if E is neither finite nor countable.

- **Remark 1.39** *Cantor's Diagonalisation Argument*

The open interval $(0, 1)$ is uncountable.

- **Lemma 1.40**

A nonempty set E is at most countable if and only if there is a function g from \mathbb{N} onto E .

- **Theorem 1.41**

Suppose A and B are sets.

1. If $A \subseteq B$ and B is at most countable, then A is at most countable.
2. If $A \subseteq B$ and A is uncountable, then B is uncountable.
3. \mathbb{R} is uncountable.

- **Theorem 1.42**

Let A_1, A_2, \dots be at most countable sets.

1. Then $A_1 \times A_2$ is at most countable.
2. If

$$E = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j := \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A_j := \{x : x \in A_j \text{ for some } j \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

then E is at most countable.

- **Remark 1.43**

The sets \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{Q} are countable, but the set of irrationals is uncountable.

2 Sequences in \mathbb{R}

2.1 Limits of Sequences

- **Definition 2.1** *Convergence*

A sequence of real numbers $\{x_n\}$ is set to *converge* to a real number $a \in \mathbb{R}$ if and only if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there is an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ (which in general depends on ϵ) such that

$$n \geq N \implies |x_n - a| < \epsilon$$

- **Remark 2.4** A sequence can have at most one limit.

- **Definition 2.5** *Subsequence*

By a *subsequence* of a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, we shall mean a sequence of the form $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$, where each $n_k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n_1 < n_2 < \dots$.

- **Remark 2.6**

If $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to a and $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is any subsequence of $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, then x_{n_k} converges to a as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

- **Definition 2.7** *Bounded Sequences*

Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers.

1. The sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be *bounded above* if and only if the set $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded above.
2. The sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be *bounded below* if and only if the set $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded below.
3. $\{x_n\}$ is said to be *bounded* if and only if it is bounded both above and below.

- **Theorem 2.8** Every convergent sequence is bounded.

2.2 Limit Theorems

- **Theorem 2.9** *Squeeze Theorem*

Suppose that $\{x_n\}$, $\{y_n\}$, and $\{w_n\}$ are real sequences.

1. If $x_n \rightarrow a$ and $y_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and if there is an $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$x_n \leq w_n \leq y_n \text{ for } n \geq N_0$$

then $w_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

2. If $x_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and $\{y_n\}$ is bounded, then $x_n y_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

- **Theorem 2.11**

Let $E \subset \mathbb{R}$. If E has a finite supremum (respectively, a finite infimum), then there is a sequence $x_n \in E$ such that $x_n \rightarrow \sup E$ (respectively, a sequence $y_n \in E$ such that $y_n \rightarrow \inf E$) as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

- **Theorem 2.12**

Suppose that $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ are real sequences and that $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. If $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ are convergent, then

- 1.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$$

- 2.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha x_n) = \alpha \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

and

3.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \right)$$

If, in addition, $y_n \neq 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \neq 0$, then

4.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n}$$

(In particular, all these limits exist.)

• **Definition 2.14** *Divergence*

Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers.

1. $\{x_n\}$ is said to *diverge* to $+\infty$ if and only if for each $M \in \mathbb{R}$ there is an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$n \geq N \implies x_n > M$$

2. $\{x_n\}$ is said to *diverge* to $-\infty$ if and only if for each $M \in \mathbb{R}$ there is an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$n \geq N \implies x_n < M$$

• **Theorem 2.15**

Suppose that $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ are real sequences such that $x_n \rightarrow +\infty$ (respectively, $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$) as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

1. If y_n is bounded below (respectively, y_n is bounded above), then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = +\infty \quad (\text{respectively, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = -\infty)$$

2. If $\alpha > 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha x_n) = +\infty \quad (\text{respectively, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha x_n) = -\infty)$$

3. If $y_n > M_0$ for some $M_0 > 0$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = +\infty \quad (\text{respectively, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = -\infty)$$

4. If $\{y_n\}$ is bounded and $x_n \neq 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_n}{x_n} = 0$$

• **Corollary 2.16**

Let $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$ be real sequences and α, x, y be extended real numbers. If $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $y_n \rightarrow y$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = x + y$$

provided that the right side is not of the form $\infty - \infty$, and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha x_n) = \alpha x, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = xy$$

provided that none of these products is of the form $0 \cdot \pm\infty$.

• **Theorem 2.17** *Comparison Theorem*

Suppose that $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ are convergent sequences. If there is an $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$x_n \leq y_n \text{ for } n \geq N_0$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$$

In particular, if $x_n \in [a, b]$ converges to some point c , then c must belong to $[a, b]$.

2.3 Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem

- **Definition 2.18** *Increasing, Decreasing* Let $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of real numbers.
 1. $\{x_n\}$ is said to be *increasing* (respectively, *strictly increasing*) if and only if $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots$ (respectively, $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$).
 2. $\{x_n\}$ is said to be *decreasing* (respectively, *strictly decreasing*) if and only if $x_1 \geq x_2 \geq \dots$ (respectively, $x_1 > x_2 > \dots$).
 3. $\{x_n\}$ is said to be *monotone* if and only if it is either increasing or decreasing.
- **Theorem 2.19** *Monotone Convergence Theorem*
if $\{x_n\}$ is increasing and bounded above, or if $\{x_n\}$ is decreasing and bounded below, then $\{x_n\}$ converges to a finite limit.
- **Definition 2.22** *Nested*
A sequence of sets $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is said to be *nested* if and only if

$$I_1 \supseteq I_2 \supseteq \dots$$

- **Theorem 2.23** *Nested Interval Property*
If $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a nested sequence of nonempty closed bounded intervals, then $E := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$ is nonempty. Moreover, if the lengths of these intervals satisfy $|I_n| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ then E is a single point.
- **Remark 2.24** The Nested Interval Property might not hold if “closed” is omitted.
- **Remark 2.25** The Nested Interval Property might not hold if “bounded” is omitted.
- **Theorem 2.26** *Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem*
Every bounded sequence of real numbers has a convergent subsequence.

2.4 Cauchy Sequences

- **Definition 2.27** *Cauchy*
A sequence of points $x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ is said to be *Cauchy* (in \mathbb{R}) if and only if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there is an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$n, m \geq N \implies |x_n - x_m| < \epsilon$$
- **Remark 2.28** If $\{x_n\}$ is convergent, then $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy.
- **Theorem 2.29** *Cauchy*
Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers. Then $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy if and only if $\{x_n\}$ converges (to some point $a \in \mathbb{R}$).
- **Remark 2.31** A sequence that satisfies $x_{n+1} - x_n \rightarrow 0$ is not necessarily Cauchy.

2.5 Limits Supremum and Infimum

- **Definition 2.32** *Limit Supremum & Infimum*
Let $\{x_n\}$ be a real sequence. Then the *limit supremum* of $\{x_n\}$ is the extended real number

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sup_{k \geq n} x_k)$$

and the *limit infimum* of $\{x_n\}$ is the extended real number

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\inf_{k \geq n} x_k)$$

- **Theorem 2.35**

Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers, $s = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$, and $t = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$. Then there are subsequences $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\{x_{\ell_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $x_{n_k} \rightarrow s$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ and $x_{\ell_j} \rightarrow t$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$.

- **Theorem 2.36**

Let $\{x_n\}$ be a real sequence and x be an extended real number. Then $x_n \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ if and only if

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$$

- **Theorem 2.37**

Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers. Then $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ (respectively, $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$) is the largest value (respectively, the smallest value) to which some subsequences of $\{x_n\}$ converges. Namely, if $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq x \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

- **Remark 2.38** If $\{x_n\}$ is any sequence of real numbers, then

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

- **Remark 2.39** A real sequence $\{x_n\}$ is bounded above if and only if $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n < \infty$, and is bounded below if and only if $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n > -\infty$.

- **Theorem 2.40**

If $x_n \leq y_n$ for n large, then

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \quad \text{and} \quad \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

3 Functions on \mathbb{R}

3.1 Two-Sided Limits

- **Definition 3.1** *Limits*

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$, let I be an open interval which contains a , and let f be a real function defined everywhere on I except possibly at a . Then $f(x)$ is said to *converge to L , as x approaches a* , if and only if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ (which in general depends on ϵ, f, I , and a) such that

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \implies |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

In this case we write

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) \rightarrow L \text{ as } x \rightarrow a$$

and call L the *limit* of $f(x)$ as x approaches a .

- **Remark 3.4**

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$, let I be an open interval which contains a , and let f, g be real functions defined everywhere on I except possibly at a . If $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in I \setminus \{a\}$ and $f(x) \rightarrow L$ as $x \rightarrow a$, then $g(x)$ also has a limit as $x \rightarrow a$, and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

- **Theorem 3.6** *Sequential Characterisation of Limits*

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$, let I be an open interval which contains a , and let f be a real function defined everywhere on I except possibly at a . Then

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

exists if and only if $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for every sequence $\{x_n\} \in I \setminus \{a\}$ which converges to a as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

- **Theorem 3.8**

Suppose that $a \in \mathbb{R}$, that I is an open interval which contains a , and that f, g , are real functions defined everywhere on I except possibly at a . If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ converge as x approaches a , then so do $(f + g)(x)$, $(fg)(x)$, $(\alpha f)(x)$, and $(f/g)(x)$ (when the limit of $g(x)$ is nonzero). In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f + g)(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (\alpha f)(x) &= \alpha \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (fg)(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \end{aligned}$$

and (when the limit of $g(x)$ is nonzero)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(\frac{f}{g} \right)(x) = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}$$

- **Theorem 3.9** *Squeeze Theorem for Functions*

Suppose that $a \in \mathbb{R}$, that I is an open interval which contains a , and that f, g, h are real functions defined everywhere on I except possibly at a .

1. If $g(x) \leq h(x) \leq f(x) \forall x \in I \setminus \{a\}$, and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L,$$

then the limit of $h(x)$ exists, as $x \rightarrow a$, and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L.$$

2. If $|g(x)| \leq M \forall x \in I \setminus \{a\}$ and $f(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow a$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) = 0$$

• **Theorem 3.10** *Comparison Theorem for Functions*

Suppose that $a \in \mathbb{R}$, that I is an open interval which contains a , and that f, g are real functions defined everywhere on I except possibly at a . If f and g have a limit as x approaches a and $f(x) \leq g(x) \forall x \in I \setminus \{a\}$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

3.2 One-Sided Limits and Limits at Infinity

• **Definition 3.12** *Converge from left & right*

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and f be a real function.

1. $f(x)$ is said to *converge to L as x approaches a from the right* if and only if f is defined on some open interval I with left endpoint a and for every $\epsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ (which in general depends on ϵ, f, I , and a) such that

$$a + \delta \in I \quad \text{and} \quad a < x < a + \delta \implies |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

in this case we call L the *right-hand limit* of f at a , and denote it by

$$f(a+) := L =: \lim_{x \rightarrow a+} f(x)$$

2. $f(x)$ is said to *converge to L as x approaches a from the left* if and only if f is defined on some open interval I with left endpoint a and for every $\epsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ (which in general depends on ϵ, f, I , and a) such that

$$a + \delta \in I \quad \text{and} \quad a < x < a + \delta \implies |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

in this case we call L the *left-hand limit* of f at a , and denote it by

$$f(a-) := L =: \lim_{x \rightarrow a-} f(x)$$

• **Theorem 3.14**

Let f be a real function. Then the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

exists and equals L if and only if

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a-} f(x)$$

• **Definition 3.15** *Convergence*

Let $a, L \in \mathbb{R}$ and let f be a real function.

1. $f(x)$ is said to *converge to L as $x \rightarrow \infty$* if and only if there exists a $c > 0$ such that $(c, \infty) \subset \text{Dom}(f)$ and given $\epsilon > 0$ there is an $M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x > M$ implies $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$, in which case we shall write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) \rightarrow L \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

Similarly, $f(x)$ is said to *converge to L as $x \rightarrow -\infty$* if and only if there exists a $c > 0$ such that $(-\infty, -c) \subset \text{Dom}(f)$ and given $\epsilon > 0$ there is $M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x < -M$ implies $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$, in which case we shall write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) \rightarrow L \text{ as } x \rightarrow -\infty$$

2. The function $f(x)$ is said to converge to ∞ as $x \rightarrow a$ if and only if there is an open interval I containing a such that $I \setminus \{a\} \subset \text{Dom}(f)$ and given $M \in \mathbb{R}$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that $0 \leq |x - a| < \delta$ implies $f(x) > M$, in which case we shall write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow a$$

Similarly, $f(x)$ is said to *converge* to $-\infty$ as $x \rightarrow a$ if and only if there is an open interval I containing a such that $I \setminus \{a\} \subset \text{Dom}(f)$ and given $M \in \mathbb{R}$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < |x - a| < \delta$ implies $f(x) < M$, in which case we shall write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = -\infty \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow a$$

• **Theorem 3.17**

Let a be an extended real number, and let I be a nondegenerate open interval which either contains a or has a as one of its endpoints. Suppose further that f is a real function defined on I except possibly at a . Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} f(x)$$

exists and equals L if and only if $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$ for all sequences $x_n \in I$ which satisfy $x_n \neq a$ and $x_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

3.3 Continuity

• **Definition 3.19** *Continuous*

Let E be a nonempty subset of \mathbb{R} and $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

1. f is said to be *continuous at a point* $a \in \mathbb{E}$ if and only if given $\epsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ (which in general depends on ϵ , f , and a) such that

$$|x - a| < \delta \quad \text{and} \quad x \in E \implies |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$$

2. f is said to be *continuous on* E if and only if f is continuous at every $x \in E$.

• **Remark 3.20**

Let I be an open interval which contains a point a and $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then f is continuous at $a \in I$ if and only if

$$f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

• **Theorem 3.21**

Suppose that E is a nonempty subset of \mathbb{R} , that $a \in E$, and that $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

1. f is continuous at $a \in E$.
2. If x_n converges to a and $x_n \in E$, then $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(a)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

• **Theorem 3.22**

Let E be a nonempty subset of \mathbb{R} and $f, g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. If f, g are continuous at a point $a \in E$ (respectively continuous on the set E), then so are $f + g$, fg , and αf (for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$). Moreover, f/g is continuous at $a \in E$ when $g(a) \neq 0$ (respectively, on E when $g(x) \neq 0 \forall x \in E$).

• **Definition 3.23** *Composition*

Suppose that A and B are subsets of \mathbb{R} , that $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. If $F(A) \subseteq B$ for every $x \in A$, then the *composition* of g with f is the function $g \circ f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$(g \circ f)(x) := g(f(x)), \quad x \in A$$

- **Theorem 3.24**

Suppose that A and B are subsets of \mathbb{R} , that $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and that $f(x) \in B \forall x \in A$.

1. If $A := I \setminus \{a\}$, where I is a nondegenerate interval which either contains a or has a as one of its endpoints, if

$$L := \lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} f(x)$$

exists and belongs to B , and if g is continuous and $L \in B$, then

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} f(x)\right)$$

2. If f is continuous at $a \in A$ and g is continuous at $f(a) \in B$, then $g \circ f$ is continuous at $a \in A$.

- **Definition 3.25** *Bounded*

Let E be a nonempty subset of \mathbb{R} . A function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be *bounded* on E if and only if there is an $M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $|f(x)| \leq M$ for all $x \in E$, in which case we shall say that f is *dominated* by M on E .

- **Theorem 3.26** *Extreme Value Theorem*

If I is a closed, bounded interval and $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on I , then f is bounded on I . Moreover if

$$M = \sup_{x \in I} f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad m = \inf_{x \in I} f(x)$$

then there exist points $x_m, x_M \in I$ such that

$$f(x_M) = M \quad \text{and} \quad f(x_m) = m$$

- **Remark 3.27** The Existence Value Theorem is false if either “closed” or “bounded” is dropped from the hypotheses.

- **Lemma 3.28**

Suppose that $a < b$ and that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. If f is continuous at a point $x_0 \in [a, b]$ and $f(x_0) > 0$, then there exist a positive number ϵ and a point $x_1 \in [a, b]$ such that $x_1 > x_0$ and $f(x) > \epsilon \forall x \in [x_0, x_1]$.

- **Theorem 3.29** *Intermediate Value Theorem*

Suppose that $a < b$ and that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous. If y_0 lies between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, then there is an $x_0 \in (a, b)$ such that $f(x_0) = y_0$.

- **Remark 3.34** The composition of two functions $g \circ f$ can be nowhere continuous, even though f is discontinuous only on \mathbb{Q} and g is discontinuous at only one point.

3.4 Uniform Continuity

- **Definition 3.35** *Uniform continuity*

Let E be a nonempty subset of \mathbb{R} and $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then f is said to be *uniformly continuous* on E if and only if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|x - a| < \delta \quad \text{and} \quad x, a \in E \implies |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$$

- **Lemma 3.38**

Suppose that $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and that $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is uniformly continuous. If $x_n \in E$ is Cauchy, then $f(x_n)$ is Cauchy.

- **Theorem 3.39**

Suppose that I is a closed, bounded interval. If $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on I , then f is uniformly continuous on I .

- **Theorem 3.40**

Suppose that $a < b$ and that $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then f is uniformly continuous on (a, b) if and only if f can be continuously extended to $[a, b]$; that is, if and only if there is a continuous function $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which satisfies

$$f(x) = g(x), \quad x \in (a, b)$$

4 Differentiability on \mathbb{R}

4.1 The Derivative

- **Definition 4.1** *Differentiable*

A real function f is said to be *differentiable* at a point $a \in \mathbb{R}$ if and only if f is defined on some open interval I containing a and

$$f'(a) := \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

exists. In this case $f'(a)$ is called the *derivative* of f at a .

- **Theorem 4.2**

A real function f is differentiable at some point $a \in \mathbb{R}$ if and only if there exist an open interval I and a function $F : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $a \in I$, f is defined on I , F is continuous at a , and

$$f(x) = F(x)(x - a) + f(a)$$

holds for all $x \in I$ in which case $F(a) = f'(a)$.

- **Theorem 4.3**

A real function f is differentiable at a if and only if there is a function T of the form $T(x) := m(x)$ such that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a) - t(h)}{h} = 0$$

- **Theorem 4.4**

If f is differentiable at a , then f is continuous at a .

- **Definition 4.6** *Continuously differentiable*

Let I be a nondegenerate interval.

1. A function $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be *differentiable* on I if and only if

$$f'_i(a) := \lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

exists and is finite for every $a \in I$.

2. f is said to be *continuously differentiable* on I if and only if f'_I exists and is continuous on I .

- **Remark 4.9**

$f(x) = |x|$ is differentiable on $[0, 1]$ and on $[-1, 0]$ but not on $[-1, 1]$.

4.2 Differentiability Theorems

- **Theorem 4.10**

Let f and g be real functions and $a \in \mathbb{R}$. If f and g are differentiable at a , then $f + g$, αf , $f \cdot g$, and [when $g(a) \neq 0$] f/g are all differentiable at a . In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} (f + g)'(a) &= f'(a) + g'(a) \\ (\alpha f)'(a) &= \alpha f'(a) \\ (f \cdot g)'(a) &= g(a)g'(a) + f(a)g'(a) \\ \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(a) &= \frac{g(a)f'(a) - f(a)g'(a)}{g^2(a)} \end{aligned}$$

- **Theorem 4.11** *Chain Rule*

Let f and g be real functions. If f is differentiable at a and g is differentiable at $f(a)$, then $g \circ f$ is differentiable at a with

$$(g \circ f)'(a) = g'(f(a))f'(a)$$

4.3 Mean Value Theorem

- **Lemma 4.12** *Rolle's Theorem*

Suppose that $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$. If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, differentiable on (a, b) , and if $f(a) = f(b)$, then $f'(c) = 0$ for some $c \in (a, b)$.

- **Remark 4.13**

The continuity hypothesis on Rolle's Theorem cannot be relaxed at even one point in $[a, b]$.

- **Remark 4.14**

The differentiability hypothesis on Rolle's Theorem cannot be relaxed at even one point in $[a, b]$.

- **Theorem 4.15**

Suppose that $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$.

1. *Generalised Mean Value Theorem*: If f, g are continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) , then there is a $c \in (a, b)$ such that

$$g'(c)(f(b) - f(a)) = f'(c)(g(b) - g(a))$$

2. *Mean Value Theorem*: If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) , then there is a $c \in (a, b)$ such that

$$f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b - a)$$

- **Definition 4.16** *Increasing, Monotone, Decreasing*

Let E be a nonempty subset of \mathbb{R} and $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

1. f is said to be *increasing* (respectively, *strictly increasing*) on E if and only if $x_1, x_2 \in E$ and $x_1 < x_2 \implies f(x_1) \leq f(x_2)$ [respectively, $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$].
2. f is said to be *decreasing* (respectively, *strictly decreasing*) on E if and only if $x_1, x_2 \in E$ and $x_1 < x_2 \implies f(x_1) \geq f(x_2)$ [respectively, $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$].
3. f is said to be *monotone* (respectively, *strictly monotone*) on E if and only if f is either decreasing or increasing (respectively, either strictly decreasing or strictly increasing) on E .

- **Theorem 4.17**

Suppose that $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, with $a < b$, that f is continuous on $[a, b]$, and that f is differentiable on (a, b) .

1. If $f'(x) > 0$ [respectively $f'(x) < 0$] for all $x \in (a, b)$, then f is strictly increasing (respectively, strictly decreasing) on $[a, b]$.
2. If $f'(x) = 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$, then f is constant on $[a, b]$.
3. If g is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) , and if $f'(x) = g'(x)$ for all $x \in (a, b)$, then $f - g$ is constant on $[a, b]$.

- **Theorem 4.18**

Suppose that f is increasing on $[a, b]$

1. If $c \in [a, b)$, then $f(c+)$ exists and $f(c) \leq f(c+)$.
2. If $c \in (a, b]$, then $f(c-)$ exists and $f(c-) \leq f(c)$.

- **Theorem 4.19**

If f is monotone on an interval I , then f has at most countable many points of discontinuity on I .

- **Theorem 4.21 Bernoulli's Inequality**

Let α be a positive real number. If $0 < \alpha < 1$, then $(1+x)^\alpha \leq 1 + \alpha x \ \forall x \in [-1, \infty)$, and if $\alpha \geq 1$, then $(1+x)^\alpha \geq 1 + \alpha x \ \forall x \in [-1, \infty)$.

- **Theorem 4.23 Intermediate Value Theorem for Derivatives**

Suppose that f is differentiable on $[a, b]$ with $f'(a) \neq f'(b)$. If y_0 is a real number which lies between $f'(a)$ and $f'(b)$, then there is an $x_0 \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(x_0) = y_0$.

4.4 Taylor's Theorem and L'Hopital's Rule

- **Theorem 4.24 Taylor's Formula**

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and let a, b be extended real numbers with $a < b$. If $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and if $f^{(n+1)}$ exists on (a, b) , then for each pair of points $(x, x_0 \in (a, b))$ there is a number c between x and x_0 such that

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x - x_0)^k + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} (x - x_0)^{n+1}$$

- **Theorem 4.27 L'Hopital's Rule**

Let a be an extended real number and I be an open interval which either contains a or has a as an endpoint. Suppose that f and g are differentiable on $I \setminus \{a\}$ and that $g(x) \neq 0 \neq g'(x) \ \forall x \in I \setminus \{a\}$. Suppose further that

$$A := \lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} g(x)$$

is either 0 or ∞ . If

$$B := \lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

exists as an extended real number, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a; x \in I} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

4.5 Inverse Function Theorems

- **Theorem 4.32**

Let I be a nondegenerate interval and suppose that $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is injective. If f is continuous on I , then $J := f(I)$ is an interval, f is strictly monotone on I , and f^{-1} is continuous and strictly monotone on J .

- **Theorem 4.33 Inverse Function Theorem**

Let I be an open interval and $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be injective and continuous. If $b = f(a)$ for some $a \in I$ and if $f'(a)$ exists and is nonzero, then f^{-1} is differentiable at b and $(f^{-1})'(b) = \frac{1}{f'(a)}$.

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