

# Honors Single Variable Calculus 110.113

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# 1 Equivalence Relation

Week 3 Reading: [5, Ch.3.5, Ch.4], On the construction of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , see [2, 2.4].

## Learning Objectives

Last few lectures:

- Defined the natural numbers and sets axiomatically.
- Discussed how *cardinality* came up from "counting" sets.

This and next lecture:

- discuss equivalence relation.
- construct  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}$ . Extend addition and multiplication in this context.

## 1.1 Ordered pairs

We now describe a new mathematical object, we leave it as an exercise to see how this object can be constructed from axioms of set theory.

**Axiom 1.1.** If  $x, y$  are objects, there exists a mathematical object

$$(x, y)$$

denote the *ordered pair*. Two ordered pairs  $(x, y) = (x', y')$  are equal iff  $x = x'$  and  $y = y'$ .

## Example

In sets:

- $\{1, 2\} = \{2, 1\}$

In ordered pairs

- $(1, 2) \neq (2, 1)$

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $X, Y$  be two sets. The *cartesian product* of  $X$  and  $Y$  is the set

$$X \times Y = \{(x, y) : x \in X, y \in Y\}$$

Currently, we can either put the existence of such a set as an axiom, or use the axioms of set theory, this is in hw.

### Discussion

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . How can we generalize the above for an *ordered  $n$ -tuple* and  *$n$ -cartesian product*?

### Pedagogy

As with construction quotient set, and function, we do not show how this can be derived from the axioms of set theory. We refer to the interested reader, [3, 7,8].

What is a relation? What kind of relations are there? We can make a mathematical interpretation using ordered pairs.

**Definition 1.3.** Given a set  $A$ , a *relation* on  $A$  is a subset  $R$  of  $A \times A$ . For  $a, a' \in A$ , We write

$$a \sim_R a'$$

if  $(a, a') \in R$ . We will drop the subscript for convenience. We say  $R$  is:

- *Reflexive* For all  $a \in A$

$$a \sim a$$

- *Transitive.* For all  $a, b, c \in A$ ,

$$a \sim b, b \sim c \Rightarrow a \sim c$$

- *Symmetric.* For all  $a, b \in A$ ,

$$a \sim b \Leftrightarrow b \sim a$$

### Discussion

What are example of each relations?

Often times, people do not describe the subset  $R$ , but describe it a relation *equivalently* as a rule: saying  $a, b \in A$  are related if some property  $P(a, b)$  is true. In short hand, one writes

$$a \sim b \text{ iff } \dots$$

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $A$ . Let  $x \in A$ , The *equivalence class* of  $x$  in  $A$  is the set of  $y \in A$ , such that  $x \sim y$ . We denote this as <sup>1</sup>

$$[x] := \{y \in A : x \sim y\}$$

An element in such an equivalence is called a *representative* of that class.

**Definition 1.5.** Quotient set. Given an equivalence relation  $R$  on a set  $A$ , the *quotient set*  $A/\sim$  is the set of equivalence classes on  $A$ .

### Example

Consider  $\mathbb{N}$  and the equivalence relation that  $a \sim b$  iff  $a$  and  $b$  have the same parity. <sup>a</sup>

- There are two equivalence classes: the odds and evens.
- For the odd class, a *representative*, or an element in the equivalence class, is 3.

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<sup>a</sup>i.e. both or odd or even.

There is a relation between equivalence and partition of sets.

**Definition 1.6.** A *partition* of a set  $X$  is a collection ???

## 1.2 Integers

What are the integers? It consists of the natural numbers and the negative numbers. What is *subtraction*? We do not know yet. Can we define *negative* numbers without referencing minus sign? Yes, we can. Say

$$-1 \text{ is " } 0 - 1 \text{ " is } (0, 1)$$

### Discussion

Let us say we define the integers as pairs  $(a, b)$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ . Would this be our desired

$$\mathbb{Z} := \{\dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots\}$$

- How many  $-1$ s are there?

But we have a problem, there are multiple ways to express  $-1$ . Our system cannot have multiple  $-1$ s. What are other ways We can also have  $1 - 2$ , or the pair  $(1, 2)$ .

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<sup>1</sup>It does not matter if we write  $\{y \in A : y \sim x\}$  by symmetry condition.

### Discussion

Now that we have our  $\mathbb{Z}$ , how do we define addition? <sup>a</sup>Can we leverage our understanding?

<sup>a</sup>What is addition abstractly? It is an operation  $+: X \times X \rightarrow X$ .

Intuitively, the *integers* is an expression <sup>2</sup> of non-negative integers,  $(a, b)$ , thought of as  $a - b$ . Two expressions  $(a, b)$  and  $(c, d)$  are the same if  $a + d = b + c$ . Formally

**Definition 1.7.** Let

$$R \subseteq (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \times (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})$$

consists of all pairs  $(a, b)$  and  $(c, d)$  such that  $a + d = b + c$ . Equivalently,

$$R := \{(a, b), (c, d) \in (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \times (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) : a + d = b + c\}$$

The *integers* is the set

$$\mathbb{Z} := \mathbb{N}^2 / \sim$$

**Definition 1.8.** Addition, multiplication. [5, 4.1.2].

We can now finally define negation.

**Definition 1.9.** [5, 4.1.4].

**Proposition 1.10.** Algebraic properties. Let  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- Addition
  - Symmetric  $x + y = y + x$ .
  - Admits identity element.

## 1.3 Rational numbers

Reading: [2, 2.4]. Be careful of the notation used! See 1.11.

**Definition 1.11.** The *rational*s is the set

$$\mathbb{Q} := \mathbb{Z} \times (\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}) / \sim$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} := \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n \neq 0\}$$

where  $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$  if and only if  $ad = bc$ . We will denote *the equivalence class* of pair  $(a, b)$  by  $[a/b]$

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<sup>2</sup>Rather than a pair, as an expression has multiple ways of presentation

Again, we need the notion of addition, multiplication, and negation.

**Definition 1.12.** Let  $[a/b], [c/d] \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then

1. Addition:

$$[a/b] + [c/d] := [(ad + bc)/bd]$$

2. Multiplication

$$[a/b] \cdot [c/d] := [(ac)/(bd)]$$

3. Negation.

$$-[a/b] := [(-a)/b]$$

### 1.3.1 Is addition well-defined?

This subsection gives an extensive discussion of well-definess. The notation we use here is from 1.11. In 1. we *want* to define a function:

$$+ : \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$$

which takes as input two equivalence class and outputs a new one. Let us consider two equivalence class

$$x := \{a'/b' : a'/b' \sim a/b\} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$y := \{c'/d' : c'/d' \sim c/d\} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

To add these two classes, we proceeded as follows:

1. We pick two representatives from each class, let us say  $a/b$  of  $x$  and  $c/d$  of  $y$ .
2. We define

$$x + y := [(ad + bc)/bd]$$

Why can't we say this is the definition of addition, yet? In the above description,  $x + y$  can take *more than one possible value* - which is not a function!

For example, one could have chosen other pair of representatives,  $a'/b'$ , and  $c'/d'$ , and obtained  $x + y$  as

$$[(a'd' + b'c')/b'd']$$

Thus, we have to check that

$$[(a'd' + b'c')/b'd'] = [(ad + bc)/bd]$$

To check this: by definition, this means we have to show:

$$bd(a'd' + b'c') = (ad + bc)b'd'$$

which is

$$bda'd' + bdb'c' = adb'd' + bcb'd' \tag{1}$$

Now  $a'/b' \sim a/b$  and  $c/d \sim c'/d'$  means  $a'b = ab'$  and  $cd' = c'd$ , Now using commutativity in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and the required two equalities for Eq. 1

$$\begin{aligned} bda'd' &= a'bdd' \stackrel{(a'b=ab')}{=} ab'dd' = adb'd' \\ bdb'c' &= c'dbb' \stackrel{(cd'=c'd)}{=} cd'bb' = bcb'd' \end{aligned}$$

## 1.4 Order relation

Similarly, we can define also define order relation.

**Definition 1.13.** Let  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,

- $x$  is *positive* iff  $x = [a/b]$  where  $a, b$  are positive integers, we often denote positive integers as  $\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ .
- $x$  is *negative* iff  $x = -y$  where  $y$  is some positive rational.

With the notion of positive rationals<sup>3</sup> from def. 1.13, we can define order relation  $<, \leq$  on  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Definition 1.14.** Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then we denote

- $x > y$  iff  $x - y$  is positive.
- $x \geq y$  iff  $x - y$  is zero or positive.

Rational is sufficient to do much of algebra. However, we could not do *trigonometry*. One passes from a *discrete* system to a *continuous* system.

### Discussion

What is something not in  $\mathbb{Q}$ ?

**Proposition 1.15.**  $\sqrt{2}$  is not rational.

*Proof.* ???

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<sup>3</sup>The same trick is used to define order in  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{R}$

## 2 The real numbers

Week 3, Reading: [5, 5], notes by Todd, *Cauchy's construction*. Goldrei's textbook gives another construction of  $\mathbb{R}$  using Dedekind cuts, [2, 2.2].

### Learning Objectives

We have defined  $\mathbb{Q}$ . To define  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- We use Cauchy sequence.

### Pedagogy

We can define real numbers geometrically, adopted by Euclid, and mostly between 1500-1850, or as presented in [4]

- This ultimately leads to Dedekind's picture of how an irrational number sits among the rational.

### 2.1 Characterizing properties of $\mathbb{R}$ : the completeness property

As with construction of  $\mathbb{N}$ , ultimately for  $\mathbb{R}$ , we are interested in the structural properties they have. The essential properties of  $\mathbb{R}$  can be described by Thm. 2.1. If you have learned any algebra, this is also known as a complete ordered field.

**Theorem 2.1.** Properties of  $\mathbb{R}$ , this is a rehash of the list in [2, 2.3].  $\mathbb{R}$  is a set with

- operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$
- relations  $=$  and  $\leq$
- special elements  $0, 1$  with  $0 \neq 1$ .

such that

1.  $\leq$  is a reflexive and transitive relation.
2.  $\leq$  behaves well under addition and multiplication : If  $x \leq y$  and  $z \geq 0$ .
  - then  $x + z \leq y + z$
  - $x \cdot z \leq y \cdot z$ .
3. The operation  $+$ , def. is commutative and associative, admits inverses and admits identity 0. In other words:
  - Associativity: for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$ .



- Commutativity: for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x + y = y + x$ .
- Admits inverse: for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $y$  such that

$$x + y = y + x = 0$$

- Admits identity 0: for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$x + 0 = 0 + x = x$$

4. The operation  $\cdot$  is commutative and associative, admits inverses and identity 1:
5. Completeness: for any  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A \neq \emptyset$  which is bounded above has a least in upper bound in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* Properties of  $+$  is left as homework. □

Worthy of distinction is the last axiom.

**Definition 2.2.** A *partial order* on a set  $X$ , is a relation  $\leq$  on  $X$  which is

- reflexive
- transitive: for all  $a, b, c \in X$ , if  $a \leq b$ ,  $b \leq c$ , then  $a \leq c$ .
- antisymmetric: for all  $a, b \in X$ ,  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a$  implies  $a = b$ .

**Example**

$(\mathbb{N}, \leq)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, \leq)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z}, \leq)$  are all partial orders. However  $<$  is *not*.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $E \subseteq X$ , where  $(X, \leq)$  is a set with a relation.  $M \in X$  is a *upper bound* iff for all  $x \in E$ ,  $x \leq M$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $E \subseteq X$ , where  $(X, \leq)$  is a set with a relation.  $M \in X$  is a *least upper bound* for  $E$  if

1.  $M$  is an upper bound for  $E$ .
2. any other upper bound  $M'$  on  $E$  must satisfy  $M \leq M'$ .

### Example

Let us consider  $(\mathbb{Q}, \leq)$ . What is the order relation here? see 1.14. Discuss the upper bound and least upper bound for the following sets.

- $E := \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x > 0\}$ .
- $E := \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x^2 < 2\}$
- $E := \emptyset$

## 2.2 Cauchy sequences

Let us start by constructing  $\sqrt{2}$  using  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The idea is to represent such a number using sequence. All inequalities and numbers discussed in this section will be rationals.

### Discussion

- If a "real" number  $x$  grows continually, but is bounded, does it approach a limiting value?

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . A sequence of rational numbers denoted  $(a_n)_{n=m}^{\infty}$  is a function

$$\{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n \geq m\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$$

### Discussion

Why don't we start the sequence at 0? We will see this when we discuss  $\limsup$ .

**Definition 2.6.** A sequence is  $(x_n)_0^{\infty}$ ,

- *eventually  $\varepsilon$ -steady*, if exists some  $N$  such that for all  $n, m \geq N$ ,

$$|x_n - x_m| < \varepsilon$$

- a *Cauchy sequence* iff for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is eventually  $\varepsilon$ -steady.

### Example

Proofs using quantifiers. Prove for all positive rationals,  $\varepsilon$ , there exists a positive rational  $\delta$  such that  $\delta < \varepsilon$ .

Mathematicians often translate this to notation

$$\forall \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}, (\exists \delta \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}, \delta < \varepsilon)$$

but this is up to taste.

*Proof.* ???

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**Proposition 2.7.** Prove that  $(a_n)_{n=1}^\infty := (1/n)_{n=1}^\infty$  is a Cauchy sequence.

*Proof.* What do we show ???  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$

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### Example

- $(n)_{n=0}^\infty, (\sqrt{n})_{n=0}^\infty$  are not Cauchy.

### Discussion

We want to use a Cauchy sequence to represent the real numbers. However, two sequences can represent the same number. Consider

$$1.4, 1.41, 1.414, 1.4142, \dots$$

$$1.5, 1.42, 1.4143, 1.41422, \dots$$

**Definition 2.8.** Two sequences  $(x_n)_{n=0}^\infty, (y_n)_{n=0}^\infty$  are *eventually  $\varepsilon$ -close*. if there exists some  $N$ , such that for all  $n \geq N$ ,

$$|a_n - b_n| < \varepsilon$$

### Discussion

Are the following two sequences Cauchy equivalent?

- $(10^{10}, 10^{1000}, 1, 1, \dots)$  and  $(1, 1, \dots)$

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  denote the set of cauchy sequences.<sup>4</sup> Then we set

$$\mathbb{R} := \mathcal{C} / \sim$$

where  $\sim$  is the equivalence relation that

$$(x_n)_{n=0}^\infty \sim (y_n)_{n=0}^\infty \text{ if and only if } (x_n)_{n=0}^\infty \text{ and } (y_n)_{n=0}^\infty \text{ are eventually } \varepsilon\text{-close}$$

We denote the equivalence of  $(x_n)_{n=0}^\infty$  as  $[(x_n)]$ . Note that in [5], Tao denotes the class as  $\text{LIM}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ .

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Choose two representatives<sup>5</sup>, say  $(x_n)_{n=0}^\infty \in x$  and  $(y_n)_{n=0}^\infty \in y$ , then

- the sum of  $x$  and  $y$  is defined as

$$x + y := [(x_n + y_n)_{n=0}^\infty]$$

Addition is well-defined. [5, 5.3.6, 5.3.7].

- the product of  $x$  and  $y$  is defined as

$$x \cdot y := [(x_n \cdot y_n)_{n=0}^\infty]$$

Now we can define the order relation on  $\mathbb{R}$ , compare to def. 1.13

**Definition 2.11.**  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is

- *positive* iff there exists a positive rational  $c \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ , and  $(x_n)_{n=0}^\infty \in x$  such that  $x_n \geq c$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .
- *negative* iff  $-(x_n)_{n=0}^\infty := (-x_n)_{n=0}^\infty$  is positive.

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , we say

- $x > y$  iff  $x - y$  is positive.
- $x \geq y$  iff  $x - y$  is positive or  $x = y$ .

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<sup>4</sup>This is a subset of  $\mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}}$ .

<sup>5</sup>an element of the equivalence class

### 3 More on Sequences

*Reading:* [5, 6].

Previously, we have worked with Cauchy sequences of rational numbers, see def 2.6, these were used to define  $\mathbb{R}$ . Now let us work with Cauchy sequences of real numbers:

**Definition 3.1.** A sequence  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  of real numbers, i.e. a map  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , is

- *eventually  $\varepsilon$ -steady*, if exists some  $N$  such that for all  $n, m \geq N$ ,

$$|x_n - x_m| < \varepsilon$$

- a *Cauchy sequence* iff for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is eventually  $\varepsilon$ -steady.

#### Learning Objectives

- Understand the notion of supremum and infima.
- Note that all convergent sequence is bounded, but is the bounded sequences convergent? This is the monotone convergence theorem. [5, 6.3.8].

We have the following hierarchy.

$$\{\text{Convergent}\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Cauchy}\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Bounded}\}$$

But is the converse true?

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$

Now that we have defined  $\mathbb{R}$ , we will review again the notion of convergence. We can slowly increase our level of "closeness" of a *sequence* to a *point* via these three definitions.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

1. Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ .  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty} = \{a_0, a_1, \dots\}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -*adherent* to  $x$  if exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  st.  
 $|a_N - x| < \varepsilon$ .
2. Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  we say  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -*close* to  $x$  if  $|a_n - x| < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .
3. Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  we say  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is *eventually  $\varepsilon$ -close* to  $x$  if there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ ,

$$|a_n - x| < \varepsilon$$

### Discussion

Consider our favourite sequence of 1.

$$0.9, 0.99, 0.999$$

- What are choices of  $x$  that satisfy 1?

**Definition 3.4.** A sequence  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  of rationals *converges to  $x$*  iff it is eventually  $\varepsilon$  convergence to  $x$  for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ .

### Discussion

- In 1. what if  $n = 0$ ? For instance

$$1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots$$

is  $\varepsilon$  close to 1. This wouldn't be a nice definition of the sequence "converging to  $x$ ".

- In 2. This may be too much of demand? What about the sequence

$$1, 1/2, 1/3, \dots, 1/n, \dots$$

**Proposition 3.5.** Uniqueness of limits of sequences. [5, 6.1.7].

## 3.1 Extending the number system

We will begin by defining the *suprema* and *infima* of sets. To make our life easier, we define the extended real number system.

**Definition 3.6.** The *extended number system* consists of

$$\bar{\mathbb{R}} := \{-\infty\} \cup \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$$

Let  $x, y, z \in \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ . Define the order relation, 1.3  $x \leq y$  if and only if one of the following holds.

1. If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \leq y$ .
2.  $x = -\infty$
3.  $y = \infty$ .

Thus, we artificially add in new terms.

- We do not include any operations. This can be dangerous. Of course, this can be done: say we can demand :

$$c + (+\infty) = (+\infty) + c := +\infty \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$c + (-\infty) = (-\infty) + c := -\infty \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R}$$

but requires a lot of care.

- We can define order and negation.

This is a common practice for mathematics, in order for one to make better statements.

**Definition 3.7.** Negation of reals.

**Example**

What is the supremum of the set

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$$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$$

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$$\{1 - 2, 3, -4, 5, -6, \dots\}$$

**Definition 3.8.** [Least upper bound] Let  $E \subseteq \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ . Then  $\sup E$ , the least upper bound [5, 6.2.6] is defined by the following rule:

- Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . So  $\infty, -\infty \notin E$ .
- If  $\infty \in E$ .

We can define the infimum without the use of another definition.

**Definition 3.9.** We let

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

$$-E := \{-x : x \in E\}$$

In many cases we have *two limits*.

**Example**

Let  $E$  be negative integers.

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

### Discussion

Consider the sequence

$$1.1, -1.01, 1.001, -1.0001, 1.0001, \dots \quad (*)$$

What two limits do you see? It is a combination of two sequences:

- $1.1, 1.001, 1.0001, 1.00001, \dots$
- $-1.01, -1.0001, -1.000001, \dots$

**Definition 3.10.** Let  $(a_n)_{n=m}^{\infty}$  be a sequence. Then set

$$a_N^+ := \sup [(a_n)_{n=N}^{\infty}]$$

$$\limsup_n a_n := \inf [(a_N^+)_{N=m}^{\infty}]$$

### Example

In (\*)

- $(a_n^+) = (a_0^+, a_1^+, \dots)$  is the sequence

$$1.1, 1.01, 1.001$$

**Proposition 3.11.** Properties of limsup and liminf.



## Homework for week 4

*Due: Week 5, Wednesday. You will select 3 problems to be graded.*

References: [2, 2], [5, 5].

You are free to assume anything you know about  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The problem on Dedekind construction is one problem it self. It has extended number of points not because of its difficulty, but because of its length.

### Problems

1. (\*\*) Prove that the relation defined in def. 2.9, is an equivalence relation.
2. Review the definition of addition on  $\mathbb{R}$ , ???. Prove that addition,  $+$ , on  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfies properties from 2.1. That is, prove :

- Associativity: for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$ .
- Commutativity: for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x + y = y + x$ .
- Admits identity 0: for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$x + 0 = 0 + x = x$$

3. (\*) Review the definition of multiplication on  $\mathbb{R}$ , def. ?? Prove that any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  where  $x \neq 0$  <sup>6</sup> admits a multiplicative inverse  $y$ , i.e. exists  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$x \cdot y = y \cdot x = 1$$

4. Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ . Prove that under the order relation  $\leq$ , least upper bound is unique if exists
5. (\*\*) Here we discuss some conditions to see whether a sequence of rationals  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is Cauchy:

- (a) Suppose that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$|a_{n+1} - a_n| < 2^{-n}$$

prove that  $(a_n)$  is Cauchy.

- (b) if we replace the condition in a. as

$$|a_{n+1} - a_n| < 1/(n+1)$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , give an example where  $(a_n)$  is not Cauchy.

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<sup>6</sup>here  $0 := (0)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is the Cauchy sequence consisting of 0s

6. (\*\*\*) How can we construct  $\sqrt{2}$  using Cauchy sequence? Consider the following three sequence  $(a_n), (b_n), (x_n)$  defined as follows

$$a_0 = 1, b_0 = 2$$

for each  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$x_n = \frac{1}{2}(a_n + b_n)$$

$$a_{n+1} = \begin{cases} x_n & x_n^2 < 2 \\ a_n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$b_{n+1} = \begin{cases} b_n & x_n^2 < 2 \\ x_n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Prove that all sequences are Cauchy.
  - (b) Prove that all sequences are Cauchy equivalent.
  - (c) Prove  $[(a_n)_{n=0}^\infty] \cdot [(a_n)_{n=0}^\infty] = 2$ .
7. Show that a Cauchy sequence is bounded.

## 4 Continuity

*Week5, Reading* [5, 9.3].

Previously we have been dealing with sequences, 3.

### Learning Objectives

In the next two lectures:

- Understand the underlying algebra
- State the Intermediate Value Theorem.

Define the exponential function  $\exp$ , or  $e^{(-)}$ . To do this we need.

- Continuity.
- Formal power series.

### 4.1 Subsets in analysis

*Reading:* [5, 9.1].

In analysis, we often work with certain subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . To define these, we need to know the partial order  $\leq$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , see def. 2.12.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- We define the closed interval.

$$[a, b] := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b\}$$

- The *half open* intervals

$$[a, b) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x < b\} \quad (a, b] := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x \leq b\}$$

- The open intervals

$$(a, b) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b\}$$

### Example

What is

- $(2, 2)$
- $[2, 2)$
- $(4, 3)$ .
- $[3, 3]$ .

**Definition 4.2.** Sequences of real numbers. Same as 2.5 but with  $\mathbb{R}$  instead of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Definition 4.3.** Same as 3.4 but with real sequences and converging to real number.

**Proposition 4.4.** Uniqueness of limits. [5, 6.1.7].

## 4.2 Working with real valued functions

In this section we study real valued functions

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

### Example

1. Characteristic functions. Important for measure theory.
2. Polynomial functions.

We will denote the collection of functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\text{Cts}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) \subset \text{Fct}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$$

Whenever you have a collection of objects you can always ask what structure does this have?

**Definition 4.5.** [5, 9.2.1] Structure on  $\text{Fct}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ . This is what algebraists refer as *composition rings*.

1. Composition.
2. Multiplication.
3. Addition.
4. Negation.

Except the compositional structure, all such structures exist on *function algebras*, that is sets of the form  $\text{Fct}(X, \mathbb{R})$  for  $X$  any set. For example, when  $X = \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\text{Fct}(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}) = \{(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty} : x_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

This space of functions is the set of real sequences starting at 0. The goal now is to study  $\text{Fct}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  generalizing

$$\text{Fct}(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R})$$

### Discussion

Which of the following are true?

1.  $(f + g) \circ h = (f \circ h) + (g \circ h)$ .
2.  $(f + g) \cdot h = (f \cdot h) + (g \cdot h)$ .

In the realm of geometry, there is a duality between spaces and their algebra of functions, [1].

In the context of sequences, we were able to make sense of "limit" to a point, " $\infty$ "

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = L$$

<sup>7</sup> Similarly, in the context  $\text{Fct}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  we would like to consider points  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , where we can write

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

Then to study  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , it would be helpful to study  $f|_X : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  of subsets that are intervals.

**Definition 4.6.** The restriction operation: let  $E \subseteq X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . The restriction map is defined as

$$\text{Fct}(X, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \text{Fct}(E, \mathbb{R})$$

$$f \mapsto f|_E$$

where  $f|_E(x) := f(x)$ .

### 4.3 Limiting value of functions

*Reading*, [5, 9.3]. We know what it means for a sequence to converge. Now we understand what it means for a function defined on an *interval* to converge.

**Definition 4.7.** Converging function. Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an interval. We discuss  $\text{Fct}(X, \mathbb{R})$ .

1.  $\varepsilon$ -closeness.  $f \in \text{Fct}(X, \mathbb{R})$  is  $\varepsilon$  close if for all  $x \in X$ ,

$$|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$$

2. [5, 9.3.3].  $f \in \text{Fct}(X, \mathbb{R})$  is *local  $\varepsilon$ -close to  $L$  at  $a$*  iff there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

(a) some interval  $(x - \delta, x + \delta) \subset X$

(b)  $f|_{(x-\delta, x+\delta)}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -close to  $L$ .

3. Let  $L \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $a \in X$ , then we say  $f$  *converges to  $L$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$* , if for all  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ ,  $f$  is local  $\varepsilon$ -close to  $L$  at  $a$ . In which case we denote

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

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<sup>7</sup>in fact, this is the limit of  $\mathbb{N}$ , when phrased correctly.

### Example

In 1. Let  $f(x) = x^2$ .

- 4-close to 2?

- 1-close to 1?

$g(x) = x^3$ .  $g_1 := g|_{[0,1]}$  and  $g_2 := g|_{[1,2]}$ .

- 4-close to 2?

- 1-close to 1?

	Sequences $(x_n)$	$f$ converging to $L$ at $a$ .
	$\mathbb{N}$	$X \subset \mathbb{R}$ contains $a$
$\varepsilon$ -close	$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \  x_n - L  < \varepsilon$ .	$\forall x \in X,  f(x) - L  < \varepsilon$ .
ev'/local $\varepsilon$ -close	$\exists N$ , for all $n \geq N \  x_n - L  < \varepsilon$	$\exists \delta > 0,  f(x) - L  < \varepsilon, \forall x \in (a - \delta, a + \delta)$ .
Converges	$\forall \varepsilon > 0, (x_n)$ is ev' $\varepsilon$ -close	$\forall \varepsilon > 0, (x_n)$ is local $\varepsilon$ -close

## 4.4 Continuous functions

**Definition 4.8.** Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an open interval.  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous at  $x_0 \in X$  if for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$ ...

We will consider three fundamental results in continuity of functions, [4, 7].



## Homework for week 5

*Due: Week 6, Friday. We will select 4 problems to be graded.*

1. Which of the following are true on  $\text{Fct}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ : let  $f, g, h \in \text{Fct}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ :

(a) Composition  $\circ$  is associativity :

$$f \circ (g \circ h) = (f \circ g) \circ h$$

(b) Composition distributes over multiplications:

$$(f \cdot g) \circ h = (f \circ h) \cdot (g \circ h)$$

(c) Composition distributes over addition:

$$(f + g) \circ h = f \circ h + g \circ h$$

2. Let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence of real numbers. Let  $x_1 = 2$ ,

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}x_n + \frac{1}{x_n}$$

show that  $x_n$  limits to a number  $L$  where  $L^2 = 2$ .

3. Prove [3.5](#).
4. Let  $a < b$ , and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous and strictly monotone function. Then  $f$  restricts to a bijection  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow [f(a), f(b)]$ . Show that  $f^{-1}$  is also continuous and strictly monotone.
5. Prove that  $f(x) = |x|^3$  is twice differentiable in  $\mathbb{R}$  but not three times. (First prove that  $f^{(2)}(x) = 6|x|$ .)

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