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I LEBESGUE INTEGRATION FOR FUNCTIONS OF A SINGLE REAL VARIABLE

Preliminaries on Sets, Mappings, and Relations

Definition. A relation R on a set X is called an **equivalence relation** provided:

- (i) xRx for all $x \in X$ (reflexive),
- (ii) xRy implies yRx for all $x, y \in X$ (symmetric),
- (iii) xRy and yRz imply xRz for all $x, y, z \in X$ (transitive).

Partial Ordering on a set X . A relation R on a nonempty set X is called a **partial ordering** provided:

- (i) xRx for all $x \in X$ (reflexive),
- (ii) xRy and yRx imply $x = y$ for all $x, y \in X$ (antisymmetric),
- (iii) xRy and yRz imply xRz for all $x, y, z \in X$ (transitive).

A subset E of X is **totally ordered** provided either xRy or yRx for all $x, y \in E$. A member x of X is said to be an **upper bound** for a subset E of X provided that

$$yRx \text{ for all } y \in E.$$

A member x of X is said to be **maximal** provided that

$$xRy \text{ implies that } y = x \text{ for } y \in X.$$

Strict Partial Ordering on a set X . A relation R on a nonempty set X is called a **strict partial ordering** provided:

- (i) not xRx for all $x \in X$ (irreflexive),
- (ii) xRy implies not yRx for all $x, y \in X$ (asymmetric),
- (iii) xRy and yRz imply xRz for all $x, y, z \in X$ (transitive).

A subset E of X is **strictly totally ordered** provided either xRy or yRx if $x \neq y$ for all $x, y \in E$.

Zorn's Lemma. *Let X be a partially ordered set for which every totally ordered subset has an upper bound. Then X has a maximal member.*

Every vector space has a basis.

Proof. Let V be any vector space, and let L be the collection of all linearly independent subsets of V . L is nonempty as the singleton sets are linearly independent. Define a partial order on L in the form $C \subseteq C'$ for $C, C' \in L$. For any chain (a totally ordered subset of a partially ordered set) \mathcal{C} of L , where \mathcal{C} consists of the sets $C_1 \subseteq C_2 \subseteq \dots$, we can construct a linearly independent set $C' = \bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{C}} C$ that is an upper bound of \mathcal{C} . By Zorn's Lemma, L has a maximal element, say M . This collection M is a basis for V . To show this, suppose by contradiction that there exists a vector $v \in V$ s.t. $v \notin \text{Span}\{M\}$. Then $v \cup M$ is linearly independent and $M \subseteq v \cup M$, a contradiction to the fact that M is maximal. \square

Chapter 1

The Real Numbers: Sets, Sequences, and Functions

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1.1 The Field, Positivity, and Completeness Axioms

The field axioms

Consider $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$:

1. Closure of Addition: $a + b \in \mathbb{R}$.
2. Associativity of Addition: $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$.
3. Additive Identity: $0 + a = a + 0 = a$.
4. Additive Inverse: $(-a) + a = a + (-a) = 0$.
5. Commutativity of Addition: $a + b = b + a$.
6. Closure of Multiplication: $ab \in \mathbb{R}$.
7. Associativity of Multiplication: $(ab)c = a(bc)$.
8. Distributive Property: $a(b + c) = ab + ac$.
9. Commutativity of Multiplication: $ab = ba$.
10. Multiplicative Identity: $1a = a1 = a$.
11. No Zero Divisors: $ab = 0 \implies a = 0$ or $b = 0$.

12. Multiplicative Inverse: $a^{-1}a = aa^{-1} = 1$.

13. Nontriviality: $1 \neq 0$.

The positivity axioms

The set of **positive numbers**, \mathcal{P} , has the following two properties:

P1 If a and b are positive, then ab and $a + b$ are both positive.

P2 For a real number a , exactly one of the three is true: a is positive, $-a$ is positive, $a = 0$.

We call a nonempty set I of real numbers an **interval** provided for any two points in I , all the points that lie between these two points also lie in I . That is, $\forall x, y \in I, \lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \in I$ for $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

The completeness axiom

A nonempty set E of real numbers is said to be **bounded above** provided there is a real number b such that $x \leq b$ for all $x \in E$: the number b is called an **upper bound** for E . We can similarly define a set being **bounded below** and having a **lower bound**. A set that is bounded above need not have a largest member.

The Completeness Axiom. *Let E be a nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded above. The among the set of upper bounds for E there is a smallest, or least, upper bound. (This least upper bound is called the **supremum** of E . Also, it can be shown that any nonempty set E that is bounded below has a greatest lower bound, called the **infimum** of E).*

The extended real numbers

The extended real numbers: $\mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}$

Every set of real numbers has a supremum and infimum that belongs to the extended real numbers.

PROBLEMS

1. For $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$, show that $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$.

$$(ab)(ab)^{-1} = 1$$

by multiplicative inverse

$$a(b(ab)^{-1}) = 1$$

by associativity of multiplication

$$a^{-1}a(b(ab)^{-1}) = a^{-1}1$$

$$1(b(ab)^{-1}) = a^{-1}1$$

by multiplicative inverse

$$b(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}$$

by multiplicative identity

$$b^{-1}b(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$$

$$1(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$$

by multiplicative inverse

$$(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$$

by multiplicative identity

$$(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$$

by commutativity of multiplication

2. Verify the following:

- (i) For each real number $a \neq 0$, $a^2 > 0$. In particular, $1 > 0$ since $1 \neq 0$ and $1 = 1^2$.

By positivity axiom P2, since $a \neq 0$, either a is positive or $-a$ is positive.

In the case a is positive, a^2 is positive by positivity axiom P1.

In the case $-a$ is positive, $(-a)(-a)$ is positive by P1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (-a)(-a) &= (-a)(-a) + a(0) && \text{by additive identity} \\
 &= (-a)(-a) + a(-a + a) && \text{by additive inverse} \\
 &= (-a)(-a) + a(-a) + a(a) && \text{by distributive property} \\
 &= (-a + a)(-a) + a^2 && \text{by distributive property} \\
 &= 0(-a) + a^2 && \text{by additive inverse} \\
 &= a^2 && \text{by additive identity}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore a^2 is positive by equality.

- (ii) For each positive number a , its multiplicative inverse a^{-1} also is positive.

The multiplication of two positive numbers is positive by positivity axiom P1.

The multiplication of two non-positive numbers is positive: by reformulating the previous result from (i), we can see $0 < (-a)(-b) = ab$ for $a, b \neq 0$.

The multiplication of a positive number and a non-positive number is not positive. To see this, suppose a is positive and b is not positive, but ab is positive. By P1 and P2, $a(-b)$ is also positive. By P1, $ab + a(-b)$ is positive. However,

$$ab + a(-b) = a(b - b) = a(0) = 0.$$

This is a contradiction to P2. Therefore ab is not positive.

The result from (i) shows that 1 is positive. By multiplicative inverse, $aa^{-1} = 1 > 0$. Therefore a^{-1} must be positive because a is positive.

- (iii) If $a > b$, then

$$ac > bc \text{ if } c > 0 \text{ and } ac < bc \text{ if } c < 0.$$

Proof that $a(-1) = -a$ for a real number a :

$$a + (-1)a = 1a + (-1)a = (1 + -1)a = 0a = 0.$$

$a > b$ implies that $a - b$ is positive.

If c is positive, then $(a - b)c = ac - bc$ is positive, and $ac > bc$.

If c is not positive, then $(a - b)c = ac - bc$ is not positive, and $-(ac - bc) = bc - ac$ is positive, so $bc > ac$.

3. For a nonempty set of real numbers E , show that $\inf E = \sup E$ iff E consists of a single point.

(\implies) Suppose $\inf E = \sup E$.

Then $\inf E \leq x \leq \sup E$ for all $x \in E$. But this implies $x = \inf E = \sup E$ for all $x \in E$, so E consists of the single point x .

(\impliedby) Suppose $E = x$ is a singleton set.

Clearly x is an upper bound and a lower bound for E , as $x \leq x$. By completeness of the reals, there exists $\sup E$ and $\inf E$ s.t. $x \leq \inf E \leq x \leq \sup E \leq x$, as $\inf E$ is the greatest lower bound, and $\sup E$ is the least upper bound. Therefore $\inf E = \sup E$.

4. Let a and b be real numbers.

- (i) Show that if $ab = 0$, then $a = 0$ or $b = 0$.

Contrapositive: Let $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$. In 2.(ii), it was shown that the multiplication of two nonzero numbers is either positive or not positive. Therefore $ab \neq 0$.

- (ii) Verify that $a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$ and conclude from part (i) that if $a^2 = b^2$, then $a = b$ or $a = -b$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a - b)(a + b) &= (a - b)(a) + (a - b)(b) && \text{by distributive property} \\
 &= (a)(a) + (-b)(a) + (a)(b) + (-b)(b) && \text{by distributive property} \\
 &= (a)(a) + (-b + b)(a) + (-b)(b) && \text{by distributive property} \\
 &= (a)(a) + (-b)(b) && \text{by additive inverse} \\
 &= a^2 - b^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $a^2 = b^2$. Then $(a - b)(a + b) = a^2 - b^2 = 0$, and by (i), $(a - b) = 0 \implies a = b$ or $(a + b) = 0 \implies a = -b$.

- (iii) Let c be a positive real number. Define $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 < c\}$. Verify that E is nonempty and bounded above. Define $x_0 = \sup E$. Show that $x_0^2 = c$. Use part (ii) to show that there is a unique $x > 0$ for which $x^2 = c$. It is denoted by \sqrt{c} .

We can consider $0 \in \mathbb{R}$. $0^2 = 0 < c$, so $0 \in E$ and E is nonempty. Also, $c+1$ is a real number and an upper bound for E ; thus by the completeness axiom, E has a supremum, say x_0 . We can see that for any upper bound b of E , $x \leq x_0 \leq b$ for all $x \in E$. Then $x^2 \leq x_0^2 \leq b^2$ implies $x_0^2 = c$, else x_0 is not the supremum.

Suppose there exists $x_1, x_2 > 0$ such that $x_1^2 = c$ and $x_2^2 = c$. This implies $x_1^2 = x_2^2$, and by part (ii), $x_1 = x_2$ or $x_1 = -x_2$. Because x_1, x_2 are positive, $x_1 = x_2$.

5. Let a, b, c be real numbers s.t. $a \neq 0$ and consider the quadratic equation

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (i) Suppose $b^2 - 4ac > 0$. Use the Field Axioms and the preceding problem to complete the square and thereby show that this equation has exactly two solutions given by

$$x = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \text{ and } x = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 ax^2 + bx + c &= 0 \\
 4a(ax^2 + bx + c) &= 4a(0) \\
 4a^2x^2 + 4abx + 4ac &= 0 && \text{by distributive property} \\
 4a^2x^2 + 4abx + 4ac + b^2 - b^2 &= 0 && \text{by additive inverse} \\
 4a^2x^2 + 4abx + b^2 &= b^2 - 4ac \\
 (2ax + b)^2 &= b^2 - 4ac
 \end{aligned}$$

By 4(iii), because $b^2 - 4ac > 0$, there is a unique $y > 0$ for which $y^2 = b^2 - 4ac$. It is denoted by $y = \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$.

By 4(ii), $(2ax + b)^2 = b^2 - 4ac = y^2$ implies $(2ax + b) = \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} = y$ or $(2ax + b) = -\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} = -y$.

$$\begin{aligned} 2ax + b &= \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} \\ 2ax &= -b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} \\ x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}. \end{aligned}$$

6. Use the Completeness Axiom to show that every nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded below has an infimum and that

$$\inf E = -\sup\{-x \mid x \in E\}.$$

Let E be a set that is bounded below; that is, there exists $l \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $l \leq x$ for all $x \in E$. Then $-l \geq -x$ for all $x \in E$, and $-l$ is an upper bound for $-E = \{-x \mid x \in E\}$. Therefore the set $-E$ is bounded above, and by the completeness axiom, there exists a least upper bound $c = \sup(-E)$. Then for any upper bound u of $-E$, $u \geq c \geq -x$ for all $x \in E$. Then $-u$ is a lower bound of E , and $-u \leq c \leq x$ for all $x \in E$, and c is the greatest lower bound and thus infimum of E .

7. For real numbers a and b , verify the following:

(i) $|ab| = |a||b|$.

We have

$$|ab| = \begin{cases} ab & \text{if } ab \geq 0, \\ -(ab) & \text{if } ab < 0. \end{cases}$$

The case where either a or b are zero is trivial. In problem 2(ii), it was shown that $ab > 0$ if a, b are the same sign, and $ab < 0$ if a, b are opposite signs.

Case $a, b > 0$: Then $ab > 0$ so $|ab| = ab$, and $|a| = a$ and $|b| = b$ so $|a||b| = ab$.

Case $a, b < 0$: Then $ab > 0$ so $|ab| = ab$, and $|a| = -a$ and $|b| = -b$ so $|a||b| = (-a)(-b) = ab$.

Case $a < 0, b > 0$: Then $ab < 0$ so $|ab| = -(ab) = (-1)ab$, and $|a| = -a = (-1)a$ and $|b| = b$ so $|a||b| = (-1)ab$.

(ii) $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$.

The case where both $a, b = 0$ is trivial.

Case $a, b > 0$: Then $a + b > 0$, so $|a + b| = a + b$ and $|a| + |b| = a + b$.

Case $a > 0, b = 0$: Then $a + b = a + 0 = a > 0$, so $|a + b| = a$ and $|a| + |b| = a + 0 = a$.

Case $a < 0, b = 0$: Then $a + b = a + 0 = a < 0$, so $|a + b| = -a$ and $|a| + |b| = -a + 0 = -a$.

Case $a, b < 0$: Then $a + b < 0$, so $|a + b| = -(a + b) = -a - b$ and $|a| + |b| = -a - b$.

That is, equality holds except for the case where a, b are nonzero opposite signs:

Case $a > 0, b < 0$: $|a + b| \in \{a + b, -(a + b)\}$.

$b < 0 < -b \implies a + b < a < a - b$, and $-a < 0 < a \implies -(a + b) = -a - b < -b < a - b$.

$|a| + |b| = a - b$, so $|a + b| < |a| + |b|$.

(iii) For $\epsilon > 0$,

$$|x - a| < \epsilon \text{ iff } a - \epsilon < x < a + \epsilon.$$

We have

$$|x - a| = \begin{cases} x - a & \text{if } x - a \geq 0, \\ -(x - a) & \text{if } x - a < 0. \end{cases}$$

(\implies) Suppose $|x - a| < \epsilon$.

Then $x - a < \epsilon$ and $a - x < \epsilon$.

Then $x < a + \epsilon$ and $a - \epsilon < x$.

(\impliedby) Suppose $a - \epsilon < x < a + \epsilon$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} a - \epsilon - a &< x - a < a + \epsilon - a \\ -\epsilon &< x - a < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

So $x - a < \epsilon$ and $-\epsilon < x - a \implies -(x - a) < \epsilon$, so $|x - a| < \epsilon$.

1.2 The Natural and Rational Numbers

Definition. A set E of real numbers is said to be **inductive** provided it contains 1 and if the number x belongs to E , the number $x + 1$ also belongs to E .

The set of **natural numbers**, denoted by \mathbb{N} , is defined to be the intersection of all inductive subsets of \mathbb{R} .

Theorem 1. Every nonempty set of natural numbers has a smallest member.

Proof. Let E be a nonempty set of natural numbers. Since the set $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 1\}$ is an inductive set, by definition of intersection, $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 1\}$, and the natural numbers are bounded below by 1. Therefore E is bounded below by 1. By the Completeness Axiom, E has an infimum; let $c = \inf E$. Since $c + 1$ is not a lower bound for E , there is an $m \in E$ for which $m < c + 1$. We claim that m is the smallest member of E . Otherwise, there is an $n \in E$ for which $n < m$. Since $n \in E$, $c \leq n$. Thus $c \leq n < m < c + 1$ and therefore $m - n < 1$. Therefore the natural number m belongs to the interval $(n, n + 1)$. However, an induction argument shows that $(n, n + 1) \cap \mathbb{N} = \emptyset$ (Problem 8). This is a contradiction to $m \in E$. Therefore m is the smallest member of E . \square

Archimedean Property. For each pair of positive real numbers a and b , there is a natural number n for which $na > b$. This can be reformulated: for each positive real number ϵ , there is a natural number n for which $\frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$.

The set of **integers**, denoted \mathbb{Z} , is defined to be the set of numbers consisting of the natural numbers, their negatives, and zero.

Consider the number 2. From problem 4(iii), there is a unique $x > 0$ for which $x^2 = 2$. It is denoted by $\sqrt{2}$. This number is not rational. Suppose that x is rational: then there exist $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $(\frac{p}{q})^2 = 2$.

Then $p^2 = 2q^2$. By the unique prime factorizations of p and q , p^2 is divisible by 2^{2k} for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, while $2q^2$ is divisible by $2 \cdot 2^{2j} = 2^{2j+1}$ for some $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. $2^{2k} \neq 2^{2j+1}$ for any combinations of k, j so $p^2 = 2q^2$ is not possible, and $\sqrt{2}$ is not rational.

Definition. A set E of real numbers is said to be **dense** in \mathbb{R} provided that between any two real numbers there lies a member of E .

Theorem 2. *The rational numbers are dense in \mathbb{R} .*

Proof. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$.

Case $a > 0$:

By the Archimedean Property, for $(b - a) > 0$, there exists $q \in \mathbb{N}$ for which $\frac{1}{q} < b - a$.

Again by the Archimedean Property, for $b, \frac{1}{q} > 0$, there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ for which $n(\frac{1}{q}) > b$.

Therefore the set $S = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \frac{n}{q} \geq b\}$ is nonempty. Because S is a set of natural numbers, by Theorem

1, S has a smallest member p . Noticing $\frac{1}{q} < b - a < b$, we see that $1 \notin S$ and $p > 1$. Therefore $p - 1$ is

a natural number (Problem 9). Because p is the smallest member of S , $p - 1 \notin S$ and $\frac{(p - 1)}{q} < b$. Also,

$$a = b - (b - a) < \frac{p}{q} - \left(\frac{1}{q}\right) = \frac{(p - 1)}{q}.$$

Therefore the rational number $\frac{(p - 1)}{q}$ lies between a and b .

Case $a < 0$:

By the Archimedean Property, for $1, -a > 0$, there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ for which $n(1) > -a$, which implies $n + a > 0$, and $b > a$ implies $n + b > n + a > 0$. Then we can use the first case to show that there exists a rational number r such that $n + a < r < n + b$. Therefore the rational number $r - n$ lies between a and b . \square

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8. Use an induction argument to show that for each natural number n , the interval $(n, n + 1)$ fails to contain any natural number.

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $P(n)$ be the assertion that $(n, n + 1) \cap \mathbb{N} = \emptyset$.

$P(1)$: $(1, 2) = \{x \mid 1 < x < 2\}$. Suppose there exists a natural number $q \in (1, 2)$. Then $q > 1$ and by problem 9, $q - 1$ is a natural number. However, $1 < q < 2 \implies 0 < q - 1 < 1$, which is a contradiction to the fact that the natural numbers are bounded below by 1 (Theorem 1). Therefore there are no natural numbers in $(1, 2)$.

Suppose $P(k)$ is true for some natural number k .

$P(k + 1)$: Suppose there exists a natural number $p \in (k + 1, (k + 1) + 1)$; that is, $k + 1 < p < k + 2$.

Case $p = 1$: then $k + 1 < 1 < k + 2$. but $k \in \mathbb{N}$ so $k + 1 > 1$. Thus $p = 1$ is not possible.

Case $p > 1$: then by problem 9, $p - 1 \in \mathbb{N}$, so $k + 1 < p < k + 2 \implies k < p - 1 < k + 1$. This is a contradiction to $P(k)$, the assumption that there are no natural numbers between $(k, k + 1)$. Therefore $P(k + 1)$ is true.

9. Use an induction argument to show that if $n > 1$ is a natural number, then $n - 1$ also is a natural number. The use another induction argument to show that if m and n are natural numbers with $n > m$, then $n - m$ is a natural number.

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $P(n)$ be the assertion that $n = 1$ or $n - 1 \in \mathbb{N}$.

$P(1)$: $1 = 1$, true.

Suppose $P(k)$ is true for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

$P(k + 1)$: $(k + 1) - 1 = k \in \mathbb{N}$, true.

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $Q(n)$ be the assertion that for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n > m$, then $n - m \in \mathbb{N}$.

$Q(1)$: true trivially, because there are no natural numbers less than 1.

Suppose $Q(k)$ is true for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$; that is, for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k > m$, then $k - m \in \mathbb{N}$.

$Q(k+1)$: For all the m from $Q(k)$, we have $(k+1) > k > m$.

We want to show that $(k+1) - m \in \mathbb{N}$.

This is clearly true for $m = 1$ because $(k+1) - 1 = k \in \mathbb{N}$. Otherwise, $m > 1$, so by $P(m)$, $m - 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ and $(k+1) - m = k - (m - 1)$. $Q(k)$ is true tells us that because $(m - 1) \in \mathbb{N}$ and $k > m > m - 1$, then $k - (m - 1) \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore $Q(k+1)$ is true.

10. Show that for any real number r , there is exactly one integer in the interval $[r, r+1)$.

This is trivial if $r \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Consider the smallest integer p less than $[r, r+1)$. Then $p < r < r+1$ (and $r < p+1$, because $r = p+1 \implies r \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $r > p+1 \implies p$ is not the smallest integer less than $[r, r+1)$), therefore $r < p+1 < r+1$. Because the integers are inductive, $p+1 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

To show that there is not more than one integer between $[r, r+1)$: let q be a natural number such that $r \leq q < r+1$. Then $q-1 < r \leq q$ and $q < r+1 \leq q+1$. From problem 8, we see that there are no integers between $(q-1, q)$ and $(q, q+1)$, so there is only one integer in $(q-1, q) \cup q \cup (q, q+1) \supseteq [r, r+1)$.

11. Show that any nonempty set of integers that is bounded above has a largest member.

Let E be a nonempty set of integers that is bounded above. By the completeness axiom, there exists $c = \sup E$. That is, $x \leq c$ for all $x \in E$. Then $c-1 < z \leq c$ for some $z \in E$ because $c-1$ is not an upper bound of E . Suppose c is not in E . Then $c-1 < z < c$. This implies that $c-1 < z < w \leq c$ for some $w \in E$ because z is not an upper bound of E . But then there exists two integers in the interval $(c-1, c]$, which is a contradiction to problem 10. Therefore c is an element of E , and it is the largest member.

12. Show that the irrational numbers are dense in \mathbb{R} .

Choose any two real numbers a, b and any irrational number z . Then $\frac{a}{z}, \frac{b}{z}$ are real numbers.

By density of the rationals in \mathbb{R} , there exists a rational r such that $\frac{a}{z} < r < \frac{b}{z}$. This implies $a < rz < b$, where rz is an irrational number.

Proof that rz is irrational:

Let $r = \frac{p}{q}$ and suppose that rz is rational; then $rz = \frac{m}{n}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p}{q}z &= \frac{m}{n} \\ z &= \frac{m}{n} \frac{q}{p} \\ z &= \frac{mq}{np} \end{aligned}$$

Then z is rational, a contradiction.

13. Show that each real number is the supremum of a set of rational numbers and also the supremum of a set of irrational numbers.

Choose any real number a . Let $S = \{r \in \mathbb{Q} \mid r \leq a\}$. Then a is an upper bound for this set. To show that a is the supremum, suppose by contradiction that it is not. Then there exists $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $r \leq c < a$. However, the rational numbers are dense in \mathbb{R} , so there exists a rational between c and a , a contradiction to the assumption that c is an upper bound to S .

The same argument can easily be shown for the irrational numbers.

14. Show that if $r > 0$, then, for each natural number n , $(1 + r)^n \geq 1 + n \cdot r$.

Let $r > 0$.

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $P(n)$ be the assertion that $(1 + r)^n \geq 1 + n \cdot r$.

$P(1)$: $(1 + r)^1 = 1 + 1 \cdot r$, true.

Suppose $P(k)$ is true for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $(1 + r)^k \geq 1 + k \cdot r$.

$P(k + 1)$:

$$(1 + r)^{k+1} = (1 + r)^k(1 + r) \geq (1 + kr)(1 + r) = 1 + kr + r + kr^2 > 1 + kr + r = 1 + (k + 1) \cdot r.$$

15. Use induction arguments to prove that for every natural number n ,

(i)

$$\sum_{j=1}^n j^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6},$$

$$P(1): \sum_{j=1}^1 j^2 = 1 = \frac{1(1+1)(2+1)}{6}.$$

Suppose $P(k)$ is true for $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

$P(k + 1)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} j^2 &= \sum_{j=1}^k j^2 + (k+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} + (k+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{k(2k^2 + k + 2k + 1)}{6} + \frac{6(k^2 + 2k + 1)}{6} \\ &= \frac{(2k^3 + k^2 + 2k^2 + k) + (6k^2 + 12k + 6)}{6} \\ &= \frac{2k^3 + 9k^2 + 13k + 6}{6} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(2k^2 + 7k + 6)}{6} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2(k+1)+1)}{6}. \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \cdots + n^3 = (1 + 2 + \cdots + n)^2,$$

$$P(1): 1^3 = 1 = (1)^2.$$

Suppose $P(k)$ is true for $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

$P(k+1)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1^3 + 2^3 + \cdots + (k+1)^3 &= 1^3 + 2^3 + \cdots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 \\
 &= (1 + 2 + \cdots + k)^2 + (k+1)^3 \\
 &= \left(\frac{k(k+1)}{2} \right)^2 + (k+1)^3 \\
 &= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2}{4} + \frac{4(k+1)^3}{4} \\
 &= \frac{k^2(k+1)^2 + (4k+4)(k+1)^2}{4} \\
 &= \frac{(k^2 + 4k + 4)(k+1)^2}{4} \\
 &= \frac{(k+2)^2(k+1)^2}{2^2} \\
 &= \left(\frac{(k+2)(k+1)}{2} \right)^2 \\
 &= \left(\frac{((k+1)+1)(k+1)}{2} \right)^2 \\
 &= \left(1 + 2 + \cdots + (k+1) \right)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$1 + r + \cdots + r^n = \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r} \text{ if } r \neq 1.$$

$$P(1): 1 + r^1 = \frac{(1+r)(1-r)}{1-r} = \frac{1-r^2}{1-r}.$$

Suppose $P(k)$ is true for $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

$P(k+1)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 + r + \cdots + r^{k+1} &= 1 + r + \cdots + r^k + r^{k+1} \\
 &= \frac{1 - r^{k+1}}{1 - r} + r^{k+1} \\
 &= \frac{1 - r^{k+1}}{1 - r} + \frac{(1 - r)r^{k+1}}{1 - r} \\
 &= \frac{1 - r^{k+1} + r^{k+1} - r^{(k+1)+1}}{1 - r} \\
 &= \frac{1 - r^{(k+1)+1}}{1 - r}.
 \end{aligned}$$

1.3 Countable and Uncountable Sets

Two sets A and B are **equipotent** provided there exists a bijection between them.

A set E is **countable** if it is equipotent to a set of natural numbers.

For a countably infinite set X , we say that $\{x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is an **enumeration** of X provided

$$X = \{x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \text{ and } x_n \neq x_m \text{ if } n \neq m.$$

Theorem 3. *A subset of a countable set is countable. In particular, every set of natural numbers is countable.*

Corollary 4. *The following sets are countably infinite:*

- (i) *For each natural numbers n , the Cartesian product $\mathbb{N}^n = \mathbb{N} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{N}$.*
- (ii) *The set of natural numbers \mathbb{Q} .*

The rationals are countable: $\mathbb{Q} = \{0, \frac{1}{1}, -\frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{1}, -\frac{2}{1}, \frac{3}{1}, -\frac{3}{1}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \dots\}$.

Corollary 6. *The union of a countable collection of countable sets is countable.*

An interval of real numbers is called degenerate if it is empty or contains a single member.

Theorem 7. *A nondegenerate interval of real numbers is uncountable.*

Proof. Let I be a nondegenerate interval of real numbers. Clearly I is not finite. Suppose I is countably infinite. Let $\{x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be an enumeration of I . For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, choose a nondegenerate compact subinterval $[a_n, b_n] \subseteq I$ such that $x_n \notin [a_n, b_n]$. Let the set of such intervals $\{[a_n, b_n]\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be descending: $[a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}] \subseteq [a_n, b_n]$ (That is, $a_n \leq a_{n+1} < b_{n+1} \leq b_n$.) Now, the nonempty set $E = \{a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded above by b_1 . Then the Completeness Axiom implies that E has a supremum, say $x^* = \sup E$. Then for each n , $a_n \leq x^* \leq b_n$ because x^* is the supremum of E and each b_n is an upper bound for E . Therefore x^* belongs to $[a_n, b_n]$ for each n . But then x^* is an element of I and thus has an index $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x^* = x_{n_0}$. But $x^* \in [a_{n_0}, b_{n_0}]$, a contradiction. Therefore I is not countable. \square

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16. Show that the set \mathbb{Z} of integers is countable.

There exists a bijection $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ with

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x > 0, \\ -2x + 1 & \text{if } x \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z} &= \{0, 1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3, 4, -4, \dots\} \\ \mathbb{N} &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

17. Show that a set A is countable iff there is an injective mapping of A to \mathbb{N} .

(\implies) Suppose A is countable.

Then either A is equipotent to \mathbb{N} , or there is an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that A is equipotent to $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. In the case A is countably infinite, we have a bijection with \mathbb{N} and thus an injection. In the case A is finite, we have an injection with a subset of \mathbb{N} , and thus an injection with \mathbb{N} (injection: $f(a) = f(b) \implies a = b$ for $a, b \in A$).

(\impliedby) Suppose there is an injective mapping of A to \mathbb{N} .

Then there is a bijection from A to some subset B of \mathbb{N} . By Theorem 3, every subset of natural numbers is countable, and because A is equipotent to this countable set B , then A is countable.

18. Use an induction argument to complete the proof of part (i) of Corollary 4.

(Not an induction argument)

Consider the function $f : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, where $f(m, n) = 2^m 3^n$. By the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, $2^m 3^n = 2^{m'} 3^{n'} \implies m = m', n = n'$. Then clearly f is an injection. By problem 17, we see that \mathbb{N}^2 is countable.

For any $k \in \mathbb{N}$ we can construct a function $f : \mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, where we have n primes such that $f(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k) = p_1^{m_1} p_2^{m_2} \dots p_k^{m_k}$. By the fundamental theorem of arithmetic, this is an injection and thus \mathbb{N}^k is countable.

19. Prove Corollary 6 in the case of a finite family of countable sets.

Let $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^k$ be a finite family of countable sets. Then each set S_n is countable, and we can enumerate as follows: $S_n = \{s_{nm} \mid m \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Then because there is only a finite number of countable sets, we can construct a function $f : \bigcup_{n=1}^k S_n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ seeing that

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^k S_n = \{s_{11}, s_{21}, s_{31}, \dots, s_{k1}, s_{12}, s_{22}, s_{32}, \dots, s_{k2}, s_{13}, \dots\}.$$

20. Let both $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be injective and surjective. Show that the composition $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ and the inverse $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$ are also injective and surjective.

$g \circ f$:

By surjectivity of g , for all $c \in C$, there exists a $b \in B$ such that $g(b) = c$. Then by surjectivity of f , there exists an $a \in A$ such that $f(a) = b$.

Therefore for any $c \in C$:

$$\begin{aligned} c &= g(b) && \text{for some } b \in B \\ &= g(f(a)) && \text{for some } a \in A \\ &= g \circ f(a) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $g \circ f$ is surjective.

By injectivity of g , $g(b) = g(b') \implies b = b'$.

By injectivity of f , $f(a) = f(a') \implies a = a'$.

$$\begin{aligned} g \circ f(a) &= g \circ f(a') \\ g(f(a)) &= g(f(a')) \\ f(a) &= f(a') && \text{by injectivity of } g \\ a &= a' && \text{by injectivity of } f \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $g \circ f$ is injective.

f^{-1} :

Because f is a function from A to B , $f(a) \in B$ is defined for all $a \in A$. That is, for all $a \in A$, there exists a $b \in B$ such that $f^{-1}(b) = a$. Thus f^{-1} is surjective.

Because f is a function, for each $a \in A$, $f(a) = b$ and $f(a) = b'$ imply $b = b'$. That is, $f^{-1}(b) = f^{-1}(b') \implies b = b'$. Thus f^{-1} is injective.

21. Use an induction argument to establish the pigeonhole principle.

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $P(n)$ be the assertion that for any $m \in \mathbb{N}$, the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ is not equipotent to the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n+m\}$.

$P(1)$: We have the sets $A = \{1\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, \dots, 1+m\}$, for $m \in \mathbb{N}$. In the case $m = 1$, $B = \{1, 1+1\} = \{1, 2\}$, and clearly A is not equipotent to B . Clearly A is also not equipotent to B for any other natural number $m > 1$.

Suppose $P(k)$ is true for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ is not equipotent to the set $\{1, 2, \dots, k+m\}$, for any $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

$P(k+1)$: Then clearly $\{1, 2, \dots, k+1\}$ is not equipotent to the set $\{1, 2, \dots, (k+1), \dots, (k+1)+m\}$, for any $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

22. Show that $2^{\mathbb{N}}$, the collection of all sets of natural numbers, is uncountable.

(Cantor's Theorem: for a set A , any function $f : A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ is not surjective.)

Let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ be any map. Let $E = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \notin f(n)\}$. Then E is a subset of the naturals that is not in the image of f , so f is not surjective. Therefore there is no bijection between \mathbb{N} and $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$.

23. Show that the Cartesian product of a finite collection of countable sets is countable. Use the preceding theorem to show that $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$, the collection of all mappings of \mathbb{N} into \mathbb{N} , is not countable.

In problem 18, we showed that for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the set $\mathbb{N}^k = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \dots \times \mathbb{N}$ is countable. It is then trivial to see that the Cartesian product of any finite collection of countable sets $S_1 \times S_2 \times \dots \times S_k$ is countable.

Notation:

$$0 = \emptyset, 1 = \{0\}, 2 = \{0, 1\}, 3 = \{0, 1, 2\}, \dots$$

We can let $2^{\mathbb{N}} = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ be the set of functions $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$.

Then, for any subset $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, there exists a function $f \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ such that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A, \end{cases}$$

and we have a bijection between the elements of $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ and the subsets of \mathbb{N} ("Two sets that are equipotent are, from a set-theoretic point of view, indistinguishable"). Therefore $2^{\mathbb{N}} = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ can be used to represent the collection of subsets of \mathbb{N} .

Now, because the set of functions $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is uncountable, then clearly the set of functions $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \supseteq \{0, 1\}$ is uncountable (including zero in the naturals for notation convenience).

24. Show that a nondegenerate interval of real numbers fails to be finite.

Theorem 7 tells us that a nondegenerate interval of real numbers is uncountable, and thus, finite.

25. Show that any two nondegenerate intervals of real numbers are equipotent.

We can prove this by showing that any interval is equipotent to the interval $(0, 1)$.

For any bounded interval (a, b) , $(a, b]$, $[a, b)$, $[a, b]$, there exists a bijection to $(0, 1)$, $(0, 1]$, $[0, 1)$, $[0, 1]$ respectively, of the form $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}(x-a)$.

26. Is the set $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ equipotent to \mathbb{R} ?

yes (Schröder-Bernstein theorem)

1.4 Open Sets, Closed Sets, and Borel Sets of Real Numbers

Proposition 9. Every nonempty open set is the union of a countable, disjoint collection of open intervals.

The Heine-Borel Theorem. Let F be a closed and bounded set of real numbers. Then every open cover of F has a finite subcover.

Proof. Let F be the closed, bounded interval $[a, b]$. Let \mathcal{F} be an open cover of $[a, b]$. Define E to be the set of numbers $x \in [a, b]$ with the property that the interval $[a, x]$ can be covered by a finite number of the sets of \mathcal{F} . Since $a \in [a, b] \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ implies that a is in one of the sets $\mathcal{O}' \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ by definition of union, \mathcal{O}' is a finite subcover of $[a, a] = \{a\}$, and thus $a \in E$ and E is nonempty. Since $E \subseteq [a, b] = \{x \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$, E is bounded above by b , so by the completeness of \mathbb{R} , E has a supremum $c = \sup E$. Because $c \leq b$, clearly c belongs to $[a, b]$, and this implies that there is an $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ that contains c . Since \mathcal{O} is open, there is an $\epsilon > 0$ such that the interval $(c - \epsilon, c + \epsilon) \subseteq \mathcal{O}$. Now $c - \epsilon$ is not an upper bound for E , and so there must be an $x \in E$ with $c - \epsilon < x$. Because $x \in E$, there exists a finite collection $\{\mathcal{O}_1, \dots, \mathcal{O}_k\}$ of sets in \mathcal{F} that covers $[a, x]$. Then clearly the finite collection $\{\mathcal{O}_1, \dots, \mathcal{O}_k, \mathcal{O}\}$ covers the interval $[a, c + \epsilon)$. Therefore $c = b$, otherwise there exists a number $c + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon$ that has a finite subcover and $c < c + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon$ implies that c is not an upper bound for E . Thus $[a, b] \subseteq E$ and $[a, b]$ can be covered by a finite number of sets of \mathcal{F} . \square

The Heine-Borel Theorem (\Leftarrow). Let F be a real set such that every open cover of F has a finite subcover. Then F is closed and bounded.

Proof. Let K be a compact subset of a metric space X . Proving that $X \setminus K$ is open will show that K is closed. Consider any $p \in X \setminus K$. For a $k \in K$, let O_k and I_k be neighborhoods of p and k respectively, with radius less than $\frac{1}{2}d(p, k)$. Because K is compact, there are finitely many points k_1, \dots, k_n in K such that $K \subseteq I_{k_1} \cup \dots \cup I_{k_n}$. Let $O = O_{k_1} \cap \dots \cap O_{k_n}$ so that O is an open neighborhood of p that does not intersect K . Then $O \subseteq X \setminus K$ and $X \setminus K$ is open. Therefore K is closed. \square

The Nested Set Theorem. Let $\{F_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a descending countable collection of nonempty closed sets of real numbers for which F_1 is bounded. Then

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n \neq \emptyset.$$

Proof. By contradiction, suppose that $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n = \emptyset$. Then $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n^c = (\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n)^c = \emptyset^c = \mathbb{R}$, and we have an open cover of \mathbb{R} and thus an open cover of $F_1 \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. By the Heine-Borel Theorem, there exists an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $F_1 \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^N F_n^c$. Because $\{F_n\}$ is descending, $F_n \supseteq F_{n+1}$ for any $n \geq 1$. This implies $F_n^c \subseteq F_{n+1}^c$, and thus $F_1 \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^N F_n^c = F_N^c = \mathbb{R} \setminus F_N$. This is a contradiction to the assumption that F_N is a nonempty subset of F_1 . \square

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27. Is the set of rational numbers open or closed?

The set of rationals is neither open nor closed. The rationals is not open because the irrationals are dense in the rationals; that is, between any two rationals there is an irrational. The rationals is not closed because it does not contain all its limit points; a sequence of rationals can be constructed that converges to an irrational. (Thus we see that the irrationals is neither open nor closed as well.)

28. What are the sets of real numbers that are both open and closed?

It is clear that \mathbb{R} is open, and \emptyset is open (vacuously). Then because the complement of an open set is closed, \mathbb{R} and \emptyset are both closed as well.

29. Find two sets A and B such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$ and $\overline{A} \cap \overline{B} \neq \emptyset$.

Let $A = (4, 5)$ and $B = (5, 20)$. Then $(4, 5) \cap (5, 20) = \emptyset$ and $\overline{A} = [4, 5]$ and $\overline{B} = [5, 20]$ so $[4, 5] \cap [5, 20] = \{5\} \neq \emptyset$.

Let $A = \mathbb{Q}$ and $B = \mathbb{Q}^c$. Then $\mathbb{Q} \cap \mathbb{Q}^c = \emptyset$ and $\overline{A} = \mathbb{R}$ and $\overline{B} = \mathbb{R}$ so $\mathbb{R} \cap \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R} \neq \emptyset$.

30. A point x is called an **accumulation point** of a set E provided it is a point of closure of $E \setminus \{x\}$.

- (i) Show that the set E' of accumulation points of E is a closed set.

Then for $x \in E'$, every open interval that contains x also contains a point in $E \setminus \{x\}$.

Suppose E' is not closed. Then there exists an element $y \notin E'$ such that every open interval that contains y also contains a point $x \in E'$. Then every open interval that contains x contains a point $z \in E \setminus \{x\}$... It can be shown that $y \in E'$ and so E' contains all its points of closure and is thus closed.

- (ii) Show that $\overline{E} = E \cup E'$.

E includes all the isolated points not included in E' .

31. A point x is called an **isolated point** of a set E provided there is an $r > 0$ for which $(x - r, x + r) \cap E = \{x\}$. Show that if a set E consists of isolated points, then it is countable.

Each singleton set $\{x\}$ can be enumerated.

32. A point x is called an **interior point** of a set E if there is an $r > 0$ such that the open interval $(x - r, x + r)$ is contained in E . The set of interior points of E is called the **interior** of E denoted by $\text{int } E$. Show that

- (i) E is open iff $E = \text{int } E$.

(\implies) Suppose E is open.

Then clearly every point of E is an interior point.

(\impliedby) Suppose $E = \text{int } E$.

Then every point has an open neighborhood contained in E , so E is open.

- (ii) E is dense iff $\text{int } (\mathbb{R} \setminus E) = \emptyset$.

33. Show that the nested set theorem is false if F_1 is unbounded.

The nested set theorem works because the compactness of F_1 allows us to reach a contradiction to the fact that the intersection is empty (see the proof above).

Consider

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} [n, \infty) = \emptyset.$$

This intersection is empty because for any x , there exists an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x < n$ and thus $x \notin [n, \infty)$.

34. Show that the assertion of the Heine-Borel Theorem is equivalent to the Completeness Axiom for the real numbers. Show that the assertion of the Nested Set Theorem is equivalent to the Completeness Axiom for the real numbers.

The Heine-Borel Theorem States that Closed and bounded sets are compact; that is, every open cover of a closed and bounded set has a finite subcover. If a set E is bounded, then for any open cover $E \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ there exists a finite open subcover $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. We can consider the intersection of all such \mathcal{O} so that $E \subseteq \bigcap_{\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{F}} \mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{O}$, and this intersection is the supremum.

Clearly the descending sets from the nested set theorem are closed and bounded, so the Heine-Borel Theorem discussed above can be used to imply the Completeness Axiom.

35. Show that the collection of Borel sets is the smallest σ -algebra that contains the closed sets.

The Borel sets is defined to be the smallest σ -algebra that contains all the open sets of real numbers. Any sigma-algebra that contains the closed sets contains the open sets by the complement property of a sigma-algebra, so the Borel sets is the smallest sigma-algebra that contains the closed sets as well.

36. Show that the collection of Borel sets is the smallest σ -algebra that contains the intervals of the form $[a, b)$, where $a < b$.

Any interval $[a, b)$ can be written in the form

$$[a, b) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [a, b - \frac{1}{n}]$$

37. Show that each open set is an F_σ set.

Any open set (a, b) can be written in the form

$$(a, b) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [a + \frac{1}{n}, b - \frac{1}{n}].$$

1.5 Sequences of Real Numbers

Proposition 14. *Let the sequence of real numbers $\{a_n\}$ converge to the real number a . Then the limit is unique, the sequence is bounded, and, for a real number c ,*

$$\text{if } a_n \leq c \text{ for all } n, \text{ then } a \leq c.$$

Proof. Suppose there exist a and b such that $\{a_n\} \rightarrow a$ and $\{a_n\} \rightarrow b$. Then For any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists the index $N = \max\{N_a, N_b\}$ such that for all $n \geq N \geq N_a, N_b$, then $|a - a_n| < \epsilon$ and $|b - a_n| < \epsilon$. By the triangle inequality, $|a - b| \leq |a - a_n| + |a_n - b| < \epsilon + \epsilon = 2\epsilon = \epsilon'$. Therefore $a = b$, and the limit is unique.

Consider $\epsilon = 1$. Then there exists an index $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n \geq N$, $|a_n - a| < 1$. Also, $|a_n| - |a| \leq |a_n - a| < 1 \implies |a_n| < |a| + 1$. Let $M = \max\{|a_1|, |a_2|, \dots, |a_N|, |a| + 1\}$. The maximum exists because this is a finite set of real numbers (totally ordered). Considering any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, if $n \geq N$, then $|a_n - a| < 1 \implies |a_n| < |a| + 1 \leq M$, and if $n < N$, then $|a_n| \leq \max\{|a_1|, |a_2|, \dots, |a_N|, |a| + 1\} = M$, so M is a bound for this sequence.

Suppose that for all n , $a_n \leq c$ but $a > c$. Then $a_n \leq c < a$ for all n , and $0 \leq c - a_n < a - a_n$. Choosing $\epsilon = c - a_n$, there exists an index such that $|a - a_n| < c - a_n$. But this is a contradiction. Therefore $a \leq c$. \square

Theorem 15 (the Monotone Convergence Criterion for Real Sequences). *A monotone sequence of real numbers converges iff it is bounded.*

Proof. (\implies) Suppose a monotone sequence converges.

By the above proposition, it is bounded.

(\impliedby) Suppose a monotone sequence $\{a_n\}$ is bounded.

By the Completeness Axiom, there exists a supremum say a such that $a_n \leq a$ for all n . Consider any $\epsilon > 0$. Now, $a - \epsilon$ is not an upper bound, and because the sequence is increasing, there exists an index N for which $a_n \geq a_N > a - \epsilon$ for all $n \geq N$. Then $\epsilon > a - a_n$ and the sequence converges to a . The proof is the same for a decreasing sequence. \square

Theorem 16 (The Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem). *Every bounded sequence of real numbers has a convergent subsequence.*

Proof. Let a_n be a bounded sequence of real numbers. Choose $M > 0$ s.t. $|a_n| \leq M$ for all n . Define $E_n = \{a_j \mid j \geq n\}$. Then we also have $E_n \subseteq [-M, M]$ and E_n is closed since it is the closure of a set. Therefore $\{E_n\}$ is a descending sequence of nonempty closed bounded subsets of real numbers. The Nested Set Theorem tells us that $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \neq \emptyset$, so there exists $a \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$. For each natural number k , a is a point of closure of $\{a_j \mid j \geq k\}$. Thus for infinitely many indices $j \geq n$, a_j belongs to $(a - \frac{1}{k}, a + \frac{1}{k})$. By induction, choose a strictly increasing subsequence of natural numbers n_k such that $|a - a_{n_k}| < \frac{1}{k}$ for all k . From the Archimedean Property of the reals, the subsequence $\{a_{n_k}\}$ converges to a . \square

Proposition 19. *Let $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ be sequences of real numbers.*

- (i) $\limsup\{a_n\} = \ell \in \mathbb{R}$ iff for each $\epsilon > 0$, there are infinitely many indices n for which $a_n > \ell - \epsilon$ and only finitely many indices n for which $a_n < \ell - \epsilon$.

(\implies) Suppose $\limsup\{a_n\} = \ell \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then by problem 38, ℓ is a cluster point of the sequence. This means that for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a subsequence $\{a_{n_k}\}$ such that $\ell - a_{n_k} < \epsilon$ for all n_k greater than some index, and thus $\ell - \epsilon < a_{n_k}$ for infinitely many indices n_k .

Suppose by contradiction that for $\epsilon > 0$, there are infinitely many indices n for which $a_n < \ell - \epsilon$. That is, no matter how large the epsilon we choose, there exists a subsequence $\{a_{n_k}\}$ such that $\epsilon < \ell - a_{n_k}$ for all n_k after a certain index. This implies that $\{a_n\}$ is not bounded, so by Proposition 14, the sequence does not converge to a real number. This is a contradiction to $\ell \in \mathbb{R}$.

(\impliedby) Suppose for $\epsilon > 0$, there are infinitely many indices n for which $a_n > \ell - \epsilon$ and only finitely many indices n for which $a_n < \ell - \epsilon$.

Then choosing specific indices n_k , there exists a subsequence $\{a_{n_k}\}$ such that $\ell - a_{n_k} < \epsilon$ for all n_k , and this implies the subsequence converges to ℓ . If we suppose that $\ell \neq \limsup\{a_n\}$, then there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that $\ell > \ell - \delta = \limsup\{a_n\}$.

Now, $\ell - \delta = \limsup\{a_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup\{a_k \mid k \geq n\}$. That means for any n , $a_k \leq \ell - \delta$ for $k \geq n$. However, this is a contradiction to the fact that there are only finitely many such indices k for which this is true. Therefore $\ell = \limsup\{a_n\}$.

- (ii) $\limsup\{a_n\} = \infty$ iff $\{a_n\}$ is not bounded above.

(\implies) Suppose $\limsup\{a_n\} = \infty$.

This implies that $\infty = \limsup\{a_n\}$ is a cluster point and there exists a subsequence that converges to infinity. Therefore $\{a_n\}$ is not bounded above.

(\impliedby) Suppose $\{a_n\}$ is not bounded above.

By Proposition 4, $\{a_n\}$ does not converge to a real number. Also, $\{a_n\}$ is not bounded above implies that for any real number c , there exists an index such that $a_n > c$. Then the only upper bound of this sequence is ∞ and thus $\limsup\{a_n\} = \infty$.

- (iii)

$$\limsup\{a_n\} = -\liminf\{-a_n\}.$$

Definitions of limsup and liminf:

$\limsup\{a_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\sup\{a_k \mid k \geq n\}] \implies$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\sup\{a_k \mid k \geq n\} \geq a_k$ for $k \geq n$.

$\liminf\{a_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\inf\{a_k \mid k \geq n\}]. \implies \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{N}, \inf\{a_k \mid k \geq n\} \leq a_k \text{ for } k \geq n.$

Now we have

$\liminf\{-a_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\inf\{-a_k \mid k \geq n\}].$

$\implies \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{N}, \inf\{-a_k \mid k \geq n\} \leq -a_k \text{ for } k \geq n.$

$\implies \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{N}, -\inf\{-a_k \mid k \geq n\} \geq a_k \text{ for } k \geq n, \text{ the definition of limsup.}$

(iv) A sequence of real numbers $\{a_n\}$ converges to an extended real number a iff

$$\liminf\{a_n\} = \limsup\{a_n\} = a.$$

(\implies) Suppose a sequence of real numbers $\{a_n\}$ converges to an extended real number a .

Clearly $\liminf\{a_n\} \leq a \leq \limsup\{a_n\}$.

If $\liminf\{a_n\} < a < \limsup\{a_n\}$, then we reach a contradiction to the infimum and supremum respectively.

Therefore $\liminf\{a_n\} = a = \limsup\{a_n\}$.

(\impliedby) Suppose $\liminf\{a_n\} = \limsup\{a_n\} = a$.

Then for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\inf\{a_k \mid k \geq n\} \leq a_k \leq \sup\{a_k \mid k \geq n\}$ for $k \geq n$, which implies

$$a = \liminf\{a_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf\{a_k \mid k \geq n\} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_k \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup\{a_k \mid k \geq n\} = \limsup\{a_n\} = a$$

Clearly $\{a_n\}$ converges to a .

(v) If $a_n \leq b_n$ for all n , then

$$\limsup\{a_n\} \leq \limsup\{b_n\}.$$

For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $a_k \leq \sup\{a_k \mid k \geq n\}$ and $b_k \leq \sup\{b_k \mid k \geq n\}$ for all $k \geq n$.

If we suppose $\limsup\{a_n\} > \limsup\{b_n\}$, then there exists a natural number n such that $\sup\{a_k \mid k \geq n\} > \sup\{b_k \mid k \geq n\} \geq b_k \geq a_k$ for all $k \geq n$. However, by problem 38, we see that $\limsup\{a_n\}$ is a cluster point of $\{a_n\}$, and we reach a contradiction. (or contradiction to def of supremum?)

Proposition 20. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers.

(i) The series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is summable iff for each $\epsilon > 0$, there is an index N for which

$$\left| \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} a_k \right| < \epsilon \text{ for } n \geq N \text{ and any natural number } m.$$

(\implies) Suppose the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is summable.

That is, there exists an s such that $\{\sum_{k=1}^n a_k\}$ converges to s . Convergent sequences are Cauchy, so for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an index N such that for all $n + m \geq n - 1 \geq N$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{n+m} a_k - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k \right| &< \epsilon \\ \left| \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k + \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} a_k - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k \right| &< \epsilon \\ \left| \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} a_k \right| &< \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that for each $\epsilon > 0$, there is an index N for which

$$\left| \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} a_k \right| < \epsilon \text{ for } n \geq N \text{ and any natural number } m.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} a_k + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k \right| &< \epsilon \\ \left| \sum_{k=1}^{n+m} a_k - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k \right| &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Without loss of generality, we can suppose that $n-1 \geq N$, and because m is a natural number, $n+m > n-1 \geq N$. Clearly this describes a Cauchy Sequence, and because the real numbers are complete, this sequence converges and thus the series is summable.

(ii) If the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|$ is summable, then $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is also summable.

By subadditivity of absolute value, we can show that for each $\epsilon > 0$, there is an index N for which

$$\left| \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} a_k \right| \leq \left| \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} |a_k| \right| < \epsilon \text{ for } n \geq N \text{ and any natural number } m.$$

(iii) If each term a_k is nonnegative, then the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is summable iff the sequence of partial sums is bounded.

Let $\{a_k\}$ be a sequence of nonnegative numbers.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is summable.

Then the sequence of partial sums converges to a real number. By Proposition 14, the sequence of partial sums is bounded.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose the sequence of partial sums is bounded.

Because each a_k is positive, the sequence of partial sums is positive monotonic:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k < \sum_{k=1}^n a_k + a_{n+1} = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} a_k.$$

Therefore by Theorem 15, the sequence of partial sums converges; that is, the series is summable.

PROBLEMS

38. We call an extended real number a **cluster point** of a sequence $\{a_n\}$ if a subsequence converges to this extended real number. Show that $\liminf\{a_n\}$ is the smallest cluster point of $\{a_n\}$ and $\limsup\{a_n\}$ is the largest cluster point of $\{a_n\}$.

Let $s = \limsup\{a_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup\{a_k \mid k \geq n\}$. Suppose there exists a subsequence $\{a_{n_k}\}$ that converges to an extended real number a . Fix $\epsilon > 0$. Then there exists an index M such that $|a - a_{n_m}| < \epsilon$ when $n_m \geq M$, and $a_{n_m} \leq \sup\{a_k \mid k \geq M\}$.

Then $\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} a_{n_m} \leq \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \sup\{a_k \mid k \geq M\} \Rightarrow a \leq s$.

Therefore $\limsup\{a_n\}$ is the largest cluster point of $\{a_n\}$. ($\limsup\{a_n\}$ is itself a cluster point else we reach a contradiction to the supremum.) The same method can be used to prove $\liminf\{a_n\}$.

39. Prove proposition 19.

See above for proof.

40. Show that a sequence $\{a_n\}$ is convergent to an extended real number iff there is exactly one extended real number that is a cluster point of the sequence.

(\implies) Suppose $\{a_n\}$ is convergent to an extended real number a .

By Proposition 19(iv), we have $\liminf\{a_n\} = \limsup\{a_n\} = a$, so clearly any cluster point is equal to a .

(\impliedby) Suppose there is exactly one extended real number a that is a cluster point of $\{a_n\}$.

Then there exists a subsequence that converges to a . Suppose that $\{a_n\}$ does not converge to a . Then there exists an $\epsilon > 0$ such that there are infinitely many indices n for which $a - a_n > \epsilon$. Collect these indices to construct a subsequence $\{a_{n_k}\}$. In the case that $\{a_{n_k}\}$ is bounded, there exists another subsequence of $\{a_{n_k}\}$ that converges to a real number $b \neq a$. But this is also a subsequence of the original sequence $\{a_n\}$, which implies $\{a_n\}$ has two cluster points a and b , a contradiction. In the case that $\{a_{n_k}\}$ is unbounded, then for any real number c , there exists an index n such that $|a_n| > c$. Then we can construct a subsequence that converges to $+\infty \neq a$ or $-\infty \neq a$, which is again a contradiction to the fact that $\{a_n\}$ has only one cluster point.

41. Show that $\liminf a_n \leq \limsup a_n$.

For any natural number n , we have $\inf\{a_k \mid k \geq n\} \leq a_k \leq \sup\{a_k \mid k \geq n\}$ for all $k \geq n$. Taking the limit with respect to n clearly proves the statement.

42. Prove that if, for all n , $a_n \geq 0$ and $b_n \geq 0$, then

$$\limsup[a_n \cdot b_n] \leq (\limsup a_n) \cdot (\limsup b_n),$$

provided the product on the right is not of the form $0 \cdot \infty$.

For any natural number n , we can see that

$$\{a_k \cdot b_k \mid k \geq n\} \subseteq \{a_i \cdot b_j \mid i, j \geq n\}.$$

Then this clearly implies

$$\begin{aligned} \sup\{a_k \cdot b_k \mid k \geq n\} &\leq \sup\{a_i \cdot b_j \mid i, j \geq n\} \\ &= \sup\{a_i \mid i \geq n\} \cdot \sup\{b_j \mid j \geq n\}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit on both sides proves the inequality.

43. Show that every real sequence has a monotone subsequence. Use this to provide another proof of the Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem.

Let $\{a_n\}$ be any sequence of real numbers. Supposing that there exist no monotone subsequences of $\{a_n\}$, then there are only finitely many indices n for which $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$, and only finitely many indices n for which $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$. Clearly we see a contradiction so there must exist a monotone subsequence.

Now, in the case that $\{a_n\}$ is bounded, then the monotone subsequence $\{a_{n_k}\}$ is also bounded. By Theorem 15, $\{a_{n_k}\}$ converges. Thus $\{a_n\}$ has a convergent subsequence.

44. Let p be a natural number greater than 1, and x a real number $0 \leq x \leq 1$. Show that there is a sequence $\{a_n\}$ of integers with $0 \leq a_n < p$ for each n such that

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

and that this sequence is unique except when x is of the form q/p^n , $0 < q < p^n$, in which case there are exactly two such sequences. Show that, conversely, if $\{a_n\}$ is any sequence of integers with $0 \leq a_n < p$, the series

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

converges to a real number x with $0 \leq x \leq 1$. If $p = 10$, this sequence is called the *decimal* expansion of x . For $p = 2$ it is called the *binary* expansion; and for $p = 3$, the *ternary* expansion.

For each $m \in \mathbb{N}$, we can construct a partial sum:

$$\sum_{n=1}^m \frac{a_n}{p^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \frac{a_n}{p^n} + \frac{a_m}{p^m}$$

We choose each a_m in the following way:

(The $\sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \frac{a_n}{p^n}$ is a fixed value found from the previous iteration, so for each step, we are simply choosing the best a_m).

Case $\sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \frac{a_n}{p^n} + \frac{a_m}{p^m} = x$ for some $a_m \in \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$: Then set $a_k = 0$ for all $k \geq m$, and the equality is clear.

Else: Choose $a_m \in \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$ such that:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \frac{a_n}{p^n} + \frac{a_m}{p^m} < x < \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \frac{a_n}{p^n} + \frac{a_m + 1}{p^m}.$$

In this way we can construct a monotone sequence (of partial sums) that is bounded above by x :

$$\sum_{n=1}^k \frac{a_n}{p^n} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{k+1} \frac{a_n}{p^n} \leq x \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By showing that x is the supremum, we can apply Theorem 15 to show that this sequence of partial sums converges to its supremum:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{a_n}{p^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{p^n} = x.$$

Suppose that x is not the supremum. Then there exists an $\epsilon > 0$ such that $\sum_{n=1}^k \frac{a_n}{p^n} \leq x - \epsilon < x$ for all k . Now, by the Archimedean Property, there exists a natural number m such that $\frac{1}{m} < \epsilon$; therefore $0 < \epsilon - \frac{1}{m}$. Now, because $p > 1$, there exists a natural number l such that $m < p^l$, so $0 < \frac{1}{p^l} < \frac{1}{m}$ and thus $x - (\epsilon - \frac{1}{p^l}) < x - (\epsilon - \frac{1}{m}) < x$.

Then for all natural numbers k ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^k \frac{a_n}{p^n} \leq x - \epsilon < x - \epsilon + \frac{1}{p^l} < x - \epsilon + \frac{1}{m} < x.$$

However, there exists the natural number l such that

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^l \frac{a_n}{p^n} &= \sum_{n=1}^{l-1} \frac{a_n}{p^n} + \frac{a_l}{p^l} \leq x - \epsilon < x - \epsilon + \frac{1}{p^l} < x \\ \sum_{n=1}^{l-1} \frac{a_n}{p^n} + \frac{a_l + 1}{p^l} &\leq x - \epsilon + \frac{1}{p^l} < x.\end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction to our choice of a_l so that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{l-1} \frac{a_n}{p^n} + \frac{a_l}{p^l} < x < \sum_{n=1}^{l-1} \frac{a_n}{p^n} + \frac{a_l + 1}{p^l}.$$

Therefore x is the supremum, and the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{p^n}$ is summable to x .

In the case that x is of the form q/p^n , the obvious solution would be to set $a_n = q$ (assuming q is an integer), and all other $a_k = 0$. The second solution would be to use the method described above.

For the converse, $0 \leq a_n \leq p - 1$ implies that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{p^n} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{p-1}{p^n} = (p-1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^n}$$

Showing that $(p-1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^n} < 1$ implies that $\sum_{n=1}^k \frac{a_n}{p^n}$ is a bounded, monotone sequence of partial sums, and therefore it converges to a number in $[0, 1]$.

Ex: $x = .547$; decimal expansion:

$$x = \frac{5}{10^1} + \frac{4}{10^2} + \frac{7}{10^3} + \frac{0}{10^4} + \frac{0}{10^5} + \cdots = .5 + .04 + .007 + 0 + 0 + \cdots$$

45. Prove Proposition 20.

See above.

46. Show that the assertion of the Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem is equivalent to the Completeness Axiom for the real numbers. Show that the assertion of the Monotone Convergence Theorem is equivalent to the Completeness Axiom for the real numbers.

The Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem asserts that every bounded sequence of real numbers has a convergent subsequence.

The Completeness Axiom asserts that every nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded above has a supremum.

The Monotone Convergence Theorem asserts that a monotone sequence of real numbers converges iff it is bounded.

1.6 Continuous Real-Valued Functions of a Real Variable

Proposition 21. A real-valued function f defined on a set E of real numbers is continuous at the point $x_* \in E$ iff whenever a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in E converges to x_* , its image sequence $\{f(x_n)\}$ converges to $f(x_*)$.

Proof. Let f be a real-valued function defined on a set E .

(\implies) Suppose that f is continuous at the point $x_* \in E$.

Then for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\text{if } x' \in E \text{ and } |x - x'| < \delta, \text{ then } |f(x) - f(x')| < \epsilon.$$

Suppose that a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in E converges to x_* . Then for any $\delta > 0$, there exists an index N such that when $n \geq N$, $|x_* - x_n| < \delta$. Then by continuity of f , $|f(x_*) - f(x_n)| < \epsilon$, and thus the image sequence converges.

(\impliedby) Suppose that whenever a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in E converges to x_* , its image sequence $\{f(x_n)\}$ converges to $f(x_*)$.

That is, for any $\delta > 0$, there exists an index N such that $|x_* - x_n| < \delta$ whenever $n \geq N$, and this implies that for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an index M such that $|f(x_*) - f(x_n)| < \epsilon$ whenever $n \geq M$.

Thus continuity is clear. \square

Proposition 22. Let f be a real-valued function defined on a set E of real numbers. Then f is continuous on E iff for each open set \mathcal{O} ,

$$f^{-1}(\mathcal{O}) = E \cap \mathcal{U} \text{ where } \mathcal{U} \text{ is an open set.}$$

The Extreme Value Theorem. A continuous real-valued function on a nonempty, closed, bounded set of real numbers takes a minimum and a maximum value.

Proof. Let f be a continuous real-valued function on a nonempty, closed, bounded set E of real numbers. Suppose by contradiction that f is not bounded. Then for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $x_n \in E$ such that $f(x_n) > n$. With this we can construct a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in E . Because E is bounded, $\{x_n\}$ is bounded, and so by the Bolzano Weierstrass Theorem, there exists a convergent subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}$. Because f is continuous, $\{x_{n_k}\}$ is convergent implies $\{f(x_{n_k})\}$ is convergent. However, for each element in the image sequence, $f(x_{n_k}) > n_k$, and $\{f(x_{n_k})\}$ is unbounded, thus it cannot converge, and we reach a contradiction.

Because f is bounded, then it has a supremum s such that $f(x) \leq s$ for all $x \in E$. Suppose that f does not have a maximum. Then there is no $x \in E$ such that $f(x) = s$. Then $f(x) < s \implies f(x) \in (-\infty, s)$ for all $x \in E$. (We can use the fact that $(-\infty, s)$ is open $\implies f^{-1}(-\infty, s)$ is open): Then we reach a contradiction because E is closed. The same proof can be used for the minimum. \square

The Intermediate Value Theorem. Let f be a continuous real-valued function on the closed, bounded interval $[a, b]$ for which $f(a) < c < f(b)$. Then there is a point x_0 in (a, b) at which $f(x_0) = c$.

Theorem 23. A continuous real-valued function on a closed, bounded set of real numbers is uniformly continuous.

Proof. Let E be a closed, bounded set of real numbers, and let f be a continuous real-valued function on E .

Fix some $\epsilon > 0$.

By the continuity of f , for all $x \in E$, there exists $\delta_x > 0$ such that for $y \in E$ satisfying $|x - y| < 2\delta_x$, then $|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Then we can construct an open cover of E consisting of the open balls $\mathbb{B}(x, \delta_x)$ for all $x \in E$.

Because E is compact, there exists a finite subcover $\{\mathbb{B}(x_1, \delta_1), \dots, \mathbb{B}(x_n, \delta_n)\}$.

Let $\delta_* = \min\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$.

Consider $x, y \in E$ such that $|x - y| < \delta_*$.

Because $y \in E \subseteq \{\mathbb{B}(x_1, \delta_1), \dots, \mathbb{B}(x_n, \delta_n)\}$, there exists an index $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $y \in \mathbb{B}(x_j, \delta_j)$; therefore

$$|x_j - y| < \delta_j < 2\delta_j.$$

By continuity of f , $|f(x_j) - f(y)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. (A)

By the triangle inequality,

$$|x - x_j| \leq |x - y| + |y - x_j| < \delta_* + \delta_j \leq 2\delta_j.$$

By continuity of f , $|f(x) - f(x_j)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. (B)

By the triangle inequality using (A) and (B):

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f(x_j)| + |f(x_j) - f(y)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon.$$

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47. Let E be a closed set of real numbers and f a real-valued function that is defined and continuous on E . Show that there is a function g defined and continuous on all of \mathbb{R} such that $f(x) = g(x)$ for each $x \in E$. (Hint: Take g to be linear on each of the intervals of which $\mathbb{R} \setminus E$ is composed.)

Because E is closed, then $\mathbb{R} \setminus E$ is open. In the case that $E = \mathbb{R}$, then $\mathbb{R} \setminus E = \emptyset$ and the conclusion is trivial. Else $\mathbb{R} \setminus E$ is nonempty. By proposition 9, $\mathbb{R} \setminus E$ is the union of a countable, disjoint collection of open intervals.

In the case that $(-\infty, a)$ [or (a, ∞)] is in $\mathbb{R} \setminus E$, then $a \in E$ and $f(a)$ is defined. Simply let $g(x) = f(a)$ be the constant function on $(-\infty, a)$ [or (a, ∞)].

In the case that $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R} \setminus E$, then $a, b \in E$ and $f(a), f(b)$ are defined. Let

$$g(x) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}(x - a) + f(a) \text{ on } (a, b).$$

Also let $g(x) = f(x)$ whenever $x \in E$. Then we see that g is continuous.

48. Define the real-valued function f on \mathbb{R} by setting

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \text{ irrational} \\ p \sin \frac{1}{q} & \text{if } x = \frac{p}{q} \text{ in lowest terms.} \end{cases}$$

At what points is f continuous?

See Thomae's Function for something similar.

f should be discontinuous at each rational number and continuous at each irrational number.

49. Let f and g be continuous real-valued functions with a common domain E .

- (i) Show that the sum, $f + g$, and product, fg , are also continuous functions.

Suppose $\{x_n\} \in E$ converges to $x \in E$. Then $\{f(x_n)\}$ converges to $f(x)$ and $\{g(x_n)\}$ converges to $g(x)$ by continuity of f, g .

That is, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $0 < \delta \leq \delta_f, \delta_g$ such that $|f(x_n) - f(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ and $|g(x_n) - g(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ whenever $|x_n - x| < \delta$. By the triangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} |(f+g)(x_n) - (f+g)(x)| &= |(f(x_n) + g(x_n)) - (f(x) + g(x))| \\ &\leq |f(x_n) - f(x)| + |g(x_n) - g(x)| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Fix any $\epsilon > 0$. By continuity of f, g , there exists a $0 < \delta \leq \delta_f, \delta_g$ such that $|f(y) - f(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2|g(x)|}$ and $|g(y) - g(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2|f(y)|}$ whenever $|y - x| < \delta$.

$$\begin{aligned} |fg(y) - fg(x)| &= |f(y)g(y) - f(x)g(x)| \\ &= |f(y)g(y) - f(y)g(x) + f(y)g(x) - f(x)g(x)| \\ &= |f(y)(g(y) - g(x)) + g(x)(f(y) - f(x))| \\ &\leq |f(y)(g(y) - g(x))| + |g(x)(f(y) - f(x))| \\ &= |f(y)||g(y) - g(x)| + |g(x)||f(y) - f(x)| \\ &< |f(y)|\frac{\epsilon}{2|f(y)|} + |g(x)|\frac{\epsilon}{2|g(x)|} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

(This one is a bit janky).

- (ii) If h is a continuous function with image contained in E , show that the composition $f \circ h$ is continuous.

Suppose $\{x_n\} \in E$ converges to $x \in E$. Then $\{h(x_n)\} \in E$ converges to $h(x) \in E$ by continuity of h . Then $\{f \circ h(x_n)\} = \{f(h(x_n))\}$ converges to $f \circ h(x) = f(h(x))$ by continuity of f . Therefore the composition is continuous.

- (iii) Let $\max\{f, g\}$ be the function defined by $\max\{f, g\}(x) = \max\{f(x), g(x)\}$, for $x \in E$. Show that $\max\{f, g\}$ is continuous.

Fix $\epsilon > 0$. By continuity of f, g , there exists a $0 < \delta \leq \delta_f, \delta_g$ s.t. whenever $|x - y| < \delta$, then $|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ and $|g(x) - g(y)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$.

We can write

$$\max\{f(x), g(x)\} = \frac{f(x) + g(x)}{2} + \frac{|f(x) - g(x)|}{2}.$$

This is by the identity:

$$\begin{aligned} \max(x, y) + \min(x, y) &= x + y \\ \max(x, y) - \min(x, y) &= |x - y| \\ \max(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2}(x + y + |x - y|) \\ \min(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2}(x + y - |x - y|) \end{aligned}$$

Now, $|\max\{f(x), g(x)\} - \max\{f(y), g(y)\}|$ is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \frac{f(x) + g(x)}{2} + \frac{|f(x) - g(x)|}{2} - \left(\frac{f(y) + g(y)}{2} + \frac{|f(y) - g(y)|}{2} \right) \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{f(x) - f(y) + g(x) - g(y) + |f(x) - g(x)| - |f(y) - g(y)|}{2} \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{|f(x) - f(y)| + |g(x) - g(y)| + ||f(x) - g(x)| - |f(y) - g(y)||}{2} \\
 &\leq \frac{|f(x) - f(y)| + |g(x) - g(y)| + |f(x) - g(x) - f(y) + g(y)|}{2} \\
 &\leq \frac{|f(x) - f(y)| + |g(x) - g(y)| + |f(x) - f(y)| + |g(y) + g(x)|}{2} \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad < \frac{\frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2}}{2} \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad = \epsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

(iv) Show that $|f|$ is continuous.

For any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a delta such that whenever $|x - y| < \delta$, by the reverse triangle inequality:

$$||f(x)| - |f(y)|| \leq |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon.$$

50. Show that a Lipschitz function is uniformly continuous but there are uniformly continuous functions that are not Lipschitz.

Lipschitz: there exists $L \geq 0$ s.t. for all x, x' :

$$|f(x) - f(x')| \leq L|x - x'|$$

Fixing any $\epsilon > 0$, whenever $|x - x'| \leq \delta$, we have

$$|f(x) - f(x')| \leq L|x - x'| < L\delta,$$

so we can set $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{L}$. The δ is the same for any values of x , so f is uniformly continuous.

The function \sqrt{x} is uniformly continuous but not Lipschitz.

51. A continuous function ϕ on $[a, b]$ is called **piecewise linear** provided there is a partition $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ of $[a, b]$ for which ϕ is linear on each interval $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$. Let f be a continuous function on $[a, b]$ and ϵ a positive number. Show that there is a piecewise linear function ϕ on $[a, b]$ with $|f(x) - \phi(x)| < \epsilon$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.

Start with $f(x_0)$, and choose x_1 so that $f(x_1) = f(x_0) \pm \epsilon$.

Define $\phi(x) = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}(x - x_0) + f(x_0)$ on $[x_0, x_1]$.

Repeat this process to choose each interval:

Start with $f(x_i)$, and choose x_{i+1} so that $f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) \pm \epsilon$.

Define $\phi(x) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{x_{i+1} - x_i}(x - x_i) + f(x_i)$ on $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$.

Then we see that f and ϕ are always within ϵ of each other, and ϕ is continuous and piecewise linear.

52. Show that a nonempty set E of real numbers is closed and bounded if and only if every continuous real-valued function on E takes a maximum value.

Let E be a nonempty set of real numbers.

(\implies) Suppose E is closed and bounded.

By the Extreme Value Theorem, every continuous real-valued function on E takes a maximum (and minimum) value.

(\impliedby) Suppose every continuous real-valued function on E takes a maximum value.

Suppose that E is not closed. The continuous real-valued function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ on the open set $E = (0, 1)$ does not take on a maximum value. Contradiction.

Suppose E is not bounded. The continuous real-valued function $f(x) = x^2$ on the unbounded set $E = [0, \infty)$ does not take on a maximum value. Contradiction.

Therefore E must be closed and bounded. (Not the right way to do this...)

53. Show that a set E of real numbers is closed and bounded iff every open cover of E has a finite subcover.

Let E be a set of real numbers.

(\implies) Suppose E is closed and bounded.

By the Heine-Borel Theorem, every open cover of E has a finite subcover.

(\impliedby) Suppose every open cover of E has a finite subcover.

See the proof in 1.4 after the Heine-Borel Theorem.

54. Show that a nonempty set E of real numbers is an interval iff every continuous real-valued function on E has an interval as its image.

Let E be a nonempty set of real numbers.

(\implies) Suppose E is an interval.

Then for any two points $x, y \in E$, the set $[x, y]$ is in E . Let f be a continuous real-valued function on E . Now, we have $f(x), f(y)$ in the image of f . Suppose, without loss of generality, that $f(x) < f(y)$. By the Intermediate Value Theorem, for any c such that $f(x) < c < f(y)$, there exists $x_0 \in (x, y) \subseteq E$ such that $f(x_0) = c$. That is, for any two points in the image of f , every point between them is also in the image of f . Therefore the image of f is an interval.

(\impliedby) Suppose every continuous real-valued function on E has an interval as its image.

Suppose E is not an interval. Then there exist two points $x, y \in E$ such that $x < a < y$ but $a \notin E$. Let f be a continuous real-valued function on E , and without loss of generality, let f be monotonically increasing. Because $x, y \in E$, then $f(x), f(y)$ are defined, so $[f(x), f(y)]$ is in the image of f .

Define two disjoint collections of subsets of E : $I_{<a} = \{I \subseteq E \mid x < a \forall x \in I\}$ and $I_{>a} = \{I \subseteq E \mid x > a \forall x \in I\}$, so that $I_{<a} \cap I_{>a} = \emptyset$. These collections are nonempty because $\{x\} \in I_{<a}$ and $\{y\} \in I_{>a}$. Consider $\bigcup I_{<a} \subseteq E$, the union of all elements of $I_{<a}$, and $\bigcup I_{>a} \subseteq E$, the union of all elements of $I_{>a}$. By monotonicity of f , $f(\bigcup I_{<a}) < f(\bigcup I_{>a})$, so $[f(x), f(y)] \not\subseteq f(\bigcup I_{<a}) \cup f(\bigcup I_{>a}) = f(E)$, a contradiction.

55. Show that a monotone function on an open interval is continuous iff its image is an interval.

Let f be a monotone function on an open interval $E = (a, b)$.

(\implies) Suppose f is continuous.

Then by Problem 54, E is an interval implies that the continuous real-valued function f has an interval as its image.

(\impliedby) Suppose the image of f is an interval.

Let x_0 be a point in the open interval E , so that $f(x_0)$ is defined. For any sequence $\{x_n\}$ in $E \cap (x_0, \infty)$ that converges to x_0 , then $\{f(x_n)\}$ converges to $f(x_0^+)$.

Similarly, for any sequence $\{x_n\}$ in $E \cap (-\infty, x_0)$ that converges to x_0 , then $\{f(x_n)\}$ converges to $f(x_0^-)$.

Then $f(x_0^-) = f(x_0) = f(x_0^+)$ by monotonicity.
(messy)

56. Let f be a real-valued function defined on \mathbb{R} . Show that the set of points at which f is continuous is a G_δ set.

A G_δ set is a set that is a countable intersection of open sets.

f is continuous at a point x if for any open set in the image containing $f(x)$, the inverse image is an open set containing x .

57. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of continuous functions defined on \mathbb{R} . Show that the set of points x at which the sequence $\{f_n(x)\}$ converges to a real number is the intersection of a countable collection of F_σ sets.

An F_σ set is a set that is a countable union of closed sets.

58. Let f be a continuous real-valued function on \mathbb{R} . Show that the inverse image with respect to f of an open set is open, of a closed set is closed, and of a Borel set is Borel.

The inverse image of an open set is open (See prop 22).

Suppose that the inverse image of a closed set is not closed. That is, let B be a closed set of real numbers and let $f^{-1}(B) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) \in B\}$ not be closed. Then there exists a sequence $x_n \in f^{-1}(B)$ that converges to $x \notin f^{-1}(B)$. However, by continuity of f , $f(x_n) \in B$ converges to $f(x) \notin B$. This implies that B does not contain all its limit points, and thus B is not closed, a contradiction. Therefore $f^{-1}(B)$ must be closed.

59. A sequence $\{f_n\}$ of real-valued functions defined on a set E is said to converge uniformly on E to a function f iff given $\epsilon > 0$, there is an N such that for all $x \in E$ and all $n \geq N$, we have $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of continuous functions defined on a set E . Prove that if $\{f_n\}$ converges uniformly to f on E , then f is continuous on E .

We want to show that uniform convergence preserves continuity.

Fix $\epsilon > 0$.

By uniform convergence of $\{f_n\}$, there exists an index N such that $|f(x) - f_n(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ for all $x \in E$ and all $n \geq N$.

By continuity of each f_n , for all $x \in E$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that $|f_n(x) - f_n(y)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ whenever $|x - y| < \delta$.

Therefore we have:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(y)| &\leq |f(x) - f_n(x)| + |f_n(x) - f_n(y)| + |f_n(y) - f(y)| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} \\ &= \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Chapter 2

Lebesgue Measure

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2.1 Introduction

In this chapter we construct a collection of sets called **Lebesgue measurable sets**, and a set function of this collection called **Lebesgue measure**, denoted by m . (A *set function* is a function that associates an extended real number to each set in a collection of sets.) The collection of Lebesgue measurable sets is a σ -algebra which contains all open sets and all closed sets. The set function m possesses the following three properties:

The measure of an interval is its length. *Each nonempty interval I is Lebesgue measurable and*

$$m(I) = \ell(I).$$

Measure is translation invariant. *If E is Lebesgue measurable and y is any number then the translate of E by y , $E + y = \{x + y \mid x \in E\}$, also is Lebesgue measurable and*

$$m(E + y) = m(E).$$

Measure is countably additive over countable disjoint unions of sets. *If $\{E_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is a countable disjoint collection of Lebesgue measurable sets, then*

$$m\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m(E_k).$$

It is not possible to construct a set function that possesses the above three properties and is defined for all sets of real numbers (See Vitali sets). We first construct a set function called **outer measure**, denoted by m^* , such that:

- (i) the outer measure of an interval is its length,
- (ii) outer measure is translation invariant,
- (iii) outer measure is countably subadditive.

Then the Lebesgue measure m is the restriction of m^* to the Lebesgue measurable sets.

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In the first three problems, let m be a set function defined for all sets in a σ -algebra \mathcal{A} with values in $[0, \infty]$. Assume m is countably additive over countable disjoint collections of sets in \mathcal{A} .

1. Prove that if A and B are two sets in \mathcal{A} with $A \subseteq B$, then $m(A) \leq m(B)$. This property is called *monotonicity*.

$A \subseteq B \implies B = A \cup (B \cap A^c)$, where $A \cap (B \cap A^c) = \emptyset$. The set $(B \cap A^c)$ is measurable because A^c is measurable and countable intersection is measurable, so $m(B) = m(A \cup (B \cap A^c)) = m(A) + m(B \cap A^c)$ by countable additivity, and thus $m(B) \geq m(A)$.

2. Prove that if there is a set A in the collection \mathcal{A} for which $m(A) < \infty$, then $m(\emptyset) = 0$.

We have $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ and $A \cup \emptyset = A$.

$$\begin{aligned} m(A) &= m(A \cup \emptyset) \\ m(A) &= m(A) + m(\emptyset) && \text{by disjoint additivity} \\ 0 &= m(\emptyset). \end{aligned}$$

3. Let $\{E_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ be a countable collection of sets in \mathcal{A} . Prove that $m(\bigcup_{k=1}^\infty E_k) \leq \sum_{k=1}^\infty m(E_k)$. For any two measurable sets A, B , we have $A \cup B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B)$. By disjoint additivity,

$$m(A \cup B) = m(A \setminus B) + m(B)$$

Now, by problem 1, $(A \setminus B) \subseteq A$ implies that $m(A \setminus B) \leq m(A)$. Therefore

$$m(A \cup B) \leq m(A) + m(B).$$

4. A set function c , defined on all subsets of \mathbb{R} , is defined as follows. Define $c(E)$ to be ∞ if E has infinitely many members and $c(E)$ to be equal to the number of elements in E if E is finite; define $c(\emptyset) = 0$. Show that c is a countably additive and translation invariant set function. This set function is called the **counting measure**.

Suppose $E = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$.

Then $m(E) = n$. For any real number y , $y + E = \{y + x_1, \dots, y + x_n\}$, so $m(y + E) = n$.

Suppose E has infinitely many members.

Then $y + E$ has infinitely members as well, so $m(E) = m(y + E) = \infty$.

Let $\{E_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ be a disjoint collection of sets of real numbers. In the case that there exists an E_k with infinitely many members, then the countable additivity is clear.

In the case that all sets E_k are finite, for any two sets E_i, E_j :

$$E_i = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

$$E_j = \{y_1, \dots, y_m\}$$

Then $E_i \cup E_j = \{x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m\}$ and $m(E_i \cup E_j) = n + m = m(E_i) + m(E_j)$.

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5. By using properties of outer measure, prove that the interval $[0, 1]$ is not countable.
6. Let A be the set of irrational numbers in the interval $[0, 1]$. Prove that $m^*(A) = 1$.
7. A set of real numbers is said to be a G_δ set provided it is the intersection of a countable collection of open sets. Show that for any bounded set E , there is a G_δ set G for which

$$E \subseteq G \text{ and } m^*(G) = m^*(E).$$

8. Let B be the set of rational numbers in the interval $[0, 1]$, and let $\{I_k\}_{k=1}^n$ be a finite collection of open intervals that covers B . Prove that $\sum_{k=1}^n m^*(I_k) \geq 1$.
9. Prove that if $m^*(A) = 0$, then $m^*(A \cup B) = m^*(B)$.
10. Let A and B be bounded sets for which there is an $\alpha > 0$ such that $|a - b| \geq \alpha$ for all $a \in A, b \in B$. Prove that $m^*(A \cup B) = m^*(A) + m^*(B)$.

2.3 The σ -Algebra of Lebesgue Measurable Sets

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11. Prove that if a σ -algebra of subsets of \mathbb{R} contains intervals of the form (a, ∞) , then it contains all intervals.
12. Show that every interval is a Borel set.
13. Show that
 - (i) the translate of an F_σ set is also F_σ ,
 - (ii) the translate of a G_δ set is also G_δ ,
 - (iii) the translate of a set of measure zero also has measure zero.
14. Show that if a set E has positive outer measure, then there is a bounded subset of E that also has positive outer measure.
15. Show that if E has finite measure and $\epsilon > 0$, then E is the disjoint union of a finite number of measurable sets, each of which has measure at most ϵ .

2.4 Outer and Inner Approximation of Lebesgue Measurable Sets

Theorem 11. *Let E be any set of real numbers. Then each of the following four assertions is equivalent to the measurability of E .*

(Outer Approximation by Open Sets and G_δ sets)

- (i) *For each $\epsilon > 0$, there is an open set \mathcal{O} containing E for which $m^*(\mathcal{O} \setminus E) < \epsilon$.*

(ii) There is a G_δ set G containing E for which $m^*(G \setminus E) = 0$.

(Inner Approximation by Closed Sets and F_σ sets)

(iii) For each $\epsilon > 0$, there is a closed set F contained in E for which $m^*(E \setminus F) < \epsilon$.

(iv) There is a F_σ set F contained in E for which $m^*(E \setminus F) = 0$.

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16. Complete the proof of Theorem 11 by showing that measurability is equivalent to (iii) and also equivalent to (iv).

17. Show that a set E is measurable iff for each $\epsilon > 0$, there is a closed set F and open set \mathcal{O} for which $F \subseteq E \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ and $m^*(\mathcal{O} \setminus F) < \epsilon$.

18. Let E have finite outer measure. Show that there is a G_δ set $G \supseteq E$ with $m(G) = m^*(E)$. Show that E is measurable iff there is an F_σ set $F \subseteq E$ with $m(F) = m^*(E)$.

19. Let E have finite outer measure. Show that if E is not measurable, then there is an open set \mathcal{O} containing E that has finite outer measure and for which

$$m^*(\mathcal{O} \setminus E) > m^*(\mathcal{O}) - m^*(E)$$

.

20. (Lebesgue). Let E have finite outer measure. Show that E is measurable iff for each open, bounded interval (a, b) ,

$$b - a = m^*((a, b) \cap E) + m^*((a, b) \setminus E).$$

21. Use property (ii) of Theorem 11 as the primitive definition of a measurable set and prove that the union of two measurable sets is measurable. Then do the same for property (iv).

22. For any set A , define $m^{**}(A) \in [0, \infty]$ by

$$m^{**}(A) = \inf\{m^*(\mathcal{O}) \mid \mathcal{O} \supseteq A, \mathcal{O} \text{ open.}\}$$

How is this set function m^{**} related to outer measure m^* ?

23. For any set A , define $m^{***}(A) \in [0, \infty]$ by

$$m^{***}(A) = \sup\{m^*(F) \mid F \subseteq A, F \text{ closed.}\}$$

How is this set function m^{***} related to outer measure m^* ?

2.5 Countable Additivity, Continuity, and the Borel-Cantelli Lemma

PROBLEMS

24. Show that if E_1 and E_2 are measurable, then

$$m(E_1 \cup E_2) + m(E_1 \cap E_2) = m(E_1) + m(E_2).$$

25. Show that the assumption that $m(B_1) < \infty$ is necessary in part (ii) of the theorem regarding continuity of measure.

26. Let $\{E_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be a countable disjoint collection of measurable sets. Prove that for any set A ,

$$m^*(A \cap \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m^*(A \cap E_k).$$

27. Let \mathcal{M}' be any σ -algebra of subsets of \mathbb{R} and m' a set function on \mathcal{M}' which takes values in $[0, \infty]$, is countably additive, and such that $m'(\emptyset) = 0$.
- (i) Show that m' is finitely additive, monotone, countably monotone, and possesses the excision property.
 - (ii) Show that m' possesses the same continuity properties as Lebesgue measure.
28. Show that continuity of measure together with finite additivity of measure implies countable additivity of measure.

2.6 Nonmeasurable Sets

PROBLEMS

29. (i) Show that rational equivalence defines an equivalence relation on any set.
 (ii) Explicitly find a choice set for the rational equivalence relation on \mathbb{Q} .
 (iii) Define two numbers to be irrationally equivalent provided their difference is irrational or zero. Is this an equivalence relation on \mathbb{R} ? Is this an equivalence relation on \mathbb{Q} ?
30. Show that any choice set for the rational equivalence relation on a set of positive outer measure must be countably infinite.
31. Justify the assertion in the proof of Vitali's Theorem that it suffices to consider the case that E is bounded.
32. Does Lemma 16 remain true if Λ is allowed to be finite or to be uncountably infinite? Does it remain true if Λ is allowed to be unbounded?
33. Let E be a nonmeasurable set of finite outer measure. Show that there is a G_{δ} set G that contains E for which

$$m^*(E) = m^*(G), \text{ while } m^*(G \setminus E) > 0.$$

2.7 The Cantor Set and the Cantor-Lebesgue Function

PROBLEMS

34. Show that there is a continuous, strictly increasing function on the interval $[0, 1]$ that maps a set of positive measure onto a set of measure zero.
35. Let f be an increasing function on the open interval I . For $x_0 \in I$ show that f is continuous at x_0 iff there are sequences $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ in I such that for each n , $a_n < x_0 < b_n$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [f(b_n) - f(a_n)] = 0$.
36. Let f be a continuous function defined on E . Is it true that $f^{-1}(A)$ is always measurable if A is measurable?

37. Let the function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be Lipschitz; that is, there is a constant $c \geq 0$ such that for all $u, v \in [a, b]$, $|f(u) - f(v)| \leq c|u - v|$. Show that f maps a set of measure zero onto a set of measure zero. Show that f maps a F_σ set onto an F_σ set. Conclude that f maps a measurable set to a measurable set.
38. Let F be the subset of $[0, 1]$ constructed in the same manner as the Cantor set except that each of the intervals removed at the n th deletion stage has length $\alpha 3^{-n}$ with $0 < \alpha < 1$. Show that F is a closed set, $[0, 1] \setminus F$ is dense in $[0, 1]$, and $m(F) = 1 - \alpha$. Such a set F is called a generalized Cantor set.
39. Show that there is an open set of real numbers that, contrary to intuition, has a boundary of positive measure. (Hint: consider the complement of the generalized Cantor set of the preceding problem.)
40. A subset A of \mathbb{R} is said to be **nowhere dense** in \mathbb{R} provided that every open set \mathcal{O} has a non-empty open subset that is disjoint from A . Show that the Cantor set is nowhere dense in \mathbb{R} .
41. Show that a strictly increasing function that is defined on an interval has a continuous inverse.
42. Let f be a continuous function and B be a Borel set. Show that $f^{-1}(B)$ is a Borel set. (Hint: the collection of sets E for which $f^{-1}(E)$ is Borel is a σ -algebra containing the open sets.)
43. Use the preceding two problems to show that a continuous strictly increasing function that is defined on an interval maps Borel sets to Borel sets.

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Lebesgue Measurable Functions

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3.1 Sums, Products, and Compositions

PROBLEMS

1. Suppose f and g are continuous functions on $[a, b]$. Show that if $f = g$ a.e. on $[a, b]$, then, in fact, $f = g$ on $[a, b]$. Is a similar assertion true if $[a, b]$ is replaced by a general measurable set E ?
2. Let D and E be measurable sets and f a function with domain $D \cup E$. We proved that f is measurable on $D \cup E$ iff its restrictions to D and E are measurable. Is the same true if "measurable" is replaced by "continuous"?
3. Suppose a function f has a measurable domain and is continuous except at a finite number of points. Is f necessarily measurable?
4. Suppose f is a real-valued function on \mathbb{R} such that $f^{-1}(c)$ is measurable for each number c . Is f necessarily measurable?
5. Suppose the function f is defined on a measurable set E and $\{x \in E \mid f(x) > c\}$ is a measurable set for each rational number c . Is f necessarily a measurable function?
6. Let f be a function with measurable domain D . Show that f is measurable iff the function g defined on \mathbb{R} by $g(x) = f(x)$ for $x \in D$ and $g(x) = 0$ for $x \notin D$ is measurable.
7. Let the function f be defined on a measurable set E . Show that f is measurable iff for each borel set A , $f^{-1}(A)$ is measurable. (Hint: the collection of sets A that have the property that $f^{-1}(A)$ is measurable is a σ -algebra.)
8. (Borel measurability) A function f is said to be **Borel measurable** provided its domain E is a Borel set and for each c , the set $\{x \in E \mid f(x) > c\}$ is a Borel set. Verify that Proposition 1 and Theorem 6 remain valid if we replace "(Lebesgue) measurable set" by "Borel set". Show that:

- (i) every Borel measurable function is Lebesgue measurable
 - (ii) if f is Borel measurable and B is a Borel set, then $f^{-1}(B)$ is a Borel set
 - (iii) if f and g are Borel measurable, so is $f \circ g$,
 - (iv) if f is Borel measurable and g is Lebesgue measurable, then $f \circ g$ is Lebesgue measurable.
9. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of measurable functions defined on a measurable set E . Define E_0 to be the set of points of x in E at which $\{f_n(x)\}$ converges. Is the set E_0 measurable?
10. Suppose f and g are real-valued functions defined on all of \mathbb{R} , f is measurable, and g is continuous. Is the composition $f \circ g$ necessarily measurable?
11. Let f be a measurable function and g be a one-to-one function from \mathbb{R} onto \mathbb{R} which has a Lipschitz inverse. Show that the composition $f \circ g$ is measurable. (Hint: examine Problem 37 in Chapter 2.)

3.2 Sequential Pointwise Limits and Simple Approximation

PROBLEMS

12. Let f be a bounded measurable function on E . Show that there are sequences of simple functions on E , $\{\varphi_n\}$ and $\{\psi_n\}$, such that $\{\varphi_n\}$ is increasing and $\{\psi_n\}$ is decreasing and each of these sequences converges to f uniformly on E .
13. A real-valued measurable function is said to be *semisimple* provided it takes only a countable number of values. Let f be any measurable function on E . Show that there is a sequence of semisimple functions $\{f_n\}$ on E that converges to f uniformly on E .
14. Let f be a measurable function on E that is finite a.e. on E and $m(E) < \infty$. For each $\epsilon > 0$, show that there is a measurable set F contained in E such that f is bounded on F and $m(E \setminus F) < \epsilon$.
15. Let f be a measurable function on E that is finite a.e. on E and $m(E) < \infty$. Show that for each $\epsilon > 0$, there is a measurable set F contained in E and a sequence $\{\varphi_n\}$ of simple functions on E such that $\{\varphi_n\} \rightarrow f$ uniformly on F and $m(E \setminus F) < \epsilon$. (Hint: see the preceding problem.)
16. Let I be a closed, bounded interval and E a measurable subset of I . Let $\epsilon > 0$. Show that there is a step function h on I and a measurable subset F of I for which

$$h = \chi_E \text{ on } F \text{ and } m(I \setminus F) < \epsilon.$$

(Hint: use Theorem 12 of Chapter 2.)

17. Let I be a closed, bounded interval and ψ a simple function defined on I . Let $\epsilon > 0$. Show that there is a step function h on I and a measurable subset F of I for which

$$h = \psi \text{ on } F \text{ and } m(I \setminus F) < \epsilon.$$

(Hint: use the fact that a simple function is a linear combination of characteristic functions and the preceding problem.)

18. Let I be a closed, bounded interval and f a bounded measurable function defined on I . Let $\epsilon > 0$. Show that there is a step function h on I and a measurable subset F of I for which

$$|h - f| < \epsilon \text{ on } F \text{ and } m(I \setminus F) < \epsilon.$$

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19. Show that the sum and product of two simple functions are simple as are the max and the min.
20. Let A, B be any sets. Show that

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_{A \cap B} &= \chi_A \cdot \chi_B \\ \chi_{A \cup B} &= \chi_A + \chi_B - \chi_A \cdot \chi_B \\ \chi_{A^c} &= 1 - \chi_A\end{aligned}$$

21. For a sequence $\{f_n\}$ of measurable functions with common domain E , show that each of the following functions is measurable:
 - $\inf\{f_n\}$
 - $\sup\{f_n\}$
 - $\liminf\{f_n\}$
 - $\limsup\{f_n\}$
22. (Dini's Theorem) Let $\{f_n\}$ be an increasing sequence of continuous functions on $[a, b]$ which converges pointwise on $[a, b]$ to the continuous function f on $[a, b]$. Show that the convergence is uniform on $[a, b]$. (Hint: let $\epsilon > 0$. For each natural number n , define $E_n = \{x \in [a, b] \mid f(x) - f_n(x) < \epsilon\}$. Show that $\{E_n\}$ is an open cover of $[a, b]$ and use the Heine-Borel Theorem.)
23. Express a measurable function as the difference of nonnegative measurable functions and thereby prove the general Simple Approximation Theorem based on the special case of a nonnegative measurable function.
24. Let I be an interval and $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be increasing. Show that f is measurable by first showing that, for each natural number n , the strictly increasing function $x \mapsto f(x) + x/n$ is measurable, and then taking pointwise limits.

3.3 Littlewood's Three Principles, Ergoff's Theorem, and Lusin's Theorem'

PROBLEMS

25. Suppose f is a function that is continuous on a closed set F of real numbers. Show that f has a continuous extension to all of \mathbb{R} . This is a special case of the forthcoming Tietze Extension Theorem. (Hint: express $\mathbb{R} \setminus F$ as the union of a countable disjoint collection of open intervals and define f to be linear on the closure of each of these intervals.)
26. For the function f and the set F in the statement of Lusin's Theorem, show that the restriction of f to F is a continuous function. Must there be any points at which f , considered as a function of E , is continuous?
27. Show that the conclusion of Egoroff's Theorem can fail if we drop the assumption that the domain has finite measure.
28. Show that Egoroff's Theorem continues to hold if the convergence is pointwise a.e. and f is finite a.e.

29. Prove the extension of Lusin's Theorem to the case that E has finite measure.
30. Prove the extension of Lusin's Theorem to the case that f is not necessarily real-valued, but is finite a.e.
31. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of measurable functions on E that converges to the real-valued f pointwise on E . Show that $E = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$, where for each index k , E_k is measurable, and $\{f_n\}$ converges uniformly to f on each E_k if $k > 1$, and $m(E_1) = 0$.

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4.1 The Riemann Integral

PROBLEMS

1. Show that, in the above Dirichlet function example, $\{f_n\}$ fails to converge to f uniformly on $[0, 1]$.
2. A partition P' of $[a, b]$ is called a refinement of a partition P provided each partition point of P is also a partition point of P' . For a bounded function f on $[a, b]$, show that under refinement lower Darboux sums increase and upper Darboux sums decrease.
3. Use the preceding problem to show that for a bounded function on a closed, bounded interval, each lower Darboux sum is no greater than each upper Darboux sum. From this conclude that the lower Riemann integral is no greater than the upper Riemann integral.
4. Suppose the bounded function f on $[a, b]$ is Riemann integrable over $[a, b]$. Show that there is a sequence $\{P_n\}$ of partitions of $[a, b]$ for which $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [U(f, P_n) - L(f, P_n)] = 0$.
5. Let f be a bounded function on $[a, b]$. Suppose there is a sequence $\{P_n\}$ of partitions of $[a, b]$ for which $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [U(f, P_n) - L(f, P_n)] = 0$. Show that f is Riemann integrable over $[a, b]$.
6. Use the preceding problem to show that since a continuous function f on a closed, bounded interval $[a, b]$ is uniformly continuous on $[a, b]$, it is Riemann integrable over $[a, b]$.
7. Let f be an increasing real-valued function on $[0, 1]$. For a natural number n , define P_n to be the partition of $[0, 1]$ into n subintervals of length $1/n$. Show that $U(f, P_n) - L(f, P_n) \leq 1/n[f(1) - f(0)]$. Use Problem 5 to show that f is Riemann integrable over $[0, 1]$.

8. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of bounded functions that converges uniformly to f on the closed, bounded interval $[a, b]$. If each f_n is Riemann integrable over $[a, b]$, show that f also is Riemann integrable over $[a, b]$. Is it true that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n = \int_a^b f?$$

4.2 The Lebesgue Integral of a Bounded Measurable Function over a Set of Finite Measure

Remark. Prior to the proof of the Bounded Convergence Theorem, no use was made of the countable additivity of the Lebesgue measure on the real line. Only finite additivity was used, and it was used just once, in the proof of Lemma 1. But for the proof of the Bounded Convergence Theorem we used Egoroff's Theorem. Egoroff's Theorem needed the continuity of Lebesgue measure, a consequence of countable additivity of Lebesgue measure.

PROBLEMS

9. Let E have measure zero. Show that if f is a bounded function on E , then f is measurable and $\int_E f = 0$.
10. Let f be a bounded measurable function on a set of finite measure E . For a measurable subset A of E , show that $\int_A f = \int_E f \cdot \chi_A$.
11. Does the Bounded Convergence Theorem hold for the Riemann integral?
12. Let f be a bounded measurable function on a set of finite measure E . Assume g is bounded and $f = g$ a.e. on E . Show that $\int_E f = \int_E g$.
13. Does the Bounded Convergence Theorem hold if $m(E) < \infty$ but we drop the assumption that the sequence $\{|f_n|\}$ is uniformly bounded on E ?
14. Show that Proposition 8 is a special case of the Bounded Convergence Theorem.
15. Verify the assertions in the last Remark of this section.
16. Let f be a nonnegative bounded measurable function on a set of finite measure E . Assume $\int_E f = 0$. Show that $f = 0$ a.e. on E .

4.3 The Lebesgue Integral of a Measurable Nonnegative Function

PROBLEMS

17. Let E be a set of measure zero and define $f \equiv \infty$ on E . Show that $\int_E f = 0$.
18. Show that the integral of a bounded measurable function of finite support is properly defined.
19. For a number α , define $f(x) = x^\alpha$ for $0 < x \leq 1$, and $f(0) = 0$. Compute $\int_0^1 f$.

20. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of nonnegative measurable functions that converges to f pointwise on E . Let $M \geq 0$ be such that $\int_E f_n \leq M$ for all n . Show that $\int_E f \leq M$. Verify that this property is equivalent to the statement of Fatou's Lemma.
21. Let the function f be nonnegative and integrable over E and $\epsilon > 0$. Show there is a simple function η on E that has finite support, $0 \leq \eta \leq f$ on E and $\int_E |f - \eta| < \epsilon$. If E is a closed, bounded interval, show there is a step function h on E that has finite support and $\int_E |f - h| < \epsilon$.
22. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of nonnegative measurable functions on \mathbb{R} that converges pointwise on \mathbb{R} to f and f be integrable over \mathbb{R} . Show that

$$\text{if } \int_{\mathbb{R}} f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_n, \text{ then } \int_E f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n \text{ for any measurable set } E.$$

23. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers. Define the function f on $E = [1, \infty)$ by setting $f(x) = a_n$ if $n \leq x < n+1$. Show that $\int_E f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$.
24. Let f be a nonnegative measurable function on E .
- (i) Show there is an increasing sequence $\{\varphi_n\}$ of nonnegative simple functions on E , each of finite support, which converges pointwise on E to f .
 - (ii) Show that $\int_E f = \sup\{\int_E \varphi \mid \varphi \text{ simple, of finite support and } 0 \leq \varphi \leq f \text{ on } E\}$.
25. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of nonnegative measurable functions on E that converges pointwise on E to f . Suppose $f_n \leq f$ on E for each n . Show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n = \int_E f.$$

26. Show that the Monotone Convergence Theorem may not hold for decreasing sequences of functions.
27. Prove the following generalization of Fatou's Lemma: If $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of nonnegative measurable functions on E , then

$$\int_E \liminf f_n \leq \liminf \int_E f_n.$$

4.4 The General Lebesgue Integral

PROBLEMS

28. Let f be integrable over E and let C be a measurable subset of E . Show that $\int_C f = \int_E f \cdot \chi_C$.
29. For a measurable function f on $[1, \infty)$ which is bounded on bounded sets, define $a_n = \int_n^{n+1} f$ for each natural number n . Is it true that f is integrable over $[1, \infty)$ iff the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges? Is it true that f is integrable over $[1, \infty)$ iff the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges absolutely?
30. Let g be a nonnegative integrable function over E and suppose $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable functions on E such that for each n , $|f_n| \leq g$ a.e. on E . Show that

$$\int_E \liminf f_n \leq \liminf \int_E f_n \leq \limsup \int_E f_n \leq \int_E \limsup f_n.$$

31. Let f be a measurable function on E which can be expressed as $f = g + h$ on E , where g is finite and integrable over E and h is nonnegative on E . Define $\int_E f = \int_E g + \int_E h$. Show that this is properly defined in the sense that it is independent of the particular choice of finite integrable function g and nonnegative function h whose sum is f .
32. Prove the General Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem by following the proof of the Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem, but replacing the sequences $\{g - f_n\}$ and $\{g + f_n\}$, respectively, by $\{g_n - f_n\}$ and $\{g_n + f_n\}$.
33. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of integrable functions on E for which $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e. on E and f is integrable over E . Show that $\int_E |f - f_n| \rightarrow 0$ iff $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E |f_n| = \int_E |f|$. (Hint: use the General Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem.)
34. Let f be a nonnegative measurable function on \mathbb{R} . Show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-n}^n f = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f.$$

35. Let f be a real-valued function of two variables (x, y) that is defined on the square $Q = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1\}$ and is a measurable function of x for each fixed value of y . Suppose for each fixed value of x , $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) = f(x)$ and that for all y , we have $|f(x, y)| \leq g(x)$, where g is integrable over $[0, 1]$. Show that

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \int_0^1 f(x, y) dx = \int_0^1 f(x) dx.$$

Also show that if the function $f(x, y)$ is continuous in y for each x , then

$$h(y) = \int_0^1 f(x, y) dx$$

is a continuous function of y .

36. Let f be a real-valued function of two variables (x, y) that is defined on the square $Q = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1\}$ and is a measurable function of x for each fixed value of y . For each $(x, y) \in Q$ let the partial derivative $\partial f / \partial y$ exist. Suppose there is a function g that is integrable over $[0, 1]$ and such that

$$\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) \right| \leq g(x) \text{ for all } (x, y) \in Q.$$

Prove that

$$\frac{d}{dy} \left[\int_0^1 f(x, y) dx \right] = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) dx \text{ for all } y \in [0, 1].$$

4.5 Countable Additivity and Continuity of Integration

PROBLEMS

37. Let f be an integrable function on E . Show that for each $\epsilon > 0$, there is a natural number N for which if $n \geq N$, then $|\int_{E_n} f| < \epsilon$ where $E_n = \{x \in E \mid |x| \geq n\}$.
38. For each of the two functions f on $[1, \infty)$ defined below, show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^n f$ exists while f is not integrable over $[1, \infty)$. Does this contradict the continuity of integration?

- (i) Define $f(x) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$, for $n \leq x < n + 1$.
- (ii) Define $f(x) = \frac{(\sin x)}{x}$ for $1 \leq x < \infty$.

39. Prove the theorem regarding the continuity of integration.

4.6 Uniform Integrability: The Vitali Convergence Theorem

PROBLEMS

40. Let f be integrable over \mathbb{R} . Show that the function F defined by

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

is properly defined and continuous. Is it necessarily Lipschitz?

41. Show that Proposition 25 is false if $E = \mathbb{R}$.

42. Show that Theorem 26 is false without the assumption that the h_n 's are nonnegative.

43. Let the sequences of functions $\{h_n\}$ and $\{g_n\}$ be uniformly integrable over E . Show that for any α and β , the sequence of linear combinations $\{\alpha f_n + \beta g_n\}$ also is uniformly integrable over E .

44. Let f be integrable over \mathbb{R} and let $\epsilon > 0$. Establish the following three approximation properties.

- (i) There is a simple function η on \mathbb{R} which has finite support and $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f - \eta| < \epsilon$. (Hint: first verify this if f is nonnegative.)
- (ii) There is a step function s on \mathbb{R} which vanishes outside a closed, bounded interval and $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f - s| < \epsilon$. (Hint: apply part (i) and Problem 18 of Chapter 3.)
- (iii) There is a continuous function g on \mathbb{R} which vanishes outside a bounded set and $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f - g| < \epsilon$.

45. Let f be integrable over E . Define \hat{f} to be the extension of f to all of \mathbb{R} obtained by setting $\hat{f} \equiv 0$ outside of E . Show that \hat{f} is integrable over \mathbb{R} and

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6.6 Convex Functions

PROBLEMS

61. Show that a real-valued function φ on (a, b) is convex iff for points x_1, \dots, x_n in (a, b) and non-negative numbers $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ such that $\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k = 1$,

$$\varphi\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k x_k\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k \varphi(x_k).$$

Use this to directly prove Jensen's Inequality for f a simple function.

62. Show that a continuous function on (a, b) is convex iff

$$\varphi\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\varphi(x_1) + \varphi(x_2)}{2} \text{ for all } x_1, x_2 \in (a, b).$$

63. A function on a general interval I is said to be convex provided it is continuous on I and (38) holds for all $x_1, x_2 \in I$. Is a convex function on a closed, bounded interval $[a, b]$ necessarily Lipschitz on $[a, b]$?
64. Let φ have a second derivative at each point in (a, b) . Show that φ is convex iff φ'' is nonnegative.
65. Suppose $a \geq 0$ and $b \geq 0$. Show that the function $\varphi(t) = (a + bt)^p$ is convex on $[0, \infty)$ for $1 \leq p < \infty$.
66. For what functions φ is Jensen's Inequality always an equality?
67. State and prove a version of Jensen's Inequality on a general closed, bounded interval $[a, b]$.
68. Let f be integrable over $[0, 1]$. Show that

$$\exp\left[\int_0^1 f(x)dx\right] \leq \int_0^1 \exp(f(x))dx.$$

69. Let $\{\alpha_n\}$ be a sequence of nonnegative numbers whose sum is 1 and $\{\zeta_n\}$ is a sequence of positive numbers. Show that

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \zeta_n^{\alpha_n} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n \zeta_n.$$

70. Let g be a positive measurable function on $[0, 1]$. Show that $\log(\int_0^1 g(x)dx) \geq \int_0^1 \log(g(x))dx$ whenever each side is defined.
71. (Nemytskii) Let φ be a continuous function on \mathbb{R} . Show that if there are constants for which (43) holds, then $\varphi \circ f$ is integrable over $[0, 1]$ whenever f is. Then show that if $\varphi \circ f$ is integrable over $[0, 1]$ whenever f is, then there are constants c_1 and c_2 for which (43) holds.

Chapter 7

The L^p Spaces: Completeness and Approximation

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7.1 Normed Linear Spaces

Throughout this chapter E denotes a measurable set of real numbers. Define \mathcal{F} to be the collection of all measurable extended real-valued functions on E that are finite a.e. on E . We can say that two functions $f, g \in \mathcal{F}$ are equivalent, denoted by $f \cong g$, provided

$$f(x) = g(x) \text{ for almost all } x \in E.$$

This is an equivalence relation and induces a partition of \mathcal{F} into a disjoint collection of equivalence classes, denoted by \mathcal{F}/\cong , which is a linear space. There is a natural family $\{L^p(E)\}_{1 \leq p \leq \infty}$ of subspaces of \mathcal{F}/\cong .

For $1 \leq p < \infty$, define $L^p(E)$ to be the collection of equivalence class $[f]$ for which

$$\int_E |f|^p < \infty.$$

Then if $f \cong g$, then $\int_E |f|^p = \int_E |g|^p$. Showing that $L^p(E)$ is closed under linear combinations will prove that $L^p(E)$ is a linear subspace. To do this, let $c = \max\{|a|, |b|\}$ so that

$$|a + b| \leq |a| + |b| \leq 2c,$$

which implies

$$|a + b|^p \leq 2^p c^p \leq 2^p(|a|^p + |b|^p).$$

This inequality, together with the linearity and monotonicity of integration tells us that

$$\int_E |\alpha f + \beta g|^p \leq 2^p(|\alpha|^p \int_E |f|^p + |\beta|^p \int_E |g|^p) < \infty.$$

That is, for $[f], [g] \in L^p(E)$, then $\alpha[f] + \beta[g] \in L^p(E)$.

We call a function $f \in \mathcal{F}$ **essentially bounded** provided there is some $M \geq 0$, called an **essential upper bound** for f , for which

$$|f(x)| \leq M \text{ for almost all } x \in E.$$

Then we can define $L^\infty(E)$ to be the collection of equivalence classes $[f]$ for which f is essentially bounded. Clearly $L^\infty(E)$ is a linear subspace because

$$|\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x)| \leq |\alpha||f(x)| + |\beta||g(x)| \leq |\alpha|M + |\beta|M' = M'' \text{ a.e. on } E$$

To state that a function f in $L^p[a, b]$ is continuous means that there is a continuous function that agrees with f a.e. on $[a, b]$. There is only one such continuous function and it is often convenient to consider this unique continuous function as the representative of $[f]$.

It is useful to consider real-valued functions that have as their domain linear spaces of functions: such functions are called **functionals**.

Definition. Let X be a linear space. A real-valued functional $\|\cdot\|$ on X is called a **norm** provided for each f and g in X and each real number α ,
(The Triangle Inequality)

$$\|f + g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|,$$

(Positive Homogeneity)

$$\|\alpha f\| = |\alpha| \|f\|,$$

(Nonnegativity)

$$\|f\| \geq 0 \text{ and } \|f\| = 0 \iff f = 0.$$

A **normed linear space** is a linear space together with a norm. If X is a linear space normed by $\|\cdot\|$ we say that a function f in X is a **unit function** provided $\|f\| = 1$. For any $f \in X$, $f \neq 0$, the function $\frac{f}{\|f\|}$ is a unit function: it is a scalar multiple of f which we call the **normalization** of f .

Example (The Normed Linear Space $L^1(E)$). For a function f in $L^1(E)$, define

$$\|f\|_1 = \int_E |f|.$$

Then $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm on $L^1(E)$.

For $f, g \in L^1(E) \subseteq \mathcal{F}$, since f and g are finite a.e. on E , the triangle inequality for real numbers tells us that

$$|f + g| \leq |f| + |g| \text{ a.e. on } E.$$

Then by the monotonicity and linearity of integration, we have subadditivity:

$$\|f + g\|_1 = \int_E |f + g| \leq \int_E [|f| + |g|] = \int_E |f| + \int_E |g| = \|f\|_1 + \|g\|_1.$$

By the linearity of integration, clearly we have absolute homogeneity:

$$\|\alpha f\|_1 = \int_E |\alpha f| = \int_E |\alpha| |f| = |\alpha| \int_E |f| = |\alpha| \|f\|_1.$$

Clearly $\|f\|$ is nonnegative. Finally, if $f \in L^1(E)$ and $\|f\|_1 = 0$, then $f = 0$ a.e. on E . Therefore $[f]$ is the zero element of the linear space $L^1(E) \subseteq \mathcal{F}/\cong$, that is $f = 0$.

Example (The Normed Linear Space $L^\infty(E)$). For a function f in $L^\infty(E)$, define $\|f\|_\infty$ to be the infimum of the essential upper bounds for f .

$$\|f\|_\infty = \inf\{M : |f(x)| \leq M \text{ a.e. on } E\}.$$

We call $\|f\|_\infty$ the **essential supremum** of f and claim that $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ is a norm on $L^\infty(E)$.

Nonnegativity and positive homogeneity are clear.

To show that the triangle inequality holds, we see that for each natural number n , there is a subset E_n of E for which

$$|f| \leq \|f\|_\infty + \frac{1}{n} \text{ on } E \setminus E_n \text{ and } m(E_n) = 0.$$

This is true because $\|f\|_\infty$ is the infimum, the greatest lower bound, so $\|f\|_\infty + \frac{1}{n}$ is not a lower bound and thus there exists a real number M in the set of upper bounds a.e. of f for which

$$\|f\|_\infty \leq M < \|f\|_\infty + \frac{1}{n} \text{ a.e. on } E, \text{ and so } |f| \leq M < \|f\|_\infty + \frac{1}{n} \text{ a.e. on } E.$$

Accepting that the union of sets of measure zero is also measure zero, we can let $E_\infty = \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty E_n$, and so

$$|f| \leq \|f\|_\infty \text{ on } E \setminus E_\infty \text{ and } m(E_\infty) = 0.$$

Thus we have that $|f| \leq \|f\|_\infty$ a.e. on E ; i.e., *ess. sup* f is the smallest essential upper bound for f .

Now, for $f, g \in L^\infty(E)$,

$$|f + g| \leq |f| + |g| \leq \|f\|_\infty + \|g\|_\infty \text{ a.e. on } E.$$

Therefore $\|f\|_\infty + \|g\|_\infty$ is an essential bound for $f + g$ and thus the smallest essential upper bound, $\|f + g\|_\infty$, is such that

$$\|f + g\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_\infty + \|g\|_\infty.$$

Example (The Normed Linear Spaces ℓ^1 and ℓ^∞). For $1 \leq p < \infty$, define ℓ^p to be the collection of real sequences $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$ for which

$$\sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_k|^p < \infty.$$

Let $a, b \in \ell^p$, and let α, β be real numbers. Then we have that $\sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_k|^p < \infty$ and $\sum_{k=1}^\infty |b_k|^p < \infty$. Using the inequality $|a + b|^p \leq 2^p(|a|^p + |b|^p)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^\infty |\alpha a_k + \beta b_k|^p &\leq \sum_{k=1}^\infty [2^p(|\alpha a_k|^p + |\beta b_k|^p)] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^\infty 2^p |\alpha|^p |a_k|^p + \sum_{k=1}^\infty 2^p |\beta|^p |b_k|^p \\ &= 2^p |\alpha|^p \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_k|^p + 2^p |\beta|^p \sum_{k=1}^\infty |b_k|^p \\ &< 2^p |\alpha|^p \infty + 2^p |\beta|^p \infty \\ &= \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus ℓ^p is a linear space.

We define ℓ^∞ to be the linear space of real bounded sequences: that is, for any $\{a_k\}$ in ℓ^∞ , there exists a real number M for which $|a_k| \leq M$ for all k . We can define the following norms:

For $\{a_k\} \in \ell^1$:

$$\|\{a_k\}\|_1 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|$$

For $\{a_k\} \in \ell^\infty$:

$$\|\{a_k\}\|_\infty = \sup_{1 \leq k < \infty} |a_k|$$

Example (The Normed Linear Space $C[a, b]$). Let $[a, b]$ be a closed, bounded interval. The linear space of continuous real-valued functions on $[a, b]$ is denoted by $C[a, b]$. Since a continuous function on a compact set takes on a maximum value (ch1 problem 52), we can Define

$$\|f\|_{\max} = \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)|.$$

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1. For f in $C[a, b]$, Define

$$\|f\|_1 = \int_a^b |f|.$$

Show that this is a norm on $C[a, b]$.

Let $f, g \in C[a, b]$. For each $x \in [a, b]$, we have the inequality $|f(x) + g(x)| \leq |f(x)| + |g(x)|$, so by monotonicity and linearity of integration,

$$\|f + g\|_1 = \int_a^b |f(x) + g(x)| \leq \int_a^b [|f(x)| + |g(x)|] = \int_a^b |f(x)| + \int_a^b |g(x)| = \|f\|_1 + \|g\|_1.$$

Therefore subadditivity holds.

Also, by linearity of integration, we have

$$\|\alpha f\|_1 = \int_a^b |\alpha f| = \int_a^b |\alpha| |f| = |\alpha| \int_a^b |f| = |\alpha| \|f\|_1.$$

Therefore absolute homogeneity holds.

Finally, by definition of absolute value, $0 \leq |f(x)|$ for all $x \in [a, b]$, and by monotonicity of integration,

$$0 = \int_a^b 0 \leq \int_a^b |f| = \|f\|_1.$$

Clearly $\int_a^b |f| = 0$ iff $f \equiv 0$ on $[a, b]$. Therefore positive definiteness holds.

Thus $\|\cdot\|_1$ is a norm on $C[a, b]$.

Also show that there is no number $c \geq 0$ for which

$$\|f\|_{\max} \leq c \|f\|_1 \text{ for all } f \text{ in } C[a, b],$$

Consider the interval $[a, b] = [0, 1]$. For any $c > 0$ we choose, there exists an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n > c$, with the continuous function $f_n : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{n-0}{1/n-0}x & \text{if } x \in [0, \frac{1}{n}] \\ \frac{0-n}{2/n-1/n}(x - \frac{1}{n}) + n & \text{if } x \in (\frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}] \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in (\frac{2}{n}, 1] \end{cases} = \begin{cases} n^2x & \text{if } x \in [0, \frac{1}{n}] \\ -n^2(x - \frac{1}{n}) + n & \text{if } x \in (\frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}] \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in (\frac{2}{n}, 1] \end{cases}$$

(This is a triangle-shaped function that reaches its peak n at $x = \frac{1}{n}$.)

Now, for any n , we have $\|f_n\|_1 = \int_0^1 |f_n| = 1$, and $\|f_n\|_{\max} = n$.

Then $\|f\|_{\max} = n > c = c\|f\|_1$.

but there is a $c \geq 0$ for which

$$\|f\|_1 \leq c\|f\|_{\max} \text{ for all } f \text{ in } C[a, b].$$

We can see that for any f in $C[a, b]$, by monotonicity of the integral,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_1 &= \int_a^b |f(x)| \\ &\leq \int_a^b \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)| \\ &= \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)| \int_a^b 1 \\ &= \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)| \cdot m([a, b]) \\ &= \|f\|_{\max} \cdot m([a, b]). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\|f\|_1 \leq m([a, b])\|f\|_{\max}$ for all $f \in C[a, b]$.

2. Let X be the family of all polynomials with real coefficients defined on \mathbb{R} . Show that this is a linear space. For a polynomial p , define $\|p\|$ to be the sum of the absolute values of the coefficients of p . Is this a norm?

For any two polynomials $p, q \in X$, there exists natural numbers n, m (suppose without loss of generality that $n \leq m$) such that

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + a_nx^n + \cdots + 0x^m \\ q(x) &= b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \cdots + b_{n-1}x^{n-1} + b_nx^n + \cdots + b_mx^m \end{aligned}$$

Now, considering any scalars $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha p(x) + \beta q(x) &= \alpha(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + a_nx^n) \\ &\quad + \beta(b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \cdots + b_{m-1}x^{m-1} + b_mx^m) \\ &= (\alpha a_0) + (\alpha a_1)x + (\alpha a_2)x^2 + \cdots + (\alpha a_{n-1})x^{n-1} + (\alpha a_n)x^n \\ &\quad + (\beta b_0) + (\beta b_1)x + (\beta b_2)x^2 + \cdots + (\beta b_{n-1})x^{n-1} + (\beta b_n)x^n + \cdots + (\beta b_m)x^m \\ &= (\alpha a_0 + \beta b_0) + (\alpha a_1 + \beta b_1)x + \cdots + (\alpha a_n + \beta b_n)x^n + \cdots + (\beta b_m)x^m \end{aligned}$$

This is also a polynomial, as for each i , we have $(\alpha a_i + \beta b_i) \in \mathbb{R}$, so X is a linear space.

Now, for any polynomial

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n,$$

we can define $\|p\| = |a_0| + |a_1| + |a_2| + \cdots + |a_n| = \sum_{i=0}^n |a_i|$.

The triangle inequality is clear because

$$\|p + q\| = \sum_{i=0}^m |a_i + b_i| \leq \sum_{i=0}^m [|a_i| + |b_i|] = \sum_{i=0}^m |a_i| + \sum_{i=0}^m |b_i| = \|p\| + \|q\|.$$

Absolute homogeneity is clear because

$$\|\alpha p\| = \sum_{i=0}^n |\alpha a_i| = \sum_{i=0}^n |\alpha| |a_i| = |\alpha| \sum_{i=0}^n |a_i| = |\alpha| \|p\|.$$

Finally, positive definiteness is clear because

$$0 \leq |a_i| \implies 0 \leq \sum_{i=0}^n |a_i| = \|p\|,$$

And $\|p\| = 0$ if and only if $p(x) = 0 + 0x + 0x^2 + \cdots + 0x^n = 0$.

3. For f in $L^1[a, b]$, define $\|f\| = \int_a^b x^2 |f(x)| dx$. Show that this is a norm on $L^1[a, b]$.

For $f \in L^1[a, b]$, then f is measurable and finite a.e. on $[a, b]$, and $\int_a^b |f(x)| dx < \infty$.

Let $f, g \in L^1[a, b]$, and let α be a real number.

Because the triangle inequality holds a.e. on $[a, b]$, by monotonicity and linearity of the integral, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f + g\| &= \int_a^b x^2 |f(x) + g(x)| dx \\ &\leq \int_a^b x^2 [|f(x)| + |g(x)|] dx \\ &= \int_a^b [x^2 |f(x)| + x^2 |g(x)|] dx \\ &= \int_a^b x^2 |f(x)| dx + \int_a^b x^2 |g(x)| dx \\ &= \|f\| + \|g\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\|\cdot\|$ is subadditive.

By linearity of the integral, we have

$$\|\alpha f\| = \int_a^b x^2 |\alpha f(x)| dx = \int_a^b x^2 |\alpha| |f(x)| dx = |\alpha| \int_a^b x^2 |f(x)| dx = |\alpha| \|f\|.$$

Therefore $\|\cdot\|$ satisfies absolute homogeneity.

We can use the fact that $0 \leq x^2$ and $0 \leq |f(x)|$ implies $0 \leq x^2 |f(x)|$. By monotonicity of the integral, we have

$$0 = \int_a^b 0 dx \leq \int_a^b x^2 |f(x)| dx = \|f\|.$$

Clearly $\|f\| = 0$ if and only if $f = 0$ a.e. on $[a, b]$ because $x^2 \cdot 0 = 0$.

Therefore $\|\cdot\|$ satisfies positive definiteness.

4. For f in $L^\infty[a, b]$, show that

$$\|f\|_\infty = \min \left\{ M \mid m\{x \in [a, b] \mid |f(x)| > M\} = 0 \right\},$$

That is, the sup norm is the smallest real number M such that $|f(x)| > M$ only on a set of measure

zero. In an above example, we showed that $\|f\|_\infty$ is the smallest essential upper bound for f . That is, $|f| \leq \|f\|_\infty$ a.e. on E (That is, the inequality is true for $E \setminus E_0$, where $m(E_0) = 0$.) and if, furthermore, f is continuous on $[a, b]$, that

$$\|f\|_\infty = \|f\|_{\max}.$$

If f is continuous, then there are no jump discontinuities (f is continuous at x_0 iff $f(x_0^-) = f(x_0) = f(x_0^+)$). Then $|f| \leq \|f\|_\infty$ everywhere on E .

5. Show that ℓ^∞ and ℓ^1 are normed linear spaces.

ℓ^∞ :

Let $a, b \in \ell^\infty$, and let α, β be real numbers.

Then for some real numbers M, N , we have that $|a_k| \leq M$ and $|b_k| \leq N$ for all k .

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha a + \beta b &= \alpha(a_1, a_2, \dots) + \beta(b_1, b_2, \dots) \\ &= (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2, \dots) + (\beta b_1, \beta b_2, \dots) \\ &= (\alpha a_1 + \beta b_1, \alpha a_2 + \beta b_2, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Then $|\alpha a_k + \beta b_k| \leq \alpha M + \beta N$ for all k , and ℓ^∞ is a linear space.

To show that $\|a\|_\infty = \sup_{1 \leq k < \infty} |a_k|$ is a norm:

$$\|a + b\|_\infty = \sup_{1 \leq k < \infty} |a_k + b_k| \leq \sup_{1 \leq i < \infty} |a_i| + \sup_{1 \leq j < \infty} |b_j| = \|a\|_\infty + \|b\|_\infty,$$

$$\|\alpha a\|_\infty = \sup_{1 \leq k < \infty} |\alpha a_k| = \sup_{1 \leq k < \infty} |\alpha| |a_k| = |\alpha| \sup_{1 \leq k < \infty} |a_k| = |\alpha| \|a\|_\infty,$$

$$0 \leq \sup_{1 \leq k < \infty} |a_k| = \|a\|_\infty, \text{ and } \sup_{1 \leq k < \infty} |a_k| = 0 \text{ iff } a_k = 0 \text{ for all } k.$$

ℓ^1 :

Let $a, b \in \ell^1$, and let α, β be real numbers.

Then we have that $\sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_k| < \infty$ and $\sum_{k=1}^\infty |b_k| < \infty$.

By the triangle inequality for real numbers, we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^\infty |\alpha a_k + \beta b_k| \leq \sum_{k=1}^\infty [|\alpha| |a_k| + |\beta| |b_k|] = |\alpha| \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_k| + |\beta| \sum_{k=1}^\infty |b_k| < |\alpha| \infty + |\beta| \infty = \infty.$$

Therefore ℓ^1 is a linear space.

To show that $\|a\|_1 = \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_k|$ is a norm:

$$\|a + b\|_1 = \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_k + b_k| \leq \sum_{k=1}^\infty [|a_k| + |b_k|] = \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_k| + \sum_{k=1}^\infty |b_k| < \infty + \infty = \infty,$$

$$\|\alpha a\|_1 = \sum_{k=1}^\infty |\alpha a_k| = \sum_{k=1}^\infty |\alpha| |a_k| = |\alpha| \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_k| = |\alpha| \|a\|_1,$$

$$0 \leq \|a\|_1 \implies 0 \leq \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_k| = \|a\|_1, \text{ and } \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_k| = 0 \text{ iff } a_k = 0 \text{ for all } k.$$

7.2 The Inequalities of Young, Hölder, and Minkowski

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6. Show that if Hölder's Inequality is true for normalized functions it is true in general.
7. Verify the assertions in the above two examples regarding the membership of the function f in $L^p(E)$.

7.3 L^p is Complete: The Riesz-Fischer Theorem

7.4 Approximation and Separability

Chapter 8

The L^p Spaces: Duality and Weak Convergence

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Chapter 9

Metric Spaces: General Properties

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9.1 Examples of Metric Spaces

"The object of the present chapter is to study general spaces called metric spaces for which the notion of distance between two points is fundamental."

Definition. Let X be a nonempty set. A function $\rho : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a **metric** provided for all $x, y, z \in X$,

- (i) $\rho(x, y) \geq 0$,
- (ii) $\rho(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$,
- (iii) $\rho(x, y) = \rho(y, x)$,
- (iv) $\rho(x, y) \leq \rho(x, z) + \rho(z, y)$.

A nonempty set together with a metric on the set is called a **metric space**, often denoted by (X, ρ) .

An example of a metric space is the set \mathbb{R} of all real numbers with the metric $\rho(x, y) = |x - y|$.

A linear space with a norm is called a normed linear space. A norm $\|\cdot\|$ on a linear space X induces a metric ρ on X by defining

$$\rho(x, y) = \|x - y\| \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

To show this, let $x, y \in X$. Because X is a linear space, $x - y \in X$, and $\|x - y\|$ is defined.

- (i) $\|x - y\| \geq 0$ by positive definiteness of norm

- (ii) $\|x - y\| = 0$ iff $x - y = 0 \implies x = y$ by positive definiteness of norm
- (iii) $\|x - y\| = \|-1(y - x)\| = |-1|\|y - x\| = \|y - x\|$ by absolute homogeneity of norm
- (iv) $\|x - y\| = \|x - z + z - y\| \leq \|x - z\| + \|z - y\|$ by subadditivity of norm

Three prominent examples of normed linear spaces: the Euclidean spaces \mathbb{R}^n , the $L^p(E)$ spaces, $C[a, b]$. For a natural number n , consider the linear space \mathbb{R}^n , whose points are n -tuples of real numbers. For $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the Euclidean norm $\|x\|$ is defined by

$$\|x\| = [x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2]^{1/2}.$$

The Discrete Metric For any nonempty set X , the discrete metric ρ is defined by setting $\rho(x, y) = 0$ if $x = y$ and $\rho(x, y) = 1$ if $x \neq y$.

- (i) $\rho(x, y) \in \{0, 1\} \implies \rho(x, y) \geq 0$.
- (ii) $\rho(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$ by definition.
- (iii) By symmetry of the equality relation,

$$\rho(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = y \\ 0 & x \neq y \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & y = x \\ 0 & y \neq x \end{cases} = \rho(y, x)$$

- (iv) In the case $x \neq y$, the triangle inequality is trivial.

In the case $x = y$,

if $x = z$, then by transitivity, $z = y$ and

$\rho(x, y) = 0, \rho(x, z) = 0, \rho(z, y) = 0$, and the triangle inequality is obvious: $0 \leq 0$.

if $x \neq z$, then by transitivity, $z \neq y$ and

$\rho(x, y) = 0, \rho(x, z) = 1, \rho(z, y) = 1 \implies \rho(x, y) = 0 \leq 2 = \rho(x, z) + \rho(z, y)$.

Metric Subspaces For a metric space (X, ρ) , let Y be a nonempty subset of X . Then the restriction of ρ to $Y \times Y$ defines a metric on Y and we call such a metric space a metric **subspace**. Therefore every nonempty subset of Euclidean space, of and $L^p(E)$ space, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, and of $C[a, b]$ is a metric space.

Metric Products For metric spaces (X_1, ρ_1) and (X_2, ρ_2) , we define the **product metric** τ on the Cartesian product $X_1 \times X_2$ by setting, for $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in X_1 \times X_2$,

$$\tau((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) = \{[\rho_1(x_1, y_1)]^2 + [\rho_2(x_2, y_2)]^2\}^{1/2}.$$

To see that this is a metric:

- (i) By metric property (i) of ρ_1, ρ_2 , we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\rho_1(x_1, y_1)]^2 \geq 0 \text{ and } [\rho_2(x_2, y_2)]^2 \geq 0 &\iff \{[\rho_1(x_1, y_1)]^2 + [\rho_2(x_2, y_2)]^2\}^{1/2} \geq 0 \\ &\iff \tau((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) By metric property (ii) of ρ_1, ρ_2 , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) &= \{[\rho_1(x_1, y_1)]^2 + [\rho_2(x_2, y_2)]^2\}^{1/2} = 0 \\ &\iff [\rho_1(x_1, y_1)]^2 = 0 \text{ and } [\rho_2(x_2, y_2)]^2 = 0 \\ &\iff x_1 = y_1 \text{ and } x_2 = y_2 \\ &\iff (x_1, x_2) = (y_1, y_2). \end{aligned}$$

(iii) By metric property (iii) (symmetry) of ρ_1, ρ_2 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tau((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) &= \{[\rho_1(x_1, y_1)]^2 + [\rho_2(x_2, y_2)]^2\}^{1/2} \\ &= \{[\rho_1(y_1, x_1)]^2 + [\rho_2(y_2, x_2)]^2\}^{1/2} \\ &= \tau((y_1, y_2), (x_1, x_2)).\end{aligned}$$

(iv) We must first prove an inequality \star . Because $x^2 \geq 0$ for any real number x , we have

$$\begin{aligned}0 &\leq [\rho_1(x_1, z_1)\rho_2(z_2, y_2) - \rho_2(x_2, z_2)\rho_1(z_1, y_1)]^2 \\ 0 &\leq \rho_1(x_1, z_1)^2\rho_2(z_2, y_2)^2 + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)^2\rho_1(z_1, y_1)^2 \\ &\quad - 2\rho_1(x_1, z_1)\rho_1(z_1, y_1)\rho_2(x_2, z_2)\rho_2(z_2, y_2) \\ 2\rho_1(x_1, z_1)\rho_1(z_1, y_1)\rho_2(x_2, z_2)\rho_2(z_2, y_2) &\leq \rho_1(x_1, z_1)^2\rho_2(z_2, y_2)^2 + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)^2\rho_1(z_1, y_1)^2\end{aligned}$$

Adding $\rho_1(x_1, z_1)^2\rho_1(z_1, y_1)^2 + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)^2\rho_2(z_2, y_2)^2$ to both sides, we have

$$\begin{aligned}&\rho_1(x_1, z_1)^2\rho_1(z_1, y_1)^2 + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)^2\rho_2(z_2, y_2)^2 + 2\rho_1(x_1, z_1)\rho_1(z_1, y_1)\rho_2(x_2, z_2)\rho_2(z_2, y_2) \\ &\leq \rho_1(x_1, z_1)^2\rho_1(z_1, y_1)^2 + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)^2\rho_2(z_2, y_2)^2 + \rho_1(x_1, z_1)^2\rho_2(z_2, y_2)^2 + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)^2\rho_1(z_1, y_1)^2\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we end up with the inequality: \star

$$\begin{aligned}[\rho_1(x_1, z_1)\rho_1(z_1, y_1) + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)\rho_2(z_2, y_2)]^2 &\leq [\rho_1(x_1, z_1)^2 + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)^2][\rho_1(z_1, y_1)^2 + \rho_2(z_2, y_2)^2] \\ \rho_1(x_1, z_1)\rho_1(z_1, y_1) + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)\rho_2(z_2, y_2) &\leq \sqrt{[\rho_1(x_1, z_1)^2 + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)^2][\rho_1(z_1, y_1)^2 + \rho_2(z_2, y_2)^2]} \\ 2\rho_1(x_1, z_1)\rho_1(z_1, y_1) + 2\rho_2(x_2, z_2)\rho_2(z_2, y_2) &\leq 2\sqrt{\rho_1(x_1, z_1)^2 + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)^2}\sqrt{\rho_1(z_1, y_1)^2 + \rho_2(z_2, y_2)^2} \quad \star\end{aligned}$$

Now, to prove the triangle inequality of the product metric, we use the metric property (iv) (triangle inequality) of ρ_1, ρ_2 :

$$\begin{aligned}&\rho(x_1, y_1)^2 + \rho(x_2, y_2)^2 \\ &\leq [\rho(x_1, z_1) + \rho(z_1, y_1)]^2 + [\rho(x_2, z_2) + \rho(z_2, y_2)]^2 \\ &= \rho(x_1, z_1)^2 + \rho(z_1, y_1)^2 + 2\rho(x_1, z_1)\rho(z_1, y_1) + \rho(x_2, z_2)^2 + \rho(z_2, y_2)^2 + 2\rho(x_2, z_2)\rho(z_2, y_2) \\ &\leq \rho(x_1, z_1)^2 + \rho(z_1, y_1)^2 + \rho(x_2, z_2)^2 + \rho(z_2, y_2)^2 + 2\sqrt{\rho_1(x_1, z_1)^2 + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)^2}\sqrt{\rho_1(z_1, y_1)^2 + \rho_2(z_2, y_2)^2} \quad \star \\ &= \left[\sqrt{\rho_1(x_1, z_1)^2 + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)^2} + \sqrt{\rho_1(z_1, y_1)^2 + \rho_2(z_2, y_2)^2} \right]^2\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$\sqrt{\rho(x_1, y_1)^2 + \rho(x_2, y_2)^2} \leq \sqrt{\rho_1(x_1, z_1)^2 + \rho_2(x_2, z_2)^2} + \sqrt{\rho_1(z_1, y_1)^2 + \rho_2(z_2, y_2)^2}$$

and thus

$$\tau((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) \leq \tau((x_1, x_2), (z_1, z_2)) + \tau((z_1, z_2), (y_1, y_2)).$$

This construction extends to countable products (problem 10).

Definition. Two metrics ρ and σ on a set X are said to be **equivalent** provided there are positive numbers c_1, c_2 such that for all $x_1, x_2 \in X$,

$$c_1 \cdot \sigma(x_1, x_2) \leq \rho(x_1, x_2) \leq c_2 \cdot \sigma(x_1, x_2).$$

Definition. A mapping f from a metric space (X, ρ) to a metric space (Y, σ) is said to be an **isometry** provided it maps X onto Y and for all $x_1, x_2 \in X$,

$$\sigma(f(x_1), f(x_2)) = \rho(x_1, x_2).$$

Two metric spaces are called **isometric** provided there is an isometry from one onto the other. To be isometric is an equivalence relation among metric spaces. From the viewpoint of metric spaces, two isometric metric spaces are exactly the same, an isometry amounting merely to a relabeling of the points.

In the definition of a metric ρ on a set X it is often convenient to relax the condition that $\rho(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$. When we allow the possibility that $\rho(x, y) = 0$ for some $x \neq y$, we call ρ a **pseudometric** and (X, ρ) a pseudometric space. On such a space, define the relation $x \cong y$ provided $\rho(x, y) = 0$. This is an equivalence relation that separates X into a disjoint collection of equivalence classes X/\cong .

PROBLEMS

1. Show that two metrics ρ and τ on the same set X are equivalent iff there is a $c > 0$ such that for all $u, v \in X$,

$$\frac{1}{c} \tau(u, v) \leq \rho(u, v) \leq c \tau(u, v).$$

Let ρ and τ be two metrics on the same set X .

(\implies) Suppose ρ and τ are equivalent.

Then there exist $c_1, c_2 > 0$ such that for all $u, v \in X$,

$$c_1 \cdot \tau(u, v) \leq \rho(u, v) \leq c_2 \cdot \tau(u, v).$$

By the Archimedean Property of \mathbb{R} , for the positive real number c_1 , there exists a natural number n for which $\frac{1}{n} < c_1$.

Let $c = \max\{n, c_2\}$ so that $n \leq c \implies \frac{1}{c} \leq \frac{1}{n} < c_1$ and also $c_2 \leq c$, so we have

$$\frac{1}{c} \cdot \tau(u, v) < c_1 \cdot \tau(u, v) \leq \rho(u, v) \leq c_2 \cdot \tau(u, v) \leq c \tau(u, v).$$

(\impliedby) Suppose that there is a $c > 0$ such that for all $u, v \in X$,

$$\frac{1}{c} \tau(u, v) \leq \rho(u, v) \leq c \tau(u, v).$$

We showed that for a positive number c , its multiplicative inverse $\frac{1}{c}$ is also positive [ch1, 2(ii)], and so we have $\frac{1}{c}, c > 0$ such that for all $u, v \in X$,

$$\left(\frac{1}{c}\right) \tau(u, v) \leq \rho(u, v) \leq c \tau(u, v).$$

Therefore ρ and τ are equivalent.

2. Show that the following define equivalent metrics on \mathbb{R}^n :

$$\begin{aligned}\rho^*(x, y) &= |x_1 - y_1| + \cdots + |x_n - y_n|; \\ \rho^+(x, y) &= \max\{|x_1 - y_1|, \dots, |x_n - y_n|\}.\end{aligned}$$

For some $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, we have $|x_j - y_j| = \max\{|x_1 - y_1|, \dots, |x_n - y_n|\}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\rho^+(x, y) &= |x_j - y_j| \\ &= 0 + \cdots + |x_j - y_j| + \cdots + 0 \\ &\leq |x_1 - y_1| + \cdots + |x_j - y_j| + \cdots + |x_n - y_n| \\ &= \rho^*(x, y).\end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}\rho^*(x, y) &= |x_1 - y_1| + \cdots + |x_j - y_j| + \cdots + |x_n - y_n| \\ &\leq |x_j - y_j| + \cdots + |x_j - y_j| + \cdots + |x_j - y_j| \\ &= n|x_j - y_j| \\ &= n\rho^+(x, y).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have $1, n > 0$ such that for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\rho^+(x, y) \leq \rho^*(x, y) \leq n\rho^+(x, y).$$

3. Find a metric on \mathbb{R}^n that fails to be equivalent to either of those defined in the preceding problem. Let

$$\rho(x, y) = \begin{cases} \min\{|x - y|, 1\} & \text{if } x, y \text{ are both rational or } x, y \text{ are both irrational} \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

4. For a closed, bounded interval $[a, b]$, consider the set $X = C[a, b]$ of continuous real-valued functions on $[a, b]$. Show that the metric induced by the maximum norm and that induced by the $L^1[a, b]$ norm are not equivalent.

From Chapter 7 Problem 1, we proved that there is no number $c \geq 0$ for which

$$\|f\|_{\max} \leq c\|f\|_1 \text{ for all } f \text{ in } C[a, b].$$

Therefore there exists no $c_1, c_2 > 0$ such that for all f, g in $C[a, b]$,

$$c_1\|f - g\|_1 \leq \|f - g\|_{\max} \leq c_2\|f - g\|_1,$$

and the metrics induced by the norms $\|\cdot\|_{\max}$ and $\|\cdot\|_1$ are not equivalent.

5. *The Nikodym Metric.* Let E be a Lebesgue measurable set of real numbers of finite measure, X the set of measurable subsets of E , and m Lebesgue measure. For $A, B \in X$, define $\rho(A, B) = m(A \Delta B)$, where $A \Delta B = [A \setminus B] \cup [B \setminus A]$, the symmetric difference of A and B . Show that this is a pseudometric on X . Define two measurable sets to be equivalent provided their symmetric difference has measure zero. Show that ρ induces a metric on the collection of equivalence classes. Finally, show that for $A, B \in X$,

$$\rho(A, B) = \int_E |\chi_A - \chi_B|,$$

where χ_A and χ_B are the characteristic functions of A and B , respectively.

6. Show that for $a, b, c \geq 0$,

$$\text{if } a \leq b + c, \text{ then } \frac{a}{1+a} \leq \frac{b}{1+b} + \frac{c}{1+c}.$$

7. Let E be a Lebesgue measurable set of real numbers that has finite measure and X the set of Lebesgue measurable real-valued functions on E . For $f, g \in X$, define

$$\rho(f, g) = \int_E \frac{|f - g|}{1 + |f - g|}.$$

Use the preceding problem to show that this is a pseudometric on X . Define two measurable functions to be equivalent provided they are equal a.e. on E . Show that ρ induces a metric on the collection of equivalence classes.

8. For $0 < p < 1$, show that

$$(a + b)^p \leq a^p + b^p \text{ for all } a, b \geq 0.$$

9. For E a Lebesgue measurable set of real numbers, $0 < p < 1$, and g, h Lebesgue measurable functions on E that have integrable p^{th} powers, define

$$\rho_p(h, g) = \int_E |g - h|^p.$$

Use the preceding problem to show that this is a pseudometric on the collection of Lebesgue measurable functions on E that have integrable p^{th} powers. Define two such functions to be equivalent provided they are equal a.e. on E . Show that $\rho_p(\cdot, \cdot)$ induces a metric on the collection of equivalence classes.

10. Let $\{(X_n, \rho_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a countable collection of metric spaces. Use problem 6 to show that ρ_* defines a metric on the Cartesian product $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$, where for points $x = \{x_n\}$ and $y = \{y_n\}$ in $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$,

$$\rho_*(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \frac{\rho_n(x_n, y_n)}{1 + \rho_n(x_n, y_n)}.$$

11. Let (X, ρ) be a metric space and A any set for which there is a one-to-one (injective) mapping f of A onto (surjective?) the set X (bijection?). Show that there is a unique metric on A for which f is an isometry of metric spaces. (This is the sense in which an isometry amounts merely to a relabeling of the points in a space.)
12. Show that the triangle inequality for Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n follows from the triangle inequality for $L^2[0, 1]$.

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2. Let \mathcal{M} be a σ -algebra of subsets of a set X and the set function $\mu : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be finitely additive. Prove that μ is a measure iff whenever $\{A_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ is an ascending sequence of sets in \mathcal{M} , then

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k\right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_k).$$

3. Let \mathcal{M} be a σ -algebra of subsets of a set X . Formulate and establish a correspondent of the preceding problem for descending sequences of sets in \mathcal{M} .
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