

1. Let  $\{x_k\}$  be a convergent sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that the set  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  has zero content.

**Defn.** A set  $Z \subset \mathbb{R}$  has zero content if for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a finite collection of intervals  $\{I_1, \dots, I_N\}$  such that

- (a)  $Z \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^N I_n$ , and  
 (b) the sum of the lengths of the  $I_n$ 's is less than  $\epsilon$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Since  $x_k \rightarrow L$  for some  $L \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists a  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $k > K$   $|x_k - L| < \epsilon/6$ . Let

$$I_{K+1} = (L - \frac{\epsilon}{6}, L + \frac{\epsilon}{6}) \quad \text{and} \quad I_k = (x_k - \frac{\epsilon}{4K}, x_k + \frac{\epsilon}{4K}) \quad \text{for all } k \leq K.$$

Note that we have  $K$  many intervals of length  $|I_k| = \epsilon/2K$  and one interval of length  $|I_{K+1}| = \epsilon/3$ . We get

$$|I_1| + \dots + |I_K| + |I_{K+1}| = K \frac{\epsilon}{2K} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \frac{5}{6}\epsilon < \epsilon,$$

thus the set  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  has zero content. □

2. Suppose that  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are both uniformly continuous on  $S$ . Show that  $f + g$  is uniformly continuous on  $S$ . (Exercise. Try to do it under 4 minutes!)
3. A function  $g$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^q$  is periodic if there exists a positive number  $p$  such that  $g(x + p) = g(x)$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that a continuous periodic function is bounded and uniformly continuous on all of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $g$  be continuous and periodic on  $\mathbb{R}$ , so that  $g(x + p) = g(x)$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Fix  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , and consider the interval  $I = [x_0 - p, x_0 + p]$ .

$g$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ : Since  $I$  is compact  $g$  is bounded on  $I$ , so there exists  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$|g(x)| \leq M \quad \text{for every } x \in I.$$

Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $y + kp \in I$ . □ So we have

$$|g(y)| = |g(y + kp)| \leq M,$$

therefore  $g$  is a bounded function on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$g$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ : Since  $I$  is compact  $g$  is uniformly continuous on  $I$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , then there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$|g(x) - g(y)| \leq \epsilon \quad \text{whenever } |x - y| \leq \delta \text{ and } x, y \in I.$$

Take  $\tilde{\delta} = \min\{\delta, p\}$ . Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $x_1 \leq x_2$  wlog and  $|x_1 - x_2| = x_2 - x_1 \leq \tilde{\delta}$ .

There exists  $y_1, y_2 \in I$  such that  $g(x_1) = g(y_1)$  and  $g(x_2) = g(y_2)$  with  $|y_1 - y_2| = y_2 - y_1 \leq \tilde{\delta}$ . □

Then

$$|g(x_1) - g(x_2)| = |g(y_1) - g(y_2)| \leq \epsilon,$$

therefore  $g$  is a uniformly continuous function on  $\mathbb{R}$ . □

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<sup>1</sup>Take  $k = \frac{\lfloor x_0 - y \rfloor}{p}$ , so that  $x_0 - p \leq y + kp \leq x_0$ ; or  $k = \frac{\lceil x_0 - y \rceil}{p}$ , so that  $x_0 \leq y + kp \leq x_0 + p$ .

<sup>2</sup>Take  $k = \frac{\lfloor x_0 - x_1 \rfloor}{p}$ , so that  $x_0 - p \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq x_0 + p$  where  $y_1 = x_1 + kp$  and  $y_2 = x_2 + kp$