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PROOFS OF BASIC LIMIT THEOREMS

An extensive excursion into proofs of limit theorems would be too time consuming to undertake, so we have selected a few proofs of results from Section 2.2 that illustrate some of the basic ideas.

C.1 THEOREM. *Let a be any real number, let k be a constant, and suppose that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L_1$ and that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L_2$. Then*

- (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} k = k$
- (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L_1 + L_2$
- (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right) \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \right) = L_1 L_2$

PROOF (a). We will apply Definition 2.4.1 with $f(x) = k$ and $L = k$. Thus, given $\epsilon > 0$, we must find a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|k - k| < \epsilon \quad \text{if} \quad 0 < |x - a| < \delta$$

or, equivalently,

$$0 < \epsilon \quad \text{if} \quad 0 < |x - a| < \delta$$

But the condition on the left side of this statement is *always* true, no matter how δ is chosen. Thus, any positive value for δ will suffice.

PROOF (b). We must show that given $\epsilon > 0$ we can find a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|(f(x) + g(x)) - (L_1 + L_2)| < \epsilon \quad \text{if} \quad 0 < |x - a| < \delta \quad (1)$$

However, from the limits of f and g in the hypothesis of the theorem we can find numbers δ_1 and δ_2 such that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - L_1| &< \epsilon/2 \quad \text{if} \quad 0 < |x - a| < \delta_1 \\ |g(x) - L_2| &< \epsilon/2 \quad \text{if} \quad 0 < |x - a| < \delta_2 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, the inequalities on the left sides of these statements *both* hold if we replace δ_1 and δ_2 by any positive number δ that is less than both δ_1 and δ_2 . Thus, for any such δ it follows that

$$|f(x) - L_1| + |g(x) - L_2| < \epsilon \quad \text{if} \quad 0 < |x - a| < \delta \quad (2)$$

However, it follows from the triangle inequality [Theorem E.5 of Appendix E] that

$$\begin{aligned} |(f(x) + g(x)) - (L_1 + L_2)| &= |(f(x) - L_1) + (g(x) - L_2)| \\ &\leq |f(x) - L_1| + |g(x) - L_2| \end{aligned}$$

so that (1) follows from (2).

PROOF (c). We must show that given $\epsilon > 0$ we can find a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|f(x)g(x) - L_1L_2| < \epsilon \quad \text{if} \quad 0 < |x - a| < \delta \quad (3)$$

To find δ it will be helpful to express (3) in a different form. If we rewrite $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ as

$$f(x) = L_1 + (f(x) - L_1) \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = L_2 + (g(x) - L_2)$$

then the inequality on the left side of (3) can be expressed as (verify)

$$|L_1(g(x) - L_2) + L_2(f(x) - L_1) + (f(x) - L_1)(g(x) - L_2)| < \epsilon \quad (4)$$

Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L_2$$

we can find positive numbers $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$, and δ_4 such that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - L_1| &< \sqrt{\epsilon/3} & \text{if } 0 < |x - a| < \delta_1 \\ |f(x) - L_1| &< \frac{\epsilon}{3(1 + |L_2|)} & \text{if } 0 < |x - a| < \delta_2 \\ |g(x) - L_2| &< \sqrt{\epsilon/3} & \text{if } 0 < |x - a| < \delta_3 \\ |g(x) - L_2| &< \frac{\epsilon}{3(1 + |L_1|)} & \text{if } 0 < |x - a| < \delta_4 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Moreover, the inequalities on the left sides of these four statements *all* hold if we replace $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$, and δ_4 by any positive number δ that is smaller than $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$, and δ_4 . Thus, for any such δ it follows with the help of the triangle inequality that

$$\begin{aligned} &|L_1(g(x) - L_2) + L_2(f(x) - L_1) + (f(x) - L_1)(g(x) - L_2)| \\ &\leq |L_1(g(x) - L_2)| + |L_2(f(x) - L_1)| + |(f(x) - L_1)(g(x) - L_2)| \\ &= |L_1||g(x) - L_2| + |L_2||f(x) - L_1| + |f(x) - L_1||g(x) - L_2| \\ &< |L_1|\frac{\epsilon}{3(1 + |L_1|)} + |L_2|\frac{\epsilon}{3(1 + |L_2|)} + \sqrt{\epsilon/3}\sqrt{\epsilon/3} \quad \text{From (5)} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{3} \frac{|L_1|}{1 + |L_1|} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} \frac{|L_2|}{1 + |L_2|} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon \quad \text{Since } \frac{|L_1|}{1 + |L_1|} < 1 \text{ and } \frac{|L_2|}{1 + |L_2|} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

Do not be alarmed if the proof of part (c) seems difficult; it takes some experience with proofs of this type to develop a feel for choosing a valid δ . Your initial goal should be to understand the ideas and the computations.

which shows that (4) holds for the δ selected. ■

PROOF OF A BASIC CONTINUITY PROPERTY

Next we will prove Theorem 2.5.5 for two-sided limits.

C.2 THEOREM (Theorem 2.5.5). If $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$ and if the function f is continuous at L , then $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(g(x)) = f(L)$. That is,

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

PROOF. We must show that given $\epsilon > 0$, we can find a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|f(g(x)) - f(L)| < \epsilon \quad \text{if} \quad 0 < |x - c| < \delta \quad (6)$$

Since f is continuous at L , we have

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow L} f(u) = f(L)$$

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and hence we can find a number $\delta_1 > 0$ such that

$$|f(u) - f(L)| < \epsilon \quad \text{if} \quad |u - L| < \delta_1$$

In particular, if $u = g(x)$, then

$$|f(g(x)) - f(L)| < \epsilon \quad \text{if} \quad |g(x) - L| < \delta_1 \quad (7)$$

But $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$, and hence there is a number $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|g(x) - L| < \delta_1 \quad \text{if} \quad 0 < |x - c| < \delta \quad (8)$$

Thus, if x satisfies the condition on the right side of statement (8), then it follows that $g(x)$ satisfies the condition on the right side of statement (7), and this implies that the condition on the left side of statement (6) is satisfied, completing the proof. ■

■ **PROOF OF THE CHAIN RULE**

Next we will prove the chain rule (Theorem 3.6.1), but first we need a preliminary result.

C.3 THEOREM. *If f is differentiable at x and if $y = f(x)$, then*

$$\Delta y = f'(x)\Delta x + \epsilon \Delta x$$

where $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ as $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ and $\epsilon = 0$ if $x = 0$.

PROOF. Define

$$\epsilon = \begin{cases} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} - f'(x) & \text{if } \Delta x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \Delta x = 0 \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

If $\Delta x \neq 0$, it follows from (9) that

$$\epsilon \Delta x = [f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)] - f'(x)\Delta x \quad (10)$$

But

$$\Delta y = f(x + \Delta x) - f(x) \quad (11)$$

so (10) can be written as

$$\epsilon \Delta x = \Delta y - f'(x)\Delta x$$

or

$$\Delta y = f'(x)\Delta x + \epsilon \Delta x \quad (12)$$

If $\Delta x = 0$, then (12) still holds, (why?), so (12) is valid for all values of Δx . It remains to show that $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ as $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$. But this follows from the assumption that f is differentiable at x , since

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \epsilon = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} - f'(x) \right] = f'(x) - f'(x) = 0 \quad \blacksquare$$

We are now ready to prove the chain rule.

C.4 THEOREM (Theorem 3.6.1). *If g is differentiable at the point x and f is differentiable at the point $g(x)$, then the composition $f \circ g$ is differentiable at the point x . Moreover, if $y = f(g(x))$ and $u = g(x)$, then*

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

PROOF. Since g is differentiable at x and $u = g(x)$, it follows from Theorem C.3 that

$$\Delta(u) = g'(x)\Delta x + \epsilon_1\Delta x \quad (13)$$

where $\epsilon_1 \rightarrow 0$ as $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$. And since $y = f(u)$ is differentiable at $u = g(x)$, it follows from Theorem C.3 that

$$\Delta y = f'(u)\Delta u + \epsilon_2\Delta u \quad (14)$$

where $\epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $\Delta u \rightarrow 0$.

Factoring out the Δu in (14) and then substituting (13) yields

$$\Delta y = [f'(u) + \epsilon_2][g'(x)\Delta x + \epsilon_1\Delta x]$$

or

$$\Delta y = [f'(u) + \epsilon_2][g'(x) + \epsilon_1]\Delta x$$

or if $\Delta x \neq 0$,

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = [f'(u) + \epsilon_2][g'(x) + \epsilon_1] \quad (15)$$

But (13) implies that $\Delta u \rightarrow 0$ as $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$, and hence $\epsilon_1 \rightarrow 0$ and $\epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$. Thus, from (15)

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = f'(u)g'(x)$$

or

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = f'(u)g'(x) = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \quad \blacksquare$$

■ PROOF THAT RELATIVE EXTREMA OCCUR AT CRITICAL POINTS

In this subsection we will prove Theorem 5.2.2, which states that the relative extrema of a function occur at critical points.

C.5 THEOREM (Theorem 5.2.2). Suppose that f is a function defined on an open interval containing the point x_0 . If f has a relative extremum at $x = x_0$, then $x = x_0$ is a critical point of f ; that is, either $f'(x_0) = 0$ or f is not differentiable at x_0 .

PROOF. Suppose that f has a relative maximum at x_0 . There are two possibilities—either f is differentiable at a point x_0 or it is not. If it is not, then x_0 is a critical point for f and we are done. If f is differentiable at x_0 , then we must show that $f'(x_0) = 0$. We will do this by showing that $f'(x_0) \geq 0$ and $f'(x_0) \leq 0$, from which it follows that $f'(x_0) = 0$. From the definition of a derivative we have

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

so that

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} \quad (16)$$

and

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} \quad (17)$$

Because f has a relative maximum at x_0 , there is an open interval (a, b) containing x_0 in which $f(x) \leq f(x_0)$ for all x in (a, b) .

Assume that h is sufficiently small so that $x_0 + h$ lies in the interval (a, b) . Thus,

$$f(x_0 + h) \leq f(x_0) \quad \text{or equivalently} \quad f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0) \leq 0$$

Thus, if h is negative,

$$\frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} \geq 0 \quad (18)$$

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and if h is positive,

$$\frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} \leq 0 \quad (19)$$

But an expression that never assumes negative values cannot approach a negative limit and an expression that never assumes positive values cannot approach a positive limit, so that

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} \geq 0 \quad \text{From (17) and (18)}$$

and

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h} \leq 0 \quad \text{From (16) and (19)}$$

Since $f'(x_0) \geq 0$ and $f'(x_0) \leq 0$, it must be that $f'(x_0) = 0$.

A similar argument applies if f has a relative minimum at x_0 . ■

PROOFS OF TWO SUMMATION FORMULAS

We will prove parts (a) and (b) of Theorem 6.4.2. The proof of part (c) is similar to that of part (b) and is omitted.

C.6 THEOREM (Theorem 6.4.2).

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k &= 1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ (b) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 &= 1^2 + 2^2 + \cdots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \\ (c) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k^3 &= 1^3 + 2^3 + \cdots + n^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

PROOF (a). Writing

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k$$

two ways, with summands in increasing order and in decreasing order, and then adding, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n k &= 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + (n-2) + (n-1) + n \\ \sum_{k=1}^n k &= n + (n-1) + (n-2) + \cdots + 3 + 2 + 1 \\ \hline 2 \sum_{k=1}^n k &= (n+1) + (n+1) + (n+1) + \cdots + (n+1) + (n+1) + (n+1) \\ &= n(n+1) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

PROOF (b). Note that

$$(k+1)^3 - k^3 = k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 - k^3 = 3k^2 + 3k + 1$$

So,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n [(k+1)^3 - k^3] = \sum_{k=1}^n (3k^2 + 3k + 1) \quad (20)$$

The sum in (21) is an example of a *telescoping sum*, since the cancellation of each of the two parts of an interior summand with parts of its neighboring summands allows the entire sum to collapse like a telescope.

Writing out the left side of (20) with the index running *down* from $k = n$ to $k = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n [(k+1)^3 - k^3] &= [(n+1)^3 - n^3] + \cdots + [4^3 - 3^3] + [3^3 - 2^3] + [2^3 - 1^3] \\ &= (n+1)^3 - 1 \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Combining (21) and (20), and expanding the right side of (20) by using Theorem 6.4.1 and part (a) of this theorem yields

$$\begin{aligned} (n+1)^3 - 1 &= 3 \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 + 3 \sum_{k=1}^n k + \sum_{k=1}^n 1 \\ &= 3 \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 + 3 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 &= [(n+1)^3 - 1] - 3 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - n \\ &= (n+1)^3 - 3(n+1) \left(\frac{n}{2} \right) - (n+1) \\ &= \frac{n+1}{2} [2(n+1)^2 - 3n - 2] \\ &= \frac{n+1}{2} [2n^2 + n] = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

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

■ PROOF OF THE LIMIT COMPARISON TEST

C.7 THEOREM (Theorem 10.5.4). Let $\sum a_k$ and $\sum b_k$ be series with positive terms and suppose that

$$\rho = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k}$$

If ρ is finite and $\rho > 0$, then the series both converge or both diverge.

PROOF. We need only show that $\sum b_k$ converges when $\sum a_k$ converges and that $\sum b_k$ diverges when $\sum a_k$ diverges, since the remaining cases are logical implications of these (why?). The idea of the proof is to apply the comparison test to $\sum a_k$ and suitable multiples of $\sum b_k$. For this purpose let ϵ be any positive number. Since

$$\rho = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k}$$

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it follows that eventually the terms in the sequence $\{a_k/b_k\}$ must be within ϵ units of ρ ; that is, there is a positive integer K such that for $k \geq K$ we have

$$\rho - \epsilon < \frac{a_k}{b_k} < \rho + \epsilon$$

In particular, if we take $\epsilon = \rho/2$, then for $k \geq K$ we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\rho < \frac{a_k}{b_k} < \frac{3}{2}\rho \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{2}\rho b_k < a_k < \frac{3}{2}\rho b_k$$

Thus, by the comparison test we can conclude that

$$\sum_{k=K}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2}\rho b_k \quad \text{converges if} \quad \sum_{k=K}^{\infty} a_k \quad \text{converges} \quad (22)$$

$$\sum_{k=K}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2}\rho b_k \quad \text{diverges if} \quad \sum_{k=K}^{\infty} a_k \quad \text{diverges} \quad (23)$$

But the convergence or divergence of a series is not affected by deleting finitely many terms or by multiplying the general term by a nonzero constant, so (22) and (23) imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k & \text{ converges if } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \text{ converges} \\ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k & \text{ diverges if } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \text{ diverges} \end{aligned} \quad \blacksquare$$

■ PROOF OF THE RATIO TEST

C.8 THEOREM (Theorem 10.5.5). Let $\sum u_k$ be a series with positive terms and suppose that

$$\rho = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{u_{k+1}}{u_k}$$

- (a) If $\rho < 1$, the series converges.
- (b) If $\rho > 1$ or $\rho = +\infty$, the series diverges.
- (c) If $\rho = 1$, the series may converge or diverge, so that another test must be tried.

PROOF (a). The number ρ must be nonnegative since it is the limit of u_{k+1}/u_k , which is positive for all k . In this part of the proof we assume that $\rho < 1$, so that $0 \leq \rho < 1$.

We will prove convergence by showing that the terms of the given series are eventually less than the terms of a convergent geometric series. For this purpose, choose any real number r such that $0 < \rho < r < 1$. Since the limit of u_{k+1}/u_k is ρ , and $\rho < r$, the terms of the sequence $\{u_{k+1}/u_k\}$ must eventually be less than r . Thus, there is a positive integer K such that for $k \geq K$ we have

$$\frac{u_{k+1}}{u_k} < r \quad \text{or} \quad u_{k+1} < r u_k$$

This yields the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} u_{K+1} & < r u_K \\ u_{K+2} & < r u_{K+1} < r^2 u_K \\ u_{K+3} & < r u_{K+2} < r^3 u_K \\ u_{K+4} & < r u_{K+3} < r^4 u_K \\ & \vdots \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

But $0 < r < 1$, so

$$ru_K + r^2u_K + r^3u_K + \cdots$$

is a convergent geometric series. From the inequalities in (24) and the comparison test it follows that

$$u_{K+1} + u_{K+2} + u_{K+3} + \cdots$$

must also be a convergent series. Thus, $u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \cdots + u_k + \cdots$ converges by Theorem 10.4.3(c).

PROOF (b). In this part we will prove divergence by showing that the limit of the general term is not zero. Since the limit of u_{k+1}/u_k is ρ and $\rho > 1$, the terms in the sequence $\{u_{k+1}/u_k\}$ must eventually be greater than 1. Thus, there is a positive integer K such that for $k \geq K$ we have

$$\frac{u_{k+1}}{u_k} > 1 \quad \text{or} \quad u_{k+1} > u_k$$

This yields the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} u_{K+1} &> u_K \\ u_{K+2} &> u_{K+1} > u_K \\ u_{K+3} &> u_{K+2} > u_K \\ u_{K+4} &> u_{K+3} > u_K \\ &\vdots \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

Since $u_K > 0$, it follows from the inequalities in (25) that $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} u_k \neq 0$, and thus the series $u_1 + u_2 + \cdots + u_k + \cdots$ diverges by part (a) of Theorem 10.4.1. The proof in the case where $\rho = +\infty$ is omitted.

PROOF (c). The divergent harmonic series and the convergent p -series with $p = 2$ both have $\rho = 1$ (verify), so the ratio test does not distinguish between convergence and divergence when $\rho = 1$. ■

■ PROOF OF THE REMAINDER ESTIMATION THEOREM

C.9 THEOREM (Theorem 10.7.4). *If the function f can be differentiated $n + 1$ times on an interval I containing the number x_0 , and if M is an upper bound for $|f^{(n+1)}(x)|$ on I , that is, $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$ for all x in I , then*

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x - x_0|^{n+1}$$

for all x in I .

PROOF. We are assuming that f can be differentiated $n + 1$ times on an interval I containing the number x_0 and that

$$|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M \tag{26}$$

for all x in I . We want to show that

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x - x_0|^{n+1} \tag{27}$$

for all x in I , where

$$R_n(x) = f(x) - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x - x_0)^k \tag{28}$$

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In our proof we will need the following two properties of $R_n(x)$:

$$R_n(x_0) = R'_n(x_0) = \cdots = R_n^{(n)}(x_0) = 0 \quad (29)$$

$$R_n^{(n+1)}(x) = f^{(n+1)}(x) \quad \text{for all } x \text{ in } I \quad (30)$$

These properties can be obtained by analyzing what happens if the expression for $R_n(x)$ in Formula (28) is differentiated j times and x_0 is then substituted in that derivative. If $j < n$, then the j th derivative of the summation in Formula (28) consists of a constant term $f^{(j)}(x_0)$ plus terms involving powers of $x - x_0$ (verify). Thus, $R_n^{(j)}(x_0) = 0$ for $j < n$, which proves all but the last equation in (29). For the last equation, observe that the n th derivative of the summation in (28) is the constant $f^{(n)}(x_0)$, so $R_n^{(n)}(x_0) = 0$. Formula (30) follows from the observation that the $(n + 1)$ -st derivative of the summation in (28) is zero (why?).

Now to the main part of the proof. For simplicity we will give the proof for the case where $x \geq x_0$ and leave the case where $x < x_0$ for the reader. It follows from (26) and (30) that $|R_n^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$, and hence

$$-M \leq R_n^{(n+1)}(x) \leq M$$

Thus,

$$\int_{x_0}^x -M \, dt \leq \int_{x_0}^x R_n^{(n+1)}(t) \, dt \leq \int_{x_0}^x M \, dt \quad (31)$$

However, it follows from (29) that $R_n^{(n)}(x_0) = 0$, so

$$\int_{x_0}^x R_n^{(n+1)}(t) \, dt = R_n^{(n)}(t) \Big|_{x_0}^x = R_n^{(n)}(x)$$

Thus, performing the integrations in (31) we obtain the inequalities

$$-M(x - x_0) \leq R_n^{(n)}(x) \leq M(x - x_0)$$

Now we will integrate again. Replacing x by t in these inequalities, integrating from x_0 to x , and using $R_n^{(n-1)}(x_0) = 0$ yields

$$-\frac{M}{2}(x - x_0)^2 \leq R_n^{(n-1)}(x) \leq \frac{M}{2}(x - x_0)^2$$

If we keep repeating this process, then after $n + 1$ integrations we will obtain

$$-\frac{M}{(n+1)!}(x - x_0)^{n+1} \leq R_n(x) \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!}(x - x_0)^{n+1}$$

which we can rewrite as

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!}(x - x_0)^{n+1}$$

This completes the proof of (27), since the absolute value signs can be omitted in that formula when $x \geq x_0$ (which is the case we are considering). ■

■ PROOF OF THE TWO-VARIABLE CHAIN RULE

C.10 THEOREM (Theorem 14.5.1). *If $x = x(t)$ and $y = y(t)$ are differentiable at t , and if $z = f(x, y)$ is differentiable at the point $(x(t), y(t))$, then $z = f(x(t), y(t))$ is differentiable at t and*

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

Appendix C: Selected Proofs A31

PROOF. Let Δx , Δy , and Δz denote the changes in x , y , and z , respectively, that correspond to a change of Δt in t . Then

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t}, \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}$$

Since $f(x, y)$ is differentiable at $(x(t), y(t))$, it follows from (5) in Section 14.4 that

$$\Delta z = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \Delta y + \epsilon(\Delta x, \Delta y) \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2} \quad (32)$$

where the partial derivatives are evaluated at $(x(t), y(t))$ and where $\epsilon(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ satisfies $\epsilon(\Delta x, \Delta y) \rightarrow 0$ as $(\Delta x, \Delta y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ and $\epsilon(0, 0) = 0$. Dividing both sides of (32) by Δt yields

$$\frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} + \frac{\epsilon(\Delta x, \Delta y) \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}}{\Delta t} \quad (33)$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}}{|\Delta t|} &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}\right)^2 + \left(\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}\right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{\epsilon(\Delta x, \Delta y) \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}}{\Delta t} \right| &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\epsilon(\Delta x, \Delta y)| \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}}{|\Delta t|} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} |\epsilon(\Delta x, \Delta y)| \cdot \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}}{|\Delta t|} \\ &= 0 \cdot \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\epsilon(\Delta x, \Delta y) \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}}{\Delta t} = 0$$

Taking the limit as $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ of both sides of (33) then yields the equation

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

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