

# Real Analysis Assignments

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### 1.3.7

**Proof:**

**Forward direction:** If a set  $T_1$  is denumerable, then there exists a bijection from  $T_1$  onto a denumerable set  $T_2$ .

Since  $T_1$  is denumerable, then there exists a bijection  $f_1$  from  $N$  onto  $T_1$ . And since  $T_2$  is denumerable, then there exists a bijection  $f_2$  from  $N$  onto  $T_2$ . Also, since  $f_1$  is a bijection, then  $f_1^{-1}$  exists and is a bijection from  $T_1$  onto  $N$ . Then, the function defined by  $f_2 \circ f_1^{-1}$  is a bijection from  $T_1$  onto  $T_2$ , since the composition of bijective functions is bijective.

**Reverse direction:** If there exists a bijection from a set  $T_1$  onto a denumerable set  $T_2$ , then  $T_1$  is denumerable.

Let  $g$  be the bijection from  $T_1$  to  $T_2$ . Since  $T_2$  is denumerable, then there exists a bijection  $f_2$  from  $N$  onto  $T_2$ . Also, since  $g$  is a bijection, then  $g^{-1}$  exists and is a bijection from  $T_2$  onto  $T_1$ . Then, the function defined as  $f_1 := g^{-1} \circ f_2$  is a bijection from  $N$  onto  $T_1$ , since the composition of bijective functions is bijective. This implies that the set  $T_1$  is denumerable.

This completes the proof. □

### 1.3.8

Let's define the set  $S_i$  as  $S_i := \{i\}$ , then for each  $i$ ,  $S_i$  is a finite set (of cardinality = 1). But the union  $\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} S_i = N$  is infinite, because  $N$  is infinite.

### 2.1.4

By the trichotomy of  $a$ , we have three cases: (i)  $a < 0$ , (ii)  $a = 0$ , and (iii)  $a > 0$ .

**(i):**  $a < 0 \Rightarrow a \cdot a > 0 \Rightarrow a \cdot a > a \Rightarrow a \cdot a \neq a$ . Therefore,  $a$  cannot be less than 0.

**(ii):**  $a = 0 \Rightarrow a \cdot a = a$ , because  $0 \cdot 0 = 0$ .

**(iii):**  $a > 0$  and  $a \cdot a = a \Rightarrow a^{-1} \cdot a \cdot a = a^{-1} \cdot a \Rightarrow a = 1$ .

Therefore,  $a = 0$  or  $a = 1$ . □

## 2.1.23

### Proof:

**Forward direction:** For  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$ , and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ : If  $a < b$ , then  $a^n < b^n$ .

We use induction.

**Base case ( $n = 1$ ):** This case is trivially true because it is given by the hypothesis:  $a < b \iff a^1 < b^1$ .

**Inductive step ( $n > 1$ ):** By the induction hypothesis, we have:

$$a < b \Rightarrow a^n < b^n$$

Since  $b > 0$ , multiplying  $a^n < b^n$  by  $b$ , we get:

$$ba^n < b^{n+1} \tag{1}$$

Since  $a < b$ , then  $b - a > 0$ ; and since  $a > 0$ , then  $a^n > 0$ .

Also, since  $(b - a) > 0$  and  $a^n > 0$ , we have:

$$(b - a)a^n > 0 \Rightarrow ba^n - a^{n+1} > 0 \Rightarrow ba^n > a^{n+1} \tag{2}$$

Combining (1) and (2) together, we get:

$$a^{n+1} < ba^n < b^{n+1}$$

Therefore,  $a < b \Rightarrow a^{n+1} < b^{n+1}$ , thus closing the induction.

**Reverse direction:** For  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$ , and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ : If  $a^n < b^n$ , then  $a < b$ .

We use induction.

**Base case ( $n = 1$ ):** This case is trivially true because it is given by the hypothesis:  $a^1 < b^1 \iff a < b$ .

**Inductive step ( $n > 1$ ):** By the induction hypothesis, we have:

$$a^n < b^n \Rightarrow a < b \tag{3}$$

The contrapositive of (3) is:

$$a \geq b \Rightarrow a^n \geq b^n \tag{4}$$

Since  $b > 0$ , multiplying  $a^n \geq b^n$  by  $b$ , we get:

$$ba^n \geq b^{n+1} \tag{5}$$

Since  $a \geq b$ , then  $a - b \geq 0$ ; and since  $a > 0$ , then  $a^n > 0$ .  
Also, since  $(a - b) \geq 0$  and  $a^n > 0$ , we have:

$$(a - b)a^n \geq 0 \Rightarrow a^{n+1} - ba^n \geq 0 \Rightarrow a^{n+1} \geq ba^n \quad (6)$$

Combining (5) and (6) together, we get:

$$a^{n+1} \geq ba^n \geq b^{n+1} \quad (7)$$

Putting (4), (5), (6), and (7) together, we get:

$$a \geq b \Rightarrow a^{n+1} \geq b^{n+1} \quad (8)$$

Taking the contrapositive of (8), we get:

$$a^{n+1} < b^{n+1} \Rightarrow a < b \quad (9)$$

This closes the induction and completes the proof.  $\square$

## 2.2.16

$$V_\epsilon(a) = \{x \in R : |x - a| < \epsilon\}$$

$$V_\delta(a) = \{x \in R : |x - a| < \delta\}$$

$$(i) V_\epsilon(a) \cup V_\delta(a) = \{x \in R : |x - a| < \epsilon \text{ and } |x - a| < \delta\}$$

Let  $\gamma = \min(\epsilon, \delta)$ .

**Lower Bound:**  $|x - a| < \epsilon$  and  $|x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow x > a - \epsilon$  and  $x > a - \delta \Rightarrow x > a - \gamma$

**Upper Bound:**  $|x - a| < \epsilon$  and  $|x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow x < a + \epsilon$  and  $x < a + \delta \Rightarrow x < a + \gamma$

Therefore,  $V_\epsilon(a) \cup V_\delta(a)$  is in the  $\gamma$ -neighbourhood of  $a$ .

$$(ii) V_\epsilon(a) \cap V_\delta(a) = \{x \in R : |x - a| < \epsilon \text{ or } |x - a| < \delta\}$$

Let  $\gamma = \max(\epsilon, \delta)$ .

**Lower Bound:**  $|x - a| < \epsilon$  or  $|x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow x > a - \epsilon$  or  $x > a - \delta \Rightarrow x > a - \gamma$

**Upper Bound:**  $|x - a| < \epsilon$  and  $|x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow x < a + \epsilon$  and  $x < a + \delta \Rightarrow x < a + \gamma$

Therefore,  $V_\epsilon(a) \cap V_\delta(a)$  is in the  $\gamma$ -neighbourhood of  $a$ .

### 2.2.17

Without loss of generality, assume that  $b > a$ . Let  $\epsilon = \frac{b-a}{2}$

Then,  $U_\epsilon(a) = \{x \in R : |x - a| < \epsilon\}$ , and  $V_\epsilon(b) = \{x \in R : |x - b| < \epsilon\}$

$U_\epsilon(a) \cap V_\epsilon(b) = \{x \in R : |x - a| < \epsilon \text{ and } |x - b| < \epsilon\}$

**Lower Bound:**  $|x - a| < \epsilon$  and  $|x - b| < \epsilon \Rightarrow x > a - \epsilon$  and  $x > b - \epsilon \Rightarrow x > a - \frac{b-a}{2}$  and  $x > b - \frac{b-a}{2} \Rightarrow x > \frac{a+b}{2}$  and  $x > \frac{b-a}{2} \Rightarrow x > \frac{b-a}{2}$

**Upper Bound:**  $|x - a| < \epsilon$  and  $|x - b| < \epsilon \Rightarrow x < a + \epsilon$  and  $x < b + \epsilon \Rightarrow x < a + \frac{b-a}{2}$  and  $x < b + \frac{b-a}{2} \Rightarrow x < \frac{a+b}{2}$  and  $x < b + \frac{b-a}{2} \Rightarrow x < \frac{a+b}{2}$

But this is a contradiction, since the lower bound is greater than the upper bound. Therefore, we conclude that  $U_\epsilon(a) \cap V_\epsilon(b) = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

### 2.3.4

$$S_4 = \{1 - (-1)^n/n : n \in N\}$$

Let  $S' = \{-(-1)^n/n : n \in N\}$ . Then:  $S_4 = 1 + S'$ .

$$\inf(S') = -(-1)^2/2 = -1/2$$

$$\sup(S') = -(-1)^1/1 = 1$$

$\inf(S_4)$ :

$$\inf(S_4) = 1 + \inf(S') = 1 + (-1/2) = 1/2$$

$\sup(S_4)$ :

$$\sup(S_4) = 1 + \sup(S') = 1 + 1 = 2$$

### 2.3.11

*Proof.* By the definition of the infimum and supremum we have  $\inf(S_0) \leq \sup(S_0)$ . So we need only show that (i)  $\inf(S) \leq \inf(S_0)$ , and (ii)  $\sup(S_0) \leq \sup(S)$ .

**i.  $\inf(S) \leq \inf(S_0)$ :** We prove this by contradiction.

Suppose that  $\inf(S_0) < \inf(S)$ .

Since  $\inf(S_0)$  is a infimum for  $S_0$ , then  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists s \in S_0 : s < \inf(S_0) + \epsilon$ .

Taking  $\epsilon = [\inf(S) - \inf(S_0)]/2$

$\Rightarrow \exists s \in S_0$  and  $s < \inf(S)$   
 $\Rightarrow s \in S_0$  and  $s \notin S$   
 $\Rightarrow S_0 \not\subset S$ .

This is a contradiction. Therefore, we must conclude that  $\inf(S) \leq \inf(S_0)$ .

**ii.  $\sup(S_0) \leq \sup(S)$ :** We prove this by contradiction.

Suppose that  $\sup(S_0) > \sup(S)$ .

Since  $\sup(S_0)$  is a supremum for  $S_0$ , then  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists s \in S_0 : s > \sup(S_0) - \epsilon$ .

Taking  $\epsilon = [\sup(S_0) - \sup(S)]/2$

$\Rightarrow \exists s \in S_0$  and  $s > \sup(S)$

$\Rightarrow s \in S_0$  and  $s \notin S$

$\Rightarrow S_0 \not\subset S$ .

This is a contradiction. Therefore, we must conclude that  $\sup(S_0) \leq \sup(S)$ .  $\square$

### 3.1.1.b

$x_n := (-1)^n/n = (-1, 1/2, -1/3, 1/4, -1/5, \dots)$

### 3.1.5.d

Required to show:  $\lim(\frac{n^2-1}{2n^2+3}) = \frac{1}{2}$

*Proof.* Given any  $\epsilon > 0$ , we need to find  $k(\epsilon)$  such that for all  $n \geq k$ :  $|\frac{n^2-1}{2n^2+3} - \frac{1}{2}| < \epsilon$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \frac{n^2-1}{2n^2+3} - \frac{1}{2} \right| &< \epsilon \\
 \left| \frac{2n^2-2-2n^2-3}{4n^2+6} \right| &< \epsilon \\
 \left| \frac{-5}{4n^2+6} \right| &< \epsilon \\
 \frac{5}{4n^2+6} &< \epsilon \\
 \frac{5}{4n^2+6} &\leq \frac{5}{n^2} \leq \frac{5}{n} < \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $k(\epsilon) = 5/\epsilon$  satisfies the required conditions.  $\square$

### 3.1.7

**a**

Required to show:  $\lim(\frac{1}{\ln(n+1)}) = 0$

*Proof.* Given any  $\epsilon > 0$ , we need to find  $k(\epsilon)$  such that for all  $n \geq k$ :  $|\frac{1}{\ln(n+1)} - 0| < \epsilon$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
|\frac{1}{\ln(n+1)} - 0| &< \epsilon \\
\frac{1}{\ln(n+1)} &< \epsilon \\
\ln(n+1) &> \frac{1}{\epsilon} \\
n+1 &> e^{\frac{1}{\epsilon}} \\
n &> e^{\frac{1}{\epsilon}} - 1
\end{aligned}$$

Taking  $k(\epsilon) = e^{\frac{1}{\epsilon}} - 1$  satisfies the required conditions.

□

**b**

- i.  $k(1/2) = e^2 - 1 = 7$
- ii.  $k(1/10) = e^{10} - 1 = 22026$

### 3.1.9

*Proof.*  $\lim(x_n) = 0 \Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0$  there exists  $k(\epsilon)$  such that for all  $n \geq k$ :  $|x_n - 0| < \epsilon$ .

$\Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0$  there exists  $k(\epsilon)$  such that for all  $n \geq k$ :  $x_n < \epsilon$  (because  $x_n > 0$ ).

$\Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0$  there exists  $k(\epsilon)$  such that for all  $n \geq k$ :  $\sqrt{x_n} - 0 < \sqrt{\epsilon} = \epsilon'$ .

Since  $\epsilon'$  can take on any value greater than zero, then by the definition of the limit of a sequence this shows that  $\lim(\sqrt{x_n}) = 0$ .

□

### 3.1.12

Required to show:  $\lim(\sqrt{n^2 + 1} - n) = 0$

*Proof.* Given any  $\epsilon > 0$ , we need to find  $k(\epsilon)$  such that for all  $n \geq k$ :  $|(\sqrt{n^2 + 1} - n) - 0| < \epsilon$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 |(\sqrt{n^2 + 1} - n) - 0| &< \epsilon \\
 |\sqrt{n^2 + 1} - n| &< \epsilon \\
 \sqrt{n^2 + 1} - n &\leq \sqrt{(n + 1/n)^2} - n < \epsilon \\
 \sqrt{n^2 + 1} - n &\leq (n + 1/n) - n < \epsilon \\
 \sqrt{n^2 + 1} - n &\leq 1/n < \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $k(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$  satisfies the required conditions.

□