Why

An integral is a limit. When can we exchange this limit with another? We give a first result in the search for sufficient conditions to do so.

Result

When context is clear, we refer to the following proposition as the *dominated convergence theorem.*

Proposition 1. *The integral of the almost everywhere limit of a sequence of measurable, extended-real-valued, almost-everywhere bounded functions is the limit of the sequence of integrals of the functions.*

Proof. Let $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ be a measure space. Let $f : X \to [-\infty, \infty]$ be a $\mathcal{A}$-measurable function. Let $f_n :\to [-\infty, \infty]$ a $\mathcal{A}$-measurable function for every natural number n so that $(f_n)_n$ converges almost everywhere to f. Let $g : X \to [0, \infty]$ be an integrable function which dominates f_n almost everywhere for each n. We want to show that:

$$\int f d\mu = \lim_n \int f_n d\mu.$$

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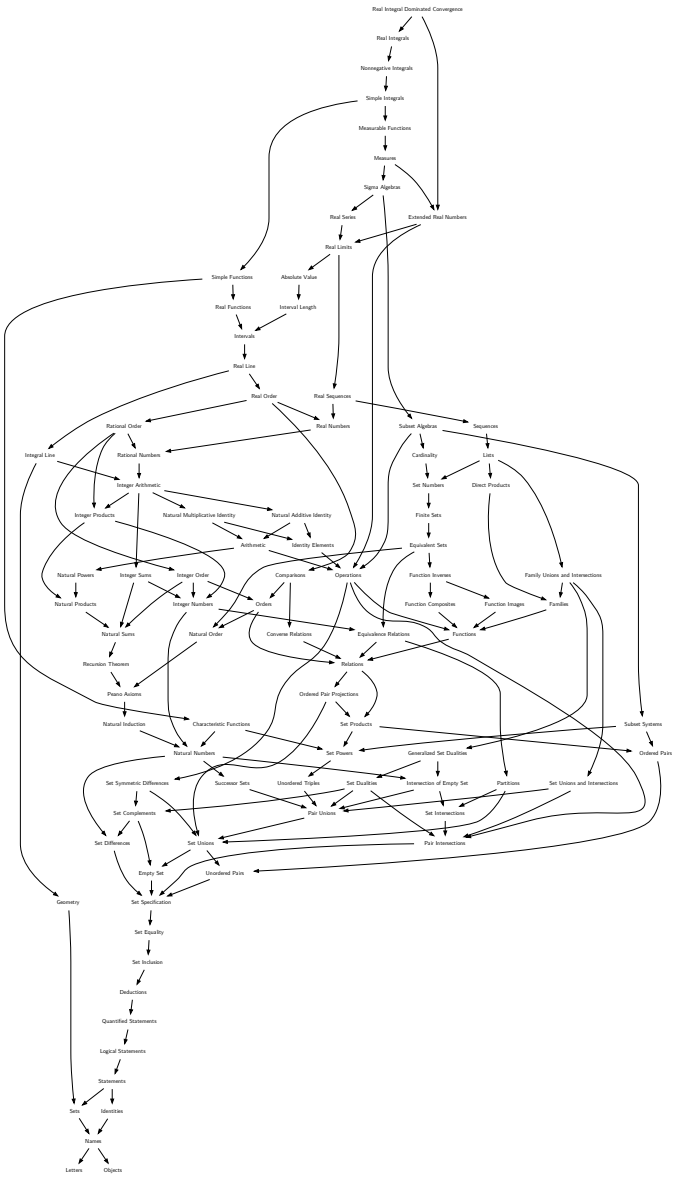
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