

# C4 Analysis

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**Definition 0.1** (Limit of a Function). Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a$  be an accumulation point of  $A$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we say  $b$  is the *limit* of  $f$  at  $a$ , and write  $f(x) \rightarrow b$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = b$ , iff for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that, for all  $x \in A - \{a\}$ , if  $|x - a| < \delta$  then  $|f(x) - b| < \epsilon$ .

**Proposition 0.2.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a$  be an accumulation point of  $A$  and  $b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f(x) \rightarrow b$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  and  $f(x) \rightarrow c$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  then  $b = c$ .

PROOF:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1.$   $\forall \epsilon > 0. |b - c| < \epsilon$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 1.$  LET:  $\epsilon > 0$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 2.$  PICK  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\forall x \in A - \{a\}. |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - b| < \epsilon/2 \wedge |f(x) - c| < \epsilon/2$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3.$  PICK  $x \in (A - \{a\}) \cap (a - \delta, a + \delta)$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4.$   $|f(x) - b| < \epsilon/2$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 5.$   $|f(x) - c| < \epsilon/2$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 6.$   $|b - c| < \epsilon$

□

**Proposition 0.3** (Choice). Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a$  be an accumulation point of  $A$ . Let  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f(x) \rightarrow b$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  if and only if, for any sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $A - \{a\}$ , if  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $f(x_n) \rightarrow b$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

PROOF:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1.$  If  $f(x) \rightarrow b$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  then, for any sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $A - \{a\}$ , if  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $f(x_n) \rightarrow b$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 1.$  ASSUME:  $f(x) \rightarrow b$  as  $x \rightarrow a$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 2.$  LET:  $(x_n)$  be a sequence in  $A - \{a\}$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3.$  ASSUME:  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4.$  LET:  $\epsilon > 0$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 5.$  PICK  $\delta > 0$  such that, for all  $x \in A - \{a\}$ , if  $|x - a| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - b| < \epsilon$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 6.$  PICK  $N$  such that  $\forall n \geq N. |x_n - a| < \delta$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 7.$   $\forall n \geq N. |f(x_n) - b| < \epsilon$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2.$  If, for any sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $A - \{a\}$ , if  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $f(x_n) \rightarrow b$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $f(x) \rightarrow b$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ .
- $\langle 2 \rangle 1.$  ASSUME:  $f(x) \not\rightarrow b$  as  $x \rightarrow a$

- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . PICK  $\epsilon > 0$  such that, for all  $\delta > 0$ , there exists  $x \in A - \{a\}$  such that  $|x - a| < \delta$  and  $|f(x) - b| \geq \epsilon$   
 $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , PICK  $x_n \in A - \{a\}$  such that  $|x_n - a| < 1/n$  and  $|f(x_n) - b| \geq \epsilon$   
 $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ .  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\langle 2 \rangle 5$ .  $f(x_n) \not\rightarrow b$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

□

**Proposition 0.4.** Let  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a$  be an accumulation point of  $A \cap B$ . Let  $b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Assume  $f(x) \rightarrow b$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  and  $g(x) \rightarrow c$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ . Then  $f(x) + g(x) \rightarrow b + c$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ .

PROOF:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . LET:  $\epsilon > 0$   
 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . PICK  $\delta > 0$  such that, for all  $x \in A - \{a\}$ , if  $|x - a| < \delta$  then  $|f(x) - b| < \epsilon/2$ , and for all  $x \in B - \{a\}$ , if  $|x - a| < \delta$  then  $|g(x) - c| < \epsilon/2$   
 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . LET:  $x \in (A \cap B) - \{a\}$   
 $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . ASSUME:  $|x - a| < \delta$   
 $\langle 1 \rangle 5$ .  $|(f(x) + g(x)) - (b + c)| < \epsilon$

□

**Proposition 0.5.** Let  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a$  be an accumulation point of  $A \cap B$ . Let  $b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Assume  $f(x) \rightarrow b$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  and  $g(x) \rightarrow c$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ . Then  $f(x)g(x) \rightarrow bc$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ .

PROOF:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . LET:  $\epsilon > 0$   
 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . LET:  $d = \epsilon/2|b|$  if  $b \neq 0$ , or  $d = 1$  if  $b = 0$   
 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . PICK  $\delta > 0$  such that, for all  $x \in A - \{a\}$ , if  $|x - a| < \delta$  then  $|f(x) - b| < \epsilon/2(d + |c|)$ , and for all  $x \in B - \{a\}$ , if  $|x - a| < \delta$  then  $|g(x) - c| < d$   
 $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . LET:  $x \in (A \cap B) - \{a\}$   
 $\langle 1 \rangle 5$ . ASSUME:  $|x - a| < \delta$   
 $\langle 1 \rangle 6$ .  $|f(x)g(x) - bc| < \epsilon$

PROOF:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(x)g(x) - bc| &\leq |f(x) - b||g(x)| + |b||g(x) - c| \\
 &\leq \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 \\
 &= \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Proposition 0.6.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a$  be an accumulation point of  $A$  and  $b > 0$ . Suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = b$ . Then there exists  $\delta$  such that, for all  $x \in A - \{a\}$ , if  $|x - a| < \delta$  then  $f(x) > b/2$ .

PROOF: Take  $\epsilon = b/2$  in the definition of limit. □

**Proposition 0.7.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a$  be an accumulation point of  $A$ . Let  $b \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ . Suppose  $f(x) \rightarrow b$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ . Then  $a$  is an accumulation point of  $\{x \in A : f(x) \neq 0\}$  and  $1/f(x) \rightarrow 1/b$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ .

PROOF:

⟨1⟩1.  $a$  is an accumulation point of  $\{x \in A : f(x) \neq 0\}$ .

⟨2⟩1. LET:  $\delta > 0$

⟨2⟩2. ASSUME: w.l.o.g.  $\forall x \in A - \{a\}. |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow f(x) \neq 0$

⟨2⟩3. PICK  $x \in (a - \delta, a + \delta) \cap (A - \{a\})$

⟨2⟩4.  $x \in (a - \delta, a + \delta) \cap (\{x \in A : f(x) \neq 0\} - \{a\})$

⟨1⟩2. For all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that, for all  $x \in A - \{a\}$ , if  $f(x) \neq 0$  and  $|x - a| < \delta$  then  $|1/f(x) - 1/b| < \epsilon$

⟨2⟩1. LET:  $\epsilon > 0$

⟨2⟩2. PICK  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\forall x \in A - \{a\}. |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - b| < \epsilon|b|^2/2$  and  $\forall x \in A - \{a\}. |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x)| > |b|/2$

PROOF: Proposition 0.6.

⟨2⟩3. LET:  $x \in A - \{a\}$  satisfy  $f(x) \neq 0$  and  $|x - a| < \delta$

⟨2⟩4.  $|1/f(x) - 1/b| < \epsilon$

PROOF:

$$\begin{aligned} |1/f(x) - 1/b| &= |f(x) - b|/|f(x)||b| \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned} \quad (\langle 2 \rangle 2)$$

□

**Definition 0.8** (Continuity at a Point). Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a \in A$  be an accumulation point of  $A$ . Then  $f$  is *continuous* at  $a$  if and only if  $f(x) \rightarrow f(a)$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ .

$f$  is *continuous* if and only if every point of  $A$  is an accumulation point of  $A$  and  $f$  is continuous at every point of  $A$ .

**Proposition 0.9.** Let  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a \in A \cap B$  be an accumulation point of  $A \cap B$ . Assume  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous at  $a$ . Then  $f + g$  and  $fg$  are continuous at  $a$ .

PROOF: Propositions 0.4 and 0.5. □

**Corollary 0.9.1.** Every polynomial is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Proposition 0.10.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a \in A$  be an accumulation point of  $A$ . Assume  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  and  $f(a) \neq 0$ . Then  $1/f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

PROOF: Proposition 0.7. □

**Proposition 0.11.** Let  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a \in A$  be an accumulation point of  $A$ . Assume  $f(a) \in B$  and  $f(a)$  is an accumulation point of  $B$ . If  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  and  $g$  is continuous at  $f(a)$  then  $g \circ f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

PROOF:

⟨1⟩1. LET:  $\epsilon > 0$

⟨1⟩2. PICK  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that, for all  $y \in B - \{f(a)\}$ , if  $|y - f(a)| < \delta_1$  then  $|g(y) - g(f(a))| < \epsilon$

⟨1⟩3. PICK  $\delta_2 > 0$  such that, for all  $x \in A - \{a\}$ , if  $|x - a| < \delta_2$  then  $|f(x) - f(a)| < \delta_1$

⟨1⟩4. For all  $x \in A - \{a\}$ , if  $|x - a| < \delta_2$  then  $|g(f(x)) - g(f(a))| < \epsilon$

□

**Definition 0.12** (Relatively Open). Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $B \subseteq A$ . Then  $B$  is *relatively open* in  $A$  iff there exists an open set  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  such that  $B = A \cap V$ .

**Lemma 0.13.** Let  $B \subseteq A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $B$  is relatively open in  $A$  iff, for all  $x \in B$ , there exists an open interval  $I$  containing  $x$  such that  $I \cap A \subseteq B$ .

PROOF:

⟨1⟩1. If  $B$  is relatively open in  $A$  then, for all  $x \in B$ , there exists an open interval  $I$  containing  $x$  such that  $I \cap A \subseteq B$

⟨2⟩1. ASSUME:  $B$  is relatively open in  $A$ .

⟨2⟩2. PICK an open set  $V$  such that  $B = A \cap V$

⟨2⟩3. LET:  $x \in B$

⟨2⟩4. PICK an open interval  $I$  such that  $x \in I \subseteq V$

⟨2⟩5.  $I \cap A \subseteq B$

⟨1⟩2. If, for all  $x \in B$ , there exists an open interval  $I$  containing  $x$  such that  $I \cap A \subseteq B$ , then  $B$  is relatively open in  $A$ .

⟨2⟩1. ASSUME: For all  $x \in B$ , there exists an open interval  $I$  containing  $x$  such that  $I \cap A \subseteq B$

⟨2⟩2. LET:  $V$  be the union of all the open intervals  $I$  such that  $I \cap A \subseteq B$

⟨2⟩3.  $B = A \cap V$

□

**Theorem 0.14.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be a set such that every point in  $A$  is an accumulation point of  $A$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is continuous if and only if, for every open set  $W$ , we have  $f^{-1}(W)$  relatively open in  $A$ .

PROOF:

⟨1⟩1. If  $f$  is continuous then, for every open set  $W$ , we have  $f^{-1}(W)$  is relatively open in  $A$ .

⟨2⟩1. ASSUME:  $f$  is continuous.

⟨2⟩2. LET:  $W$  be an open set.

⟨2⟩3. For all  $x \in f^{-1}(W)$ , there exists an open interval containing  $I$  such that  $I \cap A \subseteq f^{-1}(W)$

⟨3⟩1. LET:  $x \in f^{-1}(W)$

⟨3⟩2. PICK  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $(f(x) - \epsilon, f(x) + \epsilon) \subseteq W$

⟨3⟩3. PICK  $\delta > 0$  such that, for all  $y \in A - \{x\}$ , if  $|y - x| < \delta$  then  $|f(y) - f(x)| < \epsilon$

⟨3⟩4. LET:  $I = (x - \delta, x + \delta)$

PROVE:  $I \cap A \subseteq f^{-1}(W)$

⟨3⟩5. LET:  $y \in I \cap A$

⟨3⟩6.  $f(y) \in (f(x) - \epsilon, f(x) + \epsilon)$

⟨3⟩7.  $f(y) \in W$

⟨2⟩4.  $f^{-1}(W)$  is relatively open in  $A$ .

PROOF: Lemma 0.13.

- ⟨1⟩2. If, for every open set  $W$ , we have  $f^{-1}(W)$  is relatively open in  $A$ , then  $f$  is continuous.
- ⟨2⟩1. ASSUME: For every open set  $W$ , we have  $f^{-1}(W)$  is relatively open in  $A$ .
- ⟨2⟩2. LET:  $x \in A$
- ⟨2⟩3. LET:  $\epsilon > 0$
- ⟨2⟩4.  $f^{-1}((f(x) - \epsilon, f(x) + \epsilon))$  is relatively open in  $A$ .
- ⟨2⟩5. PICK  $\delta > 0$  such that  $(x - \delta, x + \delta) \cap A \subseteq f^{-1}((f(x) - \epsilon, f(x) + \epsilon))$
- PROOF: Lemma 0.13.
- ⟨2⟩6. For all  $y \in A - \{x\}$ , if  $|y - x| < \delta$  then  $|f(y) - f(x)| < \epsilon$

□

**Proposition 0.15.** *Let  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be compact and be such that every element of  $C$  is an accumulation point of  $C$ . Let  $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous. Then  $f(C)$  is compact.*

PROOF:

- ⟨1⟩1. LET:  $\mathcal{A}$  be an open covering of  $f(C)$ .
- ⟨1⟩2.  $\{W \in \mathcal{P}\mathbb{R} : W \text{ is open, } \exists A \in \mathcal{A}. f^{-1}(A) = W \cap C\}$  is an open covering of  $C$ .
- PROOF: Theorem 0.14.
- ⟨1⟩3. PICK a finite subcover  $\{W_1, \dots, W_n\}$  of  $C$ .
- ⟨1⟩4. For  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , PICK  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $f^{-1}(A_i) = W_i \cap C$
- ⟨1⟩5.  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$  covers  $f(C)$ .

□

**Corollary 0.15.1.** *Let  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be compact and be such that every element of  $C$  is an accumulation point of  $C$ . Let  $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous. Then  $f(C)$  has a maximum and a minimum value.*

**Lemma 0.16.** *Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $A$  is connected if and only if there do not exist nonempty disjoint sets  $B, C$  relatively open in  $A$  such that  $A = B \cup C$ .*

PROOF:

- ⟨1⟩1. If  $A = B \cup C$  where  $B$  and  $C$  are nonempty, disjoint and relatively open in  $A$ , then  $A$  is disconnected.
- ⟨2⟩1. ASSUME:  $A = B \cup C$  where  $B$  and  $C$  are nonempty, disjoint and relatively open in  $A$ .
- ⟨2⟩2. PICK open sets  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  such that  $B = B_1 \cap A$  and  $C = C_1 \cap A$
- ⟨2⟩3.  $B$  contains no accumulation point of  $C$ .
- ⟨3⟩1. ASSUME: for a contradiction  $b \in B$  and  $b$  is an accumulation point of  $C$
- ⟨3⟩2.  $b$  is an accumulation point of  $\mathbb{R} - B_1$
- ⟨3⟩3.  $b \in \mathbb{R} - B_1$
- PROOF: Since  $\mathbb{R} - B_1$  is closed.
- ⟨3⟩4. Q.E.D.
- PROOF: This contradicts the fact that  $b \in B$ .

⟨2⟩4.  $C$  contains no accumulation point of  $B$ .

PROOF: Similar.

⟨1⟩2. If  $A$  is disconnected then there exist nonempty, disjoint sets  $B$  and  $C$  relatively open in  $A$  such that  $A = B \cup C$ .

⟨2⟩1. ASSUME:  $A$  is disconnected

⟨2⟩2. PICK disjoint nonempty sets  $B$  and  $C$  such that  $A = B \cup C$  and neither of  $B$  and  $C$  contains an accumulation point of the other.

⟨2⟩3.  $B$  is relatively open in  $A$

PROOF:  $B = A \cap (\mathbb{R} - \overline{C})$

⟨2⟩4.  $C$  is relatively open in  $A$

PROOF: Similar.

□

**Theorem 0.17.** *Let  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be connected and such that every element of  $C$  is an accumulation point of  $C$ . Let  $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous. Then  $f(C)$  is connected.*

PROOF:

⟨1⟩1. ASSUME: for a contradiction  $f(C) = B \cup D$  where  $B$  and  $D$  are nonempty, disjoint and relatively open in  $f(C)$

PROOF: Lemma 0.16.

⟨1⟩2. PICK open sets  $B', D'$  such that  $B = f(C) \cap B'$  and  $D = f(C) \cap D'$

⟨1⟩3.  $C = f^{-1}(B') \cup f^{-1}(D')$

⟨1⟩4.  $f^{-1}(B')$  and  $f^{-1}(D')$  are relatively open in  $C$

PROOF: Theorem 0.14

⟨1⟩5.  $f^{-1}(B')$  and  $f^{-1}(D')$  are nonempty and disjoint

⟨1⟩6. Q.E.D.

PROOF: This contradicts the fact that  $C$  is connected by Lemma 0.16.

□

**Corollary 0.17.1.** *The continuous image of a closed interval is a closed interval.*

**Corollary 0.17.2** (Intermediate Value Theorem). *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous. Let  $c$  be between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ . Then there exists  $x \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(x) = c$ .*

**Proposition 0.18.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous and injective. Then  $f^{-1}$  is continuous.*

PROOF:

⟨1⟩1. LET:  $y \in f([a, b])$

⟨1⟩2. LET:  $\epsilon > 0$

⟨1⟩3. LET:  $x$  be the point such that  $f(x) = y$

⟨1⟩4.  $f([x - \epsilon/2, x + \epsilon/2] \cap [a, b])$  is a closed interval.

⟨1⟩5. PICK  $\delta > 0$  such that  $(y - \delta, y + \delta) \subseteq f([x - \epsilon/2, x + \epsilon/2] \cap [a, b])$

⟨1⟩6. LET:  $z \in f([a, b]) - \{y\}$  be such that  $|y - z| < \delta$

⟨1⟩7.  $|f^{-1}(z) - x| < \epsilon$

□

**Definition 0.19** (Uniformly Continuous). Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be such that every point of  $A$  is an accumulation point of  $A$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is *uniformly continuous* iff, for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that, for all  $x, y \in A$ , if  $|x - y| < \delta$  then  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$ .

**Theorem 0.20.** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be compact and such that every point of  $A$  is an accumulation point of  $A$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f$  is continuous then  $f$  is uniformly continuous.

PROOF:

⟨1⟩1. LET:  $\epsilon > 0$

⟨1⟩2. LET:  $\mathcal{B}$  be the set of all sets of the form  $\{(z - \delta, z + \delta) : z \in A, \delta > 0, \forall u \in A. |z - u| < 2\delta \Rightarrow |f(z) - f(u)| < \epsilon/2\}$

⟨1⟩3.  $\mathcal{B}$  covers  $A$ .

⟨1⟩4. PICK a finite subcover  $\{(z_1 - \delta_1, z_1 + \delta_1), \dots, (z_n - \delta_n, z_n + \delta_n)\}$

⟨1⟩5. LET:  $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)$

⟨1⟩6. LET:  $x, y \in A$  with  $|x - y| < \delta$

⟨1⟩7. PICK  $i$  such that  $x \in (z_i - \delta_i, z_i + \delta_i)$

⟨1⟩8.  $|f(x) - f(z_i)| < \epsilon/2$

⟨1⟩9.  $|y - z_i| < 2\delta_i$

⟨1⟩10.  $|f(y) - f(z_i)| < \epsilon/2$

⟨1⟩11.  $|f(y) - f(x)| < \epsilon$

□

## 1 Infinite Series

**Definition 1.1** (Infinite Series). Let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence of real numbers. The *infinite series*  $\sum_n a_n$  is the sequence  $(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i)$ . The term  $\sum_{i=0}^n a_i$  is the *nth partial sum* of the series. If the series converges, its limit is called the *sum* of the series and denoted  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i$ .

**Theorem 1.2** (Cauchy Criterion). Let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence of real numbers. Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges if and only if, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that, for all  $m \geq n \geq N$ , we have  $|\sum_{i=m}^n a_i| < \epsilon$ .

PROOF: Since the reals are Cauchy complete. □

**Corollary 1.2.1.** If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges then  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Corollary 1.2.2** (Comparison Test). Let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence of non-negative real numbers, and  $(b_n)$  a sequence of real numbers. If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges and  $\forall n. |b_n| \leq a_n$  then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges.

PROOF: Since  $|\sum_{i=m}^n b_i| \leq \sum_{i=m}^n a_i$ . □

**Proposition 1.3.** For  $k \geq 2$  an integer, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^k$  converges.

PROOF:

⟨1⟩1. The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n(n+1)$  converges.

PROOF: The  $N$ th partial sum is

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^N 1/n(n+1) &= \sum_{n=1}^N (1/n - 1/(n+1)) \\ &= 1 - 1/(N+1) \\ &\rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty\end{aligned}$$

⟨1⟩2. The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2$  converges.

PROOF: By the Comparison Test, we have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/(n+1)^2$  converges.

⟨1⟩3. For  $k \geq 2$  an integer, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^k$  converges.

PROOF: By the Comparison Test.

□

**Proposition 1.4.** If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converge then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$$

PROOF: Apply Theorem ?? to the partial sums. □

**Proposition 1.5.** If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges then, for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda a_n = \lambda \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ .

PROOF: Easy. □

**Proposition 1.6.** Let  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  be sequences of positive real numbers. Let  $c$  be a positive real. Assume  $a_n/b_n \rightarrow c$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges if and only if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges.

PROOF:

⟨1⟩1. ASSUME:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges.

⟨1⟩2. LET:  $\epsilon > 0$

⟨1⟩3. PICK  $N$  such that, for all  $m, n \geq N$ , we have  $\sum_{i=m}^n b_i < \epsilon/(c+1)$  and for all  $n \geq N$  we have  $|a_n/b_n - c| < 1$

⟨1⟩4. LET:  $m, n \geq N$

⟨1⟩5.  $\sum_{i=m}^n a_i < \epsilon$

PROOF:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=m}^n a_i &< \sum_{i=m}^n b_i(c+1) \\ &= (c+1) \sum_{i=m}^n b_i \\ &< \epsilon\end{aligned}$$

□

**Proposition 1.7** (Geometric Series). Let  $b, r \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|r| < 1$ . Then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} br^n = b/(1-r)$ .



PROOF:

$$\langle 1 \rangle 1. \sum_{i=0}^n br^i = b(1 - r^{n+1})/(1 - r)$$

PROOF:

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - r) \sum_{i=0}^n br^i &= \sum_{i=0}^n br^i - \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} br^i \\ &= b - br^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle 1 \rangle 2. \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} br^i = b/(1 - r)$$

PROOF: Lemma ??

□

**Proposition 1.8.** Let  $b, r \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|r| \geq 1$ . Then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} br^n$  diverges.

PROOF: Since  $br^n$  does not converge to 0. □

**Proposition 1.9** (Harmonic Series).  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n$  diverges.

PROOF: Since  $\sum_{i=1}^{2^n} 1/i \geq 1 + n/2$ . □

**Definition 1.10** (Absolute Convergence). A series  $\sum_n a_n$  converges absolutely iff  $\sum_n |a_n|$  converges.

**Proposition 1.11.** An absolutely convergent series converges.

PROOF: By the Comparison Test. □

**Theorem 1.12** (Alternating Series Test). Let  $(a_n)$  be a decreasing sequence of nonnegative real numbers that converges to 0. Then  $\sum_n (-1)^n a_n$  converges.

PROOF:

$\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . For natural numbers  $m \leq n$ ,

$$\text{LET: } R_{mn} = \sum_{i=m}^n (-1)^i a_i$$

$\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . For natural numbers  $m \leq n$ ,  $(-1)^m R_{mn} \geq 0$

PROOF: It is  $\sum_{0 \leq j, m+2j+1 \leq n} (a_{m+2j} - a_{m+2j+1})$  if  $n - m$  is even, or  $\sum_{0 \leq j, m+2j+1 \leq n} (a_{m+2j} - a_{m+2j+1}) + a_n$  if  $n - m$  is odd.

$\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . For natural numbers  $m \leq n$ ,  $(-1)^m R_{mn} \leq a_m$

PROOF: It is  $a_m + \sum_j (-a_{m+2j+1} + a_{m+2j+2})$  if  $n - m$  is odd, or  $a_m + \sum_j (-a_{m+2j+1} + a_{m+2j+2}) - a_n$  if  $n - m$  is even.

$\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . For natural numbers  $m \leq n$ ,  $|R_{mn}| \leq a_m$

$\langle 1 \rangle 5$ . LET:  $\epsilon > 0$

$\langle 1 \rangle 6$ . PICK  $N$  such that  $\forall n \geq N. a_n < \epsilon$

$\langle 1 \rangle 7$ . For all  $m, n$ , if  $N \leq m \leq n$  then  $|R_{mn}| < \epsilon$

$\langle 1 \rangle 8$ . Q.E.D.

PROOF: By the Cauchy criterion.

□

**Definition 1.13** (Remainder of a Series). Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . The *remainder* of the series after the  $N$ th term is the series  $\sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} a_n$ .

**Proposition 1.14.** *If the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then*

$$\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

PROOF:

$\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . For all  $N, k$  with  $N \leq k$ , we have  $\sum_{n=0}^k a_n = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n + \sum_{n=N}^k a_n$

$\langle 1 \rangle 2$ .  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n + \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$

PROOF: Taking limits.

$\langle 1 \rangle 3$ .  $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n - \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n$

$\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .  $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

PROOF:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n - \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n &\rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n && \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 1.15** (Ratio Test). *Let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence of non-zero real numbers.*

1. *If  $(|a_{n+1}/a_n|)$  converges to a limit  $< 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely.*
2. *If  $(|a_{n+1}/a_n|)$  converges to a limit  $> 1$  or diverges to  $+\infty$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.*

PROOF:

$\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . If  $(|a_{n+1}/a_n|)$  converges to a limit  $< 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely.

$\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . ASSUME:  $|a_{n+1}/a_n| \rightarrow b < 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . PICK  $N$  such that  $\forall n \geq N, ||a_{n+1}/a_n| - b| < (1 - b)/2$

$\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . LET:  $c = (1 + b)/2$

$\langle 2 \rangle 4$ .  $\forall n \geq N, |a_{n+1}/a_n| \leq c$

$\langle 2 \rangle 5$ .  $\forall n \geq N, |a_{n+1}| < c|a_n|$

$\langle 2 \rangle 6$ .  $0 < c < 1$

$\langle 2 \rangle 7$ .  $\forall n \geq N, \sum_{i=N}^n |a_i| \leq |a_N|/(1 - c)$

PROOF:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=N}^n |a_i| &\leq |a_N| \sum_{i=N}^n c^{n-i} \\ &\leq |a_N|(1/(1 - c)) \end{aligned}$$

$\langle 2 \rangle 8$ .  $\forall n \geq N, \sum_{i=0}^n |a_i| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} |a_i| + |a_N|/(1 - c)$

$\langle 2 \rangle 9$ .  $\sum_{i=0}^n |a_i|$  converges.

$\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If  $|a_{n+1}/a_n|$  converges to a limit  $> 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

$\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . ASSUME:  $|a_{n+1}/a_n| \rightarrow b > 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . PICK  $N$  such that  $\forall n \geq N, ||a_{n+1}/a_n| - b| < (b - 1)/2$

$\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . LET:  $c = (b + 1)/2$

$\langle 2 \rangle 4$ .  $\forall n \geq N, |a_{n+1}/a_n| > c$

$\langle 2 \rangle 5$ .  $c > 1$

- ⟨2⟩6.  $\forall n \geq N, |a_n| \geq |a_N|$
- ⟨2⟩7.  $a_n \not\rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- ⟨1⟩3. If  $|a_{n+1}/a_n|$  diverges to  $+\infty$  then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.
- ⟨2⟩1. ASSUME:  $|a_{n+1}/a_n|$  diverges to  $+\infty$
- ⟨2⟩2. PICK  $N$  such that  $\forall n \geq N, |a_{n+1}/a_n| > 2$
- ⟨2⟩3.  $\forall n \geq N, |a_n| \geq |a_N|$
- ⟨2⟩4.  $a_n \not\rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

□

**Proposition 1.16.**  $u^n/n! \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

PROOF:

- ⟨1⟩1. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  
LET:  $a_n = u^n/n!$
- ⟨1⟩2.  $|a_{n+1}/a_n| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   
PROOF: Since  $a_{n+1}/a_n = u/(n+1)$
- ⟨1⟩3.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely.  
PROOF: By the Ratio Test.
- ⟨1⟩4.  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

□

**Definition 1.17** (Rearrangement). A *rearrangement* of a series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  is a series of the form  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{\sigma(n)}$  for a permutation  $\sigma$  of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Proposition 1.18.** Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{\sigma(n)}$  be a rearrangement of a series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ . If  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely, then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{\sigma(n)}$  converges and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{\sigma(n)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ .

PROOF:

- ⟨1⟩1. For all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that  $\forall n \geq N, |\sum_{i=0}^n a_i - \sum_{i=0}^n a_{\sigma(i)}| < \epsilon$
- ⟨2⟩1. LET:  $\epsilon > 0$
- ⟨2⟩2. PICK  $N$  such that  $\forall m \geq n \geq N, \sum_{i=n}^m |a_i| < \epsilon/2$
- ⟨2⟩3. LET:  $P$  be the least integer such that  $0, \dots, N \in \{\sigma(0), \dots, \sigma(P)\}$
- ⟨2⟩4. LET:  $n \geq P$
- ⟨2⟩5.  $|\sum_{i=0}^n a_i - \sum_{i=0}^n a_{\sigma(i)}|$

PROOF:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \sum_{i=0}^n a_i - \sum_{i=0}^n a_{\sigma(i)} \right| &= \left| \sum_{i=N+1}^n a_i - \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n, \sigma(i) > N} a_{\sigma(i)} \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=N+1}^n |a_i| + \sum_{i=N+1}^{\max(\sigma(0), \dots, \sigma(n))} |a_i| \\
 &< \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

- ⟨1⟩2.  $(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i)$  and  $(\sum_{i=0}^n a_{\sigma(i)})$  converge to the same limit.

□

**Proposition 1.19.** Let  $\sum_n a_n$  be a series that converges but does not converge absolutely. Let  $r$  be any real number. Then there exists a rearrangement of  $\sum_n a_n$  that converges to  $r$ .

PROOF: The series has infinitely many positive terms and infinitely many negative terms. The subseries of positive terms diverges to  $+\infty$  and the subseries of negative terms diverges to  $-\infty$ . Select positive terms until the sum is  $> r$ , then negative terms until the sum is  $< r$ , then positive terms until the sum is  $> r$ , etc.  $\square$

**Definition 1.20** (Infinite Decimal). An *infinite decimal*  $a_0.a_1a_2\cdots$  consists of an integer  $a_0$  and a sequence  $(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  of natural numbers  $< 10$ .

**Theorem 1.21.** *Given any infinite decimal  $a_0.a_1a_2\cdots$ , the series  $a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n 10^{-n}$  converges.*

PROOF: By comparison with  $\sum_n 10^{-(n-1)}$ .  $\square$

**Definition 1.22.** The sum  $a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n 10^{-n}$  is the number *represented* by the infinite decimal  $a_0.a_1a_2\cdots$ .

**Lemma 1.23.** *Every real number is represented by an infinite decimal, unique except that  $a_0.a_1a_2\cdots a_n000\cdots$  and  $a_0.a_1a_2\cdots a_{n-1}(a_n - 1)999\cdots$  represent the same number.*