12. 设 $f(x) \in C_{(-\infty,+\infty)}$, $\lim_{x\to+\infty} f(x) = l_1$, $\lim_{x\to-\infty} f(x) = l_2$ 均有限, 试证明

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [f(x+1) - f(x)] dx$$

收敛,并计算 I 之值。

(1) 证明 $I = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [f(x+1) - f(x)] dx$ 收敛。

先证 $\int_0^{+\infty} [f(x+1) - f(x)] dx$ 收敛。因为 $\lim_{x \to +\infty} f(x) = l_1$,故 $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists A > 0$ s.t. (such that) 当 x > A 时 $|f(x) - l_1| < \varepsilon/2$. 对于任意 $A_1 > A, A_2 > A_1 + 1$ 有

$$\int_{A_{1}}^{A_{2}} [f(x+1) - f(x)] dx$$

$$= \int_{A_{1}+1}^{A_{2}+1} f(x) dx - \int_{A_{1}}^{A_{2}} f(x) dx$$

$$= \left[\int_{A_{1}+1}^{A_{2}} f(x) dx + \int_{A_{2}}^{A_{2}+1} f(x) dx \right] - \left[\int_{A_{1}}^{A_{1}+1} f(x) dx + \int_{A_{1}+1}^{A_{2}} f(x) dx \right]$$

$$= \int_{A_{2}}^{A_{2}+1} f(x) dx - \int_{A_{1}}^{A_{1}+1} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{A_{2}}^{A_{2}+1} (f(x) - l_{1}) dx - \int_{A_{1}}^{A_{1}+1} (f(x) - l_{1}) dx.$$

由此我们得到

$$\left| \int_{A_{1}}^{A_{2}} [f(x+1) - f(x)] dx \right|$$

$$\leq \int_{A_{2}}^{A_{2}+1} |f(x) - l_{1}| dx + \int_{A_{1}}^{A_{1}+1} |f(x) - l_{1}| dx$$

$$\leq \int_{A_{2}}^{A_{2}+1} \varepsilon/2 \ dx + \int_{A_{1}}^{A_{1}+1} \varepsilon/2 \ dx = \varepsilon.$$

类似讨论可知当 $A_1 < A_2 \le A_1 + 1$ 时也有 $|\int_{A_1}^{A_2} [f(x+1) - f(x)] dx| < \varepsilon$. 由 Cauchy 准则知 $\int_0^{+\infty} [f(x+1) - f(x)] dx$ 收敛,类似可证 $\int_{-\infty}^0 [f(x+1) - f(x)] dx$ 收敛,所以 $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [f(x+1) - f(x)] dx$ 收敛。

(2) 计算 *I* 的值。

我们有

$$I = \lim_{A \to +\infty} \int_0^A [f(x+1) - f(x)] dx + \lim_{A' \to \infty} \int_{-A'}^0 [f(x+1) - f(x)] dx.$$

而当 A > 1, A' > 1 时

$$\begin{split} \int_0^A [f(x+1) - f(x)] dx &= \int_1^{A+1} f(x) dx - \int_0^A f(x) dx \\ &= \int_A^{A+1} f(x) dx - \int_0^1 f(x) dx; \\ \int_{-A'}^0 [f(x+1) - f(x)] dx &= \int_{-A'+1}^1 f(x) dx - \int_{-A'}^0 f(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 f(x) dx - \int_{-A'}^{-A'+1} f(x) dx. \end{split}$$

因此

$$I = \lim_{A \to +\infty} \int_{A}^{A+1} f(x) dx - \lim_{A' \to +\infty} \int_{-A'}^{-A'+1} f(x) dx.$$

利用 $\lim_{x\to +\infty} f(x) = l_1$ 易知 $\lim_{A\to +\infty} \int_A^{A+1} (f(x)-l_1) dx = 0$ (见上面的证明部分 (1)),因此 $\lim_{A\to +\infty} \int_A^{A+1} f(x) dx = l_1$,同理可知 $\lim_{A'\to +\infty} \int_{-A'}^{-A'+1} f(x) dx = l_2$,因此 $I = l_1 - l_2$.