

# MATH 20410 (Analysis in $\mathbb{R}^n$ II – Accelerated) Problem Sets

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# 1 Differentiation

From Rudin (1976).

## Chapter 5

1. Let  $f$  be defined for all real  $x$ , and suppose that

$$|f(y) - f(x)| \leq (y - x)^2$$

for all real  $x$  and  $y$ . Prove that  $f$  is constant.

*Proof.* To prove that  $f$  is constant, Theorem 5.11b tells us that it will suffice to show that  $f$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  with derivative  $f' = 0$ . Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  be arbitrary. We want to show that for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta$  such that if  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 < |y - x| < \delta$ , then  $|(f(y) - f(x))/(y - x) - 0| < \epsilon$ . Let  $\epsilon$  be arbitrary. Choose  $\delta = \epsilon$ . Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y - x} - 0 \right| &= \frac{|f(y) - f(x)|}{|y - x|} \\ &\leq \frac{(y - x)^2}{|y - x|} \\ &\leq |y - x| \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □

2. Suppose  $f'(x) > 0$  in  $(a, b)$ . Prove that  $f$  is strictly increasing in  $(a, b)$  and let  $g$  be its inverse function. Prove that  $g$  is differentiable, and that

$$g'(f(x)) = \frac{1}{f'(x)}$$

for  $a < x < b$ .

*Proof.* To prove that  $f$  is strictly increasing on  $(a, b)$ , it will suffice to show that  $x < y$  implies  $f(x) < f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in (a, b)$ . Let  $x, y \in (a, b)$  satisfy  $x < y$ . Since  $f$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , it is differentiable on  $(x, y) \subset (a, b)$  and (by Theorem 5.2) continuous on  $[x, y] \subset (a, b)$ . Thus, by the MVT, there exists  $c \in (x, y)$  such that

$$f(y) - f(x) = (y - x)f'(c)$$

But since  $x < y$ ,  $y - x > 0$ . This combined with the fact that  $f'(c) > 0$  by definition implies that  $(y - x)f'(c) > 0$ . Consequently,

$$f(y) < f(x) + (y - x)f'(c) = f(y)$$

as desired.

Since  $f$  is strictly increasing (and hence 1-1) on  $(a, b)$ , we may construct a well-defined inverse function  $g : f[(a, b)] \rightarrow (a, b)$  for it by

$$g(f(x)) = x$$

for all  $f(x) \in f[(a, b)]$ . It follows by the fact that  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ , the definitions of  $f'(x)$  and  $g'(f(x))$ , and Theorem 3.3d that

$$\frac{1}{f'(x)} = \frac{1}{\lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y - x}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{1}{\frac{f(y)-f(x)}{y-x}} \\
&= \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{y-x}{f(y)-f(x)} \\
&= \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{g(f(y)) - g(f(x))}{f(y) - f(x)} \\
&= g'(f(x))
\end{aligned}$$

as desired.  $\square$

3. Suppose  $g$  is a real function on  $\mathbb{R}^1$ , with bounded derivative (say  $|g'| \leq M$ ). Fix  $\epsilon > 0$  and define  $f(x) = x + \epsilon g(x)$ . Prove that  $f$  is one-to-one if  $\epsilon$  is small enough. (A set of admissible values of  $\epsilon$  can be determined which depends only on  $M$ .)

*Proof.* Neglecting the trivial case where  $M = 0$ , take  $\epsilon = 1/2M$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &< 1 - \frac{1}{2} \\
&= 1 + \frac{1}{2M} \cdot -M \\
&\leq 1 + \epsilon g'(x) \\
&= \frac{d}{dx}(x) + \frac{d}{dx}(\epsilon g) \\
&= f'(x)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Problem 5.2,  $f$  is strictly increasing and, hence, one-to-one.  $\square$

4. If

$$C_0 + \frac{C_1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{C_{n-1}}{n} + \frac{C_n}{n+1} = 0$$

where  $C_0, \dots, C_n$  are real constants, prove that the equation

$$C_0 + C_1x + \cdots + C_{n-1}x^{n-1} + C_nx^n = 0$$

has at least one real root between 0 and 1.

*Proof.* Consider the polynomial

$$f(x) = C_0x + \frac{C_1}{2}x^2 + \cdots + \frac{C_n}{n+1}x^{n+1}$$

We have that  $f(0) = 0$  (by direct substitution) and  $f(1) = 0$  (by the constraint on the coefficients). Thus, since  $f$  is continuous on  $[0, 1]$  and differentiable on  $(0, 1)$  (as a polynomial), we have by the MVT that there exists  $x \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
f(1) - f(0) &= (1 - 0)f'(x) \\
f'(x) &= 0 \\
C_0 + C_1x + \cdots + C_{n-1}x^{n-1} + C_nx^n &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

as desired.  $\square$

5. Suppose  $f$  is defined and differentiable for every  $x > 0$ , and  $f'(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ . Put  $g(x) = f(x+1) - f(x)$ . Prove that  $g(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .

*Proof.* To prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = 0$ , it will suffice to show that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N > 0$  such that if  $x > N$ , then  $|g(x) - 0| < \epsilon$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f'(x) = 0$  by hypothesis, we know that there exists  $N > 0$  such that if  $x > N$ , then  $|f'(x)| < \epsilon$ . Choose this  $N$  to be our  $N$ . Let  $x > N$  be arbitrary. Applying the MVT to  $f$  on the interval  $[x, x+1]$  proves the existence of a  $c$  within that closed interval such that

$$f(x+1) - f(x) = f'(c)(x+1-x) = f'(c)$$

Additionally, since  $c > x > N$ , we have that  $|f'(c)| < \epsilon$ . Therefore, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} |g(x)| &= |f(x+1) - f(x)| \\ &= |f'(c)| \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □

## 2 Differentiation II / Integration

From Rudin (1976).

### Chapter 5

8. Suppose  $f'$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Prove that there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\left| \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x} - f'(x) \right| < \epsilon$$

whenever  $0 < |t - x| < \delta$ ,  $a \leq x \leq b$ ,  $a \leq t \leq b$ . (This could be expressed by saying that  $f$  is **uniformly differentiable** on  $[a, b]$  if  $f'$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ .) Does this hold for vector-valued functions, too?

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.40,  $[a, b]$  is compact. This combined with the fact that  $f'$  is continuous implies by Theorem 4.19 that  $f'$  is uniformly continuous. Thus, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $x, y \in [a, b]$  and  $|y - x| < \delta$ , then  $|f'(y) - f'(x)| < \epsilon$ . Choose this  $\delta$  to be our  $\delta$ . Let  $x, t \in [a, b]$  be such that  $0 < |t - x| < \delta$ . Then since  $f$  is continuous on  $[t, x] \subset [a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(t, x) \subset [a, b]$ , we have by the MVT that there exists  $c \in (t, x)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) - f(x) &= (t - x)f'(c) \\ \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x} &= f'(c) \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, since  $t < c < x$  and  $|t - x| < \delta$ , we must have  $|c - x| < \delta$ , meaning that

$$\left| \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x} - f'(x) \right| = |f'(c) - f'(x)| < \epsilon$$

as desired.

And yes, this does hold for vector-valued functions, which we can treat component-wise.  $\square$

17. Suppose  $f$  is a real, three times differentiable function on  $[-1, 1]$  such that

$$f(-1) = 0 \qquad f(0) = 0 \qquad f(1) = 1 \qquad f'(0) = 0$$

Prove that  $f^{(3)}(x) \geq 3$  for some  $x \in (-1, 1)$ . Note that equality holds for  $\frac{1}{2}(x^3 + x^2)$ . (Hint: Use Theorem 5.15 with  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = \pm 1$  to show that there exist  $s \in (0, 1)$  and  $t \in (-1, 0)$  such that  $f^{(3)}(s) + f^{(3)}(t) = 6$ .)

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is three times differentiable on  $[-1, 1]$ , we know that  $f''$  is differentiable on  $[-1, 1]$ . It follows by Theorem 5.2 that  $f''$  is continuous on  $[-1, 1]$ . Thus, since  $f$  is defined on  $[-1, 1]$ ,  $3 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f''$  is continuous on  $[-1, 1]$ ,  $f^{(3)}$  is defined on  $(-1, 1)$ ,  $0, 1 \in [-1, 1]$  such that  $0 \neq 1$ , and we can define

$$P(t) = \sum_{k=0}^2 \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} (t - 0)^k$$

we have by Taylor's theorem that there exists  $s \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= P(1) + \frac{f^{(3)}(s)}{3!} (1 - 0)^3 \\ 1 - \left[ \frac{f(0)}{0!} (1 - 0)^0 + \frac{f'(0)}{1!} (1 - 0)^1 + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} (1 - 0)^2 \right] &= \frac{f^{(3)}(s)}{3!} \\ 1 - \left[ \frac{f''(0)}{2} \right] &= \frac{f^{(3)}(s)}{6} \\ 6 - 3f''(0) &= f^{(3)}(s) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have that there exists  $t \in (-1, 0)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1) &= P(-1) + \frac{f^{(3)}(t)}{3!}(-1-0)^3 \\ 0 - \left[ \frac{f(0)}{0!}(-1-0)^0 + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}(-1-0)^1 + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}(-1-0)^2 \right] &= -\frac{f^{(3)}(t)}{3!} \\ - \left[ \frac{f''(0)}{2} \right] &= -\frac{f^{(3)}(t)}{6} \\ 3f''(0) &= f^{(3)}(s) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$f^{(3)}(s) + f^{(3)}(t) = 3f''(0) + 6 - 3f''(0) = 6$$

Now suppose for the sake of contradiction that for all  $x \in (-1, 1)$ , we have  $f^{(3)}(x) < 3$ . Then  $f^{(3)}(s) < 3$  and  $f^{(3)}(t) < 3$ . It follows that  $f^{(3)}(s) + f^{(3)}(t) < 6$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

25. Suppose  $f$  is twice differentiable on  $[a, b]$ ,  $f(a) < 0$ ,  $f(b) > 0$ ,  $f'(x) \geq \delta > 0$ , and  $0 \leq f''(x) \leq M$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Let  $\xi$  be the unique point in  $(a, b)$  at which  $f(\xi) = 0$ . Complete the details in the following outline of **Newton's method** for computing  $\xi$ .

- (a) Choose  $x_1 \in (\xi, b)$  and define  $\{x_n\}$  by

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

Interpret this geometrically, in terms of a tangent to the graph of  $f$ .

*Answer.* Since we can rearrange the above to  $0 - f(x_n) = f'(x_n)(x_{n+1} - x_n)$ , we know that  $x_{n+1}$  is the point at which the tangent to  $f$  at  $x_n$  crosses the  $x$ -axis. In other words, the zero of the tangent line

$$y - f(x_n) = f'(x_n)(x - x_n)$$

is  $(x_{n+1}, 0)$ .  $\square$

- (b) Prove that  $x_{n+1} < x_n$  and that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \xi$$

*Proof.* To prove that  $x_{n+1} < x_n$ , it will suffice to show that  $f(x_n), f'(x_n) > 0$ . Since  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$  by hypothesis, we know that  $f'(x_n) > 0$ . As to  $f(x_n)$ , suppose for the sake of contradiction that  $f(x_n) \leq 0$ . We know that  $f(\xi) = 0$ ,  $f(b) > 0$ , and  $\xi < x_n < b$ . Since  $\xi$  is the *unique* point at which  $f(\xi) = 0$  by hypothesis and  $x_n \neq \xi$ , we know that  $f(x_n) \neq 0$ . And if  $f(x_n) < 0$ , we have by the intermediate value theorem for  $f$  continuous that there exists  $c \in (x_n, b)$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ . But since  $\xi < x_n < c < b$ ,  $c \neq \xi$ , and thus we have a contradiction here, too.

Having established that  $\{x_n\}$  is a monotonically decreasing sequence, Theorem 3.14 tells us that to show that it converges, it will suffice to show that it is bounded. Clearly,  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded above by  $x_1$ . And on the bottom side,  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded by  $\xi$ : If there were  $x_n < \xi$ , this would imply that  $f(x_n) < 0$  by a symmetric argument to the above, meaning that  $f(x_n)/f'(x_n) < 0$  and implying that  $x_{n+1} > x_n$ , a contradiction. Furthermore, we know that the limit (call it  $x$ ) equals  $\xi$  since

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)} \\ f(x) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

so  $x = \xi$  by the uniqueness of  $\xi$ .  $\square$

(c) Use Taylor's theorem to show that

$$x_{n+1} - \xi = \frac{f''(t_n)}{2f'(x_n)}(x_n - \xi)^2$$

for some  $t_n \in (\xi, x_n)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is defined on  $[a, b]$ ,  $2 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f'$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,  $f''$  is defined on  $(a, b)$ ,  $\xi, x_n \in [a, b]$  with  $\xi \neq x_n$ , and

$$P(t) = \sum_{k=0}^1 \frac{f^{(k)}(x_n)}{k!}(t - x_n)^k$$

we have by Taylor's theorem that there exists  $t_n \in (\xi, x_n)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(\xi) &= \left[ \frac{f(x_n)}{0!}(\xi - x_n)^0 + \frac{f'(x_n)}{1!}(\xi - x_n)^1 \right] + \frac{f''(t_n)}{2!}(\xi - x_n)^2 \\ 0 &= f(x_n) - f'(x_n)(x_n - \xi) + \frac{f''(t_n)}{2}(x_n - \xi)^2 \\ x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} - \xi &= \frac{f''(t_n)}{2f'(x_n)}(x_n - \xi)^2 \\ x_{n+1} - \xi &= \frac{f''(t_n)}{2f'(x_n)}(x_n - \xi)^2 \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □

(d) If  $A = M/2\delta$ , deduce that

$$0 \leq x_{n+1} - \xi \leq \frac{1}{A}[A(x_1 - \xi)]^{2n}$$

(Compare with Chapter 3, Exercises 16 and 18.)

*Proof.* We have from part (b) that  $x_i > \xi$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , so naturally  $0 \leq x_{n+1} - \xi$ . As to the other part of the question, we induct on  $n$ . For the base case  $n = 1$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 - \xi &= \frac{f''(t_1)}{2f'(x_1)}(x_1 - \xi)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{M}{2\delta}(x_1 - \xi)^2 \\ &= \frac{2\delta}{M} \left[ \frac{M}{2\delta}(x_1 - \xi) \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{A}[A(x_1 - \xi)]^{2 \cdot 1} \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose inductively that we have proven the claim for  $n - 1$ ; we now seek to prove it for  $n$ . Indeed, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} - \xi &= \frac{f''(t_n)}{2f'(x_n)}(x_n - \xi)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{M}{2\delta}(x_n - \xi)^2 \\ &\leq A \left( \frac{1}{A}[A(x_1 - \xi)]^{2(n-1)} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{A}[A(x_1 - \xi)]^{2n} \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □



- (e) Show that Newton's method amounts to finding a fixed point of the function  $g$  defined by

$$g(x) = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$$

How does  $g'(x)$  behave for  $x$  near  $\xi$ ?

*Proof.* A fixed point of the function  $g$  is a point  $x$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= x \\ x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)} &= x \\ f(x) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if we want to find a point  $x$  where  $f(x) = 0$ , it is equivalent to find a point  $x$  such that  $g(x) = x$ .

As to the other part of the question, we have by the rules of derivatives that

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= 1 - \frac{f'(x)f'(x) - f(x)f''(x)}{f'(x)^2} \\ &= \frac{f(x)f''(x)}{f'(x)^2} \\ &\leq \frac{M}{\delta^2} f(x) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, since  $f(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \xi$ ,  $g'(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \xi$ . □

- (f) Put  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$  on  $(-\infty, \infty)$  and try Newton's method. What happens?

*Answer.* We have by the power rule that

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{3x^{2/3}}$$

Choose  $x_1 = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 &= 1 - \frac{f(1)}{f'(1)} = -2 \\ x_3 &= 1 - \frac{f(-2)}{f'(-2)} = 7 \\ x_4 &= 1 - \frac{f(7)}{f'(7)} = -20 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

It appears that the series is diverging to  $\infty$  while alternating from positive to negative. In fact, since  $x_3 > x_2$ , contrary to part (b), we know that something must be wrong (i.e., one of our hypotheses must not be met). Upon further investigation, we can determine that on  $[-1, 1]$ , we have  $f''(1) = -2/9 < 0$ ; thus, our last hypothesis is the issue with this function. □

## Chapter 6

1. Suppose  $\alpha$  increases on  $[a, b]$ ,  $a \leq x_0 \leq b$ ,  $\alpha$  is continuous at  $x_0$ ,  $f(x_0) = 1$ , and  $f(x) = 0$  if  $x \neq x_0$ . Prove that  $f \in \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$  and that  $\int f d\alpha = 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$  with only one discontinuity on  $[a, b]$  and  $\alpha$  is continuous at the point at which  $f$  is discontinuous, Theorem 6.10 implies that  $f \in \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$ , as desired. It follows that  $\inf U(P, f, \alpha) = \sup L(P, f, \alpha) = \int f d\alpha$ . But since  $L(P, f, \alpha) = 0$  for all  $P$  (there is no infinite interval  $[x_i, x_{i+1}] \subset [a, b]$  that does not contain 0, and  $f$  is bounded below by 0), we know that

$$\int f d\alpha = \sup L(P, f, \alpha) = 0$$

as desired. □

2. Suppose  $f \geq 0$ ,  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , and  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = 0$ . Prove that  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . (Compare this with Exercise 1.)

*Proof.* Suppose for the sake of contradiction that  $f(x) \neq 0$  for some  $x$ . By the definition of  $f$ , this must mean that  $f(x) > 0$ . It follows since  $f$  is continuous that there exists some  $N_r(x)$  such that  $f(y) > 0$  for all  $y \in N_r(x)$ . Now consider the partition

$$P = \{a, x - r/2, x + r/2, b\}$$

of  $[a, b]$ . But since  $m_2 > 0$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< m_1[(x - r/2) - a] + m_2[(x + r/2) - (x - r/2)] + m_3[b - (x + r/2)] \\ &= L(P, f) \\ &\leq \int_a^b f(x) dx \end{aligned} \quad \text{Theorem 6.4}$$

a contradiction. □

4. If  $f(x) = 0$  for all irrational  $x$  and  $f(x) = 1$  for all rational  $x$ , prove that  $f \notin \mathcal{R}$  on  $[a, b]$  for any  $a < b$ .

*Proof.* Let  $P$  be an arbitrary partition of  $[a, b]$ . Since the rationals and irrationals are dense in the reals, we know that for any  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ ,  $f(x) = 0$  for some  $x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]$  and  $f(x) = 1$  for some  $x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]$ . Thus, we have that  $L(P, f) = 0$  and  $U(P, f) = b - a$ . It follows that if  $a < b$ ,

$$\sup L(P, f) = 0 \neq b - a = \inf U(P, f)$$

so  $f \notin \mathcal{R}$ , as desired. □

## 3 Integration II

From Rudin (1976).

### Chapter 6

2/2: 3. Define three functions  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$  as follows:

$$\beta_1 = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ 1 & x > 0 \end{cases} \quad \beta_2 = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 & x = 0 \\ 1 & x > 0 \end{cases} \quad \beta_3 = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & x = 0 \\ 1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Let  $f$  be a bounded function on  $[-1, 1]$ .

(a) Prove that  $f \in \mathcal{R}(\beta_1)$  if and only if  $f(0+) = f(0)$  and that then

$$\int f d\beta_1 = f(0)$$

*Proof.* Suppose first that  $f \in \mathcal{R}(\beta_1)$  with  $\int f d\beta_1 = f(0)$ . To prove that  $f(0+) = f(0)$ , it will suffice to show that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $x \in [-1, 1]$  and  $0 \leq x < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - f(0)| < \epsilon$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Since  $f \in \mathcal{R}(\beta_1)$  by hypothesis, we have by Theorem 6.6 that there exists a partition  $P$  of  $[-1, 1]$  such that  $U(P, f, \beta_1) - L(P, f, \beta_1) < \epsilon$ . Now let  $x_i = \min\{x \in P : x > 0\}$ ; we know that such an object exists since there exist elements of  $P$  greater than zero (namely 1) and  $P$  is finite. It follows by the definition of  $\beta_1$  that  $\Delta x_i = 1$  and  $\Delta x_j = 0$  for  $j \neq i$ . Thus,  $U(P, f, \beta_1) = M_i$  and  $L(P, f, \beta_1) = m_i$  (which exist because  $f$  is bounded on  $[-1, 1]$ ). At this point, we are ready to choose  $\delta$ , which we take to be  $\delta = x_i$ . Now to confirm that this  $\delta$  works: Let  $0 \leq x < \delta$ . By the definition of  $x_i, x_{i-1}$ ,  $m_i \leq f(x) \leq M_i$  and  $m_i \leq f(0) \leq M_i$ . But since  $M_i - m_i < \epsilon$  as per the above, we have that  $|f(x) - f(0)| < \epsilon$ , as desired.

Now suppose that  $f(0+) = f(0)$ . To prove that  $f \in \mathcal{R}(\beta_1)$ , Theorem 6.6 tells us that it will suffice to show that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $P$  such that  $U(P, f, \beta_1) - L(P, f, \beta_1) < \epsilon$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Since  $f(0+) = f(0)$ , we know that there exists a  $\delta' > 0$  such that if  $x \in [-1, 1]$  and  $0 \leq x < \delta'$ , then  $|f(x) - f(0)| < \epsilon/3$ . Let  $\delta = \min(\delta'/2, 1)$ . Thus, we may define  $P = \{-1, 0, \delta, 1\}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} U(P, f, \beta_1) &= \sum_{i=1}^3 M_i \Delta \beta_{1_i} & L(P, f, \beta_1) &= \sum_{i=1}^3 m_i \Delta \beta_{1_i} \\ &= M_2 & &= m_2 \end{aligned}$$

(which exist because  $f$  is bounded on  $[-1, 1]$ ). Consequently,  $M_2 \leq f(0) + \epsilon/3$ .  $m_2 \geq f(0) - \epsilon/3$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} U(P, f, \beta_1) - L(P, f, \beta_1) &= M_2 - m_2 \\ &\leq [f(0) + \frac{\epsilon}{3}] - [f(0) - \frac{\epsilon}{3}] \\ &= \frac{2\epsilon}{3} \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

As to proving that  $\int f d\beta_1$ , we know that  $M_2 \leq f(0) + \epsilon/3$  for arbitrarily small  $\epsilon$  implies  $M_2 \leq f(0)$ . Similarly,  $m_2 \geq f(0)$ . Thus,

$$\inf U(P, f, \beta_1) \leq U(P, f, \beta_1) = M_2 \leq f(0) \leq m_2 = L(P, f, \beta_1) \leq \sup L(P, f, \beta_1)$$

But by Theorem 6.5,  $\sup L(P, f, \beta_1) \leq \inf U(P, f, \beta_1)$ . Therefore,

$$\int_{-1}^1 f d\beta_1 = \sup L(P, f, \beta_1) = \inf U(P, f, \beta_1) = f(0)$$

as desired. □

- (b) State and prove a similar result for  $\beta_2$ .

*Proof.* The result will be  $f \in \mathcal{R}(\beta_2)$  if and only if  $f(0-) = f(0)$  and that then

$$\int f d\beta = f(0)$$

The proof of this result is entirely symmetric to the proof of the previous result. □

- (c) Prove that  $f \in \mathcal{R}(\beta_3)$  if and only if  $f$  is continuous at 0.

*Proof.* Suppose first that  $f \in \mathcal{R}(\beta_3)$ . To prove that  $f$  is continuous at 0, it will suffice to show that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $x \in [-1, 1]$  and  $|x| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - f(0)| < \epsilon$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Since  $f \in \mathcal{R}(\beta_3)$  by hypothesis, we have by Theorem 6.6 that there exists a partition  $P$  of  $[-1, 1]$  such that  $U(P, f, \beta_3) - L(P, f, \beta_3) < \epsilon/2$ . Now let  $x_i = \max\{x \in P : x < 0\}$  and let  $x_j = \min\{x \in P : x > 0\}$ . Choose  $\delta = \min\{|x_i|, |x_j|\}$ . Let  $P^* = P \cup \{-\delta, 0, \delta\}$  be a refinement of  $P$ . It follows by the definition of  $\beta_3$  and a reenumeration of  $P^*$  that  $U(P^*, f, \beta_3) = (M_{i-1} + M_i)/2$  and  $L(P^*, f, \beta_3) = (m_{i-1} + m_i)/2$ . Now let  $|x| < \delta$ . We divide into two cases ( $x \geq 0$  and  $x < 0$ ). If  $x \geq 0$ , then  $m_i \leq f(x) \leq M_i$  and  $m_i \leq f(0) \leq M_i$ . But then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(0)| &\leq M_i - m_i \\ &\leq (M_{i-1} - m_{i-1}) + (M_i - m_i) \\ &= 2 \left[ \frac{M_{i-1} + M_i}{2} - \frac{m_{i-1} + m_i}{2} \right] \\ &= 2[U(P^*, f, \beta_3) - L(P^*, f, \beta_3)] \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

as desired. The proof is symmetric in the other case.

Now suppose that  $f$  is continuous at 0. To prove that  $f \in \mathcal{R}(\beta_3)$ , Theorem 6.6 tells us that it will suffice to show that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $P$  such that  $U(P, f, \beta_3) - L(P, f, \beta_3) < \epsilon$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Since  $f$  is continuous at 0, we know that there exists a  $\delta' > 0$  such that if  $x \in [-1, 1]$  and  $|x| < \delta'$ , then  $|f(x) - f(0)| < \epsilon/3$ . Choose  $\delta = \min(\delta'/2, 1)$ . Consider  $P = \{-1, -\delta/2, \delta/2, 1\}$ . It follows as before that  $U(P, f, \beta_3) = M_2$  and  $L(P, f, \beta_3) = m_2$ . Consequently,  $M_2 \leq f(0) + \epsilon/3$  and  $m_2 \geq f(0) - \epsilon/3$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} U(P, f, \beta_3) - L(P, f, \beta_3) &= M_2 - m_2 \\ &\leq [f(0) + \frac{\epsilon}{3}] - [f(0) - \frac{\epsilon}{3}] \\ &= \frac{2\epsilon}{3} \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □

- (d) If  $f$  is continuous at 0, prove that

$$\int f d\beta_1 = \int f d\beta_2 = \int f d\beta_3 = f(0)$$

*Proof.* If  $f$  is continuous at 0, then  $f(0+) = f(0) = f(0-)$ . It follows that

$$f(0) = \int f \, d\beta_1 \quad \text{Part (a)}$$

$$= \int f \, d\beta_2 \quad \text{Part (b)}$$

$$= \int f \, d\beta_3 \quad \text{Part (c)}$$

Note that calculating the exact value of  $\int f \, d\beta_3$  is symmetric to the proof in part (a).  $\square$

5. Suppose  $f$  is a bounded real function on  $[a, b]$ , and  $f^2 \in \mathcal{R}$  on  $[a, b]$ . Does it follow that  $f \in \mathcal{R}$ ? Does the answer change if we assume that  $f^3 \in \mathcal{R}$ ?

*Proof.*  $f^2 \in \mathcal{R} \nRightarrow f \in \mathcal{R}$ : Consider the bounded real function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \\ -1 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

Since  $f^2(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $f^2 \in \mathcal{R}$  as a constant function. However, by Exercise 6.4 and a clever application of Theorem 6.12 (to relate it to the function explicitly considered in Exercise 6.4), we know that  $f \notin \mathcal{R}$ .

$f^3 \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{R}$ : Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be any bounded real function such that  $f^3 \in \mathcal{R}$ . To prove that  $f \in \mathcal{R}$ , Theorem 6.11 tells us that it will suffice to show that there exist  $m, M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $m \leq f \leq M$  and that there exists a continuous function  $\phi : [m, M] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f = \phi \circ f^3$ . Since  $f$  is bounded by hypothesis, we can pick  $m, M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $m \leq f \leq M$ . Now let  $\phi : [m, M] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$\phi(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$$

for all  $x \in [m, M]$ . It is obvious that  $\phi$  is continuous and that  $\phi \circ f^3 = f$ , as desired.  $\square$

7. Suppose  $f$  is a real function on  $(0, 1]$  and  $f \in \mathcal{R}$  on  $[c, 1]$  for every  $c > 0$ . Define

$$\int_0^1 f(x) \, dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \int_c^1 f(x) \, dx$$

if this limit exists (and is finite).

- (a) If  $f \in \mathcal{R}$  on  $[0, 1]$ , show that this definition of the integral agrees with the old one.

*Proof.* To prove that  $\int_0^1 f = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \int_c^1 f$ , it will suffice to show that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $c \in (0, 1]$  and  $c < \delta$ , then

$$\left| \int_0^c f \right| = \left| \int_c^1 f - \int_0^1 f \right| < \epsilon$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Since  $f$  is integrable,  $f$  is bounded, i.e., there exists  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|f(x)| < M$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Choose  $\delta = \epsilon/M$ . Let  $c \in (0, 1]$  be such that  $c < \delta$ . Then by Theorem 6.12d,

$$\left| \int_0^c f \right| \leq M(c - 0) < \epsilon$$

as desired.  $\square$

- (b) Construct a function  $f$  such that the above limit exists, although it fails to exist with  $|f|$  in place of  $f$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f : (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$f(x) = (-1)^n n$$

for  $1/n < x \leq 1/(n-1)$  ( $n = 2, 3, \dots$ ). It follows since  $f$  is a constant function save one terminal discontinuity on each  $[1/n, 1/(n-1)]$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{1/n}^{1/(n-1)} f &= (-1)^n n \cdot \left( \frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n n}{n(n-1)} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{1/N}^1 f &= \sum_{n=2}^N \int_{1/n}^{1/(n-1)} f \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^N \frac{(-1)^n}{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \int_c^1 f = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n-1}$$

which converges by Theorem 3.43. However, the limit fails to exist if  $f$  is replaced by  $|f|$ , because in that case, the integral is equal to the harmonic series, which diverges to infinity.  $\square$

8. Suppose  $f \in \mathcal{R}$  on  $[a, b]$  for every  $b > a$  where  $a$  is fixed. Define

$$\int_a^{\infty} f(x) \, dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) \, dx$$

if this limit exists (and is finite). In that case, we say that the integral on the left **converges**. If it also converges after  $f$  has been replaced by  $|f|$ , it is said to converge **absolutely**.

Assume that  $f(x) \geq 0$  and that  $f$  decreases monotonically on  $[1, \infty)$ . Prove that  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) \, dx$  converges if and only if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)$  converges. (This is the so-called “integral test” for convergence of series.)

*Proof.* To prove the claim, we will show that

$$\sum_{n=2}^N f(n) \leq \int_1^N f \leq \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} f(n) \leq f(1) + \int_1^{N-1} f(x) \, dx$$

It will follow since both the sum and the integral limit are monotonically increasing as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  ( $f \geq 0$ ) and both are bounded below and above by (a function of) the other, both converge or diverge together. Let's begin.

Since  $f$  is monotonically decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ , we know that  $f(n) \leq f(x)$  for all  $1 \leq x \leq n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ). Thus, by Theorem 6.12b,

$$\int_{n-1}^n f(n) \, dx \leq \int_{n-1}^n f(x) \, dx$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=2}^N f(n) = \sum_{n=2}^N \int_{n-1}^n f(n) \, dx \quad \text{Theorem 6.12d}$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=2}^N \int_{n-1}^n f(x) \, dx$$

$$= \int_1^N f(x) \, dx \quad \text{Theorem 6.12c}$$

for all  $N = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ , thereby establishing the left inequality above.

Since  $f$  is monotonically decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ , we know that  $f(x) \leq f(n)$  for all  $x \geq n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ). Thus, by Theorem 6.12b,

$$\int_n^{n+1} f(x) \, dx \leq \int_n^{n+1} f(n) \, dx$$

Therefore,

$$\int_1^N f(x) \, dx = \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left( \int_n^{n+1} f(x) \, dx \right) \quad \text{Theorem 6.12c}$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left( \int_n^{n+1} f(n) \, dx \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} f(n) \quad \text{Theorem 6.12d}$$

for all  $N = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ , thereby establishing the middle inequality above.

From our statement about  $f(n)$  and  $f(x)$  from the left inequality, we have by Theorem 6.12b that

$$\int_{n-1}^n f(n) \, dx \leq \int_{n-1}^n f(x) \, dx$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N-1} f(n) = f(1) + \sum_{n=2}^{N-1} \int_{n-1}^n f(n) \, dx \quad \text{Theorem 6.12d}$$

$$\leq f(1) + \sum_{n=2}^{N-1} \int_{n-1}^n f(x) \, dx$$

$$= f(1) + \int_1^{N-1} f(x) \, dx \quad \text{Theorem 6.12c}$$

for all  $N = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ , thereby establishing the right inequality above.  $\square$

**10.** Let  $p, q$  be positive real numbers such that

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$

Prove the following statements.

(a) If  $u, v \geq 0$ , then

$$uv \leq \frac{u^p}{p} + \frac{v^q}{q}$$

Equality holds if and only if  $u^p = v^q$ .

*Discussion.* To prove the desired inequality, it will suffice to show that

$$0 \leq \frac{u^p}{p} + \frac{v^q}{q} - uv$$

i.e., that for all  $u, v \geq 0$ , the expression on the right above is nonnegative. To consider all such values at once, we can consider applying our analysis toolbox to  $f : [0, \infty)^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(u, v) = \frac{u^p}{p} + \frac{v^q}{q} - uv$$

with the goal of proving that it is nonnegative everywhere on its domain. However, since we do not yet know multivariable calculus, it will suffice to fix  $u \geq 0$  and analyze  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(v) = \frac{u^p}{p} + \frac{v^q}{q} - uv$$

Let's begin. □

*Proof.* Fix  $u \geq 0$ . Let  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$f(v) = \frac{u^p}{p} + \frac{v^q}{q} - uv$$

It follows from the definition of  $f$  that to prove the desired inequality, it will suffice to show that  $f$  is nonnegative everywhere on its domain. Let's begin.

Since  $f$  is a polynomial in  $v$ ,  $f$  is differentiable. Thus, we may consider

$$f'(v) = v^{q-1} - u$$

As a function of a positive power ( $q/(q-1) = p > 0$  and  $q > 0$  imply  $q-1 > 0$ ) of its variable (minus a constant),  $f'$  is strictly increasing. Additionally, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= f'(v) \\ u &= v^{q-1} \\ &= v^{q/p} \\ v &= u^{p/q} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we know that  $f' < 0$  on  $(0, u^{p/q})$  and  $f' > 0$  on  $(u^{p/q}, \infty)$ . It follows by the strict version of Theorem 5.11 that  $f$  is strictly decreasing on  $(0, u^{p/q})$  and strictly increasing on  $(u^{p/q}, \infty)$ . Furthermore, since  $f$  is differentiable (hence continuous by Theorem 5.2), we know that  $f(0) \geq f(u^{p/q})$ . Combining the last several results, we have that  $f(u^{p/q})$  is the minimum of  $f$  over  $[0, \infty)$ , and hence equal to the minimum value of  $f$  over  $[0, \infty)$ . But since

$$\begin{aligned} f(u^{p/q}) &= \frac{u^p}{p} + \frac{(u^{p/q})^q}{q} - uu^{p/q} \\ &= \frac{u^p}{p} + \frac{u^p}{q} - u^{p/q+1} \\ &= u^p \left( \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \right) - u^p \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

we know that  $f(v) \geq 0$  on its domain, as desired.

Additionally, since  $f$  is strictly decreasing on  $(0, u^{p/q})$  and strictly increasing on  $(u^{p/q}, \infty)$ , we know that  $f(v) = 0$  iff  $v = u^{p/q}$ , i.e., iff  $v^q = u^p$ , as desired. □



(b) If  $f, g \in \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$ ,  $f, g \geq 0$ , and

$$\int_a^b f^p d\alpha = 1 = \int_a^b g^q d\alpha$$

then

$$\int_a^b fg d\alpha \leq 1$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 6.13a, the hypothesis  $f, g \in \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$  implies that  $fg \in \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$ . Thus, we have that

$$\int_a^b fg d\alpha \leq \int_a^b \left( \frac{f^p}{p} + \frac{g^q}{q} \right) d\alpha \quad \text{Theorem 6.12b}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} \int_a^b f^p d\alpha + \frac{1}{q} \int_a^b g^q d\alpha \quad \text{Theorem 6.12a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$$

$$= 1$$

as desired.  $\square$

(c) If  $f, g$  are complex functions in  $\mathcal{R}(\alpha)$ , then

$$\left| \int_a^b fg d\alpha \right| \leq \left( \int_a^b |f|^p d\alpha \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_a^b |g|^q d\alpha \right)^{1/q}$$

This is **Hölder's inequality**. When  $p = q = 2$ , it is usually called the Schwarz inequality. (Note that Theorem 1.35 is a very special case of this.)

*Proof.* By Theorem 6.11 with  $\phi(y) = |y|^p$  (resp.  $\phi(y) = |y|^q$ ), the hypothesis  $f, g \in \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$  implies that  $|f|^p, |g|^q \in \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$ . Thus, we may let

$$I_f = \left( \int_a^b |f|^p d\alpha \right)^{1/p} \quad I_g = \left( \int_a^b |g|^q d\alpha \right)^{1/q}$$

We divide into two cases ( $I_f = 0$  or  $I_g = 0$ , and  $I_f, I_g \neq 0$ ). In the first case, WLOG let  $I_f = 0$ . Then since  $0 \leq |f|^p$ , it follows that  $f = 0$  on  $[a, b]$ . Thus

$$\left| \int_a^b fg d\alpha \right| = 0 \leq 0 = I_f I_g = \left( \int_a^b |f|^p d\alpha \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_a^b |g|^q d\alpha \right)^{1/q}$$

as desired. In the other case, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} I_f^p &= \int_a^b |f|^p d\alpha & I_g^q &= \int_a^b |g|^q d\alpha \\ 1 &= \int_a^b \left| \frac{f}{I_f} \right|^p d\alpha & 1 &= \int_a^b \left| \frac{g}{I_g} \right|^q d\alpha \end{aligned} \quad \text{Theorem 6.12a}$$

Thus, since  $|f/I_f|, |g/I_g| \in \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$  by Theorems 6.12 and 6.13 and  $|f/I_f|, |g/I_g| \geq 0$  by the defini-

tion of the absolute value, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \int_a^b fg \, d\alpha \right| &\leq \int_a^b |fg| \, d\alpha && \text{Theorem 6.13b} \\
 &= I_f I_g \int_a^b \left| \frac{f}{I_f} \right| \left| \frac{g}{I_g} \right| d\alpha \\
 &\leq I_f I_g \cdot 1 && \text{Part (b)} \\
 &= \left( \int_a^b |f|^p \, d\alpha \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_a^b |g|^q \, d\alpha \right)^{1/q}
 \end{aligned}$$

as desired.  $\square$

**11.** Let  $\alpha$  be a fixed increasing function on  $[a, b]$ . For  $u \in \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$ , define

$$\|u\|_2 = \left( \int_a^b |u|^2 \, d\alpha \right)^{1/2}$$

Suppose  $f, g, h \in \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$ , and prove the triangle inequality

$$\|f - h\|_2 \leq \|f - g\|_2 + \|g - h\|_2$$

as a consequence of the Schwarz inequality, as in the proof of Theorem 1.37.

*Proof.* By Theorems 6.12a and 6.13b, the hypothesis that  $f, g, h \in \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$  implies that  $|f - g|, |g - h| \in \mathcal{R}(\alpha)$ . Thus, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|f - h\|_2^2 &= \int_a^b |f - h|^2 \, d\alpha \\
 &= \int_a^b |(f - g) + (g - h)|^2 \, d\alpha \\
 &= \int_a^b |f - g|^2 \, d\alpha + 2 \int_a^b |f - g| \cdot |g - h| \, d\alpha + \int_a^b |g - h|^2 \, d\alpha \\
 &\leq \int_a^b |f - g|^2 \, d\alpha + 2 \left( \int_a^b |f - g|^2 \, d\alpha \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_a^b |g - h|^2 \, d\alpha \right)^{1/2} + \int_a^b |g - h|^2 \, d\alpha \\
 &= \|f - g\|_2^2 + 2\|f - g\|_2 \|g - h\|_2 + \|g - h\|_2^2 \\
 &= (\|f - g\|_2 + \|g - h\|_2)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking square roots of both sides of the inequality yields the desired result.  $\square$

## 4 Sequences and Series of Functions

From Rudin (1976).

### Chapter 7

- 2/9: 1. Prove that every uniformly convergent sequence of bounded functions is uniformly bounded.

*Proof.* Let  $\{f_n\}$  be an arbitrary uniformly convergent sequence of bounded functions. To prove that it is uniformly bounded, it will suffice to find a number  $M$  such that  $|f_n(x)| < M$  for all  $x \in E$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $f$  be the function such that  $f_n \Rightarrow f$ , and let  $M_n = \sup_{x \in E} |f_n(x) - f(x)|$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (the boundedness of each  $f_n$  implies that such an  $M_n$  always exists). Thus, based on the last two definitions, we can invoke Theorem 7.9 to learn that  $M_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . But since  $\{M_n\}$  converges, Theorem 3.2c implies that  $\{M_n\}$  is bounded, say by  $M/2$ . Taking  $M$  to be our  $M$  yields that for an arbitrary  $x \in E$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$|f_n(x)| \leq M_n \leq \frac{M}{2} < M$$

as desired.  $\square$

2. If  $\{f_n\}$  and  $\{g_n\}$  converge uniformly on a set  $E$ , prove that  $\{f_n + g_n\}$  converges uniformly on  $E$ . If, in addition,  $\{f_n\}$  and  $\{g_n\}$  are sequences of bounded functions, prove that  $\{f_n g_n\}$  converges uniformly on  $E$ .

*Proof.* To prove that  $\{f_n + g_n\}$  converges uniformly on  $E$  to  $f + g$ , it will suffice to show that for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $N$  such that if  $n \geq N$ , then  $|(f_n + g_n)(x) - (f + g)(x)| < \epsilon$  for all  $x \in E$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Since  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $E$ , there exists  $N_1$  such that if  $n \geq N_1$ , then  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon/2$  for all  $x \in E$ . Similarly, there exists  $N_2$  such that if  $n \geq N_2$ , then  $|g_n(x) - g(x)| < \epsilon/2$  for all  $x \in E$ . Choose  $N = \max(N_1, N_2)$ . Now suppose  $n \geq N$ , and let  $x \in E$  be arbitrary. It follows from the first condition that  $n \geq N \geq N_1$  and  $n \geq N \geq N_2$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} |(f_n + g_n)(x) - (f + g)(x)| &= |f_n(x) - f(x) + g_n(x) - g(x)| \\ &\leq |f_n(x) - f(x)| + |g_n(x) - g(x)| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

To prove that  $\{f_n g_n\}$  converges uniformly on  $E$  to  $fg$ , it will suffice to show that for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $N$  such that if  $n \geq N$ , then  $|(f_n g_n)(x) - (fg)(x)| < \epsilon$  for all  $x \in E$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Since  $f_n, g_n$  are uniformly convergent sequences of bounded functions, Exercise 1 implies that they are uniformly bounded, i.e., there exists  $M^f, M^g \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|f_n| < M^f$  and  $|g_n| < M^g$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If we take  $M = \max(M^f, M^g)$ , then we have  $|f_n| < M$  and  $|g_n| < M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that the same inequality holds for  $f$  and  $g$ . Now, as before, we may pick  $N$  such that if  $n \geq N$ , then  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon/2M$  and  $|g_n(x) - g(x)| < \epsilon/2M$  for all  $x \in E$ . It follows that for any  $n \geq N$  and  $x \in E$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |(f_n g_n)(x) - (fg)(x)| &= |f_n(x) \cdot (g_n(x) - g(x)) + g(x) \cdot (f_n(x) - f(x))| \\ &= |f_n(x)| \cdot |g_n(x) - g(x)| + |g(x)| \cdot |f_n(x) - f(x)| \\ &< M \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2M} + M \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2M} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

as desired.  $\square$

3. Construct sequences  $\{f_n\}, \{g_n\}$  which converge uniformly on some set  $E$ , but such that  $\{f_n g_n\}$  does not converge uniformly on  $E$  (of course,  $\{f_n g_n\}$  must converge on  $E$ ).

*Proof.* Let

$$f_n(x) = x \qquad g_n(x) = \frac{1}{n}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\{f_n\}$  converges uniformly to  $f(x) = x$  (by choosing  $N = 1$  for any  $\epsilon$ ) and  $\{g_n\}$  converges uniformly to  $g(x) = 0$  (by choosing  $1/N < \epsilon$  with the Archimedean principle). However, while  $\{f_n g_n\}$  converges pointwise to  $(fg)(x) = 0$  by Theorem 3.3c, it does not converge uniformly since for any  $n$ , choosing  $x = n$  yields  $(f_n g_n)(x) = 1$ .  $\square$

4. Consider

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+n^2x}$$

For what values of  $x$  does the series converge absolutely? On what intervals does it converge uniformly? On what intervals does it fail to converge uniformly? Is  $f$  continuous wherever the series converges? Is  $f$  bounded?

*Proof.* Absolute convergence values: The series converges absolutely for any

$$x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup \left( \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{k^2}, -\frac{1}{(k+1)^2} \right) \right) \cup (0, \infty)$$

We prove this via casework as follows.

Let  $x \in (0, \infty)$ . Then we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{1+n^2x} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+n^2x} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2x} = \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{c}{x}$$

where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  is finite by Theorem 3.28. Therefore, since the sum is monotonically increasing and bounded, Theorem 3.14 implies that the sum overall converges, as desired.

Let  $x \in (-\infty, -1)$ . Then we have

$$n^2x + 1 < n^2x + n^2 = n^2(x+1)$$

Since  $x < -1$ ,

$$n^2x + 1 < 0 \qquad n^2(x+1) < 0$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} n^2x + 1 &< n^2(x+1) \\ \frac{n^2x + 1}{n^2(x+1)} &> 1 \\ \frac{1}{n^2(x+1)} &< \frac{1}{n^2x + 1} \\ \left| \frac{1}{n^2x + 1} \right| &< \left| \frac{1}{n^2(x+1)} \right| \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{n^2x + 1} \right| < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{n^2(x+1)} \right| = \frac{1}{x+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{c}{x+1}$$

where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  is finite by Theorem 3.28. Therefore, since the sum is monotonically increasing and bounded, Theorem 3.14 implies that the sum overall converges, as desired.

Let  $x \in (-1/k^2, -1/(k+1)^2)$ . For right now, we consider only the sum for  $n \geq \sqrt{2}(k+1)$ , leaving finitely many terms out of the sum. Let  $\delta = 1/(k+1)^2$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} n &\geq \sqrt{2}(k+1) & x &< -\frac{1}{(k+1)^2} \\ n &\geq \sqrt{\frac{2}{1/(k+1)^2}} & -x &> \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} \\ n^2 &\geq \frac{2}{\delta} \\ \frac{\delta}{2} &\geq \frac{1}{n^2} \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, since  $n \geq \sqrt{2}(k+1) > k$  (hence  $n^2 \geq (k+1)^2$ ) and  $x < -1/(k+1)^2$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 x &< (k+1)^2 \cdot -\frac{1}{(k+1)^2} \\ n^2 x &< -1 \\ n^2 x + 1 &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for  $n \geq \sqrt{2}(k+1)$ , we have that

$$\left| \frac{1}{1+n^2 x} \right| = \frac{1}{n^2(-x) - 1} < \frac{1}{n^2 \delta - 1} = \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\delta - 1/n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\delta - \delta/2} = \frac{2}{\delta n^2}$$

Therefore, since  $|f_n(x)| \leq M_n = 2/\delta n^2$  and  $\sum M_n$  converges by Theorem 3.28, the comparison test implies that  $\sum |f_n(x)|$  converges, as desired. Adding on the finitely many terms we left out of the summation will not change this fact.

Note that the series diverges for  $x = 0$  since each term becomes 1 in this case. Additionally, the series fails to exist for  $x = -1/k^2$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ) since the  $k^{\text{th}}$  term is undefined in this case.

Uniform convergence intervals: The series converges uniformly on any

$$[a, b] \subset (-\infty, -1) \cup \left( \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{k^2}, -\frac{1}{(k+1)^2} \right) \right) \cup (0, \infty)$$

This is because any such interval will be a subset of either  $(-\infty, -1)$ ,  $(0, \infty)$ , or a set of the form  $(-1/k^2, -1/(k+1)^2)$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ). Thus, we may take as  $\sum M_n$  the supremum on  $[a, b]$  of the appropriate bound derived above (either  $c/x$ ,  $c/(x+1)$ , or  $2c/\delta$ , respectively; all supremums of which will exist by the definition of  $[a, b]$ ) and apply Theorem 7.10.

Non-uniform convergence intervals: Any interval containing one or more of the points in the set  $\{0\} \cup \{-1/n^2\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , by the above.

Points of continuity: The series is continuous at all points at which it converges.

Let  $x$  be a point at which  $f$  converges. Then by the first part of the proof,  $x$  is an element of an open set  $G$ . Thus, let  $N_{2r}(x) \subset G$ , and consider  $[x-r, x+r]$ . By the above,  $f$  converges uniformly on this interval. Additionally, each  $f_n$  is continuous on this interval by definition. Thus, by Theorem 7.12,  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ , as desired.

Boundedness:  $f$  is not bounded.

If we suppose for the sake of contradiction that  $f$  is bounded by  $m$ , we nevertheless find that

$$f\left(\frac{1}{4m^2}\right) > \sum_{n=1}^{2m} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{n^2}{4m^2}} = \sum_{n=1}^{2m} \frac{(2m)^2}{(2m)^2 + n^2} \geq \sum_{n=1}^{2m} \frac{(2m)^2}{(2m)^2 + (2m)^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{2m} \frac{1}{2} = m$$

□

7. For  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  and  $x$  real, put

$$f_n(x) = \frac{x}{1 + nx^2}$$

Show that  $\{f_n\}$  converges uniformly to a function  $f$  and that the equation

$$f'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f'_n(x)$$

is correct if  $x \neq 0$  but false if  $x = 0$ .

*Proof.* To prove that  $\{f_n\}$  converges uniformly to  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = 0$  ( $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ), Theorem 7.9 tells us that it will suffice to show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and that the sequence  $\{M_n\}$  defined by  $M_n = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f_n(x)|$  tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since

$$f_n(x) = \frac{x}{1 + nx^2} < \frac{x}{nx^2} = \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \neq 0$  and  $f_n(0) = 0$  for all  $n$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , as desired. Additionally, by the Schwarz inequality, if  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2$  are real numbers, then

$$|a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2|^2 \leq (|a_1|^2 + |a_2|^2)(|b_1|^2 + |b_2|^2)$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |2\sqrt{n}x|^2 &= \left| \underbrace{1}_{a_1} \cdot \underbrace{\sqrt{n}x}_{b_1} + \underbrace{\sqrt{n}x}_{a_2} \cdot \underbrace{1}_{b_2} \right|^2 \leq (|1|^2 + |\sqrt{n}x|^2)(|\sqrt{n}x|^2 + |1|^2) = (1 + nx^2)^2 \\ |2\sqrt{n}x| &\leq |1 + nx^2| \\ \frac{1}{|1 + nx^2|} &\leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}|x|} \\ \frac{|x|}{|1 + nx^2|} &\leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \\ \left| \frac{x}{1 + nx^2} \right| &\leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \neq 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This combined with the facts that  $f_n(0) = 0 < \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f_n(1/\sqrt{n}) = 1/2\sqrt{n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  implies that  $M_n = 1/2\sqrt{n}$ . Thus,  $M_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , as desired.

$f'(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Additionally,

$$f'_n(x) = \frac{1 - nx^2}{(1 + nx^2)^2} \leq \frac{1 - nx^2}{(nx^2)^2} = \frac{1}{x^4} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \neq 0$ , as desired. However,  $f'_n(0) = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , as desired. □

## 5 Sequences and Series of Functions II / Functions of Several Variables

From Rudin (1976).

### Chapter 7

2/16: 5. Let

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < \frac{1}{n+1} \\ \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{x} & \frac{1}{n+1} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{n} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{n} < x \end{cases}$$

Show that  $\{f_n\}$  converges to a continuous function, but not uniformly. Use the series  $\sum f_n$  to show that absolute convergence, even for all  $x$ , does not imply uniform convergence.

*Proof.* To prove that  $\{f_n\}$  converges pointwise to the continuous function  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , it will suffice to show that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists an integer  $N$  such that if  $n \geq N$ , then  $|f_n(x)| < \epsilon$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  be arbitrary. We divide into three cases ( $x \in \{1/n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ ,  $x \in [0, 1] \setminus \{1/n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , and  $x \notin [0, 1]$ ).

If  $x \in \{1/n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , let  $x = 1/k$ . Then by the definition of  $f_n(x)$ , we have that

$$f_i(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & i < k - 1 \\ \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{1/k} = \sin^2 k\pi = 0 & i = k - 1, k \\ 0 & i > k \end{cases}$$

Thus, choose  $N = 1$ . It follows that if  $n \geq N$ , then

$$|f_n(x)| = 0 < \epsilon$$

as desired.

If  $x \in [0, 1] \setminus \{1/n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , let  $x \in (1/[(N-1)+1], 1/(N-1))$  where  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Choose this  $N$  to be our  $N$ . It follows that if  $n \geq N$ , then

$$\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{N} = \frac{1}{(N-1)+1} < x$$

so by definition,

$$|f_n(x)| = 0 < \epsilon$$

as desired.

If  $x \notin [0, 1]$ , then either  $x < 1/(n+1)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  or  $x > 1/n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Either way, we choosing  $N = 1$  yields that if  $n \geq N$ , then

$$|f_n(x)| = 0 < \epsilon$$

as desired.

To prove that  $\{f_n\}$  does not converge uniformly to  $f$ , Theorem 7.9 tells us that it will suffice to show that if  $M_n = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f_n(x) - f(x)|$ , then  $M_n \not\rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be arbitrary. Since  $n < n + 1/2 < n + 1$  and hence  $1/(n+1) \leq 2/(2n+1) \leq 1/n$ , we have by the properties of the sine function that

$$f_n\left(\frac{2}{2n+1}\right) = \sin^2 \left[ \frac{\pi}{2/(2n+1)} \right] = \sin^2 \left[ \frac{2n+1}{2} \pi \right] = \sin^2 \left[ \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi \right] = 1$$

and that  $f_n(x) \leq 1$  everywhere else. Thus,  $M_n = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . But then  $M_n \not\rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , as desired.

It follows by an argument symmetric to the above that while  $\sum f_n$  converges absolutely to

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{x} & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$M_n = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . □

6. Prove that the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^2 + n}{n^2}$$

converges uniformly in every bounded interval, but does not converge absolutely for any value of  $x$ .

*Proof.* Let  $[a, b]$  be an arbitrary bounded interval, and let  $f_n(x) = (-1)^n \frac{x^2 + n}{n^2}$ . To prove that the series converges uniformly on  $[a, b]$ , Theorem 7.8 tells us that it will suffice to show that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $N$  such that if  $n, m \geq N$  (WLOG let  $n \leq m$ ) and  $x \in [a, b]$ , then

$$\left| \sum_{i=n}^m f_i(x) \right| < \epsilon$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Define  $m = \max(|a|, |b|)$  (note that since  $a \neq b$  by definition,  $m > 0$ ). By consecutive applications of Theorem 3.43, we know that both  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n^2}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n}$  converge. Thus, by consecutive applications of Theorem 3.22, there exist integers  $N_1, N_2$  such that  $m \geq n \geq N_1$  implies the left result below and  $m \geq n \geq N_2$  implies the right result below.

$$\left| \sum_{k=n}^m (-1)^k \frac{1}{k^2} \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2m^2} \qquad \left| \sum_{k=n}^m (-1)^k \frac{1}{k} \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Choose  $N = \max(N_1, N_2)$ . Now let  $n, m \geq N$  with WLOG  $n \leq m$ , and let  $x \in [a, b]$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{k=n}^m f_k(x) \right| &= \left| \sum_{k=n}^m (-1)^k \frac{x^2 + k}{k^2} \right| \\ &= \left| x^2 \sum_{k=n}^m (-1)^k \frac{1}{k^2} + \sum_{k=n}^m (-1)^k \frac{1}{k} \right| \\ &\leq |x^2| \cdot \left| \sum_{k=n}^m (-1)^k \frac{1}{k^2} \right| + \left| \sum_{k=n}^m (-1)^k \frac{1}{k} \right| \\ &\leq m^2 \cdot \left| \sum_{k=n}^m (-1)^k \frac{1}{k^2} \right| + \left| \sum_{k=n}^m (-1)^k \frac{1}{k} \right| \\ &< m^2 \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2m^2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

To prove that the series does not converge absolutely for any value of  $x$ , let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  be arbitrary. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| (-1)^n \frac{x^2 + n}{n^2} \right| &= x^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \\ &\geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \end{aligned}$$

where the latter series diverges by Theorem 3.28, yielding the desired result. □



8. If

$$I(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ 1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence of distinct points of  $(a, b)$ , and if  $\sum |c_n|$  converges, prove that the series

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n I(x - x_n)$$

converges uniformly on  $[a, b]$ , and that  $f$  is continuous for every  $x \neq x_n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f_n(x) = c_n I(x - x_n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . To prove that  $f$  converges uniformly on  $[a, b]$ , Theorem 7.10 tells us that it will suffice to show that  $|f_n(x)| \leq M_n$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$  and  $\sum M_n$  converges. Let  $M_n = c_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then for any  $x \in [a, b]$ ,

$$|f_n(x)| = c_n I(x - x_n) \leq c_n = M_n$$

as desired. Additionally,  $\sum M_n = \sum c_n$  converges, as desired. This completes the proof.

For the second part of the proof, let  $x \notin \{x_n\}$ . Then every  $f_n$  is continuous at  $x$  by definition. Thus,  $f$  is a uniformly convergent sequence of functions continuous at  $x$ , so by Theorem 7.12,  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ .  $\square$

9. Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a sequence of continuous functions which converges uniformly to a function  $f$  on a set  $E$ . Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x_n) = f(x)$$

for every sequence of points  $x_n \in E$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $x \in E$ . Is the converse of this true?

*Proof.* Let  $\{x_n\} \subset E$  be an arbitrary sequence of points that converges to some  $x \in E$ . To prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x_n) = f(x)$ , it will suffice to show that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $N$  such that if  $n \geq N$ , then  $|f_n(x_n) - f(x)| < \epsilon$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Since  $\{f_n\}$  is a uniformly convergent sequence of continuous functions, Theorem 7.12 implies that  $f$  is a continuous function. Thus, there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $y \in E$  and  $|y - x| < \delta$ , then  $|f(y) - f(x)| < \epsilon/2$ . Additionally, since  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , there exists an  $N_1$  such that if  $n \geq N_1$ ,  $|x_n - x| < \delta$ . Furthermore, since  $f_n$  converges uniformly to  $f$ , there exists  $N_2$  such that if  $n \geq N_2$ , then  $|f_n(y) - f(y)| < \epsilon/2$  for all  $y \in E$ . In particular,  $|f_n(x_n) - f(x_n)| < \epsilon/2$ . Choose  $N = \max(N_1, N_2)$ . Let  $n \geq N$  be arbitrary. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(x_n) - f(x)| &\leq |f_n(x_n) - f(x_n)| + |f(x_n) - f(x)| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

No, it is not true in general that if  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence of continuous functions for which  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x_n) = f(x)$  for every sequence of points  $x_n \in E$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $x \in E$ , then  $f_n$  converges uniformly. Consider the sequence of functions from Exercise 7.5. This is a sequence of continuous functions for which  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x_n) = f(x)$  for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of the desired type since we can always choose  $N$  large enough so that the moving “hump” and neighborhood of  $x$  containing all remaining  $x_n$  are separated forever more. Moreover, by Exercise 7.5,  $\{f_n\}$  does not converge uniformly, as desired.  $\square$

## Chapter 9

1. If  $S$  is a nonempty subset of a vector space  $X$ , prove (as asserted in Section 9.1) that the span of  $S$  is a vector space.

*Proof.* Let  $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$  (the proof is symmetric if  $S$  is infinite).

To prove that  $\text{span}(S)$  is a vector space, it will suffice to show that  $\text{span}(S)$  is nonempty and that for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \text{span}(S)$  and  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \in \text{span}(S)$  and  $c\mathbf{x} \in \text{span}(S)$ . Since  $S$  is nonempty, there exists  $\mathbf{x} \in S$ ; thus,  $1\mathbf{x} \in \text{span}(S)$ , so  $\text{span}(S)$  is nonempty, as desired. Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \text{span}(S)$  and  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ . There exist  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n$  such that

$$\mathbf{x} = a_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{u}_n \qquad \mathbf{y} = b_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + b_n\mathbf{u}_n$$

It follows by the definition of  $\text{span}(S)$  that

$$\begin{aligned} (a_1 + b_1)\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + (a_n + b_n)\mathbf{u}_n &= \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in \text{span}(S) \\ ca_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + ca_n\mathbf{u}_n &= c\mathbf{x} \in \text{span}(S) \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □

2. Prove (as asserted in Section 9.6) that  $BA$  is linear if  $A$  and  $B$  are linear transformations. Prove also that  $A^{-1}$  is linear and invertible.

*Proof.* Let  $A \in L(X, Y)$  and  $B \in L(Y, Z)$ . Then for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in X$  and  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$A(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) = A\mathbf{x}_1 + A\mathbf{x}_2 \qquad A(c\mathbf{x}) = cA\mathbf{x}$$

and for all  $\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2 \in Y$  and  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$B(\mathbf{y}_1 + \mathbf{y}_2) = B\mathbf{y}_1 + B\mathbf{y}_2 \qquad B(c\mathbf{y}) = cB\mathbf{y}$$

It follows that for any  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in X$  and  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} BA(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) &= B(A\mathbf{x}_1 + A\mathbf{x}_2) & BA(c\mathbf{x}) &= B(cA\mathbf{x}) \\ &= BA\mathbf{x}_1 + BA\mathbf{x}_2 & &= cBA\mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

so  $BA$  is a linear transformation, as desired.

Let  $A \in L(X, Y)$  be invertible. Since  $A$  is a linear transformation, the same equalities from above still apply. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 &= \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 & c\mathbf{x} &= c\mathbf{x} \\ I(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) &= I\mathbf{x}_1 + I\mathbf{x}_2 & I(c\mathbf{x}) &= cI\mathbf{x} \\ AA^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) &= AA^{-1}\mathbf{x}_1 + AA^{-1}\mathbf{x}_2 & AA^{-1}(c\mathbf{x}) &= cAA^{-1}\mathbf{x} \\ A(A^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2)) &= A(A^{-1}\mathbf{x}_1 + A^{-1}\mathbf{x}_2) & A(A^{-1}(c\mathbf{x})) &= A(cA^{-1}\mathbf{x}) \\ A^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) &= A^{-1}\mathbf{x}_1 + A^{-1}\mathbf{x}_2 & A^{-1}(c\mathbf{x}) &= cA^{-1}\mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

where we use the fact that  $A$  is one-to-one for the last equality in both cases. To prove that  $A^{-1}$  is invertible, it will suffice to show that it is one-to-one and onto. Suppose  $A^{-1}\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{y}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} AA^{-1}\mathbf{x} &= AA^{-1}\mathbf{y} \\ I\mathbf{x} &= I\mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

proving that  $A^{-1}$  is one-to-one, as desired. Now suppose  $\mathbf{y} \in X$ . Then  $A\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}$  for some  $\mathbf{x} \in X$ . It follows that

$$A^{-1}\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}A\mathbf{y} = I\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}$$

proving that  $A^{-1}$  is onto, as desired. □

3. Assume  $A \in L(X, Y)$  and  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  only when  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Prove that  $A$  is then 1-1.

*Proof.* If we suppose that  $A\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{y}$ , then by linearity,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{0} &= A\mathbf{x} - A\mathbf{y} \\ &= A(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})\end{aligned}$$

It follows by hypothesis that  $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ , hence  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ , proving that  $A$  is 1-1, as desired.  $\square$

4. Prove (as asserted in Section 9.30) that null spaces and ranges of linear transformations are vector spaces.

*Proof.* Let  $A \in L(X, Y)$ .

Suppose  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in \text{null } A$ . Then  $A\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{0}$  and  $A\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{0} &= A\mathbf{x}_1 + A\mathbf{x}_2 \\ &= A(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2)\end{aligned}$$

so  $(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) \in \text{null } A$ , as desired.

Suppose  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{null } A$  and  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{0} &= c \cdot \mathbf{0} \\ &= cA\mathbf{x} \\ &= A(c\mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

so  $c\mathbf{x} \in \text{null } A$ , as desired.

Suppose  $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2 \in \text{range } A$ . Then there exist  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in X$  such that  $A\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{y}_1$  and  $A\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{y}_2$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}A(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) &= A\mathbf{x}_1 + A\mathbf{x}_2 \\ &= \mathbf{y}_1 + \mathbf{y}_2\end{aligned}$$

so  $(\mathbf{y}_1 + \mathbf{y}_2) \in \text{range } A$ , as desired.

Suppose  $\mathbf{y} \in \text{range } A$  and  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then there exists  $\mathbf{x} \in X$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}A(c\mathbf{x}) &= cA\mathbf{x} \\ &= c\mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

so  $c\mathbf{y} \in \text{range } A$ , as desired.  $\square$

## 6 Functions of Several Variables II

From Rudin (1976).

### Chapter 9

- 2/22: 5. Prove that to every  $A \in L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^1)$  corresponds a unique  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$ . Prove also that  $\|A\| = |\mathbf{y}|$ . (Hint: Under certain conditions, equality holds in the Schwarz inequality.)

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{y}$  be defined as follows.

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} A\mathbf{e}_1 \\ \vdots \\ A\mathbf{e}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Then if  $\mathbf{x} = a_1\mathbf{e}_1 + \cdots + a_n\mathbf{e}_n$ , we have that

$$A\mathbf{x} = a_1 \cdot A\mathbf{e}_1 + \cdots + a_n \cdot A\mathbf{e}_n = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$$

as desired.

Now suppose that  $\mathbf{z}$  satisfies  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{z}$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{x} \cdot (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . In particular, if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}) \cdot (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}) \\ &= \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 \\ \mathbf{0} &= \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{z} &= \mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

We also have by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality that

$$\|A\| = \sup_{\substack{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ |\mathbf{x}|=1}} |A\mathbf{x}| = \sup_{\substack{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ |\mathbf{x}|=1}} |\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}| \leq \sup_{\substack{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ |\mathbf{x}|=1}} |\mathbf{x}| \cdot |\mathbf{y}| = |\mathbf{y}|$$

Moreover, equality holds by noting that if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}/|\mathbf{y}|$ , then

$$|\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}| = \frac{|\mathbf{y}|^2}{|\mathbf{y}|} = |\mathbf{y}|$$

so the leftmost supremum is also at least  $|\mathbf{y}|$ , as desired.  $\square$

6. If

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \\ \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

prove that  $(D_1f)(x, y)$  and  $(D_2f)(x, y)$  exist at every point of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , although  $f$  is not continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  be arbitrary. We divide into two cases ( $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$  and  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ ). If  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ , then as the sum, product, and quotient of linear (hence differentiable) functions,  $f$  is

differentiable at  $(x, y)$ . Therefore, by Theorem 9.17,  $(D_1f)(x, y)$  and  $(D_2f)(x, y)$  exist. On the other hand, if  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}(D_jf)(0, 0) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t\mathbf{e}_j) - f(0, 0)}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{t \cdot 0}{t^2 + 0^2} - 0}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} 0 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

However, since

$$f(t, t) = \frac{t^2}{t^2 + t^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

for all  $t$  (notably arbitrarily small  $t$ ), we find points  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  arbitrarily close to  $(0, 0)$  for which  $f(x, y) = 1/2$ . Therefore,  $f$  is not continuous at  $(0, 0)$ .  $\square$

7. Suppose that  $f$  is a real-valued function defined in an open set  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , and that the partial derivatives  $D_1f, \dots, D_nf$  are bounded on  $E$ . Prove that  $f$  is continuous in  $E$ . (Hint: Proceed as in the proof of Theorem 9.21.)

*Proof.* To prove that  $f$  is continuous at an arbitrary  $\mathbf{x} \in E$ , it will suffice to show that for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h} \in E$  and  $|\mathbf{h}| < \delta$ , then  $|f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h}) - f(\mathbf{x})| < \epsilon$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Since each  $D_jf$  is bounded, we know that there exist  $M_1, \dots, M_n$  such that  $|D_jf| \leq M_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n$ ). Define  $M = \max M_j$ . Choose  $\delta = \epsilon/nM$ . Let  $\mathbf{h}$  be such that  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h} \in E$  and  $|\mathbf{h}| < \delta$ . Supposing  $\mathbf{h} = \sum h_j \mathbf{e}_j$ , put  $\mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_k = h_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + h_k \mathbf{e}_k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n$ ). Then, letting  $\theta_j \in (0, 1)$  for all  $j$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}|f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h}) - f(\mathbf{x})| &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^n [f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}_j) - f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}_{j-1})] \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n |f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}_j) - f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}_{j-1})| \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n [h_j (D_jf)(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}_{j-1} + \theta_j h_j \mathbf{e}_j)] \quad \text{MVT} \\ &\leq M \sum_{j=1}^n h_j \\ &\leq nM |\mathbf{h}| \\ &< \epsilon\end{aligned}$$

as desired.  $\square$

8. Suppose that  $f$  is a differentiable real function in an open set  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , and that  $f$  has a local maximum at a point  $\mathbf{x} \in E$ . Prove that  $f'(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ .

*Proof.* To prove that  $f'(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ , Theorem 9.17 tells us that it will suffice to show that  $(D_jf)(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Let  $j$  be an arbitrary natural number between 1 and  $n$ , inclusive. Define  $U_j = (\mathbf{x} + \text{span}(\mathbf{e}_j)) \cap E$  and let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Then by definition,  $(D_jf)(\mathbf{x}) = (f|_{U_j})'(x_j)$  and  $f|_{U_j}(x_j)$  is a local maximum of  $f|_{U_j}$ . It follows by Theorem 5.8 that

$$(D_jf)(\mathbf{x}) = (f|_{U_j})'(x_j) = 0$$

as desired.  $\square$

10. If  $f$  is a real function defined in a convex open set  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , such that  $(D_1 f)(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  for every  $\mathbf{x} \in E$ , prove that  $f(\mathbf{x})$  depends only on  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ . Show that the convexity of  $E$  can be replaced by a weaker condition, but that some condition is required. For example, if  $n = 2$  and  $E$  is shaped like a horseshoe, the statement may be false.

*Proof.* To prove that  $f(\mathbf{x})$  depends only on  $x_2, \dots, x_n$ , it will suffice to show that if  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in E$  are such that  $\mathbf{x} = (x, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (y, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , then  $f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{y})$ . Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in E$  be arbitrary points that satisfy the previous condition. Since  $E$  is convex,  $\lambda\mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{y} \in E$  for all  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . Define  $U = \{\lambda\mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{y} : 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1\}$ . Then since  $(f|_U)'(t_1) = (D_1 f)(\mathbf{t}) = 0$  on  $U$ , Theorem 5.17b implies that  $f|_U$  is constant. In particular, since  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in U$ ,  $f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{y})$ , as desired.

The following weaker condition will suffice:  $E$  open is a set such that  $\lambda\mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{y} \in E$  for all  $0 < \lambda < 1$  and  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in E$  that satisfy  $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \in \text{span}(\mathbf{e}_1)$ . Note that the above proof still works with this condition in place of convexity because the arbitrary  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  to which we applied the definition of convexity satisfy  $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \in \text{span}(\mathbf{e}_1)$ .

If we do not assert any condition, we may consider as a counterexample the subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$E = ((-2, -1) \times (1, 2)) \cup ((1, 2) \times (1, 2))$$

and the function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(x, y) = \text{sgn}(x) + y$$

Since  $f(x, y) = -1 + y$  for  $x \in (-2, -1) \times (1, 2)$  and  $f(x, y) = 1 + y$  for  $x \in (1, 2) \times (1, 2)$ , clearly  $(D_1 f)(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in E$ . Yet  $f(-1.5, 0) = -1$  and  $f(1.5, 0) = 1$ .  $\square$

11. If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable real functions in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , prove that

$$\nabla(fg) = f\nabla g + g\nabla f$$

and that

$$\nabla\left(\frac{1}{f}\right) = -\frac{\nabla f}{f^2}$$

wherever  $f \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Since, by definition, partial derivatives only take limits over linear subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , i.e., ones that are isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ , they behave like the one-dimensional derivatives of  $f$  restricted to such linear subsets. More precisely,  $D_j f$  behaves like the derivative of  $(f|_{N_r(\mathbf{x}) \cap \text{span}(\mathbf{e}_j)})'$  where  $\mathbf{x}$  is the point at which we're taking the derivative and  $r$  is taken to be small enough so that  $N_r(\mathbf{x})$  is a subset of the open domain of  $f$ . In particular, this means that partial derivatives obey the usual sum, product, and quotient rules, as well as other rules carried over from the analysis of functions of a single variable. Thus, we have that for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla(fg))(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{j=1}^n (D_j(fg))(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{e}_j \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n (fD_j g + D_j f g)(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{e}_j \\ &= f(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{j=1}^n (D_j g)(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{e}_j + g(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{j=1}^n (D_j f)(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{e}_j \\ &= f(\mathbf{x})(\nabla g)(\mathbf{x}) + (\nabla f)(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= (f\nabla g + g\nabla f)(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

and symmetrically for  $\nabla(1/f)$ .  $\square$

17. Let  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, f_2)$  be the mapping of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  into  $\mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$f_1(x, y) = e^x \cos y \qquad f_2(x, y) = e^x \sin y$$

(a) What is the range of  $f$ ?

*Proof.* The range of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

Both trigonometric functions have range  $[-1, 1]$  and  $e^x$  has range  $(0, \infty)$ , so we can make  $e^x$  arbitrarily large and then take  $y$  such that the trigonometric function equals 1 or  $-1$ . However, since  $\cos y = \pm 1$  when  $\sin y = 0$  and vice versa, we can never achieve  $(0, 0)$ .  $\square$

(b) Show that the Jacobian of  $f$  is not zero at any point of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Thus, every point of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  has a neighborhood in which  $f$  is one-to-one. Nevertheless,  $f$  is not one-to-one on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  be arbitrary. We divide into two cases ( $y = n\pi$  and  $y \neq n\pi$  [ $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ]). If  $y = n\pi$ , then since  $(\sin y)' = \cos y$ ,  $D_2 f_2 = e^x \cos y$ ,  $e^x \neq 0$  for all  $x$ , and  $\cos n\pi = \pm 1$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ), we have that  $(D_2 f_2)(x, y) \neq 0$ . If  $y \neq n\pi$ , then since  $(e^x)' = e^x$  (Theorem 8.6b),  $D_1 f_2 = e^x \sin y$ ,  $e^x \neq 0$  for all  $x$ , and  $\sin y \neq 0$  for all  $y \neq n\pi$ , we have that  $(D_1 f_2)(x, y) \neq 0$ .

It follows by Theorem 9.24 that every point of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  has a neighborhood in which  $f$  is 1-1.

Since the trigonometric functions are periodic with period  $2\pi$ ,  $f(0, 0) = f(0, 2\pi)$ , for instance.  $\square$

(c) Put  $\mathbf{a} = (0, \pi/3)$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = f(\mathbf{a})$ , and let  $\mathbf{g}$  be the continuous inverse of  $\mathbf{f}$ , defined in a neighborhood of  $\mathbf{b}$ , such that  $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{a}$ . Find an explicit formula for  $\mathbf{g}$ , compute  $\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{a})$  and  $\mathbf{g}'(\mathbf{b})$ , and verify that

$$\mathbf{g}'(\mathbf{b}) = [\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{b}))]^{-1}$$

*Proof.* Let  $U = \mathbb{R} \times (0, \pi/2)$ . Then  $V = f(U) = (0, \infty)^2$ . Thus, we may define  $\mathbf{g} : V \rightarrow U$  by

$$g_1(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + y^2) \qquad g_2(x, y) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

Under this definition, we can easily see that if  $(x, y) \in U$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(x, y)) &= g(e^x \cos y, e^x \sin y) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln((e^x \cos y)^2 + (e^x \sin y)^2), \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{e^x \sin y}{e^x \cos y} \right) \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln(e^{2x}(\cos^2 y + \sin^2 y)), \tan^{-1}(\tan y) \right) \\ &= (x, y) \end{aligned}$$

as desired. We can also compute that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{a}) &= \begin{bmatrix} (D_1 f_1)(\mathbf{a}) & (D_2 f_1)(\mathbf{a}) \\ (D_1 f_2)(\mathbf{a}) & (D_2 f_2)(\mathbf{a}) \end{bmatrix} & \mathbf{g}'(\mathbf{b}) &= \begin{bmatrix} (D_1 f_1)(\mathbf{a}) & (D_2 f_1)(\mathbf{a}) \\ (D_1 f_2)(\mathbf{a}) & (D_2 f_2)(\mathbf{a}) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e^x \cos y & -e^x \sin y \\ e^x \sin y & e^x \cos y \end{bmatrix} & &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} & \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \\ -\frac{y}{x^2+y^2} & \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} & &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the definition of matrix multiplication that

$$\mathbf{g}'(\mathbf{b})\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{b})) = \mathbf{g}'(\mathbf{b})\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{a}) = I \qquad \mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{b}))\mathbf{g}'(\mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{a})\mathbf{g}'(\mathbf{b}) = I$$

as desired.  $\square$

(d) What are the images under  $\mathbf{f}$  of lines parallel to the coordinate axes?

*Proof.* Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  denote a line parallel to the  $x$ -axis and a distance  $t$  away, and let  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  denote a line parallel to the  $y$ -axis and a distance  $t$  away. Formally,

$$U = \{(t, y) : y \in \mathbb{R}\} \qquad V = \{(x, t) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We first describe  $\mathbf{f}(U)$ . Since  $x = t$  for all  $(x, y) \in U$ ,  $e^x = e^t$ . Since  $y$  ranges over  $\mathbb{R}$  as  $(x, y)$  ranges over  $U$ , the image of  $U$  under  $\cos y$  is  $[-1, 1]$ . Similarly, the image of  $U$  under  $\sin y$  is  $[-1, 1]$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{f}(U) = (f_1(U), f_2(U))$  where the two components are given by

$$f_1(U) = [-e^t, e^t] \qquad f_2(U) = [-e^t, e^t]$$

We now describe  $\mathbf{f}(V)$ . Since  $x$  ranges over  $\mathbb{R}$  as  $(x, y)$  ranges over  $V$ , the image of  $V$  under  $e^x$  is  $(0, \infty)$ . Since  $y = t$  for all  $(x, y) \in V$ ,  $\cos y = 0$  if  $t = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$ ,  $\cos y > 0$  if  $t \in (-\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n, \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n)$ , and  $\cos y < 0$  if  $t \in (\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n, \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi n)$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ). Similarly,  $\sin y = 0$  if  $t = n\pi$ ,  $\sin y > 0$  if  $t \in (2n\pi, (2n+1)\pi)$ , and  $\sin y < 0$  if  $t \in ((2n-1)\pi, 2n\pi)$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ). Thus,  $\mathbf{f}(V) = (f_1(V), f_2(V))$  where the two components are given by

$$f_1(V) = \begin{cases} \{0\} & t = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi \\ (0, \infty) & -\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n < t < \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n \\ (0, -\infty) & \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n < t < \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi n \end{cases} \quad f_2(V) = \begin{cases} \{0\} & t = n\pi \\ (0, \infty) & 2n\pi < t < (2n+1)\pi \\ (0, -\infty) & (2n-1)\pi < t < 2n\pi \end{cases}$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  in every occurrence. □



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