

Chapter 6, # 9, 10 & 13

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

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

Prove the following statements.

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

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

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

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

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

then

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

(c) If  $f$  and  $g$  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.)

(d) Show that Hölder's inequality is also true for the “improper” integrals described in Exercises 7 and 8.

*Proof.* We proceed with each part:

(a) We use Jensen's inequality. (I know this is slightly illegal since we haven't defined what  $\log(x)$  is, but I couldn't figure out any other way to do it.) If  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$  then there's nothing to prove, so assume  $a, b > 0$ . By Jensen's inequality,

$$\log \left( \frac{u^p}{p} + \frac{v^q}{q} \right) \geq \frac{1}{p} \log(u^p) + \frac{1}{q} \log(v^q) = \log u + \log v = \log(uv).$$

Since  $\log x$  is monotonically increasing, we conclude that

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

(b) From part (a) we know that

$$f(x)g(x) \leq \frac{f(x)^p}{p} + \frac{g(x)^q}{q}.$$

Integrating both sides gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx &\leq \int_a^b \frac{f(x)^p}{p} + \frac{g(x)^q}{q} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \int_a^b f(x)^p dx + \frac{1}{q} \int_a^b g(x)^q dx \\ &= \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

(c) Normalize  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  by taking

$$\frac{|f(x)|}{\left(\int_a^b |f(x)|^p\right)^{1/p}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{|g(x)|}{\left(\int_a^b |g(x)|^q\right)^{1/q}},$$

so we can apply part (b). We have,

$$\int_a^b \frac{|f(x)|}{\left(\int_a^b |f(x)|^p\right)^{1/p}} \frac{|g(x)|}{\left(\int_a^b |g(x)|^q\right)^{1/q}} \leq 1,$$

which implies

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

as desired.

(d) There is no need for any other assumptions. We can just push the limits around since

everything is continuous:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \int_a^\infty fg d\alpha \right| &= \left| \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b fg d\alpha \right| \\
 &\leq \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \int_a^b |f|^p d\alpha \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \int_a^b |g|^q d\alpha \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \int_a^b |f|^p d\alpha \right\}^{1/p} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \int_a^b |g|^q d\alpha \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &= \left\{ \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b |f|^p d\alpha \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b |g|^q d\alpha \right\}^{1/q} \\
 &= \left\{ \int_a^\infty |f|^p d\alpha \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \int_a^\infty |g|^q d\alpha \right\}^{1/q},
 \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □

**Problem 13.** Define

$$f(x) = \int_x^{x+1} \sin(t^2) dt.$$

(a) Prove that  $|f(x)| < 1/x$  if  $x > 0$ .

(b) Prove that

$$2xf(x) = \cos(x^2) - \cos[(x+1)^2] + r(x)$$

where  $|r(x)| < c/x$  and  $c$  is a constant.

(c) Find the upper and lower limits of  $xf(x)$ , as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

(d) Does  $\int_0^\infty \sin(t^2) dt$  converge?

*Proof.* We proceed with each part:

(a) Assume that  $x > 0$  throughout. We begin with the hint from the book. Make the substitution  $u = t^2$  with  $dt = du/2\sqrt{u}$  to obtain

$$f(x) = \int_{x^2}^{(x+1)^2} \frac{\sin u}{2\sqrt{u}} du.$$

We integrate by parts with  $f(x) = \sin x$  and  $G(x) = 1/2\sqrt{x}$ . So  $F(x) = -\cos x$  and

$g(x) = -1/4x^{3/2}$ . Hence

$$f(x) = \frac{\cos(x^2)}{2x} - \frac{\cos((x+1)^2)}{2(x+1)} - \int_{x^2}^{(x+1)^2} \frac{\cos u}{4u^{3/2}} du.$$

Now we try to bound  $f(x)$  above and below by  $1/x$  and  $-1/x$ , respectively. To bound  $f(x) < 1/x$ , note that we can simplify the last integral term with the inequality by replacing  $\cos u$  with 1:

$$\int_{x^2}^{(x+1)^2} \frac{\cos u}{4u^{3/2}} du < \int_{x^2}^{(x+1)^2} \frac{1}{4u^{3/2}} du = \frac{1}{2(x+1)} - \frac{1}{2x}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &< \frac{\cos(x^2)}{2x} - \frac{\cos((x+1)^2)}{2(x+1)} + \frac{1}{2x} - \frac{1}{2(x+1)} \\ &= \frac{1 - \cos(x^2)}{2x} - \frac{1 - \cos((x+1)^2)}{2(x+1)} \\ &\leq \frac{1 - \cos(x^2)}{2x} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we can also replace  $\cos u$  with  $-1$ , which gives the opposite effect:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &> \frac{\cos(x^2)}{2x} - \frac{\cos((x+1)^2)}{2(x+1)} + \frac{1}{2(x+1)} - \frac{1}{2x} \\ &= \frac{1 - \cos((x+1)^2)}{2(x+1)} - \frac{1 - \cos(x^2)}{2x} \\ &\geq \frac{1 - \cos((x+1)^2)}{2(x+1)} \\ &\geq -\frac{1}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $|f(x)| < 1/x$ .

(b) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 2xf(x) &= \cos(x^2) - \frac{2x \cos((x+1)^2)}{2(x+1)} - 2x \int_{x^2}^{(x+1)^2} \frac{\cos u}{4u^{3/2}} du \\
 &= \cos(x^2) - \frac{2(x+1) \cos((x+1)^2) - 2 \cos((x+1)^2)}{2(x+1)} - 2x \int_{x^2}^{(x+1)^2} \frac{\cos u}{4u^{3/2}} du \\
 &= \cos(x^2) - \cos((x+1)^2) + \frac{\cos((x+1)^2)}{x+1} - 2x \int_{x^2}^{(x+1)^2} \frac{\cos u}{4u^{3/2}} du.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we may identify

$$r(x) = \frac{\cos((x+1)^2)}{x+1} - \frac{x}{2} \int_{x^2}^{(x+1)^2} \frac{\cos u}{u^{3/2}} du.$$

Now we cannot bound the last integral again by  $\mathcal{O}(1/x)$  again because of the factor of  $x$  in the front. Hence the messy (but somewhat natural) thing to do is simply integrate by parts again. Let  $du = \sin x dx$  and  $v = \frac{1}{x^{3/2}}$ , so that  $u = \cos x$  and  $dv = -\frac{3}{2x^{5/2}} dv$ . Thus

$$\int_{x^2}^{(x+1)^2} \frac{\cos u}{u^{3/2}} du = \frac{\sin((x+1)^2)}{(x+1)^3} - \frac{\sin(x^2)}{x^3} + \int_{x^2}^{(x+1)^2} \frac{3 \sin u}{2u^{5/2}} du.$$

Now we may use the same technique as in part (a) to bound

$$-\frac{3}{2x^3} < \int_{x^2}^{(x+1)^2} \frac{\cos u}{u^{3/2}} du < \frac{3}{2x^3}.$$

Thus we can bound  $r(x)$  loosely with

$$\begin{aligned}
 |r(x)| &= \left| \frac{\cos((x+1)^2)}{x+1} \right| + \left| \frac{x}{2} \int_{x^2}^{(x+1)^2} \frac{\cos u}{u^{3/2}} du \right| \\
 &< \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{2x^2} \\
 &< \frac{2}{x}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) We claim that the lower and upper limits of  $xf(x)$  are  $\pm 1$ . Indeed, since  $r(x) \rightarrow 0$  as

$x \rightarrow \infty$  we can not worry about it. So consider the behavior of

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cos(x^2) - \cos((x+1)^2)}{2} &= -\sin\left(\frac{x^2 + (x+1)^2}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x^2 - (x+1)^2}{2}\right) \\ &= \sin\left(x^2 + x + \frac{1}{2}\right) \sin\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Intuitively, we need both arguments inside the sines to be close to  $2\pi(n + 1/2)$ . This will *probably* (?) never happen exactly due to the transcendental nature of  $\pi$ . But because we are looking at only the upper and lower limits, we have “an epsilon of room” to work with. In particular, intuitively, if  $x + 1/2 = 2\pi(n + 1/2)$  for some  $n$  and  $n$  is large enough, the neighbourhood around

$$2\pi\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \pm \varepsilon$$

will map to some interval with length proportional to  $\varepsilon n$  under  $x \mapsto x^2$ . To be precise, if we have

$$x^- = 2\pi\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad x^+ = 2\pi\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon,$$

then (I will just skip all the calculation...)

$$\begin{aligned} (x^+)^2 + x^+ + 1 - (x^-)^2 - x^- - 1 &= (x^+)^2 - (x^-)^2 + 2\varepsilon \\ &= 2\varepsilon(\pi(4n + 2) + 1) + 2\varepsilon \\ &\geq 2\pi\varepsilon(4n + 2) \end{aligned}$$

So for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we may choose  $n > \frac{2-\varepsilon}{8\varepsilon}$  so that  $2\pi\varepsilon(4n + 2) > 2\pi$ . Thus there exist  $a, b$  in the interval such that  $\sin(a^2 + a + 1) = 1$  and  $\sin(b^2 + b + 1) = -1$ , where  $|x - a| < \varepsilon$  and  $|x - b| < \varepsilon$ . So we have  $af(a) > 1 - \varepsilon$  and  $bf(b) < -1 + \varepsilon$ . (I may have lost some factors in there somewhere.) This holds for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , so the upper and lower limits of  $xf(x)$  are  $\pm 1$ .

(d) The integral does converge. For any integer  $N$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{N+1} \sin(t^2) dt &= \sum_{n=0}^N f(n) \\
 &= f(0) + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{2n} (\cos(n^2) - \cos((n+1)^2) + r(n)) \\
 &= f(0) + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{r(n)}{2n} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\cos(n^2)}{n} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=2}^N \frac{\cos(n^2)}{n-1} \\
 &= f(0) + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{r(n)}{2n} + \frac{\cos 1}{2} - \frac{\cos((N+1)^2)}{2} + \sum_{n=2}^N \frac{\cos(n^2)}{n(n-1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|r(n)| < 2/n$  and  $|\cos(n^2)| \leq 1$ , both sums are comparable to  $\sum_{n=0}^N 1/n^2$ , we conclude that they converge in the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence

$$\int_0^{\infty} \sin(t^2) dt$$

converges in the limit as well.

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