

Real Analysis

Homework 4

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1. (Exercise 4.11)

Let f be defined on \mathbb{R}^n and let $B(x)$ denote the open ball $\{y : |x - y| < r\}$ with center x and fixed radius r . Show that the function $g(x) = \sup\{f(y) : y \in B(x)\}$ is lsc and that the function $h(x) = \inf\{f(y) : y \in B(x)\}$ is usc on \mathbb{R}^n . Is the same true for the *closed* ball $\{y : |x - y| \leq r\}$?

Proof.



(a) Let x_0 be the limit point of \mathbb{R}^n .

Since $g(x_0) = \sup\{f(y) : y \in B(x_0)\}$, then there will exist $x_1 \in B(x_0)$ such that $f(x_1) > M$ for any $M < g(x_0)$.

Let $\delta = r - |x_0 - x_1| > 0$, then for all $x \in B(x_0, \delta)$, we have $x_1 \in B(x)$.

See the function f in the ball $B(x)$, $f(x_1)$ may not be the superior value, therefore,

$$g(x) = \sup\{f(y) : y \in B(x)\} \geq f(x_1) > M,$$

then



$$\liminf_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) \geq g(x_0).$$

Hence, $g(x)$ is lsc.

(b) Similarly, let x'_0 be the limit point of \mathbb{R}^n .

Since $h(x'_0) = \inf\{f(y) : y \in B(x'_0)\}$, then there will exist $x'_1 \in B(x'_0)$ such that $f(x'_1) < M'$ for any $M' > h(x'_0)$.

Let $\delta = r - |x'_0 - x'_1| > 0$, then for all $x \in B(x'_0, \delta)$, we have $x'_1 \in B(x)$.

See the function f in the ball $B(x)$, $f(x'_1)$ may not be the inferior value, therefore,

$$h(x) = \inf\{f(y) : y \in B(x)\} \leq f(x'_1) < M',$$

then

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow x'_0} h(x) \leq h(x'_0).$$

Hence, $h(x)$ is usc.

(c) False!

Let f be a function on \mathbb{R}^1 with $f(1) = 1, f(2) = 2$ and $f(x) = 0$ as $x \neq 1$ and $x \neq 2$.

Let $r = 1$, then $g(1) = 2$ but $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x) = 1$, so g is not lsc.

Similarly, let f be a function on \mathbb{R}^1 with $f(1) = -1, f(2) = -2$ and $f(x) = 0$ as $x \neq 1$ and $x \neq 2$.

Let $r = 1$, then $h(1) = -2$ but $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} h(x) = -1$, so h is not usc.

2. (Exercise 4.12)

If $f(x), x \in \mathbb{R}^1$, is continuous at almost every point of an interval $[a, b]$, show that f is measurable on $[a, b]$. Generalize this to functions defined in \mathbb{R}^n . (For a constructive proof, use the subintervals of a sequence of partitions to define a sequence of simple measurable functions converging to f a.e. in $[a, b]$. Use Theorem 4.12. See also the proof of Theorem 5.54.)

Proof.

(a) f is measurable on $[a, b]$:

Note: Part(a) is proved if part(b) has been proved.



Let E be the subset of $[a, b]$ such that $Z = [a, b] \setminus E$ then Z is measure zero.

The set E is also measurable since $[a, b]$ and Z are measurable.

For any α and $+\infty > \alpha > -\infty$, we then have

$$\{x \in [a, b] : f(x) > \alpha\} = \{x \in E : f(x) > \alpha\} \cup \{x \in Z : f(x) > \alpha\}$$

$\{x \in E : f(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable since E is measurable and f is continuous on $E \subseteq [a, b]$. Due to $\{x \in Z : f(x) > \alpha\} \subseteq Z$ and Z is measure zero, so $\{x \in Z : f(x) > \alpha\}$ is also measurable (measurable zero).

By the above, we know that $\{x \in E : f(x) > \alpha\}$ and $\{x \in Z : f(x) > \alpha\}$ are measurable, therefore, $\{x \in [a, b] : f(x) > \alpha\}$ is also measurable.

Hence, f is measurable on the interval $[a, b]$.

(b) Generalize:

Assume $f(x)$ is continuous at almost every point of an interval I where $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$.

Let E be the subset of $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $Z = I \setminus E$ then Z is measure zero.

The set E is also measurable since I and Z are measurable.

For any α and $+\infty > \alpha > -\infty$, we then have

$$\{x \in I : f(x) > \alpha\} = \{x \in E : f(x) > \alpha\} \cup \{x \in Z : f(x) > \alpha\}$$

$\{x \in E : f(x) > \alpha\}$ is measurable since E is measurable and f is continuous on $E \subseteq I$. Due to $\{x \in Z : f(x) > \alpha\} \subseteq Z$ and Z is measure zero, so $\{x \in Z : f(x) > \alpha\}$ is also measurable (measurable zero).

By the above, we know that $\{x \in E : f(x) > \alpha\}$ and $\{x \in Z : f(x) > \alpha\}$ are measurable, therefore, $\{x \in I : f(x) > \alpha\}$ is also measurable.

Hence, f is measurable on the interval $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

3. (Exercise 4.14)

Let $f(x, y)$ be as in Exercise 13. Show that given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a closed $F \subset E$ with $|E - F| < \epsilon$ such that $f(x, y)$ converges uniformly for $x \in F$ to $f(x)$ as $y \rightarrow 0$. (Follow the proof of Egorov's theorem, using the sets $E_{\epsilon, 1/m}$ defined in Exercise 13 in place of the sets E_m in the proof of Lemma 4.18.)

Proof.

By Exercise 4.13 and the hint, let

$$E_{\epsilon, \frac{1}{m}} = \{x \in E : |f(x, y) - f(x)| \leq \epsilon \text{ for all } y < \frac{1}{m}\}$$

for $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

By Exercise 4.13, we also know that $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(x, y)$, so there exists $M' \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that for $y < 1/M'$,

we have $|f(x, y) - f(x)| \leq \epsilon$, then $E_{\epsilon, 1/m} \nearrow E$.

By Lemma 3.26, since $E_{\epsilon, 1/m} \nearrow E$, then $|E_{\epsilon, 1/m}| \rightarrow |E|$.

Follow the proof of Egorov's Theorem, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $M \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that

$$|E - E_{\epsilon, 1/M}| < \epsilon 2^{-m-1}.$$

By Egorov's Theorem, since $E_{\epsilon, 1/M}$ is measurable, there exists a closed set F_m such that

$$F_m \subseteq E_{\epsilon, 1/M} \text{ and } |E_{\epsilon, 1/M} - F_m| < \epsilon 2^{-m-1}.$$

Hence

$$|E - F_m| \leq |E - E_{\epsilon, 1/M}| + |E_{\epsilon, 1/M} - F_m| < \epsilon 2^{-m}$$

Let $F = \bigcap_m F_m$, then

$$|E - F| \leq |E - \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} F_m| \leq |\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} (E - F_m)| \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |E - F_m| < \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \epsilon 2^{-m} < \epsilon$$

and also $f(x, y)$ converges uniformly to $f(x)$ on F as $y \rightarrow 0$.

4. (Exercise 4.15)

Let $\{f_k\}$ be a sequence of measurable functions defined on a measurable E with $|E| < +\infty$. If $|f_k(x)| \leq M_x < +\infty$ for all k for each $x \in E$, show that given $\epsilon > 0$, there is closed $F \subset E$ and a finite M such that $|E - F| < \epsilon$ and $|f_k(x)| \leq M$ for all k and all $x \in F$.

Proof.

Let $\epsilon > 0$ and $f(x) = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} f_k(x)$.

Since each f_k is measurable, then f is measurable and $f(x) \leq M_x$ for all $x \in E$.

Since f is measurable on E , by Lusin's Theorem, then for all $\epsilon > 0$, there will exist a closed $F \subseteq E$ such that $|E - F| < \epsilon$ and f is continuous relative to F .

Since $|E| < \infty$ and F is closed, we can find a compact set $F^* \subseteq F$ such that $|E - F^*| < \epsilon$.

Since f is continuous relative to F and F^* , hence, f will have the maximum, so there will exist a constant M such that $f(x) \leq M$ for all $x \in F^* \subseteq F \subseteq E$.

5. (Exercise 4.16)

Prove that $f_k \xrightarrow{m} f$ on E if and only if give $\epsilon > 0$, there exists K such that $|\{x \in E : |f(x) - f_k(x)| > \epsilon\}| < \epsilon$ if $k > K$. Give an analogous Cauchy criterion.

Proof.

(\Rightarrow)

By definition, since $f_k \xrightarrow{m} f$, then for all $\epsilon, \delta > 0$, there will exist $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|\{x \in E : |f(x) - f_k(x)| > \delta\}| < \epsilon \text{ for all } k > K.$$

Take $\delta = \epsilon$, then $|\{x \in E : |f(x) - f_k(x)| > \epsilon\}| < \epsilon$ if $k > K$.

(\Leftarrow)

Given $\delta, \epsilon > 0$, then there will exist $K_\delta, K_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|\{x \in E : |f(x) - f_k(x)| > \delta\}| < \delta$ for all $k > K_\delta$ and $|\{x \in E : |f(x) - f_k(x)| > \epsilon\}| < \epsilon$ for all $k > K_\epsilon$.

Let $\eta = \min\{\delta, \epsilon\}$ and take $K = \max\{K_\delta, K_\epsilon\}$, we then have

$$\{x \in E : |f(x) - f_k(x)| > \epsilon\} \subseteq \{x \in E : |f(x) - f_k(x)| > \eta\}$$

That is

$$|\{x \in E : |f(x) - f_k(x)| > \epsilon\}| \leq |\{x \in E : |f(x) - f_k(x)| > \eta\}| < \eta \leq \delta.$$

Hence,

$$f_k \xrightarrow{m} f \text{ on } E.$$

(Cauchy criterion)

By the course's note, we know the Cauchy criterion is:

$f_k \xrightarrow{m} f$ if and only if for all $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ there exists $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f_l(x)| > \delta\}| < \epsilon$ for all $k, l > K$.

6. (Exercise 4.17)

Suppose that $f_k \xrightarrow{m}$ and $g_k \xrightarrow{m} g$ on E . Show that $f_k + g_k \xrightarrow{m} f + g$ on E and, if $|E| < +\infty$, that $f_k g_k \xrightarrow{m} f g$ on E . If, in addition, $g_k \rightarrow g$ on E , $g \neq 0$ a.e., and $|E| < +\infty$, show that $f_k/g_k \xrightarrow{m} f/g$ on E . (For the product $f_k g_k$, write $f_k g_k - f g = (f_k - f)(g_k - g) + f(g_k - g) + g(f_k - f)$. Consider each term separately, using the fact that a function that is finite on E , $|E| < +\infty$ is bounded outside a subset of E with small measure.)

Proof.

(a) $f_k + g_k \xrightarrow{m} f + g$ on E :

Since $f_k \xrightarrow{m}$ on E , then for all $\epsilon > 0$ there will exist $M_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| > \epsilon/2\}| < \epsilon/2 \text{ for all } k \geq M_1.$$

Similarly, since $g_k \xrightarrow{m} g$ on E , then for all $\epsilon > 0$ there will exist $M_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|\{x \in E : |g_k(x) - g(x)| > \epsilon/2\}| < \epsilon/2 \text{ for all } k \geq M_2.$$

Consider Triangle Inequality, we then have

$$\begin{aligned} \{x \in E : |(f_k(x) - f(x)) + (g_k(x) - g(x))| < \epsilon\} &\subseteq \{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon/2\} \\ &\cup \{x \in E : |g_k(x) - g(x)| < \epsilon/2\}. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} |\{x \in E : |(f_k(x) - f(x)) + (g_k(x) - g(x))| < \epsilon\}| &= |\{x \in E : |(f_k(x) + g_k(x)) - (f(x) + g(x))| < \epsilon\}| \\ &\leq |\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon/2\}| \\ &\quad + |\{x \in E : |g_k(x) - g(x)| < \epsilon/2\}| \\ &< \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Take $k > M = \max\{M_1, M_2\}$, then we will have

$$f_k + g_k \xrightarrow{m} f + g \text{ on } E$$

(b) $f_k g_k \xrightarrow{m} f g$ on E :

Follow the hint, since $|E| < +\infty$, we can re-write $f_k g_k - f g$ as

$$(f_k - f)(g_k - g) + f(g_k - g) + g(f_k - f)$$

Since $f_k \xrightarrow{m}$ on E , then for all $\epsilon > 0$ there will exist $M_3 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| > \sqrt{\epsilon}\}| < \epsilon/2 \text{ for all } k \geq M_3.$$

Similarly, since $g_k \xrightarrow{m} g$ on E , then for all $\epsilon > 0$ there will exist $M_4 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|\{x \in E : |g_k(x) - g(x)| > \sqrt{\epsilon}\}| < \epsilon/2 \text{ for all } k \geq M_4.$$

Take $k > M = \max\{M_3, M_4\}$, we then have

$$\begin{aligned} |\{x \in E : |(f_k(x) - f(x))(g_k(x) - g(x))| > \epsilon\}| &\leq |\{x \in E : |f_k(x) - f(x)| > \sqrt{\epsilon}\}| \\ &\quad + |\{x \in E : |g_k(x) - g(x)| > \sqrt{\epsilon}\}| \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $(f_k - f)(g_k - g) \xrightarrow{m} 0$.

Following, we will show that $f(g_k - g) \xrightarrow{m} 0$ and $g(f_k - f) \xrightarrow{m} 0$.

By Exercise 4.15, for the sequence of measurable function $\{f\}$, there is a closed $F \subseteq E$ and a finite n such that $|E - F| < \epsilon/2$ and $|f(x)| \leq n$ for all $x \in F$.

Since $g_k \xrightarrow{m} g$ on E , then for all $\epsilon > 0$ there will exist $M_5 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$|\{x \in E : |g_k(x) - g(x)| > \epsilon/n\}| < \epsilon/2$ for all $k \geq M_5$.

So

$$\begin{aligned} |\{x \in E : |f(g_k - g)| > \epsilon\}| &= |\{x \in F : |f(g_k - g)| > \epsilon\}| + |\{x \in E \setminus F : |f(g_k - g)| > \epsilon\}| \\ &\leq |\{x \in F : |g_k - g| > \epsilon/M\}| + |E \setminus F| \\ &< \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

for all $k > M_5$.

Therefore, $f(g_k - g) \xrightarrow{m} 0$.

Similarly, $g(f_k - f) \xrightarrow{m} 0$.

Hence, by above all, we will know that $f_k g_k - f g \xrightarrow{m} 0$, that is

$$f_k g_k \xrightarrow{m} f g \text{ on } E.$$

(c) $f_k/g_k \xrightarrow{m} f/g$ on E :

Since part(b), it suffices to only show that $1/g_k \xrightarrow{m} 1/g$ on E .

$g \neq 0$ a.e., then $1/g$ is measurable and finite a.e. in E .

Since $g_k \rightarrow g$ on E for sufficiently large k then $g_k \neq 0$ a.e., so that $1/g_k$ is also measurable and finite a.e. in E .

By Theorem 4.21, since $1/g_k \rightarrow 1/g$ a.e. on E and $|E| < +\infty$, then $1/g_k \xrightarrow{m} 1/g$ on E .

Hence, $f_k/g_k \xrightarrow{m} f/g$ on E .

7. (Exercise 4.18)

If f is measurable on E , define $\omega_f(a) = |\{f > a\}|$ for $-\infty < a < +\infty$. If $f_k \nearrow f$, show that $\omega_{f_k} \nearrow \omega_f$. If $f_k \xrightarrow{m} f$, show that $\omega_{f_k} \rightarrow \omega_f$ at each point of continuity of ω_f . (For the second part, show that if $f_k \xrightarrow{m} f$, then $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{f_k}(a) \leq \omega_f(a - \epsilon)$ and $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{f_k}(a) \leq \omega_f(a + \epsilon)$ for every $\epsilon > 0$.)

Proof.

Since $\omega_f(a) = \{f > a\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{f_i > a\}$ and $\{f_i > a\} \subseteq \{f_{i+1} > a\}$ for all i , then

$$\{f_k > a\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \{f_i > a\} \nearrow \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{f_i > a\} = \{f > a\}$$

as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

Hence, $|\{f_k > a\}| \rightarrow |\{f > a\}|$ and $|\{f_k > a\}| \leq |\{f_{k+1} > a\}|$ for all k , so $\omega_{f_k} \nearrow \omega_f$.

Suppose that $f_k \xrightarrow{m} f$.

Let a be a point of continuity of ω_f .

Given any $\epsilon, \eta > 0$, there exists $M_1 > 0$ such that for all $k \geq M_1$, we then have

$$\begin{aligned} |\{f_k > a\}| &\leq |\{f_k > a\} - \{f_k > a\} \cap \{f > a - \epsilon\}| + |\{f > a - \epsilon\}| \\ &\leq |\{|f - f_k| > \epsilon\}| + |\{f > a - \epsilon\}| \\ &\leq \eta + |\{f > a - \epsilon\}|. \end{aligned}$$

That is $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{f_k}(a) \leq \omega_f(a - \epsilon)$, and there exists $M_2 > 0$ such that for all $k \geq M_2$, we then have

$$\begin{aligned} |\{f > a + \epsilon\}| &\leq |\{f > a + \epsilon\} - \{f > a + \epsilon\} \cap \{f_k > a\}| + |\{f_k > a\}| \\ &\leq |\{|f - f_k| > \epsilon\}| + |\{f_k > a\}| \\ &\leq \eta + |\{f_k > a\}|. \end{aligned}$$

That is $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{f_k}(a) \geq \omega_f(a + \epsilon)$.

Since ω_f is continuous at a , then we have

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{f_k}(a) \leq \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \omega_f(a - \epsilon) = \omega_f(a) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \omega_f(a + \epsilon) \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{f_k}(a).$$

Therefore, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{f_k}(a) = \omega_f(a)$, so $\omega_{f_k} \rightarrow \omega_f$ at each point of continuity of ω_f .