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Real Analysis: Homework 1

1. (a) $\mathbb{R}$ is second-countable by considering the countable basis

$$\mathcal{B} := \{(r-\epsilon, r+\epsilon) | r \in \mathbb{Q}, \text{ for any arbitrary } \epsilon > 0\}$$

We now claim that $\mathcal{B}^n = \{U_1 \times \ldots \times U_n)| \text{ each } U_i \in \mathcal{B} \text{ for } i = 1, \ldots, n\}$ is a countable basis for $\mathbb{R}^n$. It is clear that $\mathcal{B}^n$ is countable as the Cartesian product of countable sets is still countable. To show $\mathcal{B}^n$ is a basis for $\mathbb{R}^n$:

(1) Pick $x = (x_1 \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and consider the projection map $\pi_i : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}, (x_1 \ldots, x_n) \mapsto x_i$. Thus for each $\pi_i(x) = x_i$ we can find $B_i \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x_i \in B_i$. Thus $B_1 \times \ldots \times B_n$ is the basis element in $\mathcal{B}^n$ containing x.

(2) Let x belong to the intersection of two basis elements $U = B_1 \times \ldots \times B_n, U' = B_1' \times \ldots \times B_n'$. Using the projection map, $\pi_i(U) = B_i, \pi_i(U') = B_i'$ and thus there is a basis element $A_i \subseteq B_i \cap B_i'$ for some $A_i \in \mathcal{B}$. Thus $A = A_i \times \ldots \times A_n$ is the basis element in $\mathcal{B}^n$ such that $A \subseteq U \cap U'$.

Thus we have shown that $\mathcal{B}^n$ is a countable basis for $\mathbb{R}^n$.

(b) Let U be an open set of $\mathbb{R}$. If U is a union of countably many open sets we can simply pick the disjoint open intervals from that union and we are done. Suppose U is an uncountable union of open sets, and without loss of generality assume that they are disjoint, $U = \sqcup_{\alpha \in A} V_\alpha$ for uncountable A, then since $\mathbb{R}$ is second-countable, there exists a countable basis $\mathcal{B}$ for $\mathbb{R}$. For each $x \in V_\alpha$, there exists $B_x \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in B_x \subseteq V_\alpha$. Taking the $\bigcup_{x \in V_\alpha} B_x$ for all $\alpha \in A$, we claim that this set is at most countable and is a disjoint set of open intervals. It is open since it is a union of $B \in \mathcal{B}$. For $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in A$ with $\alpha_1 \neq \alpha_2$, $\bigcup_{x \in V_{\alpha_i}} B_x \subseteq V_{\alpha_i}$, thus $\left(\bigcup_{x \in V_{\alpha_1}} B_x\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{x \in V_{\alpha_2}} B_x\right)$ are disjoint since $V_\alpha \cap V_{\alpha'} = \varnothing$.

2. Let $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y)$ be a continuous function. Let (X, τ_X') be a finer topology than (X, τ_X) then $\tau_X' \supseteq \tau_X$. Thus for any $U \in \tau_Y$, $f^{-1}(U) \in \tau_X \subseteq \tau_X'$. Thus $f^{-1}(U) \in \tau_X'$ and $f : (X, \tau_X') \to (Y, \tau_Y)$ remains continuous. Let (Y, τ_Y') is a topology coarser than (Y, τ_Y) and so $\tau_Y \supseteq \tau_Y'$. Hence for $U \in \tau_Y' \subseteq \tau_Y$, we have $f^{-1}(U) \in \tau_X$. Thus $f : (X, \tau_X) \to (Y, \tau_Y')$ remains continuous.

3. We shall show that $\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x^2/2}\, dx = \sqrt{2\pi}$. Start by considering its square,

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x^2/2}\, dx\right)^2 &= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x^2/2}\, dx\right)\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-y^2/2}\, dy\right) \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2}}\, dydx \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi}\int_0^\infty e^{-r^2/2} r\, drd\theta \quad \text{by polar change of coordinates.} \\
&= 2\pi \int_0^\infty e^{-r^2/2} r\, dr \\
&= 2\pi \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{2} e^{-s/2}\, ds \quad \text{change of coordinates, } s = r^2 \\
&= \pi \Big[-2e^{-s/2} \Big]_0^\infty = 2\pi
\end{aligned}$$

which shows what is required and hence $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x^2/2}\, dx = 1$.

4. Let $x_n > 0$ for all n and $x_n \to a$ with $a > 0$. Then since $f(x) = \log x, g(x) = x^n$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ are continuous function on $[0, 1]$ it suffice to prove that

$$\frac{1}{n} \log \left(x_1 x_2^2 \dots x_n^n \right) = \log a$$

5. We first observe that

$$\int_0^1 f(x)\, dx = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{j/n}^{j+1/n} f(x)\, dx$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{f(j/n)}{n} - \int_0^1 f(x)\, dx \right| &= \left| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{j/n}^{(j+1)/n} f(j/n) - f(x)\, dx \right| \\
&= \left| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{j/n}^{(j+1)/n} (j/n - x) \cdot \frac{f(j/n) - f(x)}{j/n - x}\, dx \right| \\
&\leq M \left| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{j/n}^{(j+1)/n} (j/n - x)\, dx \right| \text{ by MVT} \\
&= M \left| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{j}{n} - \frac{j+1}{n} \right)^2 \right| \\
&= \frac{M}{2n^2} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} 1 \right| = \frac{M}{2n}
\end{aligned}$$