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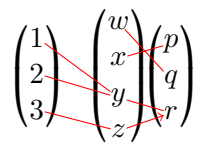
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§1 Learning to Tex

Definition - The Cartesian Product: $A \times B$ of A and $B = \{(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$

i.e. $R \times R = R^2$ $[0, 1] \times [0, 2]$

Definition - Functions in Calculus: Let D and E be sets; a function $f : D \rightarrow E$ is a rule that takes an input from D and assigns to it an output in E .



In modern math we define a function $f : D \rightarrow E$ as a subset f of $D \times E$ s.t. $\forall x \in D$ there exists EXACTLY ONE $y \in E$ s.t. $(x, y) \in f$. Functions are thus just sets, there is thus just one fundamental concept (sets) we need to consider.

ex: $f : \{-1, 0, 1\} \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1\}$

x "maps to" x^2

image vs. codomain

$\{(-1, 1), (0, 0), (1, 1)\} = f$

Definition - a function $f : D \rightarrow E$ is called injective or one-to-one if $x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ Everything gets mapped to its own unique point. Equivalently: $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$

Definition - $f : D \rightarrow E$ is called surjective or "onto" if $\forall y \in E$ "there exists" $x \in D : f(x) = y$

Definition - $f : D \rightarrow E$ is called bijective if f is both injective and surjective

let $f : D \rightarrow E, A \subset D$ then $f(A) = \{f(x) : x \in A\} \subset E$ is called the image of A under f

Definition - let $f : D \rightarrow E, B \subset E$, then $f^{-1}(B) = \{x \in D : f(x) \in B\} \subset D$ is called the inverse image of B under f

CAUTION: The inverse image $f^{-1}(B)$ makes sense whether or not f is invertible!

ex: $f : \{-1, 0, 1\} \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1\}$

x "maps to" x^2

image vs. codomain

$\{(-1, 1), (0, 0), (1, 1)\} = f$

note that f is NOT injective (because $f(1) = f(-1)$ and is thus not invertible. none the less, inv. images make sense.

$f^1 = \{-1, 1\} \quad f^0 = \{0\} \quad f^{-1} = \{\} = \emptyset$

ex: let $f : D \rightarrow E$ be bijective.

then $f^{-1}(\{y_0\}) = \{x_0\}$ where $f(x_0) = y_0$

inv. function: $f^{-1}(y_0) = x_0$

inv. image: $f^{-1}(\{y_0\}) = \{x_0\}$

Theorem (i): let $f : D \rightarrow E, A, B \subset D$ then (a) $f(A \cup B) = f(A) \cup f(B)$

(b) $f(A \cap B) \subset f(A) \cap f(B)$

(ii) let $f : D \rightarrow E, A, B \subset E$ then (a) $f^{-1}(A \cup B) = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$

(b) $f^{-1}(A \cap B) = f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B)$

(ii)(a) will be shown in the tutorials (b) assign 1

we will prove (i):

(a) we have to show that the 2 sets $f(A \cup B)$ and $f(A) \cup f(B)$ are equal

Proof: let $y \in f(A \cup B) \Rightarrow$ "there exists" $x \in A \cup B : y = f(x) \Rightarrow$ "there exists" $x \in A : y = f(x) \vee$ "there exists" $x \in B : y = f(x) \Rightarrow y \in f(A) \vee y \in f(B) \Rightarrow y \in f(A) \cup f(B) \Rightarrow f(A \cup B) \subset f(A) \cup f(B)$

proof part 2:

let $y \in f(A) \cup f(B)$

$y \in f(A) \vee y \in f(B)$

"there exists" $x \in A : y = f(x) \vee$ "There exists" $x \in B : y = f(x)$

"there exists" $x \in A \cup B : y = f(x)$

$\Rightarrow y \in f(A \cup B)$

$f(A) \cup f(B) \subset f(A \cup B)$

$\Rightarrow f(A \cup B) = f(A) \cup f(B)$

Pitfall of proof in the wrong direction.

§1.1 ex. $\forall x \geq y \geq 0 : \sqrt{x-y} \geq \sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}$

$$\Leftrightarrow x - y \geq (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^2 = x - 2\sqrt{x}\sqrt{y} + y$$

§2 Order Relations

Def: A Relation on a set S is a subset of $S \times S$

ex. (1) Equality: S set, $x, y \in S$. $x \sim$ (in relation with) y if $x = y$ as a subset of $S \times S$:

$$\{(x, x) : x \in S\}$$

(2) \leq on N

$$x \sim y \text{ if } x \leq y ; \{(x, y) : x \leq y\}$$

§2.1 Order Relations:

Def: Let S be a set. A relation \sim on S is called an order relation if it satisfies the following:

(1) $\forall x \in S : x \sim x$ REFLEXIVITY

(2) $\forall x, y \in S : x \sim y \wedge y \sim x \Rightarrow x = y$ ANTI-SYMMETRY

(3) $\forall x, y, z \in S : x \sim y \text{ and } y \sim z \Rightarrow x \sim z$ TRANSITIVITY

ex.1 " \leq " on N or on R

Checking the axioms is straightforward

(1)

$$\forall x \in R : x \leq x$$

(2)

$$\forall x, y \in R : x \leq y \wedge y \leq x \Rightarrow x = y$$

(3)

$$\forall x, y, z \in R : x \leq y \wedge y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z$$

ex.2 Let S be a family of sets. Then " \subset " is an order relation on S.

let $A, B, C \in S$

$$A \subset A \checkmark \text{ REFLEXIVITY}$$

$$A \subset B \wedge B \subset A \Rightarrow A = B \text{ ANTI-SYMMETRY}$$

$$A \subset B \wedge B \subset C \Rightarrow A \subset C \text{ TRANSITIVITY}$$

Cardinality of Sets

Finite Sets

Def: Let A be a finite set. Then $|A|$ gives the number of elements of A; this is also called the CARDINALITY of A.

Next we are going to learn to use functions to determine which of two sets is bigger.

Theorem: Let A, B be finite and non-empty sets. Then:

(a) $|A| \leq |B|$ IFF $\exists f : A \rightarrow B$ s.t. f is injective.

(b) $|A| \geq |B|$ IFF $\exists f : A \rightarrow B$ s.t. f is surjective.

(c) $|A| = |B|$ IFF $\exists f : A \rightarrow B$ s.t. f is bijective.

§2.1.1 Proof:

(a) "⇒" let $|A| \leq |B|$. Let $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}, B = \{b_1, \dots, b_k\}$ where $n \leq k$. Define $f : A \rightarrow B$.

By: $f(a_i) = b_i \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$

This is a proper def since $n \leq k$. Then f is injective by construction.

"⇐". Assume $\exists f : A \rightarrow B$ injective.

Let $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$. Then $f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)$. These are pairwise distinct and are contained in B . Therefore B contains at least n elements. Therefore $|A| \leq |B|$.

(b) Exercise

"⇒" if $|A| = |B|, f(a_i) = b_i \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$ is a bijection.

"⇐" let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be bijective especially, *fishinjective*

Furthermore, $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$ is bijective and thus injective $\Rightarrow^{(a)} |B| \leq |A| \Rightarrow$ ANTI-SYMMETRY $|A| = |B|$

Generalizing for infinite sets.

def: let A, B be sets. We say that $|A| \leq |B|$ if $\exists f : A \rightarrow B$ s.t. f is injective. (Note a bit of cheating because in this definition we do not define Cardinality). (Note just because it looks like less than or equal does not mean it shares all the properties of less than or equal.)

"≤" is indeed an order relation on any family of sets.

$|A| \leq |A|$ because $id : A \rightarrow A$ (The identity map) is injective REFLEXIVITY

let $|A| \leq |B| \wedge |B| \leq |C|$ then $\exists f : A \rightarrow B$ (injective) and $\exists g : B \rightarrow C$ (injective) then $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ is injective as a composition of two injective maps (see tutorials). Thus $|A| \leq |C|$ which gives us transitivity TRANSITIVITY

ANTI-SYMMETRY. let $|A| \leq |B| \wedge |B| \leq |A|$. $\exists f : A \rightarrow B$ (injective) and $\exists g : B \rightarrow A$ (injective). This is the same as saying there is a surjective function from A to B . But this doesn't necessitate bijectivity because they could be two different mappings. It is therefore NOT intuitive that it follows from this that $\exists h : A \rightarrow B$ bijective. This is true but NOT easy to prove.

Theorem : Cantor, Bernstein, Schroder
 If $|A| \leq |B| \wedge |B| \leq |A| \Rightarrow |A| = |B|$ ANTI-SYMMETRY
 Look up this proof on wikipedia it is very clever.

In other words, "≤" is an order relation on any family of sets.

Note: composition of injective maps is injective.

ex.1 Consider $|\mathbb{N}|$ and $|\mathbb{N}_0|$

We have to find a bijective mapping f from one set to the other.

$\mathbb{N} = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$\mathbb{N}_0 = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Then $n \rightarrow n - 1$ is a bijective map from $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0 \Rightarrow |\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}_0|$. But note that \mathbb{N} is not a proper subset of \mathbb{N}_0 . This cannot happen for ANY finite sets! (having both equal cardinality and one being an improper subset of the other).

ex. $|\mathbb{Z}| = |\mathbb{N}|$ "ZAHN (I don't know what this is here for)"

This example is a bit harder.

$-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3.$

$0 \rightarrow 1, 1 \rightarrow 2, -1 \rightarrow 3, 2 \rightarrow 4, -2 \rightarrow 5, \dots$

Consider $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$,

$$n \rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ -\frac{n-1}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

which is a bijection.

Review exercise: explicitly calculate $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

Note: There are infinitely many levels of infinity.

The set of rational numbers: between any two numbers there are an infinite number of numbers between the two. But it turns out that cardinality of rational numbers is the same as natural numbers. Rational numbers are countable.

Real numbers are not countable. There is no bijection from real numbers to natural numbers. He was proved that there cannot possibly be which was very hard.

Review: power set. power set changes level of infinity

Def: A set S is called countably infinite if $|S| = |\mathbb{N}|$

A set S is called countable if S is either finite or countably infinite.

ex. $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N}_0, \mathbb{Z}$ are all countably infinite.

Theorem: Let S be a subset of the natural numbers. Then S is countable (because natural numbers are countable). Therefore it is either finite or countably infinite.

Proof: If S is finite, it is countable. Nothing more to show.

Now assume that S is countably infinite. S infinite $\Rightarrow S \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow S$ has a least element a_1 .

S minus a_1 is not empty. remove a_2, a_3 .

$A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\} \subset S$ where $a_1 < a_2$ and pairwise distinct.

$\Rightarrow A \subset S \subset \mathbb{N}$

(Actually $A = S$; Prove this! we don't need it for this proof)

$n \rightarrow a_n$ is a bijection from \mathbb{N} to A

$\Rightarrow |A| = |\mathbb{N}|$

$$A \subset S \subset \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow |A| \leq |S| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = |S| = |\mathbb{N}| \Rightarrow$$

A is countable (actually, countably infinite.)

Theorem let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$ be surjective. Then S is countable. Proof; next class

§2.2 Homework: Read 2.1 on your own

§3 Absolute Values

Definition: Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x, & x \geq 0 \\ -x, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Note that $|x| = \sqrt{x^2}$

§3.1 Discussing properties of absolute value

Theorem

(a) $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} : |x * y| = |x| * |y|$

(b) Let $a > 0$. Then $|x| \leq a \Leftrightarrow -a \leq x \leq a$

(c) $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : -|x| \leq x \leq |x|$

Review: Math notation so that I can confidently write it myself instead of copying from the board. This will probably improve my retention.

§3.2 Proof

(a) $|xy| = \sqrt{(xy)^2} = \sqrt{x^2y^2} = \sqrt{x^2}\sqrt{y^2} = |x||y| \checkmark$

(b) " \Rightarrow " Let $|x| \leq a$. First case: $x \geq 0$. If this is true, then it follows that $x = |x| \leq a \Rightarrow x \leq a$ and $-a \leq 0 \leq x \Rightarrow -a \leq x \leq a \checkmark$. Second case: $x < 0$. If this is true then $-x = |x| \leq a \Rightarrow x \geq -a \Rightarrow -a \leq x$ and $x \leq 0 \leq a \Rightarrow x \leq a \Rightarrow -a \leq x \leq a$. Combining these cases gives that $-a \leq x \leq a$ in all cases.

(b) " \Leftarrow ". Let $-a \leq x \leq a \Rightarrow a \geq -x \geq -a \Rightarrow -a \leq -x \leq a$. Because $|x| = x$ or $|x| = -x$, it follows that $-a \leq |x| \leq a \Rightarrow |x| \leq a$

(c) Let $a \equiv |x| \geq 0$, then $|x| \leq a = |x|$. Also, it follows from (b) that $-a \leq x \leq a$ which can also be seen as $-|x| \leq x \leq |x|$.

§3.3 The triangle inequality

About estimating absolute values of sums. Very important to analysis. Possibly most important in all of mathematics.

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} : |x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$$

§3.4 Proof

By Previous theorem part c we have $-|x| \leq x \leq |x|$ and $-|y| \leq y \leq |y|$. The trick to the proof involves adding these inequalities together.

This gives $-(|x| + |y|) \leq x + y \leq (|x| + |y|)$. It follows from previous theorem part b that $|x + y| \leq a = |x| + |y| \Rightarrow |x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$. This theorem (the triangle inequality) is used to find the upper bounds of sums.

Next theorem helps with lower bounds:

Theorem - $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} : |x - y| \geq |x| - |y|$ and $|x - y| \geq |y| - |x|$. This one is called the triangle inequality for sums.

§3.5 Proof

$$|x| = |x - y + y| \leq |x - y| + |y| \Rightarrow |x| - |y| \leq |x - y| \Rightarrow |x - y| \geq |x| - |y| .$$

Interchange x and y (to avoid redoing the proof): $|y - x| = |x - y| \geq |y| - |x| \Rightarrow |x - y| \geq |y| - |x|$

Remark: $|x - y| \geq |x| - |y|$ and $|x - y| \geq |y| - |x|$ can be combined to $\Rightarrow |x - y| \geq ||x| - |y||$. This final equation looks nice but can be hard to but into practice. It is normally easier to pick the correct of the other two equations.

Theorem - Generalized Triangle Inequality. Let $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$, then $|x_1 + \dots + x_n| \leq |x_1| + \dots + |x_n|$

Proof of this is on assignment 3.

§3.6 Moving on. Absolute values are needed in the following definition:

Definition: ϵ neighborhood

Let $\epsilon > 0$ and let $a \in \mathbb{R}$, the ϵ neighborhood of a is defined as $V_\epsilon(a) \equiv \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x - a| \leq \epsilon\}$
 $|x - a| < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow -\epsilon < x - a < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow a - \epsilon < x < a + \epsilon$. This leads to $V_\epsilon(a) =]a - \epsilon, a + \epsilon[$

Theorem - if $x \in V_\epsilon(a)$ for all $\epsilon > 0$, then $x = a$

§3.7 Proof

Assume that $x \neq a$ and find a contradiction.

First case: $x > a$. Let $\epsilon = x - a > 0$, then $a + \epsilon = x \Rightarrow x \notin]a - \epsilon, a + \epsilon[= V_\epsilon(a)$

Second case: $x < a$. Let $\epsilon = a - x$. Prove the rest yourself.

This theorem implies the following.

$$\bigcap_{\epsilon > 0} V_\epsilon(a) = \{a\}$$

§4 Supremum and Infimum

Def: Let $s \subset \mathbb{R}$, $s \neq \emptyset$. We say that:

S is bounded from above if $\exists u \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\forall s \in S : s \leq u$. Upper bound follows same idea.

§4.1 Examples

(1) $S = [0, 1[$.

Then 1, 2, π , 1.5 are all upper bounds for S , and 0, -1, ... are lower bounds for S . (This answers my question about whether or not an upper or lower bound has to be right at the bound.)

(2) $A = [1, \infty[$ is not bounded from above.

Definition: Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}$, $S \neq \emptyset$, S is bounded from above. $s \in \mathbb{R}$ is called the SUPREMUM or Least upper bound of S . Symbolically: $s = \sup S$ if:

(1) s is an upper bound for S . (2) $\forall t$ upper bounds of S , $s \leq t$.

Similar for Infimum. Definition: Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}$, S is bounded from below. A number $u \in \mathbb{R}$ is called the infimum of S if u is a lower bound of S and $\forall t$ lower bounds of S , $u \geq t$

§4.2 Examples

$S = [0, 1[$. Claim that $\inf S = 0$. Proof: 0 is indeed lower bound of S ✓. Let v be any lower bound for S . This lower bound cannot be positive because if it was $0 < v$ and so it wouldn't be a lower bound. $\Rightarrow v \leq 0 \Rightarrow 0$ is the infimum of S .

No supremum in this case (THIS IS WHAT I THOUGHT INITIALLY BUT I WAS WRONG). Claim: $\sup S = 1$. Proof: 1 is an upperbound of S ✓. Let v be any upper bound of S . If we assume that v is less than 1, we get contradiction that v is not an upper bound of S . Therefore $v \geq 1$. Therefore $1 = \sup(S)$.

Questions: Given any non empty set $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ bounded from above, must there be a supremum? Same idea of question for bounded below infimum. Complicated answers to these questions. Postpone this to next class.

§5 Lecture 10-02

§5.1 Open and Closed Sets

Definition 5.1. Open interval does not contain any of its boundary points. Closed interval contains all of its boundary points.

Theorem 5.2

Every open interval is open. This is not self evident because definition of open is very specific.

Proof. Let I be an open interval. We need to show that I is always open.

1. Case: $I =]a, \infty]$

Let $x \in I$ be arbitrary. Let $\epsilon = x - a$. Then $V_\epsilon(x) =]x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon] =]a, 2x - a] \subset]a, \infty]$. i.e. $V_\epsilon(x) \subset]a, \infty] \Rightarrow I$ is open.

2. Case: $I =]-\infty, b]$. Do yourself. Let $x \in I$ be arbitrary. Let $\epsilon = b - x$. Then $V_\epsilon(x) =]x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon[=]2x - b, b[\subseteq]-\infty, b[$. Therefore I is open.

3. Case: $I =]a, b[$.

Let $\epsilon = \min \{x - a, b - x\} > 0$.

Then $V_\epsilon(x) =]x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon[$.

Note that $x + \epsilon \leq x + (b - x) = b$ and $x - \epsilon \geq x - (x - a) = a \Rightarrow]x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon[\subset]a, b[$. Therefore I is open and therefore any open interval is open.

□

Theorem 5.3

Every closed interval is closed.

Proof. Let I be a closed interval. We need to show that $\mathbb{R} \setminus I$ is open.

1. Case: $I = [a, \infty] \Rightarrow \mathbb{R} \setminus I =]-\infty, a[$ which as an open interval is open $\Rightarrow I$ is closed.
2. Case: $I =]-\infty, b]$. do yourself. $\mathbb{R} \setminus I =]b, \infty[$ which is an open interval $\Rightarrow I$ is closed.
3. Case: $I = [a, b] \Rightarrow \mathbb{R} \setminus I =]-\infty, a] \cup]b, \infty]$. Union of open with open is open so I is closed. Therefore any closed interval is closed.

□

Theorem 5.4

- a. Let J be an index set and let u_j be open for all $j \in J$. Then

$$\bigcup_{j \in J} u_j$$

is open. "Arbitrary unions of open sets are open.

Proof. Let $u = \bigcup_{j \in J} u_j$. Let $x \in u$ be arbitrary $\Rightarrow \exists j \in J$ such that $x \in u_j$ open $\Rightarrow \exists \epsilon > 0 : V_\epsilon(x) \subset u_j \subset U$. Can't follow. Basically uses definition of union and definition of openness. \square

- b. Let u_1, \dots, u_n be open. Then

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^n u_j$$

is open. "Finite intersections of open sets are open.

- c. Finite unions of closed sets are closed. Let v_1, \dots, v_n be closed, then $\bigcup_{j=1}^n v_j$ is closed.

Proof. Let v_1, \dots, v_n be closed, then $\mathbb{R} \setminus v_1, \dots, \mathbb{R} \setminus v_n$ are all open. $\Rightarrow \mathbb{R} \setminus v_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathbb{R} \setminus v_n$ is open. By demorgans law this equals $\mathbb{R} \setminus (v_1 \cup \dots \cup v_n)$ is closed. $\Rightarrow v_1 \cup \dots \cup v_n$ is closed. (because closed is comp lement of open) \square

- d. Arbitrary intersections of closed sets are closed. Let J be an arbitrary Index set and let $\forall j \in J v_j$ be closed, then $\bigcap_{j \in J} v_j$ is closed.

Proof. Let v_j be closed for all $j \in J$. $\Rightarrow \mathbb{R} \setminus v_j$ is open. $\Rightarrow \bigcup_{j \in J} (\mathbb{R} \setminus v_j)$ is open. Demorgans law gives us that $\mathbb{R} \setminus \bigcap_{j \in J} v_j$ is open. Therefore $\bigcap_{j \in J} v_j$ is closed. \square

Example 5.5

Every finite subset of \mathbb{R} is closed.

Proof. Let's first consider $\{x\}$. For some $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\{x\} =]x, x]$ is closed. Finite unions of singleton sets are thus closed \Rightarrow all finite subsets of \mathbb{R} are closed. \square

Example 5.6

$S_1 = \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is NOT closed.

Proof. Assume it is closed. Then the comp lement u is open. we have $0 \in u$, but every ϵ neighborhood V_ϵ intersects S_1 and is thus not contained in $u \Rightarrow u$ is not open. \square

Example 5.7

$S_2 = \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{0\}$ is closed.

Definition 5.8. Boundary.

Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}$. A point $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is called a boundary point of S if every epsilon neighborhood centered around x intersects both S and the comp lement of S .

A point $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is not a boundary point of S if $\exists \epsilon > 0 : V_\epsilon(x) \cap S = \emptyset \vee V_\epsilon(x) \cap (\mathbb{R} \setminus S) = \emptyset$.

Example 5.9

$S =]a, \infty]$ Claim:

§6 Lecture 10-07

Example 6.1

Definition 6.2. Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. The interior $\overset{\circ}{S}$ "S with dot on top" or $\text{int}(S)$ is defined as:

$$\overset{\circ}{S} = \bigcup_{U \subset S, U \text{ open}} U$$

Note that $\overset{\circ}{S}$ is open as a union of open sets. It is the largest open subset of S .

Definition 6.3. Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}$. The closure \tilde{S} of S is defined as:

$$\tilde{S} = \bigcap_{V \supset S, V \text{ closed}} V$$

Note that \tilde{S} is closed as an intersection of closed sets.

Theorem 6.4

Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}$. Then $\overset{\circ}{S} = S \setminus \delta S$

Proof. 1. " \supseteq ". Let $x \in \overset{\circ}{S} \Rightarrow \exists U$ open, $U \subset S$ with $x \in U$.

Thus $\exists \epsilon > 0$ s.t. $V_\epsilon(x) \subset U \subset S$.

□

Theorem 6.5

Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}$. Then $\mathbb{R} \setminus \tilde{S} = \text{int}(\mathbb{R} \setminus S)$.

§7 Limit laws

Example 7.1

$$a_n = \frac{n}{4^n}$$

Show that $\lim(a_n) = 0$ Try using bernoulli but here it doesn't help much.

$$4^n = (1 + 3)^n \geq 1 + 3n$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n - 0| = \frac{n}{4^n} \leq \frac{n}{1+3n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \neq 0$$

Unfortunately $\frac{n}{1+3n}$ does not converge to 0 so this estimate is too weak to be useful. Note: This argument can be save (see next assignment).

Different approach: We'll show that $4^n \geq n^2$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Proof by Induction.

$$n = 1: 4^1 = 4 \geq 1 = 1^2$$

$n \rightarrow n + 1$: Assume that $4^n \geq n^2$, then

$$\begin{aligned} 4^{n+1} &= 4 \cdot 4^n \geq 4 \cdot n^2 = 2n^2 + n^2 + n^2 = 2n^2 + (n+1)^2 + (n-1)^n - 2 \\ &= (2n^2 - 2) + (n-1)^2 + (n+1)^2 \geq (n+1)^2 \\ &\Rightarrow 4^n \geq n^2 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } |a_n - 0| = \frac{n}{4^n} \leq \frac{n}{n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$$

Therefore $\lim(a_n) = 0$ □

Theorem 7.2

Every convergent sequence is bounded.

Proof. Let (a_n) be a sequence with $\lim(a_n) = L$, and let $\epsilon = 1$.

Then $\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \geq N : |a_n - L| < \epsilon = 1$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n| = |(a_n - L) + L| \leq |a_n - L| + |L| < 1 + |L| \quad \forall n \geq N$$

This proves that when $n \geq N$, a_n is bounded.

Now let $M = \max\{|a_1|, |a_2|, \dots, |a_{N-1}|, 1 + |L|\}$

Then $|a_n| \leq M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. □

Remark 7.3. The convergence condition is essential. The sequence $(n) = (1, 2, 3, \dots)$ is unbounded.

Theorem 7.4

Let $(a_n), (b_n)$ be convergent sequences. Then $(a_n + b_n)$ is convergent with $\lim(a_n + b_n) = \lim(a_n) + \lim(b_n)$

Proof. Let $a = \lim(a_n), b = \lim(b_n)$. Let $\epsilon > 0$.

$$|a_n + b_n - (a + b)| = |(a_n - a) + (b_n - b)| \leq |a_n - a| + |b_n - b|$$

Since $\lim(a_n) = a$, $\exists N_1 \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \geq N_1 : |a_n - a| < \epsilon/2$

Similarly, because $\lim(b_n) = b$, $\exists N_2 \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \geq N_2 : |b_n - b| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$.

Let $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$. Then

$$\forall n \geq N : |a_n - a| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \wedge |b_n - b| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Therefore

$$|a_n + b_n - (a + b)| = |(a_n - a) + (b_n - b)| \leq |a_n - a| + |b_n - b| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N$$

Thus $(a_n + b_n)$ converges and $\lim(a_n + b_n) = a + b = \lim(a_n) + \lim(b_n)$ □

This is supposed to be relatively simple.

Example 7.5

$$\lim\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right) = \lim\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = \lim(1) + \lim\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = 1 + 0 = 1$$

Theorem 7.6

Let $(a_n), (b_n)$ be convergent. Then $(a_n b_n)$ converges and $\lim(a_n b_n) = \lim(a_n) \cdot \lim(b_n)$

Proof. Let $a = \lim(a_n), b = \lim(b_n)$. Let $\epsilon > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n b_n - ab| &= |a_n b_n - ab_n + ab_n - ab| \\ &= |(a_n - a)b_n + a(b_n - b)| \\ &\leq |a_n - a||b_n| + |a||b_n - b| \end{aligned}$$

Because (b_n) converges, (b_n) is bounded by a previous theorem. Thus $\exists M_1 > 0$ such that $|b_n| \leq M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n b_n - ab| &\leq M_1 \cdot |a_n - a| + |a| \cdot |b_n - b| \\ \text{Let } M &= \max\{M_1, |a|\} \\ &\leq M|a_n - a| + M|b_n - b| = M[|a_n - a| + |b_n - b|] \end{aligned}$$

Since $\lim(a_n) = a$, $\exists N_1 \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \geq N_1 : |a_n - a| < \epsilon/2M$

Similarly, because $\lim(b_n) = b$, $\exists N_2 \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \geq N_2 : |b_n - b| < \frac{\epsilon}{2M}$.

Let $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$. Then

$$\forall n \geq N : |a_n - a| < \frac{\epsilon}{2M} \wedge |b_n - b| < \frac{\epsilon}{2M}$$

Therefore

$$|a_n b_n - ab| \leq M[|a_n - a| + |b_n - b|] < M\left(\frac{\epsilon}{2M} + \frac{\epsilon}{2M}\right) = M \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{M} = \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N$$

Thus $(a_n b_n)$ converges and $\lim(a_n b_n) = ab = \lim(a_n) \cdot \lim(b_n)$ □

This can be applied to finitely many sequences.

Example 7.7

$\lim\left(\frac{1}{n^k}\right) = 0$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Proof. Because $\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ converges to 0, $\lim\left(\frac{1}{n^k}\right) = \lim\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \cdots \lim\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = 0$ □

Note 7.8. Special case where (b_n) is constant. i.e. $b_n = c$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let (a_n) be convergent with $\lim(a_n) = a$. Then $\lim(c \cdot a_n) = \lim(c) \cdot \lim(a_n) = c \cdot \lim(a_n)$

Example 7.9

$$\begin{aligned} \lim\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right) &= \lim\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) = \lim\left(1 + \left(-\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) = \lim(1) + \lim\left(-\frac{1}{n}\right) \\ &= 1 + \lim\left(-1 \cdot \frac{1}{n}\right) = 1 + -1 \cdot \lim\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = 1 + -1 \cdot 0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 7.10

In general, if $(a_n), (b_n)$ converges, then $(a_n - b_n)$ converges and $\lim(a_n - b_n) = \lim(a_n) - \lim(b_n)$

Proof.

$$\lim(a_n - b_n) = \lim(a_n + (-b_n)) = \lim(a_n) + \lim(-b_n) = \lim(a_n) + -1 \lim(b_n) = \lim(a_n) - \lim(b_n)$$

□

Theorem 7.11

Let (a_n) be convergent with $\lim(a_n) \neq 0$ and $a_n \neq 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\left(\frac{1}{a_n}\right)$ converges and $\lim\left(\frac{1}{a_n}\right) = \frac{1}{\lim(a_n)}$

Proof. Let $\lim(a_n) = a, \quad a \neq 0$. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Then

$$\left|\frac{1}{a_n} - \frac{1}{a}\right| = \left|\frac{a - a_n}{a_n \cdot a}\right| = \frac{|a_n - a|}{|a_n| \cdot |a|} < \frac{|a_n - a|}{k|a|} = \frac{1}{k|a|} \cdot |a_n - a| = 0$$

By conv. criterion, $\left(\frac{1}{a_n}\right)$ converges to $\frac{1}{a}$

□

Lemma 7.12

Let (a_n) be convergent with $a_n \neq 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lim(a_n) = a \neq 0$. Then there exists $M > 0$ such that $\left|\frac{1}{a_n}\right| \leq M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. Let $a = \lim(a_n)$ and $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}|a|$. Then $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|a_n - a| < \epsilon = \frac{1}{2}|a|$ for all $n \geq N$, then $|a_n| = |a - (a - a_n)| \geq |a| - |a_n - a| > |a| - \frac{1}{2}|a| = \frac{1}{2}|a| > 0 \quad \forall n \geq N$

Let $k = \min\{|a_1|, |a_2|, \dots, |a_{n-1}|, \frac{1}{2}|a|\} > 0$, then $|a_n| > k > 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \left|\frac{1}{a_n}\right| < \frac{1}{k} = M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

□

Theorem 7.13

Let $(a_n), (b_n)$ by convergent where $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad b_n \neq 0$ and $\lim(b_n) \neq 0$. Then $\frac{a_n}{b_n}$ converges and $\lim\left(\frac{a_n}{b_n}\right) = \frac{\lim(a_n)}{\lim(b_n)}$

§8 Monotone Sequences

Recall 8.1. Monotone means increasing or decreasing in the non strict sense.

Theorem 8.2

Let (x_n) be a monotone sequence. Then (x_n) is convergent if and only if it is bounded. This is useful because it is easier to check whether or not a sequence is bounded than to check whether or not it is convergent.

Proof. Assume that (x_n) is increasing. We will show that (x_n) converges to the supremum.

What is the supremum of a sequence. We take all the numbers and consider it a set in \mathbb{R} and then find the supremum. $x := \sup \underbrace{\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}}_{=:S}$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$, then $x - \epsilon$ is not an upper bound of S . Thus $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x - \epsilon < x_N \leq x$ but (x_n) is increasing. We also have $x - \epsilon < x_N \leq x_{N+1} \leq x_{N+2} \leq \dots \leq x$. i.e. $\forall n \geq N : x - \epsilon < x_n \leq x$

$\Rightarrow x_n \in]x - \epsilon, x]$ for all $n \geq N \subseteq]x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon[= V_\epsilon(x)$. i.e. $\forall n \geq N : x_n \in V_\epsilon(x)$. Thus (x_n) converges to $x := \sup\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$. The case that (x_n) is decreasing is left as an exercise. \square

Example 8.3

$$x_1 = 1, x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}x_n + 2$$

Show that x_n converges and determine its limit. We will show that (x_n) is increasing and bounded; by monotone convergence theorem, (x_n) converges. Lastly, we will show that $\lim(x_n) = 4$.

Proof. (x_n) is bounded from above by 4. We'll show this using induction.

$$\underline{n = 1}: \quad 1 \leq 4 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\underline{n \rightarrow n+1}: \text{ Assume that } x_n \leq 4. \text{ Then } x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}x_n + 2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4 + 2 = 4 \quad \checkmark$$

Therefore (x_n) is bounded from above by 4. □

Proof. Proving that (x_n) is increasing. Consider $x_{n+1} - x_n = \frac{1}{2}x_n + 2 - x_n = 2 - \frac{1}{2}x_n \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad x_{n+1} - x_n &\geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad x_{n+1} &\geq x_n \end{aligned}$$

i.e. (x_n) is increasing. □

By showing that (x_n) is bounded from above and increasing, we know that (x_n) is convergent by the monotone convergence theorem. Now to find where it converges.

Let $x := \lim(x_n)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad x_{n+1} &= \frac{1}{2}x_n + 2 \\ \Rightarrow \lim(x_{n+1}) &= \lim\left(\frac{1}{2}x_n + 2\right) = \frac{1}{2}\lim(x_n) + 2 = \frac{1}{2}x + 2 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}x + 2 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}x = 2 \Rightarrow x = 4 \end{aligned}$$

Note 8.4. It is essential for this argument that we knew in advance that (x_n) is convergent.

We've now shown that $\lim(x_n) = 4$.

Example 8.5

Exercise for the reader: $x_1 = 1$. $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + x_n}$.

Prove that (x_n) converges to 2.

§8.1 Euler's constant

Consider the sequence $x_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$ and $y_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^{n+1}$.

We will show that (x_n) increases and that (y_n) decreases.

Proof. (x_n) is increasing. We have to show that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \leq x_{n+1}$. i.e. that

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n &\leq (1 + \frac{1}{n+1})^n + 1 \\ \Leftrightarrow (1 + \frac{1}{n+1})^{n+1} &\geq (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n \\ \Leftrightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{n+1} &\geq \sqrt[n+1]{(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n} \end{aligned}$$

Recall the inequality of the algebraic and geometric mean. If $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \geq 0$, then

$$\frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} \geq \sqrt[n]{a_1 \times \dots \times a_n}$$

Let $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 1 + \frac{1}{n}$ and $a_{n+1} = 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[n+1]{a_1 \times \dots \times a_n \times a_{n+1}} &= \sqrt[n+1]{(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n} \\ \text{and } \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n + a_{n+1}}{n+1} &= \frac{n(1 + \frac{1}{n}) + 1}{n+1} = \frac{n+1+1}{n+1} = \frac{n+2}{n+1} = 1 + \frac{1}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by AGM-inequality, $1 + \frac{1}{n+1} \geq \sqrt[n+1]{(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n}$. □

Proof. Now to show that y_n is decreasing. Similar strategy, but take inverse to reverse inequality. □

It follows from the above proofs that, Claim:

$$\forall n, k \in \mathbb{N} : x_n < y_n$$

Definition 8.6.

$$e := \lim \left((1 + \frac{1}{n})^n \right) = \lim \left((1 + \frac{1}{n})^{n+1} \right)$$

In analysis 2, you'll see that

$$e = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$$

From which it can be shown that e is irrational.

Estimates for e . Since (x_n) is increasing and (y_n) is decreasing, we have that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \leq e \leq y_n$.

$$\frac{5}{2} < e < 3 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_6 \geq \frac{5}{2} = 2.5 \\ y_5 < 3 \end{cases}$$

§8.2 Subsequences

Definition 8.7. Let $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$ be natural numbers and let $(x_n) = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots)$ be a sequence. Then $(x_{n_k}) = (x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, x_{n_3}, \dots)$ is called a subsequence of (x_n) .

Example 8.8

Let (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) be a sequence. Then $(x_1, x_3, x_5, x_7, \dots)$ is called the subsequence of odd indices; here $n_k = 2k - 1$.

Likewise, $(x_2, x_4, x_6, x_8, \dots)$ is called the subsequence of even indices; here $n_k = 2k$.

Theorem 8.9

Let (x_n) be convergent. Then every subsequence (x_{n_k}) of (x_n) also converges to the same limit.

Proof. Next class. □

Example 8.10

Let $0 < a < 1$; consider (a^n) . We will show that $\lim(a^n) = 0$. Note that (a^n) is decreasing and is bounded from below. By monotone convergence theorem, (a^n) converges.

Let $x := \lim(a^n)$. Now consider the subsequence of even terms (a^{2n}) . By the theorem above, this subsequence converges and has the same limit. i.e. $\lim(a^{2n}) = x$.

On the other hand, we can rewrite this as

$$\begin{aligned} \lim((a^n)^2) &= [\lim(a^n)]^2 = x^2 = x \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 - x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x(x - 1) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

This means that either $x = 0$ or $x = 1$. But $a^3 < a^2 < a^1 = a < 1 \Rightarrow x < 1 \Rightarrow x = 0$.

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Theorem 9.1

Let (x_n) be a convergent sequence, then every subsequence of (x_n) also converges to the same limit. i.e. $\lim(x_{n_k}) = \lim(x_n)$.

Lemma 9.2

If $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$ where $n_k \in \mathbb{N}$ for all k , then $n_k \geq k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. By induction.

$k = 1$: Base case where $n_k \geq k$.

$k \rightarrow k + 1$: Assume that $n_k \geq k$. Then

$$n_{k+1} > n_k \geq k \Rightarrow n_{k+1} > k \Rightarrow n_{k+1} \geq k + 1$$

Thus $n_k \geq k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. □

Proof. Let $x := \lim(x_n)$. Let $\epsilon > 0$, then $\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall n \geq N : |x_n - x| < \epsilon$.

Since $n_k \geq k$, by the lemma, we also have that $|x_{n_k} - x| < \epsilon$ for all $k \geq N$, since $n_k \geq k \geq N$.

Thus (x_{n_k}) converges to x . □

§9.1 Criterion for the divergence of sequences**Theorem 9.3 (1)**

Let (x_n) be a sequence such that (x_n) has a subsequence (x_{n_k}) that diverges.

Proof. If (x_n) were convergent, (x_{n_k}) would converge, but it doesn't. Thus (x_n) diverges. □

Theorem 9.4

Let (x_n) be a sequence such that there exists two subsequences (x_{n_k}) and (x_{n_j}) that converge to different limits, then (x_n) diverges.

Proof. If (x_n) was convergent to x_1 , then (x_{n_k}) and (x_{n_j}) would converge to x_1 ; but they don't. Thus (x_n) diverges. □

Example 9.5

$x_n = (-1)^n$. Consider the subsequences of the even and odd terms (x_{2n}) and (x_{2n-1}) .

$x_{2n} = (-1)^{2n} = 1^{2n} = 1$. i.e. (x_{2n}) is a constant sequence and $\lim(x_{2n}) = 1$.

Similarly, $x_{2n-1} = (-1)(-1)^{2n} = -1$. i.e. (x_{2n-1}) is a constant sequence and $\lim(x_{2n-1}) = -1$.

According to one of the criterion for the divergence of sequences theorems, (x_n) diverges.

Example 9.6

$x_n : 1, 1, 2, \frac{1}{2}, 3, \frac{1}{3}, 4, \frac{1}{4}$. Then $x_{2n-1} : 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$. Which diverges, thus (x_n) diverges.

Example 9.7

$x_n = \sqrt[n]{n}$; Prove that (x_n) converges to 1.

1st step: (x_n) is eventually decreasing.

$$\frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{1}{n+1}}}{n^{\frac{1}{n}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n}\right)^{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{n+1^n}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \leq \frac{1}{n} \cdot e < \frac{3}{n} \leq 1$$

As long as $n \geq 3$. Thus (x_n) is decreasing for all $n \geq 3$.

Furthermore, (x_n) is bounded from below by 1. Thus (x_n) is bounded and eventually decreasing $\Rightarrow (x_n)$ converges by monotone convergence theorem. Let $x := \lim(x_n)$.

Second step: Show that $x = 1$.

Consider the subsequence (x_{2n}) of even terms.

$$x_{2n} = \sqrt[2n]{2n} \Rightarrow x_{2n}^2 = \sqrt[n]{2n} = \sqrt[n]{2} \cdot \sqrt[n]{n} = \sqrt[n]{2} \cdot x_n$$

Thus

$$\lim(x_{2n}^2) = \lim(\sqrt[n]{2} \cdot x_n) = \underbrace{\lim(\sqrt[n]{2})}_{=1} \cdot \lim(x_n)$$

$$\lim(x_{2n}^2) = (\lim(x_{2n}))^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = x \Rightarrow x^2 - x = 0 \Rightarrow x(x-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \vee x = 1. \text{ but } x_n \geq 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$

Theorem 9.8 (Bolzano - Weirstrass)

Let (x_n) be a bounded sequence. Then (x_n) has a convergent subsequence.

Proof. Since (x_n) is bounded, $\exists \mu > 0$ such that $x_n \in \underbrace{[-M, M]}_{=I_1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Divide I_1 into two subintervals of equal width. At least one of these subintervals contains infinitely many terms of (x_n) . Choose this one of these intervals and call it I_2 .

Divide I_2 into 2 subintervals of equal width. At least one of them, called I_3 contains infinitely many terms of (x_n) . Etc...

We obtain an infinite sequence $I_1 \supseteq I_2 \supseteq I_3 \supseteq \dots$ of closed and bounded intervals. By the nested interval property of \mathbb{R} we know that the intersection over all of these intervals is not empty. i.e. $\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n \neq \emptyset$.

Let $x \in \cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n$. We will now show that there exists a subsequence (x_{n_k}) of (x_n) with $\lim(x_{n_k}) = x$.

Let $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ be arbitrary. We know that $x_{n_1} \in I_1$ because all elements are in I_1 . I_2 contains infinitely many terms of (x_n) . Thus there exists $n_2 > n_1$ such that $x_{n_2} \in I_2$. The same goes for I_3 ; etc...

We obtain $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$ such that $x_{n_k} \in I_k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

We also have that $x \in I_k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. This gives that $|x_{n_k} - x| \leq |I_k|$ where $|I_1| = 2M$, $|I_2| = M$, $|I_3| = \frac{M}{2}$, \dots

$$\Rightarrow |I_k| = \frac{2M}{2^{k-1}} = \frac{4M}{2^k} \Rightarrow |x_{n_k} - x| \leq 4M \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$$

for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. By convergence criterion, $\lim(x_{n_k}) = x$; especially, (x_{n_k}) converges. Corner stone of the proof is the nested interval property of \mathbb{R} . □

Definition 9.9. Let (x_n) be a sequence and let (x_{n_k}) be a convergent subsequence. Let $x := \lim(x_{n_k})$. Then x is called an accumulation point or a subsequential limit (point) of (x_n) .

Example 9.10

$x_n = (-1)^n$. The accumulation points of (x_n) are +1 and -1.

Example 9.11

Let x_n be an enumeration of Q . Every real number is an accumulation point because Q is dense in \mathbb{R} .

Theorem 9.12

Let (x_n) be a sequence. $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is an accumulation point of (x_n) iff $\forall \epsilon > 0 : V_\epsilon(x)$ contains infinitely many terms of (x_n) .

Proof.

(\Rightarrow) Let x be an accumulation point of (x_n) . Thus there exists a subsequence (x_{n_k}) of (x_n) with $\lim(x_{n_k}) = x$. Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{N} : \forall k \geq N x_{n_k} \in V_\epsilon(x)$. Thus $V_\epsilon(x)$ contains infinitely many terms of (x_n) .

(\Leftarrow) Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ be such that $\forall \epsilon > 0 : V_\epsilon(x)$ contains infinitely many terms of (x_n) . Let $\epsilon := 1$. Then $V_1(x)$ contains infinitely many terms of (x_n) . Let $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_{n_1} \in V_1(x)$.

Let $\epsilon := \frac{1}{2}$. Then $V_{\frac{1}{2}}(x)$ contains infinitely many terms of (x_n) . Thus $\exists n_2 > n_1$ such that $x_{n_2} \in V_{\frac{1}{2}}(x)$.

\vdots

$\epsilon = \frac{1}{k}$. Then $V_{\frac{1}{k}}(x)$ contains infinitely many terms of (x_n) thus $\exists n_k > n_{k-1}$ such that $x_{n_k} \in V_{\frac{1}{k}}(x)$

Since $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$, we obtain a subsequence (x_{n_k}) of (x_n) with $x_{n_k} \in V_{\frac{1}{k}}(x)$. Now let $\epsilon > 0$ and let $k > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{k} < \epsilon \Rightarrow x_{n_k}, x_{n_{k+1}}, x_{n_{k+2}}, \dots \in V_{\frac{1}{k}}(x) \subseteq V_\epsilon(x)$.

$$x_{n_k} \in V_\epsilon(x) \quad \forall k \geq K \Rightarrow x_{n_k} \text{ converges to } x$$

□

§10 Tutorial 10-30

§10.1 e

Example 10.1

1.

$$\lim(1 - \frac{1}{n})^{-n} = e$$

2.

$$(1 + \frac{1}{2n})^n = ((1 + \frac{1}{2n})^{2n})^{\frac{1}{2}} = (e)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Because $(1 + \frac{1}{2n})$ is a subsequence of $(1 + \frac{1}{n})$ which converges to e.

3. $(1 + \frac{n}{2})^{\frac{n}{2}}$ is not a subsequence of $(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$. It's the other way around.

Let $a > 0$. Pick $x_1 > 0$. Let $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(x_n + \frac{a}{x_n}) > 0$

Prove that $x_n \rightarrow \sqrt{a}$.

§11 10-30

Theorem 11.1

A bounded sequence converges if and only if it has exactly one accumulation point.

Proof.

(\Rightarrow) Let (x_n) be convergent. $x := \lim(x_n)$. Then every subsequence (x_{n_k}) of (x_n) converges to x . Thus x is the only accumulation point of (x_n) .

(\Leftarrow) Let (x_n) be a bounded sequence which has only one accumulation point x . We will show that (x_n) converges to x . Assume that this is not the case.

Convergence: $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \geq N, |x_n - x| < \epsilon$

Negation: $\exists \epsilon > 0 : \forall N \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \geq N : |x_n - x| \geq \epsilon$

Thus \exists infinitely many $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|x_n - x| \geq \epsilon_0$.

Let $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$ such that $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_{n_k} - x| \geq \epsilon_0$.

Consider the subsequence (x_{n_k}) of $(x_n) \Rightarrow (x_{n_k})$ is bounded because (x_n) is bounded.

By Bolzano-weierstrass, (x_{n_k}) has a convergent subsequence $(x_{n_{k_j}})$. Let $\tilde{x} := \lim(x_{n_{k_j}})$. Since \tilde{x} is a subsequence of (x_n) which has only one accumulation point. It follows that $\tilde{x} = x$.

Thus $\lim(\tilde{x}) = x$ and $\forall j \in \mathbb{N}, |\tilde{x} - x| \geq \epsilon_0$ **CONTRADICTION**

Thus our assumption was wrong which proves that (x_n) converges to x . □

Theorem 11.2

Let (x_n) be a bounded sequence and let A be the set of all accumulation points of (x_n) . Then $A \neq \emptyset$ and A is compact (i.e. A is closed and bounded).

Proof. By BOLZANO-WEIERSTRASS, (x_n) has at least one convergent subsequence. Its limit is an accumulation point of $(x_n) \Rightarrow A \neq \emptyset$.

A is bounded: (x_n) is bounded i.e. $\exists M > 0$ such that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, -M \leq x_n \leq M$.

Let $x \in A$ be arbitrary. Then \exists subsequence (x_{n_k}) of (x_n) with $x = \lim(x_{n_k})$.

We have that $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} : -M \leq x_{n_k} \leq M \Rightarrow -M \leq x \leq M$.

$\Rightarrow x \in [-M, M]$ for all accumulation points x of (x_n) .

$\Rightarrow A \subseteq [-M, M] \Rightarrow A$ is bounded.

A is closed: Let $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus A$ i.e. x is not an accumulation point. Thus $\exists \epsilon > 0 : V_\epsilon(x)$ contains at most finitely many terms of (x_n) .

Let $t \in V_\epsilon(x)$. $V_\epsilon(x)$ is open. Thus $\exists \tilde{\epsilon} > 0 : V_{\tilde{\epsilon}}(t) \subseteq V_\epsilon(x)$.

Thus $V_{\tilde{\epsilon}}(t)$ contains at most finitely many terms of (x_n) . Thus t is not an accumulation point \Rightarrow no point in $V_\epsilon(x)$ is an accumulation point of $(x_n) \Rightarrow V_\epsilon(x) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus A$.

Thus $\mathbb{R} \setminus A$ is open $\Rightarrow A$ is closed. □

We've just seen that the set of all accumulation points of a bounded sequence (x_n) is $\neq \emptyset$, closed, and bounded.

Since A is bounded, it has a supremum and an infimum. Both sup and inf are boundary points. A is closed so it contains sup and inf. Therefore $\sup(A)$ is the Maximum of A and $\inf(A)$ is the minimum of A . i.e. $\sup(A)$ is an accumulation point of (x_n) , the greatest accumulation point of (x_n) . Similarly $\inf(A)$ is the least accumulation point of (x_n) .

Definition 11.3.

1. Let (x_n) be a bounded sequence. Then the greatest accumulation point of (x_n) is called the LIMES SUPERIOR of (x_n) . In symbols: $\limsup(x_n)$.
2. The least accumulation point of (x_n) is called the LIMES INFERIOR of (x_n) . In symbols: $\liminf(x_n)$.

Theorem 11.4

Let (x_n) be a bounded sequence. Then (x_n) is convergent if and only if

$$\liminf(x_n) = \limsup(x_n)$$

Proof.

(\Rightarrow) Let $x := \lim(x_n)$. Then every subsequence (x_{n_k}) of (x_n) converges to x .

$$\Rightarrow A = \{x\} \Rightarrow \liminf(A) = x = \limsup(A)$$

(\Leftarrow) Assume that $\liminf(x_n) = \limsup(x_n) := x$.

$$A = \{x\}$$

i.e. (x_n) has only one accumulation point. By previous theorem, (x_n) converges.

□

Example 11.5

1.

$$x_n = (-1)^n$$

Accumulation points are -1 and $1 \Rightarrow \liminf(x_n) = -1$ and $\limsup = 1$. Especially, $(-1)^n$ diverges because $\liminf \neq \limsup$.

2. Let (x_n) be an enumeration of $\mathbb{Q} \cap [a, b]$ where $a < b$. We'll show that $\liminf = a$ and that $\limsup = b$.

Proof. Let $x > b$. Let $\epsilon := b - x > 0$. Then $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x_n \notin V_\epsilon(x) \Rightarrow x$ is not an accumulation point of (x_n) .

Let $x \in [a, b]$ and let $\epsilon > 0$; consider $V_\epsilon(x) =]x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon[$. By the density of \mathbb{Q} in \mathbb{R} , $V_\epsilon(x)$ contains infinitely many rational numbers, especially, $V_\epsilon(x_n)$ contains infinitely many terms of $(x_n) \Rightarrow x$ is an accumulation point of (x_n) .

$x = a$: By density of \mathbb{Q} in \mathbb{R} , $]a, a + \epsilon[$ contains infinitely many terms of $(x_n) \Rightarrow a$ is an accumulation point of (x_n) . Similarly for $x = b$.

Therefore $A := [a, b] \Rightarrow \liminf(x_n) = a$ and $\limsup(x_n) = b$. □

3. Find all accumulation points of the following sequence.

$$x_n : 1, 1, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots$$

Claim: $A = \{0\} \cup \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots\}$

Proof. For every $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the constant sequence $\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}$ is a subsequence of (x_n) . Thus

$$\frac{1}{n} = \lim\left(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \dots\right) \in A$$

and $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots$ is a subsequence of (x_n) . Thus

$$0 = \lim\left(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\right) \in A$$

Now let $x > 1$, $\epsilon := x - 1 > 0$. Then $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \notin V_\epsilon(x) \Rightarrow x \notin A$.

Similarly, $x \notin A$ for all $x < 0$. Let $0 < x < 1$; $x \notin A$. Then $\exists n \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{n+1} < x < \frac{1}{n}$.

Let $\epsilon := \min\left\{x - \frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{1}{n} - x\right\} > 0$. Then $\frac{1}{n+1} \notin V_\epsilon(x) \vee \frac{1}{n} \notin V_\epsilon(x)$

$$\Rightarrow x_n \notin V_\epsilon(x) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

x is not an accumulation point of (x_n)

Thus $A = \{0\} \cup \left\{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$ □

§11.1 Properties of \limsup, \liminf

Theorem 11.6

Let (x_n) be a bounded sequence and let $\epsilon > 0$. Then $\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \geq N : x_n \in]\liminf(x_n), \limsup(x_n) + \epsilon[$. i.e. at most finitely many terms of (x_n) have the property that $x_n > \limsup(x_n) + \epsilon$ or $x_n < \liminf(x_n) - \epsilon$

Proof. assignment 8 □

Theorem 11.7

Let (x_n) be a bounded sequence. Then $\limsup(x_n) = \lim(\sup\{x_k : k \geq n\})$ and $\liminf(x_n) = \lim(\inf\{x_k : k \geq n\})$.

Remark 11.8. It is not clear initially whether this is well defined. We'll prove this.

Let $y_n := \sup\{x_k : k \geq n\}$. Then (y_n) is bounded because (x_n) is bounded.

Let A, B be bounded with $A \subseteq B$. Then $\sup(A) \leq \sup(B)$.

Note 11.9. $\{x_k : k \geq n + 1\} \subseteq \{x_k : k \geq n\}$.

Therefore $\sup\{x_k : k \geq n + 1\} \leq \sup\{x_k : k \geq n\}$.

Therefore (y_n) is bounded and decreasing and therefore converges.

Thus $\lim(\sup\{x_k : k \geq n\})$ exists. A similar argument applies to $\lim(\inf\{x_k : k \geq n\})$.

Proof. Examination material. This is the cutoff for the midterm exam. Next week coshy sequences. 3.4 in the textbook. Important: This doesn't mean that you don't have to remember the stuff from before. If you don't know stuff from before you will be closed. I used open and closed today and left it to you to know what open and closed means. It did not contain interior and closure so that is midterm 2 material. And you need to know what boundary sets are in order to make sense of these things but I won't ask a separate question on these things. □

§12 11-06**§12.1 Divergence to infinity**

Definition 12.1. Let (x_n) be a sequence. We say that (x_n) diverges to $+\infty$ if

$$\forall M > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq N : x_n > M$$

In symbols:

$$\lim(x_n) = +\infty$$

(x_n) diverges to $-\infty$ if

$$\forall M > 0 (\exists N \in \mathbb{N})(\forall n \geq N) : x_n < -M$$

In symbols:

$$\lim(x_n) = -\infty$$

Remark 12.2. If $\lim(x_n) = +\infty$ or $\lim(x_n) = -\infty$, then the sequence diverges. The limit laws thus do NOT apply.

Example 12.3

$\lim(n^2) = +\infty$. Let $M > 0$. Then $n^2 > M \Leftrightarrow n > \sqrt{M}$.

Let $N > \sqrt{M}$. Then $\forall n \geq N : n^2 \geq N^2 > M \Rightarrow n^2 > M$ for all $n \geq N \Rightarrow (n^2)$ diverges to $+\infty$.

Example 12.4

Let $a > 1$. Show that $\lim(a^n) = +\infty$.

Since $a > 1$, $b := a - 1 > 0$. Then $a = 1 + b$ and $a^n = (1 + b)^n$. Applying bernoulli's:

$$(1 + b)^n \geq 1 + nb > nb > M \Leftrightarrow n > \frac{M}{b}$$

Let $N > \frac{M}{b}$. Then $\forall n \geq N$, we know that $a^n > nb \geq Nb > M$. Thus a^n diverges to $+\infty$.

§12.2 Chapter 4: Limits of functions

Preparatory definition:

Definition 12.5 (In A). Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. A sequence (x_n) is said to be in A if $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in A$.

Definition 12.6 (Cluster point). Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. A point $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is called a cluster point of A if:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 : \underbrace{V_\epsilon(x) \setminus \{x\}}_{\text{Punctured neighborhood}} \cap A \neq \emptyset$$

Note 12.7. Notation for punctured neighborhoods:

$$V_\epsilon^*(x) := V_\epsilon(x) \setminus \{x\}$$

i.e. x is a cluster point of A if $\forall \epsilon > 0 : V_\epsilon^*(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$.

Remark 12.8. Cluster points of A are not necessarily elements of A .

Definition 12.9 (Isolated Point). Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. $x \in A$ is called an isolated point of A if $\exists \epsilon > 0 : V_\epsilon^*(x) \cap A = \emptyset$.

i.e. x is the only element of A that is in $V_\epsilon(x)$.

Example 12.10

$$S := \{0\} \cup \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Claim: 0 is the only cluster point of S . All points $\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}$ are isolated points of S .

0 is a cluster point. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Then $V_\epsilon(0)$ contains infinitely many numbers of the form $\frac{1}{n}$ because $\lim(\frac{1}{n}) = 0$. Thus 0 is a cluster point of S .

Let $x \neq 0$. Then $\exists \epsilon > 0 : V_\epsilon^*(x) \cap S = \emptyset$ (left as exercise). Especially, such $\epsilon > 0$ exists for all $x = \frac{1}{n}$. Thus every $\frac{1}{n}$ is an isolated point of S . □

Example 12.11

Let $A := \mathbb{Q}$. Then every real number is a cluster point of A .

Proof. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ be arbitrary and let $\epsilon > 0$. Since \mathbb{Q} is dense in \mathbb{R} , $V_\epsilon(x)$ contains infinitely many rational numbers. Thus $V_\epsilon^*(x)$ contains at least one (in fact infinitely many) rational numbers. i.e.

$$V_\epsilon^*(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow x \text{ is a cluster point of } A$$

□

Exercise 12.12. Let I be an interval. Then the set of all cluster points of I is \bar{I}

Theorem 12.13

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is a cluster point of A if and only if there exists a sequence (x_n) in $A \setminus \{x\}$ with $\lim(x_n) = x$.

Proof.

(\Rightarrow) Let x be a cluster point of A .

Let $\epsilon := 1$. Then $V_\epsilon^*(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Let $x_1 \in V_1^*(x) \cap A$.

Let $\epsilon := \frac{1}{2}$. Then $V_\epsilon^*(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Let $x_2 \in V_{\frac{1}{2}}^*(x) \cap A$.

We obtain a sequence (x_n) in $A \setminus \{x\}$ with $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in V_{\frac{1}{n}}^*(x) \cap A$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Let $N > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{N} < \epsilon$. Then

$$\forall n \geq N : x_n \in V_{\frac{1}{n}}^*(x) \cap A \subseteq V_{\frac{1}{n}}^*(x) \subseteq V_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) \subseteq V_{\frac{1}{N}}(x) \subseteq V_\epsilon(x).$$

i.e. $\forall n \geq N : x_n \in V_\epsilon(x) \Rightarrow (x_n)$ converges to x .

(\Leftarrow) Let (x_n) be a sequence in $A \setminus \{x\}$ such that $\lim(x_n) = x$. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Then $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq N : x_n \in V_\epsilon(x)$. But since $x_n \in A \setminus \{x\}, x_n \neq x$. This means that $x_n \in V_\epsilon^*(x)$ and $x_n \in A$. Thus $\forall n \geq N : x_n \in V_\epsilon^*(x) \cap A$. Thus $V_\epsilon^*(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow x$ is a cluster point. □

Theorem 12.14

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Let x be a cluster point of A . Then $x \in \overline{A}$.

Proof. Let x be a cluster point of A . By previous theorem, $\exists(x_n)$ is $A \setminus \{x\}$ such that $\lim(x_n) = x$.

Since $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in A \setminus \{x\}$. We have that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in \overline{A} \supseteq A \setminus \{x\}$.

Since \overline{A} is closed, $\lim(x_n) \in \overline{A}$ (see assignment 6). □

Definition 12.15 (The limit of a function: Sequential Definition).

Let $f : A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, we say that L is a limit of f as $x \rightarrow x_0$. In symbols:

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$$

if for all sequences (x_n) in $A \setminus \{x_0\}$ with $\lim(x_n) = x_0$, we have that $\lim(f(x_n)) = L$.

Example 12.16

Let

$$f : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \rightarrow \frac{x^2}{|x|}$$

Note that for $x \neq 0$ we have that

$$\frac{x^2}{|x|} = |x|$$

Claim: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$.

Let (x_n) be a sequence such that $x_n \neq 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and such that $\lim(x_n) = 0$. We need to show that $(f(x_n))$ converges to 0. Note that $f(x_n) = |x_n|$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since $\lim(x_n) = 0$, there exists $(N \in \mathbb{N})(\forall n \geq N) : |x_n - 0| = |x_n| < \epsilon$.

Thus $\forall n \geq N : ||x_n| - 0| = ||x_n|| = |x_n| < \epsilon \Rightarrow \lim(f(x_n)) = 0$. Thus:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = 0$$

Example 12.17

Let $f : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $x \rightarrow \frac{1}{x}$. Let $x_0 \neq 0$. Show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \frac{1}{x_0}$$

Proof. Let (x_n) be a sequence in $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, x_0\}$ with $\lim(x_n) = x_0$. Then $\lim(f(x_n)) = \lim\left(\frac{1}{x_n}\right) = \frac{1}{\lim(x_n)} = \frac{1}{x_0}$. □

Example 12.18

Let $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $x \rightarrow 0$. Let $L \in \mathbb{R}$ be arbitrary. Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = L$$

Since 0 is an isolated point in \mathbb{Z} , there doesn't exist any sequence in $\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ that converges to 0. Thus all sequences (x_n) in $\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ that converge to 0 have that property that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x_0) = L$$

Thus $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = L$ for any $L \in \mathbb{R}$.

Remark 12.19. This example shows that we should avoid isolated points when considering limits.

Theorem 12.20

Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where x_0 is a cluster point of A .

Then: if f has a limit as x approaches x_0 , then this limit is uniquely determined.

Proof. Let L_1, L_2 be limits of f as x approaches x_0 . Then $\exists(x_n)$ is $A \setminus \{x_0\}$ with $\lim(x_n) = x_0$. Because f has a limit at x_0 , $\lim(f(x_n))$ exists and $L_1 = \lim(f(x_n)) = L_2$. \square

§13 Lecture 11-11

Definition 13.1 (Weierstrass). The ϵ definition of the limit of a function.

Let $f : A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. We say that L is a limit of f as x approaches x_0 if:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x \in A : 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

This can be rewritten in several ways:

1.

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 : x \in V_\delta^*(x_0) \cap A \Rightarrow f(x) \in V_\epsilon(L)$$

2.

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 : f(V_\delta^*(x_0) \cap A) \subseteq V_\epsilon(L)$$

Theorem 13.2

Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $L \in \mathbb{R}$. Then:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$$

in the sequential sense if and only if this holds in the $\epsilon - \delta$ sense.

Proof.

1. " $\epsilon - \delta \Rightarrow$ Sequential":

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Let $\delta > 0$ be such that $f(V_\delta^*(x_0) \cap A) \subseteq V_\epsilon(L)$.

Let (x_n) be a sequence in $A \setminus \{x_0\}$ with $\lim(x_n) = x_0$. Then $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$, $\forall n \geq N$: $x_n \in V_\delta(x_0)$.

We also have that $x_n \neq x_0$ and $x_n \in A$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq N : x_n &\in V_\delta^*(x_0) \cap A \\ \Rightarrow \forall n \geq N : f(x_n) &\in V_\epsilon(L) \\ \Rightarrow (f(x_n)) &\text{ converges to } L \end{aligned}$$

2. "Sequential $\Rightarrow \epsilon - \delta$ ":

Assume that the sequential definition holds but that there exists $\epsilon > 0$ for which no $\delta > 0$ exists that satisfies $\epsilon - \delta$.

i.e. assume that $f(V_\delta^*(x_0) \cap A) \not\subseteq V_\epsilon(L)$ for all $\delta > 0$. Especially:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta = 1 : f(V_1^*(x_0) \cap A) &\not\subseteq V_\epsilon(L) \\ \Rightarrow \exists x_1 \in V_1^*(x_0) \cap A &\text{ such that } f(x_1) \notin V_\epsilon(L) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta = \frac{1}{2} : f(V_{\frac{1}{2}}^*(x_0) \cap A) &\not\subseteq V_\epsilon(L) \\ \Rightarrow \exists x_2 \in V_{\frac{1}{2}}^*(x_0) \cap A &\text{ such that } f(x_2) \notin V_\epsilon(L) \end{aligned}$$

⋮

We then obtain a sequence (x_n) such that $x_n \in V_{\frac{1}{n}}^*(x_0) \cap A$ but $f(x_n) \notin V_\epsilon(L)$.

Thus $\lim(x_n) = x_0$ but $(f(x_n))$ does not converge to L . This contradicts the sequential definition of limit.

Thus $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $f(V_\delta^*(x_0) \cap A) \subseteq V_\epsilon(L)$.

□

Example 13.3

Show that:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} x^2 = x_0^2$$

Solution.

1. Sequential:

Let (x_n) be a sequence in $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{x_0\}$ with $\lim(x_n) = x_0$. Then $\lim(f(x_n)) = \lim(x_n^2) = [\lim(x_n)]^2 = x_0^2$

2. $\epsilon - \delta$:

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Let $\delta > 0$ be arbitrary for now and assume that $|x - x_0| < \delta$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(x_0)| &= |x^2 - x_0^2| = \underbrace{|x - x_0|}_{< \delta} \cdot |x + x_0| \\ \Rightarrow &< |x + x_0|\delta = |x - x_0 + 2x_0|\delta \leq (|x - x_0| + 2|x_0|)\delta \\ &< (\delta + 2|x_0|)\delta < (\delta + 2|x_0|) \cdot \delta < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Assume that $\delta < 1$. Then $|f(x) - f(x_0)| < (\delta + 2|x_0|)\delta < (1 + 2|x_0|)\delta < \epsilon$

Now let:

$$\delta < \min\left(1, \frac{\epsilon}{1 + 2|x_0|}\right)$$

Then if $|x - x_0| < \delta$, then $|f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon \Rightarrow$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} x^2 = x_0^2$$

□

Example 13.4

$$f : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \rightarrow \frac{1}{x}$$

Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Show that:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x_0}$$

Solution

Solution.

1. Sequential:

Let (x_n) be a sequence in $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, x_0\}$ with $\lim(x_n) = x_0$. Then:

$$\lim(f(x_n)) = \lim\left(\frac{1}{x_n}\right) = \frac{1}{\lim(x_n)} = \frac{1}{x_0}$$

2. With $\epsilon - \delta$:

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Let $\delta > 0$ be arbitrary for now. Let $|x - x_0| < \delta$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(x_0)| &= \left| \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x_0} \right| = \left| \frac{x_0 - x}{xx_0} \right| \\ &= \frac{|x - x_0|}{|x||x_0|} < \frac{\delta}{|x||x_0|} \end{aligned}$$

Let $\delta < \frac{1}{2}|x_0|$. Then for all x with $|x - x_0| < \delta$ we have:

$$|x| = |(x - x_0) + x_0| \geq |x_0| - |x - x_0| > |x_0| - \frac{1}{2}|x_0| = \frac{1}{2}|x_0|$$

i.e. $|x| \geq \frac{1}{2}|x_0|$ Now:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(x_0)| &< \frac{\delta}{|x||x_0|} \leq \frac{\delta}{\frac{1}{2}|x_0||x_0|} = \frac{2\delta}{x_0^2} < \epsilon \\ &\Leftrightarrow \delta < \frac{x_0^2}{2} \cdot \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Let $\delta < \min(\frac{1}{2}|x_0|, \frac{1}{2}x_0^2\epsilon)$. Then if $|x - x_0| < \delta$, we have that:

$$|f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x_0}$$

□

§13.1 Limit Laws

Theorem 13.5 (Limit of a Sum is the Sum of the Limits)

Let $f, g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and x_0 be a cluster point of A . Assume that $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L_1$ and that $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = L_2$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [(f + g)(x)] &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [f(x) + g(x)] = L_1 + L_2 \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [(f + g)(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)$$

Proof. We'll use the sequential criterion to prove this theorem. Let (x_n) be a sequence in $A \setminus \{x_0\}$ with $\lim(x_n) = x_0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim((f + g)(x_n)) &= \lim(f(x_n) + g(x_n)) \\ &= \lim(f(x_n)) + \lim(g(x_n)) = L_1 + L_2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 13.6 (Limit of a Product is the Product of the Limits)

Let $f, g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and x_0 be a cluster point of A . Assume that $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)$ exist. Then:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [(f \cdot g)(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [f(x) \cdot g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)$$

Proof. Let (x_n) be a sequence in $A \setminus \{x_0\}$ with $\lim(x_n) = x_0$. Then:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [(f \cdot g)(x)] = \lim(f(x_n) \cdot g(x_n)) = \lim(f(x_n)) \cdot \lim(g(x_n)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)$$

□

Especially, let $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [c \cdot f(x)] = c \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \quad \text{Think of it as choosing } g = c$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [f(x) - g(x)] &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [f(x) + (-1) \cdot g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [(-1)g(x)] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) + (-1) \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) \\ &\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [f(x) - g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 13.7

Let $f, g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and x_0 be a cluster point of A . Furthermore, let $\forall x \in A, g(x) \neq 0$ and let $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x), \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)$ exist where $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) \neq 0$. Then:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)}$$

§14 Lecture 11-13**§14.1 Limits and Inequalities****Theorem 14.1 (Bounded Limit Theorem for Functions)**

Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and x_0 be a cluster point of A . Assume that $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ exists.

Furthermore, assume that $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a \leq f(x) \leq b$ for all $x \in A \setminus \{x_0\}$. Then $a \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \leq b$.

Proof. Let $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$. Then $\forall (x_n)$ in $A \setminus \{x_0\}$ with $\lim(x_n) = x_0$, it holds that $\lim(f(x_n)) = L$.

Since $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in A \setminus \{x_0\}$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} a \leq f(x_n) \leq b & \quad \Rightarrow \quad a \leq L = \lim(f(x_n)) \leq b \\ & \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{Theorem from Chapter 3}} \\ & \quad \Rightarrow a \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \leq b \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 14.2 (Squeeze Theorem for Functions)

Let $f, g, h : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and let x_0 be a cluster point of A . Assume that

$$g(x) \leq f(x) \leq h(x)$$

For all $x \in A \setminus \{x_0\}$.

Furthermore, assume that

$$L := \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} h(x)$$

Then the limit of $f(x)$ as $x \rightarrow x_0$ exists and equals L .

Proof. Let (x_n) be a sequence in $A \setminus \{x_0\}$ such that $\lim(x_n) = x_0$. Then $\lim(g(x_n)) = L$ and $\lim(h(x_n)) = L$.

And since $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in A \setminus \{x_0\}$, we know that

$$g(x_n) \leq f(x_n) \leq h(x_n)$$

By the squeeze theorem for sequences it now follows that $(f(x_n))$ converges to L . Since this holds for any (x_n) in $A \setminus \{x_0\}$ with $\lim(x_n) = x_0$, it follows from sequence criterion that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$$

□

Example 14.3

Consider the following function :

$$f(x) : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \text{ where } x \rightarrow x \cdot \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} |x \cdot \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)| &= |x| \cdot \left|\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right| \leq |x| \\ \Rightarrow -|x| &\leq x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq |x| \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} |x| &= 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (-|x|) &= - \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} |x| = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by squeeze theorem we have that

$$-|x| \leq x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq |x| \quad \underbrace{\Rightarrow}_{\text{Squeeze Theorem}} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \left(x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) = 0$$

□

Example 14.4

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $x \rightarrow x^{3/2}$. We want to find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{3/2}$.

Restrict f to the interval $[0, 1]$. On this interval we have that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq x \leq x^{1/2} \\ \Rightarrow 0 &\leq x^{3/2} \leq x \end{aligned}$$

and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x = 0$.

Therefore, by squeeze theorem,

$$\underbrace{0}_{=0} \leq x^{3/2} \leq \underbrace{x}_{=0} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{3/2} = 0$$

§14.2 Criteria for non-existence of limits of functions

Theorem 14.5 (Non-existence criteria where $(f(x_n))$ diverges.)

Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and x_0 be a cluster point of A . If $\exists(x_n)$ in $A \setminus \{0\}$ such that $\lim(x_n) = x_0$ but such that $\lim(f(x_n))$ diverges, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ DNE.

Proof. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ would exist, then $\lim(f(x_n)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ but $(f(x_n))$ diverges $\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ DNE. \square

Theorem 14.6 (Non-existence criteria where $(f(x_n))$ and $(f(t_n))$ converge to different limits)

Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and x_0 be a cluster point of A . Assume that $\exists(x_n), (t_n)$ in $A \setminus \{x_0\}$ such that $\lim(x_n) = x_0 = \lim(t_n)$ and such that both $(f(x_n))$ and $(f(t_n))$ converge but to different limits. Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ does not exist.

Proof. Assume that $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$. Then $\lim(f(x_n)) = L = \lim(f(t_n))$. Contradiction because $\lim(f(x_n)) \neq \lim(f(t_n))$. Thus $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ diverges. \square

Example 14.7

Let $f : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $x \rightarrow \sin(1/x)$. Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ DNE.

1. Solution using the 2-sequence criterion.

Choose (x_n) where $x_n := \frac{1}{\pi n}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $f(x_n) = \sin(\pi n) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. i.e. $\lim(f(x_n)) = 0$.

Now choose (t_n) where $t_n := \frac{1}{\pi/2 + 2\pi n}$. Then $f(t_n) = \sin(\pi/2 + 2\pi n) = \sin(\pi/2) = 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim(f(t_n)) &= 1 \neq 0 = \lim(f(x_n)) \\ &\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \text{ DNE} \end{aligned}$$

2. Solution using the 1-sequence criterion.

Let $x_n := \frac{1}{(2n-1)\pi/2}$. Then $\lim(x_n) = 0$ and $f(x_n) = \sin((2n-1)\pi/2) = (-1)^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. i.e. $(f(x_n)) = ((-1)^n)$ which diverges!

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \text{ DNE}$$

§14.3 One-sided limits (Brief)

In calculus you've seen

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x) \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x)$$

How do we define these properly?

Definition 14.8 (Definition of limit from left and right). Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x) := f|_{A \cap]x_0, \infty[}(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x) := f|_{A \cap]-\infty, x_0[}(x)$$

Example 14.9

$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $x \rightarrow |x|$. Determine $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x^+} |x| = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x^-} |x| = 0$$

Theorem 14.10 (Limit of function exists iff limits from left and right exists and are equal)

Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and x_0 be a cluster point of A . Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ exists if and only if $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x)$ exist and are equal.

Proof. Assignment 11. □

§14.4 Chapter 5: Continuity

Definition 14.11 (Defining a continuous function). Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $x_0 \in A$. We say that f is continuous at x_0 if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$$

exists and is equal to $f(x_0)$. i.e $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$.

Remark 14.12. In the case that x_0 is an isolated point, this definition should be read as follows: f is continuous at x_0 if it has a limit at x_0 which equals $f(x_0)$. In other words, all functions are continuous at all isolated points. Continuous is thus only interesting at cluster points.

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Definition of continuity: $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 : f(V_\delta(x_0) \cap A) \subseteq V_\epsilon(f(x_0))$

Remark 15.1. Let x_0 be an isolated point of A . Then any function $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at x_0 .

Proof. Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let $\epsilon > 0$. Since x_0 is an isolated point of A , $\exists \delta : V_\delta(x_0) \cap A = \{x_0\}$.

Then, $f(V_\delta(x_0) \cap A) = f(\{x_0\}) = \{f(x_0)\}$. Thus f is continuous at x_0 . □

Theorem 15.2 (Algebraic Rules for Continuity)

Let $f, g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let $x_0 \in A$ be a cluster point of A . f, g is continuous at x_0 , then:

- (a) $f + g$ is continuous at x_0 .
- (b) $f \cdot g$ is continuous at x_0 .
- (c) $f - g$ is continuous at x_0 .
- (d) f/g is continuous at x_0 if $\forall x \in A, g(x) \neq 0$.

Proof.

- (a) Let (x_n) be a sequence in A with $\lim(x_n) = x_0$.

Since f and g are continuous at x_0 , we have that $\lim(f(x_n)) = f(x_0)$ and $\lim(g(x_n)) = g(x_0)$.

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim((f + g)(x_n)) &= \lim(f(x_n) + g(x_n)) \\ &= \lim(f(x_n)) + \lim(g(x_n)) = f(x_0) + g(x_0) = (f + g)(x_0) \\ &\Rightarrow f + g \text{ is continuous at } x_0 \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, we can use the limits of functions. f, g are continuous at x_0 so

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) &= f(x_0) \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) &= g(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [(f + g)(x)] &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} [f(x) + g(x)] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = f(x_0) + g(x_0) = (f + g)(x_0) \\ &\Rightarrow f + g \text{ is continuous at } x_0 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Left as an exercise
- (c) Left as an exercise
- (d) Left as an exercise

□

Theorem 15.3 (Compositions of continuous functions)

Let $f : A \rightarrow B$, and $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $f(A) \subseteq B$. Let $x_0 \in A$, and let f be continuous at x_0 , and g is continuous at $f(x_0)$, then $g \circ f$ is continuous at x_0 .

Proof.

1. Proof with $\epsilon - \delta$

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Because g is continuous at $f(x_0)$, we get that

$$\exists \nu > 0 \text{ such that } g(V_\nu(f(x_0)) \cap B) \subseteq V_\epsilon(g(f(x_0))). \quad (1)$$

And since f is continuous at x_0 , we get that

$$\exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that } f(V_\delta(x_0) \cap A) \subseteq V_\nu(f(x_0)) \quad (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2) we get that

$$(g \circ f)(V_\delta(x_0) \cap A) = g(f(V_\delta(x_0) \cap A)) \subseteq g(V_\nu(f(x_0)) \cap B) \subseteq V_\epsilon(g(f(x_0)))$$

$$\Rightarrow (g \circ f)(V_\delta(x_0) \cap A) \subseteq V_\epsilon((g \circ f)(x_0))$$

$$\Rightarrow g \circ f \text{ is continuous at } x_0$$

2. Proof with sequential method

Let (x_n) be a sequence with $\lim(x_n) = x_0$. Since f is continuous at x_0 , we have that $\lim(f(x_n)) = f(x_0)$.

Because g is continuous at $f(x_0)$, we have that

$$\lim(g(f(x_n))) = g(f(x_0))$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim((g \circ f)(x_n)) = (g \circ f)(x_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow g \circ f \text{ is continuous at } x_0$$

□

Definition 15.4. A function $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called continuous (on A) if f is continuous at all $x_0 \in A$.

Example 15.5

1. x is continuous on \mathbb{R} .
2. Because products of continuous functions are continuous, x^n is continuous on \mathbb{R} for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

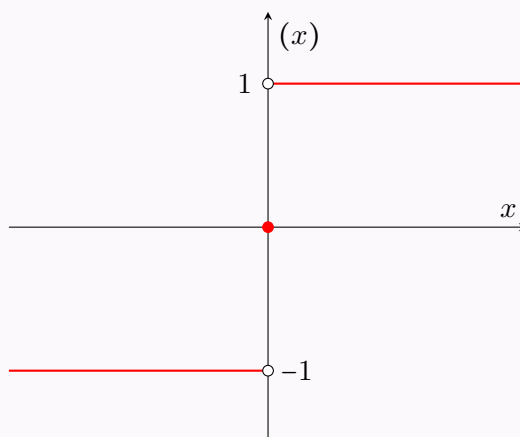
Note also that if $c_n \in \mathbb{R}$, $c_n x^n$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} .

3. Since sums of continuous functions are continuous, every polynomial $p(x) := a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} .
4. Since quotients of continuous functions are continuous, wherever the denominator is non-zero, we have that all rational functions $R(x) := \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$, P, Q polynomials are continuous on \mathbb{R}/N where $N := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : Q(x) = 0\}$.
5. We've seen that $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \sqrt{x} = \sqrt{x_0}$ for all $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$. Thus $\sqrt{}$ is continuous on \mathbb{R}_0^+ .
6. \sin and \cos are continuous on \mathbb{R} . See assignment 11.

Example 15.6 (Examples of discontinuous functions. *sgn*, Dirichlet, Thomae)

1.

$$f(x) := \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ -1, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



Let (x_n) be a sequence with $x_n > 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lim(x_n) = 0$ (e.g. $x_n = 1/n$). Then $f(x_n) = 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus $(f(x_n))$ converges to 1.

But! $f(0) = 0 \neq 1 = \lim(f(x_n))$. Thus f is discontinuous at 0.

2. Dirichlet's Function. $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where f is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0, & x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

Claim: f is discontinuous at all $x_0 \in [0, 1]$.

Proof. Proof by cases where $x_0 \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$:

a) Let x_0 be rational. Because $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ is dense in \mathbb{R} , we know that $\exists(x_n) \in [0, 1]$ such that $\lim(x_n) = x_0$ and that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$.

Then $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have that $f(x_n) = 0 \Rightarrow \lim(f(x_n)) = 0 \neq 1 = f(x_0)$.

b) Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$. Because \mathbb{Q} is dense in \mathbb{R} , we know that $\exists(x_n) \in [0, 1]$ with $\lim(x_n) = x_0$ and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Then $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : f(x_n) = 1 \Rightarrow \lim(f(x_n)) = 1 \neq 0 = f(x_0)$.

□

3. Thomae's Function Consider $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/q, & x = n/q, \gcd(n, q) = 1 \\ 0 & x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

Claim: f is continuous at all irrational numbers, but discontinuous at all rational numbers.

§15.1 Topological consequences of continuity

Exercise.

1. Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an interval and let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. Is $f(I)$ an interval? (Yes, we will see later)
2. If $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is open and $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, is $f(U)$ open? (No. Find a counterexample).
3. If $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is closed, is $f(V)$ closed? (No)
4. If $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is bounded, is $f(S)$ bounded (No)
5. If $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is compact (recall that this means closed and bounded), is $f(C)$ compact?

Solution.

1. We will see later.
2. Let $f :]-1, 1[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $x \rightarrow x^2$. Then $] - 1, 1[$ is open, but $f(] - 1, 1[) = [0, 1[$ which is not open.
3. $f : [1, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $x \rightarrow 1/x$. Then $f([1, \infty[) =]0, 1]$ which is not closed.
4. $f :]0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $x \rightarrow 1/x$. The domain of f is bounded. But $(]0, 1]) = [1, \infty[$ is unbounded.
- 5.

□

§16 Lecture 11-20

§16.1 Preservation of compactness

We'll need the following theorem:

$A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is closed iff every cauchy sequence in A has its limit in A .

Proof. Let A be closed and let (x_n) be a cauchy sequence in A . Assume that $x_0 :=$ □

§17 Lecture 11-25

Definition 17.1. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and let $c := \{U_i : i \in I\}$, where I is an index set, U_i is open for all $i \in I$.

Then c is called an open cover of A if $A \subseteq \cup_{i \in I} U_i$. i.e. every $x \in A$ is contained.

If $y \subseteq I$ such that $\{U_j : j \in y\}$ is still a cover of A , we say that φ' is a finite subcover of φ .

Example 17.2

Let $A = [0, 1]$ and let $\varphi := \{V_{1/2}(x) : x \in [0, 1]\}$.

Then φ is an open cover of $[0, 1]$ because

$$[0, 1] \subseteq \cup_{x \in [0, 1]} V_{1/2}(x) : x \in [0, 1] \subseteq]-1/2, 3/2[$$

Theorem 17.3 (Heine-Borel)

$A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is compact (closed and bounded) if and only if every open cover of A has a finite subcover.

Proof.

\Rightarrow Special Case: A is a closed and bounded interval $[a, b] := I_0$. Assume that φ is an open cover of I_0 that doesn't have a finite subcover. Divide I_0 into two closed subintervals of equal width $[a, c]$ and $[c, b]$ where $c = \frac{a+b}{2}$.

For at least one of these subintervals, φ does not have a finite subcover. Otherwise, φ would have a finite subcover φ' of $[a, c]$ and φ'' of $[c, b]$. Then $\varphi' \cup \varphi''$ would be a finite open cover of I_0 , which doesn't exist.

Let I_1 be (one of) the subinterval(s) without finite subcover. Divide I_1 into 2 closed subintervals of equal width. At least one of them doesn't have A .

We obtain a nested sequence $I_0 \supseteq I_1 \supseteq I_2 \supseteq \dots$ of closed and bounded intervals. Then

$$\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} I_n \neq \emptyset$$

by the nested interval property.

Let $x_0 \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} I_n$. Then $x_0 \in I_0$, thus $\exists i \in I$ such that $x_0 \in U_i$ which is open. Thus, $\exists \epsilon > 0 : V_\epsilon(x_0) \subseteq U_i$.

Claim: $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}_0 : I_n \subseteq V_\epsilon(x_0)$.

Proof. $|I_n| = 1/2^n |I_0|$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that $1/2^n |I_0| < \epsilon$.

Let $x \in I_n$ be arbitrary. Then $\underbrace{|x - x_0|}_{\in I_n} \leq 1/2^n |I_0| < \epsilon \Rightarrow x \in V_\epsilon(x_0)$.

$\Rightarrow I_n \subseteq V_\epsilon(x_0)$. Now we have:

$$I_n \subseteq V_\epsilon(x_0) \subseteq U_i$$

i.e. $\{U_i\}$ covers I_n

φ has a finite (of length 1) subcover for I_n . CONTRADICTION.

$\Rightarrow \varphi$ does have a finite subcover. □

General Case; $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ compact. φ open cover. Since A is bounded, $\exists M > 0$ such that $A \subseteq [-M, M]$. Let $U := \mathbb{R}/A$ which is open.

Consider $\varphi' := \varphi \cap \{U\}$. Then φ' covers \mathbb{R} . Thus φ' covers $[-M, M]$ which is closed and bounded interval by special case.

By special case, φ' has a finite subcover φ'' . φ'' may not be a subcover of φ because φ'' may contain U . However, if φ'' should contain U , we can simply remove it.

i.e. if $U \in \varphi''$, let $\varphi''' = \varphi'' / \{U\}$. If $U \notin \varphi''$, let $\varphi''' := \varphi''$.

Since $U = \mathbb{R}/A$, φ''' will still cover A . Thus we've obtained a finite subcover of A . □

Theorem 17.4

$A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is compact (closed and bounded) if and only if every open cover of A has a finite subcover.

Proof.

\Leftarrow Let A not be compact. We need to find an open cover of A without a finite subcover. A not closed: assignment 12.

 A unbounded

Let $\varphi := \{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ where $U_n :=]-n, n[$. Then φ covers \mathbb{R} and thus A . Consider any finite subset $m\{U_{n_1}, \dots, U_{n_k}\}$. □

Remark 17.5. The "classical" definition of compactness is closed and bounded, however this definition doesn't generalize well beyond \mathbb{R}^n since there isn't even a notion of boundedness on general "topological spaces" However, open covers still make perfect sense on topological spaces. Thus, the def of compactness was revised to

Definition 17.6 (Modern definition of compactness). A is called compact if every open cover of A has a finite subcover.

"Modern" heine borel becomes:

Definition 17.7. $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is compact if and only if A is closed and bounded.

Applications of heine borel: It can often be useful to generalize "local" properties of functions to "global" properties if the domain is compact.

Definition 17.8. $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called locally bounded if $\forall x_0 \in A, \exists \epsilon > 0 : f$ is bounded on the domain $V_\epsilon(x_0)$.

Example 17.9

$f :]0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \rightarrow 1/x$.

f is bounded on any neighborhood about x_0 that does not contain 0 is in its boundary. Thus f is locally bounded, but not (globally) bounded!

However, this can't happen if the domain is compact

Theorem 17.10

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be compact. $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be locally bounded. Then f is bounded (on A).

Proof. Let $x \in A$ be arbitrary. f locally bounded $\Rightarrow \exists \epsilon_x > 0$ such that f is bounded on interval $V_{\epsilon_x}(x)$.

Then $\varphi := \{V_{\epsilon_x} : x \in A\}$ is an open cover of A . Since A is compact, φ has a finite subcover $\{V_{\epsilon_{x_1}}, \dots, V_{\epsilon_{x_n}}(x_n)\}$.

On each of these n neighborhoods, f is bounded.

$$\Rightarrow \exists M_1, \dots, M_n \geq 0$$

such that $|f|(x) \leq M_1, \dots, |f|(x) \leq M_n$ bounded on $V_{\epsilon_n}(x_n)$.

Let $M := \max\{M_1, \dots, M_n\}$. Then $|f|(x) \leq M, \dots, |f| \leq M$. □

§18 Lecture 11-27**§18.1 Application of Heine-Borel**

Theorem 18.1

Let $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq A_3 \supseteq \dots$ be a nested sequence of compact sets. Then

$$\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \neq \emptyset$$

(This is by the nested interval property, but we are going to prove it using heine-borel)

Proof. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $U_n := \mathbb{R} \setminus A_n \Rightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N} U_n$ is open and $U_1 \subseteq U_2 \subseteq U_3 \subseteq \dots$

By de morgans law, we have that

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} U_n = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{R} \setminus A_n \stackrel{\text{De morgans}}{=} \mathbb{R} \setminus \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$$

Now assume that $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = \emptyset$. Then $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} U_n = \mathbb{R} \setminus \emptyset = \mathbb{R}$.

i.e. The U_n cover all of \mathbb{R} and thus especially A_1 . By heine-borel, this open cover has a finite subcover.

$$\begin{aligned} & \{U_{n_1}, \dots, U_{n_k}\}, n_1 < \dots < n_k \\ \Rightarrow A_1 \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k U_{n_i} &= U_{n_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{n_k} = U_{n_k} \\ & \Rightarrow A_1 \subseteq U_{n_k} \\ \Rightarrow A_{n_k} \subseteq A_1 \subseteq U_{n_k} &= \mathbb{R} \setminus A_{n_k} \\ \Rightarrow A_{n_k} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus A_{n_k} & \quad \text{⚡} \\ \Rightarrow \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n & \neq \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

□

Definition 18.2 (Uniform Continuity). Let's recall the definition of continuity of $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$(\forall x_0 \in A)(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists \delta = \delta(\epsilon, x_0)) : (\forall x \in A)(|x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon)$$

Note 18.3. In general, δ will depend on both ϵ (unavoidable) and x_0 .

It would be useful in many branches of analysis (e.g. Riemann integration) if δ would only depend on ϵ and not x_0 .

i.e. we'd like to have this:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall x_0 \in A)(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists \delta = \delta(\epsilon))(\forall x \in A) : (|x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon) \\ & \equiv \\ & (\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists \delta > 0)(\forall x_1, x_0 \in A) : (|x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Since x_0 is actually a variable, we'll use μ instead and obtain:

$f : A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called uniformly continuous on A if

$$(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists \delta > 0)(\forall x, \mu \in A) : (|x - \mu| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| < \epsilon)$$

Example 18.4

$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \rightarrow x$. Claim: f is uniformly continuous.

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$ and let $\delta := \epsilon$. Then $\forall x, \mu \in \mathbb{R}, |x - \mu| < \delta = \epsilon \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| = |x - \mu| < \epsilon$ □

Lemma 18.5

$\forall x, \mu > 0$ where $x \geq \mu$, we have that $\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{\mu} \leq \sqrt{x - \mu}$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{x} - \sqrt{\mu} \leq \sqrt{x - \mu} \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{\mu})^2 \leq (\sqrt{x - \mu})^2 = x - \mu \\ \Leftrightarrow & x - 2\sqrt{x}\sqrt{\mu} + \mu \leq x - \mu \\ \Leftrightarrow & 2\mu - 2\sqrt{x}\sqrt{\mu} \leq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \underbrace{2\sqrt{\mu}}_{\geq 0} (\underbrace{\sqrt{\mu} - \sqrt{x}}_{\leq 0}) \leq 0 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Because we only used equivalence statements, this final true statement proves that

$$\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{\mu} \leq \sqrt{x - \mu}$$

□

Example 18.6

$f : \mathbb{R}_0^+ = [0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \rightarrow \sqrt{x}$. Claim: f is uniformly continuous.

Remark 18.7. We did prove in chapter 4 that \sqrt{x} is continuous on $[0, \infty[$. Back then, the δ value we obtained did depend on both ϵ and x !

However, this does not necessarily mean that $\sqrt{\cdot}$ is not uniformly continuous! It might just mean that we need better estimates!

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$, let $\delta > 0$ be arbitrary for now. Let $x, \mu \in [0, \infty[$. We may assume without loss of generality that $x \geq \mu$. Let $|x - \mu| = x - \mu < \delta$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(\mu)| &= |\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{\mu}| = \sqrt{x} - \sqrt{\mu} \leq \sqrt{x - \mu} < \sqrt{\delta} < \epsilon \\ \Leftrightarrow & \delta < \epsilon^2 \end{aligned}$$

Note that δ is independent of x and μ !

With this uniform δ , we have

$$|x - \mu| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| < \epsilon \Rightarrow \sqrt{x}$$

is uniform continuous on $[0, \infty[$. □

How can we see whether a function is not uniformly continuous?

$f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ not continuous:

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists \delta > 0)(\forall x, \mu \in A) : (|x - \mu| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| < \epsilon) \\ & \equiv \neg(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists \delta > 0)(\forall x, \mu \in A) : (|x - \mu| \geq \delta \vee |f(x) - f(\mu)| < \epsilon) \\ & \equiv (\exists \epsilon > 0)(\forall \delta > 0)(\exists x, \mu \in A) : (|x - \mu| < \delta \wedge |f(x) - f(\mu)| \geq \epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Recall 18.8. $P \Rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \vee Q$

Theorem 18.9 (2 sequence criterion for non-uniform continuity)

Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Let $\epsilon_0 > 0$ and let $(x_n), (\mu_n)$ be sequences in A such that $\lim(x_n - \mu_n) = 0$ and $|f(x_n) - f(\mu_n)| \geq \epsilon_0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then f is not uniformly continuous on A .

Proof. Assume that f is uniform continuous. Then $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $\forall x, \mu \in A : |x - \mu| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| < \epsilon_0$. (*)

Now $\lim(x_n - \mu_n) = 0$. Then $(\exists N \in \mathbb{N})(\forall n \geq N) : |x_n - \mu_n| < \delta$. Especially, $|x_n - \mu_n| < \delta$.

In (*) $\Rightarrow |f(x_N) - f(\mu_N)| < \epsilon_0$ ∇

Thus f is not uniformly continuous on A . □

Example 18.10

$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \rightarrow x^2$.

Let $x_n := n, u_n := n + 1/n$

Then $|x_n - \mu_n| = 1/n \Rightarrow \lim(x_n - \mu_n) = 0$

But $|f(x_n) - f(\mu_n)| = |n^2 - (n + 1/n)^2| = |n^2 - n^2 - 2 - 1/n^2| = 2 + 1/n^2 > 2$.

Let $\epsilon_0 := 2$. Then $\lim(x_n - \mu_n) = 0$, but $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : |f(x_n) - f(\mu_n)| \geq \epsilon_0$.

$\Rightarrow x^2$ is not uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R} .

Example 18.11 $f :]0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \rightarrow 1/x$ Let $x_n := 1/n, \mu_n := 1/(n+1)$.Then, $|x_n - \mu_n| = |1/n - 1/(n+1)| = |(x+1-x)/(n(n+1))| = 1/(n(n+1)) \leq 1/n^2 \rightarrow 0$.By convergence criterion, $\lim(x_n - \mu_n) = 0$.But, $|f(x_n) - f(\mu_n)| = |n - (n+1)| = 1$. Let $\epsilon_0 := 1$.Then $\lim(x_n - \mu_n) = 0$. But $|f(x_n) - f(\mu_n)| \geq \epsilon_0$.Therefore $1/x$ is not uniformly continuous on $]0, \infty[$.

Theorem 18.12

Every continuous function on a compact domain is uniformly continuous.

Proof. Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, A be compact, and f continuous on A .

Let $\epsilon > 0$, then $(\forall x \in A)(\exists \delta_x > 0) : (|x - \mu| < \delta_x \Rightarrow |(f(x) - f(\mu))| < \epsilon/2)$

Now consider the neighborhoods $V_{(1/2)\delta_x}(x)$ for all $x \in A$.

Then $\varphi := \{V_{(1/2)\delta_x}(x) : x \in A\}$ is an open cover of A . (Even just the centres of these neighborhoods already cover A)

By Heine-Borel, φ has a finite subcover $\{V_{(1/2)\delta_{x_1}}, \dots, V_{(1/2)\delta_{x_n}}\}$ where $x_1, \dots, x_n \in A$.

Let $\delta := \min\{\frac{1}{2}\delta_{x_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\delta_{x_n}\} > 0$.

We'll prove that with this δ , we have that $|x - \mu| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| < \epsilon$.

Let $x, \mu \in A$ such that $|x - \mu| < \delta$. Since $x \in A$, $\exists 1 \leq k \leq n$ such that $x \in V_{(1/2)\delta_{x_k}}(x_k)$

$\Rightarrow |x - x_k| < \frac{1}{2}\delta_{x_k} < \delta_{x_k}$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |\mu - x_k| &= |(\mu - x) + (x - x_k)| \leq |x - \mu| + |x - x_k| < \delta + \frac{1}{2}\delta_{x_k} = \delta_{x_k} \\ &\Rightarrow x, \mu \in V_{\delta_{x_k}}(x_k) \\ &\Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| = |(f(x) - f(x_k)) + f(x_k) - f(\mu)| \\ &\leq \underbrace{|f(x) - f(x_k)|}_{\leq \epsilon/2} + \underbrace{|f(\mu) - f(x_k)|}_{\leq \epsilon/2} < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Because $|x - x_k| < \delta_{x_k}$ and $|\mu - x_k| < \delta_{x_k}$.

i.e. if $|x - \mu| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| < \epsilon \Rightarrow f$ is uniform continuous on A □

Example 18.13

x^2 is uniform continuous on all intervals $[-a, a]$ where $a > 0$.

Example 18.14

$1/x$ is uniform continuous on all intervals $[a, 1]$ where $0 < a < 1$.

§19 Lecture 12-02

Theorem 19.1

Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be uniformly continuous on A .

Let (x_n) be a cauchy sequence in A . Then $(f(x_n))$ is also a cauchy sequence.

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Then $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $|x - \mu| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| < \epsilon$

(x_n) cauchy then $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\forall n, m \geq N : |x_n - x_m| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x_n) - f(x_m)| < \epsilon$.

i.e. $(\exists N \in \mathbb{N})(\forall n, m \geq N : |f(x_n) - f(x_m)| < \epsilon \Rightarrow (f(x_n))$ is a cauchy sequence. \square

Remark 19.2. This result is, in general, false, if f is just continuous on A .

Example 19.3

$f :]0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \rightarrow 1/x$.

f is continuous but not uniformly continuous on $]0, \infty[$.

Consider $x_n := 1/n$. Then (x_n) is a cauchy sequence but $(f(x_n)) = (n)$ which diverges.

$\Rightarrow (f(x_n))$ is not a cauchy sequence

However: if $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, (x_n) is a convergent sequence in A such that $\lim(x_n) \in A$. Then:

$\lim(x_n) := x \in A$. Then f is continuous at x . Thus let $\lim(f(x_n)) = f(x)$ be the sequence of continuity. Especially, $(f(x_n))$ is cauchy sequence in this case.

This can be turned into another criterion for non-uniform continuous functions.

Theorem 19.4 (One sequence criterion for a non-uniform continuous function)

Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. If (x_n) is cauchy sequence in A such that $(f(x_n))$ is not cauchy, then f is not uniformly continuous on A .

Example 19.5

$f :]0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \rightarrow 1/x$.

$$x_n := \frac{1}{n}$$

cauchy but $(f(x_n)) = (n)$ is not cauchy.

$\Rightarrow f$ is not uniformly continuous on $]0, \infty[$

Theorem 19.6

Let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, A bounded, f a uniformly continuous on A , then f is bounded (i.e. $f(A)$ is bounded).

Proof. Assume that f is unbounded. Then $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists x_n \in A : |f(x_n)| \geq n$.

Consider (x_n) . Since A is bounded, (x_n) is bounded and thus has a convergent subsequence (x_{n_k}) . Thus (x_{n_k}) is Cauchy $\Rightarrow (f(x_{n_k}))$ is Cauchy and thus especially bounded. But $|f(x_{n_k})| \geq n_k \geq k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

This implies that $f(x_{n_k})$ is unbounded. Contradiction!

Thus f is bounded. □

Example 19.7

$f :]0, 1[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \rightarrow 1/x$. Then f is unbounded on the bounded domain $]0, 1[\Rightarrow f$ is not continuous on $]0, 1[$.

§20 Lecture 12-03

Lipschitz Continuous.

Example 20.1

Last class: \sqrt{x} is not Lipschitz on $[0, \infty[$, however \sqrt{x} is is Lipschitz on $[a, \infty[$ for any $a > 0$.

Proof. Let $x, \mu \in [a, \infty[$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{\mu}| &= \left| \frac{(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{\mu})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{\mu})}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{\mu}} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}} |x - \mu| \end{aligned}$$

i.e. \sqrt{x} is Lipschitz continuous on $[a, \infty[$ with Lipschitz constant $k = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}}$ □

Example 20.2

Last class: x^2 is is Lipschitz on $] -a, a[$, $a > 0$.

However, x^2 is not Lipschitz on \mathbb{R} .

Proof. x^2 isn't even uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R} and thus cannot be Lipschitz. □

Definition 20.3 (Geometric interpretation of Lipschitz continuous). Geometric interpretation of Lipschitz continuous:

$f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is lipschitz if

$$\exists k > 0 : \forall x, \mu \in A : |f(x) - f(\mu)| \leq k \cdot |x - \mu|$$

$$\text{if } x \neq \mu \Leftrightarrow \underbrace{\left| \frac{f(x) - f(\mu)}{x - \mu} \right|}_{\text{Difference Quotient}} \leq k$$

i.e. f is lipschitz if and only if the average slope of f is bounded on A .

§20.1 Another method for proving that \sqrt{x} is uniformly continuous on $[0, \infty[$.

Idea: If $x \geq 1$, \sqrt{x} is lipschitz on $[1, \infty[$ and thus uniformly continuous. And: if $0 \leq x \leq 1$: \sqrt{x} is uniformly continuous since it is continuous and $[0, 1]$ is compact.

Q: if \sqrt{x} is uniformly continuous on $[0, 1]$ and $[1, \infty[$, does it follow that f is uniformly continuous on $[0, \infty[$.

A: Yes; this requires proof!

Theorem 20.4

Let f be uniformly continuous on intervals I_1, I_2 where I_1 is closed on the right with $\sup I_1 = \max I_1 = b$. And I_2 is closed on the left with $\inf I_2 = \min I_2 = b$, then f is uniformly continuous on $I = I_1 \cup I_2$.

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$, f uniformly continuous on I_1 , thus $\exists \delta_1 > 0$ such that $|x - \mu| < \delta_1 \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| < \epsilon/2$.

f is uniformly continuous on I_2 . Thus $\exists \delta_2 > 0$ such that $|x - \mu| < \delta_2 \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| < \epsilon/2$.

Let $\delta := \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$.

1. Case $x, \mu \in I_1$

$$|x - \mu| < \delta \leq \delta_1 \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| < \epsilon/2 < \epsilon$$

2. Case $x, \mu \in I_2$

$$|x - \mu| < \delta \leq \delta_2 \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| < \epsilon/2 < \epsilon$$

3. Case $x \in I_1, \mu \in I_2$

$$|x - \mu| < \delta \Rightarrow |x - b| \delta \wedge |u - b| < \delta$$

$$\text{Thus } |f(x) - f(b)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \text{ and } |f(\mu) - f(b)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$\text{Now: } |f(x) - f(\mu)| = |[f(x) - f(b)] - [f(\mu) - f(b)]|$$

$$\leq |f(x) - f(b)| + |f(\mu) - f(b)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$$

$$\text{i.e. } |x - \mu| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| < \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow f \text{ is uniformly continuous on } I = I_1 \cup I_2$$

□

Application: \sqrt{x} is uniformly continuous on $[0, 1]$ and $[1, \infty[\Rightarrow \sqrt{x}$ is uniformly continuous on $[0, \infty[$.

§20.2 Differentiation

Definition 20.5 (Differentiable Definition). Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, I be an interval, $x_0 \in I$.

We say that f is differentiable at x_0 , if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \underbrace{\frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}}_{\text{Difference Quotient}} \text{ exists.}$$

If the limit exists, we call its value the derivative of f at x_0 , denoted by

$$f'(x_0) = \frac{df}{dx}(x_0)$$

If f is differentiable at all $x_0 \in I$, we say that f is differentiable on I .

Theorem 20.6 (Caratheodory Alternative Description of Differentiability)

Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $x_0 \in I$, then f is differentiable at x_0 if and only if there exists a function $\phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous at x_0 such that

$$\forall x \in I \quad f(x) = f(x_0) + \phi(x)(x - x_0)$$

If ϕ exists, it holds that $\phi(x_0) = f'(x_0)$.

Proof. " \Rightarrow " Let f be differentiable at x_0 . Let

$$\phi(x) := \begin{cases} \frac{f(x)-f(x_0)}{x-x_0}, & x \neq x_0 \\ f'(x_0), & x = x_0 \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \phi(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} = f'(x_0) = \phi(x_0) \\ &\Rightarrow \phi \text{ is continuous at } x_0 \end{aligned}$$

" \Leftarrow " Let $\phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, continuous at x_0 such that

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + \phi(x)(x - x_0)$$

Let $x \neq x_0$. $\Rightarrow \phi(x) = \frac{f(x)-f(x_0)}{x-x_0}$

ϕ continuous at $x_0 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)-f(x_0)}{x-x_0}$ exists and equals $\phi(x_0) \Rightarrow f$ is differentiable at x_0 and $f'(x_0) = \phi(x_0)$ □

Applications: Differentiable implies continuous. i.e. if $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at $x_0 \in I$, then f is continuous at x_0 .

Proof. f differentiable at $x_0 \Rightarrow \exists \phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, continuous at x_0 such that $\forall x \in I$, $f(x) = \underbrace{f(x_0) + \phi(x) \cdot (x - x_0)}_{\text{continuous at } x_0}$ □

Theorem 20.7 (Product Rule)

Let $f, g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable at x_0 . Then $f \cdot g$ is differentiable at x_0 and $(f \cdot g)'(x_0) = f'(x_0)g(x_0) + f(x_0) \cdot g'(x_0)$.

Proof. f, g differentiable at $x_0 \Rightarrow \exists \phi, \psi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous at x_0 such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(x_0) + \phi(x)(x - x_0) \\ g(x) &= g(x_0) + \psi(x)(x - x_0) \\ \Rightarrow (f \cdot g)(x) &= f(x) \cdot g(x) \\ &= f(x_0)g(x_0) + f(x_0)\psi(x)(x - x_0) + g(x_0)\phi(x)(x - x_0) + \phi(x)\psi(x)(x - x_0)^2 \\ \Rightarrow (f \cdot g)(x) &= f(x_0)g(x_0) + [f(x_0)\psi(x) + f(x_0)\phi(x) + \phi(x)\psi(x)(x - x_0)] \cdot (x - x_0) \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 20.8 (Chain Rule)

Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(I) \subseteq J$, $x_0 \in I$, f differentiable at x_0 , g differentiable at $y_0 := f(x_0)$, then $g \circ f$ is differentiable at x_0 , and $(g \circ f)'(x_0) = g'(f(x_0)) \cdot f'(x_0)$
 f differentiable at $x_0 \Rightarrow \exists \phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, continuous at x_0 such that $f(x) = f(x_0) + \phi(x)(x - x_0)$.

g differentiable at $y_0 \Rightarrow \exists \psi : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous at y_0 such that $g(y) = g(y_0) + \psi(y) \cdot (y - y_0)$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(x)) &= g(f(x_0) + \phi(x)(x - x_0)) \cdot [f(x_0) + \phi(x)(x - x_0) - f(x_0)] \\ &= g(f(x_0) + \psi(f(x_0) + \phi(x)(x - x_0)) \cdot \phi(x) \cdot (x - x_0)) \cdot \phi(x) \cdot (x - x_0) := \Theta(x) \end{aligned}$$

Then Θ is continuous at x_0 as a composition of 2 continuous functions.
 $\Rightarrow g \circ f$ is differentiable at x_0

$$\begin{aligned} (g \circ f)'(x_0) &= \Theta(x_0) \\ &= \psi(f(x_0) + \phi(x_0) \cdot 0) \cdot \phi(x_0) \\ &= \psi(f(x_0)) \cdot \phi(x_0) \\ &= \psi(y_0) \cdot \phi(x_0) \\ &= g'(y_0) \cdot f'(x_0) \\ &= g'(f(x_0)) \cdot f'(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

§20.3 Relationship Between Lipschitz Continuity and Differentiability

Recall 20.9 (Mean Value Theorem). The mean value theorem. Let $I = [a, b]$, $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ differentiable on $]a, b[$ and continuous on the entire interval. Then there exists $c \in]a, b[$ such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

Theorem 20.10

Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable. Then f is Lipschitz on I if and only if f' is bounded on I .

Proof. " \Rightarrow " Let f be Lipschitz with Lipschitz constant k .

$$\begin{aligned} -k &\leq \frac{f(x) - f(\mu)}{x - \mu} \leq k \\ \Rightarrow -k &\leq \lim_{x \rightarrow \mu} \frac{f(x) - f(\mu)}{x - \mu} \leq k \\ &\Rightarrow -k \leq f'(\mu) \leq k \\ &\Rightarrow |f'(\mu)| \leq k \quad \forall \mu \in I \\ &\Rightarrow f' \text{ is bounded on } I \end{aligned}$$

" \Leftarrow " Assume that f' is bounded on I .

Let $k > 0$ such that $|f'(x)| \leq k$ for all $x \in I$.

Let $x < \mu$, $x, \mu \in I$. Apply mean value theorem to f on $[x, \mu]$ then $\exists c \in]x, \mu[$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(x) - f(\mu)}{x - \mu} &= f'(c) \Rightarrow \frac{|f(x) - f(\mu)|}{|x - \mu|} = |f'(c)| \leq k \\ &\Rightarrow |f(x) - f(\mu)| \leq k|x - \mu| \\ &\Rightarrow f \text{ is Lipschitz on } I \end{aligned}$$

□

§21 Sequences

Definition 21.1. Limit. $x_n \rightarrow x$ if $\forall \epsilon > 0$, $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|x_n - x| < \epsilon$. $\forall n \geq K$.

Example 21.2

$$\lim\left(\frac{2n}{n+1}\right) = 2$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Compute (for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$)

$$\left|\frac{2n}{n+1} - 2\right| = \left|\frac{2n - 2n - 2}{n+1}\right| = \frac{2}{n+1} < \frac{2}{n}$$

By A.P, $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $K > \frac{2}{\epsilon}$. Then $\forall n \geq K$:

$$\left|\frac{2n}{n+1} - 2\right| < \frac{2}{n} \leq \frac{2}{k} < \epsilon$$

Example 21.3

$$\lim \frac{3n+1}{2n+5} = \frac{3}{2}$$

First, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have that

$$\left| \frac{3n+1}{2n+5} - \frac{3}{2} \right| = \left| \frac{6n+2-6n-15}{2(2n+5)} \right| = \frac{13}{4n+10} \leq \frac{10^6}{n}$$

Note: If unsure, use number much bigger i.e. $10^6 > 13$.

Now, for any $\epsilon > 0$, by A.P, $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k > \frac{10^6}{\epsilon}$. Then, $\forall n \geq k$:

$$\left| \frac{3n+1}{2n+5} - \frac{3}{2} \right| \leq \frac{10^6}{n} \leq \frac{10^6}{k} < \epsilon$$

Example 21.4

$$\lim \frac{n^2-1}{2n^2+3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

First, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\left| \frac{n^2-1}{2n^2+3} - \frac{1}{2} \right| = \left| \frac{2n^2-2-2n^2-3}{2(2n^2+3)} \right| = \frac{5}{4n^2+6} \leq \frac{5}{n^2}$$

$\forall \epsilon > 0$, $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k > \sqrt{\frac{5}{\epsilon}}$

Then, for any $n \geq k$

$$\left| \frac{n^2-1}{2n^2+3} - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq \frac{5}{n^2} \leq \frac{5}{k^2} < \epsilon$$

Example 21.5

$$\lim \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1} = 0$$

For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\left| \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1} - 0 \right| = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1} \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

So, $\forall \epsilon > 0$, let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $k > \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \Rightarrow \epsilon^2 > \frac{1}{k} \Rightarrow \epsilon > \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$ Then for any $n \geq k$,

$$\left| \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1} - 0 \right| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} < \epsilon$$

Note: $\epsilon > \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \Leftrightarrow \epsilon^2 > \frac{1}{k} \Leftrightarrow k > \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$

Proposition 21.6

If $x_n \rightarrow x$, then $|x_n| \rightarrow |x|$.

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. We know that $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|x_n - x| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq k$.

$$||x_n| - |x|| \leq |x_n - x| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq k$$

□

Side proof

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} |x_n| &= |x_n - x + x| \leq |x_n - x| + |x| \\ &\Rightarrow |x_n| - |x| \leq |x_n - x| \\ &\quad \dots \end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 21.7

If $|x_n| \rightarrow 0$, then $x_n \rightarrow 0$.

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|x_n - 0| = |x_n| = ||x_n| - 0| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq k$$

□

Exercise 21.8. Show that if $a > 1$, then $\frac{1}{a^n} \rightarrow 0$.

Proof. If $a > 1$, then $a = 1 + r$ where $r > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} a^n &= (1 + r)^n \geq 1 + rn \text{ Bernoulli} \\ &\Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{a^n} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{a^n} \leq \frac{1}{1 + rn} \leq \frac{1}{rn} \end{aligned}$$

For any $\epsilon > 0$, we can pick $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $K > \frac{1}{r\epsilon}$. Then $\forall n \geq k$

$$\left| \frac{1}{a^n} - 0 \right| \leq \frac{1}{rn} \leq \frac{1}{rK} < \epsilon$$

□

Exercise 21.9. Show that if $a \in (-1, 1)$, then $a^n \rightarrow 0$.

Proof. First, if $a = 0$, we are done.

If $a > 0$, pick $b = \frac{1}{a}$. $a^n = \frac{1}{b^n} \rightarrow 0$.

If $a < 0$, then $0 < |a| < 1 \Rightarrow |a|^n \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow |a^n| \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow a^n \rightarrow 0$

□

Note 21.10.

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n,m} \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} a_{n,m}$$

Definition 21.11. Another definition of limit: We have $x_n \rightarrow x$ if and only if for any open set $x \in U$, $\forall \epsilon > 0$, $\exists K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_n \in U$ for all $n \geq K$.

(\Rightarrow) First, suppose $x_n \rightarrow x$. Let $U \ni x$ where U is open. We know that $\exists \epsilon > 0$ such that $V_\epsilon(x) \subseteq U$. This means that $y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $|x - y| < \epsilon \Rightarrow y \in U$.

$\exists K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|x_n - x| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq K$. So, if $n \geq K$, then $|x_n - x| < \epsilon \Rightarrow x_n \in V_\epsilon(x) \subseteq U$

(\Leftarrow) Fix $\epsilon > 0$. We know that $V_\epsilon(x)$ is open. So, $\exists K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_n \in V_\epsilon(x) \forall n \geq K \Rightarrow |x_n - x| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq K$

Proposition 21.12

Let x_n be a positive sequence. If $\lim \dots$