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# Chapter 1

## The Real Number System

### 1.1 Ordered field axioms

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#### FIELD AXIOMS.

There are functions  $+$  and  $\cdot$ , defined on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , that satisfy the following properties for every  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ :

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>F1 Closure Properties</b>      | $a + b$ and $a \cdot b$ belong to $\mathbb{R}$ .  |
| <b>F2 Associative Properties</b>  | $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$<br>$a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$  |
| <b>F3 Commutative Properties</b>  | $a + b = b + a$ and $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$   |
| <b>F4 Distributive Properties</b> | $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$<br>$(b + c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a$  |
| <b>F5 Additive Identity</b>       | There is a unique element $0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that<br>$0 + a = a = a + 0$ for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .                                      |
| <b>F6 Multiplicative Identity</b> | There is a unique element $1 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that<br>$1 \cdot a = a = a \cdot 1$ for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .                              |
| <b>F7 Additive Inverse</b>        | For every $x \in \mathbb{R}$ there is a unique $-x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that<br>$x + (-x) = 0 = (-x) + x$ .                                     |
| <b>F8 Multiplicative Inverse</b>  | For every $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ there is a unique $x^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that<br>$x \cdot (x^{-1}) = 1 = (x^{-1}) \cdot x$ . |

We shall frequently denote

$$a + (-b) \text{ by } a - b, \quad a \cdot b \text{ by } ab, \quad a^{-1} \text{ by } \frac{1}{a} \quad \text{and} \quad a \cdot b^{-1} \text{ by } \frac{a}{b}.$$

The real number system  $\mathbb{R}$  contains certain special subsets: the set of **natural numbers**

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

obtained by beginning with 1 and successively adding 1's to form  $2 := 1 + 1$ ,  $3 := 2 + 1$ , etc.; the set of **integers**

$$\mathbb{Z} := \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

(Zahlen is German for number); the set of **rational**s (or fractions or quoteints)

$$\mathbb{Q} := \left\{ \frac{p}{q} : p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } q \neq 0 \right\}$$

and the set of **irrational**s

$$\mathbb{Q}^c := \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}.$$

Equality in  $\mathbb{Q}$  is defined by

$$\frac{m}{n} = \frac{p}{q} \quad \text{if and only if} \quad mq = np.$$

Recall that each of the sets  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  is a proper subset of the next; i.e.,

$$\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}.$$

**Definition 1.1.1** Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Define

$$a^n = \underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_{n \text{ copies}}$$

$a$  and  $n$  are called **base** and **exponent**, respectively.

**Definition 1.1.2** Let  $a$  be a non-zero real number. Define

$$a^0 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n} \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Theorem 1.1.3** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

1.  $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$
2.  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n} \quad \text{where } b \neq 0$
3.  $a^n \cdot a^m = a^{m+n}$
4.  $\frac{a^n}{a^m} = a^{n-m} \quad \text{where } a \neq 0$

*Proof.* Exercise. □

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**Theorem 1.1.4** *Let  $a$  be a real number. Then*

1.  $0a = 0$

3.  $-(-a) = a$

2.  $(-1)a = -a$

4.  $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$  where  $a \neq 0$

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**Theorem 1.1.5** *Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers. Then*

$$-(ab) = a(-b) = (-a)b.$$

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**Theorem 1.1.6 (Cancellation)** *Let  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  be real numbers. Then*

- 1. Cancellation for addition      if  $a + c = b + c$ , then  $a = b$ .*
  - 2. Cancellation for multiplication      if  $ac = bc$  and  $c \neq 0$ , then  $a = b$ .*
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**Theorem 1.1.7 (Integral Domain)** *Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers.*

*If  $ab = 0$ , then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .*

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**ORDER AXIOMS.**

There is a relation  $<$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that has the following properties for every  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>O1 Trichotomy Property</b>     | Given $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , one and only one of the following statements holds:<br>$a < b$ , $b < a$ , or $a = b$ |
| <b>O2 Trasitive Property</b>      | $a < b$ and $b < c$ imply $a < c$   |
| <b>O3 Additive Property</b>       | $a < b$ imply $a + c < b + c$   |
| <b>O4 Multiplicative Property</b> | O4.1 $a < b$ and $0 < c$ imply $ac < bc$<br>O4.2 $a < b$ and $c < 0$ imply $bc < ac$                                |

We define in other cases:

- By  $b > a$  we shall mean  $a < b$ .
- By  $a \leq b$  we shall mean  $a < b$  or  $a = b$ .
- If  $a < b$  and  $b < c$ , we shall write  $a < b < c$ .
- We shall call a number  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  **nonnegative** if  $a \geq 0$  and **positive** if  $a > 0$ .

**Example 1.1.8** Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that if  $0 < x < 1$ , then  $0 < x^2 < x$

**Example 1.1.9** *Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that if  $0 < x < y$ , then  $0 < x^2 < y^2$*

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**Theorem 1.1.10** *Let  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  be real numbers.*

*If  $a < b$  and  $c < d$ , then  $a + c < b + d$ .*

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**Theorem 1.1.11** *Let  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  be real numbers.*

*If  $0 < a < b$  and  $0 < c < d$ , then  $ac < bd$ .*

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**Theorem 1.1.12** *If  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , prove that*

$$a \neq 0 \text{ implies } a^2 > 0.$$

*In particular,  $-1 < 0 < 1$ .*

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**Example 1.1.13** *If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , prove that  $x > 0$  implies  $x^{-1} > 0$ .*

**Example 1.1.14** *If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , prove that  $x < 0$  implies  $x^{-1} < 0$ .*

**Theorem 1.1.15** *Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers such that  $0 < a < b$ . Then*

$$\frac{1}{b} < \frac{1}{a}.$$

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**Example 1.1.16** *Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers such that  $b < a < 0$ . Then*

$$\frac{1}{a} < \frac{1}{b}.$$

**Example 1.1.17** *Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two distinct real numbers. Prove that*

$$\frac{x+y}{2} \text{ lies between } x \text{ and } y.$$

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**ABSOLUTE VALUE.**

**Definition 1.1.18 (Absolute Value)** *The **absolute value** of a number  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  is a the number*

$$|a| = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } a = 0 \\ -a & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$$

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**Theorem 1.1.19 (Positive Definite)** *For all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,*

1.  $|a| \geq 0$
2.  $|a| = 0$  if and only if  $a = 0$

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**Theorem 1.1.20 (Multiplicative Law)** *For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,*

$$|ab| = |a||b|.$$

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**Theorem 1.1.21 (Symmetric Law)** *For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,*

$$|a - b| = |b - a|.$$

*Moreover,  $|a| = |-a|$ .*

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**Example 1.1.22** *Show that  $\left|\frac{1}{x}\right| = \frac{1}{|x|}$  for all  $x \neq 0$ .*

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**Theorem 1.1.23** *Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that*

1.  $|a^2| = a^2$

2.  $a \leq |a|$

3.  $\left|\frac{a}{b}\right| = \frac{|a|}{|b|}$  when  $b \neq 0$

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**Theorem 1.1.24** *Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $M \geq 0$ . Then*

$$|a| \leq M \quad \text{if and only if} \quad -M \leq a \leq M$$

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**Corollary 1.1.25** *For all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $-|a| \leq a \leq |a|$ .*



**INTERVAL.**

Let  $a$  and  $b$  real numbers. A **closed interval** is a set of the form

$$[a, b] := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b\} \qquad (-\infty, b] := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \leq b\}$$

$$[a, \infty) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x\} \qquad (-\infty, \infty) := \mathbb{R},$$

and an **open interval** is a set of the form

$$(a, b) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b\} \qquad (-\infty, b) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x < b\}$$

$$(a, \infty) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x\} \qquad (-\infty, \infty) := \mathbb{R}.$$

By an **interval** we mean a closed interval, an open interval, or a set of the form

$$[a, b) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x < b\} \quad \text{or} \quad (a, b] := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x \leq b\}$$

Notice, then, that when  $a < b$ , then intervals  $[a, b]$ ,  $[a, b)$ ,  $(a, b]$  and  $(a, b)$  correspond to line segments on the real line, but when  $b < a$ , these interval are all the empty set.

**Example 1.1.26** Solve  $|x - 1| \leq 1$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  in interval form.

**Example 1.1.27** Show that if  $|x| < 1$ , then  $|x^2 + x| < 2$ .

**Example 1.1.28** *Show that if  $|x - 1| < 2$ , then  $\frac{1}{|x|} > 1$ .*

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**Theorem 1.1.29 (Triangle Inequality)** *Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then,*

$$|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|.$$

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**Theorem 1.1.30 (Apply Triangle Inequality)** *Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then,*

1.  $|a - b| \leq |a| + |b|$

3.  $|a| - |b| \leq |a + b|$

2.  $|a| - |b| \leq |a - b|$

4.  $||a| - |b|| \leq |a - b|$

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**Example 1.1.31** *Show that if  $|x - 2| < 1$ , then  $|x| < 3$ .*

**Theorem 1.1.32** *Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then*

1.  $x < y + \varepsilon$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  if and only if  $x \leq y$
  2.  $x > y - \varepsilon$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  if and only if  $x \geq y$
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**Corollary 1.1.33** *Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then*

$$|a| < \varepsilon \text{ for all } \varepsilon > 0 \text{ if and only if } a = 0$$

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**Exercises 1.1**


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1. Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that

$$1.1 \quad -(a - b) = b - a$$

$$1.3 \quad (-a)(-b) = ab$$

$$1.2 \quad a(b - c) = ab - ac$$

$$1.4 \quad \frac{-a}{b} = \frac{a}{-b} = -\frac{a}{b} \text{ when } b \neq 0$$

2. Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that

$$2.1 \quad \text{If } a + b = a, \text{ then } b = 0.$$

$$2.2 \quad \text{If } ab = b \text{ and } b \neq 0, \text{ then } a = 1.$$

$$2.3 \quad \text{If } a^{-1} = a \text{ and } a \neq 0, \text{ then } a = -1 \text{ or } a = 1.$$

3. Let  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that

$$3.1 \quad \text{if } a < b < 0, \text{ then } 0 < b^2 < a^2.$$

$$3.2 \quad \text{if } a \leq b \text{ and } a \geq b, \text{ then } a = b.$$

$$3.3 \quad \text{if } 0 < a < b, \text{ then } \sqrt{a} < \sqrt{b}.$$

4. Solve each of the following inequality for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$4.1 \quad |1 - 2x| \leq 3$$

$$4.3 \quad |x^2 - x - 1| < x^2$$

$$4.2 \quad |3 - x| < 5$$

$$4.4 \quad |x^2 - x| < 2$$

5. Prove that if  $0 < a < 1$  and  $b = 1 - \sqrt{1 - a}$ , then  $0 < b < a$ .

6. Prove that if  $a > 2$  and  $b = 1 - \sqrt{1 - a}$ , then  $2 < b < a$ .

7. Prove that  $|x| \leq 1$  implies  $|x^2 - 1| \leq 2|x - 1|$ .

8. Prove that  $-1 \leq x \leq 2$  implies  $|x^2 + x - 2| \leq 4|x - 1|$ .

9. Prove that  $|x| \leq 1$  implies  $|x^2 - x - 2| \leq 3|x + 1|$ .

10. Prove that  $0 < |x - 1| \leq 1$  implies  $|x^3 + x - 2| < 8|x - 1|$ . Is this true if  $0 \leq |x - 1| < 1$ ?

11. Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that if  $|x + y| = |x - y|$ , then  $x|y| + y|x| = 0$ .

12. Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that if  $|2x + y| = |x + 2y|$ , then  $|xy| = x^2$ .

13. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $\frac{a^2 + 2}{\sqrt{a^2 + 1}} \geq 2$ .

14. Prove that

$$(a_1b_1 + a_2b_2)^2 \leq (a_1^2 + a_2^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2)$$

for all  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

15. Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $x > y - \varepsilon$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  if and only if  $x \geq y$ .

16. Suppose that  $x, a, y, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|x - a| < \varepsilon$  and  $|y - b| < \varepsilon$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Prove that

$$16.1 \quad |xy - ab| < (|a| + |b|)\varepsilon + \varepsilon^2$$

$$16.2 \quad |x^2y - a^2b| < \varepsilon(|a|^2 + 2|ab|) + \varepsilon^2(|b| + 2|a|) + \varepsilon^2$$

17. The **positive part** of an  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$a^+ := \frac{|a| + a}{2}$$

and the **negative part** by

$$a^- := \frac{|a| - a}{2}.$$

17.1 Prove that  $a = a^+ - a^-$  and  $|a| = a^+ + a^-$ .

17.2 Prove that  $a^+ := \begin{cases} a & : a \geq 0 \\ 0 & : a \leq 0 \end{cases}$  and  $a^- := \begin{cases} 0 & : a \geq 0 \\ -a & : a \leq 0 \end{cases}$ .

18. Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . The **arithmetic mean** of  $a, b$  is  $A(a, b) := \frac{a + b}{2}$ ,

the **geometric mean** of  $a, b \in (0, \infty)$  is  $G(a, b) := \sqrt{ab}$ ,

and **harmonic mean** of  $a, b \in (0, \infty)$  is  $H(a, b) := \frac{2}{a^{-1} + b^{-1}}$ .

Show that

18.1 if  $a, b \in (0, \infty)$ . Then  $H(a, b) \leq G(a, b) \leq A(a, b)$ .

18.2 if  $0 < a \leq b$ . Then  $a \leq G(a, b) \leq A(a, b) \leq b$ .

18.3 if  $0 < a \leq b$ . Then,  $G(a, b) = A(a, b)$  if and only if  $a = b$ .

## 1.2 Well-Ordering Principle

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**Definition 1.2.1** A number  $m$  is a **least element** of a set  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$  if and only if

$$m \in S \text{ and } m \leq s \text{ for all } s \in S.$$


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**WELL-ORDERING PRINCIPLE (WOP).**

Every nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  has a least element.

$$S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \wedge S \neq \emptyset \rightarrow \exists m \in S \forall s \in S, m \leq s.$$


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**Theorem 1.2.2 (Mathematical Induction)** Suppose for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  that  $P(n)$  is a statement that satisfies the following two properties:

(1) *Basic step* :  $P(1)$  is true

(2) *Inductive step* : For every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  for which  $P(k)$  is true,  $P(k+1)$  is also true.

Then  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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**Example 1.2.3 (Gauss' formula)** *Prove that*

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

*for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

**Example 1.2.4** *Prove that  $2^n > n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*



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**BINOMIAL FORMULA.**

**Definition 1.2.5** *The notation  $0! = 1$  and  $n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdots (n-1) \cdot n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (called **factorial**), define the **binomial coefficient  $n$  over  $k$**  by*

$$\binom{n}{k} := \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$$

for  $0 \leq k \leq n$  and  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

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**Theorem 1.2.6** *If  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , then*

$$\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k-1} + \binom{n}{k}$$

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**Theorem 1.2.7 (Binomial formula)** *If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then*

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k$$

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**Exercises 1.2**


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1. Prove that the following formulas hold for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 1.1 \quad \sum_{k=1}^n (3k-1)(3k+2) = 3n^3 + 6n^2 + n & 1.3 \quad \sum_{k=1}^n (2k-1)^2 = \frac{n(4n^2-1)}{3} \\
 1.2 \quad \sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 & 1.4 \quad \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a-1}{a^k} = 1 - \frac{1}{a^n}, \quad a \neq 0
 \end{array}$$

2. Use the Binomial Formula to prove each of the following.

$$2.1 \quad 2^n = \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$2.2 \quad (a+b)^n \geq a^n + aa^{n-1}b \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } a, b \geq 0.$$

$$2.3 \quad \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \geq 2 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

3. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Write

$$\frac{(x+h)^n - x^n}{h}$$

as a sum none of whose terms has an  $h$  in the denominator.

4. Suppose that  $0 < x_1 < 1$  and  $x_{n+1} = 1 - \sqrt{1 - x_n}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $0 < x_{n+1} < x_n < 1$  holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
5. Suppose that  $x_1 \geq 2$  and  $x_{n+1} = 1 + \sqrt{x_n - 1}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $2 \leq x_{n+1} \leq x_n \leq x_1$  holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
6. Suppose that  $0 < x_1 < 2$  and  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + x_n}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $0 < x_n < x_{n+1} < 2$  holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
7. Prove that each of the following inequalities hold for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$7.1 \quad n < 3^n$$

$$7.2 \quad n^2 \leq 2^n + 1$$

$$7.3 \quad n^3 \leq 3^n$$

8. Let  $0 < |a| < 1$ . Prove that  $|a|^{n+1} < |a|^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

9. Prove that  $0 \leq a < b$  implies  $a^n < b^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## 1.3 Completeness Axiom

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### SUPREMUM.

**Definition 1.3.1** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

1. The set  $A$  is said to be **bounded above** if and only if

*there is an  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a \leq M$  for all  $a \in A$*

2. A number  $M$  is called an **upper bound** of the set  $A$  if and only if

$a \leq M$  for all  $a \in A$

3. A number  $s$  is called a **supremum** of the set  $A$  if and only if

*$s$  is an upper bound of  $A$  and  $s \leq M$  for all upper bound  $M$  of  $A$*

*In this case we shall say that  $A$  has a supremum  $s$  and shall write  $s = \sup A$*

**Example 1.3.2** Fill the blanks of the following table.

Sets	Bounded above	Set of Upper bound	Supremum
$A = [0, 1]$			
$A = (0, 1)$			
$A = \{1\}$			
$A = (0, \infty)$			
$A = (-\infty, 0)$			
$A = \mathbb{N}$			
$A = \mathbb{Z}$			

**Example 1.3.3** *Show that  $\sup A = 1$  where*

1.  $A = [0, 1]$

2.  $A = (0, 1)$

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**Theorem 1.3.4** *If a set has one upper bound, then it has infinitely many upper bounds.*

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**Theorem 1.3.5** *If a set has a supremum, then it has only one supremum.*

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**Theorem 1.3.6 (Approximation Property for Supremum (APS))** *If  $A$  has a supremum and  $\varepsilon > 0$  is any positive number, then there is a point  $a \in A$  such that*

$$\sup A - \varepsilon < a \leq \sup A$$

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**Theorem 1.3.7** *If  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  has a supremum, then  $\sup A \in A$ .*

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**COMPLETENESS AXIOM.**

If  $A$  is a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is bounded above, then  $A$  has a supremum.

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**Theorem 1.3.8** *The set of natural numbers is not bounded above.*

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**Theorem 1.3.9 (Archimedean Properties (AP))** *For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , the following statements are true.*

1. *There is an integer  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x < n$ .*
  2. *If  $x > 0$ , there there is an integer  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} < x$ .*
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**Theorem 1.3.10** *Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then*

$$|x| < \frac{1}{n} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ if and only if } x = 0$$

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**Example 1.3.11** Let  $A = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$ . Prove that  $\sup A = 1$ .

**Example 1.3.12** Let  $A = \left\{ \frac{n}{n+1} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$ . Prove that  $\sup A = 1$ .

**Theorem 1.3.13** *If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there is an  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that*

$$n - 1 \leq x < n.$$

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**Theorem 1.3.14 (Density of Rationals)** *If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfy  $a < b$ , then there is a rational number  $r$  such that*

$$a < r < b.$$

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**Theorem 1.3.15**  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

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**Theorem 1.3.16 (Density of Irrationals)** If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfy  $a < b$ , then there is an irrational number  $t$  such that

$$a < t < b.$$

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**INFIMUM.**

**Definition 1.3.17** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

1. The set  $A$  is said to be **bounded below** if and only if

$$\text{there is an } m \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } m \leq a \text{ for all } a \in A$$

2. A number  $m$  is called a **lower bound** of the set  $A$  if and only if

$$m \leq a \quad \text{for all } a \in A$$

3. A number  $\ell$  is called an **infimum** of the set  $A$  if and only if

$$\ell \text{ is a lower bound of } A \text{ and } m \leq \ell \text{ for all lower bound } m \text{ of } A$$

In this case we shall say that  $A$  has an infimum  $s$  and shall write  $\ell = \inf A$

4.  $A$  is said to be **bounded** if and only if it is bounded above and below.

**Example 1.3.18** Fill the blanks of the following table.

Sets	Bounded below	Set of Lower bound	Infimum	Bounded
$A = [0, 1]$				
$A = (0, 1)$				
$A = \{1\}$				
$A = (0, \infty)$				
$A = (-\infty, 0)$				
$A = \mathbb{N}$				
$A = \mathbb{Z}$				

**Example 1.3.19** *Show that  $\inf A = 0$  where*

1.  $A = [0, 1]$

2.  $A = (0, 1)$

**Example 1.3.20** *Let  $A = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$ . Prove that  $\inf A = 0$ .*

**Example 1.3.21** Let  $A = \left\{ \frac{n}{n+1} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$ . Prove that  $\inf A = \frac{1}{2}$ .

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**Theorem 1.3.22 (Approximation Property for Infimum (API))** *If  $A$  has an infimum and  $\varepsilon > 0$  is any positive number, then there is a point  $a \in A$  such that*

$$\inf A \leq a < \inf A + \varepsilon.$$

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**Exercises 1.3**


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1. Find the infimum and supremum of each the following sets.

1.1  $A = [0, 2)$

1.2  $A = \{4, 3, 1, 5\}$

1.3  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x - 1| < 2\}$

1.4  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x + 1| < 1\}$

1.5  $A = \{1 + (-1)^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

1.6  $A = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} - (-1)^n : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

1.7  $A = \left\{ 1 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

1.8  $A = \left\{ \frac{n+1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

1.9  $A = \left\{ \frac{n^2 + n}{n^2 + 1} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

1.10  $A = \left\{ \frac{n(-1)^n + 1}{n + 2} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

2. Find  $\inf A$  and  $\sup A$  with proving them.

2.1  $A = [-1, 1]$

2.2  $A = (-1, 2]$

2.3  $A = (-1, 0) \cup (1, 2)$

2.4  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

2.5  $A = \left\{ \frac{n}{n+2} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

2.6  $A = \left\{ \frac{n-2}{n+2} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

2.7  $A = \left\{ \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

2.8  $A = \{(-1)^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

3. Let  $A = \left\{ 1 - \frac{n}{n^2 + 2} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$ . What are supremum and infimum of  $A$ ? Verify (proof) your answers.

4. Let  $A = \left\{ 2 - \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$ . What are supremum and infimum of  $A$ ? Verify (proof) your answers.

5. If a set has one lower bound, then it has infinitely many lower bounds.

6. Prove that if  $A$  is a nonempty bounded subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , then both  $\sup A$  and  $\inf A$  exist and belong to  $A$ .

7. Prove that for each  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a rational  $r_n$  such that

$$|a - r_n| < \frac{1}{n}.$$

8. Let  $r$  be a rational number and  $s$  be an irrational number. Prove that

8.1  $r + s$  is an irrational number.

8.2 if  $r \neq 0$ , then  $rs$  is always an irrational number.

9. Let  $\sqrt{K} \in \mathbb{Q}^c$  and  $a, b, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that

$$\text{if } a + b\sqrt{K} = x + y\sqrt{K}, \text{ then } a = x \text{ and } b = y.$$

10. Show that a lower bound of a set need not be unique but the infimum of a given set  $A$  is unique.

11. Show that if  $A$  is a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is bounded below, then  $A$  has a finite infimum.

12. Prove that if  $x$  is an upper bound of a set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in A$ , then  $x$  is the supremum of  $A$ .

13. Suppose  $E, A, B \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $E = A \cup B$ . Prove that if  $E$  has a supremum and both  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty, then  $\sup A$  and  $\sup B$  both exist, and  $\sup E$  is one of the numbers  $\sup A$  or  $\sup B$ .

14. (**Monotone Property**) Suppose that  $A \subseteq B$  are nonempty subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove that

14.1 if  $B$  has a supremum, then  $\sup A \leq \sup B$

14.2 if  $B$  has an infimum, then  $\inf B \leq \inf A$

15. Define the **reflection** of a set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  by

$$-A := \{-x : x \in A\}$$

Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be nonempty. Prove that

15.1  $A$  has a supremum if and only if  $-A$  has an infimum, in which case

$$\inf(-A) = -\sup A.$$

15.2  $A$  has an infimum if and only if  $-A$  has a supremum, in which case

$$\sup(-A) = -\inf A.$$



## 1.4 Functions and Inverse functions

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Review notation  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  that means a function from  $X$  to  $Y$ , each  $x \in X$  is assigned a unique  $y = f(x) \in Y$ , there is nothing that keeps two  $x$ 's from being assigned to the same  $y$ , and nothing that says every  $y \in Y$  corresponds to some  $x \in X$ , i.e.,  $f$  is a function if and only if for each  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$  belong to  $f$ ,

$$\text{if } x_1 = x_2, \text{ then } y_1 = y_2.$$

**Definition 1.4.1** Let  $f$  be a function from a set  $X$  into a set  $Y$ .

1.  $f$  is said to be **one-to-one (1-1)** on  $X$  if and only if

$$x_1, x_2 \in X \text{ and } f(x_1) = f(x_2) \text{ imply } x_1 = x_2.$$

2.  $f$  is said to take  $X$  **onto**  $Y$  if and only if

$$\text{for each } y \in Y \text{ there is an } x \in X \text{ such that } y = f(x).$$

**Example 1.4.2** Show that  $f(x) = 2x + 1$  is 1-1 from  $\mathbb{R}$  onto  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 1.4.3** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $f$  is 1-1 from  $X$  onto  $Y$  if and only if there is a unique function  $g$  from  $Y$  onto  $X$  that satisfies*

1.  $f(g(y)) = y, \quad y \in Y$

*and*

2.  $g(f(x)) = x, \quad x \in X$

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If  $f$  is 1-1 from a set  $X$  onto a set  $Y$ , we shall say that  $f$  has an **inverse function**. We shall call the function  $g$  given in Theorem 1.4.3 the **inverse** of  $f$ , and denote it by  $f^{-1}$ . Then

$$f(f^{-1}(y)) = y \quad \text{and} \quad f^{-1}(f(x)) = x.$$

**Example 1.4.4** Find inverse function of  $f(x) = 2x + 1$ .

**Example 1.4.5** Let  $f(x) = e^x - e^{-x}$ .

1. Show that  $f$  is 1-1 from  $\mathbb{R}$  onto  $\mathbb{R}$ .
2. Find a formula of  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

### Exercises 1.4

1. For each of the following, prove  $f$  is 1-1 from  $A$  onto  $A$ . Find a formula for  $f^{-1}$ .

1.1  $f(x) = 3x - 7$  :  $A = \mathbb{R}$

1.2  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 1$  :  $A = (1, \infty)$

1.3  $f(x) = 3x - |x| + |x - 2|$  :  $A = \mathbb{R}$

1.4  $f(x) = x|x|$  :  $A = \mathbb{R}$

1.5  $f(x) = e^{\frac{1}{x}}$  :  $A = (0, \infty)$

1.6  $f(x) = \tan x$  :  $A = (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$

1.7  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$  :  $A = [-1, 1]$

2. Let  $f(x) = x^2 e^{x^2}$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $f$  is 1-1 on  $(0, \infty)$ .

3. Suppose that  $A$  is finite and  $f$  is 1-1 from  $A$  onto  $B$ . Prove that  $B$  is finite.

4. Prove that there a function  $f$  that is 1-1 from  $\{2, 4, 6, \dots\}$  onto  $\mathbb{N}$ .

5. Prove that there a function  $f$  that is 1-1 from  $\{1, 3, 5, \dots\}$  onto  $\mathbb{N}$ .

6. Suppose that  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\phi : \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

6.1 Prove that  $\phi$  is 1-1 if and only if  $\phi$  is onto.

6.2 Suppose that  $A$  is finite and  $f : A \rightarrow A$ . Prove that

$f$  is 1-1 on  $A$  if and only if  $f$  takes  $A$  onto  $A$ .

7. Let  $f : \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be a 1-1 function. Show that  $\sum_{x=1}^n f(x) = n!$ .

# Chapter 2

## Sequences in $\mathbb{R}$

### 2.1 Limits of sequences

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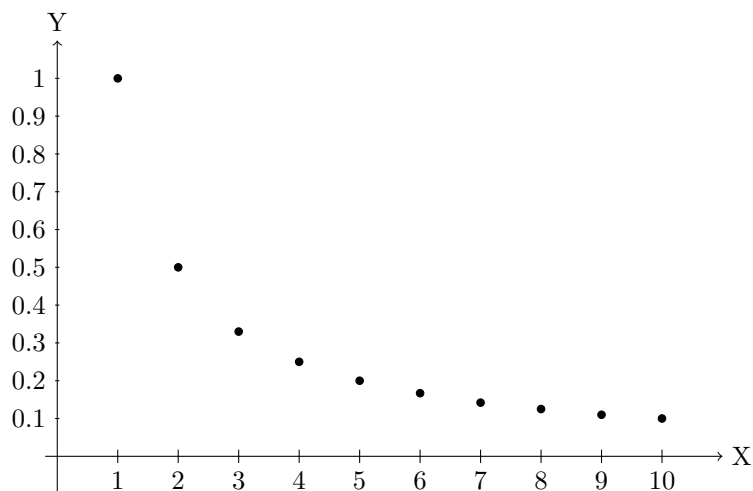
An **infinite sequence** (more briefly, a sequence) is a function whose domain in  $\mathbb{N}$ . A sequence  $f$  whose term are  $x_n := f(n)$  will be defined by

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots \quad \text{or} \quad \{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \quad \text{or} \quad \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \quad \text{or} \quad \{x_n\}.$$

**Example 2.1.1** Use notation to represents the following sequences.

1.  $1, 2, 3, \dots$  represents the sequence  $\{n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$
2.  $1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$  represents the sequence  $\{(-1)^n\}$

**Example 2.1.2** Sketch graph of  $\{x_n\}$  and guess  $x_n$  if  $n$  go to infinity where  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$

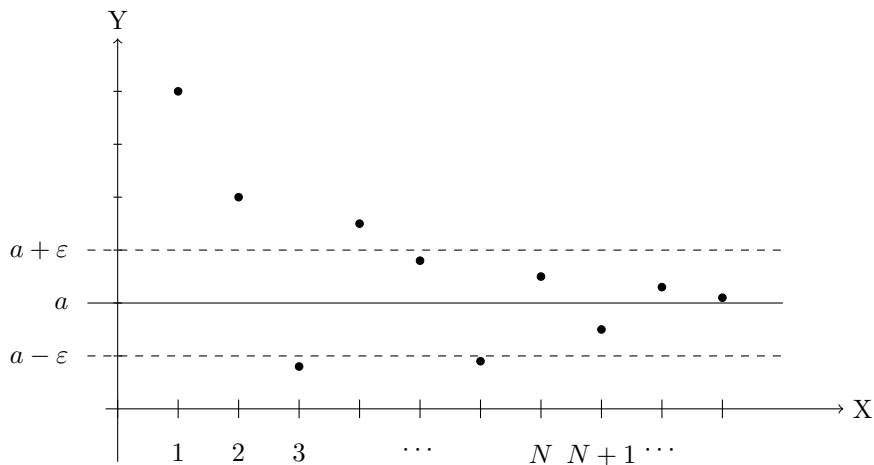


**Definition 2.1.3** A sequence of real numbers  $\{x_n\}$  is said to **converge** to a real number  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n \geq N \quad \text{implies} \quad |x_n - a| < \varepsilon.$$

We shall use the following phrases and notations interchangeably:

- (a)  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $a$ ;
- (b)  $x_n$  converges to  $a$ ;
- (c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$ ;
- (d)  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ;
- (e) the limit of  $\{x_n\}$  exists and equals  $a$ .




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**Theorem 2.1.4**  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k = k$  where  $k$  is a constant.

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**Example 2.1.5** *Prove that  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

**Example 2.1.6** *Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = 1$*

**Example 2.1.7** *Prove that  $\frac{1}{2^n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$*

**Example 2.1.8** *Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 0$*



**Example 2.1.9** *Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) = 0$*

**Example 2.1.10** *If  $x_n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Prove that*

$$2x_n + 1 \rightarrow 3 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Example 2.1.11** *If  $x_n \rightarrow -1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Prove that*

$$(x_n)^2 \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Example 2.1.12** *Assume that  $x_n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Show that*

$$\frac{1}{x_n} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Example 2.1.13** Assume that  $x_n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Show that

$$\frac{1 + (x_n)^2}{x_n + 1} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

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**Theorem 2.1.14** A sequence can have at most one limit.

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**Example 2.1.15** *Show that the limit  $\{(-1)^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has no limit or does not exist (DNE).*

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**SUBSEQUENCES.**

**Definition 2.1.16** By a **subsequence** of a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , we shall mean a sequence of the form

$$\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}, \quad \text{where each } n_k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$$

**Example 2.1.17** Give examples for two subsequences of the following sequences.

Sequences	Subsequences
$1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$	
$\{n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$	

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**Theorem 2.1.18** If  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $a$  and  $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is any subsequence of  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , then

$$x_{n_k} \text{ converges to } a \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$


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**Example 2.1.19** Show that the limit  $\{\cos(n\pi)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has no limit.

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### BOUNDED SEQUENCES.

**Definition 2.1.20** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers.

1.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be **bounded above** if and only if

there is an  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x_n \leq M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

2.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be **bounded below** if and only if

there is an  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $m \leq x_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

3.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be **bounded** if and only if it is both above and below or

there a  $K > 0$  such that  $|x_n| \leq K$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Example 2.1.21** Show that the following sequence is bounded above or bounded below or bounded.

Sequences	Bounded below	Bounded above	Bounded
$\{n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$			
$\{-n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$			
$\{(-1)^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$			

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**Theorem 2.1.22 (Bounded Convergent Theorem (BCT))** *Every convergent sequence is bounded.*

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**Example 2.1.23** *Show that the limit  $\{n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  does not exist.*

**Example 2.1.24** *Assume that  $x_n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Use BCT to prove that*

$$(x_n)^2 \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$



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**Exercises 2.1**


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1. Prove that the following limit exist.

$$1.1 \quad 3 + \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$1.5 \quad \frac{5+n}{n^2} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$1.2 \quad 2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$1.6 \quad \pi - \frac{3}{\sqrt{n}} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$1.3 \quad \frac{2n+1}{1-n} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$1.7 \quad \frac{n(n+2)}{n^2+1} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$1.4 \quad \frac{n^2-1}{n^2} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$1.8 \quad \frac{n}{n^3+1} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

2. Suppose that  $x_n$  is sequence of real numbers that converges to 2 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Use Definition 2.1.3, prove that each of the following limit exists.

$$2.1 \quad 2 - x_n \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$2.4 \quad \frac{1}{x_n - 1} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$2.2 \quad 3x_n + 1 \rightarrow 7 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$2.5 \quad \frac{2 + x_n^2}{x_n} \rightarrow 3 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$2.3 \quad (x_n)^2 + 1 \rightarrow 5 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

3. Assume that  $\{x_n\}$  is a convergent sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n - x_{n+1}) = 0$ .

4. If  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , prove that  $x_{n+1} \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

5. If  $x_n \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , prove that  $x_{n+1} \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

6. Prove that  $\{(-1)^n\}$  has some subsequences that converge and others that do not converge.

7. Find a convergent subsequence of  $n + (-1)^{3n}n$ .

8. Suppose that  $\{b_n\}$  is a sequence of nonnegative numbers that converges to 0, and  $\{x_n\}$  is a real sequence that satisfies  $|x_n - a| \leq b_n$  for large  $n$ . Prove that  $x_n$  converges to  $a$ .

9. Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded. Prove that  $\frac{x_n}{n^k} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

10. Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  converge to same point. Prove that  $x_n - y_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

11. Prove that  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if  $x_n - a \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

## 2.2 Limit theorems

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**Theorem 2.2.1 (Squeeze Theorem)** *Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$ , and  $\{w_n\}$  are real sequences.*

*If  $x_n \rightarrow a$  and  $y_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and there is an  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that*

$$x_n \leq w_n \leq y_n \quad \text{for all } n \geq N_0,$$

*then  $w_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

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**Example 2.2.2** *Use the Squeeze Theorem to prove that*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(n^2)}{2^n} = 0.$$

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**Theorem 2.2.3** *Let  $\{x_n\}$ , and  $\{y_n\}$  be real sequences. If  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $\{y_n\}$  is bounded, then*

$$x_n y_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

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**Example 2.2.4** *Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos(1+n)}{n^2} = 0$ .*

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**Theorem 2.2.5** *Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .*

1. *If  $A$  has a finite supremum, then there is a sequence  $x_n \in A$  such that*

$$x_n \rightarrow \sup A \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

2. *If  $A$  has a finite infimum, then there is a sequence  $x_n \in A$  such that*

$$x_n \rightarrow \inf A \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

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**Theorem 2.2.6 (Additive Property)** *Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are real sequences.*

*If  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are convergent, then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n.$$

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**Theorem 2.2.7 (Scalar Multiplicative Property)** *Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $\{x_n\}$  is a convergent sequence, then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha x_n) = \alpha \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n.$$

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**Theorem 2.2.8 (Multiplicative Property)** *Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are convergent sequences. Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \right) \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \right).$$

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**Theorem 2.2.9 (Reciprocal Property)** *Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  is a convergent sequence.*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x_n} = \frac{1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n}$$

where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \neq 0$  and  $x_n \neq 0$ .

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**Theorem 2.2.10 (Quotient Property)** *Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are convergent sequences.*

*Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n}$$

where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \neq 0$  and  $y_n \neq 0$ .

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**Example 2.2.11** Find the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + n - 3}{1 + 3n^2}$ .

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**Theorem 2.2.12 (Comparison Theorem)** Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are convergent sequences. If there is an  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$x_n \leq y_n \quad \text{for all } n \geq N_0,$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n.$$

In particular, if  $x_n \in [a, b]$  converges to some point  $c$ , then  $c$  must belong to  $[a, b]$ .

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**DIVERGENT.**

**Definition 2.2.13** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers.

1.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be **diverge** to  $+\infty$ , written  $x_n \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = +\infty$  if and only if for each  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n \geq N \quad \text{implies} \quad x_n > M.$$

2.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be **diverge** to  $-\infty$ , written  $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = -\infty$  if and only if for each  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n \geq N \quad \text{implies} \quad x_n < M.$$

**Example 2.2.14** Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n = +\infty$

**Example 2.2.15** Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{1+n} = +\infty$ .

**Example 2.2.16** *Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n^2}{1 - 2n} = -\infty$ .*

**Example 2.2.17** *Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  is a real sequence such that  $x_n \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

*If  $x_n \neq 0$ , prove that*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x_n} = 0.$$

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**Theorem 2.2.18** *Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  be a real sequence and  $x_n \neq 0$ . If  $\{y_n\}$  is bounded and  $x_n \rightarrow +\infty$  or  $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_n}{x_n} = 0.$$

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**Example 2.2.19** *Show that  $\frac{\sin n}{n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

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**Theorem 2.2.20** *Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a real sequence and  $\alpha > 0$ .*

1. *If  $x_n \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha x_n) = +\infty$ .*
  2. *If  $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha x_n) = -\infty$ .*
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**Theorem 2.2.21** *Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  be real sequences. Suppose that  $\{y_n\}$  is bounded below and  $x_n \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = +\infty.$$

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**Theorem 2.2.22** *Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  be real sequences such that*

$$y_n > K \text{ for some } K > 0 \text{ and all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

*It follows that*

1. *if  $x_n \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = +\infty$*
  2. *if  $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = -\infty$*
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## Exercises 2.2

1. Prove that each of the following sequences converges to zero.

$$1.1 \quad x_n = \frac{\sin(n^4 + n + 1)}{n}$$

$$1.4 \quad x_n = \frac{n}{2^n}$$

$$1.2 \quad x_n = \frac{n}{n^2 + 1}$$

$$1.5 \quad x_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$$

$$1.3 \quad x_n = \frac{\sqrt{n} + 1}{n + 1}$$

$$1.6 \quad x_n = \frac{1 + (-1)^n}{2^n}$$

2. Find the limit (if it exists) of each of the following sequences.

$$2.1 \quad x_n = \frac{2n(n + 1)}{n^2 + 1}$$

$$2.4 \quad x_n = \frac{\sqrt{2n^2 - 1}}{n + 1}$$

$$2.2 \quad x_n = \frac{1 + n - 3n^2}{3 - 2n + n^2}$$

$$2.5 \quad x_n = \sqrt{n + 2} - \sqrt{n}$$

$$2.3 \quad x_n = \frac{n^3 + n + 5}{5n^3 + n - 1}$$

$$2.6 \quad x_n = \sqrt{n^2 + n} - n$$

3. Prove that each of the following sequences converges to  $-\infty$  or  $+\infty$ .

$$3.1 \quad x_n = n^2$$

$$3.4 \quad x_n = \frac{n^2 + 1}{n + 1}$$

$$3.2 \quad x_n = -n$$

$$3.5 \quad x_n = \frac{1 - n^2}{n}$$

$$3.3 \quad x_n = \frac{n}{1 + \sqrt{n}}$$

$$3.6 \quad x_n = \frac{2^n}{n}$$

4. Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . If  $A$  has a finite supremum, then there is a sequence  $x_n \in A$  such that

$$x_n \rightarrow \sup A \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

5. Prove that given  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  there is a sequence  $r_n \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $r_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

6. Use the result Exercise 1.2, show that the following

6.1 Suppose that  $0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$  and  $x_{n+1} = 1 - \sqrt{1 - x_n}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , prove that  $x = 0$  or  $1$ .

6.2 Suppose that  $x_1 > 0$  and  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + x_n}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , prove that  $x = 2$ .

7. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a real sequence and  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha x_n) = -\infty$ .

8. Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  be real sequences such that  $y_n > K$  for some  $K > 0$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Prove that if  $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = -\infty$ .

9. Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are real sequences. Suppose that  $\{y_n\}$  is bounded above and  $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = -\infty.$$

10. Interpret a decimal expansion  $0.a_1a_2a_3\dots$  as

$$0.a_1a_2a_3\dots = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k}{10^k}.$$

Prove that

$$10.1 \quad 0.5 = 0.4999\dots$$

$$10.2 \quad 1 = 0.999\dots$$



## 2.3 Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem

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### MONOTONE.

**Definition 2.3.1** Let  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of real numbers.

1.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be **increasing** if and only if  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq \dots$  or

$$x_n \leq x_{n+1} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

2.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be **decreasing** if and only if  $x_1 \geq x_2 \geq x_3 \geq \dots$  or

$$x_n \geq x_{n+1} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

3.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be **monotone** if and only if it is either increasing or decreasing.

If  $\{x_n\}$  is increasing and converges to  $a$ , we shall write  $x_n \uparrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

If  $\{x_n\}$  is decreasing and converges to  $a$ , we shall write  $x_n \downarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Example 2.3.2** Determine whether  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is increasing or decreasing or NOT both.

Sequences	Decreasing	Increasing	Monotone
$\{n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$			
$\left\{\frac{1}{n}\right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$			
$\{1\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$			
$\{(-1)^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$			

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**Theorem 2.3.3** (Monotone Convergence Theorem (MCT)) *If  $\{x_n\}$  is increasing and bounded above, or if it is decreasing and bounded below, then  $\{x_n\}$  has a finite limit.*

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**Theorem 2.3.4** *If  $|a| < 1$ , then  $a^n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

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**Example 2.3.5** *Find the limit of  $\left\{ \frac{3^{n+1} + 1}{3^n + 2^n} \right\}$ .*

**Definition 2.3.6** A sequence of sets  $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is said to be **nested** if and only if

$$I_1 \supseteq I_2 \supseteq I_3 \supseteq \dots \quad \text{or} \quad I_{n+1} \subseteq I_n \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

**Example 2.3.7** Show that  $I_n = [\frac{1}{n}, 1]$  is nested.

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**Theorem 2.3.8 (Nested Interval Property)** If  $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a nested sequence of nonempty closed bounded intervals, then

$$E = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n := \{x : x \in I_n \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

contains at least one number. Moreover, if the lengths of these intervals satisfy  $|I_n| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $E$  contains exactly one number.

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**Theorem 2.3.9 (Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem)** *Every bounded sequence of real numbers has a convergence subsequence.*

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### Exercises 2.3

1. Prove that

$$x_n = \frac{(n^2 + 22n + 65) \sin(n^3)}{n^2 + n + 1}$$

has a convergence sunsequence.

2. If  $\{x_n\}$  is decreasing and bounded below, then  $\{x_n\}$  has a finite limit.
3. Suppose that  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  is nonempty bpunded set and  $\sup E \notin E$ . Prove that there exist a strictly increasing sequence  $\{x_n\}$  ( $x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < \dots$ ) that converges to  $\sup E$  such that  $x_n \in E$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
4. Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  is a monotone increasing in  $\mathbb{R}$  (not necessarily bounded above). Prove that there is extended real number  $x$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
5. Suppose that  $0 < x_1 < 1$  and  $x_{n+1} = 1 - \sqrt{1 - x_n}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that

$$x_n \downarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

6. If  $a > 0$ , prove that  $a^{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Use the resulte to find the limit of  $\{3^{\frac{n+1}{n}}\}$ .
7. Let  $0 \leq x_1 \leq 3$  and  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{2x_n + 3}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $x_n \uparrow 3$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
8. Suppose that  $x_1 \geq 2$  and  $x_{n+1} = 1 + \sqrt{x_n - 1}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $x_n \downarrow 2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . What happens when  $1 \leq x_1 < 2$  ?
9. Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^{\frac{1}{2n-1}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

10. Suppose that  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x_n = \frac{1 + x_{n-1}}{2}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $x_n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
11. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove that

11.1 if  $x_n \downarrow 0$ , then  $x_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

11.2 if  $x_n \uparrow 0$ , then  $x_n < 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

12. Let  $0 < y_1 < x_1$  and set

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n + y_n}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad y_{n+1} = \sqrt{x_n y_n}, \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

12.1 Prove that  $0 < y_n < x_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

12.2 Prove that  $y_n$  is increasing and bounded above, and  $x_n$  is decreasing and bounded below.

12.3 Prove that  $0 < x_{n+1} - y_{n+1} < \frac{x_1 - y_1}{2^n}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

12.4 Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$ . (the common value is called the arithmetic-geometric mean of  $x_1$  and  $y_1$ .)

13. Suppose that  $x_0 = 1, y_0 = 0$

$$x_n = x_{n-1} + 2y_{n-1},$$

and

$$y_n = x_{n-1} + y_{n-1}$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $x_n^2 - 2y_n^2 = \pm 1$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and

$$\frac{x_n}{y_n} \rightarrow \sqrt{2} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

14. (**Archimedes**) Suppose that  $x_0 = 2\sqrt{3}, y_0 = 3$ ,

$$x_n = \frac{2x_{n-1}y_{n-1}}{x_{n-1} + y_{n-1}}, \quad \text{and} \quad y_n = \sqrt{x_n y_{n-1}} \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

14.1 Prove that  $x_n \downarrow x$  and  $y_n \uparrow y$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

14.2 Prove that  $x = y$  and

$$3.14155 < x < 3.14161.$$

(The actual value of  $x$  is  $\pi$ .)

## 2.4 Cauchy sequences

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**Definition 2.4.1** A sequence of points  $x_n \in \mathbb{R}$  is said to be **Cauchy** if and only if every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n, m \geq N \quad \text{imply} \quad |x_n - x_m| < \varepsilon.$$

**Example 2.4.2** Show that  $\left\{\frac{1}{n}\right\}$  is Cauchy.

**Example 2.4.3** Show that  $\left\{\frac{n}{n+1}\right\}$  is Cauchy.



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**Theorem 2.4.4** *The sum of two Cauchy sequences is Cauchy.*

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**Theorem 2.4.5** *If  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent, then  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy.*

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**Theorem 2.4.6 (Cauchy's Theorem)** *Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers. Then*

*$\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy if and only if  $\{x_n\}$  converges to some point in  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

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**Example 2.4.7** *Prove that any real sequence  $\{x_n\}$  that satisfies*

$$|x_n - x_{n+1}| \leq \frac{1}{2^n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

*is convergent.*

### Exercises 2.4

1. Use definition to show that  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy if

$$1.1 \quad x_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$1.2 \quad x_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$$

2. Prove that the product of two Cauchy sequences is Cauchy.

3. Prove that if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence that satisfies

$$|x_n| \leq \frac{1+n}{1+n+2n^2}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy.

4. Suppose that  $x_n \in \mathbb{N}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy prove that there are numbers  $a$  and  $N$  such that  $x_n = a$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

5. Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfying the statement:

$$\text{if } n, m \geq N, \text{ then } |x_n - x_m| < \frac{1}{k} \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove that  $\{a_n\}$  converges.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \text{ exists and is finite.}$$

6. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be Cauchy. Prove that  $\{x_n\}$  converges if and only if at least one of its subsequence converges.

7. Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k}$  exists and is finite.

8. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence. Suppose that there is an  $a > 1$  such that

$$|x_{k+1} - x_k| \leq a^{-k}$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

9. Show that a sequence that satisfies  $x_{n+1} - x_n \rightarrow 0$  is not necessarily Cauchy.

# Chapter 3

## Topology on $\mathbb{R}$

### 3.1 Open sets

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Open sets are among the most important subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . A collection of open sets is called a topology, and any property (such as convergence, compactness, or continuity) that can be dened entirely in terms of open sets is called a **topological property**.

**Definition 3.1.1** A set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is **open** if for every  $x \in E$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$(x - \delta, x + \delta) \subseteq E.$$

*In other word,*

$$E \text{ is open} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \forall x \in E \exists \delta > 0, (x - \delta, x + \delta) \subseteq E$$

*and*

$$E \text{ is not open} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \exists x \in E \forall \delta > 0, (x - \delta, x + \delta) \not\subseteq E.$$

Since the empty set has no element, by definition it implies that  $\emptyset$  is open. For  $E = \mathbb{R}$ , we obtain

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \exists \delta > 0, (x - \delta, x + \delta) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \text{ is true.}$$

It follows that  $\mathbb{R}$  is open.

**Example 3.1.2** *Show that interval  $(0, 1)$  is open.*

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**Theorem 3.1.3** *Intervals  $(a, b)$ ,  $(a, \infty)$  and  $(-\infty, b)$  are open.*

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**Example 3.1.4** *Show that  $[0, 1)$  is not open.*

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**Theorem 3.1.5** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be open. Prove that  $A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B$  are open.*

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**Theorem 3.1.6** *Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be open sets. Then*

1.  $\bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k := A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n$  *is open.*

2.  $\bigcap_{k=1}^n A_k := A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n$  *is open.*

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**NEIGHBORHOOD.**

Next, we introduce the notion of the neighborhood of a point, which often gives clearer, but equivalent, descriptions of topological concepts than ones that use open intervals.

**Definition 3.1.7** A set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is a ***neighborhood*** of a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  if

$$(x - \delta, x + \delta) \subseteq U \quad \text{for some } \delta > 0.$$

For example  $x = 1$ , we have  $(0, 2)$ ,  $[0, 2]$  and  $[0, 2)$  to be neighborhoods of 1.

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**Theorem 3.1.8** A set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is open if every  $x \in E$  has a neighborhood  $U$  such that  $U \subseteq E$ .

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**Theorem 3.1.9** *A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of real numbers converges to a limit  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if for every neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_n \in U$  for all  $n > N$ .*

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**Exercises 3.1**

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1. Show that interval  $[a, b]$ ,  $[a, b)$  and  $(a, b]$ , are not open.
2. Show that interval  $[a, \infty)$  and  $(-\infty, b]$  are not open.
3. Give two neighborhoods of  $x = 2$ .
4. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are open.  
Determine whether  $A \setminus B$  is open.
5. Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be a nonempty open set. Show that  $\sup U \notin U$  and  $\inf U \notin U$ .
6. Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be open sets. Prove that
  - 6.1  $\bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k := A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n$  is open.
  - 6.2  $\bigcap_{k=1}^n A_k := A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n$  is open.
7. Find a sequence  $I_n$  of bounded, and open interval that

$$I_{n+1} \subset I_n \text{ for each } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n = \emptyset.$$

## 3.2 Closed sets

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**Definition 3.2.1** A set  $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is **closed** if

$$F^c = \mathbb{R} \setminus F = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \notin F\} \text{ is open.}$$

Since  $\emptyset^c = \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^c = \emptyset$  ( $\emptyset$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  are open),  $\emptyset$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  are closed sets.

**Example 3.2.2** Show that interval  $[0, 1]$  is closed.

**Example 3.2.3** Show that  $[0, 1)$  is neither open nor closed.

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**Theorem 3.2.4** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be closed. Prove that  $A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B$  are closed.*

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**Theorem 3.2.5** *Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be closed sets. Then*

1.  $\bigcup_{k=1}^n A_k := A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n$  *is closed.*

2.  $\bigcap_{k=1}^n A_k := A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n$  *is closed.*

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**Exercises 3.2**


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1. Show that interval  $[a, b]$ ,  $[a, \infty)$  and  $(-\infty, b]$  are closed.
2. The set of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$  is neither open nor closed.
3. Show that every closed interval  $I$  is a closed set.
4. Is  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{n+1}{n}\right)$  open or closed ?
5. Is  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{n}, \frac{n-1}{n}\right]$  open or closed ?
6. Suppose, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the intervals  $I_n = [a_n, b_n]$  are such that  $I_{n+1} \subset I_n$ . If

$$a = \sup\{a_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \inf\{b_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

show that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n = [a, b]$ .

7. Find a sequence  $I_n$  of closed interval that  $I_{n+1} \subset I_n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n = \emptyset$ .
8. Suppose that  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is a nonempty open set. For each  $x \in U$ , let

$$J_x = (x - \varepsilon, x + \delta),$$

where the union is taken over all  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that  $(x - \varepsilon, x + \delta) \subset U$ .

8.1 Show that for every  $x, y \in U$ , either  $J_x \cap J_y = \emptyset$ , or  $J_x = J_y$ .

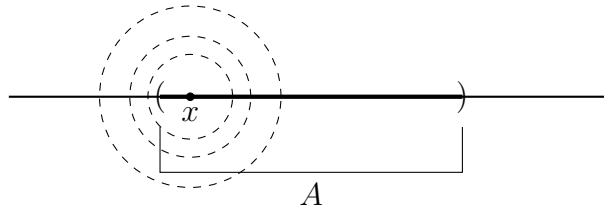
8.2 Show that  $U = \bigcup_{x \in B} J_x$ , where  $B \subseteq U$  is either finite or countable.

### 3.3 Limit points

**Definition 3.3.1** A point  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is called a **limit point** of a set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $a \in A$ ,  $a \neq x$ , such that  $a \in (x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon)$  or

$$[(x - \varepsilon, x) \cup (x, x + \varepsilon)] \cap A \neq \emptyset.$$

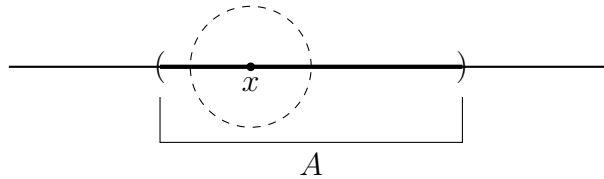
We denote the set of all limit points of a set  $A$  by  $A'$ .



**Definition 3.3.2** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is an **interior point** of  $A$  if there exists an  $\delta > 0$  such that

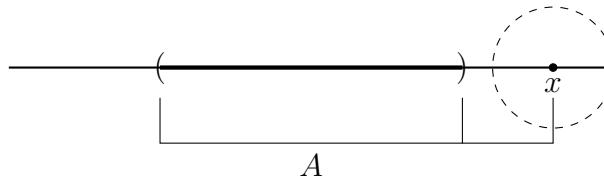
$$(x - \delta, x + \delta) \subseteq A.$$

The set of all interior points of  $A$  is called the **interior** of  $A$ , denoted  $A^\circ$ .



**Definition 3.3.3** Suppose  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . A point  $x \in A$  is called an **isolated point** of  $A$  if there exists an  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$A \cap (x - \delta, x + \delta) = \{x\}.$$



**Example 3.3.4** Fill the blanks of the following table.

Set	Set of limit points	Set of interior points	Set of isolated points
$[0, 1]$			
$(0, 1)$			
$[0, 1)$			
$(0, 1] \cup \{3\}$			
$\{1\}$			
$\mathbb{N}$			
$\mathbb{Q}$			

**Example 3.3.5** Show that 0 is a limit point of  $(0, 1)$ .

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**Theorem 3.3.6** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $A' \subseteq B'$ .*

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**Theorem 3.3.7** *Let  $A$  be a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $A' \subseteq A$ .*

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**CLOSURE.**

**Definition 3.3.8** Given a set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , the set  $\bar{A} = A \cup A'$  is called the **closure** of  $A$ .

**Example 3.3.9** Fill the blanks of the following table.

Set	Set of limit points	Closure
$[0, 1]$		
$(0, 1)$		
$[0, 1)$		
$(0, 1] \cup \{3\}$		
$\{1\}$		
$\mathbb{N}$		
$\mathbb{Q}$		

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**Theorem 3.3.10** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\bar{A} \subseteq \bar{B}$ .

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**Theorem 3.3.11** *Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\bar{A}$  is closed.*

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**Theorem 3.3.12** *Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $A$  is closed if and only if  $A = \bar{A}$ .*

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**Theorem 3.3.13** *A set  $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is closed if and only if*

*the limit of every convergent sequence in  $F$  belongs to  $F$ .*

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**Exercises 3.3**


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1. Identify the limit points, interior point and isolated points of the following sets:

1.1  $A = (0, 1) \cup \{3\}$

1.4  $A = (0, 1) \cup [3, 4]$

1.2  $A = [0, 1]^c$

1.5  $A = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

1.3  $A = [1, \infty)$

1.6  $A = [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$

2. Find  $A'$ ,  $A^\circ$  and  $\bar{A}$  where

2.1  $A = (0, 1)$

2.4  $A = (0, 1) \cup \{2, 3\}$

2.2  $A = [0, 1]$

2.5  $A = \left\{ \frac{1}{n^2} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

2.3  $A = [0, \infty)$

2.6  $A = \mathbb{Q}$

3. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $(A \cup B)' = A' \cup B'$ .

4. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Determine whether

4.1  $(A \cap B)' = A' \cap B'$

4.2  $\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$

4.3  $\overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$

4.4  $(A \cup B)^\circ = A^\circ \cup B^\circ$

4.5  $(A \cap B)^\circ = A^\circ \cap B^\circ$

4.6 if  $\bar{A} \subseteq \bar{B}$ , then  $A \subseteq B$ .

5. Prove that  $A^\circ$  is open.

6. Prove that  $A$  is open if and only if  $A = A^\circ$ .

7. Suppose  $x$  is a limit point of the set  $A$ . Show that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the set

$$(x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon) \cap A \text{ is infinite.}$$

8. Suppose that  $A_k \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $B = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k$ . Show that  $\bar{B} = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \bar{A}_k$ .

9. If the limit of every convergent sequence in  $F$  belongs to  $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , prove that  $F$  is closed.

# Chapter 4

## Limit of Functions

### 4.1 Limit of Functions

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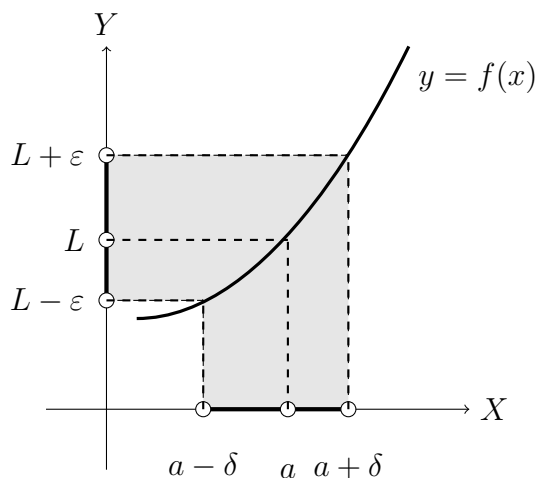
**Definition 4.1.1** Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  be a limit point of  $E$ . Then  $f(x)$  is said to **converge** to  $L$ , as  $x$  **approaches**  $a$ , if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x \in E$ ,

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \quad \text{implies} \quad |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

In this case we write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) \rightarrow L \text{ as } x \rightarrow a.$$

and call  $L$  the **limit** of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$ .



**Example 4.1.2** Suppose that  $f(x) = 2x + 1$ . Prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 3.$$

**Example 4.1.3** Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2}$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $f(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

**Example 4.1.4** Prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0.$$

**Example 4.1.5** *Prove that*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x^2 = 9.$$

**Example 4.1.6** *Prove that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow 1$  as  $x \rightarrow 1$ .*

**Theorem 4.1.7 (Limit of Constant function)** *The limit of a constant function is equal to the constant.*

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**Theorem 4.1.8 (Limit of Linear function)** *Let  $m$  and  $c$  be constant such that  $f(x) = mx + c$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (mx + c) = ma + c.$$

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**Theorem 4.1.9** *Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f, g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be functions and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  be a limit point of  $E$ . If*

$$f(x) = g(x) \text{ for all } x \in E \setminus \{a\} \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) \rightarrow L \text{ as } x \rightarrow a,$$

*then  $g(x)$  also has a limit as  $x \rightarrow a$ , and*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x).$$

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**Example 4.1.10** *Prove that  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$  has a limit as  $x \rightarrow 1$ .*

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**Theorem 4.1.11 (Sequential Characterization of Limit (SCL))** *Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  be a limit point of  $E$ . Then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \quad \text{exists}$$

*if and only if  $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for every sequence  $x_n \in E \setminus \{a\}$  that converges to  $a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

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**Example 4.1.12** *Use the SCL to prove that*

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

*has no limit as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .*

**Example 4.1.13** *Use the SCL to prove that*

$$e^{-\frac{1}{x}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0^+.$$

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**Theorem 4.1.14** *Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f, g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be functions and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  be a limit point of  $E$ . If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  converge as  $x$  approaches  $a$ , then so do*

$$(f + g)(x), (\alpha f)(x), (fg)(x) \text{ and } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x).$$

*In fact,*

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f + g)(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$
  2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (\alpha f)(x) = \alpha \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$
  3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (fg)(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$
  4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}$  when the limit of  $g(x)$  is nonzero.
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**Example 4.1.15** *Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} x^2 = a^2$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

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**Theorem 4.1.16** *Suppose that  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  be a limit point of  $E$ . Then,*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} |f(x)| = 0 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0.$$

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**Theorem 4.1.17 (Squeeze Theorem for Functions)** *Suppose that  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f, g, h : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are functions. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  be a limit point of  $E$ . If*

$$g(x) \leq f(x) \leq h(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in E \setminus \{a\},$$

*and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L$ , then the limit of  $f(x)$  exists, as  $x \rightarrow a$  and*

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

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**Corollary 4.1.18** *Suppose that  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f, g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are functions. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  be a limit point of  $E$  and  $M > 0$ . If*

$$|g(x)| \leq M \quad \text{for all } x \in E \setminus \{a\} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0,$$

*then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) = 0.$$

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**Example 4.1.19** *Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cos \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) = 0$*

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**Theorem 4.1.20 (Comparison Theorem for Functions)** *Suppose that  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f, g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are functions. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  be a limit point of  $E$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  have a limit as  $x$  approaches  $a$  and*

$$f(x) \leq g(x), \quad x \in E \setminus \{a\},$$

*then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x).$$

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**Exercises 4.1**

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1. Use Definition 4.1.1, prove that each of the following limit exists.

1.1  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^2 = 1$

1.3  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} x^3 + 1 = 0.$

1.2  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2 - x + 1 = 3$

1.4  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x-1}{x+1} = -1$

2. Decide which of the following limit exist and which do not.

2.1  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

2.2  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

2.3  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \tan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

3. Evaluate the following limit using result from this section.

3.1  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x^3 - x}$

3.3  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$

3.2  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\sqrt[3]{\pi - x^2}}{x + \pi}$

3.4  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

4. Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^n \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  exists for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

5. Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} x^n = a^n$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

6. Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} |f(x)| = 0$  if and only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0$ .

7. Prove Squeeze Theorem for Functions.

8. Prove Comparison Theorem for Functions.

9. Suppose that  $f$  is a real function.

9.1 Prove that if

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

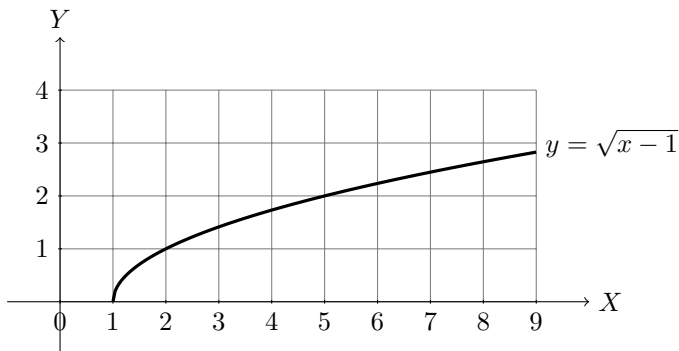
exists, then  $|f(x)| \rightarrow |L|$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ .

9.2 Show that there is a function such that as  $x \rightarrow a$ ,  $|f(x)| \rightarrow |L|$  but the limit of  $f(x)$  does not exist.



## 4.2 One-sided limit

What is the limit of  $f(x) := \sqrt{x-1}$  as  $x \rightarrow 1$ .



A reasonable answer is that the limit is zero. This function, however, does not satisfy Definition 4.1.1 because it is not defined on an OPEN interval containing  $a = 1$ . Indeed,  $f$  is defined only for  $x \geq 1$ . To handle such situations, we introduce one-sided limits.

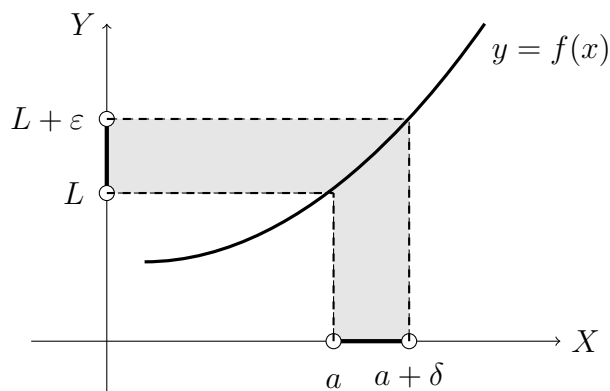
**Definition 4.2.1** Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

1. A real function  $f$  said to **converge** to  $L$  as  $x$  **approaches  $a$  from the right** if and only if  $f$  defined on some interval  $I$  with left endpoint  $a$  and every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $a + \delta \in I$  and for all  $x \in I$ ,

$$a < x < a + \delta \quad \text{implies} \quad |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

In this case we call  $L$  the **right-hand limit** of  $f$  at  $a$ , and denote it by

$$f(a^+) := L =: \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x).$$

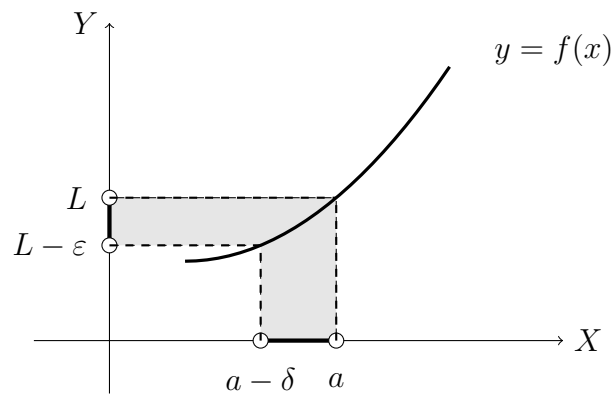


2. A real function  $f$  said to **converge** to  $L$  as  $x$  **approaches**  $a$  **from the left** if and only if  $f$  defined on some interval  $I$  with right endpoint  $a$  and every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $a - \delta \in I$  and for all  $x \in I$ ,

$$a - \delta < x < a \quad \text{implies} \quad |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

In this case we call  $L$  the **left-hand limit** of  $f$  at  $a$ , and denote it by

$$f(a^-) := L =: \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x).$$



**Example 4.2.2** Prove that

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \sqrt{x-1} = 0$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \sqrt{-x} = 0$

**Example 4.2.3** If  $f(x) = \frac{|x|}{x}$ , prove that  $f$  has one-sided limit at  $a = 0$  but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$  DNE.

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**Theorem 4.2.4** *Let  $f$  be a real function. Then the limit*

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

*exists and equals to  $L$  if and only if*

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x).$$

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**Example 4.2.5** *Use Theorem 4.2.4 to show that  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 2x + 1 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$  has limit at  $a = 0$ .*

## Exercises 4.2

1. Use definitions to prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$  exists and equal to  $L$  in each of the following cases.

1.1  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 1$ ,  $a = 1$ , and  $L = 3$ .

1.2  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{|1-x|}$ ,  $a = 1$ , and  $L = 1$ .

1.3  $f(x) = \sqrt{3x-5}$ ,  $a = 2$ , and  $L = 1$ .

2. Use definitions to prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$  exists and equal to  $L$  in each of the following cases.

2.1  $f(x) = 1 + x^2$ ,  $a = 1$ , and  $L = 2$ .

2.2  $f(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$ ,  $a = 1$ , and  $L = 0$ .

2.3  $f(x) = \frac{1-x^2}{1+x}$ ,  $a = 1$ , and  $L = 0$ .

3. Evaluate the following limit when they exist.

3.1  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x+1}{x^2-2}$

3.3  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} (x^2 + 1) \sin x$

3.2  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^3 - 3x + 2}{x^3 - 1}$

3.4  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \frac{\cos x}{1 - \sin x}$

4. Prove that  $\frac{\sqrt{1-\cos x}}{\sin x} \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$  as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ .

5. Determine whether the following functions are limit at  $a$ .

5.1  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x+1 & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ x+3 & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}$  and  $a = 1$

5.2  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2-2x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \sqrt{1-x} & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$  and  $a = 0$

6. Suppose that  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Prove that

$$f(q) = 0 \text{ for all } q \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1] \text{ if and only if } f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in [0, 1].$$

### 4.3 Infinite limit

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The definition of limit of real functions can be expanded to include extended real numbers.

**Definition 4.3.1** Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function.

1. We say that  $f(x) \rightarrow L$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if there exists a  $c > 0$  such that  $(c, \infty) \subseteq E$  and for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is an  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$x > M \quad \text{implies} \quad |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

In this case we shall write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$ .

2. We say that  $f(x) \rightarrow L$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$  if and only if there exists a  $c > 0$  such that  $(-\infty, -c) \subseteq E$  and for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is an  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$x < M \quad \text{implies} \quad |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

In this case we shall write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L$ .

**Example 4.3.2** Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$ .

**Example 4.3.3** *Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x-1}{x+1}$  exists and equals to 1.*

**Example 4.3.4** *Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2+1} = 0$ .*

**Example 4.3.5** *Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$ .*

**Example 4.3.6** *Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{x+1} = 1$ .*



**Definition 4.3.7** Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function.

1. We say that  $f(x) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  if and only if there is an open interval  $I$  containing  $a$  such that  $I \setminus \{a\} \subset E$  and for every  $M > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \quad \text{implies} \quad f(x) > M.$$

In this case we shall write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = +\infty$ .

2. We say that  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  if and only if there is an open interval  $I$  containing  $a$  such that  $I \setminus \{a\} \subset E$  and for every  $M < 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \quad \text{implies} \quad f(x) < M.$$

In this case we shall write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = -\infty$ .

Obviousl modification define  $f(x) \rightarrow \pm\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a^+$  and  $x \rightarrow a^-$ , and  $f(x) \rightarrow \pm\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .

**Example 4.3.8** Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{|x|} = +\infty$ .

**Example 4.3.9** *Prove that*  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x}{1-x} = -\infty$ .

**Example 4.3.10** *Prove that*  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x}{1-x} = +\infty$ .

### Exercises 4.3

1. Use definitions to prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$  exists and equal to  $L$  in each of the following cases.

$$1.1 \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{x-3}, \quad a = 3, \text{ and } L = +\infty.$$

$$1.2 \quad f(x) = -\frac{1}{x}, \quad a = 0, \text{ and } L = -\infty.$$

2. Use definitions to prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$  exists and equal to  $L$  in each of the following cases.

$$2.1 \quad f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2-4}, \quad a = 2, \text{ and } L = -\infty.$$

$$2.2 \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x^2}, \quad a = 1, \text{ and } L = +\infty.$$

3. Use definition to prove that the following limits

$$3.1 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x+1}{x+1} = 2$$

$$3.2 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1-x}{2x+1} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$3.3 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2+1}{1-x^2} = -2$$

$$3.4 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x}{|x-2|} = +\infty$$

$$3.5 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x+1}{x-2} = +\infty$$

$$3.6 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x+1}{x-2} = -\infty$$

4. Evaluate the following limit when they exist.

$$4.1 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2-13x+4}{1-x-x^2}$$

$$4.2 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2+x+2}{x^3-x-2}$$

$$4.3 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3-1}{x^2+2}$$

$$4.4 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \arctan x$$

$$4.5 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x^2}$$

$$4.6 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^2 \sin x$$

5. Prove that  $\frac{\sin(x+3) - \sin 3}{x}$  converges to 0 as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

6. Prove the following comparison theorems for real functions.

$$6.1 \quad \text{If } f(x) \geq g(x) \text{ and } g(x) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow a, \text{ then } f(x) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow a.$$

$$6.2 \quad \text{If } f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x) \text{ and } L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x), \text{ then } g(x) \rightarrow L \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

7. Recall that a **polynomial of degree  $n$**  is a function of the form

$$P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0$$

where  $a_j \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$  and  $a_n \neq 0$ .

7.1 Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} x^n = a^n$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

7.2 Prove that if  $P$  is a polynomial, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} P(x) = P(a)$$

for every  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

7.3 Suppose that  $P$  is a polynomial and  $P(a) > 0$ . Prove that  $\frac{P(x)}{x-a} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a^+$ ,  $\frac{P(x)}{x-a} \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow a^-$ , but

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{P(x)}{x-a}$$

does not exist.

8. **Cauchy.** Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n+1) - f(n) = L,$$

prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{n}$  exists and equals  $L$ .

# Chapter 5

## Continuity on $\mathbb{R}$

### 5.1 Continuity

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**Definition 5.1.1** Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$f$  is said to be **continuous at a point**  $a \in E$  if and only if given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$|x - a| < \delta \text{ and } x \in E \quad \text{imply} \quad |f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon.$$

**Example 5.1.2** Let  $f(x) = 2x - 1$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 1$ .

**Example 5.1.3** Let  $f(x) = x^2$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ .

**Example 5.1.4** Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  where  $x \in (0, \infty)$ . Prove that  $f$  is continuous at 1.

**Example 5.1.5** Let  $f(x) = 3 - x^2$  where  $x \in [-1, 2] \cup \{3\}$ . Prove that  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 3$

**Example 5.1.6** Prove that the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

is discontinuous at 0.

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**Theorem 5.1.7** *Let  $I$  be an open interval that contain a point  $a$  and  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then*

*$f$  is continuous at  $a \in I$  if and only if  $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ .*

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**Example 5.1.8** Let  $f(x) = x \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  where  $x \neq 0$ . If  $f$  is continuous at 0, what is  $f(0)$  defined?

**Example 5.1.9** Find  $a$  such that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} ax + 1 & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ 2x + 3 & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}$  is continuous at 1.

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**Theorem 5.1.10** *Suppose that  $E$  is a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \in E$ , and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  *$f$  is continuous at  $a \in E$ .*
  2. *If  $x_n$  converges to  $a$  and  $x_n \in E$ , then  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(a)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*
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**Example 5.1.11** *Use Theorem 5.1.10 to find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}}$ .*

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**Theorem 5.1.12** *Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f, g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f, g$  are continuous at a point  $a \in E$ , then so are*

$$f + g, \quad fg \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha f$$

*Moreover,  $f/g$  is continuous at  $a \in E$  when  $g(a) \neq 0$ .*

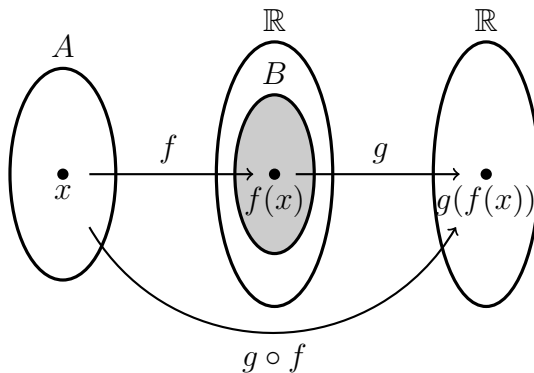
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**CONTINUITY OF COMPOSITION.**

**Definition 5.1.13** Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  and that  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $\{f(x) : x \in A\} \subseteq B$ , then the composition of  $g$  with  $f$  is the function

$$(g \circ f)(x) := g(f(x)), \quad x \in A.$$




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**Theorem 5.1.14** Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  and that  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\{f(x) : x \in A\} \subseteq B$ . If  $f$  is continuous at  $a \in A$  and  $g$  is continuous at  $f(a) \in B$ , then

$g \circ f$  is continuous at  $a \in A$

and moreover,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (g \circ f)(x) = g \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right).$$


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**Example 5.1.15** Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{2x - 1}$  exists and equals to 1.

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### CONTINUITY ON A SET.

**Definition 5.1.16** Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$f$  is said to be **continuous on  $E$**  if and only if  $f$  is continuous at every  $a \in E$ .

Note that if  $f$  is continuous on  $E$ , then  $f$  is continuous on nonempty subset of  $E$ .

**Example 5.1.17** Show that  $f(x) = x^2$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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**Theorem 5.1.18 (Continuity of Linear function)** *Let  $m$  and  $c$  be constants and let*

$$f(x) = mx + c \text{ where } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

*Prove that  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$*

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**Example 5.1.19** *Show that  $h(x) = (3x + 1)^2$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

**Example 5.1.20** *Prove that*

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 4 & \text{if } x > -1 \\ 3x + 5 & \text{if } x \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

*is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

**Example 5.1.21** *Find  $a$  such that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} ax + 1 & \text{if } x \geq 2 \\ x + a & \text{if } x < 2 \end{cases}$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

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**Exercises 5.1**


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1. Use definition to prove that  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

1.1  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  and  $a = 1$ .

1.3  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  and  $a = 1$ .

1.2  $f(x) = x^3$  and  $a = -1$ .

1.4  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$  and  $a = 2$ .

2. Determine whether the following functions are continuous at  $a$ .

2.1  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - 2x & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ 2 - 3x & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}$  and  $a = 1$

2.2  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \sqrt{1 - x} & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$  and  $a = 0$

3. Use definition to prove that  $f$  is continuous at  $E$ .

3.1  $f(x) = x^3$  and  $E = \mathbb{R}$ .

3.2  $f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x}$  and  $E = (-\infty, 1)$ .

3.3  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$  and  $E = \mathbb{R}$ .

4. Use limit theorem to show that the following function are continuous on  $[0, 1]$ .

4.1  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 1$

4.3  $f(x) = \sqrt{2 - x}$

4.2  $f(x) = \frac{1 - x}{1 + x}$

4.4  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + x - 6}$

5. Find  $a$  and  $b$  such that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} ax + 3 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ x + b & \text{if } 1 < x \leq 2 \\ 2ax - 2 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

6. If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, prove that  $\sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)|$  is finite.

7. Show that there exist nowhere continuous functions  $f$  and  $g$  whose sum  $f + g$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that the same is true for product of functions.

8. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos(\frac{1}{x}) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

is continuous on  $(-\infty, 0)$  and  $(0, \infty)$ , discontinuous at 0, and neither  $f(0^+)$  nor  $f(0^-)$  exists.

8.1 Prove that  $f$  is continuous on  $(-\infty, 0)$  and  $(0, \infty)$  discontinuous at 0.

8.2 Suppose that  $g : [0, \frac{2}{\pi}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous on  $(0, \frac{2}{\pi})$  and that there is a positive constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$|g(x)| \leq C\sqrt{x} \text{ for all } x \in (0, \frac{2}{\pi}),$$

Prove that  $f(x)g(x)$  is continuous on  $[0, \frac{2}{\pi}]$ .

9. Suppose that  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , that  $I$  is an open interval containing  $a$ , that,  $f, g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and that  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ .

9.1 Prove that  $g$  is continuous at  $a$  if and only if  $f + g$  is continuous at  $a$ .

9.2 Make and prove an analogous statement for the product  $fg$ . Show by example that hypothesis about  $f$  added cannot be dropped.

10. Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Suppose that  $E \subseteq A$  and is open. Determine whether  $\{f(x) : x \in E\}$  is open.

11. Let  $f(x) = x^n$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$

12. Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for each  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

12.1 Show that  $f(nx) = nf(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

12.2 Prove that  $f(qx) = qf(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

12.3 Prove that  $f$  is continuous at 0 if and only if  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

12.4 Prove that  $f$  is continuous at 0, then there is an  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = mx$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

13. Assume that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x} = 1$  and  $f(x) = e^x$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e$ .



## 5.2 Intermediate Value Theorem

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**Definition 5.2.1** Let  $E$  be a nonempty subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . A function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be **bounded on  $E$**  if and only if there is an  $M > 0$  such that

$$|f(x)| \leq M \quad \text{for all } x \in E$$

**Example 5.2.2** Show that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 5.2.3** Let  $I$  be a closed, bounded interval and  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous on  $I$ . Define

$$\sup_{x \in I} f(x) := \sup\{f(x) : x \in I\} \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_{x \in I} f(x) := \inf\{f(x) : x \in I\}.$$

**Example 5.2.4** Let  $f(x) = x^2$ . Find a supremum and infimum of  $f$  on  $I$ .

1.  $I = [0, 1)$

2.  $I = (-1, 1)$

3.  $I = (-1, \infty)$

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**Theorem 5.2.5 (Extreme Value Theorem (EVT))** *If  $I$  is a closed, bounded interval and  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous on  $I$ , then  $f$  is bounded on  $I$ . Moreover, if*

$$M = \sup_{x \in I} f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad m = \inf_{x \in I} f(x),$$

*then there exist point  $x_m, x_M \in I$  such that*

$$f(x_M) = M \quad \text{and} \quad f(x_m) = m.$$

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**Lemma 5.2.6 (Sign-Preserving Property)** *Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $I$  is open. If  $f$  is continuous at a point  $x_0 \in I$  and  $f(x_0) > 0$ , then there are positive numbers  $\varepsilon$  and  $\delta$  such that*

$$|x - x_0| < \delta \quad \text{implies} \quad f(x) > \varepsilon.$$

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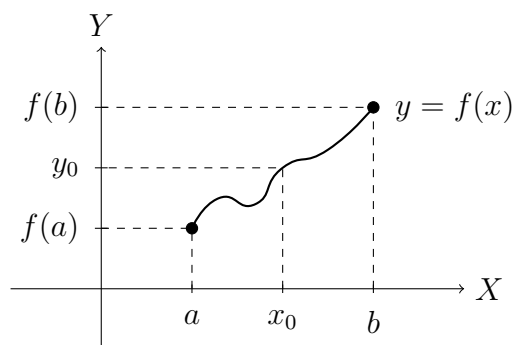
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**Theorem 5.2.7 (Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT))** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous.*

*If  $y_0$  lies between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then*

*there is an  $x_0 \in (a, b)$  such that  $f(x_0) = y_0$ .*

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**Corollary 5.2.8** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous.*

1. *If  $f(a) > 0$  and  $f(b) < 0$ , then there is an  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .*
  2. *If  $f(a) < 0$  and  $f(b) > 0$ , then there is an  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .*
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**Example 5.2.9** *Show that there is a real number such that  $x^2 = x + 1$ .*

**Example 5.2.10** *Show that there is a real number  $x$  such that  $x^3 - x - 3 = 0$ .*

**Example 5.2.11** *Prove that*

$$\ln x = 3 - 2x$$

*has at least one real root and find the approximate root to be the midpoint of an interval  $[a, b]$  of length 0.01 that contain a root.*

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**Exercises 5.2**


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For these exercise, assume that  $\sin x$ ,  $\cos x$  and  $e^x$  are continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\ln x$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ .

1. For each of the following, prove that there is at least one  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  that satisfies the given equation.

1.1  $x^3 + x = 3$

1.6  $e^x = x^2$

1.2  $x^3 + 2 = 2x$

1.7  $x \ln x = 1$

1.3  $x^4 + x^3 - 2 = 0$

1.8  $\sin x = e^x$

1.4  $x^5 + x + 1 = 0$

1.9  $\cos x = x^2$

1.5  $2^x = 2 - x$

1.10  $e^x = \cos x + 1$

2. Prove that the follwing equations have at least one real root and find the approximate root to be the midpont of an interval  $[a, b]$  of length  $\ell$  that contain a root.

2.1  $x^3 + x = 1$  and  $\ell = 0.001$

2.4  $\cos x = x$  and  $\ell = 0.01$

2.2  $2^x = x^3$  and  $\ell = 0.01$

2.5  $\sin x + x = 1$  and  $\ell = 0.001$

2.3  $\ln x + x = 2$  and  $\ell = 0.001$

2.6  $xe^x = \cos x$  and  $\ell = 0.01$

3. Suppose that  $f$  is a real-value function of a real variable. If  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  with  $f(a) < M$  for some  $M \in \mathbb{R}$ , prove that there is an open interval  $I$  containing  $a$  such that

$$f(x) < M \text{ for all } x \in I.$$

4. If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \infty,$$

prove that  $f$  has a minimum on  $\mathbb{R}$ ; i.e., there is an  $x_m \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(x_m) = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}} f(x) < \infty.$$

### 5.3 Uniform continuity

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**Definition 5.3.1** *Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is said to be **uniformly continuous on  $E$**  if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that*

$$|x - a| < \delta \quad \text{and} \quad x, a \in E \quad \text{imply} \quad |f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon.$$

**Example 5.3.2** *Prove that  $f(x) = x$  is uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$ .*

**Example 5.3.3** *Prove that  $f(x) = x^2$  is uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$ .*



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**Theorem 5.3.4 (Uniform of continuity of Linear function)** *A Linear function is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

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**Example 5.3.5** *Prove that  $f(x) = x^2$  is not uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

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**Theorem 5.3.6** *Suppose that  $I$  is a closed, bounded interval. If  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous on  $I$ , then  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $I$ .*

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**Theorem 5.3.7** *Suppose that  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is uniformly continuous. If  $x_n \in E$  is Cauchy, then  $f(x_n)$  is Cauchy.*

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**Exercises 5.3**

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1. Use Definition to prove that each of the following functions is uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$ .

1.1  $f(x) = x^3$

1.2  $f(x) = x^2 - x$

1.3  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$

2. Prove that each of the following functions is uniformly continuous on  $(0, 1)$ .

2.1  $f(x) = (x+1)^2$

2.4  $f(x)$  is any polynomial

2.2  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1}$

2.5  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$

2.3  $f(x) = x \sin(\frac{1}{x})$

2.6  $f(x) = x^2 \ln x$

3. Prove that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
4. Find all real  $\alpha$  such that  $x^\alpha \sin(\frac{1}{x})$  is uniformly continuous on the open interval  $(0, 1)$ .
5. Suppose that  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and there is an  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) \rightarrow L$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Prove that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ .
6. Let  $I$  be a bounded interval. Prove that if  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is uniformly continuous on  $I$ , then  $f$  is bounded on  $I$ .
7. Prove that (6) may be false if  $I$  is unbounded or if  $f$  is merely continuous.
8. Suppose that  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $E$  is nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $f, g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are uniformly continuous on  $E$ .
- 8.1 Prove that  $f + g$  and  $\alpha f$  are uniformly continuous on  $E$ .
- 8.2 Suppose that  $f, g$  are bounded on  $E$ . Prove that  $fg$  is uniformly continuous on  $E$ .
- 8.3 Show that there exist functions  $f, g$  uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $fg$  is not uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
9. Prove that a polynomial of degree  $n$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  if and only if  $n = 0$  or  $n = 1$ .

# Chapter 6

## Differentiability on $\mathbb{R}$

### 6.1 The Derivative

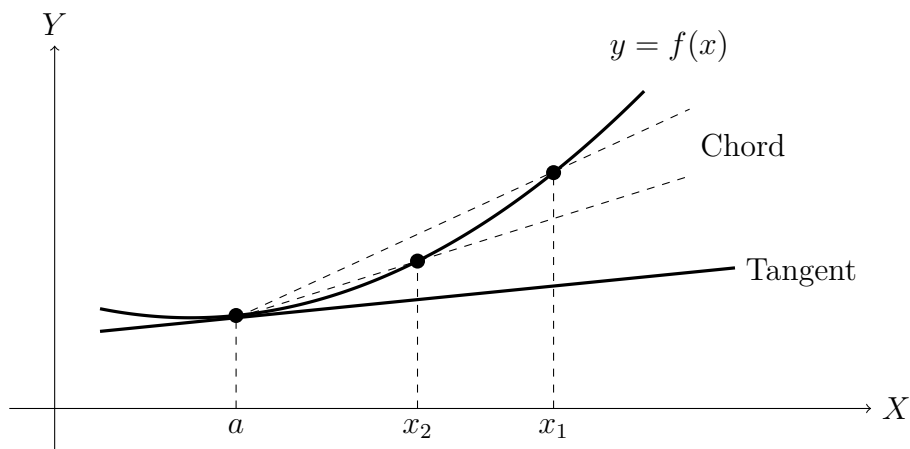
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**Definition 6.1.1** A real function  $f$  is said to be **differentiable** at a point  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if  $f$  is defined on some open interval  $I$  containing  $a$  and

$$f'(a) := \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

exists. In this case  $f'(a)$  is called the **derivative** of  $f$  at  $a$ .

You may recall that the graph of  $y = f(x)$  has a **tangent line** at the point  $(a, f(a))$  if and only if  $f$  has a derivative at  $a$ , in which case the slope of that tangent line is  $f'(a)$ . Suppose that  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ . A **secant line** of the graph  $y = f(x)$  is a line passing through at least two points on the graph, and a **chord** is a line segment that runs from one point on the graph to another.



Let  $x = a + h$  and observe that the slope of the chord (chord function :  $F(x)$ ) passing through the points  $(x, f(x))$  and  $(a, f(a))$  is given by

$$F(x) := \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}, \quad x \neq a.$$

Now, since  $x = a + h$ ,  $f'(a)$  becomes

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}.$$

**Example 6.1.2** Let  $f(x) = x^2$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Find  $f'(1)$

**Example 6.1.3** Show that the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \cos(\frac{1}{x}) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

is differentiable at the origin.

**Example 6.1.4** *Show that the function*

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x \cos(\frac{1}{x}) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

*is not differentiable at the origin.*

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**Theorem 6.1.5** *Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  if and only if there is a function  $T$  of the form  $T(x) := mx$  such that*

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{f(a+h) - f(a) - T(h)}{h} \right| = 0.$$

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**Theorem 6.1.6** *If  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ .*

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**Example 6.1.7** *Show that  $f(x) = |x|$  is continuous at 0 but not differentiable there.*



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**DIFFERENTIABLE ON INTERVAL.**

**Definition 6.1.8** *Let  $I$  be an interval and  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function.  $f$  is said to be **differentiable on  $I$**  if and only if  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  for every  $a \in I$*

**Example 6.1.9** *Show that the function  $f(x) = x^2$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

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**Theorem 6.1.10** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $f(x) = x^n$ , then  $f$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  and*

$$f'(x) = nx^{n-1}.$$

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**Theorem 6.1.11** *Every constant function is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  and its value equals to zero.*

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**Example 6.1.12** *Show that  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  is differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$  and  $f'(x)$ .*

**Example 6.1.13** *Show that  $f(x) = |x|$  is differentiable on  $[0, 1]$  and  $[-1, 0]$  but not on  $[-1, 1]$ .*

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**Exercises 6.1**


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1. For each of the following real functions, use definition directly to prove that  $f'(a)$  exists.

1.1  $f(x) = x^3, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}$

1.3  $f(x) = x^2 + x + 2, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}$

1.2  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad a \neq 0$

1.4  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}, \quad a > 0$

2. Prove that  $f(x) = x|x|$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

3. Let  $I$  be an open interval that contains 0 and  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If there exists an  $\alpha > 1$  such that

$$|f(x)| \leq |x|^\alpha \text{ for all } x \in I,$$

prove that  $f$  is differentiable at 0. What happens when  $\alpha = 1$  ?

4. Suppose that  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies  $f(x) - f(y) = f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$  for all  $x, y \in (0, \infty)$  and  $f(1) = 0$ .

4.1 Prove that  $f$  is continuous on  $(0, \infty)$  if and only if  $f$  is continuous at 1.

4.2 Prove that  $f$  is differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$  if and only if  $f$  is differentiable at 1.

4.3 Prove that if  $f$  is differentiable at 1, then  $f'(x) = \frac{f'(1)}{x}$  for all  $x \in (0, \infty)$ .

5. Suppose that  $f_\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} |x|^\alpha \sin(\frac{1}{x}) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$ . Show that  $f_\alpha(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 0$  when

$\alpha > 0$  and differentiable at  $x = 0$  when  $\alpha > 1$ . Graph these functions for  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\alpha = 2$  and give a geometric interpretation of your results.

6. Prove that if  $f(x) = x^\alpha$  where  $\alpha = \frac{1}{n}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $y = f(x)$  is differentiable on  $f'(x) = \alpha x^{\alpha-1}$  for every  $x \in (0, \infty)$ .

7. Given  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$ . Show that

7.1  $(\sin x)' = \cos x$

7.2  $(\cos x)' = -\sin x$

8.  $f$  is a constant function on  $I$  if and only if  $f'(x) = 0$  for every  $x \in I$ .

## 6.2 Differentiability theorem

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**Theorem 6.2.1 (Additive Rule)** *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real functions. If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable at  $a$ , then  $f + g$  is differentiable at  $a$ . In fact,*

$$(f + g)'(a) = f'(a) + g'(a).$$

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**Theorem 6.2.2 (Scalar Multiplicative Rule)** *Let  $f$  be a real function and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ , then  $\alpha f$  is differentiable at  $a$ . In fact,*

$$(\alpha f)'(a) = \alpha f'(a).$$

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**Theorem 6.2.3 (Product Rule)** *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real functions. If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable at  $a$ , then  $fg$  is differentiable at  $a$ . In fact,*

$$(fg)'(a) = g(a)f'(a) + f(a)g'(a).$$

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**Theorem 6.2.4 (Quotient Rule)** *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real functions. If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable at  $a$ , then  $\frac{f}{g}$  is differentiable at  $a$  when  $g(a) \neq 0$ . In fact,*

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(a) = \frac{g(a)f'(a) - f(a)g'(a)}{[g(a)]^2}.$$

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**Example 6.2.5** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be differentiable at 1 with  $f(1) = 1$ ,  $g(1) = 2$  and  $f'(1) = 3$ ,  $g'(1) = 4$ . Evaluate the following derivatives.

1.  $(f + g)'(1)$

3.  $(fg)'(1)$

2.  $(2f)'(1)$

4.  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(1)$

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**Theorem 6.2.6 (Chain Rule)** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real functions. If  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  and  $g$  is differentiable at  $f(a)$ , then  $g \circ f$  is differentiable at  $a$  with

$$(g \circ f)'(a) = g'(f(a))f'(a).$$

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**Example 6.2.7** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $f(0) = 1, g(0) = -1$  and  $f'(0) = 2, g'(0) = -2, f'(-1) = 3, g'(1) = 4$ . Evaluate each of the following derivatives.

1.  $(f \circ g)'(0)$

2.  $(g \circ f)'(0)$

**Example 6.2.8** Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ . Use the Chain Rule to show that  $f'(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$ .

## Exercises 6.2

1. For each of the following functions, find all  $x$  for which  $f'(x)$  exists and find a formula for  $f'$ .

$$1.1 \quad f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$1.3 \quad f(x) = x|x|$$

$$1.2 \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + x - 1}$$

$$1.4 \quad f(x) = |x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2|$$

2. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be differentiable at 2 and 3 with  $f'(2) = a$ ,  $f'(3) = b$ ,  $g'(2) = c$  and  $g'(3) = d$ . If  $f(2) = 1$ ,  $f(3) = 2$ ,  $g(2) = 3$  and  $g(3) = 4$ . Evaluate each of the following derivatives.

$$2.1 \quad (fg)'(2)$$

$$2.2 \quad \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(3)$$

$$2.3 \quad (g \circ f)'(3)$$

$$2.4 \quad (f \circ g)'(2)$$

3. If  $f, g$  and  $h$  is differentiable at  $a$ , prove that  $fgh$  is differentiable at  $a$  and

$$(fgh)'(a) = f'(a)g(a)h(a) + f(a)g'(a)h(a) + f(a)g(a)h'(a).$$

4. Let  $f(x) = (x-1)(x-2)(x-3)\cdots(x-2565)$ . Find  $f'(2565)$

5. Prove that if  $f(x) = x^{\frac{m}{n}}$  for some  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $y = f(x)$  is differentiable and satisfies  $ny^{n-1}y' = mx^{m-1}$  for every  $x \in (0, \infty)$ .

6. (**Power Rule**) Prove that  $f(x) = x^q$  for some  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $f$  is differentiable and  $f'(x) = qx^{q-1}$  for every  $x \in (0, \infty)$ .

7. (**Reciprocal Rule**) Suppose that  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  and  $f(a) \neq 0$ .

7.1 Show that for  $h$  sufficiently small,  $f(a+h) \neq 0$ .

7.2 Use Definition 6.1.1 directly, prove that  $\frac{1}{f(x)}$  is differentiable at  $x = a$  and

$$\left(\frac{1}{f}\right)'(a) = -\frac{f'(a)}{f^2(a)}.$$

8. Suppose that  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f, g$  are real functions of a real variable whose  $n$ th derivatives  $f^{(n)}, g^{(n)}$  exist at a point  $a$ . Prove Leibniz's generalization of the Product Rule:

$$(fg)^{(n)}(a) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{(k)}(a)g^{(n-k)}(a).$$

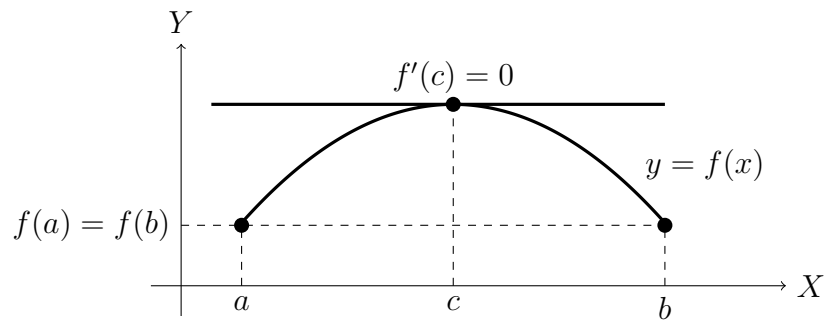


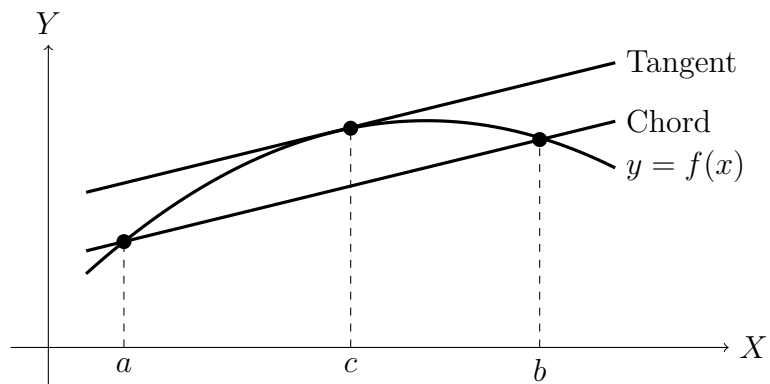
## 6.3 Mean Value Theorem

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**Lemma 6.3.1 (Rolle's Theorem)** *Suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a \neq b$ . If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , and if  $f(a) = f(b)$ , then  $f'(c) = 0$  for some  $c \in (a, b)$ .*

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**Theorem 6.3.2 (Mean Value Theorem (MVT))** *Suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a \neq b$ .*

*If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then there is an  $c \in (a, b)$  such that*

$$f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b - a).$$

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**Example 6.3.3** *Prove that*

$$\sin x \leq x \quad \text{for all } x > 0.$$

**Example 6.3.4** *Prove that*

$$1 + x \leq e^x \quad \text{for all } x > 0.$$

**Example 6.3.5 (Bernoulli's Inequality)** *Let  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and  $\delta \geq -1$ . Prove that*

$$(1 + \delta)^\alpha \leq 1 + \alpha\delta.$$

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**Theorem 6.3.6 (Generalized Mean Value Theorem)** *Suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a \neq b$ .*

*If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then there is an  $c \in (a, b)$  such that*

$$g'(c)[f(b) - f(a)] = f'(c)[g(b) - g(a)].$$

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**Theorem 6.3.7 (L'Hôpital's Rule)** *Let  $a$  be an extended real number and  $I$  be an open interval that either contains  $a$  or has  $a$  as an endpoint. Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable on  $I \setminus \{a\}$ , and  $g(x) \neq 0 \neq g'(x)$  for all  $x \in I \setminus \{a\}$ . Suppose further that*

$$A := \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

*is either 0 or  $\infty$ . If*

$$B := \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

*exists as an extended real number, then*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}.$$

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Given  $(\ln x)' = \frac{1}{x}$  for  $x > 0$  and  $(e^x)' = e^x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Example 6.3.8** Use L'Hôpital's Rule to prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{e^x - 1} = 1$ .

**Example 6.3.9** Use L'Hôpital's Rule to find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x$ .

**Example 6.3.10** Use L'Hôpital's Rule to find  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (\ln x)^{1-x}$ .

### Exercises 6.3

1. Use the Mean Value Theorem to prove that each of the following inequalities.

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| 1.1 $\sqrt{2x+1} < 1+x$ for all $x > 0$              | 1.6 $\frac{x-1}{x} \leq \ln x$ for all $x > 1$      |
| 1.2 $\ln x \leq x-1$ for all $x > 1$                 | 1.7 $\sqrt{x} \geq x$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$        |
| 1.3 $7(x-1) < e^x$ for all $x > 2$                   | 1.8 $\sqrt{x} \leq x$ for all $x > 1$               |
| 1.4 $\cos x - 1 \leq x$ for all $x > 0$              | 1.9 $\sin^2 x \leq 2 x $ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ |
| 1.5 $\ln x + 1 \leq \frac{x^2+1}{2}$ for all $x > 1$ | 1.10 $\ln x \leq \sqrt{x}$ for all $x > 1$          |

2. (**Bernoulli's Inequality**) Let  $\alpha \geq 1$  and  $\delta \geq -1$ . Prove that

$$(1 + \delta)^\alpha \leq 1 + \alpha\delta.$$

3. Use L'Hôpital's Rule to evaluate the following limits.

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| 3.1 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(3x)}{x}$                            | 3.4 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x$   | 3.7 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (1 + e^{-x})^x$            |
| 3.2 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos x - e^x}{\ln(1+x^2)}$             | 3.5 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x}{\sin(\pi x)}$                     | 3.8 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}$         |
| 3.3 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^{\frac{1}{x^2}}$ | 3.6 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left(\arctan x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ | 3.9 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x(e^{\frac{1}{x}} - 1)$ |

4. Show that the derivative of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

exists and continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $f'(0) = 0$ .

5. Suppose that  $f$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- 5.1 If  $f'(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , prove that  $f(x) = f(0)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- 5.2 If  $f(0) = 1$  and  $|f'(x)| \leq 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , prove that  $|f(x)| \leq |x| + 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- 5.3 If  $f'(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , prove that  $a < b$  imply that  $f(a) < f(b)$



6. Let  $f$  be differentiable on a nonempty, open interval  $(a, b)$  with  $f'$  bounded on  $(a, b)$ . Prove that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $(a, b)$ .
7. Let  $f$  be differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , continuous on  $[a, b]$ , with  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$ . Prove that if  $f'(c) > 0$  for some  $c \in (a, b)$ , then there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in (a, b)$  such that  $f'(x_1) > 0 > f'(x_2)$ .
8. Let  $f$  be twice differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and let there be points  $x_1 < x_2 < x_3$  in  $(a, b)$  such that  $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$  and  $f(x_3) > f(x_2)$ . Prove that there is a point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f''(c) > 0$ .
9. Let  $f$  be differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$ . If  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f'(x)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n)$  both exist and are finite, prove that  $L = 0$ .
10. Prove L'Hôpital's Rule for the case  $B = \pm\infty$  by first proving that

$$\frac{g(x)}{f(x)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \rightarrow \pm\infty, \text{ as } x \rightarrow a.$$

11. Prove that the sequence  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$  is increasing, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and its limit  $e$  satisfies  $2 < e \leq 3$  and  $\ln e = 1$ .

## 6.4 Monotone function

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**Definition 6.4.1** Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

1.  $f$  is said to be **increasing** on  $E$  if and only if

$$x_1, x_2 \in E \text{ and } x_1 < x_2 \text{ imply } f(x_1) \leq f(x_2).$$

$f$  is said to be **strictly increasing** on  $E$  if and only if

$$x_1, x_2 \in E \text{ and } x_1 < x_2 \text{ imply } f(x_1) < f(x_2).$$

2.  $f$  is said to be **decreasing** on  $E$  if and only if

$$x_1, x_2 \in E \text{ and } x_1 < x_2 \text{ imply } f(x_1) \geq f(x_2).$$

$f$  is said to be **strictly decreasing** on  $E$  if and only if

$$x_1, x_2 \in E \text{ and } x_1 < x_2 \text{ imply } f(x_1) > f(x_2).$$

3.  $f$  is said to be **monotone** on  $E$  if and only if  $f$  is either decreasing or increasing on  $E$ .

$f$  is said to be **strictly monotone** on  $E$  if and only if  $f$  is either strictly decreasing or strictly increasing on  $E$ .

**Example 6.4.2** Show that  $f(x) = x^2$  is strictly monotone on  $[0, 1]$  and on  $[-1, 0]$  but not monotone on  $[-1, 1]$ .

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**Theorem 6.4.3** *Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $(a, b) \subseteq I$ . Then*

1.  *$f$  is increasing on  $(a, b)$  if  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$*
  2.  *$f$  is decreasing on  $(a, b)$  if  $f'(x) < 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$*
  3. *If  $f'(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ , then  $f$  is constant on  $[a, b]$ .*
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**Example 6.4.4** *Find each intervals of  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$  that increasing and decreasing.*

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**Theorem 6.4.5** *If  $f$  is 1-1 and continuous on an interval  $I$ , then  $f$  is strictly monotone on  $I$  and  $f^{-1}$  is continuous and strictly monotone on  $f(I) := \{f(x) : x \in I\}$ .*

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**Theorem 6.4.6 (Inverse Function Theorem (IFT))** *Let  $f$  be 1-1 and continuous on an open interval  $I$ . If  $a \in f(I)$  and if  $f'(f^{-1}(a))$  exists and is nonzero, then  $f^{-1}$  is differentiable at  $a$  and*

$$(f^{-1})'(a) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(a))}.$$

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**Example 6.4.7** *Use the IVT to find derivative of  $f(x) = \arcsin x$*

**Example 6.4.8** Let  $f(x) = x + e^x$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

1. Show that  $f$  is 1-1 on  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
2. Use the result from 1 and the IFT to explain that  $f^{-1}$  differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
3. Compute  $(f^{-1})'(2 + \ln 2)$ .

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**Exercises 6.4**


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1. Find each intervals of the following functions that increasing and decreasing.

1.1  $f(x) = 2x - x^2$

1.4  $g(x) = xe^x$

1.2  $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x + 3$

1.5  $g(x) = e^x - x$

1.3  $f(x) = (x - 1)^3(x - 2)^4$

1.6  $g(x) = x^2e^{x^2}$

2. Find all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x^3 + ax^2 + 3x + 15$  is strictly increasing near  $x = 1$ .
3. Find all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $ax^2 + 3x + 5$  is strictly increasing on the interval  $(1, 2)$ .
4. Find where  $f(x) = 2|x - 1| + 5\sqrt{x^2 + 9}$  is strictly increasing and where  $f(x)$  is strictly decreasing.
5. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be 1-1 and continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $f(0) = 2$ ,  $g(1) = 2$ ,  $f'(0) = \pi$ , and  $g'(1) = e$ , compute the following derivatives.

5.1  $(f^{-1})'(2)$

5.2  $(g^{-1})'(2)$

5.3  $(f^{-1} \cdot g^{-1})'(2)$

6. Let  $f(x) = x^2e^{x^2}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

6.1 Show that  $f^{-1}$  exists and its differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$ .

6.2 Compute  $(f^{-1})'(e)$

7. Let  $f(x) = x + e^{2x}$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

7.1 Show that  $f$  is 1-1 on  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

7.2 Use the result from 7.1 and the IFT to explain that  $f$  differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

7.3 Compute  $(f^{-1})'(4 + \ln 2)$ .

8. Use the Inverse Function Theorem, prove that

8.1  $(\arccos x)' = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$  where  $x \in (-1, 1)$

8.2  $(\arctan x)' = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$  where  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$

$$8.3 \quad (\sqrt{x})' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \quad \text{where } x \in (0, \infty)$$

9. Use the IFT to find derivative of invrese function  $f(x) = e^x - e^{-x}$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
10. Suppose that  $f'$  exists and continuous on a nonempty, open interval  $(a, b)$  with  $f'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ .
- 10.1 Prove that  $f$  is 1-1 on  $(a, b)$  and takes  $(a, b)$  onto some open interval  $(c, d)$
- 10.2 Show that  $(f^{-1})'$  exists and continuous on  $(c, d)$
- 10.3 Use the function  $f(x) = x^3$ , show that 7.2 is false if the assumption  $f'(x) \neq 0$  fails to hold for some  $x \in (c, d)$
11. Let  $[a, b]$  be a closed, bounded interval. Find all functions  $f$  that satisfy the following conditions for some fixed  $\alpha > 0$  :  $f$  is continuous and 1-1 on  $[a, b]$ ,
- $$f'(x) \neq 0 \text{ and } f'(x) = \alpha(f^{-1})'(f(x)) \text{ for all } x \in (a, b).$$
12. Let  $f$  be differentiable at every point in a closed, bounded interval  $[a, b]$ . Prove that if  $f'$  is increasing on  $(a, b)$ , then  $f'$  is continuous on  $(a, b)$ .
13. Suppose that  $f$  is increasing on  $[a, b]$ . Prove that
- 13.1 if  $x_0 \in [a, b)$ , then  $f(x_0^+)$  exists and  $f(x_0) \leq f(x_0^+)$ ,
- 13.2 if  $x_0 \in (a, b]$ , then  $f(x_0^-)$  exists and  $f(x_0^-) \leq f(x_0)$ .



# Chapter 7

## Integrability on $\mathbb{R}$

### 7.1 Riemann integral

#### PARTITION.

**Definition 7.1.1** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ .

1. A **partition** of the interval  $[a, b]$  is a set of points  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  such that

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b.$$

2. The **norm** of a partition  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is the number

$$\|P\| = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j - x_{j-1}|.$$

3. A **refinement** of a partition  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is a partition  $Q$  of  $[a, b]$  that satisfies  $Q \supseteq P$ . In this case we say that  $Q$  is **finer** than  $P$  or  $Q$  is a **refinement** of  $P$ .

**Example 7.1.2** Give example of partition and refinement of the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

Partitions	Norms of Partition
$P = \{0, 0.5, 1\}$	
$Q = \{0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1\}$	
$R = \{0, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 0.6, 0.8, 1\}$	

**Example 7.1.3** *Prove that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,*

$$P_n = \left\{ \frac{j}{n} : j = 0, 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

*is a partition of the interval  $[0, 1]$  and find a norm of  $P_n$ .*

**Example 7.1.4 (Dyadic Partition)** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and define*

$$P_n = \left\{ \frac{j}{2^n} : j = 0, 1, \dots, 2^n \right\}.$$

1. *Prove that  $P_n$  is a partition of the interval  $[0, 1]$ .*
2. *Prove that  $P_m$  is finer than  $P_n$  when  $m > n$ .*
3. *Find a norm of  $P_n$ .*

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**UPPER AND LOWER RIEMANN SUM.**

**Definition 7.1.5** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ , let  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be a partition of the interval  $[a, b]$ , and suppose that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded.

1. The **upper Riemann sum** of  $f$  over  $P$  is the number

$$U(f, P) := \sum_{j=1}^n M_j(f)(x_j - x_{j-1})$$

where

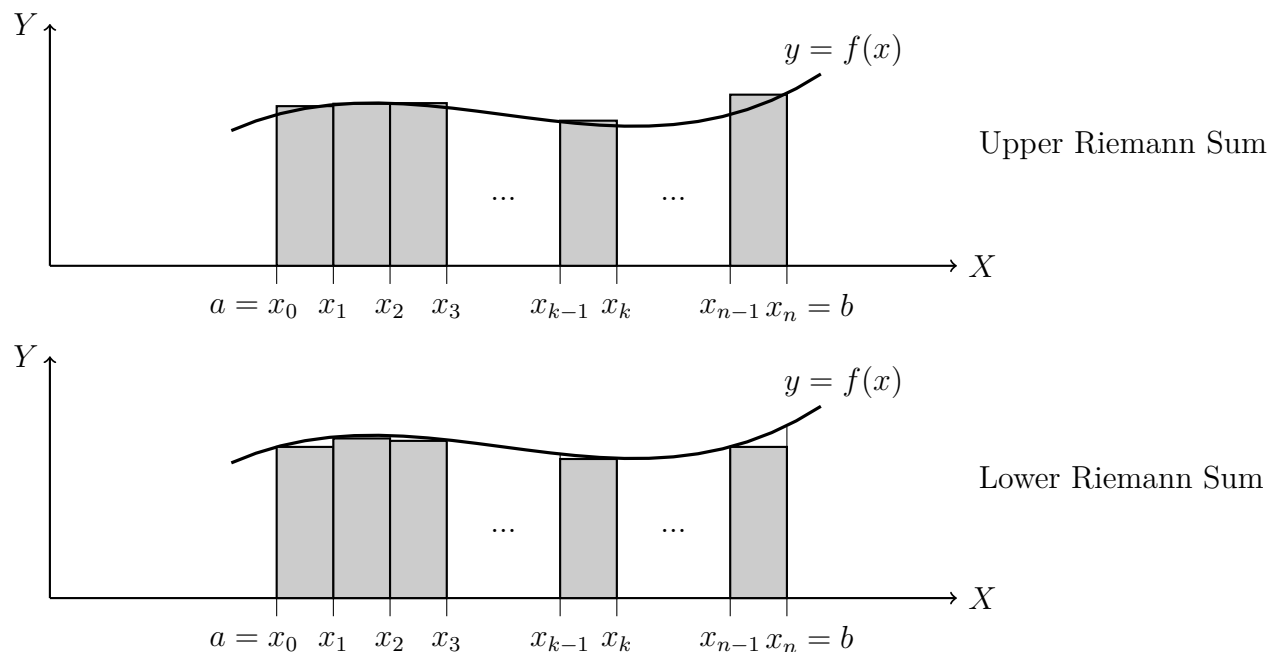
$$M_j(f) := \sup_{x \in [x_{j-1}, x_j]} f(x).$$

2. The **lower Riemann sum** of  $f$  over  $P$  is the number

$$L(f, P) := \sum_{j=1}^n m_j(f)(x_j - x_{j-1})$$

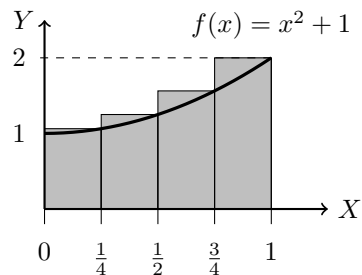
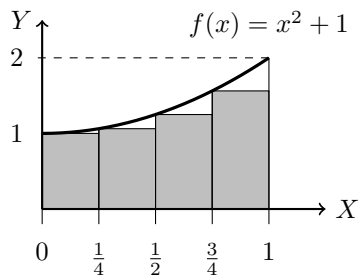
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$$m_j(f) := \inf_{x \in [x_{j-1}, x_j]} f(x).$$

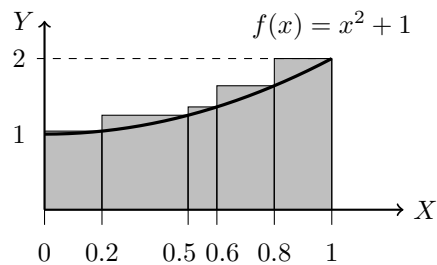
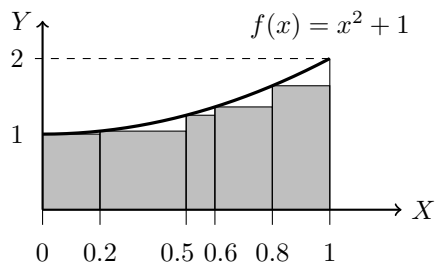


**Example 7.1.6** Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  where  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Find  $L(f, P)$  and  $U(f, P)$

1.  $P = \left\{0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, 1\right\}$

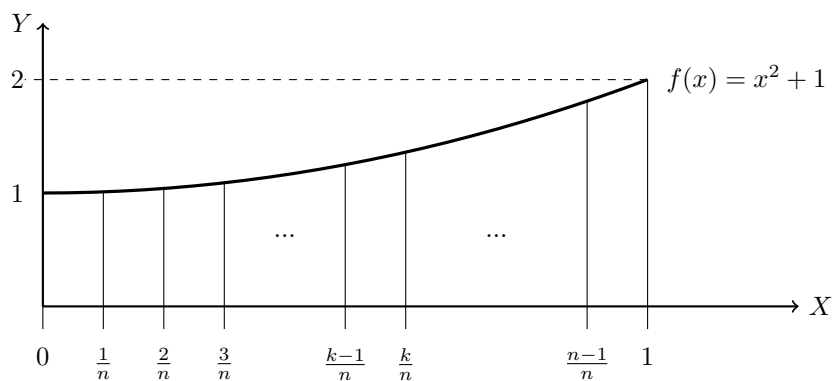


2.  $P = \{0, 0.2, 0.5, 0.6, 0.8, 1\}$



**Example 7.1.7** Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  where  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Find  $L(P_n, f)$  and  $U(P_n, f)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  if

$$P_n = \left\{ \frac{j}{n} : j = 0, 1, \dots, n \right\}.$$



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**Theorem 7.1.8**  $L(f, P) \leq U(f, P)$  for all partition  $P$  and all bounded function  $f$ .

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**Theorem 7.1.9 (Sum Telescopes)** If  $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\sum_{k=m}^n [g(k+1) - g(k)] = g(n+1) - g(m)$$

for all  $n \geq m$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

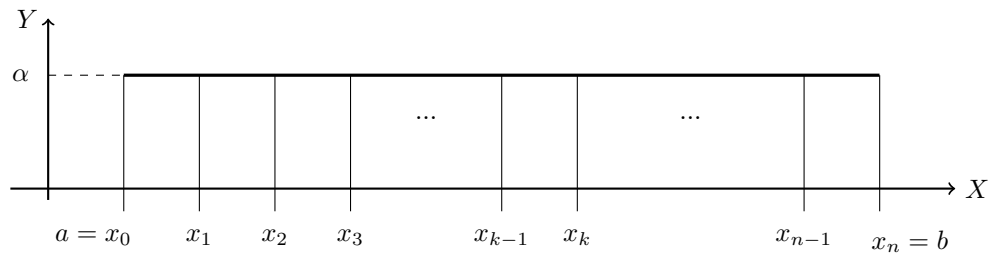
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**Theorem 7.1.10** *If  $f(x) = \alpha$  is constant on  $[a, b]$ , then*

$$U(f, P) = L(f, P) = \alpha(b - a)$$

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**Theorem 7.1.11** *If  $P$  is any partition of  $[a, b]$  and  $Q$  is a refinement of  $P$ , then*

$$L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q) \leq U(f, Q) \leq U(f, P).$$

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**Corollary 7.1.12** *If  $P$  and  $Q$  are any partitions of  $[a, b]$ , then*

$$L(f, P) \leq U(f, Q).$$

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**RIEMANN INTEGRABLE.**

**Definition 7.1.13** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ .

A function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be **Riemann integrable** or **integrable** on  $[a, b]$  if and only if  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ , and for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a partition of  $[a, b]$  such that

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \varepsilon.$$

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**Theorem 7.1.14** Suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ . If  $f$  is continuous on the interval  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ .

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**Example 7.1.15** *Prove that the function*

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

*is integrable on  $[0, 1]$ .*

**Example 7.1.16 (Dirichlet function)** *Prove that the function*

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

*is NOT Riemann integrable on  $[0, 1]$ .*

**UPPER AND LOWER INTEGRABLE.**

**Definition 7.1.17** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ , and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be bounded.

1. The **upper integral** of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  is the number

$$(U) \int_a^b f(x) dx := \inf\{U(f, P) : P \text{ is a partition of } [a, b]\}.$$

2. The **lower integral** of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  is the number

$$(L) \int_a^b f(x) dx := \sup\{L(f, P) : P \text{ is a partition of } [a, b]\}.$$

3. If the upper and lower integrals of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  are equal, we define the **integral** of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  to be the common value

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx := (U) \int_a^b f(x) dx = (L) \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

**Example 7.1.18** Let  $f(x) = \alpha$  where  $x \in [a, b]$ . Show that

$$(U) \int_a^b f(x) dx = (L) \int_a^b f(x) dx = \alpha(b - a).$$

**Example 7.1.19** The Dirichlet function is defined

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}.$$

Find the upper integral and lower integral of the Dirichlet function on  $[0, 1]$ .

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**Theorem 7.1.20** *If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded, then its upper and lower integrals exist and are finite, and satisfy*

$$(L) \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \leq (U) \int_a^b f(x) \, dx.$$

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**Theorem 7.1.21** *Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ , and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be bounded. Then  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  if and only if*

$$(L) \int_a^b f(x) \, dx = (U) \int_a^b f(x) \, dx.$$

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**Theorem 7.1.22** *For a constant  $\alpha$ ,*

$$\int_a^b \alpha \, dx = \alpha(b - a).$$

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**Example 7.1.23** *Let  $f : [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by*

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ 3 & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$$

*Show that  $f$  is integrable and find  $\int_0^2 f(x)dx$ .*

**Example 7.1.24** Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$$

Show that  $f$  is integrable and find  $\int_0^1 f(x)dx$ .



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**Exercises 7.1**


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1. For each of the following, compute  $U(f, P)$ ,  $L(f, P)$ , and  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$ , where

$$P = \left\{ 0, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{5}, 1 \right\}.$$

Find out whether the lower sum or the upper sum is better approximation to the integral. Graph  $f$  and explain why this is so.

1.1  $f(x) = 1 - x^2$

1.2  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 1$

1.3  $f(x) = x^2 - x$

2. Let  $P_n = \left\{ \frac{j}{n} : j = 0, 1, \dots, n \right\}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that a bounded function  $f$  is integrable on  $[0, 1]$  if

$$I_0 := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L(f, P_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U(f, P_n),$$

in which case  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$  equals  $I_0$ .

3. For each of the following functions, use  $P_n$  in 2. to find formulas for the upper and lower sums of  $f$  on  $P_n$ , and use them to compute the value of  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$ .

3.1  $f(x) = x$

3.3  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$

3.2  $f(x) = x^2$

4. Let  $E = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$ . Prove that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in E \\ 0 & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}$  is integrable on  $[0, 1]$ . What is the value of  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$ ?

5. Suppose that  $f$  is continuous on an interval  $[a, b]$ . Show that  $\int_a^c f(x) dx = 0$  for all  $c \in [a, b]$  if and only if  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .

6. Let  $f$  be bounded on a nondegenerate interval  $[a, b]$ . Prove that  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  if and only if given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a partition  $P_\varepsilon$  of  $[a, b]$  such that

$$P \supseteq P_\varepsilon \quad \text{implies} \quad |U(f, P) - L(f, P)| < \varepsilon.$$

## 7.2 Riemann sums

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**Definition 7.2.1** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

1. A **Riemann sum** of  $f$  with respect to a partition  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  of  $[a, b]$  is a sum of the form

$$\sum_{j=1}^n f(t_j) \Delta x_j,$$

where the choice of  $t_j \in [x_{j-1}, x_j]$  is arbitrary.

2. The Riemann sums of  $f$  are **converge** to  $I(f)$  as  $\|P\| \rightarrow 0$  if and only if given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a partition  $P_\varepsilon$  of  $[a, b]$  such that

$$P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\} \supseteq P_\varepsilon \quad \text{implies} \quad \left| \sum_{j=1}^n f(t_j) \Delta x_j - I(f) \right| < \varepsilon$$

for all choice of  $t_j \in [x_{j-1}, x_j]$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . In this case we shall use the notation

$$I(f) = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{j=1}^n f(t_j) \Delta x_j.$$

**Example 7.2.2** Let  $f(x) = x^2$  where  $x \in [0, 1]$  and

$$P = \left\{ \frac{j}{n} : j = 0, 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

be a partition of  $[0, 1]$ . Show that if  $f(t_i)$  is chosen by the right end point and left end point in each subinterval, then two  $I(f)$ , depend on two methods, are NOT different.

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**Theorem 7.2.3** *Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ , and suppose that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded. Then  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$  if and only if*

$$I(f) = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{j=1}^n f(t_j) \Delta x_j$$

*exists, in which case*

$$I(f) = \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

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**Theorem 7.2.4 (Linear Property)** *If  $f, g$  are integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f + g$  and  $\alpha f$  are integrable on  $[a, b]$ . In fact,*

$$1. \int_a^b (f(x) + g(x)) \, dx = \int_a^b f(x) \, dx + \int_a^b g(x) \, dx$$

$$2. \int_a^b \alpha f(x) \, dx = \alpha \int_a^b f(x) \, dx$$

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**Theorem 7.2.5** *If  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is integrable on each subinterval  $[c, d]$  of  $[a, b]$ .*

*Moreover,*

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = \int_a^c f(x) \, dx + \int_c^b f(x) \, dx$$

*for all  $c \in (a, b)$ .*

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By Theorem 7.2.5, we obtain

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^a f(x) dx + \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Thus,

$$\int_a^a f(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = - \int_b^a f(x) dx.$$

**Example 7.2.6** *Using the connection between integrals and area, evaluate  $\int_0^5 |x - 2| dx$ .*

**Example 7.2.7** *Using the connection between integrals and area, evaluate  $\int_0^2 \sqrt{4 - x^2} dx$ .*

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**Theorem 7.2.8 (Comparison Theorem)** *If  $f, g$  are integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ , then*

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx \leq \int_a^b g(x) \, dx.$$

*In particular, if  $m \leq f(x) \leq M$  for  $x \in [a, b]$ , then*

$$m(b-a) \leq \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \leq M(b-a).$$

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**Theorem 7.2.9** *If  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$ , then  $|f|$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and*

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \right| \leq \int_a^b |f(x)| \, dx.$$

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## Exercises 7.2

1. Using the connection between integrals and area, evaluate each of the following integrals.

$$1.1 \quad \int_0^1 |x - 0.5| dx$$

$$1.3 \quad \int_{-2}^2 (|x + 1| + |x|) dx$$

$$1.2 \quad \int_0^a \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx, \quad a > 0$$

$$1.4 \quad \int_a^b (3x + 1) dx, \quad a < b$$

2. Prove that if  $f$  is integrable on  $[0, 1]$  and  $\beta > 0$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^\alpha \int_0^{\frac{1}{n^\beta}} f(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{for all } \alpha < \beta.$$

3. If  $f, g$  are integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , prove that

$$\left| \int_a^b (f(x) + g(x)) dx \right| \leq \int_a^b |f(x)| dx + \int_a^b |g(x)| dx.$$

4. Suppose that  $g_n \geq 0$  is a sequence of integrable function that satisfies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b g_n(x) dx = 0$ .

Show that if  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) g_n(x) dx = 0$ .

5. Prove that if  $f$  is integrable on  $[0, 1]$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 x^n f(x) dx = 0$ .

6. Prove that if  $f$  is integrable on  $[0, 1]$ , then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \int_{\frac{1}{2^{k+1}}}^{\frac{1}{2^k}} f(x) dx.$$

7. Let  $f$  be continuous on a closed, nondegenerate interval  $[a, b]$  and set  $M = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)|$ .

- 7.1 Prove that if  $M > 0$  and  $p > 0$ , then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a nondegenerate interval  $I \subset [a, b]$  such that

$$(M - \varepsilon)^p |I| \leq \int_a^b |f(x)|^p dx \leq M^p (b - a).$$

- 7.2 Prove that  $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_a^b |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = M$ .

## 7.3 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

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Define a set  $C^1[a, b] = \{f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ is differentiable and } f' \text{ are continuous} \}$  and  $f'(x) = \frac{df}{dx}$ .

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**Theorem 7.3.1 (Fundamental Theorem of Calculus)** *Suppose that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .*

1. *If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ , then  $F \in C^1[a, b]$  and*

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t) dt := F'(x) = f(x)$$

*for each  $x \in [a, b]$ .*

2. *If  $f$  is differentiable on  $[a, b]$  and  $f'$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ , then*

$$\int_a^x f'(t) dt = f(x) - f(a)$$

*for each  $x \in [a, b]$ .*

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**Example 7.3.2** Assume that  $f$  is differentiable on  $(0, 1)$  and integrable on  $[0, 1]$ . Show that

$$\int_0^1 x f'(x) + f(x) dx = f(1).$$

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**Theorem 7.3.3** Let  $\alpha \neq -1$ . Then

$$\int_a^b x^\alpha dx = f(b) - f(a) \quad \text{where } f(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha+1}.$$

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**Example 7.3.4** Find integral  $\int_0^1 x^2 dx$ .

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**Theorem 7.3.5** Suppose that  $f, u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $F(x) = \int_a^{u(x)} f(t) dt$ , and  $F \in C^1[a, b]$  and

$$F'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^{u(x)} f(t) dt = f(u(x)) \cdot u'(x)$$

for each  $x \in [a, b]$ .

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**Example 7.3.6** Let  $F(x) = \int_0^{\sin x} e^{t^2} dt$ . Find  $F(0)$  and  $F'(0)$ .

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**INTEGRATION BY PART.**

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**Theorem 7.3.7 (Integration by Part)** *Suppose that  $f, g$  are differentiable on  $[a, b]$  with  $f', g'$  integrable on  $[a, b]$ , Then*

$$\int_a^b f'(x)g(x) dx = f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a) - \int_a^b f(x)g'(x) dx.$$

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**Example 7.3.8** *Use the Integration by Part to find integrals.*

1.  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x \sin x dx$

2.  $\int_1^2 \ln x dx$

**Example 7.3.9** Let  $f(x) = \int_0^{x^3} e^{t^2} dt$ . Use integration by part to show that

$$6 \int_0^1 x^2 f(x) dx - 2 \int_0^1 e^{x^2} dx = 1 - e.$$

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**CHANGE OF VARIABLES.**

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**Theorem 7.3.10 (Change of Variables)** *Let  $\phi$  be continuously differentiable on a closed interval  $[a, b]$ . If  $f$  is continuous on  $\phi([a, b])$ , or if  $\phi$  is strictly increasing on  $[a, b]$  and  $f$  is integrable on  $[\phi(a), \phi(b)]$ , then*

$$\int_{\phi(a)}^{\phi(b)} f(t) dt = \int_a^b f(\phi(x))\phi'(x) dx.$$

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**Example 7.3.11** Find  $\int_0^3 \frac{e^{\sqrt{x+1}}}{\sqrt{x+1}} dx$



**Example 7.3.12** *Evaluate*

$$\int_{-1}^1 x f(x^2) dx$$

*for any  $f$  is continuous on  $[0, 1]$ .*

**Example 7.3.13** *Let  $f : [-a, a] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $a > 0$ . Suppose  $f(-x) = -f(x)$  for all  $x \in [-a, a]$ . Show that*

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 0.$$

### Exercises 7.3

1. Compute each of the following integrals.

$$1.1 \quad \int_{-3}^3 |x^2 + x - 2| dx$$

$$1.4 \quad \int_1^e x \ln x dx$$

$$1.2 \quad \int_1^4 \frac{\sqrt{x} - 1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$$

$$1.5 \quad \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^x \sin x dx$$

$$1.3 \quad \int_0^1 (3x + 1)^{99} dx$$

$$1.6 \quad \int_0^1 \sqrt{\frac{4x^2 - 4x + 1}{x^2 - x + 3}} dx$$

2. Use First Mean Value Theorem for Integrals to prove the following version of the Mean Value Theorem for Derivatives. If  $f \in C^1[a, b]$ , then there is an  $x_0 \in [a, b]$  such that

$$f(b) - f(a) = (b - a)f'(x_0).$$

3. If  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, find  $\frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{x^2} f(t) dt$ .

4. If  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, find  $\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\cos t}^t g(x) dx$ .

5. Let  $g$  be differentiable and integrable on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Define  $f(x) = \int_1^{x^2} g(t) \cdot \sqrt{t} dt$ .

Show that  $\int_0^1 xg(x) + f(x) dx = 0$ .

6. If  $f(x) = \int_0^{x^2} \sec^2(t^2) dt$ . show that  $2 \int_0^1 \sec^2(x^2) dx - 4 \int_0^1 xf(x) dx = \tan 1$ .

7. Suppose that  $g$  is integrable and nonnegative on  $[1, 3]$  with  $\int_1^3 g(x) dt = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_1^9 g(\sqrt{x}) dx < 2.$$

8. Suppose that  $h$  is integrable and nonnegative on  $[1, 11]$  with  $\int_1^{11} h(x) dt = 3$ . Prove that

$$\int_0^2 h(1 + 3x + 3x^2 - x^3) dx \leq 1.$$

9. If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and there exist numbers  $\alpha \neq \beta$  such that

$$\alpha \int_a^c f(x) dx + \beta \int_c^b f(x) dx = 0$$

holds for all  $c \in (a, b)$ , prove that  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .

# Chapter 8

## Infinite Series of Real Numbers

### 8.1 Introduction

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Let  $\{a_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of numbers. We shall call an expression of the form

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$$

an **infinite series** with terms  $a_k$ .

**Definition 8.1.1** Let  $S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  be an infinite series whose terms  $a_k$  belong to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

1. The **partial sums** of  $S$  of order  $n$  are the numbers defined, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , by

$$s_n := \sum_{k=1}^n a_k.$$

2.  $S$  is said to **converge** if and only if its sequence of partial sums  $\{s_n\}$  to some  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; i.e., for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n \geq N \quad \text{implies} \quad |s_n - s| < \varepsilon.$$

In this case we shall write

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = s$$

and call  $s$  the sum, or value, of the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ .

3.  $S$  is said to **diverge** if and only if its sequence of partial sums  $\{s_n\}$  does not converge.

**Example 8.1.2** *Prove that*  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1} \right] = 1.$

**Example 8.1.3** *Prove that*  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k$  *diverges.*

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**Theorem 8.1.4 (Harmonic Series)** *Prove that the sequence  $\frac{1}{k}$  converges but the series*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \quad \text{diverges.}$$

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**Theorem 8.1.5 (Divergence Test)** *Let  $\{a_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of real numbers.*

*If  $a_k$  does not converge to zero, then the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  diverges.*

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**Example 8.1.6** *Show that the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n+1}$  diverges.*

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**Theorem 8.1.7 (Telescopic Series)** *If  $\{a_k\}$  is a convergent real sequence, then*

$$\sum_{k=m}^{\infty} (a_k - a_{k+1}) = a_m - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k.$$

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**Example 8.1.8** *Evaluate the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)}$ .*

**Example 8.1.9** *Determine whether  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1} + \sqrt{k}}$  converges or not.*

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**Theorem 8.1.10 (Geometric Seires)** *The series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^k$  converges if and only if  $|x| < 1$ , in which case*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^k = \frac{x}{1-x}.$$

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**Example 8.1.11** *Determine whether the following series converges or diverges.*

1.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k}$

2.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt{2} - 1)^{-k}$

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**Theorem 8.1.12** *Let  $\{a_k\}$  and  $\{b_k\}$  be real sequences. If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  are convergent series, then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k + b_k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\alpha a_k) = \alpha \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$$

for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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**Theorem 8.1.13** *If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  diverges, then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k + b_k) \text{ diverges.}$$

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**Example 8.1.14** Evaluate  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 + 2^{k+1}}{3^k}$ .

**Example 8.1.15** Evaluate  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{2^k}$ .

**Example 8.1.16** Evaluate  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \frac{5^k}{2^k} \right)$ .

**Example 8.1.17** *Let  $\pi$  be a Pi constant. Show that*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi^{k^2}} \left[ 1 - \frac{\pi^{2k}}{\pi} + \left( \frac{\pi^k}{\pi} \right)^k \right]$$

*converges and find its value.*

**Example 8.1.18** *Evaluate the series  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 - 1}$ .*

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**Exercises 8.1**


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1. Show that

$$\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} x^k = \frac{x^n}{1-x}$$

for  $|x| < 1$  and  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ 

2. Prove that each of the following series converges and find its value.

2.1 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{k+1} - \sqrt{k}}{\sqrt{k(k+1)}}$$

2.3 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} + 4}{5^k}$$

2.5 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k e^{-k}$$

2.2 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{\pi^k}$$

2.4 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^k}{7^{k-1}}$$

2.6 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2k-1}{2^k}$$

3. Represent each of the following series as a telescopic series and find its value.

3.1 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)}$$

3.2 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ln \left( \frac{k(k+2)}{(k+1)^2} \right)$$

3.3 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sqrt[k]{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^{j_k} \right), \quad \text{where } j_k = -\frac{1}{k(k+1)} \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

4. Find all
- $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- for which

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 3(x^k - x^{k-1})(x^k + x^{k-1})$$

converges. For each such  $x$ , find the value of this series.

5. Prove that each of the following series diverges.

5.1 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \cos \frac{1}{k^2}$$

5.2 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{k} \right)^k$$

5.3 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k+1}{k^2}$$

6. Prove that if
- $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$
- converges, then its partial sums
- $s_n$
- are bounded.

7. Let
- $\{b_k\}$
- be a real sequence and
- $b \in \mathbb{R}$
- .

7.1 Suppose that there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|b - b_k| \leq M$  for all  $k \geq N$ . Prove that

$$\left| nb - \sum_{k=1}^n b_k \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^N |b_k - b| + M(n - N)$$

for all  $n > N$ .

7.2 Prove that if  $b_k \rightarrow b$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , then

$$\frac{b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_n}{n} \rightarrow b \quad \text{as} \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

7.3 Show that converse of 7.2 is false.

8. A series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$  is said to be **Cesàro summable** to  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if

$$\sigma_n := \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{k}{n}\right) a_k$$

converges to  $L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

8.1 Let  $s_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$ . Prove that  $\sigma_n = \frac{s_1 + s_2 + \cdots + s_n}{n}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

8.2 Prove that if  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k = L$  converges, then  $c$  is Cesàro summable to  $L$ .

8.3 Prove that  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k$  is Cesàro summable to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; hence the converse of 8.2 is false.

8.4 **TAUBER**. Prove that if  $a_k \geq 0$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$  is Cesàro summable to  $L$ , then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k = L.$$

9. Suppose that  $\{a_k\}$  is a decreasing sequence of real numbers. Prove that if  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges, then  $ka_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

10. Suppose that  $a_k \geq 0$  for  $k$  large and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k}$  converges. Prove that  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{j+k} = 0$ .

11. If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  diverges, prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k + b_k)$  diverges.

## 8.2 Series with nonnegative terms

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### INTEGRAL TEST.

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**Theorem 8.2.1 (Integral Test)** *Suppose that  $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is positive and decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ . Then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(k)$  converges if and only if*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^n f(x) dx < \infty.$$

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**Example 8.2.2** Use the Integral Test to prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$  diverges.

**Example 8.2.3** Show that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$  converges.

**Example 8.2.4** Show that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + 1}$  converges.

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**p-SERIES TEST.**

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**Theorem 8.2.5 (p-Series Test)** *The series*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^p}$$

*converges if and only if  $p > 1$ .*

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**Example 8.2.6** Find  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{p^2-2}$  converges.

**Example 8.2.7** Determine whether  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k + 2^k}{k2^k} \right)$  converges or not.



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**COMPARISON TEST.**


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**Theorem 8.2.8** *Suppose that  $a_k \geq 0$  for  $k \geq N$ . Then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges if and only if its sequence of partial sums  $\{s_n\}$  is bounded, i.e., if and only if there exists a finite number  $M > 0$  such that*

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right| \leq M \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$


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**Theorem 8.2.9 (Comparison Test)** *Suppose that there is an  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  such that*

$$0 \leq a_k \leq b_k \quad \text{for all } k \geq M.$$

1. *If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k < \infty$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k < \infty$ .*
  2. *If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = \infty$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k = \infty$ .*
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**Example 8.2.10** *Determine whether the following series converges or diverges.*

1.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3 + 1}$

2.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3 + 3^k}$

**Example 8.2.11** *Determine whether  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln k}$  converges or diverges.*

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**LIMIT COMPARISON TEST.**

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**Theorem 8.2.12 (Limit Comparison Test)** *Suppose that  $a_k$  and  $b_k$  are positive for large  $k$  and*

$$L := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n}$$

*exists as an extended real number.*

1. *If  $0 < L < \infty$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  converges if and only if  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges.*
  2. *If  $L = 0$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  converges, then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges.*
  3. *If  $L = \infty$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  diverges, then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  diverges.*
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**Example 8.2.13** Use the Limit Comparison Test to prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + 1}$  converge.

**Example 8.2.14** Determine whether  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{2k^4 + k + 3}$  converges or diverges.

**Example 8.2.15** Determine whether  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k} + 1}$  converges or diverges.

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**Theorem 8.2.16** Let  $a_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Prove that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin |a_k| \text{ converges} \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k| \text{ converges.}$$

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**Exercises 8.2**


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1. Prove that each of the following series converges.

$$1.1 \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k-3}{k^3+k+1}$$

$$1.3 \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln k}{k^p}, \quad p > 1$$

$$1.5 \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(10 + \frac{1}{k}\right) k^{-e}$$

$$1.2 \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k-1}{k2^k}$$

$$1.4 \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}3^{k-1}}$$

$$1.6 \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{3k^2 - \sqrt{k}}{k^4 - k^2 + 1}$$

2. Prove that each of the following series diverges.

$$2.1 \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt[k]{k}}{k}$$

$$2.3 \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2 + 2k + 3}{k^3 - 2k^2 + \sqrt{2}}$$

$$2.2 \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln^p(k+1)}, \quad p > 0$$

$$2.4 \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k \ln^p k}, \quad p \leq 1$$

3. Use the Comparison Test to determine whether  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{3k}{k^2+k} \sqrt{\frac{\ln k}{k}}$  converges or diverges.

4. Find all  $p \geq 0$  such that the following series converges.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k \ln^p(k+1)}$

5. If  $a_k \geq 0$  is a bounded sequence, prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{(k+1)^p}$  converges for all  $p > 1$ .

6. If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|$  converges, prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{|a_k|}{k^p}$  converges for all  $p \geq 0$ . What happen if  $p < 0$  ?

7. Prove that if  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  converge, then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k b_k$  also converges.

8. Suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfy  $\frac{b}{a} \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$ . Find all  $q > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(ak+b)q^k} \quad \text{converges.}$$

9. Suppose that  $a_k \rightarrow 0$ . Prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges if and only if the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_{2k} + a_{2k+1})$  converges.

## 8.3 Absolute convergence

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**Theorem 8.3.1 (Cauchy Criterion)** *Let  $\{a_k\}$  be a real sequence. Then the infinite series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that*

$$m > n \geq N \quad \text{imply} \quad \left| \sum_{k=n}^m a_k \right| < \varepsilon.$$

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**Corollary 8.3.2** *Let  $\{a_k\}$  be a real sequence. Then the infinite series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that*

$$n \geq N \quad \text{implies} \quad \left| \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k \right| < \varepsilon.$$

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**ABSOLUTE CONVERGENCE.**

**Definition 8.3.3** Let  $S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  be an infinite series.

1.  $S$  is said to **converge absolutely** if and only if  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k| < \infty$ .
2.  $S$  is said to **converge conditionally** if and only if  $S$  converges but not absolutely.

**Theorem 8.3.4** A series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges absolutely if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$m > n \geq N \quad \text{implies} \quad \sum_{k=n}^m |a_k| < \varepsilon.$$

**Theorem 8.3.5** If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges absolutely, then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges.



**Example 8.3.6** Prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k^2}$  converges absolutely but  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k}$  is not.

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### LIMIT SUPREMUM.

**Definition 8.3.7** The supremum  $s$  of the set of adherent points of a sequence  $\{x_k\}$  is called the *limit supremum* of  $\{x_k\}$ , denoted by  $s := \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k$ , i.e.,

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup\{x_k : k \geq n\}.$$

**Example 8.3.8** Evaluate limit supremum of the following sequences.

1.  $x_k = \frac{1}{k}$

2.  $y_k = \frac{(-1)^k}{k}$

3.  $z_k = 1 + (-1)^k$

**Theorem 8.3.9** *Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\{x_k\}$  be a real sequence.*

1. *If  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k < x$ , then  $x_k < x$  for large  $k$ .*
  2. *If  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k > x$ , then  $x_k > x$  for infinitely many  $k$ .*
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**Theorem 8.3.10** *Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\{x_k\}$  be a real sequence. If  $x_k \rightarrow x$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , then*

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x.$$

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**Example 8.3.11** *Evaluate limit supremum of  $\left\{ \frac{k}{k+1} \right\}$ .*

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**ROOT TEST.**

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**Theorem 8.3.12 (Root Test)** *Let  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $r := \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} |a_k|^{\frac{1}{k}}$ .*

1. *If  $r < 1$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges absolutely.*
  2. *If  $r > 1$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  diverges.*
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**Example 8.3.13** *Prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k}{1+2k} \right)^k$  converges absolutely.*

**Example 8.3.14** *Prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{3+(-1)^k}{2} \right)^k$  diverges.*

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**RATIO TEST.**

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**Theorem 8.3.15 (Ratio Test)** *Let  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a_k \neq 0$  for large  $k$  and suppose that*

$$r := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right|$$

*exists as an extended real number.*

1. *If  $r < 1$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges absolutely.*
  2. *If  $r > 1$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  diverges.*
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**Example 8.3.16** *Prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^k}{k!}$  converges absolutely.*

**Example 8.3.17** *Prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{k^k}$  diverges.*

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**Exercises 8.3**


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1. Prove that each of the following series converges.

$$1.1 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!}$$

$$1.2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^k}$$

$$1.3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{k!}$$

$$1.4 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k}{k+1} \right)^{k^2}$$

2. Decide, using results covered so far in this chapter, which of the following series converge and which diverge.

$$2.1 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2}{\pi^k}$$

$$2.4 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k+1}{2k+3} \right)^k$$

$$2.7 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k!}{(k+2)!} \right)^{k^2}$$

$$2.2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{2^k}$$

$$2.5 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k}{k+1} \right)^{k^2}$$

$$2.8 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{3 + (-1)^k}{3} \right)^k$$

$$2.3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{2^k + 3^k}$$

$$2.6 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \pi - \frac{1}{k} \right) k^{-1}$$

$$2.9 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + (-1)^k)^k}{e^k}$$

3. Define  $a_k$  recursively by  $a_1 = 1$  and

$$a_k = (-1)^k \left( 1 + k \sin \left( \frac{1}{k} \right) \right)^{-1} a_{k-1}, \quad k > 1.$$

Prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges absolutely.

4. Suppose that  $a_k \geq 0$  and  $\sqrt[k]{a_k} \rightarrow a$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k x^k$  converges absolutely for all  $|x| < \frac{1}{a}$  if  $a \neq 0$  and for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $a = 0$ .
5. For each of the following, find all values of  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the given series converges absolutely.

$$5.1 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k \ln^p k}$$

$$5.3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^p}{p^k}$$

$$5.5 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{kp} k!}{k^k}$$

$$5.2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln^p k}$$

$$5.4 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}(k^p - 1)}$$

$$5.6 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt{k^{2p} + 1} - k^p)$$

6. Suppose that  $a_{kj} \geq 0$  for  $k, j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Set

$$A_k = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{kj}$$

for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and suppose that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k$  converges.

6.1 Prove that 
$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{kj} \right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{kj} \right)$$

6.2 Show that 
$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{kj} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{kj} \right)$$

7. Suppose that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges absolutely. Prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|^p$  converges for all  $p \geq 1$ .

8. Suppose that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges conditionally. Prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^p a_k$  diverges for all  $p \geq 1$ .

9. Let  $a_n > 0$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Set  $b_1 = 0$ ,  $b_2 = \ln \left( \frac{a_2}{a_1} \right)$ , and

$$b_k = \ln \left( \frac{a_k}{a_{k-1}} \right) - \ln \left( \frac{a_{k-1}}{a_{k-2}} \right), \quad k = 3, 4, \dots$$

9.1 Prove that  $r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}}$  if exists and is positive, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{k-1}{n} \right) b_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k = \ln r.$$

9.2 Prove that if  $a_n \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \rightarrow r$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for some  $r > 0$ , then  $|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow r$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .



## 8.4 Alternating series

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**Theorem 8.4.1 (Abel's Formula)** *Let  $\{a_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{b_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be real sequences, and for each pair of integers  $n \geq m \geq 1$  set*

$$A_{n,m} := \sum_{k=m}^n a_k.$$

*Then*

$$\sum_{k=m}^n a_k b_k = A_{n,m} b_n - \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} A_{k,m} (b_{k+1} - b_k)$$

*for all integers  $n > m \geq 1$ .*

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**Theorem 8.4.2 (Dirichlet's Test)** *Let  $\{a_k\}$  and  $\{b_k\}$  be sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$ . If the sequence of partial sums  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$  is bounded and  $b_k \downarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k \quad \text{converges.}$$

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**Corollary 8.4.3 (Alternating Series Test (AST))** *If  $a_k \downarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k a_k \quad \text{converges.}$$

*Moreover, if  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges, then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k a_k \quad \text{converges conditionally.}$$

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**Example 8.4.4** *Prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k}$  converges conditionally.*

**Example 8.4.5** *Prove that  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\ln k}$  converges conditionally.*

**Example 8.4.6** *Prove that  $S(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(kx)}{k}$  converges for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

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**Exercises 8.4**


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1. Prove that each of the following series converges.

$$1.1 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan k \right)$$

$$1.5 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(kx)}{k^p}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, p > 0$$

$$1.2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k k^2}{2^k}$$

$$1.6 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k^2} \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdots (2k)}{1 \cdot 3 \cdots (2k-1)}$$

$$1.3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!}$$

$$1.7 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\ln(e^k + 1)}$$

$$1.4 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k^p}, \quad p > 0$$

$$1.8 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\arctan k}{4k^3 - 1}$$

2. For each of the following, find all values  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the given series converges.

$$2.1 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k}$$

$$2.4 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x+2)^k}{k\sqrt{k+1}}$$

$$2.2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{3k}}{2^k}$$

$$2.5 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k (x+1)^k}{k!}$$

$$2.3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^k}{\sqrt{k^2 + 1}}$$

$$2.6 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k(x+3)}{\cos k} \right)^k$$

3. Using any test covered in this chapter, find out which of the following series converge absolutely, which converge conditionally, and which diverge.

$$3.1 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k k^3}{(k+1)!}$$

$$3.5 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \sqrt{k+1}}{\sqrt{k} k^k}$$

$$3.2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)(-3) \cdots (1-2k)}{1 \cdot 4 \cdots (3k-2)}$$

$$3.6 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \sin k}{k!}$$

$$3.3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k+1)^k}{p^k k!}, \quad p > e$$

$$3.7 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\sqrt{k^2 + 1}}$$

$$3.4 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \sqrt{k}}{k+1}$$

$$3.8 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \ln(k+2)}{k}$$

4. **ABEL'S TEST.** Suppose that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges and  $b_k \downarrow b$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Prove that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k b_k \quad \text{converges.}$$

5. Use Dirichlet's Test to prove that

$$S(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(kx)}{k^2}$$

converges for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

6. Prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos(kx)$  converges for every  $x \in (0, 2\pi)$  and every  $a_k \downarrow 0$ .  
What happens when  $x = 0$  ?

7. Suppose that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges. Prove that if  $b_k \uparrow \infty$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k b_k$  converges, then

$$b_m \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} a_k \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad m \rightarrow \infty.$$

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