

Analysis II

Lecture Notes

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1 Limits of Functions

Definition 1.1 (Pointwise Convergence)

Given a sequence (f_n) of functions with $f_n: A \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, f_n converges pointwise on A to $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ if, for each $x \in A$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x).$$

This notion of convergence for functions has undesirable properties. For example, even if all f_n are continuous, it may be the case that their limit function is not a continuous function. Let's define a stronger convergence condition for functions.

Definition 1.2 (Uniform Convergence)

Given a sequence (f_n) of functions with $f_n: A \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, f_n converges uniformly on A to $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ if, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an integer N such that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$$

for all $x \in A$ and $n \geq N$.

Note that we can rewrite the definition of pointwise convergence as: for all $x \in A$ and all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists N such that $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$ for all $n \geq N$. The key difference between pointwise convergence and uniform convergence is that N depends on both x and ϵ in pointwise convergence, while N only depends on ϵ in uniform convergence.

Proposition 1.3 (Uniform convergence implies pointwise convergence)

Given a sequence (f_n) of functions with $f_n: A \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that f_n converges uniformly on A to $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, then f_n converges pointwise on A to f .

Proof. Since f_n converges uniformly on A to f , for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an integer $N(\epsilon)$ such that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$$

for all $x \in A$ and $n \geq N$.

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Therefore, for all $x \in A$ and $\epsilon > 0$, the integer $N(\epsilon)$ has the property that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon,$$

i.e., for all $x \in A$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$. Therefore, f_n converges pointwise on A to f . ■

Theorem 1.4

Given a sequence (f_n) of functions with $f_n: A \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, f_n converges uniformly on A to f if, and only if,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x \in A} |f_n(x) - f(x)| = 0.$$

Proof. Suppose f_n converges uniformly on A to f . Then, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an integer N such that $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon/2$ for all $x \in A$ and $n \geq N$. This implies that, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an integer N such that, for all $n \geq N$, $\sup_{x \in A} |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$. Finally, using the definition of limit, we conclude that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x \in A} |f_n(x) - f(x)| = 0$.

Now, suppose that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x \in A} |f_n(x) - f(x)| = 0$. This implies that, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an integer N such that, for all $n \geq N$, $\sup_{x \in A} |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon/2$. Then, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an integer N such that $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$ for all $x \in A$ and $n \geq N$. Therefore, f_n converges uniformly on A to f . ■

Uniform convergence of f_n to f says that, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists N large enough so that the graph of f_n , for all $n \geq N$, is entirely in the “ ϵ -tube” of the graph of f .

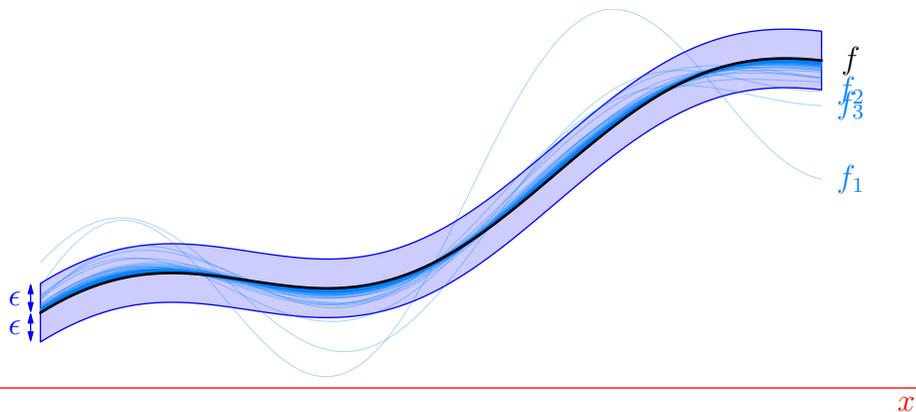


Figure 1.1: Graph of the “ ϵ -tube.” In this example, all f_n , for $n \geq 4$, are in the ϵ -tube.

Example

Let $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{1+nx^2}$ and let f be its pointwise limit, i.e., $f(x) = 0$. Then, f_n uniformly converges to f on $(\epsilon, 1)$, for all $\epsilon > 0$; however, f_n does not converge uniformly to f on $(0, 1)$.

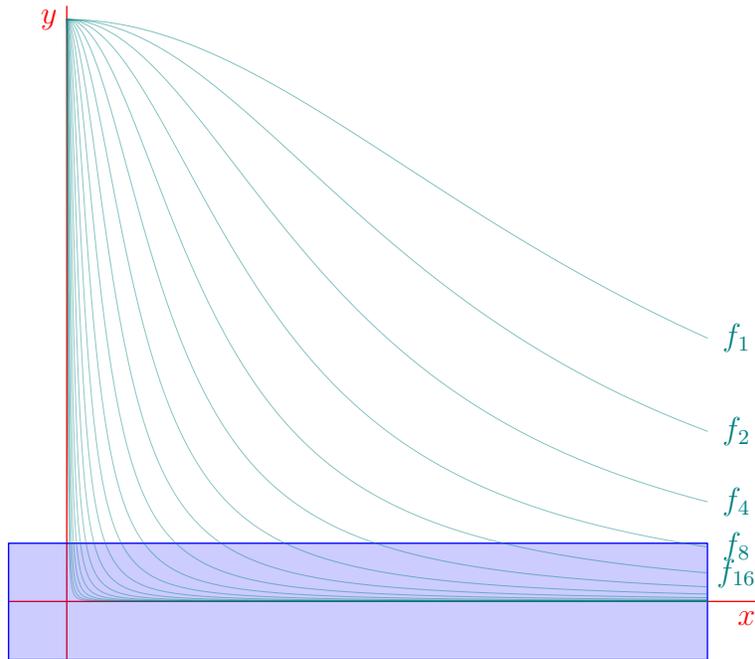


Figure 1.2: Graph of some functions $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{1+nx^2}$.

1.1 Interaction with Boundness

Proposition 1.5 (Pointwise convergence does not preserve boundness)

There exists a sequence of functions $f_n: A \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, all of them bounded on A , and $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise on A for a unbounded function f on A .

Proof. Consider $f_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} x & |x| < n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

which converges pointwise to $f(x) = x$ on \mathbb{R} . ■

Proposition 1.6 (Uniform convergence preserves boundedness)

If $f_n: A \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded for each n , and if $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly on A , then f is bounded on A .

Proof. Plug $\epsilon \mapsto 1$ on the definition of uniform convergence. Then, there exists N such that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < 1$$

for all $n \geq N$ and all $x \in A$.

Since f_N is bounded, there exists M such that $|f_N(x)| < M$ for all $x \in A$. Finally, by triangular inequality, we conclude that

$$|f(x)| < M + 1,$$

for all $x \in A$; therefore, f is bounded. ■

1.2 Interaction with Continuity

Proposition 1.7 (Uniform convergence preserves continuity)

If $f_n: A \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous for each n , and if $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly on A , then f is continuous on A .

Proof. Let $c \in A$ be arbitrary. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary.

Since $f_n \rightarrow f$, there exists N such that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon/3$$

for all $n \geq N$ and $x \in A$.

Since f_N is continuous at c , there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|f_N(x) - f_N(c)| < \epsilon/3$$

for all $x \in A$ satisfying $|x - c| < \delta$.

Therefore, by triangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(c) - f(x)| &= |f(c) - f_n(c) + f_n(c) - f_n(x) + f_n(x) - f(x)| \\ &\leq |f(c) - f_n(c)| + |f_n(c) - f_n(x)| + |f_n(x) - f(x)| \\ &< \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in A$ satisfying $|x - c| < \delta$. Since ϵ was arbitrary, this implies f is continuous at c . Since c was arbitrary, this implies f is continuous on A . ■

1.3 Interaction with Differentiability

Proposition 1.8 (Uniform convergence does not preserve differentiability)

There exists a sequence of functions $f_n: A \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, all of them differentiable on A , and $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly on A for a non-differentiable function f on A .

Theorem 1.9

If

- i. f_n is differentiable on $[a, b]$, for all integers n ,
- ii. f'_n converges uniformly on $[a, b]$ to g , and
- iii. f_n converges pointwise on $[a, b]$ to f ,

then f is differentiable on $[a, b]$, and $f' = g$.

Aside: Series solutions for differential equations

Question. Derive functions $y(x)$ that obey

$$x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 0.$$

Proof (Sketch). Plug $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ in the equation above yields

$$a_1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left((n+1)^2 a_{n+1} + a_{n-1} \right) x^n = 0,$$

thus we can infer $a_{2k+1} = 0$ and $(2k)^2 a_{2k} + a_{2k-2} = 0$ for all $k \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$. ■

1.4 Uniformly Cauchy

Definition 1.10 (Uniformly Cauchy)

The sequence of functions $f_n: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is uniformly Cauchy on A if, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a positive integer N such that, for all $x \in A$ and all $m, n \geq N$,

$$|f_m(x) - f_n(x)| < \epsilon.$$

Theorem 1.11

The sequence of functions $f_n: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ converges uniformly on A if, and only if, it is uniformly Cauchy on A .

Proof (Uniformly Convergence implies Uniformly Cauchy). If $f_n: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ converges uniformly on A , then for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a positive integer N such that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon/2$$

for all $x \in A$ and all $n \geq N$.

Therefore, it follows that, for all ϵ , there exists a positive integer N such that

$$|f_m(x) - f_n(x)| = |f_m(x) - f(x)| + |f(x) - f_n(x)| < \epsilon.$$

for all $x \in A$ and all $m, n \geq N$. ■

Proof (Uniformly Cauchy implies Uniformly Convergence). **To be done.** ■

1.5 Weierstrass M-test

Theorem 1.12 (Weierstrass M-test)

If $g_n: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a sequence of functions and if there exists constants $M_n \geq 0$ so that

$$|g_n(x)| \leq M_n$$

for all $x \in A$ and $\sum_n M_n$ converges, then $\sum_n g_n(x)$ converges uniformly on A .

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Proof. Since $\sum M_n$ converges, by the Cauchy criterion, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a positive integer N such that

$$M_{m+1} + \cdots + M_n = |M_{m+1} + \cdots + M_n| < \epsilon$$

for all $n > m \geq N$.

Thus, for all ϵ , for the N above, implies that

$$|g_{m+1}(x) + \cdots + g_n(x)| < \epsilon.$$

for all $m > n \geq N$ and all $x \in A$. ■

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2.1 Our first function spaces

Definition 2.1

Given $A \subset \mathbb{R}$, let $C(A)$ be the set of all functions that are continuous on A , and let $B(A)$ be the set of all functions that are bounded on A .

Proposition 2.2

$C([a, b]) \subseteq B([a, b])$.

Definition 2.3 (Infinity Norm)

Given a bounded function $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, let

$$\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)|.$$

The infinity norm is a valid norm for both $B([a, b])$ and $C([a, b])$.

2.2 Topology in function spaces

Last semester, we defined ϵ -neighborhoods, open sets, sequence convergence, closed sets, etc. on normed vector spaces. Therefore, we have those definitions for $C([a, b])$ and $B([a, b])$

Example

The set $\{f \in C((0, 1)) : f(1/3) + f(2/3) < 1\}$ is open, but not closed.

The set $\{f \in C([0, 1]) : f(0) = 0\}$ is closed, but not open.

The set $\{f \in C([0, 1]) : f \text{ is a constant function}\}$ is closed, but not open.

The set $\{f \in C([0, 1]) : f \text{ is a polynomial}\}$ is neither open nor closed.

Proposition 2.4

Convergence with respect to the infinity norm is equal to uniform convergence.

Proof. Note that $f_n \rightarrow f$ with respect to $\|\bullet\|_\infty$ is equivalent to $\|f_n - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$. In turn, this is equivalent to $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x \in [a,b]} |f_n(x) - f(x)| = 0$. Finally, this is equivalent to $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly. ■

2.3 Measure

We are going to cheat a little.

Definition 2.5 (Measure Zero)

A set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ has *measure zero* if, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a finite or countable collection of open intervals (a_n, b_n) such that

$$A \subset \bigcup_n (a_n, b_n) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_n (b_n - a_n) \leq \epsilon.$$

Proposition 2.6

If A has measure zero, and B has measure zero, then $A \cup B$ has measure zero.

Proposition 2.7

If \mathcal{C} is a countable collection of sets with measure zero, then their union also has measure zero.

Example

The sets $\{4, 8\}$, \mathbb{N} , \mathbb{Q} , and the cantor set C have measure zero.

Proposition 2.8

If $a < b$, then $[a, b]$ does not have measure zero.

Proof (Sketch). Suppose we could cover $[a, b]$ with an open cover with total length at most $\frac{b-a}{4}$. Since $[a, b]$ is compact, this cover has a finite sub-cover; which still has length at most $\frac{b-a}{4}$. Suppose that that subcover contains $(a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_n, b_n)$, with

$a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_n$. **To be finished.** ■

Corolary 2.9

If $a < b$, then $(a, b]$, $[a, b)$, (a, b) do not have measure zero.

2.3.1 Step Functions

A step function is a function that is non-zero on a finite set of disjoint bounded intervals, constant on each of those intervals, and zero everywhere else.

Definition 2.10 (Characteristic Function)

Given $S \subset \mathbb{R}$, the corresponding characteristic function is

$$\chi_S(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in S \\ 0 & x \notin S \end{cases}$$

Definition 2.11 (Step Function)

A step function is a function of the form

$$f(x) = c_1\chi_{I_1}(x) + c_2\chi_{I_2}(x) + \dots + c_n\chi_{I_n}(x),$$

where c_j are real numbers and I_j is a collection of disjoint bounded intervals. Equivalently, I_j can be a collection of (not necessarily disjoint) bounded intervals.

Definition 2.12 (Lebesgue integral of a step function)

Given a step function

$$f(x) = c_1\chi_{I_1}(x) + c_2\chi_{I_2}(x) + \dots + c_n\chi_{I_n}(x),$$

we define its Lebesgue integral to be

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) = c_1m(I_1) + c_2m(I_2) + \dots + c_nm(I_n),$$

where $m(I_i)$ is the absolute value of the difference of I_i 's endpoints.

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Definition 2.13 (Lebesgue integral of some other functions)

Given a function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, if we can find a sequence ϕ_n of step functions such that

- i. $\phi_1(x), \phi_2(x), \phi_3(x), \dots$ is monotone increasing for each $x \in \mathbb{R}$, and
- ii. $\phi_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise except possibly on a set of measure zero,

then we define

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_n(x)dx,$$

if that limit exists.

Example

Consider $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ and } x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that $\phi_n(x) := 0$ converges pointwise to f except on $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$, which has measure zero. Therefore,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_n(x)dx = 0.$$

Example

Consider $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x) = 1.$$

Define $\phi_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\phi_n(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in [-n, n] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since ϕ_n converges pointwise to f ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_n(x)dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2n = +\infty.$$

Example

Consider $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/2^k & \text{if } k-1 < x \leq k \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Define $\phi_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\phi_n(x) := \begin{cases} 1/2^k & \text{if } k-1 < x \leq k \text{ for } k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since ϕ_n converges pointwise to f ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_n(x)dx \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2^n} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Example

Consider $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/\sqrt{x} & \text{for } 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{anywhere.} \end{cases}$$

Define $\phi_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\phi_n(x) := f\left(\frac{k^2}{4^n}\right) = \frac{2^n}{k},$$

if $\frac{(k-1)^2}{4^n} < x \leq \frac{k^2}{4^n}$. Since ϕ_n converges pointwise to f ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_n(x)dx \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{2^n} \frac{2^n}{j} \frac{j^2 - (j-1)^2}{4^n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{j=1}^{2^n} \frac{j^2 - (j-1)^2}{j} \end{aligned}$$

To be continued.

Definition 2.14

Let $L^0(\mathbb{R})$ be the set of functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that there exists a sequence ϕ_n of step functions satisfying

- i. $\phi_n(x) \leq \phi_{n+1}(x)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$;

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- ii. $\phi_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise, expect on a set of measure zero;
- iii. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_n(x)$ is a real number.

This definition only makes sense given the following theorem:

Theorem 2.15

If two sequence of step functions converge pointwise to f , then the limit of their integrals are equal (or both don't exist).

Definition 2.16

Let $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ be the space of functions f such that there are $g, h \in L^0(\mathbb{R})$ satisfying $f = g - h$. In that case, we define

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) dx.$$

Theorem 2.17 ($L^1(\mathbb{R})$ is a vector space)

$L^1(\mathbb{R})$ is a vector space.

Theorem 2.18 (Order Integral Theorem)

If $f_1, f_2 \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $f_1(x) \geq f_2(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(x) dx \geq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(x) dx.$$

Theorem 2.19

If $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, then $|f| \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, and

$$\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx \right| \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)| dx.$$

Definition 2.20 (1-“norm”)

Given $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, let $\|f\|_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)| dx$.

The 1-“norm” is not actually a norm. Let's “fix” $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ so that 1-“norm” is actually

Definition 2.21

Let $L_{nvs}^1(\mathbb{R})$ be the equivalent classes of functions, in which f and g are equivalent if, and only if, f and g agree except on a set of measure zero.

Notationally, nobody calls this $L_{nvs}^1(\mathbb{R})$; they just call it $L^1(\mathbb{R})$. And most of the time, they describe an object in $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ as if it were a function, even though in fact is a “collection of functions that all equal each other except on a set of measure zero”.

Definition 2.22

If $f: A \supset [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and the restriction of f to $[a, b]$ is in $L^1([a, b])$, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dx,$$

where $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$g(x) \begin{cases} f(x) & x \in [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since we are lazy, we will say that $f \in L^1([a, b])$.

Proposition 2.23

If $f \in L^1([a, b])$ and $f \in L^1([b, c])$, then $f \in L^1([a, c])$ and

$$\int_a^c f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_b^c f(x) dx.$$

Theorem 2.24 (Lebegue's Fundamental Theorem of Calculus)

If $f \in L^1([a, b])$ define $F(x) = \int_a^b f(t) dt$ for any $x \in [a, b]$. If f is continuous at $c \in (a, b)$, then $F'(c)$ exists and equals $f(c)$.

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary.

Since f is continuous at c , there exists $\delta > 0$ so that for every x δ -close to c we have $|f(x) - f(c)| < \delta$.

Let h be arbitrary such that $0 < |h| < \delta$. Without loss of generality, suppose

$0 < h < \delta$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{F(c+h) - F(c)}{h} - f(c) \right| &= \left| \frac{\int_a^{c+h} f(t) dt - \int_a^c f(t) dt}{h} - f(c) \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{\int_c^{c+h} f(t) dt}{h} - \frac{\int_c^{c+h} f(c) dt}{h} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{\int_c^{c+h} (f(t) - f(c)) dt}{h} \right| < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the result follows. ■

Theorem 2.25 (More Familiar Fundamental Theorem)

If f is continuous on all $[a, b]$ and $F(x)$ is any antiderivative of $f(x)$, i.e., $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a).$$

Theorem 2.26 ($L^1([a, b])$ is complete)

If $f_n \in L^1([a, b])$ is a Cauchy sequence (with respect to $\|\bullet\|_1$), then there exists $f \in L^1([a, b])$ such that $f_n \rightarrow f$.

Definition 2.27

For $p > 1$, we say that $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ if f is a measurable function and $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^p dx$ is a finite number.

2.3.2 Aside: Measure

Example (Non-measurable set)

Endow $[0, 1)$ with an equivalence relation defined by $a \sim b \iff a - b \in \mathbb{Q}$. Using the Axiom of Choice, construct a set V by picking one representant from each set.

If the measure of V is 0, then we can conclude that every $V + q \pmod{1}$ also have measure zero, for rationals $q \in [0, 1)$, but then their union, which is $[0, 1)$, also has measure zero.

If the measure of V is $\epsilon > 0$, then we can conclude that every $V + q \pmod{1}$ also

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have measure ϵ , for rationals $q \in [0, 1)$, but the union of more than $1/\epsilon$ has measure greater than 1, but is contained in $[0, 1)$.

Example (Non-measurable function)

Consider χ_V .

Definition 2.28 (p -norm)

Given $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$, define

$$\|f\|_p = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

2.4 Convex Functions

Definition 2.29 (Convex Function)

Given an interval $A \subset \mathbb{R}$, a function $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *convex* if, and only if,

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y),$$

for all $x, y \in A$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Example

The functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = |x|$ and $g(x) = x^p$, for $p > 1$, are convex functions.

Theorem 2.30

Given an interval A , and a convex function $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, if $f(A)$ is an interval and $g: f(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex function, then $g \circ f$ is convex on A .

Proposition 2.31

The p -norm indeed satisfies the triangle inequality. In other words, for all $f, g \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$,

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x) + g(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} + \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

2.5 $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ is special

Theorem 2.32

If $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$, then $fg \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, with

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)g(x)| dx \leq \|f\|_2 \|g\|_2.$$

Definition 2.33 (Inner product in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$)

Given $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$, we define their inner product by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)g(x) dx.$$

Proposition 2.34

For all $f, g, h \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

- i. $\langle f, g \rangle = \langle g, f \rangle$.
- ii. $\langle f, f \rangle \geq 0$, and the equality holds if, and only if, $f = 0$.
- iii. $\langle f + g, h \rangle = \langle f, h \rangle + \langle g, h \rangle$.
- iv. $\langle cf, g \rangle = c\langle f, g \rangle$.

2.6 The Fourier and inverse-Fourier transform

Definition 2.35 (Fourier transform)

Given a function f of a real variable, we define its Fourier transform, denoted by \hat{f} , by

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega x} f(x) dx,$$

and we define its “inverse” Fourier transform, denoted by \check{f} , by

$$\check{f}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\omega) d\omega.$$