

Problem AC1: Suppose that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = L$ for some $L \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (f(x) + g(x)) = \infty$.

Proof. We are told $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = L$. Therefore there is a $\delta_1 > 0$ such that when $|x| < \delta_1$, $|g(x) - L| < 1$. We can manipulate this to say $g(x) > L - 1$ when $|x| < \delta_1$.

Let $M > 0$. We are told $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \infty$. Therefore there is $\delta_2 > 0$ so that when $|x| < \delta_2$, $f(x) > M - L + 1$.

Let $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$ and suppose $|x| < \delta$. Then $f(x) + g(x) > M - L + 1 + L - 1 = M$. Since M was an arbitrary positive number, we have the desired result. \square

Problem AC2: Suppose that f is continuous on $[0, \infty)$ and that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$. Show that f is uniformly continuous on $[0, \infty)$.

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then since $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$, There exists an $M > 0$ so that when $x \geq M$, $|f(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$.

Consider $f|_{[0, M]}$. Since $[0, M]$ compact and f is continuous, f is uniformly continuous on $[0, M]$. Therefore there is a $\delta > 0$ so that for any $x, y \in [0, M]$ with $|x - y| < \delta$, $|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} < \varepsilon$.

By above, for any $x, y \in [M, \infty)$, $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x)| + |f(y)| < \frac{2\varepsilon}{3} < \varepsilon$. So this will definitely hold when $x, y \in [M, \infty)$ are so that $|x - y| < \delta$.

Now suppose $0 < x \leq M < y$ and $|x - y| < \delta$. Then $|x - M| < \delta$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(y)| &= |f(x) - f(M) + f(M) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f(M)| + |f(M) - f(y)| \\ &\leq |f(x) - f(M)| + |f(M)| + |f(y)| < \varepsilon/3 + \varepsilon/3 + \varepsilon/3 = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore f is uniformly continuous on $[0, \infty)$. \square

Problem AC3: Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded and nondecreasing.

(a) Show that the limits

$$f(x^+) = \lim_{y \rightarrow x, y > x} f(y)$$

exists for every $x \in [a, b)$ and the limits

$$f(x^-) = \lim_{y \rightarrow x, y < x} f(y)$$

for every $x \in (a, b]$.

(b) Show that f has at most countably many jump discontinuities.

Proof. (a) Since f is bounded, there is $M > 0$ so that $|f(x)| < M$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. Let $x \in [a, b)$. Consider the sequence $y_n = x + \frac{b-x}{2^n}$. Note that $y_n > y_{n+1} > x$ for every n and $y_n \rightarrow x$. Therefore for each n , $-M < f(x) \leq f(y_n)$ and $f(y_n) \geq f(y_{n+1})$. Therefore by monotone convergence theorem of sequences, there exists $L \in \mathbb{R}$ so that $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(y_n) = \lim_{y \rightarrow x, y > x} f(y)$. Denote this $L = f(x^+)$. A very similar argument can be made for the other limits.

(b) Recall that the rational numbers are dense in \mathbb{R} , and they are a countable subset of \mathbb{R} . Let

$$S = \{x \in [a, b] : f \text{ has a jump discontinuity}\}.$$

Then for each $x \in S$, by part (a) there exists $f(x^-)$ and $f(x^+)$, and since f is nondecreasing $f(x^-) < f(x^+)$. By density of the rationals, there is a rational number q_x so that $f(x^-) < q_x < f(x^+)$.

Consider the map $S \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ via $x \mapsto q_x$. I claim this map is injective: Indeed suppose $x, t \in S$ and $x \neq t$. Then WLOG $x < t$. Since f is nondecreasing $q_x < f(x^+) \leq f(t^-) < q_t$. So $q_x \neq q_t$ and hence this map is injective.

Therefore S is bijective with a subset of the rationals, which is at most countable. Therefore S is at most countable. \square

Problem AC4: Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable, and $f(0) = f'(0) = 0$. Show that if $\{a_n\}$ is nonnegative and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n < \infty$$

then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(a_n) < \infty.$$

Proof. First, since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n < \infty$, $a_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Also since f is differentiable and hence continuous, $f(a_n) \rightarrow f(0) = 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Second, since $f(0) = f'(0) = 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{f(a_n)}{a_n} \right| = 0$. Therefore there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ so that

$$\frac{|f(a_n)|}{a_n} < 1 \text{ for } n \geq N.$$

With these, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f(a_n)| = \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} |f(a_n)| + \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} |f(a_n)| < \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} |f(a_n)| + \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n < \infty.$$

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Problem RA1: Suppose that f is a finite-valued measurable function on $[0, 1]$ and that $|f(x) - f(y)|$ is integrable on $A = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$. Show that f is integrable on $[0, 1]$.

Proof. By Fubini (or Tonelli, one of them), since $|f(x) - f(y)|$ is integrable over A ,

$$\infty > \int_A |f(x) - f(y)| dm = \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^1 |f(x) - f(y)| dx \right) dy.$$

Therefore $\int_0^1 |f(x) - f(y)| dx < \infty$ for almost every $y \in [0, 1]$. Let y_0 be one of those nice elements in $[0, 1]$. Since f is finite valued, $|f(y_0)| < \infty$. Consider

$$\int_0^1 |f(x)| dx \leq \int_0^1 |f(x) - f(y_0)| dx + \int_0^1 |f(y_0)| dx < \infty.$$

Therefore f is integrable over $[0, 1]$. □

Problem RA2: Suppose that $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is absolutely continuous. Show:

- (a) f maps sets of measure zero to sets of measure zero.
- (b) f maps measurable sets to measurable sets.

Proof. (a) Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since f is absolutely continuous, there is a $\delta > 0$ so that for any countable collection of intervals $\{I_k = [a_k, b_k]\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ so that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |I_k| < \delta$, $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f(b_k) - f(a_k)| < \varepsilon$. Note that since f is continuous, we may break up the intervals at points of relative extrema and thus making $|f(b_k) - f(a_k)| = |f(I_k)|$ for each k .

Let A be a set of measure zero. Then for that δ we mentioned before, there is a countable collection of closed bounded intervals $\{I_k\}$ so that $A \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k$ and $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |I_k| < \delta$. Therefore by absolute continuity, $m(f(A)) \leq m(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} f(I_k)) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f(I_k)| < \varepsilon$. Hence $f(A)$ has measure zero.

(b) Let $A \in \mathbb{R}$ be measurable. Define for each positive integer n , $E_n = [-n, n]$. Note that each E_n is measurable, and therefore $A \cap E_n$ is measurable for each n . Also, $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (A \cap E_n)$.

Fix a positive integer n : Since $A \cap E_n$ is measurable, there is a closed set $F_n \subset A \cap E_n$ and a set $Z_n = (A \cap E_n) \setminus F_n$ of measure zero so that $A \cap E_n = Z_n \sqcup F_n$. Note that by construction F_n is compact. Then $f(F_n)$ is compact. Also by part (a), $f(Z_n)$ has measure zero. Also $f(A \cap E_n) = f(Z_n) \cup f(F_n)$. Then since $f(A \cap E_n)$ differs from a compact set by a set of measure zero, $f(A \cap E_n)$ is measurable.

Therefore $f(A) = f\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A \cap E_n\right) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} f(A \cap E_n)$ is measurable, as desired. □

Problem RA3: Suppose that f is integrable on \mathbb{R}^d and

$$E_\alpha = \{x : |f(x)| > \alpha\}.$$

Prove that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)| dx = \int_0^\infty m(E_\alpha) d\alpha.$$

Proof. The trick is to consider the function $g : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ via $g(\alpha, x) = \chi_{(0, \infty)}(\alpha) \chi_{E_\alpha}(x)$. Notice that $(0, \infty)$ is measurable, and therefore $\chi_{(0, \infty)}(\alpha)$ is measurable. Then by corollary 3.7 on page 85, $\tilde{g}_1(\alpha, x) = \chi_{(0, \infty)}(\alpha)$ is measurable over $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d$. Also f is integrable. So E_α is measurable, and therefore $\chi_{E_\alpha}(x)$ is measurable on \mathbb{R}^d . Then $\tilde{g}_2(\alpha, x) = \chi_{E_\alpha}(x)$ is measurable over $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d$. Therefore $g(\alpha, x) = \tilde{g}_1(\alpha, x) \tilde{g}_2(\alpha, x)$ is measurable over $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d$. Since g is a nonnegative measurable function, by Tonelli, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \chi_{(0, \infty)}(\alpha) \chi_{E_\alpha}(x) dx \right) d\alpha = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_{(0, \infty)}(\alpha) \chi_{E_\alpha}(x) d\alpha \right) dx. \quad (1)$$

Note $\chi_{(0, \infty)}(\alpha)$ is zero for $\alpha \leq 0$. Therefore we may restrict \mathbb{R} to $(0, \infty)$.

Let $\alpha > 0$. Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \chi_{(0, \infty)}(\alpha) \chi_{E_\alpha}(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \chi_{E_\alpha}(x) dx = m(E_\alpha).$$

Fix $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_{(0, \infty)}(\alpha) \chi_{E_\alpha}(x) d\alpha = \int_0^\infty \chi_{E_\alpha}(x) d\alpha = \int_0^{|f(x)|} d\alpha = |f(x)|.$$

If we plug these results into equation (1), we get

$$\int_0^\infty m(E_\alpha) d\alpha = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)| dx.$$

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Problem RA4: Suppose $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of integrable functions on \mathbb{R} such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f_{n+1} - f_n| < \infty.$$

Show that there is a function f such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f_n - f| = 0.$$

Proof. We can answer this problem from the perspective of normed spaces. Recall that $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ is a complete normed linear space under the norm $\|f\| = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f|$.

The problem gives us a sequence $\{f_n\} \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ with the property that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|f_{n+1} - f_n\| < \infty$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. By this property, there exists an N so that

$$\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \|f_{n+1} - f_n\| < \varepsilon.$$

Let $m > k \geq N$. Then $\|f_m - f_k\| \leq \sum_{n=k}^{m-1} \|f_{n+1} - f_n\| \leq \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \|f_{n+1} - f_n\| < \varepsilon$.

Therefore our sequence is Cauchy in $L^1(\mathbb{R})$. Since $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ is complete, there exists a function $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ so that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\| = 0$.

In other words

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f_n - f| = 0.$$

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