

## EXAMPLE SHEET 1

1. Prove the following facts about convergence of sequences in a normed space:

- (a) If  $(\mathbf{v}_n) \rightarrow \mathbf{v}$  and  $(\mathbf{w}_n) \rightarrow \mathbf{w}$ , then  $(\mathbf{v}_n + \mathbf{w}_n) \rightarrow \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$ .
- (b) If  $(\mathbf{v}_n) \rightarrow \mathbf{v}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $(\lambda \mathbf{v}_n) \rightarrow \lambda \mathbf{v}$ .
- (c) If  $(\mathbf{v}_n) \rightarrow \mathbf{v}$ , then any subsequence  $(\mathbf{v}_{n_i})$  of  $(\mathbf{v}_n)$  also converges to  $\mathbf{v}$ .
- (d) If  $(\mathbf{v}_n) \rightarrow \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{w}$ , then  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}$ .

Using (a) and (b), show that if  $f, g : V \rightarrow W$  are continuous, so is  $f + \lambda g$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

2. Suppose  $X$  is a finite subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  whose elements span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|_X = \max_{\mathbf{w} \in X} |\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}|$$

defines a norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Find a norm on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  whose closed unit ball is a regular (Euclidean) hexagon.

3. Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are open? Which are closed? Why?

- (a)  $\{(x, 0) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$
- (b)  $\{(x, 0) \mid 0 < x < 1\}$
- (c)  $\{(x, y) \mid y \neq 0\}$
- (d)  $\{(x, y) \mid x \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ or } y \in \mathbb{Q}\}$
- (e)  $\{(x, y) \mid y = nx \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

4. Is the set  $\{f \in C[0, 1] \mid f(1/2) = 0\}$  a closed subset of  $C[0, 1]$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ ? With respect to  $\|\cdot\|_1$ ? What about the set  $\{f \in C[0, 1] \mid \int_0^1 f(x) dx = 0\}$ ?

5. Let  $\ell_0$  be the set of real sequences  $(x_n)$  such that all but finitely many  $x_n$  are 0. If we use the natural definition of addition and scalar multiplication:  $(x_n) + (y_n) = (x_n + y_n)$  and  $\lambda(x_n) = (\lambda x_n)$ , then  $\ell_0$  is a vector space. Find two norms on  $\ell_0$  which are not Lipschitz equivalent. Can you find uncountably many?

6. Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are normed spaces, and that  $L : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear map. Show that  $L$  is continuous if and only if the set  $S(L) = \{\|L\mathbf{v}\|/\|\mathbf{v}\| \mid \mathbf{v} \in V \setminus \mathbf{0}\}$  is bounded above. Let  $\mathcal{B}(V, W) = \{L : V \rightarrow W \mid L \text{ is linear and continuous}\}$ . For  $L \in \mathcal{B}(V, W)$ , let  $\|L\| = \sup S(L)$ .

- (a) Show that  $\|\cdot\|$  defines a norm on  $\mathcal{B}(V, W)$ . (This is called the *operator norm*.)
- (b) If  $L_1 \in \mathcal{B}(V_1, V_2)$  and  $L_2 \in \mathcal{B}(V_2, V_3)$ , show that  $\|L_2 \circ L_1\| \leq \|L_2\| \|L_1\|$ .
- (c) Now suppose  $V = W = \mathbb{R}^n$  with the Euclidean norm, and that  $L$  is given by multiplication by a symmetric matrix  $A$ . What is  $\|L\|$ ?

7. Which of the following sequences of functions  $(f_n)$  converge uniformly on the set  $X$ ?

- (a)  $f_n(x) = x^n$  on  $X = (0, 1)$

- (b)  $f_n(x) = x^n$  on  $X = (0, \frac{1}{2})$   
(c)  $f_n(x) = xe^{-nx}$  on  $X = [0, \infty)$   
(d)  $f_n(x) = e^{-x^2} \sin(x/n)$  on  $X = \mathbb{R}$ .
8. Consider the functions  $f_n : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f_n(x) = n^p x \exp(-n^q x)$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are positive constants.
- (a) Show that  $(f_n)$  converges pointwise on  $[0, 1]$  for any values of  $p$  and  $q$ .  
(b) Show that if  $p < q$ , then  $(f_n)$  converges uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ .  
(c) Show that if  $p \geq q$ , then  $(f_n)$  does not converge uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ .
9. Let  $f_n(x) = n^\alpha x^n (1 - x)$ , where  $\alpha$  is a real constant.
- (a) For which values of  $\alpha$  does  $f_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  pointwise on  $[0, 1]$ ?  
(b) For which values of  $\alpha$  does  $(f_n) \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ ?  
(c) For which values of  $\alpha$  does  $(f_n) \rightarrow 0$  with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_1$ ?  
(d) For which values of  $\alpha$  does  $f'_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  pointwise on  $[0, 1]$ ?  
(e) For which values of  $\alpha$  does  $(f'_n) \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ ?
10. Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be an absolutely convergent series of real numbers. Show that  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin nx$  defines a continuous function on  $\mathbb{R}$ , but that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n \cos nx$  need not converge.
11. Consider the sequence of functions  $f_n : (\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{m=0}^n (x - m)^{-2}.$$

Show that  $(f_n)$  converges pointwise on  $\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Z}$  to a function  $f$ . Does  $(f_n)$  converge uniformly to  $f$ ? Is  $f$  continuous on  $\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Z}$ ?

12. \* If  $a_n$  are real numbers such that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, show that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  converges for  $x \in (-1, 1)$ . If  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ , show that  $f$  extends to a continuous function on  $(-1, 1]$  with  $f(1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ . (*Hint*: show that for  $x \in (-1, 1)$ ,  $f(x) = (1 - x) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n x^n$ , where  $s_n = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j$ .) Show that for each  $r \in (-1, 1)$ , the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  converges uniformly on  $[r, 1]$ . Must the one-sided derivative  $f'(1)$  exist?
13. \* Define  $\varphi(x) = |x|$  for  $x \in [-1, 1]$  and extend the definition of  $\varphi(x)$  to all of  $\mathbb{R}$  by requiring that  $\varphi(x + 2) = \varphi(x)$ .
- (a) Show that  $|\varphi(s) - \varphi(t)| \leq |s - t|$  for all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
(b) Define  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\frac{3}{4})^n \phi(4^n x)$ . Prove that  $f$  is well-defined and continuous.  
(c) Fix a real number  $x$  and positive integer  $m$ . Put  $\delta_m = \pm \frac{1}{2} 4^{-m}$ , where the sign is chosen so that no integer lies between  $4^m x$  and  $4^m(x + \delta_m)$ . Show that

$$\left| \frac{f(x + \delta_m) - f(x)}{\delta_m} \right| \geq \frac{1}{2} (3^m + 1).$$

Deduce that  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous but nowhere differentiable.

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