

MATH 221 : ANALYSIS I – REAL ANALYSIS
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HOMEWORK 7

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1. Prove that the set $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is uncountable.

Hint. You would need to use a result from Homework 6.

2. In class, we had proved the following:

Theorem. Let (X, d) be a metric space, $S \subset X$, a a limit point of S and $f, g : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Suppose

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \beta.$$

Then,

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

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (fg)(x) = \alpha\beta.$

(c) Suppose $\beta \neq 0$. Then, there exists an $r > 0$ such that $g(x) \neq 0$ for each $x \in S \cap B(a; r)$.
Furthermore, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f/g)(x)$ exists and

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

by appealing to the sequential definition of the limit of a function (and, thus, to theorems for convergent sequences). Redo these proofs using the “ ε - δ definition” of the limit of a function.

Remark. These proofs will require more effort, which reveals the usefulness of having multiple equivalent definitions.

3. Any rational number x can be written uniquely as $x = m/n$, where $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, and such that there is no $d \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ dividing both m and n —with the understanding that we take $n = 1$ when $x = 0$. (You may use this fact **without proof**. See Homework 1 for what “ d divides m (or n)” means.) Define $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ as follows:

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

where n is uniquely associated to $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ as explained above. Show that f is continuous at each irrational point and discontinuous at each rational point.

4. Given a non-empty set S , we say that $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is **bounded** if there exists a constant $M > 0$ such that $|f(x)| < M$ for every $x \in S$.

Prove that a set $S \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is compact if and only if every complex-valued continuous function $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is bounded.