

Exercises 1,2,3,5 count for 6 points each, 4 counts for 3 points, 3 points for free. Divide by 3.

**Question 1.** (2 + 1 + 3) In this exercise you will have to use the Banach Contraction Theorem in  $C([0, 1])$ .

a) Show that the function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined by

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

is Lipschitz continuous with Lipschitz constant  $L = 1$ . Hint: factorise  $g(x) - g(y)$ . You may use without proof that

$$-\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{x}{1+x^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

We have

$$g(x) - g(y) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} - \frac{1}{1+y^2} = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(1+x^2)(1+y^2)} = \frac{x+y}{(1+x^2)(1+y^2)} (y-x),$$

and

$$\left| \frac{x+y}{(1+x^2)(1+y^2)} \right| \leq \frac{|x|}{(1+x^2)(1+y^2)} + \frac{|y|}{(1+x^2)(1+y^2)} \leq \frac{|x|}{1+x^2} + \frac{|y|}{1+y^2} \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2},$$

so  $|g(x) - g(y)| \leq |x - y|$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

b) Prove that  $g$  is uniformly continuous. Specify the choice of  $\delta > 0$  in the definition for given  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Use the same estimate or the statement in (a). Since  $|g(x) - g(y)| \leq |x - y|$  the choice  $\delta = \varepsilon$  does the job:  $|x - y| < \delta = \varepsilon$  implies that  $|g(x) - g(y)| \leq |x - y| < \varepsilon$ .

c) Prove that the integral equation

$$f(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{(1+s)(1+f(s)^2)} ds \quad \text{for all } x \in [0, 1]$$

has a unique solution  $f$  in  $C([0, 1])$ . Use the right hand side to define a new function, say  $F$ , by

$$F(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{(1+s)(1+f(s)^2)} ds \quad \text{for all } x \in [0, 1].$$

Since the integrand is bounded, by 1 in fact, we have, using the “triangle inequality” for integrals,

$$|F(x) - F(y)| = \left| \int_y^x \frac{1}{(1+s)(1+f(s)^2)} ds \right| \leq \left| \int_y^x \left| \frac{1}{(1+s)(1+f(s)^2)} \right| ds \right| \leq \left| \int_y^x 1 ds \right| = |x - y|$$

so  $f$  is Lipschitz continuous with Lipschitz constant 1. In particular  $F \in C([0, 1])$  and the map  $\Phi$  is well defined by

$$f \xrightarrow{\Phi} F \quad \text{from } C([0, 1]) \text{ to } C([0, 1]).$$

To see if  $\Phi$  is a contraction we look at  $F = \Phi(f)$  and  $G = \Phi(g)$ . The difference  $F - G$  is defined by  $(F - G)(x) = F(x) - G(x) =$

$$\int_0^x \frac{1}{(1+s)(1+f(s)^2)} ds - \int_0^x \frac{1}{(1+s)(1+g(s)^2)} ds = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+s} \left( \frac{1}{1+f(s)^2} - \frac{1}{1+g(s)^2} \right) ds,$$

so by (a) and the “triangle inequality” for integrals again

$$|(F - G)(x)| \leq \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+s} |f(s) - g(s)| ds \leq \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+s} d(f, g) ds \leq \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+s} ds d(f, g) = \ln 2 d(f, g)$$

for all  $x \in [0, 1]$  so  $d(\Phi(f), \Phi(g)) \leq \ln 2 d(f, g)$  for all  $f, g \in C([0, 1])$ . Thus  $\Phi$  is a contraction on the complete metric space  $C([0, 1])$  and therefore  $f = \Phi(f)$  has a unique solution in  $C([0, 1])$ .

**Question 2.** (2+2+2) The differential equation  $p''(x) = p(x)$  has a power series solution which is convergent for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and satisfies the conditions  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p'(0) = 0$ .

a) Show that it is of the form

$$p(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{2n} \quad \text{and find an expression for } a_n.$$

Write

$$p(x) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x^2 + \alpha_3 x^3 + \alpha_4 x^4 + \alpha_5 x^5 + \alpha_6 x^6 + \dots,$$

then

$$p'(x) = \alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 x + 3\alpha_3 x^2 + 4\alpha_4 x^3 + 5\alpha_5 x^4 + 6\alpha_6 x^5 + 7\alpha_7 x^6 + \dots,$$

$$p''(x) = 2\alpha_2 + 3 \times 2\alpha_3 x + 4 \times 3\alpha_4 x^2 + 5 \times 4\alpha_5 x^3 + 6 \times 5\alpha_6 x^4 + 7 \times 6\alpha_7 x^5 + 8 \times 7\alpha_8 x^6 + \dots,$$

so  $p''(x) = p(x)$  gives, comparing the coefficients,

$$2\alpha_2 = \alpha_0, \quad 4 \times 3\alpha_4 = \alpha_2, \quad 6 \times 5\alpha_6 = \alpha_4, \quad 8 \times 7\alpha_8 = \alpha_6,$$

$$2\alpha_3 = \alpha_1, \quad 5 \times 4\alpha_5 = \alpha_3, \quad 7 \times 6\alpha_7 = \alpha_5, \quad 9 \times 8\alpha_9 = \alpha_7,$$

and so on. Since  $\alpha_0 = p(0) = 1$  and  $\alpha_1 = p'(0) = 0$  it follows that  $0 = \alpha_1 = \alpha_3 = \alpha_5 = \alpha_7 = \dots$ , and

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \alpha_4 = \frac{1}{4 \times 3} \alpha_2 = \frac{1}{4!}, \quad \alpha_6 = \frac{1}{6 \times 5} \alpha_4 = \frac{1}{6!}, \dots,$$

so

$$p(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad a_n = \frac{1}{(2n)!}.$$

b) Define  $q(x)$  by  $q(x) = p'(x)$ . Show that the derivative of  $p(x)^2 - q(x)^2$  is zero for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

With  $q(x) = p'(x)$  it follows from the differential equation that  $q' = p'' = p$ . The Leibniz rule (which we proved for power series first) gives that the derivative of  $p^2$  is  $p'p + pp' = 2pp'$ , a special case of the chain rule. You can also directly use that  $2pp'$  is the derivative of  $p^2$ . Likewise the derivative of  $q^2$  is  $2qq' = 2p'p'' = 2p'p$ . So  $p^2$  and  $q^2$  have the same derivative and thus the derivative of  $p^2 - q^2$  is identically equal to zero.

c) Formulate the theorem that implies that  $p(x)^2 - q(x)^2$  is constant, and determine the constant.

The fact that  $f(x) = p(x)^2 - q(x)^2$  is constant follows from the differentiability of  $f$  in every  $\mathbb{R}$  and the mean value theorem applied to  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ . Indeed, the theorem says, for  $f \in C([a, b])$  with  $f$  differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , that  $f(b) - f(a) = f(\xi)(b - a)$  for some  $\xi \in (a, b)$ . For the  $f$  under consideration it follows that  $f(b) - f(a) = 0$  for every  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a < b$ . Thus  $f(b) = f(0)$  for every  $b > 0$  and  $f(a) = f(0)$  for every  $a < 0$ . So  $f(x) = f(0) = p(0)^2 - q(0)^2 = 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Question 3.** (1 + 2 + 3) Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  be given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x = 0 \\ \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{for } x \neq 0 \end{cases} . \quad \text{Recall that we write, for a partition } 0 \leq x_0 \leq x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_N = 1,$$

$$I_k = [x_{k-1}, x_k], \quad m_k = \inf_{I_k} f, \quad M_k = \sup_{I_k} f, \quad \bar{S} = \sum_{k=1}^N M_k (x_k - x_{k-1}), \quad \underline{S} = \sum_{k=1}^N m_k (x_k - x_{k-1}).$$

- a) Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $a \in (0, 1]$ . Prove that  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, 1]$ , for instance by using a theorem.  
*The function  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, 1]$ . Therefore it is integrable on  $[a, 1]$ .*
- b) Use (a) and another theorem to prove the existence of such a partition with  $x_0 = a$  for which  $\bar{S} - \underline{S} < \varepsilon$ .  
*Since  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, 1]$  there exists for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  a partition  $a = x_0 \leq x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_N = 1$  of  $[a, 1]$  such that  $\bar{S} - \underline{S} < \varepsilon$ , by the  $\varepsilon$ -criterion for integrability of  $f$  on  $[a, 1]$ .*
- c) Prove that  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[0, 1]$ . Hint<sup>1</sup>: start with  $\varepsilon > 0$  and choose  $x_0 = 0 < x_1 = a < \varepsilon$ .  
*To verify the  $\varepsilon$ -criterion for integrability of  $f$  on  $[0, 1]$  let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Choose  $x_0 = 0 < x_1 = a < \varepsilon$ . Then use (b) to conclude the existence of a partition  $a = x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_N = 1$  of  $[a, 1]$  with*

$$\sum_{k=2}^N M_k (x_k - x_{k-1}) - \sum_{k=2}^N m_k (x_k - x_{k-1}) < \varepsilon.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^N M_k (x_k - x_{k-1}) - \sum_{k=1}^N m_k (x_k - x_{k-1}) &= M_1 a + \sum_{k=2}^N M_k (x_k - x_{k-1}) - m_1 a - \sum_{k=2}^N m_k (x_k - x_{k-1}) \\ &< (M_1 - m_1) a + \varepsilon \leq 2a + \varepsilon < 2\varepsilon + \varepsilon = 3\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

in which we used that  $-1 \leq m_1 \leq M_1 \leq 1$  whence  $M_1 - m_1 \leq 2$ . Thus we have for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  the existence of a partition of  $[0, 1]$  with  $\bar{S} - \underline{S} < 3\varepsilon$ . By the  $\varepsilon$ -criterion and a 3-trick the function  $f$  is then integrable on  $[0, 1]$ .

**Question 4.** (3) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x = 0 \\ x(1 + \sqrt{|x|} \sin \frac{1}{x}) & \text{for } x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $f$  is differentiable in  $x = 0$ : give the linear approximation of  $f(x)$  near  $x = 0$  and verify the  $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$  statement for the remainder term. Specify  $\delta > 0$  for given  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

We recognise  $x$  as the linear approximation for  $x$  close to 0. Then  $f(x) = x + R(x)$  with

$$R(x) = x\sqrt{|x|} \sin \frac{1}{x}$$

for  $x \neq 0$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then

$$|R(x)| = |x\sqrt{|x|} \sin \frac{1}{x}| \leq \sqrt{|x|} |x| < \varepsilon |x|$$

if  $x \neq 0$  and  $\sqrt{|x|} < \varepsilon$ . So choose  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\sqrt{\delta} = \varepsilon$ . For  $0 < |x| < \delta$  it follows that

$$R(x) \leq \sqrt{\delta} |x| = \varepsilon |x|.$$

This completes the proof.

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<sup>1</sup>I changed the hint,  $< \varepsilon$  instead of  $< \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

**Question 5.** (2 + 2 + 2) Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  define  $f_n : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f_n(x_j) = f(x_j) \quad \text{for} \quad x_j = \frac{j}{n}, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

and by  $f_n$  being linear on every interval  $I_j = [\frac{j-1}{n}, \frac{j}{n}]$ .

- a) Sketch the graph of  $f_4$  and explain why  $f_4$  is Lipschitz continuous with Lipschitz constant 2. **Unfortunately there was a mistake in the exam, of course the Lipschitz constant is not  $\frac{1}{2}$ .**

Draw the piecewise linear curve through  $(0, 0), (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}), (\frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}}), (\frac{3}{4}, \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}), (0, 1)$ . On the first interval  $[0, \frac{1}{4}]$  the slope is 2, which is larger than the slope on each of the intervals  $[\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}]$ ,  $[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}]$ ,  $[\frac{3}{4}, 1]$ . So for  $x, y$  both in one of the intervals  $I_1 = [0, \frac{1}{4}]$ ,  $I_2 = [\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}]$ ,  $I_3 = [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}]$ ,  $I_4 = [\frac{3}{4}, 1]$  we have  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 2|x - y|$ . If not choose, then  $x$  and  $y$  are in two different intervals. If these are  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  we estimate

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f(\frac{1}{4})| + |f(\frac{1}{4}) - f(y)| \leq 2|x - \frac{1}{4}| + 2|\frac{1}{4} - y| = 2|x - y|,$$

and likewise if these are  $I_2$  and  $I_3$ , or  $I_3$  and  $I_4$ , with  $\frac{1}{4}$  replaced by  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$ . If these are  $x \in I_1$  and  $y \in I_3$ , then we choose two intermediate points to conclude

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f(\frac{1}{4})| + |f(\frac{1}{4}) - f(\frac{1}{2})| + |f(\frac{1}{2}) - f(y)| \leq 2|x - \frac{1}{4}| + 2|\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}| + 2|\frac{1}{2} - y| = 2|x - y|.$$

If these are  $x \in I_1$  and  $y \in I_4$  then

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f(\frac{1}{4})| + |f(\frac{1}{4}) - f(\frac{1}{2})| + |f(\frac{1}{2}) - f(\frac{3}{4})| + |f(\frac{3}{4}) - f(y)| \leq \dots = 2|x - y|.$$

Likewise in all remaining cases.

- b) For  $\varepsilon > 0$  let  $\delta > 0$  be given by the definition of uniform continuity of  $f$ , i.e.

$$\forall_{x, y \in [0, 1]} : |x - y| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon,$$

and let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfy  $n > \frac{1}{\delta}$ . Prove that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < 2\varepsilon$$

for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Hint: given  $x \in [0, 1]$  use the inequality

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| \leq |f_n(x) - f(x_j)| + |f(x_j) - f(x)|,$$

choose  $j$  such that  $x \in I_j$ , and then use the definition of  $f_n$  to show that both terms are less than  $\varepsilon$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Look at the two terms in

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| \leq |f_n(x) - f(x_j)| + |f(x_j) - f(x)|.$$

The second is smaller than  $\varepsilon$  if  $x \in I_j$  because then  $0 \leq x_j - x \leq x_j - x_{j-1} = \frac{1}{n} < \delta$ . But also the first is then smaller than  $\varepsilon$ , because  $|f_n(x) - f(x_j)| = |f_n(x) - f_n(x_j)| \leq |f_n(x_{j-1}) - f_n(x_j)| = |f(x_{j-1}) - f(x_j)|$  and  $|x_j - x_{j-1}| = \frac{1}{n} < \delta$ . This proves the claim.

- c) Use (b) to show that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N > \frac{1}{\delta}$ ,  $\delta$  from the definition of uniform continuity of  $f$ , and use (b). Then for all  $x \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$n \geq N \implies n > \frac{1}{\delta} \implies |f_n(x) - f(x)| \leq 2\varepsilon.$$

This proves

$$\forall_{\varepsilon > 0} \exists_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \forall_{x \in [0, 1]} : n \geq N \implies |f_n(x) - f(x)| \leq 2\varepsilon,$$

the definition of uniform convergence with  $< \varepsilon$  replaced by  $< 2\varepsilon$ . The 2-trick completes the proof.