

This problem set serves as general revision on the Baire Lemma and its applications.

3.1. Quick warm-up: true or false? ✍

Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If true, think of a quick proof. If false, find a simple counterexample. (self-check: not to be handed in.)

(a) Let $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of continuous functions $f_n \in C^0([0, 1])$. If there exists $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\forall x \in [0, 1] : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$ then $f \in C^0([0, 1])$.

(b) Let $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of continuous functions $f_n \in C^0([0, 1])$. If $\forall x \in [0, 1] \exists C(x) : \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |f_n(x)| \leq C(x)$ then $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |f_n(x)| < \infty$.

(c) The function $d: \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $d(x, y) = \min\{|x_1 - x_2|, |y_1 - y_2|\}$, where $x = (x_1, x_2)$ and $y = (y_1, y_2)$, is a distance.

(d) There exists $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ such that both A and its complement A^c are dense in \mathbb{R} .

(e) $(C^1([-1, 1]), \|\cdot\|_{C^0})$ is a Banach space, i. e. a complete normed space.

(f) The complement of a 2nd category set is a 1st category set.

(g) A nowhere dense set is meagre.

(h) A meagre set is nowhere dense.

(i) Let U be the set of fattened rationals in \mathbb{R} , namely

$$U := \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} U_j, \quad U_j := \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty}]q_k - 2^{-(j+k+1)}, q_k + 2^{-(j+k+1)}[$$

where $(q_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a counting of \mathbb{Q} . Then $U = \mathbb{Q}$.

3.2. An application of Baire ⚙

Let $f \in C^0([0, \infty[)$ be a continuous function satisfying

$$\forall t \in [0, \infty[: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(nt) = 0.$$

Prove that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = 0$.

Hint. Apply the Baire Lemma as in the proof of the uniform boundedness principle.

3.3. Compactly supported sequences and their ℓ^∞ -completion

Definition. We denote the space of compactly supported sequences by

$$c_c := \{(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell^\infty \mid \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \geq N : x_n = 0\}$$

and the space of sequences converging to zero by

$$c_0 := \{(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell^\infty \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0\}.$$

- (a) Show that $(c_c, \|\cdot\|_{\ell^\infty})$ is *not* complete. What is the completion of this space?
(b) Prove the strict inclusion

$$\bigcup_{p=1}^{\infty} \ell^p \subsetneq c_0.$$

3.4. Discontinuous at irrationals

Definition. Let (X, d) be a metric space. A subset $A \subset X$ is called \mathfrak{G}_δ -set of X (say: “G-delta-set”) if there exist open sets $O_n \subset X$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $A = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} O_n$.

- (a) Let $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be any function. Show that the set of points $x \in X$ at which f is continuous is a \mathfrak{G}_δ -set.
(b) Suppose that (X, d) is complete. Suppose also that $A \subset X$ and $A^c = X \setminus A$ are both dense in X . Show that at most one of A and A^c is a \mathfrak{G}_δ -set.
(c) Show that there is no function $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that is continuous at all rationals and discontinuous at all irrationals.

Hint. For (c), apply (a) and (b) with $X = [0, 1]$ and d the Euclidean distance.