

Problem Set 11 Solution Set

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1. *End of Chapter 8, Exercise 24.* Give an example to show that the following is not equivalent to the integrability of f . For any $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta > 0$ such that if P is any partition into rectangles S_1, \dots, S_N with sides $< \delta$, there exist $x_1 \in S_1, \dots, x_N \in S_N$ such that

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) v(S_i) - I \right| < \epsilon.$$

Solution. Assume that the condition is equivalent to the integrability of f . Consider the function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $f(x) = 0$ if x is irrational and $f(x) = 1$ if x is rational. Then for any partition P into rectangles S_1, \dots, S_N with sides $< \delta$, there exist irrational points $x_i \in S_i$ at which $f(x_i) = 0$. Thus

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) v(S_i) = 0$$

Then

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) v(S_i) - I \right| = |I| < \epsilon,$$

for any $\epsilon > 0$, if and only if $I = 0$. This implies that f is integrable with integral zero. But as we showed in class, f is not Riemann integrable since $L(f, P) = 0$ whereas $U(f, P) = 1$. \square

2. *End of Chapter 8, Exercise 36.* Prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n!)^{1/n} / n = e^{-1}$ by considering Riemann sums for $\int_0^1 \log x dx$ based on the partition $1/n < 2/n < \dots < 1$.

Solution. We first rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(n!)^{1/n}}{n} &= \left(\frac{n!}{n^n} \right)^{1/n} = \left(\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots 1}{n \cdot n \cdots n} \right)^{1/n} \\ &= \left(1 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{2}{n} \right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right)^{1/n} \\ &= \exp \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \log \left(1 - \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

If we let $f(x) = \log(1-x)$ and let $P_n = 1/n < 2/n < \dots < 1$, then we recognize $(1/n) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \log\left(1 - \frac{k}{n}\right)$ as the lower Riemann sum $L(f, P_n)$ on $[0, 1]$. Now let us evaluate $\int_0^1 \log(1-x) dx$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \log(1-x) dx &= \int_0^1 \log y dy = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^1 \log y dy \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} -1 - (\epsilon \log \epsilon - \epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Using l'Hôpital's Rule, we find that

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \epsilon \log \epsilon = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log \epsilon}{1/\epsilon} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1/\epsilon}{-1/\epsilon^2} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} (-\epsilon) = 0$$

Therefore $\int_0^1 \log(1-x) dx = -1$. Since $f(x) = \log(1-x)$ is integrable on $[0, 1]$, $L(f, P_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \log\left(1 - \frac{k}{n}\right)$ must approach -1 as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence we conclude that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n!)^{1/n}}{n} = e^{-1}$$

as desired. □

3. *End of Chapter 8, Exercise 38.* Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \\ 1/q & \text{if } x = p/q \end{cases}$$

where $p, q \geq 0$ with no common factor. Show that f is integrable, and compute $\int_0^1 f$.

Solution. We first show that f is discontinuous at every rational number in $[0, 1]$. Let $x \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and choose $\epsilon < 1/q$. There exists an irrational number y such that $|x - y| < \delta$, which implies that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| = |1/q - 0| = |1/q| < \epsilon$$

Thus we have produced an ϵ for which there is no δ such that $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$ when $|x - y| < \delta$.

We now show that f is continuous at every irrational number in $[0, 1]$. Let c be an irrational number in $[0, 1]$ and $\epsilon > 0$. Then there is a natural number n such that $1/n < \epsilon$. If we choose δ small enough that the interval $(c - \delta, c + \delta)$ contains no rational numbers with denominator less than n , then it follows that for x in this interval we have $|f(x) - f(c)| = |f(x)| \leq 1/n < \epsilon$.

Thus we have shown that f is discontinuous on $D(f) = [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}$. Since \mathbb{Q} is countable, we know that $D(f)$ is also countable. Since the interval $[0, 1]$ is bounded and has volume, and since f is bounded by $1/1 = 1$, we have satisfied the conditions of Corollary 8.3.3, from which it follows that f is integrable.

Finally we show that $\int_0^1 f = 0$. Take any partition $P_n = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and consider $d_j = \inf \{f(x) : x \in [x_{j-1}, x_j]\}$. Since every subinterval $[x_{j-1}, x_j]$ must contain irrational numbers, it follows that $d_j = 0$. Then

$$\int_0^1 f = \sup \{L(f, P_n)\} = 0$$

and since f was shown to be integrable, the upper and lower integrals must agree. \square

4. *Exercise 10.1.2.* Show that

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) dx \right|^2 \leq (b-a) \int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx,$$

and deduce that a square integrable function on $[a, b]$, continuous on (a, b) , is also integrable. Is the converse true?

Solution. We apply the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to functions $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, and we take $g(x) = 1$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. Then

$$|\langle f, g \rangle| \leq \|f\| \|g\|$$

implies

$$\left(\int_a^b f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx \right)^2 \leq \left(\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx \right) \left(\int_a^b |g(x)|^2 dx \right)$$

which leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_a^b f(x) dx \right)^2 &\leq \left(\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx \right) \left(\int_a^b dx \right) \\ &= (b-a) \int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

Thus if f is square integrable on $[a, b]$, then $\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx$ converges and so $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ converges as well by the above inequality.

The converse, however, is not true. Consider the function $f(x) = 1/\sqrt{x}$. Then f is continuous on $(0, 1)$, and

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = 2.$$

But

$$\int_0^1 |f(x)|^2 dx = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} (\log 1 - \log \epsilon) = \infty$$

Therefore f is not square integrable even though f is integrable. \square

5. *Exercise 10.2.2.* Let g_0, g_1, g_2, \dots be linearly independent vectors in an inner product space. Inductively define

$$h_0 = g_0, \varphi_0 = \frac{h_0}{\|h_0\|}, \dots, h_n = g_n - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \langle g_n, \varphi_k \rangle \varphi_k, \varphi_n = \frac{h_n}{\|h_n\|} \dots$$

Show that $\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots$ are orthonormal. Why must we assume that the g 's are linearly independent?

Solution. Without loss of generality, let $0 \leq k < j$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \varphi_j, \varphi_k \rangle &= \left\langle \frac{g_n - \sum_{n=0}^{j-1} \langle g_j, \varphi_n \rangle \varphi_n}{\|g_n - \sum_{n=0}^{j-1} \langle g_j, \varphi_n \rangle \varphi_n\|}, \varphi_k \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{\langle g_j, \varphi_k \rangle - \langle g_j, \varphi_k \rangle \langle \varphi_k, \varphi_k \rangle}{\|g_n - \sum_{n=0}^{j-1} \langle g_j, \varphi_n \rangle \varphi_n\|} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

since

$$\langle \varphi_k, \varphi_k \rangle = \left\langle \frac{h_k}{\|h_k\|}, \frac{h_k}{\|h_k\|} \right\rangle = \frac{\langle h_k, h_k \rangle}{\|h_k\|^2} = 1$$

Thus $\langle \varphi_j, \varphi_k \rangle = \delta_{jk}$, so $\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots$ are orthonormal.

We assume that the g 's are linearly independent so that g_j cannot be written as a linear combination of $\{g_1, \dots, g_{j-1}\}$. This implies that g_j cannot be written as a linear combination of $\{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{j-1}\}$, since each φ_i is a linear combination of $\{g_1, \dots, g_{j-1}\}$. Hence

$$\|h_j\| = \|g_n - \sum_{n=0}^{j-1} \langle g_j, \varphi_n \rangle \varphi_n\| \neq 0$$

and so each φ_j is well-defined. □

6. *Exercise 10.2.3.*

(a) Suppose $\varphi_0(x), \varphi_1(x), \dots$ are orthonormal functions on $[0, 2\pi]$. Show that the functions

$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\ell}} \varphi_n\left(\frac{2\pi x}{\ell}\right)$$

are orthonormal on $[0, \ell]$.

Solution. We have to show that $\langle \psi_n, \psi_m \rangle = \delta_{nm}$. From the definition of the ψ 's, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \psi_n, \psi_m \rangle &= \frac{2\pi}{\ell} \int_0^\ell \varphi_n\left(\frac{2\pi x}{\ell}\right) \overline{\varphi_m\left(\frac{2\pi x}{\ell}\right)} dx \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{\ell} \int_0^{2\pi} \varphi_n(u) \overline{\varphi_m(u)} du \cdot \frac{\ell}{2\pi} \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \varphi_n(u) \overline{\varphi_m(u)} du = \delta_{nm}\end{aligned}$$

since $\varphi_0(x), \varphi_1(x), \dots$ are orthonormal functions on $[0, 2\pi]$. □

(b) Write the family obtained by modifying $1/\sqrt{2\pi}$, $(\sin nx)/\sqrt{\pi}$, $(\cos mx)/\sqrt{\pi}$, or, alternatively, $e^{inx}/\sqrt{2\pi}$ to $[0, \ell]$ as in (a).

Solution. The function $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$ becomes $\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\ell}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\ell}}$. The functions $\frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ become $\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\ell}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sin \frac{2\pi n}{\ell} x = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\ell}} \sin \frac{2\pi n}{\ell} x$. The functions $\frac{\cos mx}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ become $\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\ell}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cos \frac{2\pi m}{\ell} x = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\ell}} \cos \frac{2\pi m}{\ell} x$. \square

(c) Write the Fourier series of f for the families obtained in (b).

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \left\langle f, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\ell}} \right\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{\ell}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\langle f, \sqrt{\frac{2}{\ell}} \sin \frac{2\pi n}{\ell} x \right\rangle \sqrt{\frac{2}{\ell}} \sin \frac{2\pi n}{\ell} x \\ &\quad + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left\langle f, \sqrt{\frac{2}{\ell}} \cos \frac{2\pi m}{\ell} x \right\rangle \sqrt{\frac{2}{\ell}} \cos \frac{2\pi m}{\ell} x \\ &= \left\langle f, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\ell}} \right\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{\ell}} + \frac{2}{\ell} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\langle f, \sin \frac{2\pi n}{\ell} x \right\rangle \sin \frac{2\pi n}{\ell} x \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{\ell} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left\langle f, \cos \frac{2\pi m}{\ell} x \right\rangle \cos \frac{2\pi m}{\ell} x \end{aligned}$$

\square

(d) Show that if the φ_n in (a) are complete, so are the ψ_n .

Solution. We will use Parseval's Theorem to establish completeness. Consider the quantity $\langle f, \psi_n \rangle$.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, \psi_n \rangle &= \int_0^{\ell} f(x) \overline{\psi_n(x)} dx = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\ell}} \int_0^{\ell} f(x) \overline{\varphi_n\left(\frac{2\pi x}{\ell}\right)} dx \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\ell}} \cdot \frac{\ell}{2\pi} \int_0^{\ell} f\left(\frac{\ell u}{2\pi}\right) \overline{\varphi_n(u)} du \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\ell}{2\pi}} \int_0^{\ell} g(u) \overline{\varphi_n(u)} du = \sqrt{\frac{\ell}{2\pi}} \langle g, \varphi_n \rangle \end{aligned}$$

If the φ_n in (a) are complete, then by Parseval's relation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\langle g, \varphi_n \rangle|^2 &= \|g\|^2 = \langle g, g \rangle \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left| f\left(\frac{\ell u}{2\pi}\right) \right|^2 du = \frac{2\pi}{\ell} \int_0^{\ell} |f(y)|^2 dy \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{\ell} \langle f, f \rangle = \frac{2\pi}{\ell} \|f\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Putting these ideas together yields

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\langle f, \psi_n \rangle|^2 = \frac{\ell}{2\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\langle g, \varphi_n \rangle|^2 = \frac{\ell}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{\ell} \|f\|^2 = \|f\|^2$$

Thus the ψ_n are complete by Parseval's Theorem. \square

7. *Exercise 10.2.4.* Assume for the moment that the functions $1/\sqrt{2\pi}$, $(\sin nx)/\sqrt{\pi}$, $(\cos mx)/\sqrt{\pi}$ are complete on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$.

(a) Apply this to the function x to show that $x = \pi - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sin nx)/n$.

Solution. By completeness, we can write

$$x = \left\langle x, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\langle x, \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left\langle x, \frac{\cos mx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle \frac{\cos mx}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

We now calculate the Fourier coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle x, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{x}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{4\pi^2}{2} \\ \left\langle x, \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin(nx) dx = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{2\pi}{n} \\ \left\langle x, \frac{\cos mx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{2\pi} x \cos(mx) dx = 0 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{4\pi^2}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{2\pi}{n} \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \\ &= \pi - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\sin nx)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

\square

(b) Using the Fourier coefficients found in (a), apply Parseval's relation to show that $\pi^2/6 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2$.

Solution. From Parseval's relation, we have

$$\|x\|^2 = \left| \left\langle x, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle \right|^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left\langle x, \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle \right|^2$$

Since

$$\|x\|^2 = \int_0^{2\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{8\pi^3}{3}$$

we obtain

$$\frac{8\pi^3}{3} = \frac{4\pi^4}{2\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{4\pi^2}{n^2}$$

or

$$\frac{8\pi^3}{3} = \frac{2\pi^3}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi^2}{n^2}$$

which leads to

$$\frac{\pi^2}{6} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

□

(c) Use the same procedure on x^2 to get $\pi^4/90 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^4$.

Solution. From Parseval's relation, we have

$$\|x^2\|^2 = \left| \left\langle x^2, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle \right|^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left\langle x^2, \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle \right|^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left| \left\langle x^2, \frac{\cos mx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle \right|^2$$

We now compute the Fourier coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle x^2, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{8\pi^3}{3} \\ \left\langle x^2, \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{2\pi} x^2 \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[\frac{2x}{n^2} \sin nx - \frac{n^2 x^2 - 2}{n^3} \cos nx \right]_0^{2\pi} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{4\pi^2}{n} \\ \left\langle x^2, \frac{\cos mx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{2\pi} x^2 \cos(mx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left[\frac{2x}{m^2} \cos mx + \frac{m^2 x^2 - 2}{m^3} \sin mx \right]_0^{2\pi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{4\pi}{m^2} \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\|x^2\|^2 = \int_0^{2\pi} x^4 dx = \frac{32\pi^5}{5}$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{32\pi^5}{5} &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{8\pi^3}{3} \right)^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{4\pi^2}{n} \right)^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{4\pi}{m^2} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{32\pi^5}{9} + 16\pi^3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} + 16\pi \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^4} \\ &= \frac{32\pi^5}{9} + \frac{16\pi^5}{6} + 16\pi \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^4} \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that

$$\frac{\pi^4}{90} = \sum \frac{1}{m^4}.$$

□

8. *Exercise 10.2.5.* Prove that

$$2 \sum_{k=1}^n \cos k\theta = \frac{\sin [(n + 1/2) \theta]}{\sin (\theta/2)} - 1$$

by using $e^{i\theta} + e^{i2\theta} + \dots + e^{in\theta} = \frac{e^{i\theta} (1 - e^{in\theta})}{1 - e^{i\theta}}$.

Solution. Since $\cos k\theta = \operatorname{Re} (e^{i\theta})^k$, we can rewrite $\sum_{k=1}^n \cos k\theta$ as

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \cos k\theta = \operatorname{Re} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n (e^{i\theta})^k \right] = \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{e^{i\theta} (1 - e^{in\theta})}{1 - e^{i\theta}} \right]$$

Multiply numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate of $1 - e^{i\theta}$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \cos k\theta &= \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{e^{i\theta} (1 - e^{in\theta}) (1 - e^{-i\theta})}{(1 - e^{i\theta}) (1 - e^{-i\theta})} \right] \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{e^{i\theta} - 1 + e^{in\theta} - e^{i(n+1)\theta}}{(1 - e^{i\theta}) (1 - e^{-i\theta})} \right] \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left[-\frac{1 - e^{i\theta}}{(1 - e^{i\theta}) (1 - e^{-i\theta})} \right] + \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{e^{in\theta} (1 - e^{i\theta})}{(1 - e^{i\theta}) (1 - e^{-i\theta})} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2(1 - \cos \theta)} + \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{e^{in\theta} (1 - e^{i\theta})}{(1 - e^{i\theta}) (1 - e^{-i\theta})} \cdot \frac{e^{i\theta/2}}{e^{i\theta/2}} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} + \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{e^{i(n+1/2)\theta}}{e^{i\theta/2} - e^{-i\theta/2}} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} + \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{\cos (n + 1/2) \theta + i \sin (n + 1/2) \theta}{2i \sin (\theta/2)} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} + \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{-i \cos (n + 1/2) \theta + \sin (n + 1/2) \theta}{2 \sin (\theta/2)} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin (n + 1/2) \theta}{\sin (\theta/2)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$2 \sum_{k=1}^n \cos k\theta = \frac{\sin [(n + 1/2) \theta]}{\sin (\theta/2)} - 1$$

as desired. □