

NOTE OF ELEMENTARY ANALYSIS II

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1. RIEMANN INTEGRALS

Notation 1.1. .

- (i) : All functions f, g, h, \dots are bounded real valued functions defined on $[a, b]$. And $m \leq f \leq M$.
- (ii) : $\mathcal{P} : a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ denotes a partition on $[a, b]$; $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$ and $\|\mathcal{P}\| = \max \Delta x_i$.
- (iii) : $M_i(f, \mathcal{P}) := \sup\{f(x) : x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]\}$; $m_i(f, \mathcal{P}) := \inf\{f(x) : x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]\}$. And $\omega_i(f, \mathcal{P}) = M_i(f, \mathcal{P}) - m_i(f, \mathcal{P})$.
- (iv) : $U(f, \mathcal{P}) := \sum M_i(f, \mathcal{P})\Delta x_i$; $L(f, \mathcal{P}) := \sum m_i(f, \mathcal{P})\Delta x_i$.
- (v) : $\mathcal{R}(f, \mathcal{P}, \{\xi_i\}) := \sum f(\xi_i)\Delta x_i$, where $\xi_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$.
- (vi) : $\mathcal{R}[a, b]$ is the class of all Riemann integral functions on $[a, b]$.

Definition 1.2. We say that the Riemann sum $\mathcal{R}(f, \mathcal{P}, \{\xi_i\})$ converges to a number A as $\|\mathcal{P}\| \rightarrow 0$ if for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|A - \mathcal{R}(f, \mathcal{P}, \{\xi_i\})| < \varepsilon$$

for any $\xi_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ whenever $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta$.

Theorem 1.3. $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ if and only if for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a partition \mathcal{P} such that $U(f, \mathcal{P}) - L(f, \mathcal{P}) < \varepsilon$.

Lemma 1.4. $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ if and only if for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is $\delta > 0$ such that $U(f, \mathcal{P}) - L(f, \mathcal{P}) < \varepsilon$ whenever $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta$.

Proof. The converse follows from Theorem 1.3.

Assume that f is integrable over $[a, b]$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there is a partition $\mathcal{Q} : a = y_0 < \dots < y_l = b$ on $[a, b]$ such that $U(f, \mathcal{Q}) - L(f, \mathcal{Q}) < \varepsilon$. Now take $0 < \delta < \varepsilon/l$. Suppose that $\mathcal{P} : a = x_0 < \dots < x_n = b$ with $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta$. Then we have

$$U(f, \mathcal{P}) - L(f, \mathcal{P}) = I + II$$

where

$$I = \sum_{i: \mathcal{Q} \cap (x_{i-1}, x_i) = \emptyset} \omega_i(f, \mathcal{P})\Delta x_i;$$

and

$$II = \sum_{i: \mathcal{Q} \cap (x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq \emptyset} \omega_i(f, \mathcal{P})\Delta x_i$$

Notice that we have

$$I \leq U(f, \mathcal{Q}) - L(f, \mathcal{Q}) < \varepsilon$$

and

$$II \leq (M - m) \sum_{i: \mathcal{Q} \cap (x_{i-1}, x_i) \neq \emptyset} \Delta x_i \leq (M - m) \cdot l \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{l} = (M - m)\varepsilon.$$

The proof is finished. □

Theorem 1.5. $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ if and only if the Riemann sum $\mathcal{R}(f, \mathcal{P}, \{\xi_i\})$ is convergent. In this case, $\mathcal{R}(f, \mathcal{P}, \{\xi_i\})$ converges to $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ as $\|\mathcal{P}\| \rightarrow 0$.

Proof. For the proof (\Rightarrow): we first note that we always have

$$L(f, \mathcal{P}) \leq \mathcal{R}(f, \mathcal{P}, \{\xi_i\}) \leq U(f, \mathcal{P})$$

and

$$L(f, \mathcal{P}) \leq \int_a^b f(x)dx \leq U(f, \mathcal{P})$$

for any $\xi_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ and for all partition \mathcal{P} .

Now let $\varepsilon > 0$. Lemma 1.4 gives $\delta > 0$ such that $U(f, \mathcal{P}) - L(f, \mathcal{P}) < \varepsilon$ as $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta$. Then we have

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - \mathcal{R}(f, \mathcal{P}, \{\xi_i\}) \right| < \varepsilon$$

as $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta$. The necessary part is proved and $\mathcal{R}(f, \mathcal{P}, \{\xi_i\})$ converges to $\int_a^b f(x)dx$.

For (\Leftarrow): there exists a number A such that for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is $\delta > 0$, we have

$$A - \varepsilon < \mathcal{R}(f, \mathcal{P}, \{\xi_i\}) < A + \varepsilon$$

for any partition \mathcal{P} with $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta$ and $\xi_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$.

Now fix a partition \mathcal{P} with $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta$. Then for each $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$, choose $\xi_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ such that $M_i(f, \mathcal{P}) - \varepsilon \leq f(\xi_i)$. This implies that we have

$$U(f, \mathcal{P}) - \varepsilon(b - a) \leq \mathcal{R}(f, \mathcal{P}, \{\xi_i\}) < A + \varepsilon.$$

So we have shown that for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a partition \mathcal{P} such that

$$(1.1) \quad \int_a^b f(x)dx \leq U(f, \mathcal{P}) \leq A + \varepsilon(1 + b - a).$$

By considering $-f$, note that the Riemann sum of $-f$ will converge to $-A$. The inequality 1.1 will imply that for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a partition \mathcal{P} such that

$$A - \varepsilon(1 + b - a) \leq \int_a^b f(x)dx \leq \int_a^b f(x)dx \leq A + \varepsilon(1 + b - a).$$

The proof is finished. □

Theorem 1.6. Let $f \in \mathcal{R}[c, d]$ and let $\phi : [a, b] \rightarrow [c, d]$ be a strictly increasing C^1 function with $f(a) = c$ and $f(b) = d$.

Then $f \circ \phi \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$, moreover, we have

$$\int_c^d f(x)dx = \int_a^b f(\phi(t))\phi'(t)dt.$$

Proof. Let $A = \int_c^d f(x)dx$. By Theorem 1.5, we need to show that for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there is $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\left| A - \sum f(\phi(\xi_k))\phi'(\xi_k)\Delta t_k \right| < \varepsilon$$

for all $\xi_k \in [t_{k-1}, t_k]$ whenever $\mathcal{Q} : a = t_0 < \dots < t_m = b$ with $\|\mathcal{Q}\| < \delta$.

Now let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then by Lemma 1.4 and Theorem 1.5, there is $\delta_1 > 0$ such that

$$(1.2) \quad \left| A - \sum f(\eta_k)\Delta x_k \right| < \varepsilon$$

and

$$(1.3) \quad \sum \omega_k(f, \mathcal{P})\Delta x_k < \varepsilon$$

for all $\eta_k \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]$ whenever $\mathcal{P} : c = x_0 < \dots < x_m = d$ with $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta_1$.

Now put $x = \phi(t)$ for $t \in [a, b]$.

Now since ϕ and ϕ' are continuous on $[a, b]$, there is $\delta > 0$ such that $|\phi(t) - \phi(t')| < \delta_1$ and $|\phi'(t) - \phi'(t')| < \varepsilon$ for all t, t' in $[a, b]$ with $|t - t'| < \delta$.

Now let $\mathcal{Q} : a = t_0 < \dots < t_m = b$ with $\|\mathcal{Q}\| < \delta$. If we put $x_k = \phi(t_k)$, then $\mathcal{P} : c = x_0 < \dots < x_m = d$ is a partition on $[c, d]$ with $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta_1$ because ϕ is strictly increasing.

Note that the Mean Value Theorem implies that for each $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$, there is $\xi_k^* \in (t_{k-1}, t_k)$ such that

$$\Delta x_k = \phi(t_k) - \phi(t_{k-1}) = \phi'(\xi_k^*) \Delta t_k.$$

This yields that

$$(1.4) \quad |\Delta x_k - \phi'(\xi_k) \Delta t_k| < \varepsilon \Delta t_k$$

for any $\xi_k \in [t_{k-1}, t_k]$ for all $k = 1, \dots, m$ because of the choice of δ .

Now for any $\xi_k \in [t_{k-1}, t_k]$, we have

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{aligned} |A - \sum f(\phi(\xi_k)) \phi'(\xi_k) \Delta t_k| &\leq |A - \sum f(\phi(\xi_k^*)) \phi'(\xi_k^*) \Delta t_k| \\ &+ |\sum f(\phi(\xi_k^*)) \phi'(\xi_k^*) \Delta t_k - \sum f(\phi(\xi_k^*)) \phi'(\xi_k) \Delta t_k| \\ &+ |\sum f(\phi(\xi_k^*)) \phi'(\xi_k) \Delta t_k - \sum f(\phi(\xi_k)) \phi'(\xi_k) \Delta t_k| \end{aligned}$$

Notice that inequality 1.2 implies that

$$|A - \sum f(\phi(\xi_k^*)) \phi'(\xi_k^*) \Delta t_k| = |A - \sum f(\phi(\xi_k^*)) \Delta x_k| < \varepsilon.$$

Also, since we have $|\phi'(\xi_k^*) - \phi'(\xi_k)| < \varepsilon$ for all $k = 1, \dots, m$, we have

$$|\sum f(\phi(\xi_k^*)) \phi'(\xi_k^*) \Delta t_k - \sum f(\phi(\xi_k^*)) \phi'(\xi_k) \Delta t_k| \leq M(b-a)\varepsilon$$

where $|f(x)| \leq M$ for all $x \in [c, d]$.

On the other hand, by using inequality 1.4 we have

$$|\phi'(\xi_k) \Delta t_k| \leq \Delta x_k + \varepsilon \Delta t_k$$

for all k . This, together with inequality 1.3 imply that

$$\begin{aligned} &|\sum f(\phi(\xi_k^*)) \phi'(\xi_k) \Delta t_k - \sum f(\phi(\xi_k)) \phi'(\xi_k) \Delta t_k| \\ &\leq \sum \omega_k(f, \mathcal{P}) |\phi'(\xi_k) \Delta t_k| \quad (\because \phi(\xi_k^*), \phi(\xi_k) \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]) \\ &\leq \sum \omega_k(f, \mathcal{P}) (\Delta x_k + \varepsilon \Delta t_k) \\ &\leq \varepsilon + 2M(b-a)\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Finally by inequality 1.5, we have

$$|A - \sum f(\phi(\xi_k)) \phi'(\xi_k) \Delta t_k| \leq \varepsilon + M(b-a)\varepsilon + \varepsilon + 2M(b-a)\varepsilon.$$

The proof is finished. \square

Example 1.7. Define (formally) an improper integral $\Gamma(s)$ (called the Γ -function) as follows:

$$\Gamma(s) := \int_0^{\infty} x^{s-1} e^{-x} dx$$

for $s \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\Gamma(s)$ is convergent if and only if $s > 0$.

Proof. Put $I(s) := \int_0^1 x^{s-1} e^{-x} dx$ and $II(s) := \int_1^\infty x^{s-1} e^{-x} dx$. We first claim that the integral $II(s)$ is convergent for all $s \in \mathbb{R}$.

In fact, if we fix $s \in \mathbb{R}$, then we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{s-1}}{e^{x/2}} = 0.$$

So there is $M > 1$ such that $\frac{x^{s-1}}{e^{x/2}} \leq 1$ for all $x \geq M$. Thus we have

$$0 \leq \int_M^\infty x^{s-1} e^{-x} dx \leq \int_M^\infty e^{-x/2} dx < \infty.$$

Therefore we need to show that the integral $I(s)$ is convergent if and only if $s > 0$.

Note that for $0 < \eta < 1$, we have

$$0 \leq \int_\eta^1 x^{s-1} e^{-x} dx \leq \int_\eta^1 x^{s-1} dx = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{s}(1 - \eta^s) & \text{if } s - 1 \neq -1; \\ -\ln \eta & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Thus the integral $I(s) = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \int_\eta^1 x^{s-1} e^{-x} dx$ is convergent if $s > 0$.

Conversely, we also have

$$\int_\eta^1 x^{s-1} e^{-x} dx \geq e^{-1} \int_\eta^1 x^{s-1} dx = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-1}}{s}(1 - \eta^s) & \text{if } s - 1 \neq -1; \\ -e^{-1} \ln \eta & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

So if $s \leq 0$, then $\int_\eta^1 x^{s-1} e^{-x} dx$ is divergent as $\eta \rightarrow 0^+$. The result follows. \square

2. UNIFORM CONVERGENCE OF A SEQUENCE OF DIFFERENTIABLE FUNCTIONS

Proposition 2.1. *Let $f_n : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a sequence of functions. Assume that it satisfies the following conditions:*

- (i) : $f_n(x)$ point-wise converges to a function $f(x)$ on (a, b) ;
- (ii) : each f_n is a C^1 function on (a, b) ;
- (iii) : $f'_n \rightarrow g$ uniformly on (a, b) .

Then f is a C^1 -function on (a, b) with $f' = g$.

Proof. Fix $c \in (a, b)$. Then for each x with $c < x < b$ (similarly, we can prove it in the same way as $a < x < c$), the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus implies that

$$f_n(x) = \int_c^x f'_n(t) dt.$$

Since $f'_n \rightarrow g$ uniformly on (a, b) , we see that

$$\int_c^x f'_n(t) dt \rightarrow \int_c^x g(t) dt.$$

This gives

$$(2.1) \quad f(x) = \int_c^x g(t) dt.$$

for all $x \in (c, b)$. On the other hand, g is continuous on (a, b) since each f'_n is continuous and $f'_n \rightarrow g$ uniformly on (a, b) . Equation 2.1 will tell us that f' exists and $f' = g$ on (c, b) . The proof is finished. \square

Proposition 2.2. *Let (f_n) be a sequence of differentiable functions defined on (a, b) . Assume that*

- (i): there is a point $c \in (a, b)$ such that $\lim f_n(c)$ exists;
- (ii): f'_n converges uniformly to a function g on (a, b) .

Then

- (a): f_n converges uniformly to a function f on (a, b) ;
 (b): f is differentiable on (a, b) and $f' = g$.

Proof. For Part (a), we will make use the Cauchy theorem.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then by the assumptions (i) and (ii), there is a positive integer N such that

$$|f_m(c) - f_n(c)| < \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad |f'_m(x) - f'_n(x)| < \varepsilon$$

for all $m, n \geq N$ and for all $x \in (a, b)$. Now fix $c < x < b$ and $m, n \geq N$. To apply the Mean Value Theorem for $f_m - f_n$ on (c, x) , then there is a point ξ between c and x such that

$$(2.2) \quad f_m(x) - f_n(x) = f_m(c) - f_n(c) + (f'_m(\xi) - f'_n(\xi))(x - c).$$

This implies that

$$|f_m(x) - f_n(x)| \leq |f_m(c) - f_n(c)| + |f'_m(\xi) - f'_n(\xi)||x - c| < \varepsilon + (b - a)\varepsilon$$

for all $m, n \geq N$ and for all $x \in (c, b)$. Similarly, when $x \in (a, c)$, we also have

$$|f_m(x) - f_n(x)| < \varepsilon + (b - a)\varepsilon.$$

So Part (a) follows.

Let f be the uniform limit of (f_n) on (a, b)

For Part (b), we fix $u \in (a, b)$. We are going to show

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow u} \frac{f(x) - f(u)}{x - u} = g(u).$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since $f_n \rightarrow f$ and $f' \rightarrow g$ both are uniformly convergent on (a, b) . Then there is $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$(2.3) \quad |f_m(x) - f_n(x)| < \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad |f'_m(x) - f'_n(x)| < \varepsilon$$

for all $m, n \geq N$ and for all $x \in (a, b)$

Note that for all $m \geq N$ and $x \in (a, b) \setminus \{u\}$, applying the Mean value Theorem for $f_m - f_N$ as before, we have

$$\frac{f_m(x) - f_N(x)}{x - u} = \frac{f_m(u) - f_N(u)}{x - u} + (f'_m(\xi) - f'_N(\xi))$$

for some ξ between u and x .

So Eq.2.3 implies that

$$(2.4) \quad \left| \frac{f_m(x) - f_m(u)}{x - u} - \frac{f_N(x) - f_N(u)}{x - u} \right| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all $m \geq N$ and for all $x \in (a, b)$ with $x \neq u$.

Taking $m \rightarrow \infty$ in Eq.2.4, we have

$$\left| \frac{f(x) - f(u)}{x - u} - \frac{f_N(x) - f_N(u)}{x - u} \right| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{f(x) - f(u)}{x - u} - f'_N(u) \right| &\leq \left| \frac{f(x) - f(u)}{x - c} - \frac{f_N(x) - f_N(u)}{x - u} \right| + \left| \frac{f_N(x) - f_N(u)}{x - u} - f'_N(u) \right| \\ &\leq \varepsilon + \left| \frac{f_N(x) - f_N(u)}{x - u} - f'_N(u) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

So if we can take $0 < \delta$ such that $\left| \frac{f_N(x) - f_N(u)}{x - u} - f'_N(u) \right| < \varepsilon$ for $0 < |x - u| < \delta$, then we have

$$(2.5) \quad \left| \frac{f(x) - f(u)}{x - u} - f'_N(u) \right| \leq 2\varepsilon$$

for $0 < |x - u| < \delta$. On the other hand, by the choice of N , we have $|f'_m(y) - f'_N(y)| < \varepsilon$ for all $y \in (a, b)$ and $m \geq N$. So we have $|g(u) - f'_N(u)| \leq \varepsilon$. This together with Eq.2.5 give

$$\left| \frac{f(x) - f(u)}{x - u} - g(u) \right| \leq 3\varepsilon$$

as $0 < |x - u| < \delta$, that is we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow u} \frac{f(x) - f(u)}{x - u} = g(u).$$

The proof is finished. □

Remark 2.3. *The uniform convergence assumption of (f'_n) in Propositions 2.1 and 2.2 is essential.*

Example 2.4. *Let $f_n(x) := \tan^{-1} nx$ for $x \in (-1, 1)$. Then we have*

$$f(x) := \lim_n \tan^{-1} nx = \begin{cases} \pi/2 & \text{if } x > 0; \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0; \\ -\pi/2 & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Also $g(x) := \lim_n f'_n(x) = \lim_n 1/(1 + n^2 x^2) = 0$ for all $x \in (-1, 1)$. So Propositions 2.1 and 2.2 does not hold. Note that (f'_n) does not converge uniformly to g on $(-1, 1)$.

3. ABSOLUTELY CONVERGENT SERIES

Throughout this section, let (a_n) be a sequence of complex numbers.

Definition 3.1. *We say that a series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is absolutely convergent if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| < \infty$.*

Also a convergent series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is said to be conditionally convergent if it is not absolute convergent.

Example 3.2. Important Example : *The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^\alpha}$ is conditionally convergent when $0 < \alpha \leq 1$.*

This example shows us that a convergent improper integral may fail to the absolute convergence or square integrable property.

For instance, if we consider the function $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$f(x) = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^\alpha} \quad \text{if } n \leq x < n + 1.$$

If $\alpha = 1/2$, then $\int_1^{\infty} f(x)dx$ is convergent but it is neither absolutely convergent nor square integrable.

Notation 3.3. *Let $\sigma : \{1, 2, \dots\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$ be a bijection. A formal series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{\sigma(n)}$ is called an*

rearrangement of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$.

Example 3.4. In this example, we are going to show that there is an rearrangement of the series $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{i+1}}{i}$ is divergent although the original series is convergent. In fact, it is conditionally convergent.

We first notice that the series $\sum_i \frac{1}{2i-1}$ diverges to infinity. Thus for each $M > 0$, there is a positive integer N such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2i-1} \geq M \quad \dots\dots\dots (*)$$

for all $n \geq N$. Then there is $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_1} \frac{1}{2i-1} - \frac{1}{2} > 1.$$

By using (*) again, there is a positive integer N_2 with $N_1 < N_2$ such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_1} \frac{1}{2i-1} - \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{N_1+1 \leq i \leq N_2} \frac{1}{2i-1} - \frac{1}{4} > 2.$$

To repeat the same procedure, we can find a positive integers subsequence (N_k) such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_1} \frac{1}{2i-1} - \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{N_1+1 < i \leq N_2} \frac{1}{2i-1} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots\dots\dots - \sum_{N_{k-1}+1 < i \leq N_k} \frac{1}{2i-1} - \frac{1}{2k} > k$$

for all positive integers k . So if we let $a_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$ and put

$$\sigma(i) = \begin{cases} 2i-1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq N_1 \text{ or } N_{k-1} + 1 < i \leq N_k \text{ for } k > 1; \\ 2k & \text{if } i = N_k + 1 \text{ for } k \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

then the series $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_{\sigma(i)}$ diverges to infinity and is an rearrangement of the series $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{i+1}}{i}$. The proof is finished.

Theorem 3.5. Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ be an absolutely convergent series. Then for any rearrangement $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{\sigma(n)}$

is also absolutely convergent. Moreover, we have $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{\sigma(n)}$.

Proof. Let $\sigma : \{1, 2, \dots\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$ be a bijection as before.

We first claim that $\sum_n a_{\sigma(n)}$ is also absolutely convergent.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since $\sum_n |a_n| < \infty$, there is a positive integer N such that

$$|a_{N+1}| + \dots\dots\dots + |a_{N+p}| < \varepsilon \quad \dots\dots\dots (*)$$

for all $p = 1, 2, \dots$. Notice that since σ is a bijection, we can find a positive integer M such that $M > \max\{j : 1 \leq \sigma(j) \leq N\}$. Then $\sigma(i) \geq N$ if $i \geq M$. This together with (*) imply that if $i \geq M$ and $p \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$|a_{\sigma(i+1)}| + \dots\dots\dots |a_{\sigma(i+p)}| < \varepsilon.$$

Thus the series $\sum_n a_{\sigma(n)}$ is absolutely convergent by the Cauchy criteria.

Finally we claim that $\sum_n a_n = \sum_n a_{\sigma(n)}$. Put $l = \sum_n a_n$ and $l' = \sum_n a_{\sigma(n)}$. Now let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then

there is $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\left| l - \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \right| < \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad |a_{N+1}| + \cdots + |a_{N+p}| < \varepsilon \cdots \cdots (**)$$

for all $p \in \mathbb{N}$. Now choose a positive integer M large enough so that $\{1, \dots, N\} \subseteq \{\sigma(1), \dots, \sigma(M)\}$ and $\left| l' - \sum_{i=1}^M a_{\sigma(i)} \right| < \varepsilon$. Notice that since we have $\{1, \dots, N\} \subseteq \{\sigma(1), \dots, \sigma(M)\}$, the condition (**)

gives

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^N a_n - \sum_{i=1}^M a_{\sigma(i)} \right| \leq \sum_{N < i < \infty} |a_i| \leq \varepsilon.$$

We can now conclude that

$$|l - l'| \leq \left| l - \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \right| + \left| \sum_{n=1}^N a_n - \sum_{i=1}^M a_{\sigma(i)} \right| + \left| \sum_{i=1}^M a_{\sigma(i)} - l' \right| \leq 3\varepsilon.$$

The proof is complete. □

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