

## 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  $\phi$  and  $\phi'$  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  $\phi$  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  $\delta$ .

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. □

**Example 1.7.** Define (formally) an improper integral  $\Gamma(s)$  (called the  $\Gamma$ -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  $\xi$  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  $\xi$  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

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

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

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

for all positive integers  $k$ . So if we let  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$ , then one can find a bijection  $\sigma : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_{\sigma(i)}$  is an rearrangement of the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{i+1}}{i}$  and diverges to infinity. 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  $\sigma$  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

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

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  $|l' - \sum_{i=1}^M a_{\sigma(i)}| < \varepsilon$ . 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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