

## Lesson 13

Toeplitz theorem and applications,  
Exponential and logarithm function,  
Bolzano–Weierstrass theorem

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# Toeplitz theorem

## Toeplitz theorem

Let  $\{c_{n,k} : 1 \leq k \leq n, n \geq 1\}$  be an array of real numbers such that

- ①  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_{n,k} = 0$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- ②  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n c_{n,k} = 1$ .
- ③ There is  $C > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{k=1}^n |c_{n,k}| \leq C.$$

Then for any sequence  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  so that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$  its transformed sequence

$$b_n = \sum_{k=1}^n c_{k,n} a_k$$

also converges and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = a$ .

## Toeplitz theorem - example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & & & & \dots \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & & & & & & & \dots \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & & & & & & \dots \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & & & & & \dots \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & & & & \dots \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & & & \dots \\ \frac{1}{7} & & \dots \\ \frac{1}{8} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

## Proof: 1/2

If  $a_n = a$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_{n,k} = a.$$

Thus, it suffices to consider the case when  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .

Then, for any  $m > 1$  and  $n \geq m$ :

(\*)

$$|b_n - 0| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^n c_{n,k} a_k \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} |c_{n,k}| |a_k| + \sum_{k=m}^n |c_{n,k}| |a_k|.$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$  thus for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $N_\varepsilon^1 \in \mathbb{N}$  so that

$$n \geq N_\varepsilon^1 \quad \text{implies} \quad |a_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2C}.$$

## Proof: 2/2

Of course  $|a_n| \leq M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and some  $M > 0$ . It follows from (i) that there is  $N_\varepsilon^2 \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $n \geq N_\varepsilon^2$  implies

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N_\varepsilon^1-1} |c_{n,k}| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2M}.$$

Applying (\*) with  $m = N_\varepsilon^1$  we obtain

$$|b_n| \leq M \sum_{k=1}^{N_\varepsilon^1-1} |c_{n,k}| + \frac{\varepsilon}{2C} \sum_{k=N_\varepsilon^1}^n |c_{n,k}| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

for all  $n \geq \max(N_\varepsilon^1, N_\varepsilon^2)$ . Thus we conclude

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0.$$

□

# Proposition

## Proposition

Let  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be two sequences such that

- ①  $b_n > 0, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_k = +\infty$ ,
- ②  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = g$ .

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{b_1 + \dots + b_n} = g.$$

**Proof.** We apply Toeplitz theorem to the sequence  $(a_n/b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  with

$$c_{n,k} = \frac{b_k}{b_1 + \dots + b_n}.$$

# Proof

Then for (i) we note

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_{n,k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_k}{b_1 + \dots + b_n} = b_k \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{b_1 + \dots + b_n} = b_k \cdot 0 = 0.$$

For (ii) we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^n c_{n,k} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{b_k}{b_1 + \dots + b_n} = \frac{b_1 + \dots + b_n}{b_1 + \dots + b_n} = 1.$$

Since  $b_k > 0$  (iii) follows from (ii). Thus by Toeplitz theorem we conclude

$$g = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n c_{n,k} \frac{a_k}{b_k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k b_k}{(b_1 + \dots + b_n) b_k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{b_1 + \dots + b_n}.$$



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**Proof.** We apply Toeplitz theorem with the sequence  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and

$$c_{n,k} = \frac{b_k}{b_1 + \dots + b_n}.$$

Then

$$a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n c_{n,k} a_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k b_k}{b_1 + \dots + b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n}{b_1 + \dots + b_n}.$$
□

# Stolz theorem

## Stolz theorem

Let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be two sequences so that

- ①  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  strictly increases to  $+\infty$ , i.e.  $y_n < y_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = +\infty$ .
- ② Also we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{y_n - y_{n-1}} = g.$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n} = g.$$

**Proof.** Apply the previous proposition with

$$a_n = \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{y_n - y_{n-1}}, \quad \text{and} \quad b_n = y_n - y_{n-1}.$$



# Euler's number

We know that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x.$$

for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Also

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = e.$$

## Theorem

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = e^x.$$

## Proof: 1/2

**Proof.** Let  $S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{x^k}{k!}$ , then by the binomial theorem we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \left| S_n - \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \right| &= \left| \sum_{k=2}^n \left( 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \cdot \dots \cdot \left(1 - \frac{k-1}{n}\right) \right) \frac{x^k}{k!} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=2}^n \left( 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \cdot \dots \cdot \left(1 - \frac{k-1}{n}\right) \right) \frac{|x|^k}{k!}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us also note that

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \cdot \dots \cdot \left(1 - \frac{k-1}{n}\right) \geq 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{j}{n} = 1 - \frac{k(k-1)}{n}$$

for  $2 \leq k \leq n$ .

## Proof: 2/2

Thus

$$\left| S_n - \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \right| \leq \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k(k-1)}{2n} \frac{|x|^k}{k!} = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{|x|^k}{(k-2)!}.$$

Using the Stolz theorem

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{|x|^k}{(k-2)!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{|x|^n}{(n-2)!} = 0.$$

Thus

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x$$

as desired. □

# Exponential function

## Exponential function

The function  $E : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  defined by  $E(x) = e^x$  is called **the exponential function**.

## Properties of exponential function

- For all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  one has

$$e^{x+y} = e^x e^y.$$

- If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{a_n} = e^a$ .
- $E$  is one-to-one and onto. Thus the inverse for  $E$  exists.

# Natural logarithm

## Natural logarithm

The inverse of  $E$  exists. It will be denoted by  $E^{-1} : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$E^{-1}(x) = \ln(x) = \log(x)$$

and it is called **the natural logarithm**.

## Simple properties of natural logarithm

- ①  $\log(x)$  is increasing.
- ② For  $x, y \in (0, \infty)$  we have

$$\log(xy) = \log(x) + \log(y).$$

- ③ We also have  $x^\alpha = e^{\alpha \log(x)}$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# Proposition

## Proposition

For  $x > 0$  we have

$$\frac{x}{x+2} < \log(x+1) < x.$$

**Proof.** We prove that for  $0 < x < m$  with  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n < e^x < \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^{n+m}.$$

thus

$$n \log\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right) < x < (n+m) \log\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right).$$

Hence

$$\frac{x}{n+m} < \log\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right) < \frac{x}{n} \quad \text{if } m > x.$$

Proof:

Taking  $n = 1$  we obtain

$$\log(1 + x) < x \quad \text{for all } x > 0.$$

Now set  $m = \lfloor x \rfloor + 1 > x$ , then

$$\log\left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right) > \frac{\frac{x}{n}}{2 + \frac{x}{n}}.$$

Thus for  $n = 1$  we obtain

$$\log(1 + x) > \frac{x}{2 + x}.$$



Remark

In fact, for every  $x > 0$  the following inequality holds

$$\frac{x}{x + 1} < \log(x + 1) < x.$$

# Euler–Mascheroni constant

## Divergence of harmonic series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = +\infty.$$

## Theorem

The sequences

$$a_n = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k} - \log(n) \quad \text{and} \quad b_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \log(n)$$

are increasing and decreasing respectively and bounded, and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \gamma.$$

where  $\gamma$  is known as **the Euler (or Euler–Mascheroni) constant**.

## Proof: 1/2

## Remark

- It is not even known whether  $\gamma$  is irrational.
- $\gamma$  is called Euler-Mascheroni constant, and  $\gamma \simeq 0, 5772 \dots$

**Proof.** We know

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n < e < \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+1}$$

thus

$$n \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) < 1 < (n+1) \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right),$$

and consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \log \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right) &< \frac{1}{n}, \\ \log \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right) &> \frac{1}{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

## Proof: 2/2

Thus

$$a_{n+1} - a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \log(n+1) - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k} + \log(n) = \frac{1}{n} - \log\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right) > 0.$$

Hence  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is increasing. Similarly,

$$b_{n+1} - b_n = \frac{1}{n+1} - \log\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right) < 0,$$

thus  $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is decreasing. Also it is clear

$$a_1 \leq a_n \leq b_n \leq b_1.$$

Thus by the (MCT) the limits exist

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \gamma,$$

since  $b_n = a_n + \frac{1}{n}$ .

□

# Bolzano–Weierstrass theorem

Bolzano–Weierstrass theorem

Every bounded sequence contains convergent subsequence.

**Proof.** Let  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be bounded. Then there is  $M > 0$  such that

$$|a_n| \leq M \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Thus  $a_n \in [-M, M]$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

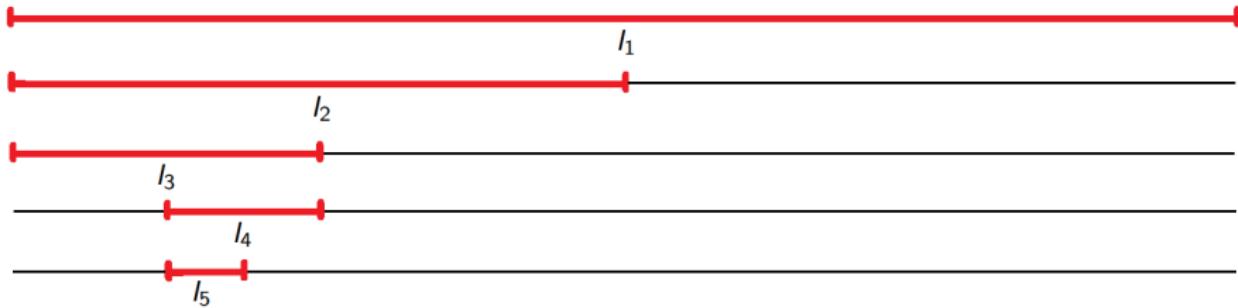
- **Step 1.** Divide  $[-M, M]$  into two closed intervals  $[-M, 0]$ ,  $[0, M]$ . We can assume (wlog) that  $I_1 = [0, M]$  contains infinitely many elements of  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . Moreover, the length of  $I_1$  is  $M$ .
- **Step 2.** Divide  $I_1$  into two closed intervals of the same length and select the one which contains infinitely many elements of  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . Call it  $I_2 \subset I_1$  and note that has length  $\frac{M}{2}$ .

## Proof: 1/2

- **Step 3.** Proceeding inductively as above we obtain a sequence of decreasing closed intervals

$$I_1 \supset I_2 \supset I_3 \supset I_4 \supset \dots$$

where each  $I_k$  contains infinitely many elements of  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and has length  $\frac{M}{2^{k-1}}$ .



## Proof: 2/2

- **Step 4.** By the **Nested Intervals Property**  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k \neq \emptyset$ . In fact,

$$\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k = \{x\} \quad \text{for some } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Now for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  select an element  $a_{n_k} \in I_k$  so that

$$n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k < \dots$$

where  $a_{n_1}$  is any element of  $I_1$ .

- **Step 5.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and choose  $N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  so that

$$\frac{M}{2^{k-1}} < \varepsilon \quad \text{for } k \geq N_\varepsilon.$$

Then for every  $k \geq N_\varepsilon$  we have

$$|a_{n_k} - x| \leq \frac{M}{2^{k-1}} < \varepsilon,$$

thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n_k} = x$ .



# Bolzano–Weierstrass theorem - example

## Example

Let us consider a sequence

$$a_n = (-1)^n.$$

It is **NOT** convergent, but the subsequence  $(-1)^{2n} = 1$  converges to 1.