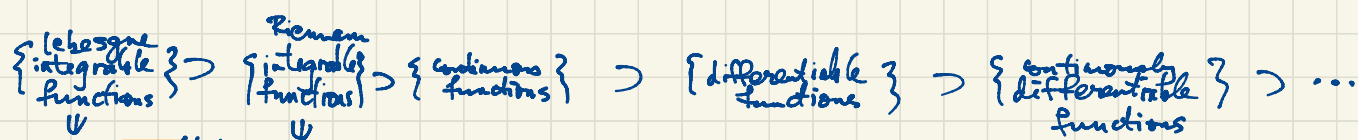


Analysis I (Math 3205)

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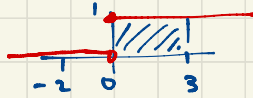
Book 2



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 Dirichlet function

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0; \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

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 Heaviside function



$$\int_{-2}^3 H(x) dx = 3$$

$S = \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{5}{6}, \dots\}$ is bounded: 0 is a lower bound, 1 is an upper bound.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ is the greatest lower bound.



Every $m \leq \frac{1}{2}$ is a lower bound for S , meaning $s \geq \frac{1}{2}$ for all $s \in S$.

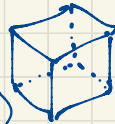
(so $\frac{1}{2}$ is a lower bound) and it is the greatest lower bound.

1 is the least upper bound of S .

Fact: $|[0, 1]| = |\mathbb{R}^3|$

Basic idea of the proof: $|(0, 1)| = |(0, 1)^3|$

$(0, 1)^3 = (0, 1) \times (0, 1) \times (0, 1) = \{(x, y, z) : 0 < x, y, z < 1\}$



Bijection: $a \mapsto (0.a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 a_5 a_6 a_7 a_8 a_9 a_{10} \dots, 0.a_1 a_5 a_8 a_9 a_{14} \dots, 0.a_3 a_6 a_9 a_{12} a_{15} \dots)$

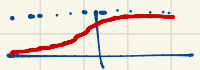
$0 < a < 1$

$0.4159265358\dots \mapsto (0.1565\dots, 0.4958\dots, 0.1239\dots)$

$a = 0.a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 a_5 a_6 a_7 a_8 a_9 a_{10} \dots$

$= a_1 \cdot 10^{-1} + a_2 \cdot 10^{-2} + a_3 \cdot 10^{-3} + a_4 \cdot 10^{-4} + \dots, \quad a_i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$

$$|(0,1)| = |\mathbb{R}|$$



see video on Cardinality

$$|(0,1)| = |(0,1)^3| = |\mathbb{R}^3|$$

and this bijection can be given constructively i.e. by an explicit formula (in particular this is a theorem in ZF, not requiring the Axiom of Choice)

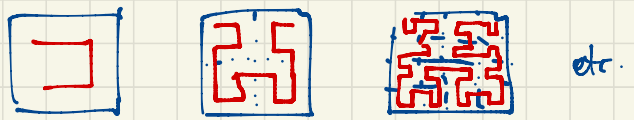
$$|[0,1]| = |[0,1]^2|$$



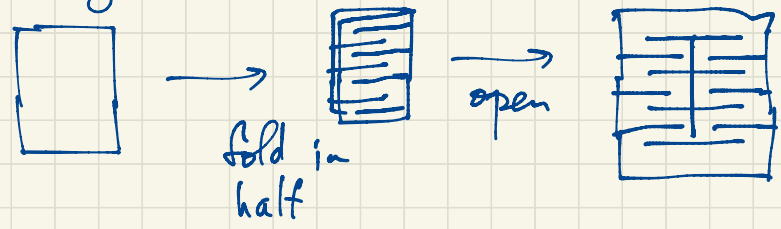
There is a bijection $[0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]^2$ but no continuous bijection.

However there is a continuous surjection

(map that is onto)
This gives a "space-filling curve": it goes through every point of the square.



How do you cut a hole in an $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ sheet of paper that you can walk through?



Fact: There is a set of open intervals in \mathbb{R} of total length less than 1 which covers all the rational numbers.

Since \mathbb{Q} is countable, $\mathbb{Q} = \{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, \dots\}$. Then

$$\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(q_n - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}, q_n + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \right) = \left(q_1 - \frac{1}{4}, q_1 + \frac{1}{4} \right) \cup \left(q_2 - \frac{1}{8}, q_2 + \frac{1}{8} \right) \cup \left(q_3 - \frac{1}{16}, q_3 + \frac{1}{16} \right) \cup \left(q_4 - \frac{1}{32}, q_4 + \frac{1}{32} \right) \cup \dots$$

$$\text{Total length} < \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots = 1$$

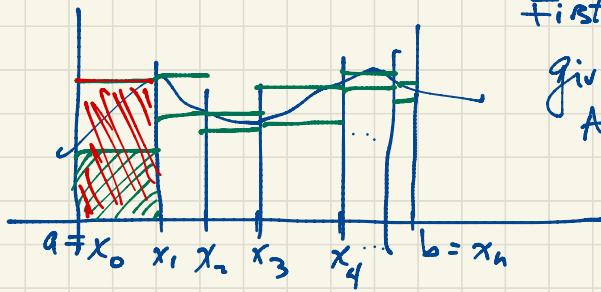
Once again the set of intervals can be given constructively i.e. explicitly with no need for the Axiom of Choice.

What is a (Riemann) integral? i.e. the integral as defined in Calculus I-II?

Suppose $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. We want to define $\int_a^b f(x) dx$. We start with lower and upper

bounds for the integral (these being upper and lower Riemann sums).

We then take $\sup \{ \text{lower Riemann sums} \}$ and $\inf \{ \text{upper Riemann sums} \}$.



First subdivide $[a, b]$ at points $a = x_0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_n = b$

giving n subintervals $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Assuming f is bounded, $m_i \leq f(x) \leq M_i$ on $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$

$$\text{where } M_i = \sup \{ f(x) : x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i \}, \quad m_i = \inf \{ f(x) : x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i \}$$

$$= \sup_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]} f, \quad = \inf_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]} f$$

The Riemann sums corresponding to the partition $a = x_0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_{n-1} \leq x_n = b$ of $[a, b]$ are:

$$\text{Upper sum} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{(x_i - x_{i-1})}_{\text{base}} \underbrace{M_i}_{\text{height}} = (x_1 - x_0)M_1 + (x_2 - x_1)M_2 + \dots + (x_n - x_{n-1})M_n$$

$$\text{Lower sum} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x_{i-1})m_i$$

$$\text{We should have} \quad \text{Lower sum} \quad \sum (x_i - x_{i-1})m_i \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \text{Upper sum} \quad \sum (x_i - x_{i-1})M_i$$

We can't just let $n \rightarrow \infty$. By the Least Upper Bound Property, $\sup\{\text{lower bounds}\}$ exists and $\inf\{\text{upper bounds}\}$ exists. And

$$\sup\{\text{lower bounds}\} \leq \inf\{\text{upper bounds}\}.$$

If these two values agree, this gives a definite value for $\int_a^b f(x) dx$.

For lots of functions (eg. the Heaviside function and for all continuous functions), this works. For Dirichlet's function, the Riemann integral $\int_0^1 g(x) dx$ is undefined.

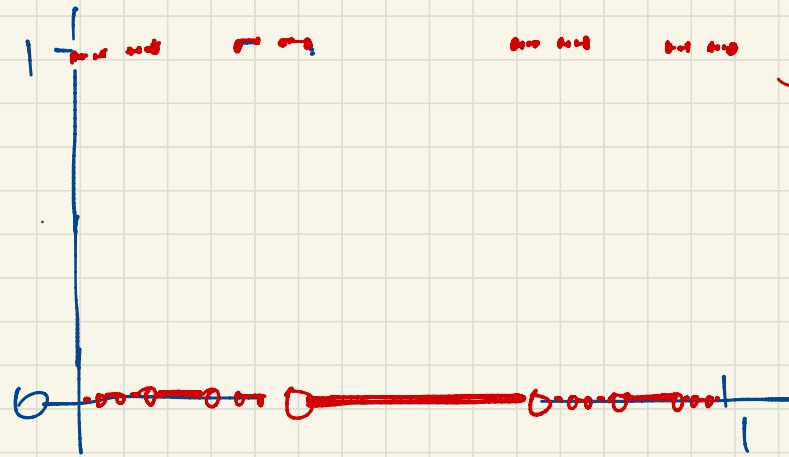
Why? For Dirichlet's function $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}; \\ 0, & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$

$m_i = 0, M_i = 1$ for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Upper sums: $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x_{i-1}) M_i = \underbrace{(x_1 - x_0) + (x_2 - x_1) + (x_3 - x_2) + \dots + (x_n - x_{n-1})}_{1} = x_n - x_0 = b - a = 1 - 0 = 1$

Lower sums: $\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x_{i-1}) m_i = 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 = 0$

For C the Cantor set define $u(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in C \\ 0, & \text{if } x \notin C \end{cases}$



What is $\int_0^1 u(x) dx$?

Lower sums are 0.

Upper sums can be made as small as we want.

For $0 < \frac{1}{3} < \frac{2}{3} < 1$ the Riemann Sum is $\frac{1}{3} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 1 = \frac{2}{3}$.

For $0 < \frac{1}{9} < \frac{2}{9} < \frac{1}{3} < \frac{2}{3} < \frac{7}{9} < \frac{8}{9} < 1$ the Riemann Sum is $\frac{1}{9} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{9} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{9} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{9} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{9} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{9} \cdot 1 = \frac{4}{9}$

For $0 < \frac{1}{27} < \frac{2}{27} < \dots < \frac{26}{27} < 1$ the corresponding Riemann Sum is $\frac{8}{27}$.

Each new upper Riemann Sum is $\frac{2}{3}$ of the previous one if $\left\{ \frac{2}{3} \right\}^n \rightarrow 0$.

For the function $u(x)$, $\underbrace{\sup \{ \text{lower sums} \}}_0 \leq \int_0^1 u(x) dx \leq \underbrace{\inf \{ \text{upper sums} \}}_0$

so $\int_0^1 u(x) dx = 0$.

Note: $u(x)$ has infinitely many discontinuities but it is not discontinuous everywhere.

$u(x)$ is continuous on a set of open intervals inside $[0, 1]$ of total length 1.

The total length of the Cantor set C (where $u=1$) is 0.

However C is uncountable; $|C| = |\mathbb{R}|$. Why?

Every $a \in [0, 1]$ has a ternary expansion

$$a = 0.a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 a_5 \dots \quad (a_i \in \{0, 1, 2\})$$

$$= \frac{a_1}{3} + \frac{a_2}{3^2} + \frac{a_3}{3^3} + \frac{a_4}{3^4} + \frac{a_5}{3^5} + \dots$$

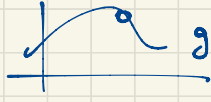
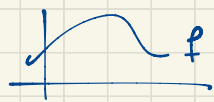
The points in C are those with $a_i \in \{0, 2\}$ only.

$|C| = |\mathbb{R}| = |[0, 1]|$. A bijection $C \rightarrow [0, 1]$

$$0.20022202002 \dots \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad 0.10011101001 \dots$$

(base 3)
ternary
(base 2)
binary

If two functions f and g agree except at a single point, the $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b g(x) dx$



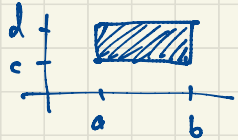
The same holds for changing a function at any finite number of points.

We want to be able to measure sets to distinguish their size, not as cardinality, but length (in one dimension), area (in two dimensions), volume (in 3 dimensions), etc. Defining measure of a set is equivalent to being able to integrate.

In one dimension, $\lambda([a, b]) = b - a$ for $a \leq b$. (the length)

↑
Greek letter (lambda)

In two dimensions, $\lambda([a, b] \times [c, d]) = (b - a)(d - c)$



↑ Cartesian product $\{(x, y) : x \in [a, b], y \in [c, d]\}$.

Borel measure extends this notion to larger sets and more complicated constructions.

Borel measure extends to Lebesgue measure which is the gold standard for measuring sets.

Lebesgue measure of $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is denoted $\lambda(A)$.

$$\lambda([a, b]) = b - a \quad \text{for } a \leq b$$

$$\lambda(A) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \lambda A.$$

$$\lambda(\{a\}) = 0$$

$$\lambda(A \cup B) = \lambda(A) + \lambda(B)$$

↑ disjoint union.

This extends to countable disjoint unions:

$$\lambda\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda(A_i)$$

If $A \subseteq B$ then $\lambda(A) \leq \lambda(B)$.

$\lambda(\mathbb{Q}) = 0$. This follows from the properties above:

$$\mathbb{Q} = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \{a_i\}$$

↑ singleton sets
(sets with single elements)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lambda(\mathbb{Q}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda(\{a_i\}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{R} = \bigsqcup_{a \in \mathbb{R}} \{a\}$ but this is not a countable union
so $\lambda(\mathbb{R}) \neq 0$.

Recall, as observed about 5 slides back,
 $\mathbb{Q} \subset \bigcup (a_i - \frac{1}{2^{i+1}}, a_i + \frac{1}{2^{i+1}})$

set of Lebesgue measure < 1 .

Sets of measure zero are sets which can be covered by countable unions of intervals of total length as small as we want (i.e. for every $\varepsilon > 0$, the set is covered by intervals of total length $< \varepsilon$). Such sets are considered 'negligible' in the sense of length i.e. measure.

Sets of Lebesgue measure zero have

$$\lambda(A) = 0.$$

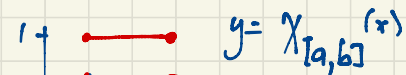
eg. $\lambda(\mathbb{Q}) = 0$ so \mathbb{Q} has Lebesgue measure zero.

Also the Cantor set $C \subset [0, 1]$ has measure zero.

\mathbb{Q} is countable and \mathbb{C} is uncountable so from the perspective of cardinality, there is a big difference in size between these two sets. But in terms of length (Lebesgue measure), both have measure zero: $\lambda(\mathbb{Q}) = \lambda(\mathbb{C}) = 0$.

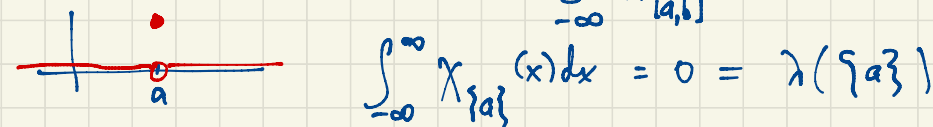
Connection between measure and integration:

Given a set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, its characteristic function $\chi_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$



Greek "chi"

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi_{[a,b]}(x) dx = b-a = \lambda([a,b])$$



$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi_{\{a\}}(x) dx = 0 = \lambda(\{a\})$$

In general, $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi_A(x) dx = \lambda(A)$.

$\chi_{\mathbb{Q}} = g$ is Dirichlet's function

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi_{\mathbb{Q}}(x) dx = \lambda(\mathbb{Q}) = 0. \text{ (This however is the Lebesgue integral,}$$

not the Riemann integral of Calculus I and II).
The Riemann integral is undefined.

Similarly,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi_{\mathbb{C}}(x) dx = \lambda(\mathbb{C}) = 0$$

where $\mathbb{C} \subset [0,1]$ is the Cantor set

(and this integral is defined as both a Riemann integral and as a Lebesgue integral).

If f and g agree except at a finite number of points, $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b g(x) dx$
 $\int_a^b f$

More generally, if f and g agree almost everywhere (i.e. except on a set of measure zero) then $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b g(x) dx$ for every interval $[a, b]$.

f and g agree almost everywhere (f and g agree a.e.)

$$\iff \lambda(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) \neq g(x)\}) = 0$$

This is an important example of an equivalence relation.

If $f = g$ a.e. and $g = h$ a.e. then $f = h$ a.e.

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$\lambda(A \cup B) = \lambda(A) + \lambda(B)$ for all measurable sets A, B .

If B is a closed unit ball in \mathbb{R}^3 then $\lambda(B) = \frac{4\pi}{3}$ (volume)
↑
radius 1

$B = A_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup A_5$ where A_1, \dots, A_5 can be repositioned to form two unit balls of total Lebesgue measure (volume) $\frac{8\pi}{3}$.

$$\lambda(B) \stackrel{?}{=} \underbrace{\lambda(A_1) + \dots + \lambda(A_5)}_{\text{undefined}} = 2\lambda(B).$$

A_1, \dots, A_5 are non-measurable.

Sequences $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots$

The limit of a sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is L if:

For all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists N such that $|a_n - L| < \varepsilon$ whenever $n > N$.

Eg. the sequence $(\frac{n}{2n+1})_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{7}, \frac{4}{9}, \frac{5}{11}, \dots)$ converges to $\frac{1}{2}$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{i.e. } (a_n) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{i.e. } a_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

In this case $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{2x+1} = \frac{1}{2}$ follows from $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{2x+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{x}} = \frac{1}{2+0} = \frac{1}{2}$.

Eg. $(\sin n\pi)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (0, 0, 0, \dots)$ converges to 0.

$$(\sin n\pi)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \rightarrow 0$$

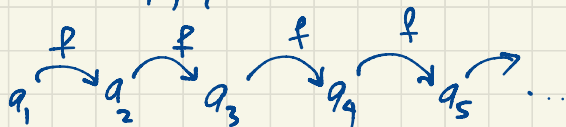
But $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sin(\pi x)$ does not exist.

Some sequences are defined recursively eg. the Fibonacci sequence $1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, \dots$

Eg. consider the sequence $a_n = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } n=1; \\ \frac{1}{5}(2a_{n-1}+7), & \text{for } n=2,3,4,\dots \end{cases}$

This is a recursive definition.

n	1	2	3	4	5	6	etc.
a_n	0	$\frac{7}{5}$	$\frac{49}{25}$	$\frac{273}{125}$	$\frac{1421}{625}$	$\frac{7217}{3125}$	



$$a_{n+1} = f(a_n)$$

where $f(x) = \frac{1}{5}(2x+7)$.

The n^{th} term of the sequence is $a_n = f^{n-1}(a_1)$ where $f^{n-1} = \underbrace{f \circ f \circ f \circ \dots \circ f}_{n-1}$

$$a_2 = f(a_1)$$

$$a_3 = f(f(a_1))$$

$$a_4 = f(f(f(a_1))) = f^3(a_1)$$

etc.

Let's look at the sequence in decimal approximations to get a better idea of its behavior.

From our computer session it appears that $(a_n)_n$ is increasing and converges to $2\frac{1}{3} = \frac{7}{3}$.

Let's prove $(a_n)_n \rightarrow \frac{7}{3}$. We'll do this in two ways. One way is to find an explicit formula for a_n . It is obvious that a_n has denominator 5^{n-1} but what is its numerator? We don't see an obvious pattern yet.

But first, why is it no surprise that the limit is $\frac{7}{3}$?

If the sequence converges to L then

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{5}(2a_n + 7) \quad \text{for } n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

where we can take the limit on both sides as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and get

$$L = \frac{1}{5}(2L + 7)$$

$$5L = 2L + 7$$

$$3L = 7$$

$$L = \frac{7}{3}$$

But this doesn't prove $(a_n)_n \rightarrow \frac{7}{3}$ since we assumed the sequence converges.
How do we know this?

Look at $a_n - \frac{7}{3}$ (which should converge to zero) and see if this exhibits a pattern.

From the table of values it appears that $\frac{7}{3} - a_n = \frac{7}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{n-1}$ for $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

i.e. $a_n = \frac{7}{3} \left[1 - \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{n-1} \right]$ for $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$ which is an explicit formula for a_n .

Let's prove this formula by induction. When $n=1$, $a_1 = 0$ and this agrees with the formula which gives $\frac{7}{3} \left[1 - \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^0 \right] = 0$.

Assuming $a_n = \frac{7}{3} \left[1 - \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^{n-1} \right]$ for some positive integer n ,

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{5}(2a_n + 7) = \frac{1}{5} \left(2 \times \frac{7}{3} \left[1 - \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^{n-1} \right] + 7 \right) = \frac{14}{15} \left[1 - \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^{n-1} \right] + \frac{7}{5}$$

$$= \frac{14}{15} - \frac{14}{15} \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^{n-1} + \frac{21}{15} = \frac{35}{15} - \frac{14}{15} \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^{n-1} = \frac{7}{3} - \frac{7}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^{n-1} = \frac{7}{3} - \frac{7}{3} \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^n$$

$$= \frac{7}{3} \left[1 - \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^n \right], \text{ which is correctly predicted by our explicit formula.}$$

By induction, the conjectured explicit formula for a_n holds for all $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$. \square

At this point, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7}{3} \left[1 - \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^{n-1} \right] = \frac{7}{3} [1 - 0] = \frac{7}{3}$.

Alternative proof: Substitute $b_n = \frac{7}{3} - a_n$. This gives a new sequence which also satisfies a recursive formula

$$b_{n+1} = \frac{7}{3} - a_{n+1} = \frac{7}{3} - f(a_n) = \frac{7}{3} - \frac{1}{5}(2a_n + 7) = \frac{14}{15} - \frac{2}{5}a_n = \frac{14}{15} - \frac{2}{5} \left(\frac{7}{3} - b_n \right) = \frac{2}{5}b_n.$$

i.e. $b_n = \begin{cases} \frac{7}{3}, & \text{if } n=1; \\ \frac{2}{5}b_{n-1}, & \text{for } n=2, 3, 4, \dots \end{cases}$

n	1	2	3	4	5	etc.
b_n	$\frac{7}{3}$	$\frac{7}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{7}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^2$	$\frac{7}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^3$	$\frac{7}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^4$	

$$b_n = \frac{7}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$A = B$$

" \Rightarrow "
implies

" \rightarrow "
can be used in limit notation
or in specifying
domain and range
of a function

eg. $(a_n) \rightarrow 5$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 9$

$$f^2 \text{ vs. } f^{(2)} = f''$$

eg. $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\pi = 3.1415926\dots \quad \text{vs.} \quad \pi = 3.1415926$$

$$\text{Series } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + \dots$$

$$a_i \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{numerical series})$$

Every series has two sequences:

- the sequence of terms $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots$
- the sequence of partial sums $s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, \dots$ where $s_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$.

When we say that the series converges, we mean that the partial sums converge.
If $(s_n) \rightarrow L$ then we say the series converges to L and we write $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = L$.

If a series does not converge, then we say it diverges.

The series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$

has n^{th} partial sum $s_n = a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$, (the sum of the first n terms of the series). Here the n^{th} term is a_{n-1} . (This point is implicitly assumed in the video.)

Eq. the harmonic series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots$ diverges.

The sequence of terms $(\frac{1}{n}) \rightarrow 0$ but the sequence of partial sums $(s_n) \rightarrow \infty$ where $s_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$. (Note: $s_n \sim \ln n$)

Eq. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots$ diverges.

The sequence of partial sums is $1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots$ which diverges.

Eq. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$ converges.

the sequence of partial sums is $1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{7}{4}, \frac{15}{8}, \frac{31}{16}, \dots$ which converges to 2 so

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 2.$$

For series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ with positive (or non-negative) terms, $a_n \geq 0$, only two things can happen with $S_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$:

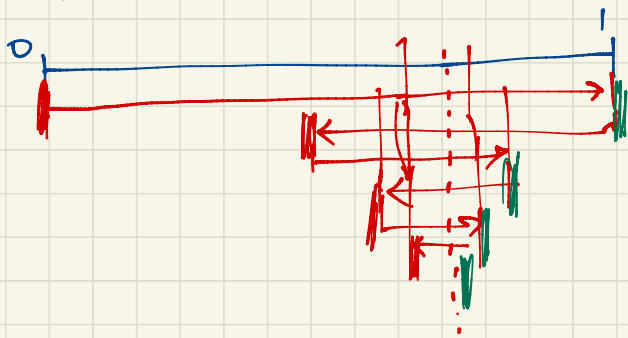
either $(S_n) \rightarrow \infty$
 or $(S_n) \rightarrow L$.

This is a consequence of the Least Upper Bound Property.

We have $s_1 \leq s_2 \leq s_3 \leq s_4 \leq \dots$ since $a_n \geq 0$ for all n .

By the Monotone Convergence Theorem, either (S_n) is unbounded and $(S_n) \rightarrow \infty$; or it converges, say $(S_n) \rightarrow L$ and $\sum a_n = L$. Here $L \geq 0$.

The alternating harmonic series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \dots$ converges.



Why does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} = \ln 2$? Here is a heuristic argument (not a complete proof) ≈ 0.693

Start with $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+\dots$ ($|x| < 1$)

$$\int_0^x \frac{1}{1-t} dt = \int_0^x (1+t+t^2+t^3+t^4+\dots) dt = x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \quad (\text{for } |x| < 1)$$

$$-\ln(1-t) \Big|_0^x = -\ln(1-x)$$

Take the limit for both sides as $x \rightarrow 1^-$.

$$-\ln 2 = -1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} - \dots$$

$$\ln 2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \dots$$

Is this justified?

In $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+\dots$ we can't let $x \rightarrow 1^-$, otherwise you get $\frac{1}{2} = 1-1+1-1+1-1+\dots$ which diverges.

For series with some positive and some negative terms, we cannot rearrange the series in general (permute the terms) without changing the answer.

Eg. The alternating harmonic series $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots$ can be rearranged eg. as

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{13} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{17} - \frac{1}{6} + \dots$$

to make the series converge to anything you want (or to make it diverge).