

Assignment 11

1. Use Baire Category Theorem to show that transcendental numbers are dense in the set of real numbers.
2. A set E in a metric space is called a perfect set if, for each point $x \in E$ and $r > 0$, the ball $B_r(x) \cap E$ contains a point different from x .
 - (a) For each x in the perfect set E , there exists a sequence in E consisting of infinitely many distinct points converging to x .
 - (b) Every complete perfect set is uncountable. Hint: Use Baire Category Theorem.
 - (c) Is (b) true without completeness?
3. Optional. Let $\|\cdot\|$ be a norm on \mathbb{R}^n .
 - (a) Show that $\|x\| \leq C\|x\|_2$ for some C where $\|\cdot\|_2$ is the Euclidean metric.
 - (b) Deduce from (a) that the function $x \mapsto \|x\|$ is continuous with respect to the Euclidean metric.
 - (c) Show that the inequality $\|x\|_2 \leq C'\|x\|$ for some C' also holds. Hint: Observe that $x \mapsto \|x\|$ is positive on the unit sphere $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\|_2 = 1\}$ which is compact.
 - (d) Establish the theorem asserting any two norms in a finite dimensional vector space are equivalent.
4. Let P be the vector space consisting of all polynomials. Show that we cannot find a norm on P so that it becomes a Banach space.
5. Let \mathcal{F} be a subset of $C(X)$ where X is a complete metric space. Suppose that for each $x \in X$, there exists a constant M depending on x such that $|f(x)| \leq M, \forall f \in \mathcal{F}$. Prove that there exists an open set G in X and a constant C such that $\sup_{x \in G} |f(x)| \leq C$ for all $f \in \mathcal{F}$. Suggestion: Consider the decomposition of X into the sets $X_n = \{x \in X : |f(x)| \leq n, \forall f \in \mathcal{F}\}$.
6. Optional. A function is called non-monotonic if it is not monotonic on every subinterval. Show that all non-monotonic functions form a dense set in $C[a, b]$. Hint: Consider the sets

$$\mathcal{E}_n = \{f \in C[a, b] : \exists x \text{ such that } (f(y) - f(x))(y - x) \geq 0, \forall y, |y - x| \leq 1/n\}.$$