

Exercise 1. The statement is false: define

$$f : [1, +\infty) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \longmapsto \frac{1}{x}.$$

Clearly f is continuous and $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = 0$. Yet it is well-known that the improper integral

$$\int_1^{+\infty} f(x) dx$$

diverges (Riemann integral at $+\infty$ with $\alpha = 1 \leq 1$).

Exercise 2.

1. The function $x \mapsto e^{-\sqrt{x^2+x}}$ is continuous on $[1, +\infty)$ hence the improper integral (1) is improper at $+\infty$. Now observe that

$$\forall x \in [1, +\infty), x^2 + x \geq x^2$$

hence

$$\forall x \in [1, +\infty), -\sqrt{x^2+x} \leq -x$$

hence

$$\forall x \in [1, +\infty), 0 \leq e^{-\sqrt{x^2+x}} \leq e^{-x}.$$

Now we know that the improper integral

$$\int_1^{+\infty} e^{-x} dx$$

is convergent hence, by the comparison test, the improper integral (1) is convergent.

2. The function

$$t \mapsto \frac{1 - \cos(t)}{t^2} e^{-t}$$

is continuous on $(0, +\infty)$ hence the improper integral (2) is improper at 0^+ and at $+\infty$.

- Convergence at 0^+ : by the well-known equivalents,

$$\frac{1 - \cos(t)}{t^2} e^{-t} \underset{x \rightarrow 0^+}{\sim} \frac{1}{2} \times 1 = \frac{1}{2} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2}.$$

Hence the improper integral (2) is falsely improper at 0^+ hence the improper integral (2) converges at 0^+ .

- Convergence at $+\infty$: observe that

$$\forall t \in [1, +\infty), 0 \leq \frac{1 - \cos(t)}{t^2} e^{-t} \leq \frac{2}{t^2}.$$

We know that the improper integral

$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{2}{t^2} dt$$

converges at $+\infty$ (Riemann at $+\infty$ with $\alpha = 2 > 1$) hence, by the comparison test, the improper integral (2) converges at $+\infty$.

We hence conclude that the improper integral (2) is convergent.

3. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$. The function

$$t \mapsto \frac{t^x}{1+t}$$

is continuous on $(0, 1]$ (this interval must be opened at 0 to take care of the case $x < 0$), hence the improper integral (3) is improper at 0^+ . Now,

$$\frac{t^x}{1+t} \underset{t \rightarrow 0^+}{\sim} t^x = \frac{1}{t^{-x}} > 0,$$

and we know, by Riemann at $+\infty$, that the improper integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t^{-x}}$$

converges if and only if $\alpha = -x < 1$. Hence, by the equivalent test, the improper integral (3) converges if and only if $x > -1$.

Exercise 3.

1. The function

$$t \mapsto \frac{\ln(t)}{1+t^2}$$

is continuous on $[1, +\infty)$ hence the improper integral I is improper at $+\infty$. Now,

$$t^{3/2} \frac{\ln(t)}{1+t^2} \underset{t \rightarrow +\infty}{\sim} t^{3/2} \frac{\ln(t)}{t^2} = \frac{\ln(t)}{\sqrt{t}} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow +\infty} 0.$$

Hence there exists $A > 1$ such that

$$\forall t \in [A, +\infty), t^{3/2} \frac{\ln(t)}{1+t^2} \leq 1.$$

Then

$$\forall t \in [A, +\infty), 0 \leq \frac{\ln(t)}{1+t^2} \leq \frac{1}{t^{3/2}}.$$

Now we know that the improper integral

$$\int_A^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{3/2}}$$

is convergent at $+\infty$ (Riemann at $+\infty$ with $\alpha = 3/2 > 1$) hence, by the comparison test, the improper integral I converges at $+\infty$.

2. The function

$$t \mapsto \frac{\ln(t)}{1+t^2}$$

is continuous on $(0, 1]$ hence the improper integral J is improper at 0^+ . Let $X \in (0, 1)$. Then, using the substitution $s = 1/t$ yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X^1 \frac{\ln(t)}{1+t^2} dt &= \int_{1/X}^1 \frac{\ln(1/s)}{1+1/s^2} \left(-\frac{ds}{s^2} \right) \\ &= \int_{1/X}^1 \frac{-\ln(s)}{s^2+1} (-ds) \\ &= \int_{1/X}^1 \frac{\ln(s)}{s^2+1} ds \\ &= - \int_1^{1/X} \frac{\ln(s)}{s^2+1} ds \\ &\xrightarrow{X \rightarrow 0^+} \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{\ln(s)}{1+s^2} ds = -I. \end{aligned}$$

Hence J is convergent and $J = -I$.

3. Let $t \in [0, 1]$. We know (from the sum of the terms of a geometric progression of ratio $-t^2 \neq 1$) that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k t^{2k} = \sum_{k=0}^n (-t^2)^k = \frac{1 - (-t^2)^{n+1}}{1 - (-t^2)} = \frac{1}{1+t^2} - \frac{(-1)^{n+1} t^{2n+2}}{1+t^2}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{1+t^2} = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k t^{2k} + \frac{(-1)^{n+1} t^{2n+2}}{1+t^2}.$$

4. Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. The function $t \mapsto t^{2k} \ln(t)$ is continuous on $(0, 1]$, hence the improper integral U_k is improper at 0^+ . Let $X \in (0, 1)$. By an integration by parts,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X^1 t^{2k} \ln(t) dt &= \left[\frac{t^{2k+1}}{2k+1} \ln(t) \right]_{t=X}^{t=1} - \int_X^1 \frac{t^{2k+1}}{2k+1} \frac{1}{t} dt \\ &= -\frac{X^{2k+1}}{2k+1} \ln(X) - \int_X^1 \frac{t^{2k}}{2k+1} dt \\ &= -\frac{X^{2k+1}}{2k+1} \ln(X) - \left[\frac{t^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)^2} \right]_{t=X}^{t=1} \\ &= -\frac{X^{2k+1}}{2k+1} \ln(X) - \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} + \frac{X^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)^2} \\ &\xrightarrow{X \rightarrow 0^+} -\frac{1}{(2k+1)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the improper integral U_k converges and $U_k = -\frac{1}{(2k+1)^2}$.

5. Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Observe that

$$\forall t \in (0, 1], 0 \geq \frac{t^{2k+2} \ln(t)}{1+t^2} \geq t^{2k+2} \ln(t).$$

Hence, by the comparison test we conclude that the improper integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{t^{2k+2} \ln(t)}{1+t^2} dt$$

is convergent and that

$$0 \geq \int_0^1 \frac{t^{2k+2} \ln(t)}{1+t^2} dt \geq \int_0^1 t^{2k+2} \ln(t) dt = -\frac{1}{(2k+3)^2}.$$

Hence

$$0 \leq \left| \int_0^1 \frac{t^{2k+2} \ln(t)}{1+t^2} dt \right| \leq \frac{1}{(2k+3)^2}.$$

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By Question 3, we have

$$\forall t \in [0, 1], \frac{1}{1+t^2} = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k t^{2k} + \frac{(-1)^{n+1} t^{2n+2}}{1+t^2},$$

hence

$$\forall t \in [0, 1], \frac{\ln(t)}{1+t^2} = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k t^{2k} \ln(t) + \frac{(-1)^{n+1} t^{2n+2} \ln(t)}{1+t^2}.$$

Now since all the improper integrals

$$\int_0^1 t^{2k} \ln(t) dt, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^1 \frac{t^{2n+2} \ln(t)}{1+t^2} dt$$

are convergent, we conclude that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, J = \sum_{k=0}^n \int_0^1 (-1)^k t^{2k} \ln(t) dt + \int_0^1 \frac{(-1)^{n+1} t^{2n+2} \ln(t)}{1+t^2} dt$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} + \int_0^1 \frac{(-1)^{n+1} t^{2n+2} \ln(t)}{1+t^2} dt.$$

Now, by the inequality obtained in the first part of this question (and the Squeeze Theorem),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^1 \frac{(-1)^{n+1} t^{2n+2} \ln(t)}{1+t^2} dt = 0.$$

Hence,

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

Remembering that $I = -J$ yields

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

Exercise 4.

1. To plot the unit ball of N we separate several cases. Let $(x, y) \in E$ such that $x \geq 0$, $y \geq 0$ and $y \leq x$. Then

$$(x, y) \in \bar{B} \iff N((x, y)) \leq 1 \iff x + y + x \leq 1 \iff y \leq 1 - 2x.$$

From this inequality we obtain the part of \bar{B} that lies in $\{(x, y) \in E \mid x \geq 0, y \geq 0, y \leq x\}$.

Now we observe that

$$\forall (x, y) \in E, N((y, x)) = N((x, y)),$$

from which we conclude that \bar{B} is symmetric with respect to the line $y = x$. At this point we obtain the part of \bar{B} that lies in the first quadrant $\{(x, y) \in E \mid x \geq 0, y \geq 0\}$.

Now we observe that

$$\forall (x, y) \in E, N((-x, y)) = N((x, y)),$$

from which we conclude that \bar{B} is symmetric with respect to the y -axis. At this point we obtain the part of \bar{B} that lies in the upper half plane $\{(x, y) \in E \mid y \geq 0\}$.

Finally we observe that

$$\forall (x, y) \in E, N((x, -y)) = N((x, y)),$$

from which we conclude that \bar{B} is symmetric with respect to the x -axis. At this point we obtain \bar{B} .

The ball \bar{B} is represented in Figure 1.

2. a) The vector space E is a finite-dimensional vector space, hence all the norms on E are equivalent. Hence N and $\|\cdot\|_2$ are equivalent.
 b) Let $u \in E$ such that $u \neq 0_E$.
 • Since

$$\left\| \frac{u}{\sqrt{5}\|u\|_2} \right\|_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

we conclude that

$$\frac{u}{\sqrt{5}\|u\|_2} \in \overline{B_2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)},$$

and hence, by the first inclusion given, that

$$\frac{u}{\sqrt{5}\|u\|_2} \in \bar{B}$$

and hence

$$N\left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{5}\|u\|_2}\right) \leq 1$$

and hence

$$N(u) \leq \sqrt{5}\|u\|_2.$$

We conclude that $\beta = \sqrt{5}$ fulfills the condition.

- Similarly,

$$N\left(\frac{u}{N(u)}\right) = 1$$

hence

$$\frac{u}{N(u)} \in \overline{B}$$

hence, by the second inclusion given,

$$\frac{u}{N(u)} \in \overline{B_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

hence

$$\left\| \frac{u}{N(u)} \right\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{2},$$

hence

$$\|u\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}N(u).$$

We conclude that $\alpha = 1/2$ fulfills the condition.

Exercise 5.

1. • Positive homogeneity: let $P \in E$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$N(\lambda P) = \int_0^1 |(1-t)\lambda P(t)| dt = |\lambda| \int_0^1 |(1-t)P(t)| dt = |\lambda|N(P).$$

- Triangle inequality: let $P, Q \in E$. Then (since $0 < 1$),

$$N(P+Q) = \int_0^1 |(1-t)(P(t)+Q(t))| dt \leq \int_0^1 (|(1-t)P(t)| + |(1-t)Q(t)|) dt = N(P) + N(Q).$$

- Let $P \in E$ such that $N(P) = 0$. Then

$$\int_0^1 |(1-t)P(t)| dt = 0.$$

Since the function $t \mapsto |(1-t)P(t)|$ is *non-negative and continuous* on $[0, 1]$, we conclude that

$$\forall t \in [0, 1], (1-t)P(t) = 0.$$

Hence,

$$\forall t \in [0, 1), P(t) = 0.$$

We notice that the polynomial P has an infinite number of roots, which can only happen for $P = 0_E$.

Hence N is a norm on E .

2. • Distance between 1 and P_1 :

$$N(1 - P_1) = \int_0^1 |(1-t)t| dt = \int_0^1 (t - t^2) dt = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

- Distance between 1 and P_2 :

$$N(1 - P_2) = \int_0^1 |(1-t)(1-t)| dt = \int_0^1 (1-t)^2 dt = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Hence P_1 is closer to 1 than P_2 .

3. a) Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

$$N(P_n - 0_E) = \int_0^1 |(1-t)t^n| dt = \int_0^1 (t^n - t^{n+1}) dt = \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2} = \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0.$$

Hence the sequence $(P_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to 0_E with respect to N .

b) Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

$$N(Q_n - 0_E) = N(nP_n) = nN(P_n) = \frac{n}{(n+1)(n+2)} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0.$$

Hence the sequence $(Q_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to 0_E with respect to N .

4. a) Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

$$f(P_n) = 1.$$

b) Since $(P_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to 0_E for N , if f were continuous we would have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} |f(P_n) - f(0_E)| = 0.$$

Now for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, (since $f(0_E) = 0$),

$$|f(P_n) - f(0_E)| = |f(P_n)| = P_n(1) = 1 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 1 \neq 0.$$

We conclude that f is not continuous (with respect to N) at 0_E .

5. Notice that for $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $g(Q_n) = nP'_n = n^2P_{n-1}$. Since $(Q_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to 0_E for the norm N , if g were continuous at 0_E we would have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} N(g(Q_n) - g(0_E)) = 0.$$

But for $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, (since $g(0_E) = 0_E$),

$$N(g(Q_n) - g(0_E)) = N(g(Q_n)) = N(n^2P_{n-1}) = n^2N(P_{n-1}) = \frac{n^2}{n(n+1)} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 1 \neq 0.$$

Hence g is not continuous at 0_E .

Exercise 6. In this exercise we use the 2-norm on \mathbb{R}^2 (all the norms on \mathbb{R}^2 being equivalent, we can use the one we want).

1. Case $\alpha + \beta > 2$: let $(x, y) \in U$. Then, remembering the following useful inequalities

$$|x| \leq \|(x, y)\|_2 \quad \text{and} \quad |y| \leq \|(x, y)\|_2$$

we obtain:

$$|f(x, y) - 0| = \frac{|x|^\alpha |y|^\beta}{\|(x, y)\|_2} \leq \frac{\|(x, y)\|_2^{\alpha+\beta}}{\|(x, y)\|_2} = \|(x, y)\|_2^{\alpha+\beta-2} \xrightarrow{\|(x, y)\|_2 \rightarrow 0} 0,$$

since $\alpha + \beta - 2 > 0$. Hence $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) = 0$.

2. • Case $\alpha + \beta = 2$: we show that the directional limits of f are not equal: Let $t \in \mathbb{R}^*$. Then

$$f(t, t) = \frac{|t|^{\alpha+\beta}}{2t^2} = \frac{1}{2}|t|^{\alpha+\beta-2} = \frac{1}{2} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2},$$

and

$$f(t, 0) = 0 \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} 0.$$

Since $(t, t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} (0, 0)$ and $(t, 0) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} (0, 0)$, and since both limits we computed aren't equal, we conclude that $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} f(x, y)$ doesn't exist (composition of limits theorem, together with the uniqueness of limits property).

• Case $\alpha + \beta < 2$: for $t \in \mathbb{R}^*$,

$$f(t, t) = |t|^{\alpha+\beta-2} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} +\infty.$$

Hence, since $(t, t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} (0, 0)$, we conclude that $\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)} f(x, y)$ doesn't exist (in \mathbb{R}).

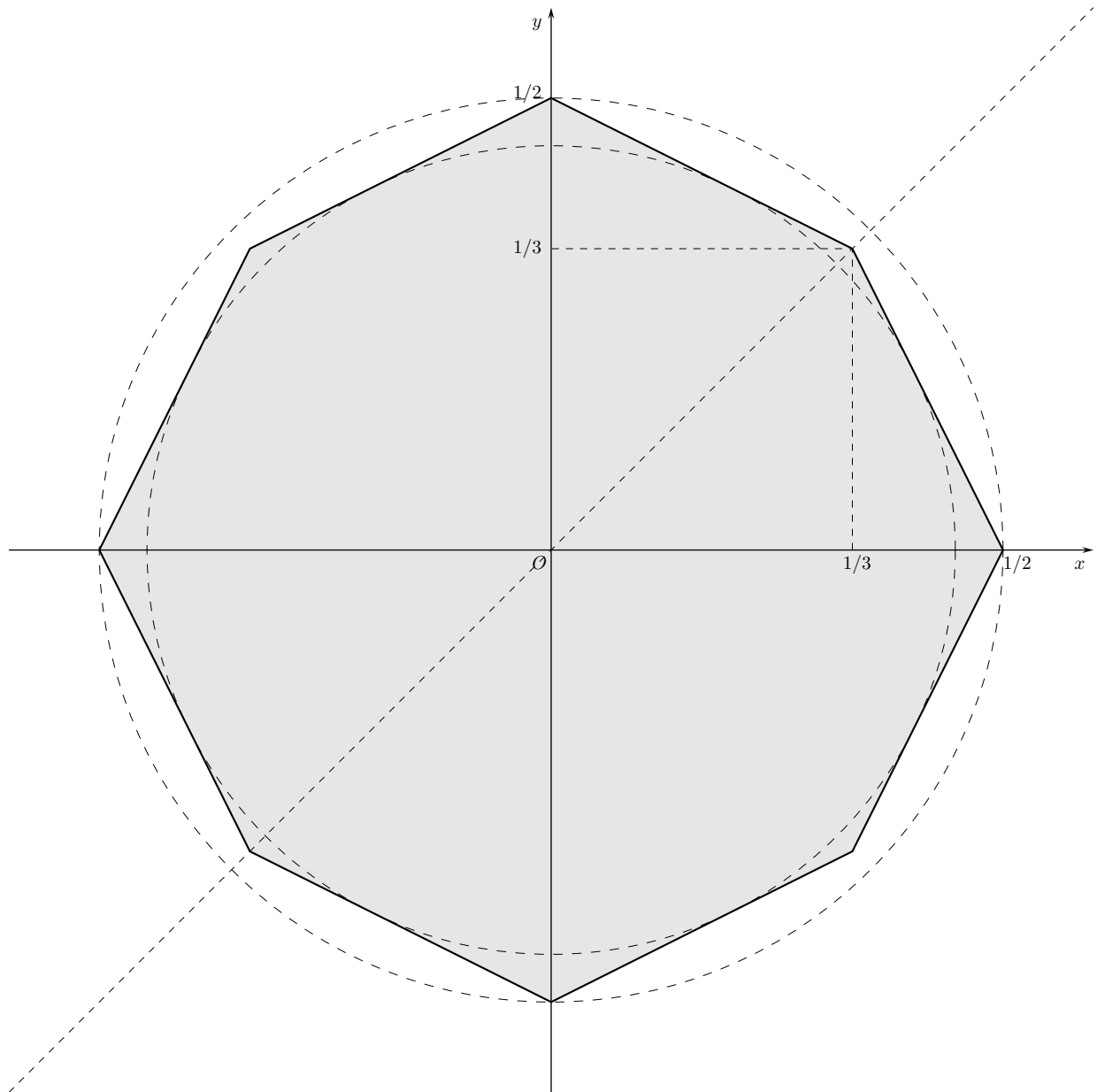


Figure 1. Unit ball \overline{B} of Exercise 4. We have also represented (in dashed) the boundaries of $\overline{B_2(1/2)}$ and $\overline{B_2(1/\sqrt{5})}$, and the straight line of equation $y = x$.