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Introduction

This book is the second volume of a full and detailed course in the elements of real and complex analysis that mathematical undergraduates may expect to meet. Indeed, it was initially based on those parts of analysis that undergraduates at Cambridge University meet, or used to meet, in their first two years. There is however always a temptation to go a bit further, and this is a temptation that I have not resisted. Thus I have included accounts of Baire's category theorem, and the Arzelà–Ascoli theorem, which are taught in the third year, and the Mazur–Ulam theorem, which, as far as I know, has never been taught. As a consequence, there are certain sections that can be omitted on a first reading. These are indicated by asterisks.

Volume I was concerned with analysis on the real line. In Part Three, the analysis is extended to a more general setting. We introduce and consider metric and topological spaces, and normed spaces. In fact, metric and metrizable spaces are sufficient for all subsequent needs, but many of the properties that we investigate are topological properties, and it is well worth understanding what this means. The study of topological spaces can degenerate into the construction of pathological examples; once again, temptation is not resisted, and Section 11.6 contains a collection of these. This section can be omitted at a first reading (and indeed at any subsequent reading). Baire's category theorem is proved in Section 12.6; it is remarkable that a theorem with a rather easy proof can lead to so many strong conclusions, but this is another section that can be omitted at a first reading. The notion of compactness, which is a fundamental topological idea, is studied in some detail. Tychonoff's theorem on the compactness of the product of compact spaces, which involves the axiom of choice, is too hard to include here: a proof is given in Appendix D.

In Part Four, we come back down to earth. The principal concern is the differentiation and integration of functions of several variables. Differentiation is interesting and reasonably straightforward, and we consider functions defined on a normed space; this shows that the results do not depend on any particular choice of coordinate system. Integration is another matter. To begin with it seems that the ideas of Riemann integration developed in Part Two carry over easily to higher dimensions, but serious problems arise as soon as a non-linear change of variables is considered. It is however possible to establish results that suffice in a great number of contexts. For example, the change of variables results are used in Volume III, where we introduce the Lebesgue measure, and the corresponding theory of integration. These results on differentiation and integration are applied in Chapter 19, where we consider subspaces of a Euclidean space which are differential manifolds – subspaces which locally look like Euclidean space.

This volume requires the knowledge of some elementary results in linear algebra; these are described and established in Appendix B.

The text includes plenty of exercises. Some are straightforward, some are searching, and some contain results needed later. All help to develop an understanding of the theory: do them!

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