

# Corrections to D. J. H. Garling's 'A course in Mathematical Analysis', Vol. 1

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I thank Fons van der Plas for contributing about 25 of the following corrections!

- p.5, l.-14: I strongly dislike the choice of having  $\subset$  denote **proper** inclusion, however “logical” that may seem.  
Very few authors do this. (Right now I can only think of Gaal’s ‘Point set topology’.) Most authors let  $\subset$  denote not-necessarily-proper inclusion, and deviating from this majority practice can only cause confusion.  
Anyway, a natural workaround is to avoid  $\subset$  altogether and only use  $\subseteq$  and  $\subsetneq$  (as also T. Tao does in his two-volume analysis course).
- p.7, l.-5: I don’t like the notation  $C(B)$  for the complement  $\mathbb{R} \setminus B$  and think one should stick to  $B^c$ .
- p.15, Exercise 1.4.1: In (c) and (d): Replace  $C, D$  by  $E, F$ , respectively.
- p.65, l.13: Garbled formula  $\psi(-m)l = \psi(-m)\psi(l)$ . Probably there just is a bracket missing:  $\psi((-m)l) = \psi(-m)\psi(l)$
- p.65, l.-10: Replace  $\psi(jn')$  by  $\psi(j'n)$ .
- p.67, l.-3: ‘upper bound for  $U$ ’ should be ‘upper bound for  $L$ ’.
- p.70, l.7: Here is the definition  $D(x) = \{r \in \mathbb{Q} \mid r < x\}$ . One may question that this makes sense.  $\mathbb{R}$ , as introduced in Theorem 2.9.5, is the set of Dedekind cuts. By definition, a cut just is a set of rationals satisfying some axioms. Thus for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x$  and  $D(x)$  are the same thing, and the notational distinction is hard to sell. (Of course one may say that  $D(x)$  is a set of rationals, whereas writing  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  one forgets about this fact and considers  $x$  as a structureless ‘point’ in  $\mathbb{R}$ . But still. . .)
- p.71, l.7: The middle term ‘ $\{r \in \mathbb{Q} \mid j(r) < -x\}$ ’ doesn’t really make sense since  $-x$  is not yet defined. (In fact, this line *is* the definition of  $-x$ .) At best, it serves as motivation for the third term.
- p.72, l.16: Replace ‘ $D^+x.D^+y$ ’ by ‘ $D^+(x) \cdot D^+(y)$ ’.
- p.73, l.9: Replace ‘ $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ ’ by ‘ $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ ’.
- p.74, l.-12: Replace  $(y - s^n)/(2^n - 1)y$  by  $\frac{y-s^n}{(2^n-1)s^n}$ .

- p.74: The proof of Theorem 2.10.11 uses Lemma 2.10.12, where the hypothesis  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  is made. This must be taken into account when choosing  $\theta, \eta$ :

$$0 < \eta < \min\left(\frac{y - s^n}{(2^n - 1)s^n}, 1\right), \quad 0 < \theta < \min\left(\frac{s^n - y}{ns^n}, 1\right).$$

- p.84, l.10: Replace ‘ $l > 0$ ’ by ‘ $\varepsilon > 0$ ’.
- p.84, l.11: Replace ‘ $1/n < 1/n_0$ ’ by ‘ $1/n \leq 1/n_0$ ’.
- p.87, Item (v): It is simpler to just write  $a_n b_n - ab = a_n(b_n - b) + b(a_n - a)$ . The terms on the r.h.s. converge to zero by (ii) and (iv), respectively. Thus the sum goes to zero by (iii).
- p.87, Item (vi): This proof would be simpler if one noted earlier, preferably in the context of Prop. 3.2.3, that boundedness of  $\{a_n\}_{n \geq n_0}$  for some  $n_0$  implies boundedness of  $\{a_n\}$ .
- p.90, problem 3.2.4: add ‘as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ’. (Omitting the variable is sloppy.)
- p.91 l.21: Replace  $\{x\} = x - [x]$  with  $\{x\} = x - \lfloor x \rfloor$ .
- p.92, l.-3: Closing bracket missing in  $k(j(x))$
- p.93, l.-12:  $C/\sim$  is very ugly (too much white space). Inserting one negative space ( $\backslash!$ ) gives  $C/\sim$ , which is a bit better. I actually prefer  $C/\sim$  (two negative spaces). There likely are other instances of this.
- p.96 l.18: Replace  $a_M > r$  with  $a_m > r$ .
- p.108, l.7: Replace  $w_j$  by  $z_j$ .
- p.108, l.-8 and l.-6:  $\mathbb{N}^+$  has never been defined. The  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}$  in l.-7 suggests that the author means  $\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , but then the statements  $s_{2n} = 0$  and  $s_{2n+1} = 1$  are false and should be replaced by  $s_{2n} = 1$  and  $s_{2n+1} = 0$ .
- p.109, l.-13: Replace  $\sum_{j=1}^n$  by  $\sum_{j=0}^n$ .
- p.109, Coro. 4.2.2: It is true that in order to conclude convergence of  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j$  from convergence of  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j$  it suffices to have  $0 \leq c_j \leq a_j$  for  $j \geq j_0$ . But in order to conclude that  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j \leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j$ , we need  $0 \leq c_j \leq a_j$  to hold for **all**  $j \geq 0$ , i.e.  $j_0 = 0$  !!
- p.111, l.6: at the end of the line, there must be  $(a_{j_0} r^{-j_0}) r^j$  (i.e. minus sign is missing).
- p.113, l.2: See Garling’s erratum, which erroneously lists this under p.123.
- p.114, l.1: ‘Exercise 3.1.9’ does not exist. Presumably this should be Exercise 3.2.11.
- p.115, l.15: Replace  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |a_j|$  with  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |z_j|$ .
- p.115: To prove of the first sentence in the proof of Prop. 4.3.1, we need not only  $|x_j| \leq |z_j|$  and  $|y_j| \leq |z_j|$ , but also  $|z_j| \leq |x_j| + |y_j|$ .
- p.116, l.-13: Here  $a_{2n}$  must be  $a_{2n+2}$ , thus:

$$s_{2n+2} = s_{2n} - (a_{2n+1} - a_{2n+2}) \leq s_{2n}.$$

- p.116, l.-9: The  $a_{2n+1}$  must be  $a_{2n+2}$ .

- p.117, l.8-9:  $s_n = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j z_j$  is used before it is defined.
- p.117, l.16: Abel's formula and its uses are better known as 'partial summation'.
- p.117, l.10 and also l.9: superfluous left bracket in  $|(a_j - a_{j+1}|$
- p.117, l.2: Since  $\{a_j\}$  is decreasing, thus  $a_j - a_{j-1} \leq 0$ , the correct formula is:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |a_j - a_{j-1}| = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (a_{j-1} - a_j) = a_0.$$

- p.120, l.4: There must be  $k = \sup\{\sigma(j) : \mathbf{0} \leq j \leq n\}$ .
- p.128, item 5 of the list: uniform convergence has not yet been defined!
- p.128, item 6 of the list: Replace  $e^z = e(z)$  with  $e^z = \exp(z)$ .
- p.131, l.10: "*It is an easy exercise to show that every interval is of one of these forms.*" Add: 'or equal to  $\mathbb{R}$ '.
- p.133, l.11: Replace ' $a \in \overline{A} = A$ ' by ' $b \in \overline{A} = A$ '.
- p.138, Exercise 5.3.1: The claimed statement is **not** equivalent to connectedness of  $A$ ! If  $U_1, U_2$  are as in the definition of connectedness (p.137) and one puts  $F_i = U_i^c$  then connectedness of  $A$  is equivalent to the statement that  $F_1, F_2$  closed,  $F_1 \cup F_2 = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A \cap F_1 \cap F_2 = \emptyset \Rightarrow A \subseteq F_1 \vee A \subseteq F_2$ . The condition  $A \cap F_1 \cap F_2 = \emptyset$ , without which there is no connection between  $A$  and  $F_1, F_2$ , is missing in Garling.
- p.138, Exercise 5.3.3: In the fourth line, replace ' $b \in c_0, d_0$ ' by ' $b \in [c_0, d_0]$ '.
- p.139, l.6: Replace 'First,  $c > a$ ' by 'First,  $s > a$ '.
- p.140, l.11: After 'Suppose... bounded', there should be 'and let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an open cover of  $B$ '.
- p.140, l.19: The first closing bracket should be a brace.
- p.142, l.12: Delete the assumption ' $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ' that is not referred to in the rest of the statement of the Proposition.
- p.149, l.10: Delete 'and that  $l \in \mathbb{R}$ '. (No  $l$  appears in (ii) and (iii), whereas in (i) we have 'there exists  $l$ '.)
- p.149, l.15: Replace  $N_\delta^*(b)$  by  $N_\delta^*(b) \cap A$ .
- p.157, l.2: Typo of "... *there exist* ...".
- p.158, l.15: Replace 'Theorem 6.3.4' by 'Proposition 6.3.4'.
- p.159, l.12: '= ='.
- p.159, l.15: Replace ' $e$  is not continuous' by ' $f$  is not continuous'.
- p.161, l.3: Replace  $a \in A$  with  $x \in A$ .
- p.163, in Corollary 6.4.6: Replace  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- p.166, l.5: Replace  $\sum_{j=m+1}^n |f(s)| < \epsilon$  with  $\sum_{j=m+1}^n |f_j(s)| < \epsilon$ .
- p.167, l.11: Replace  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j z_j$  with  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_j z_j$ .
- p.167: Theorem 6.6.1 is literally identical to Theorem 6.5.1. At least ‘real-valued’ should be changed to ‘complex-valued’, but probably also the functions are defined on subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$ ?
- p.168, l.6: The ‘ $r - s$ ’ in the denominator should be ‘ $s - r$ ’.
- p.172, l.7: Replace  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j z_j$  with  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_j z_j$ .
- p.173, l.6:  $\eta$  is not defined. “for some  $\eta > 0$ ” should be added after  $(a - \eta, a + \eta) \subseteq I$ .
- p.177, l.12: Superfluous bracket in  $f(a + h) = b + (s(h))$ .
- p.178, l.2: The word “but” seems misplaced, and a new sentence should start after  $f'(a) \geq 0$ .
- p.179, l.9-14: The enumeration here uses Arabic numbering (1., 2., 3., 4.), but in the remainder of the proof, these items are referred to using (i), (ii), (iii), (iv).
- p.180, Exercise 7.1.3: Replace ‘ $f$  is differentiable at 0’ by ‘ $g$  is differentiable at 0’.

- p.186, Theorem 7.3.2 (Rolle): I dislike this proof, which obscures the matter by unnecessarily bringing in monotonicity. A cleaner argument is as follows:

Let  $A := f(a) = f(b)$ . If  $f$  is constant, i.e.  $f(x) = A$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ , then  $f'(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ , and we are done. Assume  $f$  is non-constant. Then either  $\sup_{x \in [a, b]} f(x) > A$  or  $\inf_{x \in [a, b]} f(x) < A$  (or both). Assume the first holds. By Theorem 6.3.6,  $S = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} f(x) < \infty$ , and there is an  $x \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(x) = S$ . Since  $S > A$ , we have  $a \neq x \neq b$ , thus  $x \in (a, b)$ . Thus the global maximum at  $x$  is a local maximum, thus  $f'(x) = 0$  by Proposition 7.3.1. QED

- p.187, Theorem 7.3.5 (Mean value theorem): Garling omits the proof of  $h_\lambda(a) = h_\lambda(b)$ , which actually is quite tedious for his choice of  $h_\lambda$ . If instead we define  $h_\lambda(x) = f(x) - \lambda(x - a)$  the computations are quite trivial: We trivially have  $h_\lambda(a) = f(a)$ . And

$$h_\lambda(b) = f(b) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}(b - a) = f(b) - (f(b) - f(a)) = f(a) = h_\lambda(a).$$

- p.192, last line: There must be  $x \searrow 0$ .
- p.193, l.3: Replace  $\sin' x = -\cos x$  with  $\sin' x = \cos x$ .
- p.194, l.6: A global factor  $w^2$  has gone missing.
- p.194, lines 8 and 9: The factors  $|w|^2$  are missing.
- p.194, l.7: There must be  $+\sin x$  instead of  $-\sin x$  (as in the correct preceding equation).
- p.196, l.1: “. . . , respectively.” should be added.
- p.205, -9: Replace ‘If  $0 \leq x < 1$ ’ by ‘If  $-\frac{1}{2} < x < 1$ ’. (If  $-\frac{1}{2} < x < 0$  then  $|x| < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $|1 + \theta x| > \frac{1}{2}$ , thus  $\left| \frac{x}{1 + \theta x} \right| < 1$  still holds.)
- p.212, l.3: Replace  $\sum_{j=1}^k M_j \chi_j$  with  $\sum_{j=1}^k M(I_j) \chi_j$ .
- p.213, l.6: Similarly, replace  $\sum_{j=1}^k m_j \chi_j$  with  $\sum_{j=1}^k m(I_j) \chi_j$ .

- p.214, l.14: Replace  $M_p l(J_p) l(J_p)$  with  $M(J_p) l(J_p)$ .
- p.216, l.-3: Add “ $\in \mathbb{N}$ ” after “*Choose N*”.
- p.216, l.-1: Replace  $M_j$  and  $m_j$  with  $M(I_j)$  and  $m(I_j)$ , respectively.
- p.216, l.-1: Superfluous closing brace.
- p.217, l.7: Missing closing bracket after  $(f(b) - f(a))$ .
- p.219, l.12:  $G \cup B$  should be a partition of the interval *indices* (in  $\mathbb{N}$ ), but  $G$  and  $B$  are incorrectly defined as the interval *boundaries* (in  $\mathbb{R}$ ).
- p.232 in Theorem 8.7.3: Replace “*k times differentiable*” with “*n times differentiable*”.