

Sequences and series of functions

Def: $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

$F(A, \mathbb{R}) = \{f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is a function}\}$ - the set of all functions whose domain is A with \mathbb{R} as codomain

Each $\gamma: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow F(A, \mathbb{R})$ is a sequence of functions

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \gamma(n) = f_n$, where $f_n: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

• $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (f_n)_{n \geq 1} = (f_n) \subseteq F(A, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow$ notation for a sequence of functions

Def: Let $(f_n) \subseteq F(A, \mathbb{R})$ be a sequence of functions

• The set $C = \{a \in A \mid \text{the sequence of real numbers } (f_n(a)) \text{ is convergent}\}$ is called THE CONVERGE SET of the sequence of functions (f_n)

• The function $f: C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(a) \quad \forall a \in C$ is called THE POINTWISE LIMIT of the sequence of functions (f_n)

Example: 1. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, f_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f_n(x) = x^n$. Study its converging set and its pointwise limit

! we choose a random $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and try to compute

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = \begin{cases} \infty & : x > 1 \\ 1 & : x = 1 \\ 0 & : |x| < 1 \\ \not\exists & : x \leq -1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{the convergence set is } C = (-1, 1]$$

!! We define the function $f: (-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & : x = 1 \\ 0 & : x \in (-1, 1) \end{cases}$ which is the pointwise limit of (f_n)

The notation: $f_n|_C, f$

2. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, f_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

I choose a random $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and determine $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) =$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad C = \mathbb{R}$$

II we define $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = 0$, $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}} f$$

$$3. \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, f_n(x) = \frac{nx}{nx+1} \quad f_n: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

I chose $x \in [0,1]$ random and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{nx}{nx+1} = \begin{cases} 0 & : x=0 \\ 1 & : x \in (0,1] \end{cases}$$

$$B = [0,1]$$

$$\text{II we define } f: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & : x=0 \\ 1 & : x \in (0,1] \end{cases}$$

$$f_n \xrightarrow{[0,1]} f$$

Remark: From the example above we notice that the pointwise limit function does not preserve continuity. (See Ex 1 and 3)

Theorem (ϵ -theorem on pointwise convergence)

Consider $(f_n) \subseteq F(A, \mathbb{R})$ a sequence of functions

$f: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($B \subseteq A$) another function.

Then $f_n \xrightarrow{B} f \iff \forall x \in B, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_\epsilon, |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$

Proof:

\Rightarrow We know that $f_n \xrightarrow{B} f \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \forall x \in B, f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \in \mathbb{R}$

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 ϵ -th for limits of sequences of real numbers
 \downarrow

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_\epsilon, |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \rightarrow (*) \checkmark$$

\Leftarrow We know $(*)$ and we want $f_n \rightarrow f \iff \forall x \in B, f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$

Choose $x \in B$ randomly

$$? f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$$

$$(*) \rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_\epsilon, |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \iff$$

$$\iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x - \text{random} \rightarrow \forall x \in B \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow f_n \xrightarrow{B} f$$

Def: $(f_n) \subset F(A, \mathbb{R})$ } The sequence of functions (f_n) is said to
 $f \in F(B, \mathbb{R})$ } CONVERGE UNIFORMLY to the function f on
 $B \subset A$ } B if:
 $(*) \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists n_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\forall n \geq n_\varepsilon$ it holds
 $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon \quad \forall x \in B$

Notation: $f_n \xrightarrow{B} f$

Recall that

$f_n \xrightarrow{B} f$: $\forall x \in B, \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists n_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\forall n \geq n_\varepsilon, |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$
 $(*)$

Remark: The index $n_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ depends on: $x \& \varepsilon$ for \rightarrow
 ε for \Rightarrow

$\Rightarrow \Rightarrow \rightarrow$
 \Leftarrow

In practice: • first we determine the pointwise limit function
 • then we check if it is also the uniform —

Remark: For $f: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in B} |f(x)|$ is called the UNIFORM norm of the function.

$f_n \xrightarrow{B} f \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_\infty = 0$

Algorithm for the study of the uniform convergence of a sequence of functions:

Step 1. • Determine $B = \{a \in A : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(a) \in \mathbb{R}\}$! Choosing $x \in \mathbb{R}$ random
 • Define $f: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall x \in B$ as the
 pointwise function $f_n \rightarrow f$

Step 2 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ we determine

$a_n := \|f_n - f\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in B} \{|f_n(x) - f(x)|\} \in [0, \infty]$

\rightarrow we generate a sequence of real numbers $(a_n) \in \mathbb{R}$

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0 \rightarrow f_n \xrightarrow{B} f$

otherwise $\rightarrow f_n \not\xrightarrow{B} f$

Example: Study both PC & UC for the following sequence of functions

1. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, f_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f_n(x) = \frac{x^2}{n^2 + x^4}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

Step 1: Choose a random $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and compute $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) =$
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{n^2 + x^4} = 0$

$\mathcal{C} = \mathbb{R}$

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(x) = 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \quad f_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}} f$

Step 2: Choose $n \in \mathbb{N}$ random
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 constant

? $a_n: \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f_n(x) - f(x)| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f_n(x)| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{x^2}{n^2 + x^4} \right| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{x^2}{n^2 + x^4}$

We consider the function $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \frac{x^2}{n^2 + x^4}$ and study its behaviour with the help of the derivative.

g - differentiable on \mathbb{R} and

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \quad g'(x) = \frac{2x(n^2 + x^4) - 4x^3 \cdot x^2}{(n^2 + x^4)^2} = \frac{2xn^2 + 2x^5 - 4x^5}{(n^2 + x^4)^2} =$
 $= \frac{2x(n^2 - x^4)}{(n^2 + x^4)^2}$

$g'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ or $n^2 - x^4 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (n - x^2)(n + x^2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{n}$

x	$-\infty$	$-\sqrt{n}$	0	\sqrt{n}	$+\infty$
x	---	---	0	+	+
$n - x^2$	---	0	+	+	---
$g(x)$	+	+	0	0	---

$\rightarrow \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \quad g(x) \leq \max \{g(-\sqrt{n}), g(\sqrt{n})\}$

$g(-\sqrt{n}) = \frac{(-\sqrt{n})^2}{n^2 + (-\sqrt{n})^4} = \frac{n}{n^2 + n^2} = \frac{1}{2n} = g(\sqrt{n})$

$\rightarrow g(x) \leq \frac{1}{2n} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ g(\sqrt{n}) \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow a_n = \frac{1}{2n}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n} = 0 \rightarrow f_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}} f$

2. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, f_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f_n(x) = 2n^2 x \cdot e^{-n^2 x^2} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

Step 1. Choose $x \in \mathbb{R}$ random

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2n^2 x e^{-n^2 x^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^2 x}{e^{n^2 x^2}} = \begin{cases} 0 & : x = 0 \\ \frac{\infty}{\infty} & : x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$x \neq 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^2 x}{e^{n^2 x^2}} = x \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^2}{e^{n^2 x^2}} = 2x \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 x^2}{e^{n^2 x^2}} = \frac{2x}{x^2} \cdot 0 = 0$$

We can define $h: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad h(t) = \frac{t}{e^t}$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} h(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t}{e^t} \stackrel{\infty}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^t} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0 \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 x^2}{e^{n^2 x^2}} = 0$$

$[(n^2 x^2)_{n \geq 1} \subseteq (0, \infty) \rightarrow \infty]$
def of the limits of functions

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} = \mathbb{R}$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(x) = 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{C} \quad f_n \rightarrow f$$

Step 2 Choose $n \in \mathbb{N}$ randomly

$$\alpha_n = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f_n(x) - f(x)| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f_n(x) - 0| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{2n^2 x}{e^{n^2 x^2}} \right|$$

We introduce the auxiliary function

$$g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad g(x) = \left| \frac{2n^2 x}{e^{n^2 x^2}} \right| = \frac{2n^2 |x|}{e^{n^2 x^2}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 0 \rightarrow g \text{ is continuous at } 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{on } \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \text{ on } \mathbb{R}$$

? is g diff on \mathbb{R} ? it is only diff on $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ x < 0}} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ x < 0}} \frac{-2n^2 x - 0}{x} = -2n^2$$

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ x > 0}} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ x > 0}} \frac{2n^2 x - 0}{x} = 2n^2$$

• $x < 0$

$$g'(x) = \left(\frac{-2n^2 x}{e^{n^2 x^2}} \right)' = -2n^2 \cdot \frac{x' \cdot e^{n^2 x^2} - x \cdot (e^{n^2 x^2})'}{(e^{n^2 x^2})^2} =$$

$$= -2n^2 \cdot \frac{e^{n^2 x^2} (1 - x \cdot (n^2 x^2)')}{(e^{n^2 x^2})^2} = -2n^2 \cdot \frac{1 - 2n^2 x^2}{e^{n^2 x^2}}$$

• $x > 0 \quad g'(x) = 2n^2 \cdot \frac{1 - 2n^2 x^2}{e^{n^2 x^2}}$

$g'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 1 - 2n^2 x^2 = 0 \rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{n\sqrt{2}}$

x	$-\infty$	$-\frac{1}{n\sqrt{2}}$	0	$\frac{1}{n\sqrt{2}}$	$+\infty$
$1 - 2n^2 x^2$	---	0	+	0	---
$g'(x)$	+++	0	--	++	0---
$g(x)$		$\nearrow \sqrt{\frac{2}{e}} n$	0	$\nearrow \sqrt{\frac{2}{e}} n$	

$g\left(-\frac{1}{n\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{2n^2 \left| -\frac{1}{n\sqrt{2}} \right|}{e^{n^2 \left(-\frac{1}{n\sqrt{2}}\right)^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}n}{e^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{e}} n = g\left(\frac{1}{n\sqrt{2}}\right)$

$\rightarrow a = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |g(x)| = \sqrt{\frac{2}{e}} n$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{2}{e}} n = \infty \neq 0 \rightarrow f_n \not\rightarrow f$

Uniform convergence criteria

T_1 (Cauchy)

$\left. \begin{array}{l} (f_n) \subseteq F(A, \mathbb{R}) \\ f \in F(B, \mathbb{R}) \\ B \subseteq A \end{array} \right\} f_n \xrightarrow{B} f \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists n_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq n_\varepsilon \\ \forall p \in \mathbb{R} \\ \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \end{array}$

$|f_{n+p}(x) - f_n(x)| < \varepsilon$

T_2 (Weierstrass)

$\left. \begin{array}{l} (f_n) \subseteq F(A, \mathbb{R}) \\ f \in F(B, \mathbb{R}) \\ B \subseteq A \\ (a_n) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \exists f \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0 \\ \cdot \exists n' \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } |f_n(x) - f(x)| \leq a_n \quad \forall n \geq n' \\ \forall x \in B \end{array} \rightarrow$

$\rightarrow f_n \Rightarrow f$

T_3 (Dini)

$\left. \begin{array}{l} (f_n) \in F(A, \mathbb{R}) \\ A = [a, b] \\ f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ f_n, f \text{ are continuous on } [a, b] \\ f_n \rightarrow f \\ \forall x \in [a, b], (f_n(x)) \text{ is increasing} \end{array} \right\} \text{ then } f_n \Rightarrow f$

Theorem:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_n \rightarrow f \\ \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \ f_n \text{ is cont.} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow f \text{ is continuous}$$

Proof: $f: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Choose $a \in B$ random and prove that f is cont.

$$\xrightarrow{\epsilon, \delta} \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in B \text{ with } |x-a| < \delta, \text{ to hold } |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$$

Choose $\epsilon > 0$ random

$$\uparrow ? |f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$$

Choose $n \in \mathbb{N}$ random hyp, f_n is continuous at a

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Yes}}, \exists \delta > 0 \forall x \in B \text{ with } |x-a| < \delta \text{ to hold } |f_n(x) - f_n(a)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

for $\frac{\epsilon}{3} > 0$ chosen

①

$$|f(x) - f(a)| = |f(x) - f_n(x) + f_n(x) - f_n(a) + f_n(a) - f(a)|$$

$$\leq |f(x) - f_n(x)| + |f_n(x) - f_n(a)| + |f_n(a) - f(a)|$$

$$= |f_n(x) - f(x)| + \underbrace{|f_n(x) - f_n(a)|}_{< \frac{\epsilon}{3}} + |f_n(a) - f(a)|$$

$$< \underbrace{|f_n(x) - f(x)|}_{? < \frac{\epsilon}{3}} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \underbrace{|f_n(a) - f(a)|}_{? < \frac{\epsilon}{3}} \quad \text{xxx}$$

$$\text{hyp. } f_n \rightarrow f \leftarrow \text{for } \frac{\epsilon}{3} > 0, \exists n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_\epsilon \ |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3} \quad \text{①}$$

$$\text{Choose } \underline{n := n_\epsilon} \rightarrow |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3} \quad \forall x \in B$$

② from $f_n \rightarrow f$

$$\downarrow \\ \forall x \in B \text{ with } |x-a| < \delta$$

for $x \in B$ with $|x-a| < \delta$

$$|f(x) - f(a)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \underbrace{|f_{n_\epsilon}(x) - f(x)|}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{from ①} \\ < \frac{\epsilon}{3} \text{ ②}}} + \underbrace{|f_{n_\epsilon}(a) - f(a)|}_{< \frac{\epsilon}{3} \text{ ②}} = \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon \checkmark \rightarrow \text{from } f_n \rightarrow f$$

$\rightarrow f$ - cont. at a
a random f on B

Remark:

$$\text{If } f_n \rightarrow f$$

(f_n) is continuous $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

f is not c.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_n \rightarrow f \\ (f_n) \text{ is continuous } \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow f_n \neq f$$

Recall: ex 1 & 3

Ex 1. $f_n(x) = x^n$ $f_n \xrightarrow{(-1,1]} f$ $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1: x=1 \\ 0: x \in (-1,1) \end{cases}$

$$G = (-1,1]$$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ $f_n(x) = x^n$ is cont. on G $\} \rightarrow f_n \not\xrightarrow{G} f$
 f is not c. on G

The same holds for ex 3

Remark: Should f_n be cont. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ $\} \not\rightarrow f_n \rightarrow f$ (it has to be proved)
 f be cont

$$f_n(x) = \frac{2n^2 x}{e^{n^2 x^2}} - \text{cont}$$

f - cont

but $f_n \not\xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}} f$