

# Review VI(Slides 333 - 365)

## Vector Space & Sequence of Functions

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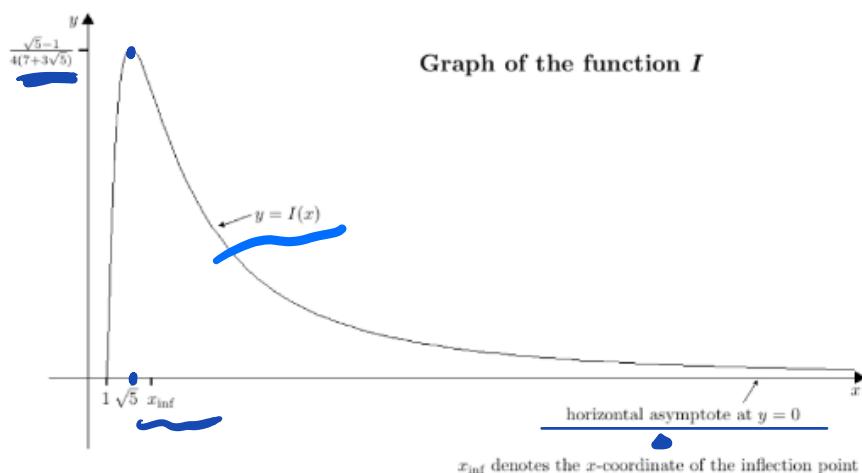
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# Curve sketching

- ▶ 99% possibility to appear in your midterm 2.
- ▶ Follow the guidelines provided by Horst. (The rubric will be generally the same as the guidelines.)<sup>2</sup>



Two advice:

1. Do not forget to mark the *asymptote line*.
2. Do not add any **redundant** marks.

# Vector Space

By introducing vector space, one can treat a specific group of functions which all have some shared properties to form such a set, then we can find out some convenient operation that will make us easier to deal with them.

We then make a specific definition to which set can be called a **Vector Space**.

# Vector Space

$$(V, +, \cdot)$$

We have eight axioms of vector space  $V$  (in  $\mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ )

$$+: V \times V \rightarrow V$$

i  $(u+v)+w = u+(v+w)$

ii  $u+v = v+u$

iii  $\exists e \in V$  such that  $v+e = e+v = v$

iv  $\forall v \in V \exists (-v) \in V$  such that  $v+(-v) = (-v)+v = e$

associative  
commutative

neutral / identity element

inverse element.

scalar multiplication

$$\cdot: \mathbb{F} \times V \rightarrow V$$

i  $1 \cdot u = u \cdot 1 = u$

$C \subset R$

neutral / identity element.

ii  $\lambda \cdot (u+v) = \lambda \cdot u + \lambda \cdot v$

distributive.

iii  $(\lambda+\mu) \cdot u = \lambda \cdot u + \mu \cdot u$

associative.

iv  $(\lambda\mu) \cdot u = \lambda(\mu \cdot u)$

## Vector Space

Real vector Space  
Complex vector Space  
**Common Misunderstanding**

A real vector space is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; a complex vector space is a subset of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

When we say a vector space is real, or complex, we just refer to the **scalar multiplication** – the scalar is real, or complex. We don't set extra limitation on the element of the vector space.

3. The set  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is a **real** vector space if we define addition as in (3.3.1) and scalar multiplication

F R.

$$\lambda z := (\lambda z_1, \dots, \lambda z_n), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, z \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

## Subspace

{ Sub  
space.

Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be a real (complex) vector space and  $\underline{U \subset V}$ . If  $u_1 + u_2 \in U$  for  $u_1, u_2 \in U$ , and  $\lambda u \in U$  for all  $u \in U$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ , then  $(U, +, \cdot)$  is a subspace of  $(V, +, \cdot)$ .

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- This lemma actually states that, when the maps “+” and “.” makes sense in the subset  $U$ , then  $U$  will inherit the eight axioms of  $V$ .
- for a subspace, we don't need to check the 8 axioms as they are inherited from the original vector space. Only check the addition and product is closed is enough.

## Recap: Metric

$$\rho: V \times V \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

The definition of metric is as follows.

- $\forall x, y \in M, \rho(x, y) \geq 0$  and  $\rho(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ .
- $\forall x, y \in M, \underline{\rho(x, y) = \rho(y, x)}$ .
- $\forall x, y, z \in M, \underline{\rho(x, z) \leq \rho(x, y) + \rho(y, z)}$

Since the metric measure the distance between two points(elements) in the set, now we want to directly measure the **length** of one single element.

We modified our length function as follows.

- Still positive, and equal to zero if and only if this **vector** is 0 ( $e$ ).
- **Triangle inequality** still holds(with some modification).
- The **symmetric** property makes no sense in this case, so...

# "Metric" in Vector Space

The **symmetric** property makes no sense in this case, so...

Replace it by another important property in vector space. As you might notice, we care about **scalar multiplication**, so the new property is

The length of  $\alpha u$ ?

Equal to  $\alpha$  times the length of  $u$ , where  $u$  is a vector and  $\alpha$  is a scalar.

Just as metric, we would like to give this function a name since it is so important, we will call it a **norm**. We then give the explicit definition of a norm.

## Norm

*Metric*

Let  $V$  be a real(complex) vector space. Then a map

$$\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is called a norm if for all  $u, v \in V$  and all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ , we have the following:

- $\|\cdot\| \geq 0$  for all  $v \in V$  and  $\|v\| = 0$  if and only if  $v = 0$
- $\|\lambda \cdot v\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|v\|$
- $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$

$$\|x - z\| \leq \|x - y\| + \|y - z\|.$$

Comment. Obviously, any normed can be considered as a metric of that space. However, not all the distance function generating metrics can be considered as a norm. A counterexample is:  $\rho(x, y) = 0$  if  $x = y$  and  $\rho(x, y) = 1$  if  $x \neq y$ . The reason is when defining metric we don't assume the second property.

# Norm

## Examples

- $V = \mathbb{R}^n, \|(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)\| = \sum_{k=1}^n |a_k|$
- $V = C[a, b], \|f\| = \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)|$

•  $f: U \rightarrow V, \|f\| = \sup_{x \in U \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|f(x)\|_2}{\|x\|_1}$ , where  $\|\cdot\|_1$  is a norm defined on  $U$

and  $\|\cdot\|_2$  is a norm defined on  $V$ .

- $V = C[a, b], \|u\| = \sup\{|u(z)| \cdot p(z) : z \in [a, b]\}$ , where  $p$  is a real-valued function on  $[a, b]$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq p(z) \leq \beta$  for some  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ .

Comment. The third example is often called "operator norm"; while the last example is often called "weighted norm", a modification of which is useful in complex analysis.



# More Examples in the Slides

## 3.3.9. Examples.

1.  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\|x\|_2 = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2 \right)^{1/2}$ ,
2.  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n |x_j|^p \right)^{1/p}$  for any  $p \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ ,
3.  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\|x\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |x_k|$ ,
4.  $\ell^\infty$  with  $\|(a_n)\|_\infty = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |a_n|$ ,
5.  $c_0$  with  $\|(a_n)\|_\infty = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |a_n|$ ,
6.  $C([a, b])$ ,  $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ , with  $\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)|$ .

## Exercise

1. Prove the (reverse) triangle inequality for a norm

$$\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

That is, to prove  $\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad & \|x-y\| + \|y\| \geq \|x\| \\ & \|x-y\| \geq \left| \|x\| - \|y\| \right|, \end{aligned}$

$$|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq \|x \pm y\|, \text{ where } x, y \in V$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \underline{\|x+y\|} + \underline{\|-y\|} \geq \|x\|$$

$$\|x+y\| \geq \left| \|x\| - \|y\| \right|.$$

## Exercise

- $V = C[a, b]$ ,  $\|u\| = \sup\{|u(z)| \cdot p(z) : z \in [a, b]\}$ , where  $p$  is a real-valued function on  $[a, b]$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq p(z) \leq \beta$  for some  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ .

2\*. Prove that a weighted norm is a norm on  $C([a, b])$

- $V = C[a, b]$ ,  $\|u\| = \sup\{|u(z)| \cdot p(z) : z \in [a, b]\}$ , where  $p$  is a real-valued function on  $[a, b]$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq p(z) \leq \beta$  for some  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ .

$\frac{>0}{>0}$ . bounded.

$$\textcircled{1} \|u\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow u(\bar{z}) = 0$$

and  $\forall u(\bar{z})$  not constant 0,  $\|u\| > 0$ .

$$\sup \left\{ |u(z)| \cdot p(\bar{z}) : \bar{z} \in [a, b] \right\} \stackrel{>0}{=} 0. \\ u(\bar{z}) = 0.$$

$$\textcircled{2} |\lambda| \|u\| = \|\lambda u\|.$$

$$|\lambda| \sup \{ |u(z)| \cdot p(z) : z \in [a, b] \} = \sup \{ |\lambda u(z)| \cdot p(z) : z \in [a, b] \}.$$

$$|\lambda| |u(\bar{z})| = |\lambda u(\bar{z})|.$$

$$\textcircled{3} \|u+v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup \{ |(u+v)(\bar{z})| \cdot p(\bar{z}) : \bar{z} \in [a, b] \}, \\ & \leq \sup \{ |u(\bar{z})| \cdot \overset{\Delta}{p}(\bar{z}) + |v(\bar{z})| \cdot \overset{B}{p}(\bar{z}) - - \}, \\ & \sup \{ |u(z)| \cdot p(z) : z \in [a, b] \} + \sup \{ |v(z)| \cdot p(z) : z \in [a, b] \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sup \{ A+B \} \leq \sup \{ A \} + \sup \{ B \}. \\ \begin{array}{ccc} A+B & \leq & A \leq & B \leq \\ & \nearrow & & \searrow & \end{array}$$

$$|u(\bar{z}) + v(\bar{z})| \leq |u(\bar{z})| + |v(\bar{z})|$$

Exercise Given a vector space  $V$ , two subspaces  $V_1, V_2$ .  
Can  $V_1 \setminus V_2$  be a space? F.  $\exists v \in V_2 \setminus V_1 \quad v \notin V_1 \setminus V_2 \times$

3. Check whether the following sentences are true or false:

F

- Given a vector space  $V$ , and its two non-empty subspaces  $V_1, V_2$ , then  $V_1 \cup V_2$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

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- Given a vector space  $V$ , and its two subspaces  $V_1, V_2$ , then  $V_1 \cap V_2$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

T

- The set of all linear maps on  $\mathbb{R}$  is a subspace of  $C(\mathbb{R})$ .

F

- Given a vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , for any two distinct norms  $\|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\|\cdot\| := \sqrt{\|\cdot\|_1 \cdot \|\cdot\|_2}$  is also a norm of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

T

- Given a vector space  $V$ , given two norms  $\|\cdot\|_1 : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \|\cdot\|_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then the  $\|\cdot\| := \|\cdot\|_2 \circ \|\cdot\|_1$  is a norm of  $V$ .

$$\text{norm: } V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}. \quad \|w\| = \|\|w\|_1\|_2$$

**F** Given a vector space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , for any two distinct norms  $\|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\|\cdot\| := \sqrt{\|\cdot\|_1 \cdot \|\cdot\|_2}$  is also a norm of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**T** Given a vector space  $V$ , given two norms  $\|\cdot\|_1 : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \|\cdot\|_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then the  $\|\cdot\| := \|\cdot\|_2 \circ \|\cdot\|_1$  is a norm of  $V$ .

$$\text{Norm: } V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}. \quad \|u\| = \|\|u\|_1\|_2$$

$$\|(x_1, x_2)\|_1 = \sum |x_i|$$

$$\|(x_1, x_2)\|_2 = \max |x_i|$$

$$\|(10, 1)\| + \|(10, 6)\| > \|(20, 7)\|$$

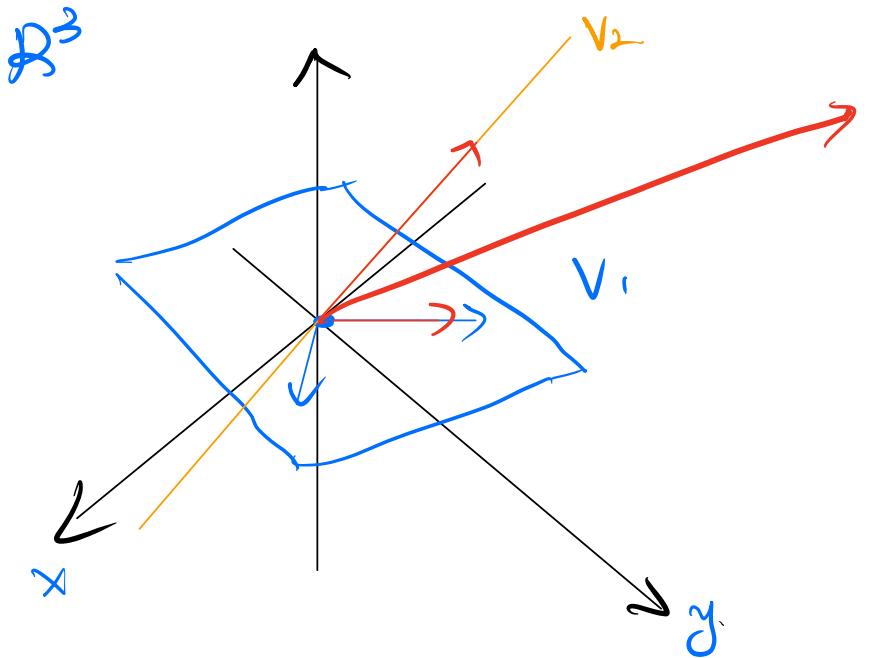
① positive    ② linear.

$$\text{Target: } \begin{matrix} ③ \\\|x+y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \end{matrix}$$

$$\underbrace{\|\|x+y\|\|_1}_{+} \|\|_2 \leq \|\|x\|\|_1 \|\|_2 + \|\|y\|\|_1 \|\|_2$$

$$\leq \|\|x\|\|_1 + \|y\|\|_1\|_2$$

$$\leq \|\|x\|\|_1\|\|_2 + \|\|y\|\|_1\|\|_2$$



Given a vector space  $V$ , and its two subspaces  $V_1, V_2$ , then  $V_1 \cap V_2$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

$$\underline{V_1 \cap V_2} \leftarrow 0$$

$$v_1 \in \underline{V_1 \cap V_2}$$

$$v_2 \in \underline{V_1 \cap V_2}$$

$$v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_1$$

$$v_1 \in V_2$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad v_1 + v_2 \in V_1$$

$$v_1 + v_2 \in V_2$$

$$v_1 + v_2 \in V_1 \cap V_2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad k v_1 \in V_1$$

$$k v_1 \in V_2$$

$$k v_1 \in V_1 \cap V_2$$

The set of all linear maps on  $\mathbb{R}$  is a subspace of  $C(\mathbb{R})$ .

$$\underline{f(x)}$$

① additive

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

$$f(0) = 0.$$

② homogeneous

$$kf(x) = f(kx)$$

$$f(1).$$

$$kf(1) = f(k).$$

$$\underline{y = kx}$$

$$y = k_1 x \quad y = k_2 x$$

# Convergence in Vector Space

Now we have our length function in the vector space, namely a norm. Then we can talk about the convergence and continuity in vector space. We start with convergence.

Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed vector space. A sequence in  $V$  is a map  $(a_n) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow V$ . We say that  $(a_n)$  converges to  $a \in V$  if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \forall n > N \underline{\|a_n - a\| < \varepsilon}$$

# Continuity in Vector Space

Now let us introduce an interesting theorem.

Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed vector space. The norm

$$\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is a continuous function on  $V$ .

*Proof.* By (reverse) triangle inequality,

$$| \|x\| - \|y\| | \leq \|x - y\|.$$

Fix arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ , choose  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$  and we are done.

## Exercise

5. Given a vector space  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$ .

Let  $a \in V$  be fixed; let  $\lambda \neq 0 \in \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{C} \text{ or } \mathbb{R})$  be fixed. Prove the following.

The scalar multiplication function  $g: V \rightarrow V, g(x) = \underline{\lambda x}$  is a continuous function and has a continuous inverse function.

No. Continue.

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall \|x - x_0\| < \delta, \|g(x) - g(x_0)\| < \varepsilon.$$

$$|\lambda| \|x - x_0\| \Leftrightarrow \|\lambda x - \lambda x_0\|$$

$$\text{let } 0 < \delta < \frac{\varepsilon}{|\lambda|}$$

# Inner Product

Let  $\mathbb{F}$  denote  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ . An inner product in a real or complex vector space  $V$  is a map  $(x, y) : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ , such that the following holds:

- The inner product is linear in the first variable, i.e., for all  $x, y, z \in V$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $(\alpha x + \beta y, z) = \alpha(x, z) + \beta(y, z)$
- For all  $x, y \in V$ ,  $(x, y) = \overline{(y, x)}$  if  $V$  is complex, and  $(x, y) = (y, x)$  if  $V$  is real.
- The inner product is positive definite, i.e.,  $(x, x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$  and  $(x, x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$

If a vector space  $V$  is endowed with an inner product, we call it real (or complex) inner product space. If  $V$  is a real inner product space, then  $(x, \alpha y + \beta z) = (\alpha y + \beta z, x) = \alpha(y, x) + \beta(z, x) = \alpha(x, y) + \beta(x, z)$

## Examples

- $\mathbb{R}^n$  forms a real vector space with the inner product

$$(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, (x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

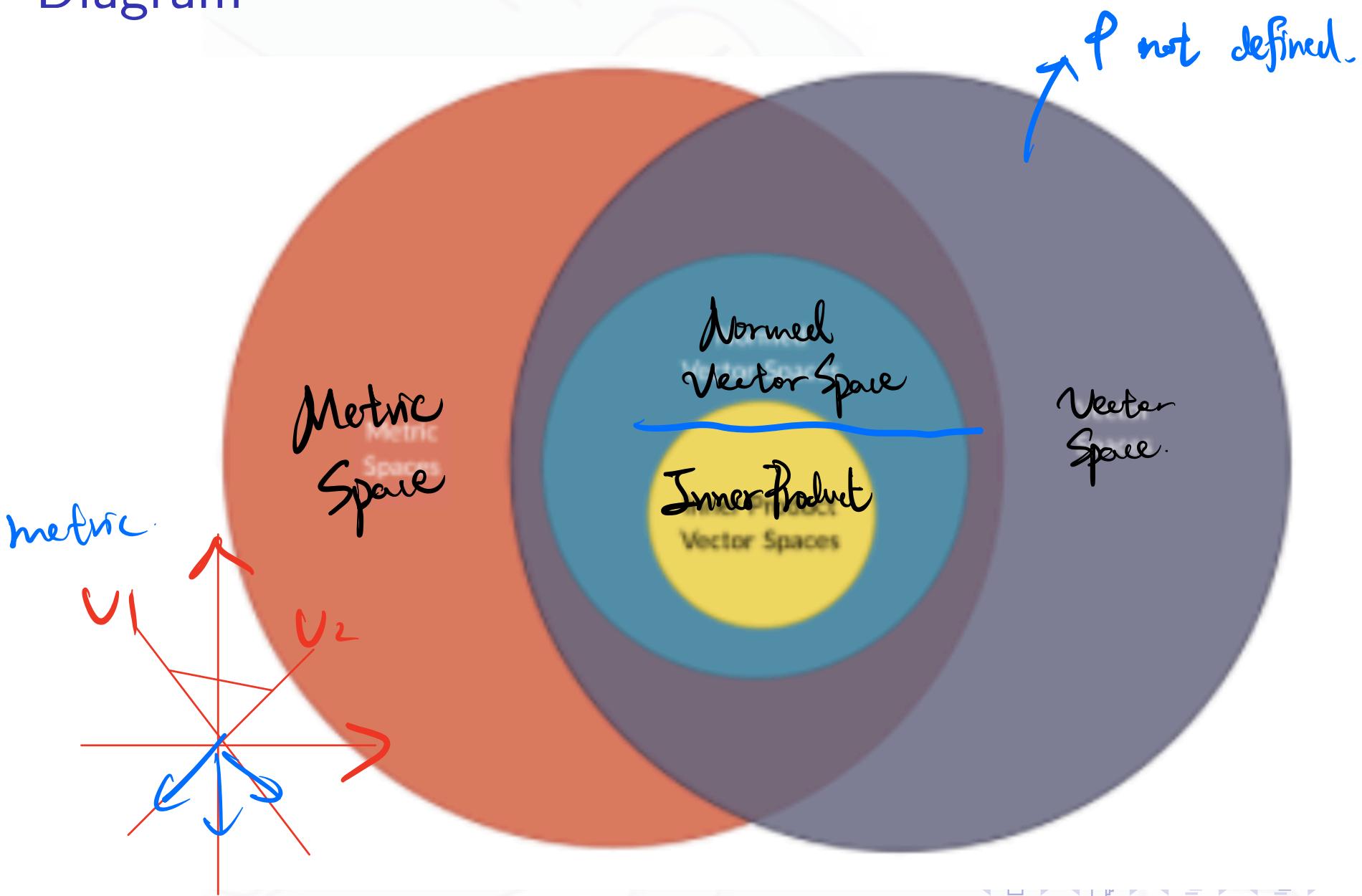
- $\mathbb{R}^2$  forms a real vector space with the inner product

$$(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, (x, y) = 2x_1y_1 + x_1y_2 + x_2y_1 + 2x_2y_2$$

- $\mathbb{C}$  forms a complex vector space with the inner product

$$(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, (x, y) = x\bar{y}$$

# Diagram



# Convergence of Function Sequences

Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of real functions on  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}$ , then

1. Pointwise convergence. For every  $x \in \Omega$ ,

*First select  $x$*

$$f_n(x) \xrightarrow{(n \rightarrow \infty)} f(x) \Leftrightarrow |f_n(x) - f(x)| \rightarrow 0$$

*$\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N(\infty)$ .  $\forall n > N$ .  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$ .*

2. Uniform convergence.

*First select  $\varepsilon, N$*

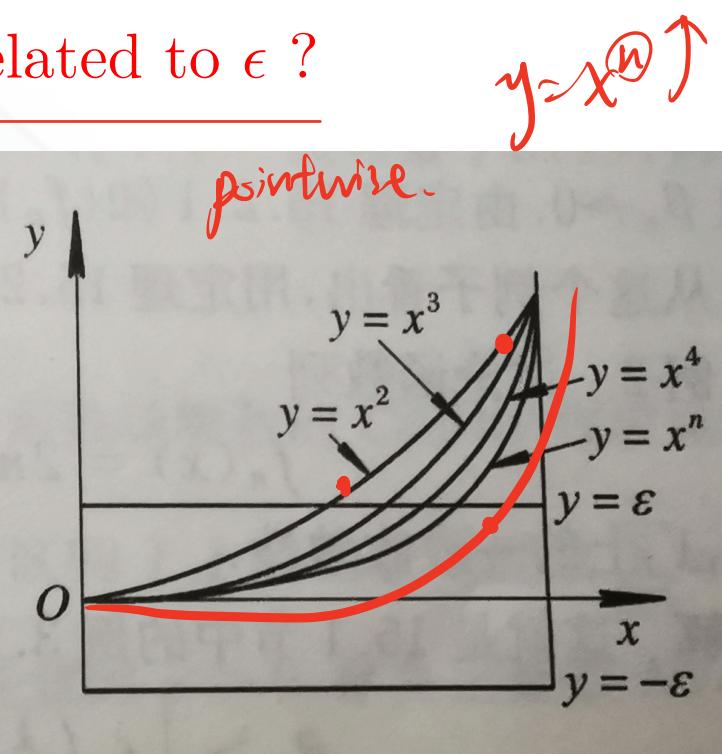
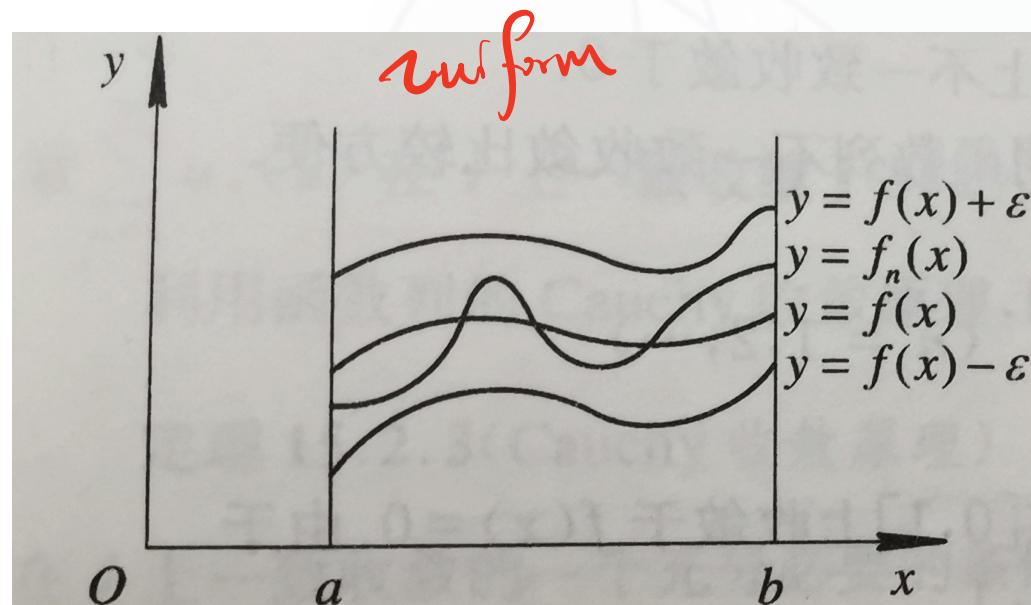
$$f_n \xrightarrow{(n \rightarrow \infty)} f \text{ for all } x \Leftrightarrow \sup_{x \in \Omega} |f_n(x) - f(x)| \rightarrow 0$$

*$\forall \varepsilon > 0$ .  $\exists N$ .  $\forall n > N$ . for all  $x$   $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$ .*

Comment. For uniform convergence, we deal with the functions  $f_n$  as a whole, instead of each  $f_n(x)$ ; for pointwise convergence, we deal with function values. Uniform convergence automatically implies pointwise convergence

# An example to illustrate Uniform Convergence & Pointwise Convergence

whether the  $N(\epsilon)$  is related to  $x$ ? Or only related to  $\epsilon$ ?



$$\forall \epsilon, \quad f_n(x) = \frac{1}{n+x} < \frac{1}{n}, \quad \underline{\rightarrow} 0.$$

$\forall \epsilon.$   
 $\underline{N}$

## Example

3.4.2. Example. The sequence  $(f_n)$ ,

$$f_n: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - nx, & 0 \leq x \leq 1/n, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

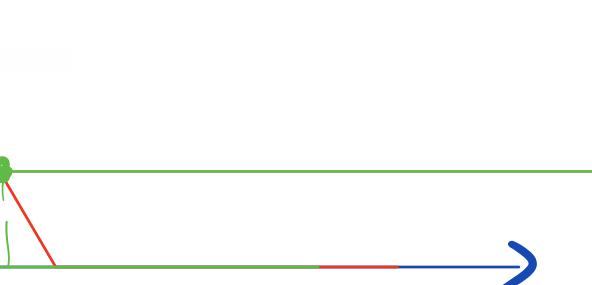
converges to

$$f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x \neq 0, \\ x = 0 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

pointwise, but not uniformly, as we now show.



# How to find the limit

Since function vector space is abstract, we can use pointwise convergence to help us find the limit of a function sequence:

$$f_n(x).$$

1. Calculate the pointwise limit  $f$  of a given function sequence  $(f_n)$ .
2. Find a formula or estimate of  $\|f_n - f\|$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
3. If  $\|f_n - f\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $(f_n)$  converges uniformly to  $f$ .  
Otherwise the convergence is not uniform.

# Exercise

Pointwise convergent-

7. Calculate the limit of  $(f_n)$ , sketch their graph, and determine whether the convergence is uniform or not.

- $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f_n(x) = \frac{(|x|^n)}{(1+|x|^n)}, n \in \mathbb{N}$



continuous.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & |x| < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & |x| = 1 \\ 1, & |x| > 1 \end{cases}$$

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

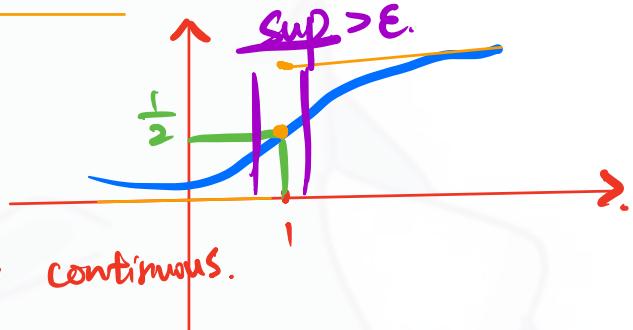
slide. Not uniform.

- $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f_n(x) = \frac{x^2 + nx}{n^2}, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$

just like slide 35) "pick  $x = \frac{1}{2n}$ .

to prove it is not uniformly continuous.

Simply let  $x = (\frac{1}{2})^n$ . then.  $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{3}$ . fixed. not close to 0.



## Exercises

*Closed interval + continuous  $\Rightarrow$  min max*

$$\forall \varepsilon' > 0, \exists N > 0, \forall n > N - \left| f_n(x) - f(x) \right| < \varepsilon'.$$

8. Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of functions in  $C([a, b])$ , and  $(f_n)$  converges to some function  $f$  uniformly. Prove that if  $f \neq 0$  on  $[a, b]$ , then  $(\frac{1}{f_n})$  converges to  $\frac{1}{f}$  uniformly.

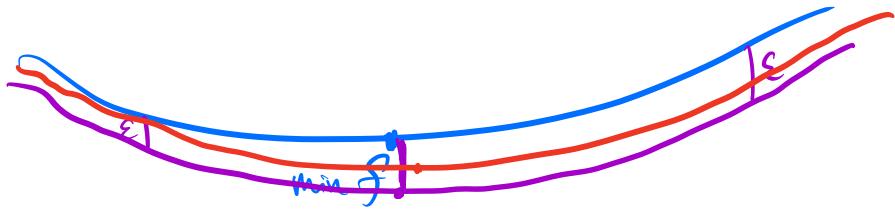
*Target ↓:*

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N > 0, \forall n > N, \text{ for all } x \in [a, b], \left| \frac{1}{f_n(x)} - \frac{1}{f(x)} \right| < \varepsilon$$

$$\left| \frac{f(x) - f_n(x)}{f_n(x) \cdot f(x)} \right| \leq \frac{\varepsilon'}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \min f(x) \cdot \max f(x)}$$

$$\varepsilon' < \frac{2\varepsilon}{\min f(x)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\min f_n(x)} \geq \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} \min f(x)}$$



$$\text{let } \varepsilon = \frac{1}{2} \min(f)$$

$|f|$  and  $|f_n|$  also continuous and min exists.  
 pointwise convergent  $\Rightarrow |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$ .

prove that  $\min|f_n(x)| > \min|f(x)| - \varepsilon$ .

$$\forall x, |f_n(x)| > |f(x)| - \varepsilon$$

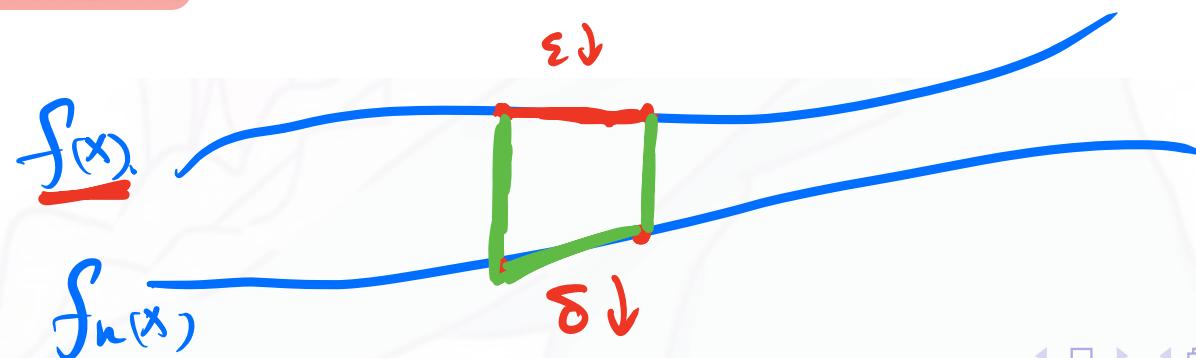
$$\text{So } \min|f_n(x)| > |\min|f(x)|| - \varepsilon > \frac{1}{2} \min|f(x)|$$

## Important Theorem & Learn The Proof

### Sequences of Functions

In the previous example, the sequence of continuous functions  $f_n$  converged to the discontinuous function pointwise, but not uniformly. This no accident. In fact, a uniformly convergent sequence of continuous functions will always converge to a continuous function:

3.4.3. Theorem. Let  $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a closed interval. Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of continuous functions defined on  $[a, b]$  such that  $f_n(x)$  converges to some  $f(x) \in \mathbb{R}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for every  $x \in [a, b]$ . If the sequence  $(f_n)$  converges uniformly to the thereby defined function  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  is continuous.



## Sequences of Functions

Proof.

We need to show that  $f$  is continuous for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . We will here deal only with  $x \in (a, b)$ ; the cases  $x = a$  and  $x = b$  are left to you.

Let  $x \in (a, b)$ . We will show that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|h| < \delta$  implies  $|f(x + h) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$  (for  $h$  so small that  $x + h \in (a, b)$ ). Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then there exists some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\|f_n - f\|_{\infty} = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}.$$

for all  $n > N$ . Choose some such  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since each  $f_n$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|h| < \delta$  implies

$$|f_n(x) - f_n(x + h)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}.$$

## Sequences of Functions

Proof (continued).

Then for  $|h| < \delta$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x + h) - f(x)| &\leq |f(x + h) - f_n(x + h)| + |f_n(x + h) - f_n(x)| \\ &\quad + |f_n(x) - f(x)| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

□

# Challenging

Hint: Closed Interval + Continuous  
 $\Rightarrow$  uniformly Continuous

$9^*(f_n)$  is a sequence of increasing functions,  $f_n:[0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is pointwise convergent. Suppose  $f$  is continuous, show uniform convergence.

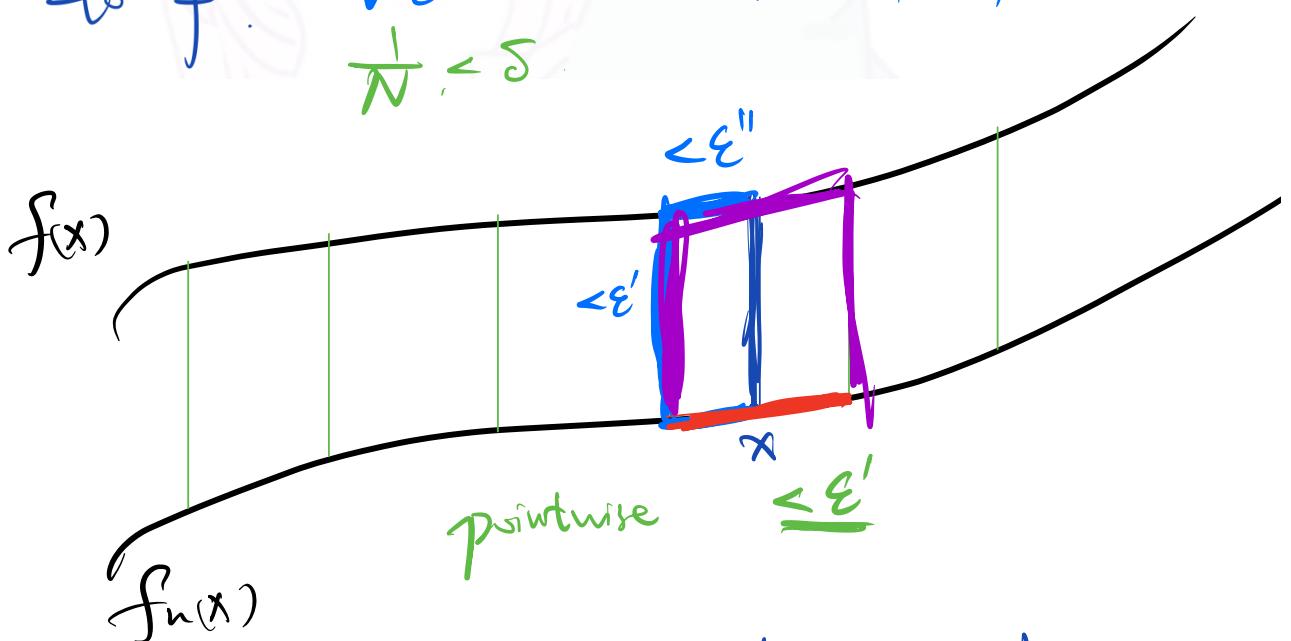
$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{to } f}.$

① not continuous ②  $[0,1]$  is codomain, not range.

**Hint:** Closed Interval + Continuous  
 $\Rightarrow$  uniformly Continuous

9\*.  $(f_n)$  is a sequence of increasing functions,  $f_n: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is pointwise convergent. Suppose f is continuous, show uniform convergence.

$$\overbrace{f_n}^{\text{to } f} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0. \exists N > 0. \forall x_1, x_2 \in [0,1]. |x_1 - x_2| < \delta, |f(x_1) - f(x_2)| < \varepsilon$$



Target:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0. \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall x. |f(x) - f_n(x)| < \varepsilon.$   
 (Uniformly Continuous).  $\forall n > N. \forall x. |f(x) - f_n(x)| < \varepsilon.$

$\forall \varepsilon > 0. \exists \delta > 0. \forall |x_1 - x_2| < \delta. |f(x_1) - f(x_2)| < \varepsilon.$

Divide  $[0,1]$  into  $N$  intervals with length  $\frac{1}{N}$ .

such that  $\frac{1}{N} < \delta$ .

$\Rightarrow [\xi_0, \xi_1], [\xi_1, \xi_2], \dots, [\xi_{n-1}, \xi_n]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\text{②}} |f_n(x) - f(x)| &= \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left( \sup_{x \in [\xi_{k-1}, \xi_k]} |f_n(x) - f(x)| \right) \stackrel{\text{③}}{\leq} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \sup_{x \in [\xi_{k-1}, \xi_k]} |f_n(\xi_{k-1}) - f(x)| \\ &+ \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \sup_{x \in [\xi_{k-1}, \xi_k]} |f_n(x) - f_n(\xi_{k-1})| + \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \sup_{x \in [\xi_{k-1}, \xi_k]} |f(x) - f_n(\xi_{k-1})| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 ① &\leq \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |f_n(x_k) - f_n(x_{k-1})| \quad (\text{increasing}), \\
 &\leq \max \left| f_n(x_k) - f(x_k) \right| + \max \left| f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1}) \right| \\
 &\quad + \max \left| f(x_{k-1}) - f_n(x_{k-1}) \right| \\
 ② &\leq \varepsilon \quad (\text{pointwise}), \\
 ③ &\leq \varepsilon \quad (\text{continuous } f).
 \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow \leq \varepsilon$  (pointwise)

$\downarrow$   
 $\leq \varepsilon$  (continuous)

## Exercises

10\*. Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of functions such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f_n \in C([a, b])$ ,  $\forall x \in [a, b]$ ,  $(f_n(x))$  is a bounded monotonic sequence.

- Please show that  $(f_n)$  converges point-wisely to some function  $f$
- Suppose  $f \in C([a, b])$ , prove that  $(f_n)$  converges uniformly to  $f$

# Reference

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End

Thanks!