

MATH: H104: Homework 11

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22. Consider the following example.

Theorem 1. *Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that if $x \neq 0$, $x \mapsto x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ and $x \mapsto 0$ otherwise. Furthermore, let (g_n) be a family of functions such that $g_n : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that*

$$g_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \forall x \in [0, 1/n] \\ e^{\frac{1}{(x-1/n)^2}}, & \forall x \in (1/n, 2/n) \\ 1, & \forall x \in [2/n, 1] \end{cases}$$

If (f_n) is defined such that $f_n(x) = f(x)g_n(x)$, then the family (f_n) is smooth, equicontinuous, with unbounded derivatives.

Proof. Let $x \in (0, 1]$, $\gamma > 0$. Then there exists an N such that $2/n < x - \gamma$. In this case for all $n > N$ $f_n(y) = f(y)$ for each and every $y \in (x - \gamma, x + \gamma)$. Then for every $\epsilon > 0$, the continuity of f gives that there is a $\delta < \gamma$ with $|f_n(y) - f_n(x)| = |f(y) - f(x)| < \epsilon$. Take the smallest delta for which all f_1, \dots, f_N are satisfied and yield that this δ' gives equicontinuity. At $x = 0$, $|f_n(y)| \leq y \sin(1/y) \leq y$ for all $y \in [0, 1]$ and for all $n > N$. So $f_n(0)$ is equicontinuous. Then the compactness of $[0, 1]$ implies uniform equicontinuity by the Arzela Ascoli theorem. Clearly $f'(x)$ is unbounded as it approaches 0 so in every case the derivatives of f_n are unbounded by the product rule. Smoothness comes from the fact that $f_n = 0$ in $[0, 1/n]$ and the derivatives at 0 are 0. \square