

## Series of Functions

Recall:

$\mathcal{F}(A, \mathbb{R}) = \{ f \mid f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \}$  → the set of all real-valued functions whose domain is  $A$  ( $\subseteq \mathbb{R}$ )

$h: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(A, \mathbb{R})$

$\forall m \in \mathbb{N} \quad h(m) := f_m \quad f_m: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a sequence of functions

$$(f_m) = (f_m)_{m \geq 1} = (f_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$$

•  $\mathcal{C} = \{x \in A : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is the convergence set of a sequence of functions

•  $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{C} \quad f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$  is called the pointwise limit function of the sequence of functions  $(f_m)$

$$\boxed{f_m \xrightarrow{\mathcal{C}} f}$$

$\Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists m_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq m_\varepsilon \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{C} \quad |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$

•  $f \xrightarrow{\mathcal{C}} f$  converges uniformly to  $f$

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$\Rightarrow \Rightarrow \rightarrow$

$\cancel{\Leftarrow}$

Def:

Each ordered pair  $((f_m), (a_m))$  of two sequences of functions

$(f_m) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(A, \mathbb{R})$  with the property that:

$(a_m)$

•  $\boxed{\forall x \in \mathcal{C}} \quad a_1(x) = f_1(x)$

•  $\boxed{\forall x \in \mathcal{C}} \quad a_2(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$

⋮  $\boxed{\forall x \in \mathcal{C}} \quad a_n(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x) + \dots + f_n(x)$

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$$= \left\{ x \in A : \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f_m(x) \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

- If  $\mathcal{C} \neq \emptyset$  we define  $\Delta : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $\forall x \in \mathcal{C}$   $\Delta(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f_m(x)$ .

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_n(x).$$

which is the POINTWISE SUM FUNCTION of the series of functions  $\sum f_m$

Notation:  $\sum f_m \xrightarrow{\mathcal{C}} \Delta$

- If  $\boxed{\Delta_m \xrightarrow{} \Delta}$  Then we say that the series of functions  $\sum f_m$  converges uniformly to  $\Delta$ .

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Remark: A particular example of series of functions is the case of a power series

$$\sum_{m \geq 0} a_m \cdot x^m \quad \text{where} \quad \boxed{(a_m) \subseteq \mathbb{R}}$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 0} f_m(x)$$

$$\forall m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \quad f_m(x) = a_m \cdot x^m$$

- Recall that  $(-R, R) \subseteq \mathcal{C} \subseteq [-R, R]$

$$R = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}$$

Uniform convergence criteria for series of functions.

T<sub>1</sub> (Cauchy)

$$(f_m) \subseteq \mathbb{F}(A, \mathbb{R}) \quad \left| \quad \sum f_m \xrightarrow{\mathcal{C}} \Delta \iff \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq m \quad \forall x \in A \quad \left| \sum_{k=m+1}^n f_k(x) \right| < \epsilon \right.$$

T<sub>2</sub> (Weierstrass)

$(f_m) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(A, \mathbb{R})$       If the series of real numbers  
 $B \subseteq A$   
 $(a_m) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$       and  $\sum a_m$  is  $C$   
 $\exists m' \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall m \geq m' \quad |f_m(x)| \leq a_m \quad \forall x \in B$   
 $\sum f_m \xrightarrow[B]{\rightarrow} C$   
 (we only get the nature, not the sum)

**Remark:** For both sequences and series of functions properties such as:

- continuity
- Riemann Integrability
- differentiability

are imbibed from the functions generating either  $(f_m)$  or  $\sum f_m$   
 through  $\Rightarrow$  (to  $f$  or  $s$ )

### Example

Consider the following series of functions

$$\sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m} \cdot x^m.$$

Determine its sum.

**Solution:**  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N} \quad f_m(x) = \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m} \cdot x^m, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \quad f_m: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \sum f_m \right] \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$$

$\bullet B = ?$

If. in a power series

$$a_m = \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m}$$

$$R = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{m+1}|}{|a_m|} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m}{m+1} = 1 \Rightarrow R = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (-1, 1) \subseteq B \subseteq [-1, 1]$$

$$\bullet x = -1 \Rightarrow \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} \cdot (-1)^m}{m} = \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{-1}{m} = -\sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{1}{m} \quad D.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -1 \notin B$$

$$\boxed{x=1} \Rightarrow \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m} \cdot 1^m = -\sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^m}{m} \text{ c. (Leibniz)}$$

$\Leftrightarrow 1 \in \mathcal{G}$

Gauß-Hadamard  
&  
Abel-Dirichlet  
for power  
series

$$\text{Hence } \boxed{\mathcal{G} = (-1, 1]}$$

$$\exists \Delta: \boxed{(-1, 1)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1)$$

It can be shown that

$$\sum f_m \rightarrow \Delta$$

$$\Delta(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f_m(x)$$

Weierstrass

$$a_m = A_m(x)$$

$$\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta'(x) = \sum_{m \geq 1} f'_m(x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta'(x) &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m} \cdot x^m \right)' = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m} \cdot m \cdot x^{m-1} = \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{m+1} \cdot x^{m-1} = \boxed{\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-x)^{m-1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta: (-1, 1)$$

$f$  is diff.  $(-1, 1)$

for  $x \in \mathcal{G}$  randomly chose

$$\Delta'(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-x)^{m-1} = \frac{1}{1-(-x)}$$

$$\forall x \in (-1, 1)$$

$-x$  is a constant

$$= \frac{1}{1+x} \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1)$$

$\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$   $f_m$  meets c. with  $\overset{\circ}{f}_m$  c.

$\Delta$  is c. with  $\Delta'$  c.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\int \Delta'(x) dx = \int \frac{1}{1+x} dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(x) &= \int \frac{1}{1+x} dx \\ &= \ln(1+x) + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m} \cdot x^m \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1)$$

$$\Delta(0) = \uparrow 0 \quad (\text{the sequence of the partial sums is constant})$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} D(x) = \ln(1+x) + C \\ D(0) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \ln(1+0) + C = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0$$

Hence  $D(x) = \ln(1+x) \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &D \text{ is c. on } (-1, 1] \\ &D \text{ is .c.} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} D(x) = D(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow D(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \ln(1+x) = \ln 2$$

$$\Rightarrow D: (-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad D(x) = \ln(1+x)$$

the sum function  
of the

series of functions generated by the power series

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} x^n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in (-1, 1] \quad \ln(1+x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} x^n$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^p \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} x^n = T_{p,0}(f)(x)$$

$$f(x) = \ln(1+x)$$

the Taylor series expansion of  
 $\ln(1+x)$

Therefore

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \cdot 1^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = \ln(1+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln 2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( -1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \right)$$

Examples for the study of the uniform convergence for series of functions  
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$$\left| \begin{array}{l} f_m(x) \leq a_m \\ \sum a_m \text{ is C} \end{array} \right| \Rightarrow \boxed{\sum f_m(x) \text{ is UC on } B \text{ (AC)}}$$

a)  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N} \quad f_m: \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f_m(x) = \frac{1}{m!x^m}$

$$\sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{1}{m!x^m} \quad |f_m| \leq a_m$$

$$\boxed{a_m := \frac{1}{m!|x|^m}} \quad ? \quad \sum a_m \text{ is C.} \\ \text{in a SPT}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{m+1}|}{|a_m|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(m+1)!|x|^{m+1}} \cdot \frac{m!|x|^m}{1} = a_m \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|x|} \cdot \frac{1}{m+1} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum |a_n| \text{ is } \boxed{C}$$

regardless of the values of  $x$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sum f_m \text{ is UC}}$$

b)  $\sum_{m \geq 1} \left( \frac{1}{x^2+m^2} \right)$

$$|f_m(x)| = \frac{1}{x^2+m^2} \leq \frac{1}{m^2} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \sum \frac{1}{m^2} \text{ is C.} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{\sum f_m \text{ UC}} \\ G = \text{om } \boxed{\mathbb{R}}$$

c)  $\sum_{m \geq 1} \left( \frac{1}{x^2+2^m} \right)$

$$|f_m(x)| = \frac{1}{x^2+2^m} \leq \frac{1}{2^m} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \sum \frac{1}{2^m} \text{ C.} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{\sum f_m \text{ is UC}} \\ G = \text{om } \boxed{\mathbb{R}}$$

The binomial series  
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 - a generalization of Newton's binom

$$1 + \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{k \cdot (k-1) \cdots (k-m+1)}{m!} x^m, \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}$$

$k \in \mathbb{R}$  is a fixed value

$$\forall m \in \mathbb{N} \quad a_m = \frac{k \cdot (k-1) \cdots (k-m+1)}{m!} \quad (a_m) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

$\Rightarrow$  it is a power series  $\sum a_m x^m$

$$\bullet \lambda = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{m+1}|}{|a_m|} =$$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{k \cdot (k-1) \cdots (k-m+1) \cdot (k-m)}{(m+1)!} \right| \cdot \left| \frac{m!}{k(k-1) \cdots (k-m)} \right| =$$

$$= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|k-m|}{(m+1)} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow R = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1, 1) \subseteq G \subseteq [-1, 1]$$

In order to fully determine  $G$ -particular cases for  $R$  have to be considered

It cannot be dealt with easily.

We know for sure that  $(-1, 1) \subseteq G$

$$\sum f_m \xrightarrow{(-1, 1)} \Delta$$

$\bullet \forall m \in \mathbb{N} f_m$  is c.  $\begin{cases} \Rightarrow \Delta \text{ is c.} \\ \text{dif.} \\ \text{int.} \end{cases}$

$$\exists \Delta: (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \Delta(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f_m(x) + 1$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_k(k-1) \cdots (k-m+1)}{m!} x^m$$

$$\boxed{Q_0 = 1}$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{k(k-1)\dots(k-n+1)}{n!} x^n$$

↴  $Q_0 = 1$   
 ↴ power series

$$= 1 + \frac{k}{1!} \cdot x + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!} x^2 + \dots + \frac{k(k-1)\dots(k-n+1)}{n!} x^n + \dots$$

- We differentiate it w.r.t.  $x$

$$\cdot x \quad | \quad D'(x) = k + \frac{k \cdot (k-1)}{2} \cdot 2x + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)}{3!} \cdot 3x^2 + \dots + \frac{k(k-1)\dots(k-n+1)}{n!} \cdot nx^n$$

+ ...

$$= k + \frac{k \cdot (k-1)}{1!} x + \frac{k \cdot k-1 \cdot (k-2)}{2!} x^2 + \dots + \frac{k \cdot k-1 \dots (k-n+1)}{(n-1)!} x^n$$

$$\Rightarrow x D'(x) = \frac{k}{1!} x + \frac{k \cdot (k-1)}{2!} x^2 + \dots + \underbrace{\frac{k \cdot (k-1)(k-m+1)}{(m-2)!} x^{m-1}}_{\frac{k \cdot (k-1)\dots(k-m)}{(m-2)!} x^{m-1}} + \dots$$

$$D'(x) + x D'(x) = k + \frac{k}{1!} x + \frac{k(k-1)}{1!} x + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{k(k-1)}{1!} x^2 + \dots + \frac{k(k-1)\dots(k-m+1)}{(m-1)!} x^{m-1} + \frac{k(k-1)\dots(k-m)}{(m-2)!} x^{m-1}$$

$$= k + k \cdot x \left( 1 + \frac{k-1}{1} \right) x + \frac{k(k-1)}{1!} \left( \frac{k-2}{2} + 1 \right) x^2 + \dots + \frac{k \cdot (k-1)\dots(k-m)}{(m-1)!} \left( \frac{k-m+1}{m} + 1 \right) x^m$$

$$= k + k \cdot x \left( \frac{1+k-1}{1} \right) + \frac{k(k-1)}{1!} \left( \frac{k-2+2}{2} \right) x^2 + \dots$$

$$= k + k \cdot x \cdot \frac{k}{1} + \frac{k(k-1) \cdot k \cdot x^2}{2} + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)}{2!} \cdot \frac{k \cdot x^3}{3}$$

$$k(k-1)(k-2)\dots(k-m+2) \frac{k}{m} \cdot \frac{x^{m-1}}{m-1} +$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{p_2(p_{k-1})(p_{k-2}) \dots (p_{k-m+2}) p_k}{(m-2)!} \cdot \frac{x^{m-1}}{m-1} +$$

$$+ \frac{p_2(p_{k-1}) \dots (p_{k-2}) \dots (p_{k-m+1}) p_k}{(m-1)!} \cdot \frac{x^m}{m} + \dots$$

$$= p_k \cdot \Delta(x) \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(1+x)} \boxed{\Delta'(x)} = \boxed{p_k} \boxed{\Delta(x)} \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{!} \quad \left( \frac{\Delta(x)}{(1+x)^k} \right)' &= \frac{\Delta'(x) \cdot (1+x)^k - \Delta(x) \cdot k(1+x)^{k-1}}{(1+x)^{2k}} = \\ &= \frac{\Delta'(x)(1+x) - p_k \cdot \Delta(x)}{(1+x)^{k+1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall x \in (-1, 1) \quad (1+x)\Delta'(x) - p_k\Delta(x) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \left( \frac{\Delta(x)}{(1+x)^k} \right)' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ st. } \frac{\Delta(x)}{(1+x)^k} = c \quad \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\Delta(x) = c \cdot (1+x)^k} \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1)$$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta(0) = c \cdot 1 = c \\ \Delta(0) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \boxed{c=0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta(x) = (1+x)^k \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1)$$

$$\forall x \in (-1, 1) \quad \boxed{(1+x)^k = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{k}{1}x + \frac{p_2(p_{k-1})}{2}x^2 + \dots + \frac{p_2(p_{k-1}) \dots (p_{k-m+1})}{m!}x^m \right)}$$

$p_k \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\boxed{p_k = -1} \quad \boxed{\frac{1}{1+x} = (1+x)^{-1} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (1 - x + x^2 + \dots + (-1)^m x^m)}$$

$$x = -1$$

$$\frac{1}{1+x} = (1+x)^{-1} = \underbrace{\dots}_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1-x+x^2+\dots+(-1)^n x^n)$$

$\forall x \in (-1, 1)$

symmetric

$$x = t$$

$$\frac{1}{1-t} = \underbrace{\dots}_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1+t+t^2+\dots+t^n) \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1)$$