

Chapter 7

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(sol) 1.1

Since both sequences converge uniformly (to f and g), fix ϵ such that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

for all x when $n > N$ and

$$|g_m(x) - g(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

for all x when $m > M$. Let $T = \max(N, M)$. Then if $n > T$,

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(x) + g_n(x) - f(x) - g(x)| &= |f_n(x) - f(x) + g_n(x) - g(x)| \\ &\leq |f_n(x) - f(x)| + |g_n(x) - g(x)| = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Next assume that both sequences are of bounded functions. From problem 1, we can conclude that both sequences are uniformly bounded, that is there exists T such that

$$|f_i(x)| < T$$

for all x and i and there exists P such that

$$|g_i(x)| < P$$

for all x and i . Then let $M = \max(T, P)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(x)g_n(x) - f(x)g(x)| &= |f_n(x)g_n(x) - f(x)g_n(x) + f(x)g_n(x) - f(x)g(x)| \\ &= |g_n(x)(f_n(x) - f(x)) + f(x)(g_n(x) - g(x))| \leq |M(f_n(x) - f(x)) + M(g_n(x) - g(x))| \\ &\leq M|f_n(x) - f(x)| + M|g_n(x) - g(x)| \end{aligned}$$

and since the sequences are uniformly continuous, for all $\epsilon > 0$

$$< M\epsilon + M\epsilon = 2M\epsilon$$

thus $\{f_n g_n\}$ is uniformly convergent. □

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Construct sequences $\{f_n\}$, $\{g_n\}$ which converge uniformly on some set E , but such that $\{f_n g_n\}$ does not converge uniformly on E .

(sol) 2.1

$f_n(x) = x$ for all x converges to $f(x) = x$ uniformly with $\epsilon = 0$ for all n . $g_n(x) = \frac{1}{n}$ for all x is the same. So $f_n(x)g_n(x) = 0$. But then for any n , there exists an x equal to it, thus for all n there exists some x such that $f_n(x)g_n(x) = \frac{x}{n} = 1 > \epsilon$. \square

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Consider

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+n^2x}$$

For what values of x does the series converge absolutely? On what intervals does it converge uniformly? On what intervals does it fail to converge uniformly? Is f continuous wherever the series converges? Is f bounded?

(sol) 3.1

The series is almost convergent (comparing with $\frac{1}{n^2}$), except for a few points. When $x = 0$ we get $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1$ which diverges. There are countable number of points where a term is undefined, namely $-\frac{1}{n^2}$ making the denominator 0.

For any $x > 0$ it converges uniformly since given some $\epsilon > 0$, $\frac{1}{1+n^2x} \leq \frac{1}{n^2\epsilon}$ and the right hand side converges uniformly. The same is true for $x < 0$ except for the aforementioned countable points.

Any interval containing 0 on the boundary does not converge uniformly. We can always pick an x so that the partial sums never converge.

f does not converge at $x = 0$ so it's not bounded.

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Let

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \left(x < \frac{1}{n+1}\right) \\ \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{x}, & \left(\frac{1}{n+1} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ 0, & \left(\frac{1}{n} < x\right) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Show that $\{f_n\}$ converges to a continuous function, but not uniformly. Use the series $\sum f_n$ to show that the absolute convergence, even for all x , does not imply uniform convergence.

(sol) 4.1

The function converges (point-wise at least) to $f = 0$, since rationals are dense in reals, fixing any x there is always an n such that $f_n(x) = 0$.

The series cannot converge uniformly because for any n , there exists some m such that $x = \frac{1}{2m+\frac{1}{2}}$ such that $\frac{1}{n+1} < x < \frac{1}{n+1}$, thus $f(x) = \sin^2(2\pi m + \frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$. \square

P 5 6

Prove that the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^2 + n}{n^2}$$

converges uniformly in every bounded interval, but does not converge absolutely for any value of x .

(sol) 5.1

Skip for now.

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For $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, x real, put

$$f_n(x) = \frac{x}{1 + nx^2}$$

Show that $\{f_n\}$ converges uniformly to a function f , and that the equation

$$f'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f'_n(x)$$

is correct if $x \neq 0$, but false if $x = 0$.

(sol) 6.1

Using the quotient rule and differentiating f_n and setting it equal to 0 shows that f_n has its max at $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$, at which $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}$. Thus the sequence f_n is bounded by $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}$ which converges uniformly to $f = 0$.
Since

$$f'_n(x) = \frac{1 - nx^2}{(1 + nx^2)^2}$$

so

$$f'_n(0) = 1$$

so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f'_n(x) = 1$ but since $f = 0$, $f' = 0$. □

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If

$$I(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & (x \leq 0) \\ 1, & (x > 0) \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

if $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence of distinct points of (a, b) , and if $\sum |c_n|$ converges, prove that the series

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n I(x - x_n) \quad (a \leq x \leq b)$$

converges uniformly, and that f is continuous for every $x \neq x_n$.

(sol) 7.1

Since I is just an indicator function, it follows that

$$f_N(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n I(x - x_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^N |c_n|$$

. Since $\sum |c_n|$ converges absolutely, it follows that f_n converges uniformly. f will be continuous if each f_n is. And each f_n is continuous if $x \neq x_n$, since if it "jumps" via the indicator function and misses or includes an extra term greater than some ϵ in the summation if so.

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Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of continuous functions which converges uniformly to a function f on a set E . Prove that

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

for every sequence of points $x_n \in E$ such that $x_n \rightarrow x$, and $x \in E$. Is the converse of this true?

(sol) 8.1

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(sol) 9.1