

# Theorem 7.9: Weierstrass's M-Test

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**Theorem** (Weierstrass's M-Test). *Let  $\{y_m(x)\}$  be a sequence of functions with  $|y_m(x)| \leq M_m$  for all  $x$  in  $[\alpha, \beta]$  with  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} M_m < \infty$ . Then  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} y_m(x)$  converges uniformly in  $[\alpha, \beta]$  to a unique function  $y(x)$ .*

*Proof.* Very simple indeed. Still, I'd like to write my proof down. In order to prove that  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} y_m(x)$  converges uniformly to  $y(x)$  in  $[\alpha, \beta]$ , we only need to prove that for any given positive real number  $\varepsilon$ , there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that for all  $m > n > N$ , and **for all**  $x \in [\alpha, \beta]$ , we have

$$\left| \sum_{i=n}^m y_i(x) \right| < \varepsilon.$$

In order to prove it, we just need to prove that

$$\sum_{i=n}^m |y_i(x)| < \varepsilon.$$

We just need to prove that

$$\sum_{i=n}^m M_i < \varepsilon.$$

From  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} M_m$ , we know this is true. □