

# Convergence

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**Definition 0.1.** Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be an interval,  $f(x)$  be a function on  $I$ , and  $f_n(x)$  be a sequence of functions on  $I$ . Then we say that  $f_n(x)$  converges to  $f(x)$  pointwisely on  $I$  if and only if for any  $x_0 \in I$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x_0) = f(x_0) \quad (1)$$

Applying to the Fourier Series, we see that

**Definition 0.2.**  $\sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{4}{n\pi} \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{l})$  converges to 1 on  $(0, l)$  pointwisely

However, it's difficult to check pointwise convergence for this function, since you'd have to check an infinite amount of points. Thus, we propose this new method of check convergence:

**Definition 0.3.** We define  $f_n \rightarrow f \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f_n - f| = 0$

However, in order to this, we must have a notion of distance to measure the distance between  $f_n$  and  $f$ . For this problem, we define something called the sup norm distance.

**Definition 0.4.** Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be an interval, and  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be functions on  $I$ . Then the sup norm distance between  $f$  and  $g$  on  $I$  is given by the following:

$$\sup_{x \in I} |f(x) - g(x)| \quad (2)$$

In this case, the sup represents the maximum, so this represents the maximum of the distance between the functions.

Using this definition, choosing some  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ , and that  $\sup |f(x) - g(x)| < \epsilon$ , then that implies that  $g(x)$  is trapped in an interval of  $[f(x) - \epsilon, f(x) + \epsilon]$  for  $x$  in  $I$ . Then we say that

**Definition 0.5.**  $f_n$  uniformly converges to  $f(x)$  on  $I \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x \in I} |f_n(x) - f(x)| = 0$  for all  $x \in I$