

## Chapter 10 Sequences and Series of Functions

$$[-\infty, +\infty] = \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, +\infty\}$$

is the extended real number system.

### Ordering in $[-\infty, +\infty]$

① usual ordering among real numbers

②  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, -\infty < x < +\infty$

### Supremum and infimum in $[-\infty, +\infty]$

①  $\forall$  nonempty  $S \subseteq [-\infty, +\infty]$ ,  
 $+\infty$  is an upper bound of  $S$   
 $-\infty$  is a lower bound of  $S$

②  $\sup S$  = least upper bound of  $S$  in  $[-\infty, +\infty]$   
 $\inf S$  = greatest lower bound of  $S$  in  $[-\infty, +\infty]$

Remark For nonempty subset  $S$  of  $[-\infty, +\infty]$ ,  
 $\sup S$  and  $\inf S$  always exist in  $[-\infty, +\infty]$ .

### Arithmetics in $[-\infty, +\infty]$ usual arithmetic on $\mathbb{R}$

plus ①  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  and  $c > 0$ ,

$$x + (+\infty) = +\infty = (+\infty) + x$$

$$c(+\infty) = +\infty = (+\infty)c$$

$$c(-\infty) = -\infty = (-\infty)c$$

②  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$  and  $c < 0$ ,

$$x + (-\infty) = -\infty = (-\infty) + x$$

$$c(-\infty) = +\infty = (-\infty)c$$

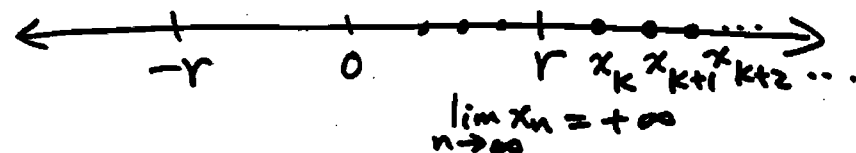
$$c(+\infty) = -\infty = (+\infty)c$$

③  $|+\infty| = +\infty = |-\infty|$

Infinite Limits Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$  be a sequence in  $[-\infty, +\infty]$ . Define

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = +\infty$  iff  $\forall$  real  $r > 0, \exists K \in \mathbb{N}$   
 such that  $n \geq K \Rightarrow x_n > r$ .

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = -\infty$  iff  $\forall$  real  $r > 0, \exists K \in \mathbb{N}$   
 such that  $n \geq K \Rightarrow x_n < -r$ .



Subsequences Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$  be a sequence.

$x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, x_{n_3}, \dots$  is a subsequence of  $x_1, x_2, \dots$   
 iff  $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$

Examples  $x_3, x_6, x_9, x_{12}, \dots$  ( $n_i = 3i$ )  
 $x_1, x_4, x_9, x_{16}, \dots$  ( $n_i = i^2$ )  
 $x_2, x_3, x_5, x_7, \dots$  ( $n_i = i^{\text{th}} \text{ prime}$ )

are subsequences of  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots$

### Set of Subsequential Limits of $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$

$\mathcal{L} = \{ z \in [-\infty, +\infty] : \exists \text{ subsequence } x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, \dots$   
 such that  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_i} = z \}$

Such  $z$ 's are called subsequential limits of  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$

If  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$  is bounded in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then it has a convergent subsequence by the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem.

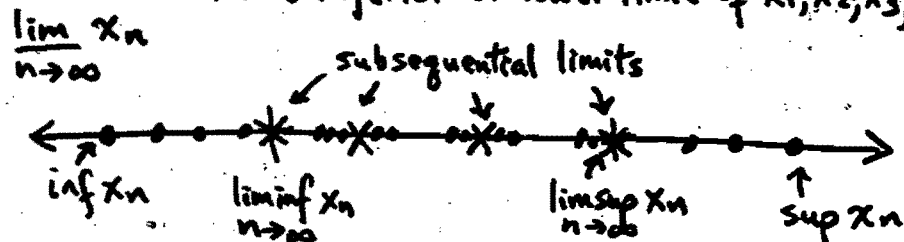
If  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$  is not bounded above in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then some subsequence will have limit  $+\infty$ .

If  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$  is not bounded below in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then some subsequence will have limit  $-\infty$ .

Therefore,  $\mathcal{L} \neq \emptyset$  and so  $\sup \mathcal{L}, \inf \mathcal{L}$  exist in  $[-\infty, +\infty]$ .

Definitions  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \sup \mathcal{L}$  in  $[-\infty, +\infty]$   
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$   $\leftarrow$  limit superior or upper limit of  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$

$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \inf \mathcal{L}$  in  $[-\infty, +\infty]$   
 $\parallel$   $\leftarrow$  limit inferior or lower limit of  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$



### Remarks

①  $\forall$  sequence  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$ ,  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n, \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  always exist in  $[-\infty, +\infty]$  since  $\mathcal{L} \neq \emptyset$ .

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \inf \mathcal{L} \leq \sup \mathcal{L} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

② If  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$  is not bounded above in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $+\infty \in \mathcal{L}$ . So  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \sup \mathcal{L} = +\infty$ .

If  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$  is not bounded below in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $-\infty \in \mathcal{L}$ . So  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \inf \mathcal{L} = -\infty$ .

③  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = z \in [-\infty, +\infty] \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{L} = \{z\}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \sup \mathcal{L} = z = \inf \mathcal{L} = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$

④  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-x_n) = \sup(-\mathcal{L}) = -\inf \mathcal{L} = -\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$

$\forall c > 0,$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (cx_n) = \sup(c\mathcal{L}) = c \sup \mathcal{L} = c \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (cx_n) = \inf(c\mathcal{L}) = c \inf \mathcal{L} = c \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

$\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (c+x_n) = \sup(c+\mathcal{L}) = c + \sup \mathcal{L} = c + \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (c+x_n) = \inf(c+\mathcal{L}) = c + \inf \mathcal{L} = c + \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

$M_k$ -Theorem For sequence  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$ , define

$$M_k = \sup \{x_k, x_{k+1}, x_{k+2}, \dots\}.$$

Then ①  $M_1 \geq M_2 \geq M_3 \geq \dots$

and ②  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M_k \in \mathcal{L}$ .

Proof ①  $M_k \geq x_{k+1}, x_{k+2}, x_{k+3}, \dots$

$\forall k=1, 2, 3, \dots \Rightarrow M_k \geq \sup \{x_{k+1}, x_{k+2}, x_{k+3}, \dots\} = M_{k+1}$

②  $M_k$  monotone  $\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M_k = M$  exists in  $[-\infty, +\infty]$ .

$$\forall z \in \mathcal{L}, z = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_j} \leq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} M_{n_j} = M \Rightarrow \sup \mathcal{L} \leq M.$$

Conversely, if  $M_1 = \sup \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\} = +\infty$ , then  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$  is not bounded above,  $\sup \mathcal{L} = +\infty = M$ .

Otherwise,  $M_1 < +\infty$ . By supremum property,  $\exists n_1 \geq 1$  such that  $M_1 - 1 < x_{n_1} \leq M_1$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} M_{1+n_1} &= \sup \{x_{1+n_1}, x_{2+n_1}, x_{3+n_1}, \dots\} \\ &= \sup \{x_j : j > n_1\}. \end{aligned}$$

By supremum property,  $\exists n_2 > n_1$  with  $M_{1+n_1} - \frac{1}{2} < x_{n_2} \leq M_{1+n_1}$ .

Keep repeating this.  $\exists n_{k+1} > n_k$  such that

$$M_{1+n_k} - \frac{1}{k+1} < x_{n_{k+1}} \leq M_{1+n_k}.$$

Sandwich theorem  $\Rightarrow M = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} \in \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow \underline{M} \leq \sup \mathcal{L}$ .  $\therefore M = \sup \mathcal{L}$ .

Similarly, there is

$m_k$ -Theorem For sequence  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$ , define

$$m_k = \inf \{x_k, x_{k+1}, x_{k+2}, \dots\}.$$

Then ①  $m_1 \leq m_2 \leq m_3 \leq \dots$

and ②  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} m_k \in \mathcal{L}$ .

Corollary If  $x_n \leq y_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

(a)  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$  and (b)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$ .

Proof.  $M_k$  for  $x_n \leq M_k$  for  $y_n \Rightarrow$  (a) by  $M_k$ -thm  
 $m_k$  for  $x_n \leq m_k$  for  $y_n \Rightarrow$  (b) by  $m_k$ -thm.

Examples ①  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+n}{3+4n} = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+n}{3+4n} = \frac{1}{4}$   
 by remark ③  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+n}{3+4n} = \frac{1}{4}$

② Let  $x_n = e^{(-1)^n n} = \begin{cases} e^{-n} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ e^n & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

We have  $0 < x_n < +\infty \Rightarrow \mathcal{L} \subseteq [0, +\infty]$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-(2n+1)} = 0 \in \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{2n} = +\infty \in \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = +\infty.$$

### Alternative Solution

$$e^{-1}, e^2, e^{-3}, e^4, e^{-5}, e^6, \dots$$

$\begin{matrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & x_6 \end{matrix}$

$$k \text{ odd} \Rightarrow x_k = e^{-k} \Rightarrow M_k = \sup \{e^{-k}, e^{k+1}, e^{-(k+2)}, \dots\} = +\infty$$

$$k \text{ even} \Rightarrow x_k = e^k \Rightarrow M_k = \sup \{e^k, e^{-(k+1)}, e^{k+2}, \dots\} = +\infty$$

$$\therefore \forall k, M_k = +\infty \Rightarrow \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M_k = +\infty$$

$$\text{Similarly, } k \text{ odd} \Rightarrow m_k = 0 \Rightarrow \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} m_k = 0.$$

③ Let  $x_n = \begin{cases} -(3 + \frac{1}{j+1}) & \text{if } n = 3j+1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n = 3j+2 \\ \frac{1}{j+1} & \text{if } n = 3j+3 \end{cases}$

$$-4, 0, 1, -3\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, -3\frac{1}{3}, 0, \frac{1}{3}, -3\frac{1}{4}, \dots$$

$\begin{matrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & x_6 & x_7 & x_8 & x_9 & x_{10} \end{matrix}$

k	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	...
$M_k$	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\dots \frac{1}{j+1}$
$m_k$	-4	$-3\frac{1}{2}$	$-3\frac{1}{2}$	$-3\frac{1}{2}$	$-3\frac{1}{3}$	$-3\frac{1}{3}$	$-3\frac{1}{3}$	$\dots -(3 + \frac{1}{j+1})$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M_k = 0, \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} m_k = -3$$

Many theorems require limit conditions. If limits do not exist, the theorems cannot be applied. However, some theorems have strong forms, where limits are replaced by limsup or liminf.

Strong Form of Root Test For a real sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots$ ,

①  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} < 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely;

②  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} > 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

Strong Form of Ratio Test For a real sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  and  $a_n \neq 0 \forall n$ ,

①  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely;

②  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| > 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

Their proofs require the following

Theorem For a real sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  and  $a_n \neq 0 \forall n$ ,

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \textcircled{1} & & \textcircled{2} & & \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$

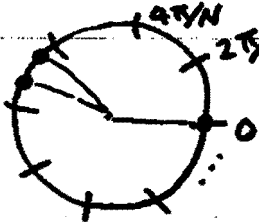
(If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = L$ .)

Converse is false, see practice exercise (32)

**Examples ④** Find the set  $\mathcal{L}$  of all subsequential limits of  $x_n = \sin n$ . Find  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin n$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin n$ .

**Solution.** We need an observation first.

**Observation**  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , take integer  $N > \frac{2\pi}{\varepsilon}$ . Divide the unit circle into  $N$  disjoint arcs of equal lengths.



For every positive integer  $m$ , consider the  $N+1$  marks on the unit circle corresponding to the angles  $0, m, 2m, \dots, Nm$  (in radians).

In one of the arcs, there will be at least 2 marks.

So there are  $i < j$  among  $0, 1, 2, \dots, N$  such that  $n = jm - im = 2\pi k + c$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $|c| < \frac{2\pi}{N} < \varepsilon$ .

Then  $n = (j-i)m \geq 1m = m$  and  $|\sin n| = |\sin c| \leq |c| < \varepsilon$ .

Next we will show  $\mathcal{L} = [-1, 1]$  so that  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin n = -1$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin n = 1$ .

Clearly,  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq [-1, 1]$  since  $-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1$ .

Conversely, for every  $z = \sin \theta \in [-1, 1]$ , we will construct strictly increasing integers  $n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots$  with  $|\sin n_k - z| \leq \frac{2}{k}$  so that  $\sin n_k \rightarrow z$ .

Let  $n_1 = 1$ , then  $|\sin 1 - z| \leq 2$ . Assuming we have  $n_k$  satisfying  $|\sin n_k - z| \leq \frac{2}{k}$ , we will construct  $n_{k+1}$  with required properties.

Apply the observation with  $\varepsilon = \frac{2}{k+1}$ ,  $m = n_k + 1$ . We get  $n \geq m$  such that  $|\sin n| < \varepsilon$  and  $n$  is of the form  $2\pi k + c$  with  $|c| < \varepsilon$ .

Since interval  $(\theta - \varepsilon, \theta + \varepsilon)$  has length  $2\varepsilon$ , there is a positive integer  $t$  such that  $tc \in (\theta - \varepsilon, \theta + \varepsilon)$ .

Let  $n_{k+1} = tn$ . Then  $n_{k+1} = tn \geq n \geq m = n_k + 1 > n_k$  and  $|tc - \theta| < \varepsilon$  implies  $tn = 2\pi k + tc$

$$|\sin n_{k+1} - z| = |\sin tn - \sin \theta| = |\sin tc - \sin \theta| \leq |tc - \theta| < \varepsilon = \frac{2}{k+1}.$$

$\therefore \sin n_k \rightarrow z$  and  $\mathcal{L} = [-1, 1]$ .

**Remarks** If  $c > 0$ , then  $\theta$  should be taken to be positive. If  $c < 0$ , then  $\theta$  should be taken to be negative. This is for ensuring  $\exists tc \in (\theta - \varepsilon, \theta + \varepsilon)$ .

⑤ Does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tan^n(\sin n)$  converge?

**Solution.**  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|\tan^n(\sin n)|} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\tan(\sin n)| = \tan 1 > \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$ . Series diverges by strong form of root test.

⑥ Does  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2^2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2^2 \cdot 3^2} + \dots$  Converge?  
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{\times \frac{1}{2}} \underbrace{\quad}_{\times \frac{1}{3}} \underbrace{\quad}_{\times \frac{1}{2}} \underbrace{\quad}_{\times \frac{1}{3}} \dots$  Ratio test doesn't apply.

Solution.  $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$   $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$  doesn't exist.

The  $L$  set for  $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$  is  $\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}\}$ . So  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{1}{2} < 1$ .  
 By strong form of ratio test, the series converges.

### Limit Superior and Limit Inferior for Functions

Let  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function and  $w$  be an accumulation point of  $S$ . Define the sequential limit set

$$L = \{z : \exists x_n \in S, x_n \rightarrow w \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = z\}.$$

Either  $+\infty \in L$  or  $-\infty \in L$  or  $\exists z \in \mathbb{R} \cap L$  by Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem.  $\therefore L \neq \emptyset$  in  $[-\infty, +\infty]$ .

Definitions  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow w} f(x) = \sup L$ ,  $\liminf_{x \rightarrow w} f(x) = \inf L$ .



$M(r)$  Theorem For every  $r > 0$ , define  $M(r) = \sup \{f(x) : x \in S, 0 < |x - w| < r\}$

Then ①  $M(r)$  is an increasing function of  $r$ ,  
 and ②  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow w} f(x) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} M(r) \in L$ .

Remarks (a) Similarly, there is a  $m(r)$  theorem for  $\liminf_{x \rightarrow w} f(x)$ . The proofs are similar to the  $M_K$ -theorem and  $m_K$ -theorem.  
 (b) There are similar remarks and corollary for the limit superior and inferior of functions as those for sequences.

### Pointwise Convergence

Let  $E$  be a set.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $S_n: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function.

Definitions Sequence  $S_n: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  converges pointwise on  $E$  to a function  $S: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  iff  $\forall x \in E, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) = S(x)$

(i.e.  $\forall x \in E, \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $K$  depends on  $x$  and  $\varepsilon$ ) such that  $n \geq K \Rightarrow |S_n(x) - S(x)| < \varepsilon$ .)

In this case,  $S(x)$  is the pointwise limit of  $S_n(x)$ .

Example Consider  $S_n(x) = (1 - x^2)^n$  on  $E = [0, 1]$ .

$$\forall x \in [0, 1], \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore S_n(x)$  converges pointwise on  $E$  to  $S(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 1 & x = 0 \end{cases}$ .

Definition For functions  $f_k: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x)$  converges pointwise on  $E$  to a function  $S: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

iff  $\forall x \in E, \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f_1(x) + \dots + f_n(x)) = S(x)$ ,

i.e.  $S_n(x) = \underbrace{f_1(x) + \dots + f_n(x)}_{\text{partial sum sequence}}$  converges pointwise on  $E$  to  $S(x)$ .

Example Consider  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{kx} \cos x$  on  $E_1 = (-\infty, 0)$  and on  $E_2 = (-1, 1]$ .

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{kx} \cos x = \cos x \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (e^x)^k}_{\text{geometric series}} = \begin{cases} \cos x \frac{e^x}{1-e^x} & \text{if } |e^x| < 1 \\ \text{diverges} & \text{if } |e^x| \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$|e^x| = e^x < 1 \Leftrightarrow x < 0$$

$$|e^x| = e^x \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow x \geq 0$$

$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{kx} \cos x$  converges pointwise on  $E_1 = (-\infty, 0)$  to

$\cos x \frac{e^x}{1-e^x}$ , but it doesn't converge pointwise on  $E_2 = (-1, 1]$ .

Definition A power series is a function of the form  $a_0 + a_1(x-c) + a_2(x-c)^2 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(x-c)^k$

where  $c, a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  are numbers.

$c$  is called the center of the power series.

$E = \{x : \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(x-c)^k \text{ converges}\}$  is the domain (of convergence) of the power series.

$\therefore$  power series converges pointwise on its domain.

Examples (see Taylor series theorem)

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!}x^k \quad \text{domain} = (-\infty, +\infty)$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!} \quad \text{domain} = (-\infty, +\infty)$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k \quad \text{domain} = (-1, 1)$$

## Domain Theorem for Power Series

The domain of a power series  $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(x-c)^k$  is a nonempty interval with  $c$  as midpoint.

The half-length of the interval  $(c-R, c+R)$  is the radius of convergence

$$f(c) = a_0 \Rightarrow c \text{ in domain} \quad R = \frac{1}{\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k|}}$$

Each endpoint of the interval may or may not be in the domain.

The power series converges absolutely on  $(c-R, c+R)$ .

Proof. By the strong form of root test,

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k(x-c)^k|} = |x-c| \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k|} < 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |x-c| < \frac{1}{\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k|}} = R$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in (c-R, c+R)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(x-c)^k \text{ converges absolutely on } (c-R, c+R)$$

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k(x-c)^k|} > 1 \Leftrightarrow |x-c| > R$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in (-\infty, c-R) \cup (c+R, +\infty) = \mathbb{R} \setminus [c-R, c+R]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(x-c)^k \text{ diverges on } \mathbb{R} \setminus [c-R, c+R]$$

It is easier to find domain by the ratio test.

Examples (1) Consider  $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$ .  $c=0$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \cdot \frac{k!}{x^k} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{k+1} = 0 < 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} \text{ converge for all } x.$$

Domain of  $f(x)$  is  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$ ,  $R = +\infty$ .

(2) Consider  $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k! (x-\pi)^k$ .  $c=\pi$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(k+1)! (x-\pi)^{k+1}}{k! (x-\pi)^k} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (k+1) |x-\pi| = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x=\pi \\ \infty & \text{if } x \neq \pi \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Domain of  $f(x)$  is  $\{\pi\} = [\pi, \pi]$ ,  $R=0$ .

(3) Consider  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (x-25)^k}{k}$ .  $c=25$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{k+1} (x-25)^{k+1}}{k+1} \cdot \frac{k}{(-1)^k (x-25)^k} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |x-25| \frac{k}{k+1}$$

$= |x-25| < 1 \Rightarrow 24 < x < 26$  series converges.

$> 1 \Rightarrow x < 24$  or  $x > 26$  series diverges.

At  $x=24$ ,  $\sum \frac{(-1)^k (24-25)^k}{k} = \sum \frac{1}{k}$  diverges by p-test

At  $x=26$ ,  $\sum \frac{(-1)^k (26-25)^k}{k} = \sum \frac{(-1)^k}{k}$  converges by alt. series test

$\therefore$  Domain of  $f(x)$  is  $(24, 26]$ ,  $R=1$ .

Question How do we expand functions into series?

IF  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1(x-c) + a_2(x-c)^2 + a_3(x-c)^3 + \dots$ ,

then formally

$$f'(x) = a_1 + 2a_2(x-c) + 3a_3(x-c)^2 + 4a_4(x-c)^3 + \dots$$

$$f''(x) = 2a_2 + 6a_3(x-c) + 12a_4(x-c)^2 + \dots$$

$$f'''(x) = 6a_3 + 24a_4(x-c) + \dots$$

So  $f(c) = a_0$ ,  $f'(c) = a_1$ ,  $f''(c) = 2a_2$ ,  $f'''(c) = 6a_3$

$$a_0 = f(c), a_1 = f'(c), a_2 = \frac{f''(c)}{2}, a_3 = \frac{f'''(c)}{6},$$

$$\dots, a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}, \dots$$

Definition For a function  $f(x)$  that is infinitely differentiable at  $c$ ,

$$a_0 + a_1(x-c) + a_2(x-c)^2 + \dots, \text{ where } a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}$$

is the Taylor series of  $f$  about  $c$ .

Note  $f(x)$  equals its Taylor series when  $x=c$

Example Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/x^2} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$  as  $f(c) = a_0$ . Then  $f(0) = 0$

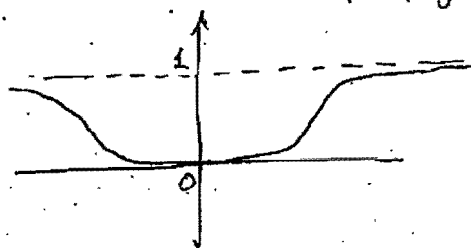
$f^{(n)}(0) = 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$  Taylor series of  $f$  about 0

(Exercise) is the zero series  $0 + 0x + 0x^2 + \dots$

$\Rightarrow f(x) =$  its Taylor series about 0 only when  $x=0$ .



Graph of  $y=f(x)=\begin{cases} e^{-1/x^2} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$



Question When does Taylor series converge pointwise on an interval to the function?  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x-c)^k$

Taylor Series Theorem is the Taylor series of  $f(x)$

If  $f:(a,b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is infinitely differentiable,  $c \in (a,b)$  and  $\exists$  constants  $M, \alpha > 0$  such that  $|f^{(n)}(x)| \leq \alpha M^n$  for every  $x \in (a,b), n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

then  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x-c)^k$  converges pointwise on  $(a,b)$  to  $f(x)$ .

Proof By Taylor's Theorem,  $\forall x \in (a,b), \exists \theta \in (a,b)$

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x-c)^k + R_n(x), \text{ where}$$

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n)}(\theta)}{n!} (x-c)^n. \text{ Then } |R_n(x)| \leq \frac{\alpha M^n}{n!} |x-c|^n$$

$$y = M|x-c| \rightarrow \alpha \frac{y^n}{n!}$$

By example (1) on domain of power series,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^n}{n!} \text{ Converges. By term test, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y^n}{n!} = 0.$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(x) = 0 \text{ by Sandwich theorem.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x-c)^k + R_n(x) \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x-c)^k \quad \forall x \in (a,b). \end{aligned}$$

Examples (1) For  $f(x) = \sin x$  on  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$ ,

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \begin{cases} (-1)^k \cos x & \text{if } n=2k+1 \\ (-1)^k \sin x & \text{if } n=2k \end{cases} \Rightarrow |f^{(n)}(x)| \leq 1 = 1 \cdot 1^n$$

$\alpha=1, M=1$

Taking  $c=0$ , by Taylor series theorem

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} x^{2k+1} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Remarks For  $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ ,  $|R_{18}(x)| \leq \frac{|x|^{18}}{18!} \leq \frac{(\pi/2)^{18}}{18!}$   
which is less than  $6 \times 10^{-13}$ .

So  $\sin x$  is approximated by  $x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^{17}}{17!}$   
to 10 decimal places on  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . 9 terms

(2) For  $f(x) = e^x$  on  $(-w, w)$ ,  $w$  is a positive number

$$f^{(n)}(x) = e^x \Rightarrow |f^{(n)}(x)| \leq e^w = e^w \cdot 1^n$$

$\alpha = e^w, M=1$

Taking  $C=0$ , by Taylor series theorem

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n \quad \forall x \in (-w, w)$$

Since  $w$  can be any positive number,

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty).$$

(3) For  $f(x) = \cos x$  on  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$ , we can

imitate example (1) to get  $\cos x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} x^{2k} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
The same remarks apply.

For positive integer  $a$ ,

$$(1+x)^a = 1 + \binom{a}{1}x + \binom{a}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{a}{a-1}x^{a-1} + x^a$$

$$\text{where } \binom{a}{k} = \frac{a!}{k!(a-k)!} = \frac{a(a-1)\dots(a-k+1)}{k!}$$

Binomial Theorem  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, x \in (-1, 1)$

$$(1+x)^a = 1 + ax + \frac{a(a-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a(a-1)\dots(a-k+1)}{k!} x^k$$

open interval

Examples ①  $\binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{k} = \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})\dots(-\frac{2k-1}{2})}{k!} = \frac{(-1)^k 1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k)}$

For  $-1 < x < 1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = (1+(-x^2))^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k 1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k)} x^{2k}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4}x^4 + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}x^6 + \dots$$

$$\text{Arcsin } x = \int_0^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt = \left[ x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4} \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \right]$$

to be justified later

Similarly,

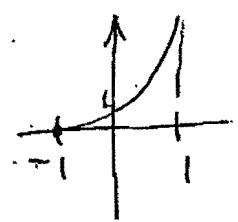
$$(1+x)^{-1} = \frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^k$$

$$\ln(1+x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t} dt = \left[ x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots \right] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{k+1}}{k+1}$$

$$(1+x^2)^{-1} = \frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^{2k}$$

$$\text{Arctan } x = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt = \left[ x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots \right] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{2k+1}$$

From S. Barnard and J. M. Child's Higher Algebra, 1936



$\leftarrow y = \frac{1+x}{1-x}$  on  $(-1, 1)$

$\forall y \in (0, +\infty) \exists$  unique  $x \in (-1, 1)$   
 such that  $y = \frac{1+x}{1-x} \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{y-1}{y+1}$ .

John Napier invented  $\ln x$   
 Henry Briggs invented  $\log_{10} x$ .

pp. 316-317.

**17. Logarithmic Series.** If  $-1 < x < 1$ , we have

$$\log(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} + \dots \quad \text{.....(A)}$$

Changing the sign of  $x$ ,

$$\log(1-x) = -\left(x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n} + \dots\right), \quad \text{.....(B)}$$

and since  $\log \frac{1+x}{1-x} = \log(1+x) - \log(1-x)$ , it follows that

$$\log \frac{1+x}{1-x} = 2\left(x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots\right). \quad \text{.....(C)}$$

Writing  $\frac{1+x}{1-x} = \frac{n+1}{n}$ , so that  $x = \frac{1}{2n+1}$ , we have

$$\log(n+1) - \log n = 2\left(\frac{1}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{(2n+1)^3} + \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{(2n+1)^5} + \dots\right). \quad \text{.....(D)}$$

*Ex. 1.* If  $0 < x < 1$  and  $s_n = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots$  to  $n$  terms, show that the error in taking

$2s_n$  as the value of  $\log \frac{1+x}{1-x}$  is less than  $\frac{2x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{1-x^2}$ .

If  $R_n$  is the remainder after  $n$  terms of the series,

$$R_n = \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} + \frac{x^{2n+3}}{2n+3} + \frac{x^{2n+5}}{2n+5} + \dots < \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} (1 + x^2 + x^4 + \dots);$$

$$\therefore \text{the error} = 2R_n < \frac{2x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{1-x^2}.$$

**19. Calculation of Napierian Logarithms.** The number  $e$  is chosen as the base of the system of logarithms used in theoretical work. Such logarithms are called *Napierian*, after Napier, the inventor of logarithms. In theoretical work,  $\log N$  means  $\log_e N$ ; just as, in practical reckoning,  $\log N$  means  $\log_{10} N$ .

The method of applying the equations of Art. 17 to the calculation of Napierian logarithms is exhibited in the following example.

*Ex. 1.* Calculate  $\log_e 2$  to seven places of decimals.

Let  $\frac{1+x}{1-x} = 2; \therefore x = \frac{1}{3}; \therefore \log_e 2 = 2\left\{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3^3} + \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{3^5} + \dots\right\}.$

Carrying the reckoning to nine places, we have

$1/3 = 0.333 \ 333 \ 333$	$1/3 = 0.333 \ 333 \ 333$
$1/3^3 = 0.037 \ 037 \ 037$	$1/(3 \cdot 3^3) = 0.012 \ 345 \ 679$
$1/3^5 = 0.004 \ 115 \ 226$	$1/(5 \cdot 3^5) = 0.000 \ 823 \ 045$
$1/3^7 = 0.000 \ 457 \ 247$	$1/(7 \cdot 3^7) = 0.000 \ 065 \ 321$
$1/3^9 = 0.000 \ 050 \ 805$	$1/(9 \cdot 3^9) = 0.000 \ 005 \ 645$
$1/3^{11} = 0.000 \ 005 \ 645$	$1/(11 \cdot 3^{11}) = 0.000 \ 000 \ 513$
$1/3^{13} = 0.000 \ 000 \ 627$	$1/(13 \cdot 3^{13}) = 0.000 \ 000 \ 048$
$1/3^{15} = 0.000 \ 000 \ 070$	$1/(15 \cdot 3^{15}) = 0.000 \ 000 \ 005$
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	$= 0.346 \ 573 \ 589$
	$\phantom{= 0.346 \ 573 \ 589} \phantom{0.} 2$
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	$0.693 \ 147 \ 178$

$\therefore \log_e 2 = 0.693147178$  nearly.

The proof of the binomial theorem need the following  
Theorem (Taylor's Formula with Integral Remainder)

Let  $f$  be  $n$  times differentiable on  $(a, b)$ .

For every  $x, c \in (a, b)$ , if  $f^{(n)}$  is integrable on the closed interval with endpoints  $x$  and  $c$ , then

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!} (x-c)^k + R_n(x), \text{ where}$$

$$R_n(x) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_c^x (x-t)^{n-1} f^{(n)}(t) dt.$$

Proof. Note  $\frac{d}{dt}(-(x-t)) = \frac{d}{dt}(-x+t) = 1$ .

Integration by parts  $n-1$  times to get

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) - f(c) &= \int_c^x f'(t) \cdot 1 dt = \int_c^x f'(t) (-(x-t))' dt \\ &= -f'(t)(x-t) \Big|_c^x + \int_c^x (x-t) f''(t) dt \\ &= f'(c)(x-c) + \left( -f''(t) \frac{(x-t)^2}{2} \Big|_c^x + \frac{1}{2!} \int_c^x (x-t)^2 f'''(t) dt \right) \\ &= \dots \\ &= f'(c)(x-c) + \dots + \frac{f^{(n-1)}(c)}{(n-1)!} (x-c)^{n-1} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_c^x (x-t)^{n-1} f^{(n)}(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

There is another common form of the remainder.  
For that, we need the following fact.

Mean-Value Theorem for Integral Let  $f$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $g \geq 0$  be integrable on  $[a, b]$ . Then  $\exists x_0 \in [a, b]$  such that  $\int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx = f(x_0) \int_a^b g(x)dx$ .

For the case  $g(x) \equiv 1$ , we get  $\int_a^b f(x)dx = f(x_0)(b-a)$ .

Proof. Since  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , by the extreme value theorem,  $M = \max_{x \in [a, b]} f(x) = f(u)$  and  $m = \min_{x \in [a, b]} f(x) = f(v)$   $\forall x \in [a, b], f(v) \leq f(x) \leq f(u)$ .

Since  $g \geq 0$ , so  $f(v)g(x) \leq f(x)g(x) \leq f(u)g(x)$  and

$$f(v) \int_a^b g(x)dx = \int_a^b f(v)g(x)dx \leq \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx \leq \int_a^b f(u)g(x)dx$$

$$\text{Then } f(v) \leq \frac{\int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx}{\int_a^b g(x)dx} \leq f(u) = f(x_0) \text{ for some } x_0 \in [a, b].$$

The intermediate value theorem implies

$$\frac{\int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx}{\int_a^b g(x)dx} = f(x_0) \text{ for some } x_0 \in [a, b].$$

Taylor's Formula with Cauchy Form Remainder.

In Taylor's theorem, if  $f^{(n)}$  is continuous on the closed interval with  $x, c$  as endpoints, then  $\exists x_n$  between  $x$  and  $c$  such that

$$R_n(x) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \underbrace{\int_c^x (x-t)^{n-1} f^{(n)}(t) dt}_{\text{continuous}} = \frac{(x-c)(x-x_n)^{n-1} f^{(n)}(x_n)}{(n-1)!} \quad \text{Cauchy form remainder.}$$

Examples ① Show that if  $-1 < x < 1$ , then

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$$

Solution 1 Let  $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$ , then  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$ ,  
 $f''(x) = -\frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$ ,  $f'''(x) = \frac{2}{(1+x)^3}$ , ...,  $f^{(n)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}(n-1)!}{(1+x)^n}$ .

Consider the Cauchy form remainder  $R_n(x)$  with  $c=0$ .

$$|R_n(x)| = \left| \frac{x(x-x_n)^{n-1}}{(1+x_n)^n} \right| = \frac{|x|}{1+x_n} \left| \frac{x-x_n}{1+x_n} \right|^{n-1} \leq \frac{|x|}{1-|x|} |x|^{n-1} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$$

$x_n$  between 0 and  $x \Rightarrow x_n \geq -|x|$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

where (\*) is because  $g(t) = \frac{x-t}{1+t}$  for  $t$  between 0 and  $x$   
 $\Rightarrow g'(t) = \frac{-1-x}{(1+t)^2} < 0 \Rightarrow g(t)$  is decreasing

$\Rightarrow g(t)$  is between  $g(0)=x$  and  $g(x)=0$ .

Solution 2  $\frac{1}{1+t} = 1 - t + t^2 - \dots + (-1)^n t^{n-2} + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{t^{n-1}}{1+t}$

Integration from 0 to  $x$  on both sides, we get

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{n-1}}{n-1} + (-1)^{n+1} \int_0^x \frac{t^{n-1}}{1+t} dt$$

By mean-value theorem for integrals,  $\exists x_n$  between 0 and  $x$

such that  $\underbrace{\left| \int_0^x \frac{t^{n-1}}{1+t} dt \right|}_{\text{Continuous}} = \left| \frac{x_n^{n-1}}{1+x_n} (x-0) \right| \leq \frac{|x|^{n-1}}{1-|x|} |x| \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$   
 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   $|x| < 1$

② From  $\frac{1}{1+t^2} = 1 - t^2 + t^4 - \dots + (-1)^n t^{2n-4} + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{t^{2n-2}}{1+t^2}$   
 we get  $\text{Arctan } x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n-3}}{2n-3} + (-1)^{n+1} \int_0^x \frac{t^{2n-2}}{1+t^2} dt$   
 For  $|x| < 1$ ,  $\left| \int_0^x \frac{t^{2n-2}}{1+t^2} dt \right| \leq \frac{|x|^{2n-2}}{1+0} |x| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  
 $\therefore \text{Arctan } x = x - x^3/3 + x^5/5 - \dots$  for  $-1 < x < 1$ .

## THE BINOMIAL EXPANSION

Let  $m$  be an arbitrary real number. For  $x > 0$  we have

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(x^m) = m(m-1)\dots(m-n+1)x^{m-n};$$

the Taylor formula of order  $n$  about the point  $x = 0$  for the function  $(1+x)^m$  shows that for every  $x > -1$

$$(1+x)^m = 1 + \binom{m}{1}x + \binom{m}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{m}{n}x^n + r_n(x) \quad (19)$$

with

$$r_n(x) = \frac{m(m-1)\dots(m-n)}{n!} \int_0^x \left(\frac{x-t}{1+t}\right)^n (1+t)^{m-1} dt$$

where we put  $\binom{m}{n} = \frac{m(m-1)\dots(m-n+1)}{n!}$ . The formula (19) reduces to the binomial formula when  $m$  is an integer  $> 0$  and  $n \geq m$ ; by extension, we again call it the *binomial formula*, and the coefficients  $\binom{m}{n}$  are called the *binomial coefficients*, when  $m$  is an arbitrary real number and  $n$  is an arbitrary integer  $> 0$ .

The remainder in (19) has the same sign as  $\binom{m}{n+1}$  if  $x > 0$ , and the sign of  $(-1)^{n+1}\binom{m}{n+1}$  if  $-1 < x < 0$ . Since  $\left|\frac{x-t}{1+t}\right| \leq |x|$  for  $t > -1$  in the interval with endpoints 0 and  $x$ , we have the following bound for the remainder, for  $m$  and  $n$  arbitrary and  $x > -1$ :

$$\left| \frac{m(m-1)\dots(m-n)}{n!} \int_0^x \left(\frac{x-t}{1+t}\right)^n (1+t)^{m-1} dt \right| \leq \left| \binom{m-1}{n} x^n ((1+x)^m - 1) \right|. \quad (20)$$

If we suppose  $x \geq 0$ , and  $n \geq m-1$ , then  $(1+t)^{m-1} \geq 1$  on the interval of integration, so

$$0 \leq \int_0^x \frac{(x-t)^n}{(1+t)^{n-m+1}} dt \leq \int_0^x (x-t)^n dt = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

which gives the estimate

$$|r_n(x)| \leq \left| \binom{m}{n+1} \right| x^{n+1} \quad (x \geq 0, n \geq m-1) \quad (21)$$

for the remainder. On the other hand, suppose that  $-1 \leq m < 0$ ; if one makes the change of variable  $u = \frac{x-t}{x(1+t)}$  in the integral (19) one obtains

$$r_n(x) = \frac{m(m-1)\dots(m-n)}{n!} (1+x)^m x^{n+1} \int_0^1 \frac{u^n du}{(1+ux)^{m+1}}. \quad (22)$$

To estimate the integral for  $x > -1$  we remark that, since  $m+1 < 1$ , the integral  $\int_0^1 \frac{u^n du}{(1-u)^{m+1}}$  converges and bounds the right-hand side of (22) since  $1+ux > 1-u$ . Now, for  $-1 < x < 0$  the hypothesis on  $m$  implies that all the terms  $\binom{m}{1}x, \binom{m}{2}x^2, \dots, \binom{m}{n}x^n$  which appear in the right-hand side of (19) are  $\geq 0$ , and hence  $r_n(x) \leq (1+x)^m$ , from which, on dividing by  $(1+x)^m$ ,

$$\frac{m(m-1)\dots(m-n)}{n!} x^{n+1} \int_0^1 \frac{u^n du}{(1+ux)^{m+1}} \leq 1.$$

Moreover, for  $-1 < x < 0$  the factor in front of the integral is  $\geq 0$ , so, letting  $x$  approach  $-1$ ,

$$\left| \frac{m(m-1)\dots(m-n)}{n!} \int_0^1 \frac{u^n du}{(1-u)^{m+1}} \right| \leq 1$$

and consequently for  $-1 \leq m < 0$  and  $x > -1$  we have

$$|r_n(x)| \leq (1+x)^m |x|^{n+1}. \quad (23)$$

From these inequalities we can, for a start, deduce that for  $|x| < 1$  we have

$$(1+x)^m = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{m}{n} x^n \quad (24)$$

the right-hand side (called the *binomial series*) being absolutely and uniformly convergent on every compact subset of  $] -1, +1[$ . Indeed one can write

$$\binom{m}{n} = (-1)^n \left(1 - \frac{m+1}{1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{m+1}{2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{m+1}{n}\right) \quad (25)$$

whence

$$\left| \binom{m}{n} \right| \leq \left(1 + \frac{|m+1|}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{|m+1|}{2}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{|m+1|}{n}\right).$$

If  $|x| \leq r < 1$  there is an  $n_0$  such that  $1 + \frac{|m|}{n_0} < \frac{1}{r'}$ , where  $r < r' < 1$ ; whence, putting

$$k = \left(1 + \frac{|m|}{1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{|m|}{2}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{|m|}{n_0}\right)$$

we have

$$\left| \binom{m-1}{n} x^n \right| \leq k |x|^{n_0} \left(\frac{r}{r'}\right)^{n-n_0},$$

which proves the proposition. On the other hand, for  $x > 1$ , the absolute value of the general term of the series (24) increases indefinitely with  $n$  if  $m$  is not an integer  $\geq 0$ ; indeed, from (25), we have for  $n > n_1 \geq |m+1|$

$$\left| \binom{m}{n} \right| \geq \left| \left( 1 - \frac{m+1}{1} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{m+1}{2} \right) \dots \left( 1 - \frac{m+1}{n_1} \right) \right|$$

$$\left( 1 - \frac{|m+1|}{n_1+1} \right) \dots \left( 1 - \frac{|m+1|}{n} \right).$$

Let  $n_0 \geq n_1$  be such that for  $n \geq n_0$  we have  $1 - \frac{|m+1|}{n} > \frac{1}{x'}$ , where  $1 < x' < x$ . If we put

$$k' = \left| \left( 1 - \frac{m+1}{1} \right) \dots \left( 1 - \frac{m+1}{n_1} \right) \right| \left( 1 - \frac{|m+1|}{n_1+1} \right) \dots \left( 1 - \frac{|m+1|}{n_0} \right).$$

then, for  $n > n_0$ ,

$$\left| \binom{m}{n} x^n \right| \geq k' |x|^{n_0} \left( \frac{x}{x'} \right)^{n-n_0}$$

from which the proposition follows.

We remark that for  $m = -1$  the algebraic identity

$$\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} x^{n-1} + (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{1+x} \quad (26)$$

gives the expression for the remainder in the general formula (19) without having to integrate; the formula (23) reduces in this case to the expression for the sum of the geometric series (or progression).

In the second place let us study the convergence of the binomial series for  $x = 1$  or  $x = -1$  (excluding the trivial case  $m = 0$ ):

a)  $m \leq -1$ . The product with general term  $1 - \frac{m+1}{n}$  converges to  $+\infty$  if  $m < -1$ , to 1 if  $m = -1$ , so it follows from (25) that for  $x = \pm 1$  the general term of the binomial series does not tend to 0. The binomial series diverges at  $x = \pm 1$ .

b)  $-1 < m < 0$ . This time the product with general term  $1 - \frac{m+1}{n}$  converges to 0, so the inequality (21) shows that  $r_n(1)$  tends to 0. Thus the binomial series converges for  $x = 1$  and has sum  $2^m$ ; moreover, the binomial series is uniformly convergent on every interval  $[x_0, 1]$  with  $-1 < x_0 \leq 1$ , by virtue of what we saw above and of (21). On the other hand, for  $x = -1$  all the terms on the right-hand side of (24) are  $\geq 0$ ; if this series were convergent one could deduce that the binomial series would be normally convergent on  $[-1, 1]$  and so would have for its sum a continuous function on this interval, which is absurd because  $(1+x)^m$  is not bounded on  $]-1, 1]$  for  $m < 0$ . We conclude that also for  $x = 1$  the binomial series is not absolutely convergent. The binomial series converges conditionally at  $x=1$  and diverges at  $x=-1$ .

c)  $m > 0$ . The definition of  $r_n(x)$  shows that  $r_n(x)$  tends to the limit  $r_n(-1)$  when  $x$  tends to  $-1$ ; on passing to the limit in (20) one concludes that  $|r_n(-1)| \leq \left| \binom{m-1}{n} \right|$ , and since  $m-1 > -1$  we see that for  $x = -1$  the binomial series is convergent. Furthermore, for  $n > m+1$  all the terms of this series have the same sign; thus the binomial series is normally convergent on the interval  $[-1, 1]$  and has sum  $(1+x)^m$  on this interval. The binomial series converges absolutely at  $x = \pm 1$ .

See definition of normally convergent in the last page.

## EXPANSIONS OF $\log(1+x)$ , OF $\text{Arc tan } x$ AND OF $\text{Arc sin } x$

Let us integrate the two sides of (26) between 0 and  $x$ ; we obtain the Taylor expansion of order  $n$  of  $\log(1+x)$ , valid for  $x > -1$

$$\log(1+x) = \frac{x}{1} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} + (-1)^n \int_0^x \frac{t^n}{1+t} dt \quad (27)$$

The remainder has the same sign as  $(-1)^n$  if  $x > 0$ , and is  $< 0$  if  $-1 < x < 0$ ; further, when  $x > 0$ , we have  $1+t \geq 1$  for  $0 \leq t \leq x$ , and, when  $-1 < x < 0$ , we have  $1+t \geq 1-|x|$  for  $x \leq 0$ ; whence the estimates for the remainder

$$\left| \int_0^x \frac{t^n}{1+t} dt \right| \leq \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{n+1} \quad \text{for } x \geq 0 \quad (28)$$

$$\left| \int_0^x \frac{t^n}{1+t} dt \right| \leq \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)(1-|x|)} \quad \text{for } -1 < x \leq 0. \quad (29)$$

From these last two formulae one deduces immediately that for  $-1 < x \leq 1$  one has

$$\log(1+x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} \quad (30)$$

the series being uniformly convergent on every compact interval contained in  $]-1, +1]$ , and absolutely convergent for  $|x| < 1$ .

Similarly, let us replace  $x$  by  $x^2$  in (26) and integrate both sides between 0 and  $x$ ; we obtain the Taylor expansion of order  $2n-1$  for  $\text{Arc tan } x$ , valid for all real  $x$

$$\text{Arc tan } x = \frac{x}{1} - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^{2n-1}}{2n-1} + (-1)^n \int_0^x \frac{t^{2n-1}}{1+t^2} dt \quad (31)$$

The remainder has the sign of  $(-1)^n x$ , and since  $1+t^2 \geq 1$  for all  $t$  we have the estimate

$$\left| \int_0^x \frac{t^{2n-1}}{1+t^2} dt \right| \leq \frac{|x|^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \quad (32)$$

from which one deduces that, for  $|x| \leq 1$ ,

$$\text{Arc tan } x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^{2n-1}}{2n-1} \quad (33)$$

the series being uniformly convergent on  $[-1, +1]$ , and absolutely convergent for  $|x| < 1$ .

In particular, for  $x = 1$  one obtains the formula

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{1}{2n+1} + \dots \quad (34)$$

Finally, for the Taylor expansion of  $\text{Arc sin } x$  we start from the expansion of its derivative  $(1-x^2)^{-1/2}$ ; this last expansion is obtained by replacing  $x$  by  $-x^2$  in the expansion of  $(1+x)^{-1/2}$  as a binomial series; for  $|x| < 1$  this gives

$$(1-x^2)^{-1/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1.3}{2.4}x^4 + \dots + \frac{1.3.5 \dots (2n-1)}{2.4.6 \dots 2n}x^{2n} + r_n(x)$$

with, by (23), the bound

$$0 \leq r_n(x) \leq \frac{x^{2n+2}}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

for the remainder.

On taking the primitive of the preceding expansion we obtain

$$\text{Arc sin } x = x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2.4} \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots + \frac{1.3.5 \dots (2n-1)}{2.4.6 \dots 2n} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} + R_n(x) \quad (35)$$

where  $R_n(x)$  has the sign of  $x$  and satisfies the inequality

$$|R_n(x)| \leq \int_0^x \frac{t^{2n+2}}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt. \quad (36)$$

Further, the relation (35) shows that  $R_n(x)$  tends to a limit when  $x$  approaches 1 or  $-1$ , so one has

$$|R_n(1)| \leq \int_0^1 \frac{t^{2n+2}}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt. \quad (37)$$

But the right-hand side of (37) tends to 0 when  $n$  tends to  $+\infty$ : for, since the integral  $\int_0^1 dt/\sqrt{1-t^2}$  is convergent, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an  $a$  such that  $0 < a < 1$  and  $\int_a^1 dt/\sqrt{1-t^2} \leq \varepsilon$ ; on the other hand we have

$$\int_0^a \frac{t^{2n+2}}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \int_0^a t^{2n+2} dt = \frac{a^{2n+3}}{(2n+3)\sqrt{1-a^2}}$$

and so there is an  $n_0$  such that for  $n \geq n_0$  one has  $\frac{a^{2n+3}}{(2n+3)\sqrt{1-a^2}} \leq \varepsilon$ , whence, finally,  $|R_n(x)| \leq 2\varepsilon$  for  $|x| \leq 1$  and  $n \geq n_0$ . Thus one has

$$\text{Arc sin } x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1.3.5 \dots (2n-1)}{2.4.6 \dots 2n} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \quad (38)$$

the right-hand side being *normally convergent* on the compact interval  $[-1, 1]$ .

On putting  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , for example, in (38) we obtain a new expression for the number  $\pi$ :

$$\frac{\pi}{6} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1.3.5 \dots (2n-1)}{2.4.6 \dots 2n} \frac{1}{(2n+1)2^{2n+1}}$$

which is much better suited than formula (34) to calculating approximations to  $\pi$ ; one thus obtains

$$\pi = 3.141592653 \dots \quad \text{accurate to within } 1/10^9.$$

Let  $I$  be a nonempty interval.

Definition A power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  converges normally on  $I$  iff there are nonnegative constants  $b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots$  such that

① for every  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$  and every  $x \in I$ , we have  $|a_n x^n| \leq b_n$

and ②  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  converges.

So a power series converges normally on  $I$  implies it converges absolutely for every  $x \in I$  and it converges uniformly on  $I$ .



# Uniform Convergence

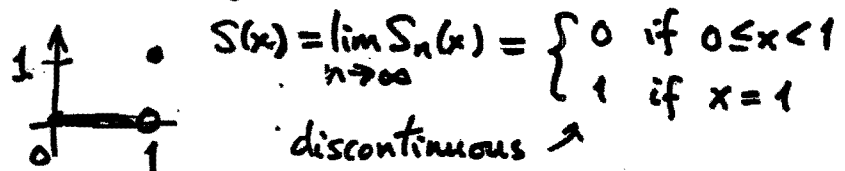
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$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x), \text{ where } S_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n g_k(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow g_1(x) = S_1(x), g_k(x) = S_k(x) - S_{k-1}(x) \text{ when } k > 1.$$

Examples ① Define  $S_n: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $S_n(x) = x^n$ .

$S_n(x)$  converges pointwise on  $[0,1]$  to  $S(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$  continuous



$$\text{Let } g_1(x) = S_1(x), g_k(x) = S_k(x) - S_{k-1}(x) \text{ for } k > 1.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (g_1(x) + g_2(x) + \dots) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} S(x) = 1$$

But

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g_1(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g_2(x) + \dots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g_k(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g_k(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} S_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 = 0$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} S_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (g_1(x) + g_2(x) + \dots) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g_1(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g_2(x) + \dots$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x) \neq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g_k(x)$$

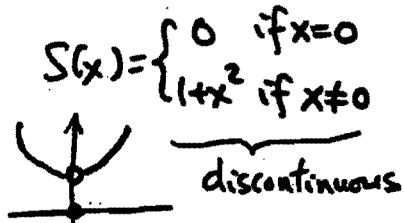
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} S_n(x)$$

$$\textcircled{2} g_k(x) = \frac{x^2}{(1+x^2)^k}, S(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{(1+x^2)^k} \text{ (Continuous)}$$

$$S(0) = 0. \text{ For } x \neq 0, S(x) = x^2 + \frac{x^2}{1+x^2} + \frac{x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} + \dots$$

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

$$= \frac{x^2}{1 - \frac{1}{1+x^2}} = 1 + x^2 \text{ (Geometric Series)}$$



$$g'_k(0) = \frac{2x - 2(k-1)x^3}{(1+x^2)^{k+1}} \Big|_{x=0} = 0 \quad S_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n g_k(x) \Rightarrow S'_n(0) = 0$$

At  $x=0$ ,

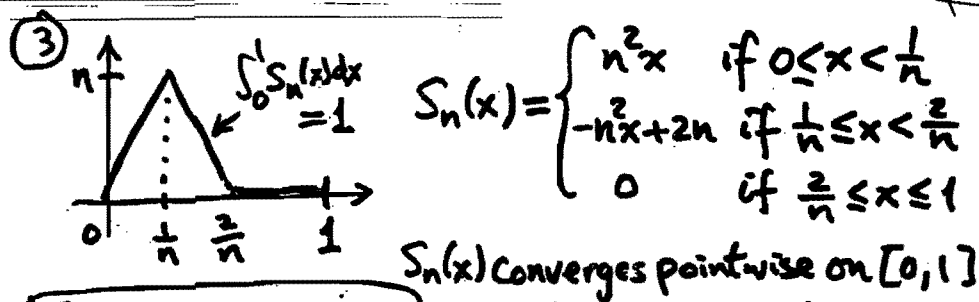
$$\frac{d}{dx} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) = \frac{d}{dx} S(x) \text{ doesn't exist.}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} g_k(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{d}{dx} g_k(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{dx} S_n(x) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k(x) \neq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} g_k(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (g_1(x) + g_2(x) + \dots) \neq \frac{d}{dx} g_1(x) + \frac{d}{dx} g_2(x) + \dots$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{dx} S_n(x)$$



$S_n(0) = 0 \Rightarrow S(0) = 0$  to  $S(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) = 0$ .  
For  $x > 0$ ,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$   $n > \frac{2}{x}$   
then  $x > \frac{2}{n} \Rightarrow S_n(x) = 0 \Rightarrow S(x) = 0$

Let  $g_1(x) = S_1(x)$ ,  $g_k(x) = S_k(x) - S_{k-1}(x)$  for  $k > 1$ .

$$\int_0^1 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x) dx = \int_0^1 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) dx = \int_0^1 0 dx = 0,$$

but  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_0^1 g_k(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \int_0^1 g_k(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\int_0^1 S_n(x) dx}_{=1} = 1$


$$\therefore \int_0^1 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x) dx \neq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_0^1 g_k(x) dx$$

$$\int_0^1 (g_1(x) + g_2(x) + \dots) dx \neq \int_0^1 g_1(x) dx + \int_0^1 g_2(x) dx + \dots$$

$$\int_0^1 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) dx \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 S_n(x) dx$$

Question: Are there conditions which ensure an interchange of limit operations is correct?

Answer: "uniform convergence" is sufficient.

Notation: For  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,   
 $\|f\|_E = \|f\|_{\infty} = \sup \{ |f(x)| : x \in E \}$   
Sup-norm of  $f$  on  $E$

Definitions ① Sequence  $S_n: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  converges uniformly on  $E$  to function  $S: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  iff

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|S_n - S\|_E = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sup \{ |S_n(x) - S(x)| : x \in E \} \right) = 0$$

furthest distance between  $S_n(x)$  and  $S(x)$  on  $E$

i.e.  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $K$  depends only on  $\varepsilon$ )  
such that  $n \geq K \Rightarrow \forall x \in E, |S_n(x) - S(x)| < \varepsilon$

② Series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x)$  converges uniformly on  $E$  to function  $S(x)$  iff partial sum sequence  $S_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n g_k(x)$  converges uniformly on  $E$  to  $S(x)$ .

Notations " $S_n(x) \rightarrow S(x)$  on  $E$ " denote  $S_n(x)$  converges pointwise on  $E$  to  $S(x)$

" $S_n(x) \rightrightarrows S(x)$  on  $E$ " denote  $S_n(x)$  converges uniformly on  $E$  to  $S(x)$ .



Integration Theorem Let  $[a, b]$  be a closed, bounded interval

If ① every  $S_n(x)$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$

and ②  $S_n(x) \Rightarrow S(x)$  on  $[a, b]$ ,

then  $S(x)$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and

$$\int_a^b \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) dx = \int_a^b S(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b S_n(x) dx.$$

by ②

Similarly,

if ① every  $g_k(x)$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$

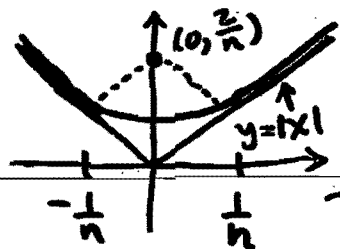
and ②  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x) \Rightarrow S(x)$  on  $[a, b]$ ,

then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x)$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and

$$\int_a^b \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x) dx = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b g_k(x) dx.$$

Question: How about differentiation under unif. conv.?

Examples ① Let  $S_n(x)$  be  $|x|$  for  $x \notin [-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}]$ .



On  $[-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}]$ , let graph of  $S_n(x)$  be a quarter circle centered at  $(0, \frac{2}{n})$  and radius  $\frac{1}{n\sqrt{2}}$ .

$$\sup \{ |S_n(x) - |x|| : x \in \mathbb{R} \} = |S_n(0)| = \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{n} \rightarrow 0.$$

$\therefore S_n(x) \Rightarrow |x|$  on  $\mathbb{R}$

Every  $S_n(x)$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ , but  $|x|$  is not differentiable.

② Let  $S_n(x) = \frac{x}{1+nx^2}$ , then  $S(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) = 0$ .

$$S'_n(x) - S'(x) = \frac{1-nx^2}{(1+nx^2)^2} \Rightarrow \|S_n - S\|_{\mathbb{R}} = |S_n(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}) - 0| = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow 0$$

critical point of  $S_n(x) - S(x)$

$\therefore S_n(x) \Rightarrow S(x) = 0$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Now  $S'_n(0) = 1$ .

At  $x=0$ ,  $\frac{d}{dx} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) = \frac{d}{dx} 0 = 0$ ,

but  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{dx} S_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1$

Differentiation Theorem (for uniform convergence)

If ① every  $S_n(x)$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$ ,

②  $S'_n(x) \Rightarrow T(x)$  on  $(a, b)$  for some function  $T$

③  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x_0)$  exists for some  $x_0 \in (a, b)$ ,

then  $S_n(x) \Rightarrow S(x)$  on  $(a, b)$  for some function  $S(x)$

$$\text{and } \frac{d}{dx} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) = \frac{d}{dx} S(x) = T(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{dx} S_n(x).$$

Similarly, if ① every  $g_k(x)$  is diff. on  $(a, b)$ ,

②  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g'_k(x)$  converges unif. on  $(a, b)$

③  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x_0)$  converges for some  $x_0 \in (a, b)$ ,

then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x)$  converges uniformly on  $(a, b)$  and

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} g_k(x).$$

## Tests for checking uniform convergence.

### L-Test (for sequence of functions)

If ①  $S_n(x) \rightarrow S(x)$  on  $E$

②  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists$  constant  $L_n$  such that

$$|S_n(x) - S(x)| \leq L_n \quad \forall x \in E$$

③  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n = 0,$

then  $S_n(x) \Rightarrow S(x)$  on  $E$ .

Proof ② implies  $\|S_n - S\|_E = \sup\{|S_n(x) - S(x)| : x \in E\} \leq L_n$

③ and sandwich theorem imply  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|S_n - S\|_E = 0$ .

Examples ① Consider  $S_n(x) = \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{n}}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

①  $S(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$ , ②  $|S_n(x) - S(x)| = \left| \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{n}} \right| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

③  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0 \therefore S_n(x) \Rightarrow 0$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $L_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

② Consider  $S_n(x) = e^{-\cos^2(1/x)/n}$  on  $(0, 1)$ .

①  $S(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\cos^2(1/x)/n} = 1$   $c$  between  $w$  and  $0$

② Mean value theorem  $\Rightarrow |e^{-w} - 1| = |(-e^{-c})(w-0)| \leq |w|$  and  $w > 0$

$$\therefore |S_n(x) - S(x)| = |e^{-\cos^2(1/x)/n} - 1| \leq \left| \frac{\cos^2(1/x)}{n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

③  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0 \therefore S_n(x) \Rightarrow 1$  on  $(0, 1)$ .  $L_n = \frac{1}{n}$

③ Show  $S_n(x) = x^n \Rightarrow 0$  on  $[0, t]$ , where  $t < 1$ , but  $S_n(x)$  does not converge uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ .

①  $\forall x \in [0, t], S(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = 0$ .

②  $\forall x \in [0, t], |S_n(x) - S(x)| = |x^n| \leq t^n = L^n$

③  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t^n = 0 \quad \uparrow \quad t < 1 \therefore S_n(x) \Rightarrow 0$  on  $[0, t]$ .

For  $[0, 1]$ ,  $S(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & x = 1 \end{cases}$   $\uparrow$   $\text{discont.}$

Note  $S_n(x)$  are continuous on  $[0, 1]$ .

Assume  $S_n(x) \Rightarrow S(x)$  on  $[0, 1]$ . By continuity theorem,  $S(x)$  is continuous on  $[0, 1]$ , contradiction  $\therefore S_n(x)$  does not converge uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ .

### Weierstrass M-Test (for series of functions)

If ①  $\forall k=1, 2, 3, \dots \exists$  constant  $M_k$  such that

$$|g_k(x)| \leq M_k \quad \forall x \in E$$

②  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M_k$  converges,

then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x)$  converges uniformly on  $E$ .

Proof. By ① and ②,  $S_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n g_k(x) \rightarrow S(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x)$ .

$$\forall x \in E, |S_n(x) - S(x)| \leq \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |g_k(x)| \leq \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} M_k = L_n$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M_k - \sum_{k=1}^n M_k \right) = 0 \therefore S_n(x) \Rightarrow S(x)$  on  $E$ .

Examples ① Consider  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin kx}{k^2}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

①  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, |\frac{\sin kx}{k^2}| \leq \frac{1}{k^2} = M_k$

②  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$  converges by p-test.

$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin kx}{k^2}$  converges uniformly on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

② Consider  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\frac{\ln x}{x})^k$  on  $[1, \infty)$ .

①  $\frac{d}{dx} (\frac{\ln x}{x}) = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x = e, \frac{\ln 1}{1} = 0, \frac{\ln e}{e} = \frac{1}{e}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/x}{1} = 0. \forall x \in [1, \infty), |\frac{\ln x}{x}|^k \leq (\frac{1}{e})^k = M_k$

②  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{e})^k$  converges by geometric series test.

$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\frac{\ln x}{x})^k$  converges uniformly on  $[1, \infty)$ .

③ Find  $\int_0^1 x^x dx$  to 5 decimal places.

Step 1 (Proper or Improper Integral?)

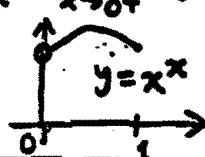
Recall for  $a > 0, a^b = (e^{\ln a})^b = e^{b \ln a}$

So  $\forall x \in (0, 1], x^x = e^{x \ln x}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln x}{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1/x}{-1/x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (-x) = 0$  May Set  $0 \ln 0 = 0$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{x \ln x} = e^0 = 1.$

$\therefore x^x$  is integrable on  $[0, 1]$



Step 2 (Expand function into series, check unif. conv.)

Recall  $e^w = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{w^k}{k!} \forall w \in \mathbb{R}. \therefore x^x = e^{x \ln x} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x \ln x)^k}{k!}$

① On  $[0, 1], \frac{d}{dx}(x \ln x) = \ln x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{e}$ .

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x = 0, \frac{1}{e} \ln \frac{1}{e} = -\frac{1}{e}, 1 \ln 1 = 0$

$\therefore \forall x \in [0, 1], |\frac{x \ln x}{k!}| \leq \frac{(1/e)^k}{k!} = M_k$

②  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1/e)^k}{k!}$  converges by ratio test or using  $e^w = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{w^k}{k!}$ .

$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x \ln x)^k}{k!} \Rightarrow x^x$  on  $[0, 1]$ .

Step 3 (Integrate term-by-term to get answer)

By integration theorem for uniform convergence,

$\int_0^1 x^x dx = \int_0^1 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x \ln x)^k}{k!} dx = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 \frac{(x \ln x)^k}{k!} dx$

$\int_0^1 (x \ln x)^k dx \stackrel{x = \ln x}{=} \int_{-\infty}^0 t^k e^{(k+1)t} dt \stackrel{u = -(k+1)t}{=} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(k+1)^{k+1}} \int_0^{\infty} u^k e^{-u} du$

$\int_0^{\infty} u^k e^{-u} du = u^k (-e^{-u}) \Big|_0^{\infty} + k \int_0^{\infty} u^{k-1} e^{-u} du = k \int_0^{\infty} u^{k-1} e^{-u} du$   
 $= \dots = k!$

$\therefore \int_0^1 x^x dx = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(k+1)^{k+1}} k! = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(k+1)^{k+1}}$

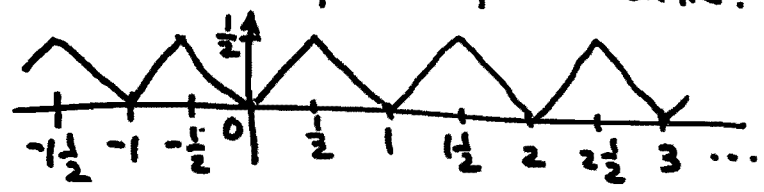
taking 10 terms  $\approx 0.78343$

### Three Applications of Uniform Convergence

#### ① Theorem (Due to Weierstrass in 1872)

There exists a continuous function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which is not differentiable at every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Outline For  $x \in [0, 1]$ , define  $f_0(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ 1-x & \text{if } x \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$  and extend it to a periodic function on  $\mathbb{R}$ .



$$\text{Define } f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f_0(2^k x)}{2^k}.$$

Continuity  $f_0$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} |f_0(x)| \leq 1 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} &\Rightarrow \left| \frac{f_0(2^k x)}{2^k} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2^k} = M_k \\ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} &\text{ converges} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Series} \\ \text{converges} \\ \text{uniformly} \\ \text{on } \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  by integration theorem.

Non-differentiability

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , for  $n=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,  $x \in [\frac{m}{2^n}, \frac{m+1}{2^n})$ , where  $m = [2^n x]$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(b_n) - f(a_n)}{b_n - a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \pm 1 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \pm 1$$

Practice exercise #68

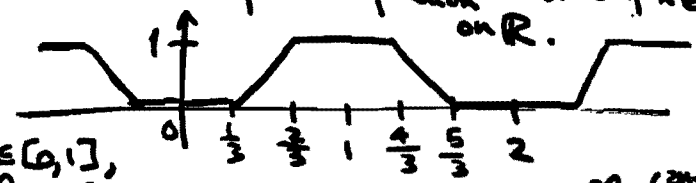
! doesn't converge.

② A point has zero length and zero area in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .  
A continuous curve can have positive length, but can it have positive area?

#### Theorem (Due to Peano in 1890)

There exists a surjective continuous function  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ . So its graph fills the unit square. Such a curve is called a space-filling curve.

Outline For  $x \in [0, 2]$ , define  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in [0, \frac{1}{3}] \cup [\frac{5}{3}, 2] \\ 3x-1 & \text{if } x \in [\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}] \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in [\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}] \\ -3x+5 & \text{if } x \in [\frac{4}{3}, \frac{5}{3}] \end{cases}$  and extend it to a periodic function on  $\mathbb{R}$ .



$\forall t \in [0, 1]$ , define  $f(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ , where  $x(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{g(3^{n-1}t)}{2^n}$  and  $y(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{g(3^{2n-1}t)}{2^n}$ . Weierstrass M-test  $\Rightarrow x(t), y(t)$  are continuous.  
So  $f$  is continuous.

$\forall (a, b) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ , write  $a = (0.a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots)_2$   
 $b = (0.b_1 b_2 b_3 \dots)_2$  where  $a_i, b_i = 0$  or  $1$  for all  $i$ .

Define  $c = 2(0.a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2 a_3 b_3 \dots)_3$ .

Then  $f(c) = (a, b)$ .

### ③ Weierstrass Approximation Theorem (1886)

Let  $f: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous. For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a polynomial  $P(x)$  such that  $|f(x) - P(x)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$ . Taking  $\varepsilon = 1/n$ , we get a sequence of polynomial  $P_n(x)$  converging uniformly on  $[0,1]$  to  $f(x)$  since  $\|f - P_n\|_{[0,1]} \leq \frac{1}{n}$ .

Remark The theorem is also true for every closed and bounded interval  $[a,b]$ .

Outline For  $n=1,2,3,\dots$ , define the  $n$ -th Bernstein polynomial of  $f(x)$  by

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \underbrace{\binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k}}_{\text{Constant polynomial}} \quad \deg f_n \leq n$$

Let  $\|f\|_{[0,1]} = M$ . For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , since  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $[0,1]$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|x-y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon/2$ .

Choose  $n > \frac{M}{\varepsilon \delta^2}$ . Then  $|f(x) - f_n(x)| < \varepsilon \quad \forall x \in [0,1]$ .

Remarks If we take  $f$  to be a continuous, nowhere differentiable function on  $[0,1]$ , then the theorem provides a sequence of polynomials  $P_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  on  $[0,1]$ . Even though all  $P_n(x)$  are differentiable everywhere on  $[0,1]$ , their uniform limit function  $f(x)$  is very bad in terms of differentiability.