

Week 9: Tutorial Handout on Uniform and Integral convergence

- Pointwise convergence $f_n(x_0) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ is defined as $|f_n(x_0) - f(x_0)| \rightarrow 0$.
- Uniform convergence $f_n \Rightarrow f$ is defined as $\|f_n - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$.

8.1 Limits of functions

1. (D&D 8.1.B) Let $f_n(x) := nx(1 - x^2)^n$ on $[0,1]$ for $n \geq 1$. Find the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$. Is it uniform? Compare $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 f_n(x) dx$ with $\int_0^1 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx$.
2. (D&D 8.1.B) Let $f_n(x) := nxe^{-nx}$ on $[0,R]$ for $n \geq 1$. Find the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$. Is it uniform? Compare $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^R f_n(x) dx$ with $\int_0^R \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx$. What happens when $R \rightarrow +\infty$?

8.2 Uniform convergence properties

3. Find the pointwise limits of the following functions. Find an interval on which convergence is uniform and another on which it is not.

- $f_n(x) := \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^n$
- $g_n(x) := \frac{nx}{2+5nx}$.

Integral convergence

4. (D&D 8.3.D): For $n \geq 1$ define f_n on $[0, \infty)$ by

$$f_n(x) := \begin{cases} e^{-x} & 0 \leq x \leq n \\ e^{-2n}(e^n + n - x) & n \leq x \leq e^n + n \\ 0 & e^n + n \leq x \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the pointwise limit f and show that the convergence is uniform on $[0, \infty)$.
- (b) compute $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^R f_n(x) dx$ and $\int_0^R \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx$ (Take $n > R$).
- (c) What happens as $R = \infty$? Why doesn't it contradict the integral convergence theorem?