

EMA2: Lecture contents, week 10**3.3. Absolute convergence of series****Theorem.**

Consider a series $\sum_{k=2n_0}^{\infty} a_k$.

If $\sum a_k$ converges absolutely, then also $\sum a_{2k}$ and $\sum a_{2k+1}$ converge and

$$\sum_{k=2n_0}^{\infty} a_k = \sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} a_{2k} + \sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} a_{2k+1}.$$

Not true for conditional convergence, see $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k}$.

Theorem.

Consider a series $\sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} a_k$.

If $\sum a_k$ converges absolutely, then for every choice of signs $\varepsilon_k = \pm 1$ also $\sum \varepsilon_k a_k$ converges.

If $\sum a_k$ converges conditionally, then there is a choice of signs $\varepsilon_k = \pm 1$ such that $\sum \varepsilon_k a_k = \infty$.

Definition.

Consider a series $\sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} a_k$.

By a **rearrangement** of $\sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} a_k$ we mean any series $\sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} a_{\pi(k)}$, where π is an arbitrary bijective mapping of $\{n_0, n_0 + 1, n_0 + 2, \dots\} \subset \mathbb{Z}$ onto $\{n_0, n_0 + 1, n_0 + 2, \dots\}$, i.e. π is a permutation of $\{n_0, n_0 + 1, n_0 + 2, \dots\}$.

Theorem.

Consider a series $\sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} a_k$.

If $\sum a_k$ converges absolutely, then also all its rearrangements $\sum a_{\pi(k)}$ converge and we have

$$\sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} a_{\pi(k)} = \sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} a_k.$$

If $\sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} a_k$ converges conditionally, then $\forall c \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ there exists its rearrangement such that

$$\sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} a_{\pi(k)} = c.$$

4. Sequences and series of functions**Definition.**

By a **sequence of functions** we mean an ordered set $\{f_k\}_{k=n_0}^{\infty} = \{f_{n_0}, f_{n_0+1}, f_{n_0+2}, \dots\}$, where f_k are functions.

Remark: Given a sequence of functions $\{f_k\}_{k=n_0}^{\infty}$ and $x \in \bigcap D(f_k)$, then $\{f_k(x)\}$ is a standard sequence of real (complex) numbers.

Definition.

Let $\{f_k\}_{k \geq n_0}$, f be functions on a set M .

We say that $\{f_k\}$ **converges (pointwise)** to f on M , denoted $f_k \rightarrow f$ or $f = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (f_k)$,

if $\forall x \in M: \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (f_k(x)) = f(x)$.

Example.

Consider $f_k(x) = \arctan(kx)$. Then $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (f_k(x)) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = 0; \\ \frac{\pi}{2}, & x > 0; \\ -\frac{\pi}{2}, & x < 0. \end{cases}$

Definition.

Let $\{f_k\}_{k \geq n_0}$, f be functions on a set M .

We say that $\{f_k\}$ **converges uniformly** to f on M , denoted $f_k \rightrightarrows f$, if $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\forall k \geq N_0 \forall x \in M : |f(x) - f_k(x)| < \varepsilon$.

Theorem.

Let $f_k \rightrightarrows f$ on M .

(i) If all f_k are continuous on M , then also f is continuous there.

(ii) If all f_k have a derivative on M , then also f has it there and $f' = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (f'_k)$ on M .

(iii) If all f_k have antiderivative on M , then also f has it there and $\int_{x_0}^x f dx = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\int_{x_0}^x f_k dx)$ for $\overline{x_0, x} \subseteq M$.

Definition.

A **series of functions** is a symbol $\sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} f_k = f_{n_0} + f_{n_0+1} + f_{n_0+2} + \dots$, where f_k are functions.

Remark: Given a series of functions $\sum f_k$ and $x \in \bigcap D(f_k)$, then $\sum f_k(x)$ is a standard series of real (complex) numbers.

Definition.

Consider a series of functions $\sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} f_k$.

The **region of convergence** of this series is the set $\{x \in \bigcap D(f_k); \sum f_k(x) \text{ converges}\}$. By defining $f(x) = \sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} f_k(x)$ we then obtain a function f on this set called the **sum of the series**,

denoted $\sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} f_k = f$.

The **region of absolute convergence** of this series is the set

$\{x \in \bigcap D(f_k); \sum f_k(x) \text{ converges absolutely}\}$.

We say that this series **converges uniformly** to f on M , denoted $\sum f_k \rightrightarrows f$ on M , if the sequence of partial sums $\left\{ \sum_{k=n_0}^N f_k(x) \right\}$ converges uniformly to f on M .

Theorem.

Consider series of functions $\sum f_k$ and $\sum g_k$.

If $\sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} f_k = f$ on M and $\sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} g_k = g$ on M , then $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} : \sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} (af_k + bg_k) = af + bg$ on M .

Theorem. (Weierstrass criterion)

Let f_k for $k \geq n_0$ be functions on M . Let $a_k \geq 0$ satisfy $\forall x \in M \forall k \geq n_0 : |f_k(x)| \leq a_k$.

If $\sum a_k$ converges, then $\sum f_k$ converges uniformly on M .

Example.

$\sum x^k = \frac{1}{1-x}$ on $(-1, 1)$, but the convergence is not uniform. It will be uniform if we restrict our attention to $[-\varrho, \varrho]$ for $\varrho \in (0, 1)$.

Theorem.

Let $\sum f_k \rightarrow f$ on M .

(i) If all f_k are continuous on M , then also f is continuous there.

(ii) If all f_k have a derivative on M , then also f has it there and $f' = \sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} f'_k$ on M .

(iii) If all f_k have an antiderivative on M , then also f has it there and $\int_{x_0}^x f dx = \sum_{k=n_0}^{\infty} \int_{x_0}^x f_k dx$ for $\overline{x_0, x} \subseteq M$.

None of this is true in general for ordinary (pointwise) convergence.

4.1. Power series**Definition.**

Let $z_0 \in \mathbb{R}$.

By a **power series with center** x_0 we mean any series of functions of the form $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(x - x_0)^k$, where $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem.

Consider a power series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(x - x_0)^k$.

There exists $r \in \mathbb{R}_0^+ \cup \{\infty\}$ such that $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(x - x_0)^k$ converges absolutely on

$U_r(x_0) = (x_0 - r, x_0 + r)$ and diverges for $|x - x_0| > r$. Moreover, $r = \frac{1}{\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt[k]{|a_k|})}$.

Remark: We also have $r = \frac{1}{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{|a_{k+1}|}{|a_k|})}$, assuming that this limit exists.

Remark: A power series always converges (absolutely) at $x = x_0$.

Definition.

Consider a power series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(x - x_0)^k$.

The number r with properties as in the previous theorem is called the **radius of convergence** of this series.

Example.

$\sum \frac{(2x)^k}{k 3^k} = \sum \frac{2^k}{k 3^k} (x - 0)^k$, hence $x_0 = 0$.

Absolute convergence by limit root test: $\sqrt[k]{|a_k|} = \frac{2|x|}{3\sqrt[k]{k}} \rightarrow \frac{2|x|}{3} = \varrho$.

$\varrho < 1 \iff \frac{2|x|}{3} < 1 \iff |x| < \frac{3}{2}$, thus the radius of convergence $r = \frac{3}{2}$. Endpoints $x_0 \pm r = \pm \frac{3}{2}$:

$x = \frac{3}{2}$: $\sum \frac{1}{k} = \infty$.

$x = -\frac{3}{2}$: $\sum \frac{(-1)^k}{k}$ converges.

Region of convergence $[-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$, region of absolute convergence $(-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2})$.

Example.

$\sum \frac{(2x-4)^k}{k!} = \sum \frac{2^k}{k!} (x - 2)^k$, hence $x_0 = 2$.

Absolute convergence by limit ratio test: $\frac{|a_{k+1}|}{|a_k|} = \frac{2}{k+1} |x - 2| \rightarrow 0 = \lambda$.

$\lambda < 1$ is true $\forall x$, hence radius of convergence $r = \infty$.

Region of convergence and region of absolute convergence \mathbb{R} .

Example.

$\sum k^k (2x+3)^k = \sum k^k 2^k \left(x - \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\right)^k$, hence $x_0 = -\frac{3}{2}$.

Absolute convergence by limit root test:

$$\sqrt[k]{|a_k|} = 2k \left|x + \frac{3}{2}\right| \rightarrow \begin{cases} \infty, & x \neq -\frac{3}{2}; \\ 0, & x = -\frac{3}{2} \end{cases} = \varrho.$$

$\varrho < 1 \iff x = -\frac{3}{2}$, hence radius of convergence $r = 0$.

Region of convergence and radius of absolute convergence $\{-\frac{3}{2}\}$.

Theorem.

Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, assume that $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (x - x_0)^k = f$, $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k (x - x_0)^k = g$ have radii of convergence r_f and r_g .

(i) Then $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$: $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (aa_k + bb_k)(x - x_0)^k = af + bg$ has radius of convergence $r = \min(r_f, r_g)$.

(ii) The series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{i=0}^k a_i b_{k-i}\right)(x - x_0)^k = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (x - x_0)^k\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k (x - x_0)^k\right) = f \cdot g$ has radius of convergence $r = \min(r_f, r_g)$.

Theorem.

Let $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (x - x_0)^k = f$ have radius of convergence $r > 0$.

(i) For any $\varrho \in (0, r)$: $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (x - x_0)^k \xrightarrow{k} f$ on $U_{\varrho}(x_0)$.

(ii) f is continuous, it has the derivative $f'(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k (x - x_0)^{k-1}$ with radius of convergence

r and an antiderivative $F(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k+1} (x - x_0)^{k+1}$ with radius of convergence r .

Corollary.

Let $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (x - x_0)^k$ on $U_r(x_0)$.

Then on $U_r(x_0)$ we have for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ also derivatives

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} k(k-1) \cdots (k-n+1) a_k (x - x_0)^{k-n}.$$

Remark: At endpoints $x_0 \pm r$ anything can happen, there is no theorem that would also include behaviour there, so we can lose properties there (convergence for instance).

Example.

$f(x) = -\ln(1-x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} x^k$ converges on $[-1, 1)$, but $f'(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k$ converges only on $(-1, 1)$.