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Assignment #14

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25.7 Show $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \cos nx$ converges uniformly on \mathbb{R} to a continuous function.

Since $|\cos(nx)|$ is bounded by 1, we know that $\left|\frac{1}{n^2}\cos(nx)\right| = \frac{1}{n^2}\left|\cos(nx)\right| \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges, by the Weierstrass M-test, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}\cos nx$ converges uniformly on \mathbb{R} .

25.10 (a) Show $\sum \frac{x^n}{1+x^n}$ converges for $x \in [0,1)$.

We already know that $\sum x^n$ has an interval of convergence of (-1,1). And for all $x \in (-1,1)$, we know that $\left|\frac{x^n}{1+x^n}\right| \leq |x^n|$, so it follows that $\sum \frac{x^n}{1+x^n}$ point-wise converges in (-1,1), and, trivially, in [0,1).

(b) Show that the series converges uniformly on [0, a] for each a, 0 < a < 1.

Since a < 1, we know that $\sum a^n$ converges (since it's a Geometric Series). We know that $\frac{x^n}{1+x^n} \le a^n$ for all $x \in [0, a]$, so by the Weierstrass M-test, the series converges uniformly on [0, a).

(c) Does the series converge uniformly on [0, 1).

No. It was shown in example 5 that if a series $\sum g_n$ converges uniformly on S, then:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup\{|g_n(x)| : x \in S\} = 0$$

Looking at our series, $\sum \frac{x^n}{1+x^n}$, we know that $\frac{x^n}{1+x^n}$ is a strictly decreasing function in n, and a strictly increasing function in x. So it follows that the lim sup is obtained at n=1, x=1, meaning:

$$\lim \sup \left\{ \left| \frac{x^n}{1+x^n} \right| : x \in S \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$$

So the series cannot converge uniformly on [0,1).

25.12 Suppose $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k$ is a series of continuous functions g_k on [a, b] that converges uniformly to g on [a, b].

$$\int_{a}^{b} g(x)dx = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{a}^{b} g_{k}(x)dx$$

We can express q(x) as the limit of partial sums:

$$g(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{n} g_k(x)$$

Then, from Theorem 25.2, we know that:

$$\int_{a}^{b} g(x)dx = \lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{a}^{b} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} g_{k}(x)\right) dx$$

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Since the integral of a (finite) sum is the sum of integrals:

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \int_{a}^{b} g_{k}(x) dx$$

And since the limit of partial sums is the series:

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

25.15 Let (f_n) be a sequence of continuous functions on [a, b].

(a) Suppose that, for each x in [a,b], $(f_n(x))$ is a decreasing sequence of real numbers. Prove that if $f_n \to 0$ pointwise on [a,b], then $f_n \to 0$ on [a,b]. Hint: If not, there exists $\epsilon > 0$ and a sequence (x_n) in [a,b] such that $f_n(x_n) \ge \epsilon$ for all n. Obtain a contradiction.

Following the hint, suppose not. Then there exists some $\epsilon > 0$ and a sequence (x_n) in [a, b] such that $f_n(x_n) \geq \epsilon$ for all n. From Bolzano-Weierstrass, we know that there exist a convergent subsequence (x_{n_k}) of (x_n) . Lets call that limit L.

Since $f_n(x)$ pointwise converges to 0, we know that $\lim_{n\to\infty} f_n(L) = 0$. This implies that there exists an N where:

$$f_{n\geq N}(L)<\epsilon$$

Since $(x_{n_k}) \to L$ and $f_N(L) < \epsilon$, there must exist some K such that:

$$f_N(x_{n_{k\geq K}}) < \epsilon$$

If we choose some $k > \max(N, K)$, and since $n_k \ge k$ (property of sequences and subsequences), we know that:

$$n_k \ge k > N$$

And since $(f_n(x))$ is a decreasing sequence, we know that $f_{n_k}(x_{n_k}) < f_N(x_{n_k})$. And since k > K, we know:

$$f_{n_k}(x_{n_k}) < f_N(x_{n_k}) < \epsilon$$

However, our original supposition was that $f_n \ge \epsilon$ for all n, so we have a contradiction. Thus, we know that $f_n \to 0$ on [a, b].

(b) Suppose that, for each x in [a,b], $(f_n(x))$ is an increasing sequence of real numbers. Prove that $f_n \to f$ pointwise on [a,b] and if f is continuous on [a,b], then $f_n \to f$ uniformly on [a,b]. This is Dini's Theorem.

Let $g_n = f - f_n$. Since $(f_n(x))$ is an increasing sequence, we know that $(g_n(x))$ must be a decreasing sequence (negative of an increasing sequence is a decreasing sequence, as we've proven in class before). We also know that $g_n \to f - f = 0$ pointwise. From part (a), we know this means that $g_n \to 0$ uniformly on [a, b]. And this is equivalent to saying that $f_n \to f$ uniformly on [a, b], by definition.

26.2 (a) Observe $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^n = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$ for |x| < 1; see Example 1.

We can factor out x from the summation, giving us $x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^{n-1}$. As shown in Example 1, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^{n-1} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$, so the actual summation is clearly $\frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$.

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(b) Evaluate $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n}$. Compare with Exercise 14.13(d).

Suppose $x=\frac{1}{2}$. Then, our summation can be expressed as:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^n = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{0.5}{0.5^2} = 2$$

(c) Evaluate $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{3^n}$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{3^n}$.

We can repeat the same trick as part (b). The first summation is $x = \frac{1}{3}$, and the second summation is $x = -\frac{1}{3}$. The first summation is then:

$$\frac{x}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{1/3}{(2/3)^2} = \frac{3}{4}$$

And the second summation is:

$$\frac{x}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{-1/3}{(4/3)^2} = -\frac{3}{16}$$

26.4 (a) Observe $e^{-x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} x^{2n}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, since we have $e^x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

First of all, we know that:

$$e^x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n = x + \frac{1}{2!} x^2 + \cdots$$

So we know that:

$$e^{x} = \frac{d}{dx}e^{x} = 1 + \frac{1}{1!}x + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}x^{n}$$

Since we have:

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n$$

We know that:

$$e^{-x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (-x^2)^n$$

The term $(-x^2)^n$ is positive and equal to x^{2n} if n is even (since we can factor out a 2 which will negate the negative sign), and it's negative and equal to $-x^{2n}$ if n is odd. We can factor out this negative-or-not property with $(-1)^n$, which has the same property of its sign – leaving just $(-1)^n x^{2n}$. So then we have:

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} x^{2n}$$

(b) Express $F(x) = \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$ as a power series.

We have:

$$F(x) = \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt = \lim_{n \to \infty} \int_0^x \left[\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} t^{2k} \right] dt$$

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$$\begin{split} &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \int_0^x t^{2k} dt \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} [\frac{x^{2k+1} - 0^{2k+1}}{2k+1}] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(2k+1)} x^{2k+1} \end{split}$$

26.6 Let $s(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \cdots$ and $c(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \cdots$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

(a) Prove s' = c and c' = -s.

$$s' = 1 - 3(\frac{x^2}{3!}) + 5(\frac{x^4}{5!}) + \dots = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots = c$$

Proving c' = -s is equivalent to proving -(c') = s. With this:

$$-(c') = -[-2(\frac{x}{2!}) + 4(\frac{x^3}{4!}) - \cdots] = -[-\frac{1}{1!}x + \frac{x^3}{3!} - \cdots] = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} - \cdots = s$$

(b) Prove $(s^2 + c^2)' = 0$.

First, we have:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(s(x)^2 + c(x)^2) = \frac{d}{dx}s(x)^2 + \frac{d}{dx}c(x)^2 = 2s(x)s'(x) + 2c(x)c'(x)$$

The last equality comes from the chain rule. Then, from part (a) we have:

$$=2sc+2c(-s)=0$$

(c) Prove $s^2 + c^2 = 1$.

First of all, we know that $s^2 + c^2$ is a function. We also know that its derivative is 0, meaning that $s^2 + c^2$ is a constant function. Trivally plugging in 0 into $(s^2 + c^2)(x)$ gives us $0^2 + 1^2 = 1$. Since its a valid constant function, it cannot represent more than one value, and so it follows that all values of $(s^2 + c^2)(x)$ must also be 1.