

1. Let  $\{f_n\}$  be the sequence of functions defined by

$$f_n = \begin{cases} nx & \text{If } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{n} \\ 1 & \text{If } \frac{1}{n} < x < 1 - \frac{1}{n} \\ n - nx & \text{If } 1 - \frac{1}{n} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}.$$

- (a) Find the pointwise limit  $f$  of the sequence.

**Solution:** Proceed by cases. If  $x = 0$ , then the first case of the function will always be taken since  $0 \leq x$ . So  $f_n(0) = n \cdot 0 = 0$ . Likewise if  $x = 1$ , then  $f(1) = n - n \cdot 1 = n - n = 0$ .

Now, if  $x \in (0, 1)$ , then we observe that  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ , and  $1 - \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 1$ . Therefore the middle case of our piecewise function gives us  $f(x) = 1$  for all  $x$  in this open interval.

- (b) Does  $f_n \xrightarrow[c.u.]{}_{[0,1]} f$ ? Justify your answer.

**Solution:** This sequence is not uniformly convergent. Pick  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{3}$ , and let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $n > N$ . Pick  $x = \frac{1}{2n}$  so that  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{n}$ , and then  $f_n(x) = nx = \frac{n}{2n} = \frac{1}{2}$ . Then:  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| = \left| \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right| = \frac{1}{2} > \varepsilon$ .

Therefore the sequence is not uniformly convergent.

2. Let  $f_n(x) = \left( \cos\left(\frac{2x}{n}\right) \right)^{n^2}$

- (a) Compute the pointwise limit  $f$  of the sequence  $\{f_n\}$ . **Hint:** Use the following double inequalities:

$$1 - \frac{1}{2}t^2 \leq \cos t \leq 1 - \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \frac{1}{24}t^4, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$-t - t^2 \leq \ln(1 - t) \leq -t, \quad \forall t \in \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right].$$

**Solution:** Begin with the first inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \frac{4x^2}{2n^2} &\leq \cos\left(\frac{2x}{n}\right) \leq 1 - \frac{4x^2}{2n^2} + \frac{16x^4}{24n^4} \\ \ln\left(1 - \frac{2x^2}{n^2}\right) &\leq \ln\left(\cos\left(\frac{2x}{n}\right)\right) \leq \ln\left(1 - \left(\frac{2x^2}{n^2} - \frac{2x^4}{3n^4}\right)\right) && \ln \text{ is increasing in } \mathbb{R} \\ -\frac{2x^2}{n^2} - \frac{4x^4}{n^4} &\leq \ln\left(\cos\left(\frac{2x}{n}\right)\right) \leq -\frac{2x^2}{n^2} + \frac{2x^4}{3n^4} && \text{From the second inequality} \\ -2x^2 - \frac{4x^4}{n^2} &\leq n^2 \ln\left(\cos\left(\frac{2x}{n}\right)\right) \leq -2x^2 + \frac{2x^4}{3n^2} \\ -2x^2 - \frac{4x^4}{n^2} &\leq \ln\left(\left(\cos\left(\frac{2x}{n}\right)\right)^{n^2}\right) \leq -2x^2 + \frac{2x^4}{3n^2} \\ \exp\left(-2x^2 - \frac{4x^4}{n^2}\right) &\leq \left(\cos\left(\frac{2x}{n}\right)\right)^{n^2} \leq \exp\left(-2x^2 + \frac{2x^4}{3n^2}\right) && \exp \text{ is increasing in } \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Intuitively, according to squeeze theorem, it appears that the limit will become  $\exp(e^{-2x^2})$ , however this idea needs some formalizing.

- (b) Show that  $f_n \xrightarrow[c.u.]{}_{[0,1]} f$ .

**Lemma:** If  $f_n \xrightarrow[c.u.]{{0,1]} f$ , and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is uniformly continuous, then  $g \circ f_n \xrightarrow[c.u.]{{0,1]} g \circ f$ .

Since  $f_n$  is uniformly convergent, it must be uniformly bounded, say that  $f_n < M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and by uniform continuity of  $g$ , there exists some  $\delta$  such that  $|a - b| < \delta \implies |g(a) - g(b)| < \varepsilon$ .

Now, take  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $n > N \implies |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \delta$ .

Therefore  $|g(f_n(x)) - g(f(x))| < \varepsilon$ , and  $g \circ f_n \xrightarrow[c.u.]{{0,1]} g \circ f$ .

**Solution:** For both our functions of the form  $h_c(x) = -2x^2 + \frac{cx^4}{n^2}$ , we know that they are continuous on the compact set  $[0, 1]$ , and so they must be bounded on that interval, say by  $M_c$ . The exponential is continuous, so it must be uniformly continuous on the compact set  $[-M_c, M_c]$ , which contains  $\exp(h_c([0, 1]))$ . Since  $-2x^2 + \frac{2x^4}{3n^2} \xrightarrow[c.u.]{{0,1]} -2x^2$ , and  $-2x^2 - \frac{4x^4}{n^2} \xrightarrow[c.u.]{{0,1]} -2x^2$ , then by the above lemma both the bounds found for  $f_n$  in part (a) must converge uniformly to  $\exp(-2x^2)$ . Then by squeeze theorem:

$$f_n \xrightarrow[c.u.]{{0,1]} e^{-2x^2}.$$

3. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Compute the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^\pi \frac{\sin(nx)}{nx} dx.$$

What happens if  $a = 0$ ?

**Solution:** We begin by considering our sequence of functions within the integral, each of which is a quotient and composition of continuous functions, and is itself continuous (for all but  $x = 0$ ). Call this  $g_n(x) = \frac{\sin(nx)}{nx}$ . Note that since  $-1 \leq \sin(nx) \leq 1$ , we can find (for nonzero  $x$ ) that  $-\frac{1}{nx} \leq g_n(x) \leq \frac{1}{nx}$ . Both the sequences bounding  $g$  have a zero limit at infinity, so by the squeeze theorem on sequences of functions, we can say that for nonzero  $x$ ,  $g_n \rightarrow 0$ . Now since we have already shown that our sequence  $g_n$  is bounded, and since each  $g_n$  is integrable, we can say:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^\pi \frac{\sin(nx)}{nx} dx &= \int_a^\pi \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(nx)}{nx} dx \\ &= \int_a^\pi 0 dx \\ &= 0 - 0 \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

4. Construct a sequence of functions defined in  $[0, 1]$ , each of which is discontinuous at every point of  $[0, 1]$  and which converges uniformly to a function that is continuous at every point

**Solution:** Take the series  $\{f_n\}$  defined by:

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Claim:**  $\{f_n\}$  converges uniformly to the constant function 0, which we know to be continuous on the real line, as well as  $[0, 1]$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and choose  $N$  such that  $0 < \frac{1}{N} < \varepsilon$ . Then any  $n \geq N$  will have  $0 < \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{N} < \varepsilon$ . Now by cases, if  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then we have

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| = \left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{N} < \varepsilon.$$

And for  $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$ ,

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| = |0 - 0| = 0 < \varepsilon.$$

Now we must show that each of these functions is continuous nowhere in  $[0, 1]$ . Suppose by way of contradiction that  $f_n$  is continuous at some  $c \in [0, 1]$ . Then for  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{n+1}$ , there must be some  $\delta$  such that if  $|x - c| < \delta$ ,  $|f_n(x) - f_n(c)| < \frac{1}{n+1}$ . Take  $B_\delta(c)$  the  $\delta$ -ball about  $c$ , and proceed by cases on  $c$ .

$c \in \mathbb{Q}$ : If  $c$  is rational, find some  $d \notin \mathbb{Q}$  inside  $B_\delta(c)$ . Then we will have  $f_n(c) = \frac{1}{n}$  and  $f_n(d) = 0$

$c \notin \mathbb{Q}$ : If  $c$  is irrational, find some  $d \in \mathbb{Q}$  inside  $B_\delta(c)$ . Then we will have  $f_n(d) = \frac{1}{n}$  and  $f_n(c) = 0$

Regardless of case, we will get  $|f_n(c) - f_n(d)| = \frac{1}{n} > \frac{1}{n+1}$ , and we have found our contradiction.

Therefore  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence of functions which are continuous nowhere, convergent to the zero function which is continuous everywhere.

5. Consider the series of functions  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{x}{n(n+x)}$ .

(a) Show that the series converges uniformly in the interval  $[0, b]$  for any  $b > 0$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{n(n+x)} &= \frac{x}{n^2 + nx} \\ &\leq \frac{x}{n^2} \\ &\leq \frac{b}{n^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Define  $u_n = \frac{b}{n^2}$ , then by the Weierstrass Comparison test, since  $\sum_{n \geq 1} u_n$  is convergent as a  $p$ -series with  $p = 2$ ,  $\frac{x}{n(n+x)} \leq u_n$ , this series must converge.

- (b) Let  $F(x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{x}{n(n+x)}$ . Show that  $F'(x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n(n+x)^2}$ ,  $x \geq 0$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} F'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{k(k+x)} \right) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x}{k(k+x)} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x}{k(k+x)} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{d}{dx} \frac{x}{k(k+x)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k(x+k) - kx}{k^2(k+x)^2} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{k^2(k+x)^2} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k(k+x)^2} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(k+x)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

6. Consider the series of functions  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{x}{1+n^2x^2}$ . Show that the series doesn't converge uniformly in  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .

**Hint:** You could start by showing that  $\frac{x}{1+n^2x^2} \geq \int_n^{n+1} \frac{x}{1+t^2x^2} dt, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Solution:** Begin with the hint. If we take  $P_0 = \{n, n+1\}$ , the trivial partition on  $[n, n+1]$ , then we will have the upper sum:

$$U\left(P_0, \frac{x}{1+t^2x^2}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^1 \sup_{t \in [n, n+1]} \left( \frac{x}{1+t^2x^2} \right) ((n+1) - n) = \frac{x}{1+n^2x^2}.$$

But from the definition of the Riemann integral, we have (For  $\sigma$  the set of all partitions of  $[n, n+1]$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \int_n^{n+1} \frac{x}{1+t^2x^2} dt &= \inf_{P \in \sigma} U\left(P, \frac{x}{1+t^2x^2}\right) \\ &\leq U\left(P_0, \frac{x}{1+t^2x^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{x}{1+n^2x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose by way of contradiction that the series does converge uniformly. Then there exists some  $m$  such that, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{1+n^2x^2} - \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{x}{1+n^2x^2} \right| < \frac{1}{2}.$$

However,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{1+n^2x^2} - \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{1}{1+n^2x^2} \right| &= \left| \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{1+x^2n^2} \right| \\ &= \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{1+x^2n^2} \\ &\geq \sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} \int_n^{n+1} \frac{x}{1+t^2x^2} dt \\ &= \int_{m+1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{1+t^2x^2} dt && \text{Let } u = tx \\ &= \int_{(m+1)x}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+u^2} du && du = xdt \\ &= (\arctan u)_{u=(m+1)x}^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan((m+1)x) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan(1) && \text{Pick } x = \frac{1}{m+1} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &> \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

A contradiction, so our series cannot converge uniformly.