

## Some of basic problems in Mathematical Analysis

## Question 1

Assume that every  $f_k(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ).

급수로 정제된 함수

Is  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(x)$  continuous on  $[a, b]$ ?

Everybody knows:  $f$  &  $g$  : conti on  $[a, b] \Rightarrow f + g$  : conti on  $[a, b]$

Thus by Mathematical Induction, we conclude that

if  $f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  are all conti on  $[a, b]$ , then  $\sum_{k=0}^n f_k$  is conti on  $[a, b]$

⊙ What about if  $\sum_{k=0}^n f_k$  (finite sum) is replaced by  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k$  (infinite sum)? 일반적으로 참이 아님

Ans (to Question 1) is **No** in general.

## Example 1.

Obviously,  $1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n, \dots$  are all conti on  $[0, 1]$

But

$$f(x) \stackrel{\text{let}}{=} 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k : \text{conti on } [0, 1), \text{ and } \textcolor{red}{not} \text{ conti at } x = 1$$

In fact,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$  for  $0 \leq x < 1$  [so  $f(x)$  is conti on  $[0, 1)$ ]

&  $f(x)$  is **not** conti at  $x = 1$  because  $f(1) = \infty$  (i.e.,  $f(1)$  is not a finite value)

## Example 2.

Obviously,  $x, \frac{x^2}{2}, \frac{x^3}{3}, \dots, \frac{x^n}{n}, \dots$  are all conti on  $[0, 1]$

Is  $f(x) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k}$  conti on  $[0, 1]$ ?

Ans is No

$$\text{Note that } f'(x) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k} \right)' = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^{k-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x} \text{ for } 0 \leq x < 1$$

→  $x=1$  에서 불연속

Taking  $\int_0^x () dt$  gives

$$f(x) = \ln \frac{1}{1-x} = -\ln(1-x) \text{ for } 0 \leq x < 1$$

$p > 1$ , converges  
 $0 < p \leq 1$ , diverges

But  $f(x)$  is not conti at  $x = 1$  because  $f(1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} + \dots$   $p$ -급수 판정법  $\infty$

**Example 3.** Is  $f(x) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k^2}$  conti on  $[0, 1]$ ?

Ans is Yes: An evidence:  $f(1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} (= \frac{\pi^2}{6})$ : converges ( $p$ -급수 판정법)

How can we prove that  $f(x) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k^2}$  is conti on  $[0, 1]$ ?

A natural approach:  $f'(x) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k^2} \right)' = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{k-1}}{k} = \frac{1}{x} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k} = -\frac{\ln(1-x)}{x}$  for  $0 < x < 1$

Notice that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-\ln(1-x)}{x} \stackrel{\text{로피탈 (L'Hospital rule)}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{1-x} = 1$  (exists). Thus, we may write

$$f'(x) = -\frac{\ln(1-x)}{x} \text{ for } 0 \leq x < 1$$

Taking  $\int_0^x () dt$  gives  $f(x) = -\int_0^x \frac{\ln(1-t)}{t} dt = ??$  (impossible to find a closed form)

This approach [for finding a simple closed form of  $f(x)$ ] is **not** good for our goal.

Do you have any good idea? (will be back shortly later)

**Question 2** (not easy): Is there a continuous function  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$f$  is nowhere differentiable on  $[0, 1]$ ?

Expect (roughly): In geometrical viewpoint, we may guess there is no such a function

Ans (to Question 2) is unexpectedly **Yes** (settled by Van der Waerden, Bolzano(1830), Weierstrass)

Example [famous].  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \cos(5^n \pi x)$  or  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \sin(5^n \pi x)$   
 주기가 줄어들면서 모든 점이 보폭해집

**Question 3** Is there a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  for which  $f$  is

**discontinuous** at every rational number & **continuous** at every irrational number?

모든 유리수에서 불연속이고, 모든 무리수에서 연속인 함수 (그래프로 나타낼 수 없음, 무리수 사이에는 유리수가 반드시 존재하고, 유리수 사이에는 무리수가 반드시 존재하기 때문에)

Ans: Yes

해석학을 공부한다는 것은 급수로 정의된 함수의 미분적분을 해결하는 것

정리 : Theorem > ~ proposition

따름정리 : Corollary

보조정리 : Lemma

To construct such kind of functions, we need the following important result in Analysis

**Good Series Theorem** (it is a corollary of the famous **Weierstrass M-test**: see below)

Suppose that

(i) every  $f_k(x) (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$  is conti on the interval  $I$

(ii)  $|f_k(x)| \leq M_k$  for all  $x \in I$  (note:  $M_k$  is independent of  $x \in I$ )

(iii)  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k$  : converges (or, equivalently,  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k < \infty$ )

Then  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(x)$  is conti on  $I$

Cf: **Continuity is a local property (later)**

$f$  is conti on  $I \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} f$  is conti at each point  $x_0 \in I$

**Good Series Theorem-L** (Localization of the above theorem)

Suppose that

(i) every  $f_k(x)$  is conti at the point  $x_0 \in I (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$

(ii)  $|f_k(x)| \leq M_k$  for all  $x \in I$  (note:  $M_k$  is independent of  $x \in I$ )

(iii)  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k$  : converges (or, equivalently,  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k < \infty$ )

Then  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(x)$  is conti at  $x_0 \in I$

point-wise convergence

Uniform convergence (일정한 수렴, 고른 수렴)

**Weierstrass M-test** (A sufficient condition for the **uniform** convergence of Series of functions)

If  $|f_k(x)| \leq M_k$  for all  $x \in I (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$  (note  $M_k$  is indep of  $x \in I$ )

&  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k$  : converges (or, equivalently,  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k < \infty$ )

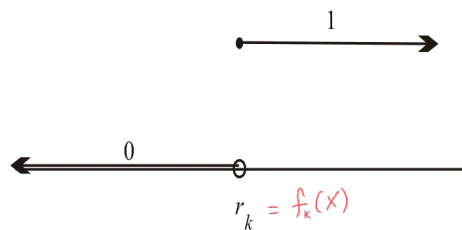
Then  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(x)$  converges **uniformly** on  $I$

해석학에서 "∼와 관계없이"를 의미

**Construction** of a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0,1]$  s.t.  $\begin{cases} f \text{ is discontinuous at every rational number} \\ f \text{ is continuous at every irrational number} \end{cases}$

Let  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n, \dots$  be an enumeration of the rational numbers & let

$$f_k(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq r_k \\ 0 & \text{if } x < r_k \end{cases} \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots)$$



It is clear that each  $f_k(x)$  is conti at every point except  $r_k$

Now we define 
$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} f_k(x)$$

**Claim:**

- ①  $f(x)$  is continuous at every irrational number
- ②  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at every rational number
- ③  $0 \leq f(x) \leq 1$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- ④  $f(x)$  is  $\uparrow$  (increasing) on  $\mathbb{R}$

**Pf.**

③ 
$$0 \leq f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} f_k(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} |f_k(x)| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} = 1$$

④

$$\begin{aligned} x \geq y &\Rightarrow f_k(x) \geq f_k(y) \quad (\because f_k \text{ is } \uparrow) \\ &\Rightarrow 2^{-k} f_k(x) \geq 2^{-k} f_k(y) \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} f_k(x) \geq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} f_k(y) \\ &\therefore f(x) \geq f(y) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is  $\uparrow$  (increasing)

$f_k(x)$ 는 계단식 함수의 일종이고,  $r_k$ 가  $f_k(x)$ 와 밀접한 대용하는 값이다. 유리수  $r_k$ 는 모든  $f_k(x)$ 에서 불연속하다.

① Choose an arbitrary irrational number  $x_0$  and fix it.

We will show that  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x_0$

Note that every  $2^{-k} f_k(x)$  is continuous at  $x_0$ .

We have seen that

$$|2^{-k} f_k(x)| \leq 2^{-k} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \quad \& \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} : \text{converges (in fact, } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} = 1 < \infty)$$

Therefore by **Good Series Theorem-L**,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} f_k(x) \quad \text{is conti at } x_0$$

② Choose any rational number  $x_0$  and fix it. Then  $x_0 = r_m$  for some  $m$

We will show that  $f(x)$  is *not* continuous at  $r_m$

$$\text{Write } f(x) = \frac{1}{2^m} f_m(x) + \sum_{k \neq m} \frac{1}{2^k} f_k(x)$$

Recall that each  $\frac{1}{2^k} f_k(x)$  is conti at every point  $x$  if  $x \neq r_k$

& disconti at  $x = r_k$

Thus if  $k \neq m$ , then  $\frac{1}{2^k} f_k(x)$  is conti at  $r_m$

So  $\sum_{k \neq m} \frac{1}{2^k} f_k(x)$  is conti at the point  $r_m$  (by **Good Series Theorem-L**)

& clearly  $\frac{1}{2^m} f_m(x)$  is disconti at  $r_m$

If  $f(x)$  is conti at  $r_m$ , then  $f(x) - \sum_{k \neq m} \frac{1}{2^k} f_k(x)$  should be conti at  $r_m$ .

Then  $\frac{1}{2^m} f_m(x)$  is conti at  $r_m$ . This is a contradiction.

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is not continuous at  $r_m$

**Return to Example 3:** Prove  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k^2}$  is conti on  $[0, 1]$

Pf. Every  $\frac{x^k}{k^2}$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) is continuous on  $[0, 1]$ . Also

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{x^k}{k^2} \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \text{ for } \forall x \in [0, 1] \quad \& \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \text{ converges}$$

Thus by **Good Series Theorem** (or, Weierstrass M-test),  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k^2}$  is conti on  $[0, 1]$

Ex. Show that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \cos(5^n \pi x)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$