

Suppose that f_n converges to f pointwise on some $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. For each of the following statements, find a counter example disproving the claim.

1. If each f_n is uniformly continuous, then f is uniformly continuous.
2. If each f_n is bounded, then f is bounded.
3. If each f_n has a finite number of discontinuities, then f has a finite number of discontinuities.

Proof:

1. Define $f_n(x) = x^n$ and $D = [0, 1]$. For all n , $f_n(x)$ is continuous over the closed interval $[0, 1]$, so $f_n(x)$ is uniformly continuous.

Note that $f_n(x)$ converges pointwise to

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

which is not continuous.

2. Define

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} n & x > n \\ x & -n \leq x \leq n \\ -n & x < -n \end{cases}$$

Define $f(x) = x$. Note that f_n converges to f pointwise by choosing

$N \geq |x_0|$. Finally, for each n , f_n is bounded by n , and f is unbounded.

3. Define

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = n \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Define $f(x) = 0$. Note that, for each n , $f_n(x)$ has exactly one discontinuities, and $f_n(x)$ converges to $f(x)$ pointwise by choosing $N \geq x_0$. Finally, $f(x)$ does not have any discontinuities.