

Examples and Problems in Analysis

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1 Equalities

1.1 Common Taylor Series

1. $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \cdots \quad (-\infty < x < +\infty)$
2. $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \cdots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} + \cdots \quad (-\infty < x < +\infty)$
3. $\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \cdots \quad (-\infty < x < +\infty)$
4. $(1+x)^\alpha = 1 + \alpha x + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2!} x^2 + \cdots + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)\cdots(\alpha-n+1)}{n!} x^n + \cdots \quad (-1 < x < 1)$
5. $\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \cdots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} + \cdots \quad (-1 < x \leq x)$
6. $\arctan x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \cdots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^{2n-1}}{2n-1} + \cdots \quad (-1 \leq x \leq 1)$
7. $\arcsin x = x + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{3x^5}{40} + \cdots + \frac{(2n-1)!! x^{2n+1}}{(2n)!!(2n+1)} + \cdots \quad (-1 \leq x \leq 1)$
8. $\frac{1}{1+x} = (1+x)^{-1} = 1 - x + x^2 - \cdots + (-1)^n x^n + \cdots \quad (-1 < x < 1)$
9. $\frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = (1+x)^{-2} = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - \cdots + (-1)^n (n+1) x^n + \cdots \quad (-1 < x < 1)$
10. $\sqrt{1+x} = (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \cdots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(2n-3)!!}{(2n)!!} x^n + \cdots \quad (-1 \leq x \leq 1)$
11. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}} = (1+x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2 - \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{(2n-1)!!}{(2n)!!} x^n + \cdots \quad (-1 < x \leq 1)$

1.2 Common Infinite Products

$$1. \sin x = x \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{n^2 \pi^2}\right) \quad (-\infty < x < +\infty)$$

$$2. \cos x = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4x^2}{(2n-1)^2 \pi^2}\right) \quad (-\infty < x < +\infty)$$

$$3. \frac{\sin x}{x} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos \frac{x}{2^n} \quad (x \neq 0)$$

$$4. \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 + x^{2^n}) = \frac{1}{1-x} \quad (-1 < x < 1)$$

1.3 Telescoping (1): $\sum_{n=1}^N \cos nx$ and $\sum_{n=1}^N \sin nx$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \cos nx = \frac{\sin(N + \frac{1}{2})x - \sin \frac{x}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{x}{2}} \quad (x \neq 2k\pi)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \sin nx = \frac{\cos(N + \frac{1}{2})x - \cos \frac{x}{2}}{-2 \sin \frac{x}{2}} \quad (x \neq 2k\pi)$$

Note 1.1. *These are obtained from*

$$\begin{aligned} \sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)x - \sin\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)x &= 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos nx \\ \cos\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)x - \cos\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)x &= -2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \sin nx \end{aligned}$$

1.4 Telescoping (2): $\prod_{n=1}^N \cos \frac{x}{2^n}$

$$\prod_{n=1}^N \cos \frac{x}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{\sin \frac{x}{2^n}} \quad (x \neq 0)$$

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos \frac{x}{2^n} = \frac{\sin x}{x} \quad (x \neq 0)$$

1.5 Telescoping (3): $\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{nx}{(1+x)(1+2x)\cdots(1+nx)}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{nx}{(1+x)(1+2x)\cdots(1+nx)} \\ = & \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\frac{1}{(1+x)(1+2x)\cdots(1+(n-1)x)} - \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+2x)\cdots(1+nx)} \right) \\ = & 1 - \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+2x)\cdots(1+Nx)} \end{aligned}$$

1.6 Formula (1): $\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \cdots + \sqrt{2}}} = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2^{n+1}}$

Use

$$\cos \frac{x}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos x}$$

1.7 Order Estimate (1): $\frac{p(p+1)\cdots(p+n-1)}{n!}$

$p \neq 0$ is not a negative integer, then

$$\frac{p(p+1)\cdots(p+n-1)}{n!} = O^* \left(\frac{1}{n^{1-p}} \right) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

1.8 Order Estimate (2): $\binom{m}{n}$

The binomial coefficient $\binom{m}{n}$ ($m \notin \mathbb{N}$)

$$\binom{m}{n} = \frac{m(m-1)\cdots(m-n+1)}{n!} = O^* \left(\frac{1}{n^{m+1}} \right)$$

1.9 Order Estimate (3): $\frac{(2n)!!}{(2n-1)!!}$ (**Wallis' product**)

Wallis's product formula has the following forms

$$\frac{(2n)!!}{(2n-1)!!} \sim \sqrt{\pi n} \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2n}{2n-1} \cdot \frac{2n}{2n+1} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n+1} \left(\frac{(2n)!!}{(2n-1)!!} \right)^2 = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

1.10 Order Estimate (4): $n!$ (Stirling's formula)

The factorial $n!$ grows at

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e} \right)^n \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

1.11 Definite Integral (1): $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x dx$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n+1} x dx = \frac{(2n)!!}{(2n+1)!!}$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} x dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{(2n)!!}$$

1.12 Abel's transformation

The sum $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \beta_i$ can be written as

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \beta_i = \alpha_m B_m - \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} (\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i) B_i$$

where

$$B_i = \sum_{k=1}^i \beta_k$$

If the original summation does not start with $i = 1$, one can write

$$\sum_{i=n}^m a_i b_i = A_m b_m - A_{n-1} b_n + \sum_{i=n}^{m-1} A_i (b_i - b_{i+1})$$

2 Inequalities

2.1 Bernoulli's Inequality

Bernoulli's Inequality For $x > -1$, $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$,

$$(1+x)^n \geq 1+nx$$

and

$$(1+x)^n = 1+nx \iff n=1 \text{ or } x=0$$

Extensions of Bernoulli's Inequality

$$\begin{aligned} x^\alpha - \alpha x + \alpha - 1 &\leq 0 \quad \text{when } 0 < \alpha < 1 \\ x^\alpha - \alpha x + \alpha - 1 &\geq 0 \quad \text{when } \alpha < 0 \text{ or } 1 < \alpha \end{aligned}$$

2.2 Hölder's Inequality

Hölder's Inequality (for Sums) Let $x_i, y_i \geq 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i &\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q \right)^{1/q}, \quad p > 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i &\geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q \right)^{1/q}, \quad p < 1, p \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hölder's Inequality (for Integrals) Let $f, g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Then

$$\left| \int_a^b (f \cdot g)(x) dx \right| \leq \left(\int_a^b |f|^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \cdot \left(\int_a^b |g|^q(x) dx \right)^{1/q}, \quad p > 1$$

2.3 Jensen's Inequality

Jensen's Inequality If $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex function, $x_1, \dots, x_n \in (a, b)$, and $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ are positive numbers such that $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n = 1$, then

$$f(\alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n) \leq \alpha_1 f(x_1) + \dots + \alpha_n f(x_n)$$

Jensen's Inequality (for Integrals) If f is a continuous convex function on \mathbb{R} and φ an arbitrary continuous function on \mathbb{R} , then

$$f\left(\frac{1}{c} \int_0^c \varphi(t) dt\right) \leq \frac{1}{c} \int_0^c f(\varphi(t)) dt$$

2.4 Minkowski's Inequality

Minkowski's Inequality (for Sums) Let $x_i, y_i \geq 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i)^p \right)^{1/p} &\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \right)^{1/p} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^p \right)^{1/p}, \quad p > 1 \\ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i)^p \right)^{1/p} &\geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p \right)^{1/p} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^p \right)^{1/p}, \quad p < 1, p \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Minkowski's Inequality (for Integrals) Let $f, g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_a^b |f + g|^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} &\leq \left(\int_a^b |f|^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} + \left(\int_a^b |g|^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p}, \quad p \geq 1 \\ \left(\int_a^b |f + g|^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} &\geq \left(\int_a^b |f|^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} + \left(\int_a^b |g|^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p}, \quad 0 < p < 1 \end{aligned}$$

2.5 Young's Inequality

Young's Inequality If $a > 0$, $b > 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} a^{1/p} b^{1/q} &\leq \frac{1}{p}a + \frac{1}{q}b, \quad p > 1 \\ a^{1/p} b^{1/q} &\geq \frac{1}{p}a + \frac{1}{q}b, \quad p < 1 \text{ and } p \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$a^{1/p} b^{1/q} = \frac{1}{p}a + \frac{1}{q}b \iff a = b$$

Or it could be written as

$$xy \leq \frac{1}{p}x^p + \frac{1}{q}y^q$$

for $x, y \geq 0$, $p, q > 0$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$

3 Numerical Series

3.1 Problems

3.1.1 $\sum a_n$ and $\lim n a_n$

1. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n a_n = a \neq 0 \implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.

2. If $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n \geq \dots \geq 0$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n = 0$.

Note 3.1. *An analog in integral is*

$$\int_a^{+\infty} f(x)dx \text{ converges and } f(x) \text{ is monotonic} \implies f(x) = o\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

3. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n$ may not exists for a convergent $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$. For example,

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & , n = m^2 \\ \frac{1}{n^2} & , n \neq m^2 \end{cases}$$

4. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n = 0$ does not imply the convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$. For example,

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n \ln n}$$

3.1.2 $\sum a_n$, $\sum a_n^2$ and $\sum a_n^3$

1. If $a_n \geq 0$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2$ converges too.

Note 3.2. *The converse is untrue. An example is $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$.*

2. The convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ does not imply that of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^3$, for example,

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}} \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} n$$

3.1.3 $\sum a_n$ and $\sum(a_n + a_{n+1})$

The convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ implies that of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + a_{n+1})$. The converse is not true, for example

$$a_n = (-1)^n$$

However, the converse is true if $a_n > 0$.

3.1.4 $\sum a_n$, $\{na_n\}$ and $\sum(a_n - a_{n+1})$

If $\{na_n\}$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(a_n - a_{n+1})$ converge, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges.

3.1.5 $\sum a_n$ and $\sum \sqrt{a_n a_{n+1}}$

If $a_n \geq 0$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{a_n a_{n+1}}$ converges too. The converse is not true, for example

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & , n = 2k \\ \frac{1}{n^2} & , n = 2k - 1 \end{cases}$$

But the converse is true if $\{a_n\}$ is monotonically decreasing.

3.1.6 $\sum a_n$ and $\sum \frac{a_n^\alpha}{n^\beta}$

1. If $a_n > 0$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, and $\alpha, \beta > 0$ are such that $\alpha + \beta > 1$. Then the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n^\alpha}{n^\beta}$$

converges.

Proof 3.1. Hölder's inequality.

2. A special case is that

$$a_n > 0, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n < +\infty \implies \forall \delta > 0, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{a_n}{n^{1+\delta}}} < +\infty$$

Note 3.3. *The proposition may not be true for δ , for example,*

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^{1+\varepsilon}} \quad (0 < \varepsilon < 1) \\ \implies \sqrt{\frac{a_n}{n}} &= \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^{\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}}} \quad (0 < \varepsilon < 1) \end{aligned}$$

Note 3.4. [E14.2-12]

3.1.7 $\sum a_n$ and $\sum \frac{a_n}{1+a_n}, \sum \frac{a_n}{1+n^2 a_n}, \sum \frac{a_n}{1+a_n^2}, \sum \frac{a_n}{1+n a_n}$

Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ be a divergent series with positive terms. Then

1. The series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{1+a_n}$$

diverges.

Proof 3.2. Consider whether $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$. If so, then a_n is bounded and we can change the denominator to compare with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$; if not, then $\{a_n\}$ does not tend to 0.

2. The series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{1+n^2 a_n}$$

converges.

Proof 3.3. Compare with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$

3. The series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{1+a_n^2}$$

diverges when $\{a_n\}$ is bounded. When $a_n \rightarrow +\infty$, the series has the same convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_n}$. Its behavior is uncertain in other situations.

Note 3.5. Unlike $\sum \frac{a_n}{1+a_n}$ where $\frac{a_n}{1+a_n} \rightarrow 0 \iff a_n \rightarrow 0$, it may happen that $\frac{a_n}{1+a_n^2} \rightarrow 0$ but $a_n \not\rightarrow 0$.

4. The series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{1+na_n}$$

diverges when $\{na_n\}$ is bounded or tends to $+\infty$. Its behavior is uncertain in other situations.

Note 3.6. [E14.2-11], [P14.2-2]

3.1.8 $\sum a_n$ and $\sum \frac{a_n}{S_n^\alpha}$

Let $a_n > 0$ and $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$.

1. $\alpha > 1 \implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{S_n^\alpha}$ converges.

2. $\alpha \leq 1$ and $S_n \rightarrow +\infty \implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{S_n^\alpha}$ diverges.

Note 3.7. [P14.2-3]

3.1.9 $\sum a_n \cos nx$ and $\sum a_n \sin nx$

1. If $a_n \geq 0$ and tends to 0 monotonically, then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx \text{ converges where } x \neq 2k\pi$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx \text{ has the same convergence as } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ when } x = 2k\pi$$

2. If $a_n \geq 0$, then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx \text{ converges uniformly on } \mathbb{R} \iff \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ converges}$$

3. If $a_n \geq 0$ and tends to 0 monotonically, then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin nx \text{ converges on } \mathbb{R}$$

4. If $a_n \geq 0$ and decreases monotonically, then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin nx \text{ converges uniformly on } \mathbb{R} \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n = 0$$

Note 3.8. [E14.4-6], [E15.2-8], [P15.2-7]

3.1.10 $\sum a_n$ and $\sum \left(\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} - 1 \right)$

If $a_n > 0$ and is monotonically increasing, then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} - 1 \right) \text{ converges} \iff \{a_n\} \text{ is bounded}$$

Note 3.9. [P14.4-3]

3.1.11 $\sum a_n$ and $\lim \frac{a_1 + 2a_2 + \dots + na_n}{n}$

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_1 + 2a_2 + \dots + na_n}{n} = 0$$

Note 3.10. [E14.4-8]

3.1.12 $\sum a_n b_n$ and $\lim(a_1 + \dots + a_n)b_n$

If $\{b_n\}$ ($b_n \geq 0$) tends to 0 monotonically and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n b_n$ converges, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_1 + \dots + a_n)b_n = 0$$

Note 3.11. [P14.4-6]

3.1.13 $\sum a_n$ and $\lim \frac{a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n}{b_n}$

If $\{b_n\}$ ($b_n > 0$) and tends to $+\infty$ monotonically and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n}{b_n} = 0$$

Note 3.12. [P14.4-7]

Note 3.13. Go back two problems you will find a special case of this.

3.1.14 $\sum a_n$ and $\sum \frac{a_1 + 2a_2 + \dots + na_n}{n(n+1)}$

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, then by setting

$$b_n = \frac{a_1 + 2a_2 + \dots + na_n}{n(n+1)}$$

one can obtain a new series such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

Note 3.14. [P14.4-8]

3.1.15 $\sum a_n$ and $\lim(a_1 b_n + a_2 b_{n-1} + \dots + a_n b_1) = 0$

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges absolutely and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \rightarrow 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_1 b_n + a_2 b_{n-1} + \dots + a_n b_1) = 0$$

Note 3.15. [P14.5-4]

3.1.16 Other Problems From Chang & Shi

P14.1-4 If $a_n > 0$ and $\{a_n - a_{n+1}\}$ is a strictly decreasing sequence, then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n < +\infty \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{a_{n+1}} - \frac{1}{a_n} \right) = +\infty$$

P14.1-5 There exists a constant K such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n} \leq K \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_n}$$

holds for all sequences $\{a_n\}$ with positive terms.

E14.2-4 The following series can be tested by comparison using the Cauchy-Hölder inequality.

E14.2-6 The series

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln n!}$$

diverges.

Proof 3.4. Stirling's formula

E14.2-6 The series

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n \ln \ln n}$$

diverges.

Proof 3.5. Integral test. Notice that

$$\int \frac{1}{x \ln x \ln \ln x} dx = \ln \ln \ln x + C$$

P14.2-1 The series

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

converges for $0 < x < e^{-1}$ and diverges for $x \geq e^{-1}$.

P14.4-1 Let $a_n > 0$. If for $0 < \alpha < 1$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^\alpha \left(\frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} - 1 \right) = \lambda > 0$$

($\lambda = +\infty$ included), then $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^k a_n$ converges.

Note 3.16. *The testing condition resembles that of [E14.4-12], but I don't see much connection here.*

P14.6-1 The Cauchy product of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n^\alpha}, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n^\beta} \quad (\alpha, \beta > 0)$$

converges for $\alpha + \beta > 1$ and diverges for $\alpha + \beta \leq 1$.

Proof 3.6. Use Pringsheim's theorem.

4 Series of Functions

4.1 Problems

4.1.1 Uniform Convergence

E15.2-4 Let $u_n(x)$ be monotonic functions on $[a, b]$. If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(a)$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(b)$ converge absolutely, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ converges absolutely and uniformly on $[a, b]$.

E15.2-7 Let $u_n(x)$ be continuous functions on $[a, b]$. If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ converges at every point of $[a, b]$, but diverges at b , then the convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ on $[a, b)$ is not uniform.

Note 4.1. *An example is $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\cos nx}{n \ln n}$.*

E15.2-10 Let $[a, b]$ be a finite closed interval and $\{f_n\}$ a sequence of functions, then

$$\forall x \in [a, b], \exists \text{ open interval } I_x \ni x, f_n|_{I_x} \rightrightarrows f|_{I_x} \implies f_n \rightrightarrows f$$

P15.2-2 (Uniform convergence of product) Let $f_n \rightrightarrows f$, $g_n \rightrightarrows g$ on an interval I . If for each n , f_n, g_n are bounded on I , then $f_n g_n \rightrightarrows fg$.

Note 4.2. *In fact, even if they are not required to be uniformly bounded by hypothesis, it can be proved.*

Note 4.3. *A counterexample if they are not required to be bounded is*

$$f_n(x) = x\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right), \quad g_n(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & x = 0, x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \\ q + \frac{1}{n}, & x = \frac{p}{q} (q > 0) \end{cases}$$

P15.2-4 (Bounded derivative series) Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ be converge on $[a, b]$. If there exists M , such that for all $x \in [a, b]$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\left| \sum_{k=1}^n u'_k(x) \right| \leq M$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ converges uniformly on $[a, b]$.

E15.3-6 (Extension to limit point by uniform convergence) Let $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ be a set and x_0 a limit point of E (it may assume the values $\pm\infty$). If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ converges uniformly on E and $\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow x_0 \\ x \in E}} u_n(x) = a_n$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges and $\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow x_0 \\ x \in E}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$

P15.3-2 (Application of [E15.3-6]) Let the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ satisfy

1. $\int_a^{+\infty} u_n(x) dx$ converges for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
2. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ converges on $[a, b]$ for all $b > a$.
3. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_a^x u_n(t) dt$ converges uniformly on $[a, +\infty)$

then $\int_a^{+\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x) dx$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_a^{+\infty} u_n(x) dx$ both converges and are equal to each other

$$\int_a^{+\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_a^{+\infty} u_n(x) dx$$

P15.3-3 (Application of [E15.3-6]) Let the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ satisfy

1. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ converges to $f(x)$ on $(x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta)$.
2. $u_n(x)$ is differentiable at $x = x_0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
3. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{u_n(x) - u_n(x_0)}{x - x_0}$ converges uniformly on $(x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta) \setminus x_0$.

then f is differentiable at x_0 and

$$f'(x_0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u'_n(x_0)$$

P15.3-1 (Bounded convergence and integrability) Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ converge on $[a, b]$. If

$$|S_n(x)| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^n u_k(x) \right| \leq M \quad (a \leq x \leq b, n \in \mathbb{N})$$

then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ converges boundedly. Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ converge boundedly on $[a, b]$, and converge uniformly on $[a, c - \delta]$ and $[c + \delta, b]$ for all $\delta > 0$ and some fixed c , then $u_n(x)$ is integrable on $[a, b] \implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ is integrable on $[a, b]$ and

$$\int_a^b \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b u_n(x) dx$$

4.1.2 Convergence Radius

E15.4-3 (Sum/product of coefficients) Let $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n$ have convergence radii R_1 and R_2 , then

1. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n) x^n$ has convergence radius $R \geq \min(R_1, R_2)$.
2. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n b_n) x^n$ has convergence radius $R \geq R_1 R_2$.
3. It may happen that the last two inequalities are strict.

E15.4-6 The convergence radius R of $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ satisfies

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = l \leq R \leq L = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|$$

P15.4-5 (Limit to the edge) Let $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ have convergence radius R and $a_n \geq 0$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow R^-} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n R^n$$

4.1.3 Other Problems from Chang & Shi

E15.2-3 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges $\implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-nx}$ converges uniformly on $[0, +\infty)$.

E15.2-10 $\alpha < 1 \iff f_n(x) = xn^{-x}(\ln n)^{\alpha}$ converges uniformly on $[0, +\infty)$.

E15.2-12 Let f_1 be Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ and define

$$f_{n+1}(x) = \int_a^x f_n(t) dt$$

, then $f_n \rightharpoonup 0$ on $[a, b]$.

Note 4.4. *Should I try successive approximation of Picard on this?*

E15.2-13 $\alpha > 2 \implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^{\alpha} e^{-nx^2}$ converges uniformly on $[0, +\infty)$.

P15.2-1 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nx}{(1+x)(1+2x)\cdots(1+nx)}$ converges nonuniformly on $[0, \delta]$ and uniformly on $[\delta, +\infty)$ for all $\delta > 0$.

P15.2-5 Let $f \in C^2$ in some neighborhood of $x = 0$ and $f(0) = 0, 0 < f'(0) < 1$.

Denote $\underbrace{f \circ f \circ \cdots \circ f}_n$ by f_n . The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$ converges uniformly in a neighborhood of 0.

P15.2-6 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{1+x+x^2+\cdots+x^{2n-1}} \cos nx$ converges uniformly on $[0, 1]$

P15.3-4 Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence in $(0, 1)$ and $a_i \neq a_j$ for all $i \neq j$, then

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|x - a_n|}{2^n}$$

is continuous on $(0, 1)$, and is nondifferentiable at each $x = a_n$ and differentiable everywhere else.

P15.3-5 Let $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x+2^n}$ ($0 \leq x < +\infty$), then

1. f is continuous on $[0, +\infty)$.
2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = 0$
3. For all $x \in (0, +\infty)$,

$$0 < f(x) - \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x \ln 2} < \frac{1}{1+x}$$

P15.3-6

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

P15.3-7 Define a function φ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(x) &= x(1-x) \quad (0 \leq x \leq 1) \\ \varphi(-x) &= -\varphi(x) \\ \varphi(x+2) &= \varphi(x)\end{aligned}$$

then

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

assumes rational values at rational points and irrational values at irrational points.