

Here is a comprehensive, mathematically rigorous cheat sheet based on Real Analysis Sections 8.1–8.8. It is designed for quick reference/exam preparation.

Real Analysis Cheat Sheet: Sequences & Series of Functions

8.1 Pointwise Convergence & The Interchange Problem

Definitions

- **Pointwise Convergence:** A sequence $\{f_n\}$ converges pointwise to f on E if for every $x \in E$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$$

- *Formal:* $\forall x \in E, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0(x, \epsilon)$ such that $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$ for $n \geq n_0$.
- *Note:* n_0 depends on x .

Failure of Pointwise Convergence (Counter-Examples)

Pointwise convergence is **insufficient** to preserve analytic properties.

1. Continuity is NOT preserved

- *Example:* $f_n(x) = x^n$ on $[0, 1]$.
- *Limit:* $f(x) = 0$ for $x \in [0, 1)$ and $f(1) = 1$.
- *Result:* Each f_n is continuous, but limit f is discontinuous at $x = 1$.

2. Integrals do NOT converge ($\lim \int \neq \int \lim$)

- *Example:* $f_n(x) = nx(1 - x^2)^n$ on $[0, 1]$. Pointwise limit $f(x) = 0$.
- *Integration:* $\int_0^1 f_n(x) dx = \frac{n}{2(n+1)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$.
- *Result:* $\lim \int f_n = 1/2 \neq \int f = 0$.

3. Differentiability is NOT preserved

- *Example:* $f_n(x) = \frac{\sin(nx)}{n}$. Pointwise limit $f(x) = 0$ ($f'(x) = 0$).
- *Differentiation:* $f'_n(x) = \cos(nx)$. At $x = 0$, $f'_n(0) = 1$.
- *Result:* $\lim f'_n(0) = 1 \neq f'(0) = 0$.

8.2 Uniform Convergence

Definition & Interpretation

- **Uniform Convergence:** $\{f_n\} \rightarrow f$ uniformly on E if:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0(\epsilon) \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in E, \forall n \geq n_0, |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$$

- *Note:* n_0 depends **only** on ϵ , not x .
- *Geometric:* Graph of f_n lies in a "tube" of width 2ϵ around f .

Convergence Tests

1. Supremum Norm Test (The "Sup Test")

Define $M_n = \sup_{x \in E} |f_n(x) - f(x)|$.

$$f_n \rightarrow f \text{ uniformly} \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n = 0$$

- *Ex (Failure):* "Sliding Hump" $S_n(x) = nxe^{-nx^2}$. Max height $\sqrt{n/2e} \rightarrow \infty$. Not uniform.

2. Cauchy Criterion

$\{f_n\}$ converges uniformly on E iff $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0$ such that:

$$|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \epsilon \quad \forall n, m \geq n_0, \forall x \in E$$

3. Weierstrass M-Test (For Series)

Let $f(x) = \sum f_k(x)$. If there exist constants M_k such that:

- $|f_k(x)| \leq M_k$ for all $x \in E$.
- $\sum M_k < \infty$.

- **Then:** $\sum f_k$ converges **uniformly** and **absolutely**.

8.3 Continuity & $\mathcal{C}(K)$ Space

Theorems

1. Preservation of Continuity:

If $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly and each f_n is continuous, then f is continuous.

- *Corollary:* Intechange of limits: $\lim_{t \rightarrow p} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{t \rightarrow p} f_n(t)$.

2. Dini's Theorem:

Uniform convergence is guaranteed if:

- K is **compact**.
- f_n are continuous and converge **pointwise** to continuous f .
- Sequence is **monotone** ($f_n(x) \geq f_{n+1}(x)$ for all n, x).

The Space $\mathcal{C}(K)$

Let K be compact. $\mathcal{C}(K)$ is the space of continuous functions equipped with the **Uniform Norm**:

$$\|f\|_u = \max_{x \in K} |f(x)|$$

- **Completeness:** $\mathcal{C}(K)$ is a **complete** metric space (Banach space). Every uniformly Cauchy sequence of continuous functions converges to a continuous function.

Contraction Mappings

- **Banach Fixed Point Theorem:**

Let X be a complete normed space. If $T : X \rightarrow X$ is a contraction ($\|T(x) - T(y)\| \leq c\|x - y\|$ with $0 < c < 1$), then T has a **unique fixed point** ($T(x) = x$).

8.4 Integration

Theorems

1. Uniform Convergence & Integration:

If $f_n \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ and $f_n \rightarrow f$ **uniformly**, then $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ and:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

- Also applies to series: $\int \sum f_k = \sum \int f_k$.

2. Bounded Convergence Theorem (BCT):

Allows limit interchange *without* uniform convergence under specific conditions:

- $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise.
- f_n and f are Riemann integrable.
- **Uniformly Bounded:** $\exists M$ s.t. $|f_n(x)| \leq M$ for all x, n .

- **Result:** $\lim \int f_n = \int f$.
- *Revisits x^n :* Converges pointwise to discontinuous function, but $|x^n| \leq 1$. Integrals converge $0 \rightarrow 0$. BCT holds.

8.5 Differentiation

Uniform convergence of f_n is NOT sufficient for $f'_n \rightarrow f'$.

Theorem 8.5.1 (Sufficient Condition)

Let f_n be differentiable on $[a, b]$. If:

1. $\{f_n(x_0)\}$ converges for some x_0 .
2. $\{f'_n\}$ converges **uniformly** on $[a, b]$.

Then: $\{f_n\}$ converges uniformly to f , and $f'(x) = \lim f'_n(x)$.

Example 8.5.3 (Weierstrass Function)

A function continuous everywhere but differentiable nowhere:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(a^k \pi x)}{2^k}$$

- Continuity: Proven via Weierstrass M-test (Uniform conv).
- Nowhere Differentiable: Oscillations become infinitely steep (f'_n diverges).

8.6 Weierstrass Approximation

Weierstrass Approximation Theorem

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a polynomial P such that:

$$\|f - P\|_u < \epsilon$$

- *Meaning:* Polynomials are dense in $\mathcal{C}[a, b]$.

Proof Method: Approximate Identities

Uses convolution with a kernel $\{Q_n\}$ (Dirac sequence):

$$P_n(x) = \int_{-1}^1 f(x+t)Q_n(t)dt$$

- Properties of Q_n : $\int Q_n = 1$, $Q_n \geq 0$, mass concentrates at 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
- Landau Kernel: $Q_n(t) = c_n(1-t^2)^n$.

8.7 Power Series

Series form: $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(x-c)^k$.

Radius of Convergence (R)

Cauchy-Hadamard Formula:

$$\frac{1}{R} = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k|} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{R} = \lim \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right|$$

- $|x-c| < R$: Absolute convergence.
- $|x-c| > R$: Divergence.
- $|x-c| \leq \rho < R$: **Uniform convergence**.

Key Theorems

1. **Differentiation**: Power series are C^∞ inside R . Derivatives are taken term-by-term; R remains unchanged.
2. **Abel's Theorem**: If series converges at endpoint $x = c + R$, the limit function is continuous at that point.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow R^-} \sum a_k x^k = \sum a_k R^k$$

3. **Uniqueness**: If $\sum a_k x^k = \sum b_k x^k$, then $a_k = b_k$. Specifically $a_k = \frac{f^{(k)}(c)}{k!}$.

Taylor Series Remainder

$$f(x) = T_n(x) + R_n(x). \text{ Conv} \iff R_n \rightarrow 0.$$

- **Lagrange Form:** $R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\zeta)}{(n+1)!} (x - c)^{n+1}$.
- **Cauchy's Counter-example:** $f(x) = e^{-1/x^2}$ (at $x = 0$). f is C^∞ , all derivatives at 0 are 0. Taylor series is 0, but $f(x) \neq 0$.

8.8 The Gamma Function

Generalization of factorial to real numbers.

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt \quad (x > 0)$$

Properties

1. **Functional Eq:** $\Gamma(x + 1) = x\Gamma(x)$.
2. **Factorial:** $\Gamma(n + 1) = n!$.
3. **Value:** $\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$.

Beta Function

$$B(x, y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1} (1 - t)^{y-1} dt = \frac{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x + y)}$$