

Uniform convergence of sequences and series of functions

* Sequence and series of function ~

If $f: N \rightarrow X$ is a function defined by $f(n) = U_n(x)$, $\forall x \in X$, $\forall n \in N$.

then

→ $\{U_n(x)\}_{n \in N}$ is a sequence of functions.

$\{U_1(x), U_2(x), \dots, U_n(x), \dots\}$

→ $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n(x)$ is a series of function.

* Example: $\left\{ \frac{n^2 x}{1+n^4 x^2} \right\}$ is a sequence of function.

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3 x}{1+n^6 x^2}$ is a series of function.

* Pointwise Convergence of Sequence of function

Let sequence of $\{f_n(x)\}$ be a sequence of function with domain S .

Let $c \in S \rightarrow$ interval

$\forall c \in S \quad \{f_n(c)\} = f_1(c), f_2(c), \dots, f_n(c), \dots$

$\forall c_1 \in S, \{f_n(c_1)\} = f_1(c_1), f_2(c_1), \dots$

$$\{ |x_n - l| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq n_0 \}$$

$x_n \rightarrow l$

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$$\forall c_2 \in S, \{ f_n(c_2) \} = f_1(c_2), f_2(c_2), \dots$$

$\forall c \in S$, if $f_n(c)$ converges to $f(c)$

$$\text{i.e.}, \lim f_n(c) = f(c)$$

Then f is called pointwise limit of $\{ f_n(x) \}$ defined in S .

\Rightarrow **Definition** ~ A function f is the pointwise limit of (pointwise convergent) a sequence of functions $\{ f_n(x) \}$ defined in S if for every $c \in S$ and every $\epsilon > 0$, there exist a positive integer n , such that

$$|f_n(c) - f(c)| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq n$$

depend on both c & ϵ for pointwise

Note - A sequence which is not a pointwise convergent can not be uniformly convergent.

non-pointwise convergent \Rightarrow non uniform convergent

Other cases depend on ϵ only.

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* uniform convergence of sequence of functions:

A sequence of functions $\{f_n(x)\}$ defined in S is said to be uniformly convergent to a function f defined in S if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exist a positive integer m such that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq m - \epsilon \text{ and } \forall x \in S.$$

* **Theorem** - Every uniformly convergent sequence of function is pointwise convergent but convergence need not be true.

Proof - Let $\{f_n(x)\}$ be a sequence of functions defined in $a \leq x \leq b$. Suppose $\{f_n(x)\}$ converges uniformly to $f(x)$ in $a \leq x \leq b$.

By definition, for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exist a positive integer m , such that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq m \text{ and } \forall x \in [a, b] \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

let $c \in (a, b)$

it follows that, from (1)

$$|f_n(c) - f(c)| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq m$$

$$\text{or } \lim f_n(c) = f(c).$$

Hence, $\{f_n(x)\}$ is pointwise convergent and it converges to $f(x)$ in $[a, b]$.

This implies that uniform limit is same as pointwise limit.

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* Conversely

We shall show that every pointwise convergent sequence of functions is not uniformly convergent.

$$f_n(x) = \frac{nx}{1+n^2x^2}, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{At } x=0, \quad f_n(0) = 0$$

$$\lim f_n(0) = 0$$

$$\text{For } x \neq 0 \quad f_n(x) = \frac{nx}{1+n^2x^2}$$

$$\lim f_n(x) = \lim \frac{nx}{1+n^2x^2}$$

$$= \lim \frac{x/n}{x^2+1} \cdot n^2$$

$$= 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = 0 = f(x)$$

Therefore, $\{f_n(x)\}$ converges pointwise to $f(x)$

$$\text{where } f(x) = 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Suppose $\{f_n(x)\}$ is uniformly converges in $[a, b]$, including point $x = 0$.

\Rightarrow uniform limit = pointwise limit

For every $\epsilon > 0$, there exist a positive integer m , such that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq m$$

$$\left| \frac{nx}{1+n^2x^2} - 0 \right| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq m$$

$$\left| \frac{nx}{1+n^2x^2} \right| < \epsilon, \quad \forall n \geq m$$

taking $\epsilon = \frac{1}{4}$

choose a positive integer k , such that $k \geq m$ and $\frac{1}{k} \in (a, b)$

taking $n = k$ and $x = \frac{1}{k}$ By above

equality we have

$$\left| \frac{nx}{1+n^2x^2} \right| = \left| \frac{k \cdot \frac{1}{k}}{1+k^2 \cdot \frac{1}{k^2}} \right|$$

$$< \frac{1}{2} > \frac{1}{4}$$

which is contradiction. Hence, convergence of this theorem is not true.

Ques Discuss the uniform convergence of the sequence of functions $\{f_n(x)\}$ where $f_n(x) = \frac{n}{x+n}$, $\forall x \in [0, \infty)$

$$\text{At } x=0, \\ f_n(x) = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x) = 1$$

for $x \in (0, \infty)$

$$f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{x+n} = 1$$

$$0 < \epsilon < 1$$

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| = \left| \frac{n}{x+n} - 1 \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{x}{x+n} \right| < \epsilon$$

if $n > x \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} - 1 \right)$

$$n = x \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} - 1 \right)$$

$\therefore \exists$ no positive integer n such that,

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq m, \forall x \in [0, \infty)$$

Hence the given sequence is not uniformly convergent.

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* Uniform Convergence of Series
Let $\{u_n(x)\}$ be a sequence of functions defined in $a \leq x \leq b$.

Consider an infinite series
 $u_1(x) + u_2(x) + \dots + u_n(x) + \dots, \forall x \in [a, b]$

$$\text{or } S_n = \sum_{r=1}^n u_r(x), \forall x \in [a, b]$$

We say that the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x) \text{ converges uniformly}$$

to $S(x)$ in $a \leq x \leq b$ if for every ϵ greater than zero $\epsilon > 0$, \exists a positive integer m , depending on ϵ only and not on x .
Such that

$$|S_n(x) - S(x)| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq m, \forall x \in [a, b]$$

* Cauchy Criteria for uniform convergence of series

Theorem:

A necessary and sufficient condition for a uniform convergence of series in $a \leq x \leq b$ is that for $\epsilon > 0$ there exist a positive integer m depending on ϵ only and not on x such that

$$(*) \quad |u_{n+1}(x) + u_{n+2}(x) + \dots + u_{n+p}(x)| < \epsilon$$

$$\forall n \geq m, \forall x \in [a, b]$$

and for all positive integral value of p .

Proof ~

→ **Necessary Part**: Suppose series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ is a uniformly convergent and its sum is $S(x)$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$.

$$\text{write } S_n(x) = \sum_{r=1}^n u_r(x).$$

for $\epsilon > 0$, there exist a positive integer m , depending on ϵ only and not on x . Such that

$$|S_n(x) - S(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \forall n \geq m. \quad (1)$$

from (1) it follows that

$$|S_{n+p}(x) - S(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \quad \forall n \geq m, \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\forall x \in [a, b],$$

$$\forall p > 0.$$

Now,

$$= |S_{n+p}(x) - S_n(x)| = |S_{n+p}(x) - S(x) + S(x) - S_n(x)|$$

$$\leq |S_{n+p}(x) - S(x)| + |S_n(x) - S(x)|$$

$$< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad [\text{from eq (1) \& (2)}]$$

$$< \epsilon$$

$$|S_{n+p}(x) - S_n(x)| < \epsilon, \quad \forall n \geq m, \quad \forall x \in [a, b], \quad \forall p > 0$$

$$|U_{n+1}(x) + U_{n+2}(x) + \dots + U_{n+p}(x)| < \epsilon \quad [\forall n \geq m, \forall x \in [a, b]]$$

→ Sufficient Part

Suppose condition (*) holds, then by Cauchy general principle of convergence of series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n(x)$ converges.

Let the sum be $S(x)$.

Suppose for $\epsilon > 0$ there exist a positive integer m depending independent of x . Such that

$$|S_{n+p}(x) - S_n(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \quad \forall n \geq m, \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

$$\forall p > 0.$$

It follows that

$$S_n(x) - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < S_{n+p}(x) < S_n(x) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Keeping n fixed, let $p \rightarrow \infty$

$$S_{n+p} \rightarrow S$$

Then,

$$S_n(x) - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < S(x) < S_n(x) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

or

$$|S_n(x) - S(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq m \\ \forall x \in [a, b]$$

Hence the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n(x)$ is uniformly

convergent. ~~$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}$~~

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