

### Section 8.1: Pointwise and Uniform Convergence

1. **Defn:** A sequence of functions  $(f_n)$  is a choice of function  $f_n : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The domain  $A$  should be the same for every  $n$ .
2. We say  $f_n$  converges pointwise to  $f$  on  $A$  if  $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  for every  $x \in A$ .
3. Examples:

$$f_n(x) = x/n \text{ on } \mathbb{R}$$

$$f_n(x) = x^n \text{ on } [0, 1].$$

4. **Defn:** We say  $f_n$  converges to  $f$  uniformly on  $A$  if for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $K$  so that  $n \geq K$  implies  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$  for all  $x \in A$ .
5. Uniform convergence implies pointwise convergence, but not conversely. We say uniform convergence is “stronger” than pointwise convergence.
6. **Lemma 8.1.5:**  $f_n$  does not converge uniformly on  $A$  to  $f$  iff there is some  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  and a subsequence  $f_{n_k}$  and a sequence  $(x_k)$  so that

$$|f_{n_k}(x_k) - f(x_k)| \geq \epsilon_0.$$

7. **Defn:** We say  $\varphi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded if  $\varphi(A)$  is a bounded set, i.e.,  $|\varphi(x)| \leq M$  for some  $M$  and all  $x \in A$ . Define

$$\|\varphi\|_A = \sup\{|\varphi(x)| : x \in A\}.$$

8. Bounded functions on a set form a vector space. This is a norm on that vector space.

9. **Lemma 8.1.8:** A sequence  $f_n$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $A$  iff

$$\|f_n - f\|_A \rightarrow 0.$$

**Proof:** If  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly then for all  $\epsilon$  there is a  $K$  so that  $n \geq K$  implies

$$\|f_n - f\|_A = \sup\{|f_n(x) - f(x)| : x \in A\} \rightarrow 0.$$

Conversely, if  $\|f_n - f\|_A \rightarrow 0$ , then for all  $\epsilon$  there is a  $K$  so that  $n \geq K$  implies  $\|f_n - f\|_A < \epsilon$ , which is the same as  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$  for all  $x \in A$ .

10. **Cauchy Criterion for Uniform Convergence:** Suppose  $f_n$  is sequence of bounded functions on  $A$ . Then  $f_n$  converges uniformly on  $A$  to a bounded function  $f$  iff for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $H$  so that for all  $n, m \geq H$  we have  $\|f_n - f_m\|_A < \epsilon$ .

**Proof:** If  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly then for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $K$  so that  $n \geq K$  implies  $\|f - f_n\|_A < \epsilon/2$ , so  $n, m \geq K$  implies

$$\|f_m - f_n\|_A \|f - f_n\|_A + \|f - f_m\|_A < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 < \epsilon.$$

Conversely, if the Cauchy condition holds for  $f_n$ , then for each  $x \in A$  we have

$$|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \leq \|f_n - f_m\|_A,$$

so  $(f_n(x))$  is a Cauchy sequence of real numbers and hence converge to some limit we call  $f(x)$ . Since

$$|f(x) - f_m(x)| \leq \limsup_n |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \leq \epsilon$$

if  $m \geq H$ , we see that  $f_m \rightarrow f$  uniformly.

## Section 8.2: Interchange of Limits

1. Questions:

Is a limit of continuous functions continuous?  $x^n$

Is a limit of differentiable functions differentiable?

Is a limit of Riemann integrable functions Riemann integrable? Sliding tent.

2. **Theorem 8.2.2:** If  $(f_n)$  is a sequence of continuous function converging uniformly on  $A$  to  $f$ , then  $f$  is continuous on  $A$ .

**Proof:** Given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $H$  so that  $n \geq H$  implies  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon/3$  for all  $x \in A$ . Also, given  $c \in A$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  so that  $|x - c| < \delta$  implies  $|f_n(x) - f_n(c)| < \epsilon/3$ . Thus for  $|x - c| < \delta$ , we have

$$|f(x) - f(c)| \leq |f(x) - f_n(x)| + |f_n(x) - f_n(c)| + |f_n(c) - f(c)| \leq \epsilon.$$

3. Partial sums of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \cos(3^n x)$  show that differentiable functions can converge uniformly to a nowhere differentiable function.

4. **Theorem 8.2.3:** Let  $J = [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded interval and  $(f_n)$  a sequence of functions on  $J$ . Suppose there is a  $x_0 \in J$  so that  $f_n(x_0)$  converges and that  $f'_n$  converge uniformly to  $g$  on  $J$ . Then  $f_n$  converges uniformly to a differentiable function  $f$  on  $J$ . so that  $f' = g$ .

**Proof:** Take some  $x \in J$ . Apply the mean value theorem to  $f_n - f_m$  to find a point  $y$  between  $x_0$  and  $x$  so that

$$f'_m(y) - f'_n(y) = f_m(x_0) - f_n(x_0) + (x - x_0)(f'_m(x) - f'_n(x)).$$

Thus

$$\|f'_m(y) - f'_n(y)\|_J \leq |f_m(x_0) - f_n(x_0)| + |b - a| \cdot \|f'_m(x) - f'_n(x)\|_J.$$

Hence  $\{f'_n\}$  is Cauchy and therefore convergent. Thus it has a continuous limit  $f'$ .

Take  $c \in J$ . To prove  $f'(c)$  exists, apply the mean value theorem between  $x$  and  $c$  to find a  $z$  between them so that

$$\begin{aligned} f_m(x) - f_n(x) - (f_m(c) - f_n(c)) &= (x - c)(f'_m(z) - f'_n(z)). \\ \left| \frac{f_m(x) - f_m(c)}{x - c} - \frac{f_n(x) - f_n(c)}{x - c} \right| &\leq \|f'_m(z) - f'_n(z)\|_J. \end{aligned}$$

For any  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $H$  so that  $n, m \geq H$  imply

$$\left| \frac{f_m(x) - f_m(c)}{x - c} - \frac{f_n(x) - f_n(c)}{x - c} \right| \leq \epsilon.$$

Take the limit over  $m$

$$\left| \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} - \frac{f_n(x) - f_n(c)}{x - c} \right| \leq \epsilon.$$

Since  $g(c) = \lim_n f'_n(c)$ , there is an  $N$  so that  $n \geq N$  implies

$$|g(c) - f'_n(c)| < \epsilon.$$

Let  $K = \max(H, N)$ . Since  $f'_K(c)$  exists, there is a  $\delta > 0$  so that  $0 < |x - c| < \delta$  implies

$$\left| \frac{f_K(x) - f_K(c)}{x - c} - f'_K(c) \right| < \epsilon.$$

Hence if  $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} - g(c) \right| < 3\epsilon.$$

Hence  $f'(c) = g(c)$ . □

5. **Theorem 8.2.4:** If  $(f_n)$  are Riemann integrable functions converging uniformly to  $f$  then  $f$  is Riemann integrable and

$$\int_a^b f = \lim_n \int_a^b f_n.$$

**Proof:** Given any  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $N$  so that  $n > N$  implies

$$\alpha(x) = f_n(x) - \epsilon \leq f(x) \leq \omega(x) = f_n(x) + \epsilon$$

Both  $\alpha$  and  $\omega$  are Riemann integrable and

$$\int_a^b \omega - \alpha = \epsilon(b - a).$$

Thus by the squeeze theorem  $f$  is Riemann integrable and for all  $n$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f_n(x) - \epsilon(b - a) &\leq \int_a^b f(x) \leq \int_a^b f_n(x) + \epsilon(b - a) \\ \left| \int_a^b f - \int_a^b f_n \right| &< \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\int f_n \rightarrow \int f$ . □

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6. **Theorem 8.2.5:** Suppose  $(f_n)$  are Riemann integrable functions on  $[a, b]$  converging pointwise to a Riemann integrable function  $f$ . Suppose also that there exists a  $B$  so that  $|f_n(x)| \leq B$  for all  $n$  and all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Then  $\int f_n \rightarrow \int f$ .

**Proof:** see link on class webpage.

6. **Dini's Theorem:** Suppose  $(f_n)$  is a monotone sequence of continuous function on  $I = [a, b]$  that converges pointwise to  $f$ . Then  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly.

**Proof:** We assume  $f_1 \geq f_2 \geq \dots$ . Let  $f_n = f_n - f \geq 0$ . It is enough to show  $g_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly.

Given  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $t \in I$  there is a  $M$  so that  $0 \leq g_m(t) < \epsilon$ . Since  $g_m$  is continuous there is a  $\delta(t) > 0$  so that  $|x - t| < \delta(t)$  implies  $|g_m(t) - g_m(x)| < \epsilon$ . Take  $\delta(t)$  as a gauge on  $I$  and let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a  $\delta$ -fine tagged partition. Let  $M = \max(m_{t_1}, \dots, m_{t_n})$ . If  $m > M$  and  $x \in I$  then there is an index  $k$  with  $|x - t_k| < \delta(t_k)$  so

$$0 \leq g_m(x) \leq g_{m_k}(x) < \epsilon.$$

Thus  $g_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly. □

**Planning to skip Sections 8.3 and 8.4 in text.**