

# Introduction to Real Analysis

## Lecture 7: Uniform convergence and continuity

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# Questions?

# Lecture Plan



Rudin Chapter 6

# The problem

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*if they exist*

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

# Sad example

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

$\nearrow 0$   
 $x \rightarrow 0$

What is  $g(x)$ ?

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{(1+x^2)^k} = x^2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^k} \right)$$

the series converges for every  $x$

$$x^2 \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1+x^2}} = \cancel{x^2} \frac{1}{\frac{x^2}{1+x^2}} = 1+x^2$$

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

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f_n(x) = 1 + x^2 = 1$$

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When can we have our dream

# Uniform convergence

## Definition

We say that a sequence of functions  $\{f_n : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$  converges uniformly to a function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an integer  $N(\varepsilon)$  such that, for every  $n > N(\varepsilon)$  we have that

*L*  $\rightarrow$  it does not depend on  $x$

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $x \in E$ . In this case we write

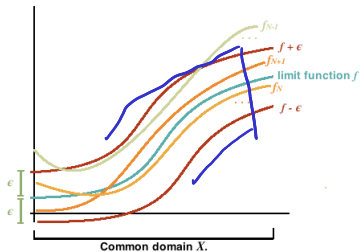
$$f_n \rightarrow f \text{ unif}$$

$$f_n \rightrightarrows f$$

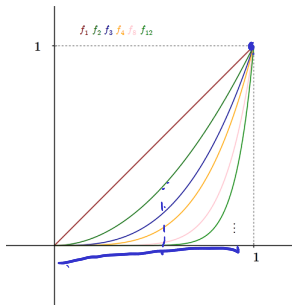


# In pictures

Yes



No



# Criteria

## Cauchy Criterion

A sequence of functions  $\{f_n : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$  converges uniformly to a function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  iff, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $N(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that

$$|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $n, m > N(\varepsilon)$  and for every  $x \in E$ .

## Theorem

A sequence of functions  $\{f_n : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$  converging pointwise to  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  converges uniformly (to  $f$ ) iff,

$$M_n := \sup_E |f_n(x) - f(x)| \rightarrow 0$$

for all  $n, m > N(\varepsilon)$  and for every  $x \in E$ .

Proof Cauchy  $f_n \Rightarrow f$

fix  $\varepsilon > 0 \leadsto N(\varepsilon)$  such that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{for all}$$

$x \in E$  and  $n \geq N(\varepsilon)$

$$|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < |f_n(x) - f(x)| +$$

$$|f_m(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $x \in E$ ,  $n, m \geq N(\varepsilon)$

$\Rightarrow$  Cauchy criterion.

Conversely suppose that the Cauchy  
criterion holds

Fix  $\varepsilon$   $f_n(x)$  is Cauchy  $\forall x$

$$f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$$

Need unif convergenc

Choose  $N(\varepsilon)$

$$|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \varepsilon$$

does not  
dep of  
 $m$

$$\downarrow n \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$$

for  $x \in E$

$$n > N(\varepsilon)$$

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# Weierstrass $M$ -test

## Theorem

Let  $\{f_n : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$  a sequence of functions such that there is a sequence  $\{M_n\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying

$$|f_n(x)| < M_n$$

for all  $x \in E$ . If the series  $\sum M_n$  converges, then the series of functions  $\sum f_n(x)$  converges uniformly.

# Uniform convergence and continuity

## Theorem

Let  $\{f_n : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$  a sequence of functions converging uniformly to a function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $x \in E'$  and suppose that for every  $n$   $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} f_n(x)$  exists and is denoted by  $A_n$ . Then the sequence  $\{A_n\}$  converges and

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

## Corollary

The uniform limit of a sequence of continuous function is continuous.

$$\begin{aligned}
 p \in E \quad \text{Fix } \varepsilon & \quad N(\varepsilon) \\
 & \quad \left\langle \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad n > N(\varepsilon) \right. \\
 |f(s) - f(p)| & \leq |f(s) - f_n(s)| + |f_n(s) - f_n(p)| \\
 & \quad + |f_n(p) - f(p)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad n > N(\varepsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

Apply the theorem to

$$g_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n f_k(x)$$

$$g_n \xrightarrow{D} g$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lim_{t \rightarrow x} g_k(x)$$

Derivatives are limit (under hp)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{d}{dx} f_n(x)$$

Proof (Exchange of limits)  $x \in E'$

$$f_n \rightrightarrows f \quad f_n, f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Cauchy:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists N$   
for  $t \in E \quad n, m > N$

$$|f_n(t) - f_m(t)| < \varepsilon/2$$

$$t \rightarrow x$$

$$A_n := \lim_{t \rightarrow x} f_n(x)$$

( $\exists$  for every  $n$ )

$$|A_n - A_m| < \varepsilon/2$$

$\Leftrightarrow \{A_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is Cauchy

$A_n \rightarrow A$  ( $\mathbb{R}$  complete)



$$f_n \Rightarrow f \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_n \rightarrow f$$

$$|f(t) - A| \stackrel{\Delta}{\leq} |f(t) - f_n(t)| + |f_n(t) - A_n| + |A_n - A|$$

$\leq \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3}$

$\leq \epsilon$

because  $A_n = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} f_n(t)$

$n \gg 0$   
 $A_n \rightarrow A$

if we choose  $n > N$

$$|f(t) - A| < \frac{2\epsilon}{3} + |f_n(t) - A_n|$$

$$< \epsilon \quad \text{for } t \text{ st } |t - x| < \delta$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} f(t) = A = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} A_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{t \rightarrow x} f_n(t)$$

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$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f_n(t)$$

Exchanged the  
limit signs!

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# Uniform convergences on compact sets

## Theorem

Let  $K \subseteq X$  be a compact. Let  $f_n : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a sequence of functions satisfying

- 1  $f_n$  are continuous on  $K$
- 2 the sequence  $f_n$  converges *pointwise* to a function  $f$  which is continuous
- 3 for all  $x \in K$  the sequence  $f_n(x)$  is monotone.

Then the sequence  $f_n$  converges uniformly to  $f$ .

Proof: Step 1 We can assume that

$$f \equiv 0$$

Suppose that this is true

$$f_n \rightarrow f \quad \text{satisfying the hp}$$

$$g_n := f_n - f \quad \text{satisfies 1, 2, 3}$$

$$g_n \rightarrow 0$$

$$g_n \rightrightarrows 0$$

$$f_n - f \rightrightarrows 0$$

$$f_n \rightrightarrows f$$

$$g_n \rightarrow 0 \quad g_n \text{ cont}$$

$\forall x \quad g_n(x)$  monotone (decreasing)

$$\rightarrow 0$$

$$g_n \nearrow 0$$

Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$K_\varepsilon = \left\{ x \in K \mid \underbrace{g_n(x) \geq \varepsilon}_{\text{closed}} \right\} \xrightarrow{-\varepsilon \leq g_n(x)}$$

$$= \underbrace{g_n^{-1}([\varepsilon, +\infty))}_{\text{cont} \leftarrow \text{closed}} \cap K \subseteq K \text{ cpt}$$
$$g_n^{-1}((-\infty, -\varepsilon])$$

$\Rightarrow K_n$  is cpt

$$K_n \supseteq K_{n+1} \quad \{f_n(x) \downarrow\}$$

$$f_n(x) \geq f_{n+1}(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in K$$

Sequence of nested opt

$$\text{if } K_n \neq \emptyset \quad \forall n \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bigcap K_n \neq \emptyset$$

We are going to show that  $\bigcap K_n = \emptyset$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \text{for } n \gg 0 \quad K_n = \emptyset$$

Let us see how  $k_n = \emptyset$  for  $n > N$

gives us  $f_n \rightrightarrows 0$

for  $n > N$   $k_n = \emptyset$

$0 < g_n(x) < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in k$ .

$g_n \rightarrow 0$   $g_n(x) \rightarrow 0^+$

$\exists N > 0$  such that

$|g_n(x)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $n > N$   
and all  $x \in k$

$g_n \rightrightarrows 0$ .

want  $\bigcap K_n = \emptyset$   $g_n \rightarrow 0$   $\varepsilon$  fixed  
 $x \in K$   $\exists N(x, \varepsilon)$  such that  
 $|g_n(x)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $n > g_n(x, \varepsilon)$

$\exists N(x, \varepsilon)$  such that

$$x \notin K_{N(x, \varepsilon)}$$

$$x \notin \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} K_n = \emptyset$$





# A metric space of functions

$$\mathcal{C}(X) := \{f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ continuous and bounded} \}$$

let

$$\|f\| = \sup_X |f(x)|$$

$$f_n \rightarrow f \text{ in } \mathcal{C}(X)$$

and

$$d(f, g) = \|f - g\|$$

$$f_n \rightrightarrows f$$

## Theorem

We have that  $(\mathcal{C}(X), d)$  is a complete metric space.

Banach space

**Thank you for your attention!**

