

# and Series of functions

We will mostly talk about functions

$$f: \begin{matrix} E \\ \text{set} \\ \text{metric space} \end{matrix} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

but the results can be extended to

vector valued  $f$  or even metric space valued

without any serious difficulty  
unless what space is appropriate for

continuous  
differentiation  
integration

suppose  $f_n: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
C set (no structure)

but  $f_n(x) \in \mathbb{R}$  converges for every  $x \in E$

then we can define  $f$

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

the pointwise limit or limit function

and we say  $f_n$  converges to  $f$  pointwise on  $K$

Similarly one can define

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$$

if  $f$  is the pointwise limit of

the partial sums  $f_N(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N f_n(x)$

What kind of properties are ~~exchanged~~ <sup>preserved</sup> under limits?

1. continuity?
2. differentiability? do derivatives converge too?
3. Integrability? do integrals converge too?

All of these questions have to do with

exchanging limits

(as I said one of the fundamental topics of this course)

asking if  $f_n$  is cts  $\Rightarrow$  asking if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow X} f(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow X} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(t) \stackrel{(?)}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{t \rightarrow X} f_n(t) \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n$$

such exchange is not always allowed

typically need something more than pointwise limits

Example!

$$S_{m,n} = \frac{m}{m+n}$$

i.e. a sequence (in  $n$ )

of fns on  $\mathbb{N}$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_{m,n} = 0$$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} S_{m,n} = 1$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_{m,n} = 0$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} S_{m,n} = 1$$

example :  $f_n(x) = (1 - nx)_+ = \begin{cases} 1 - nx & \text{for } |x| \leq \frac{1}{n} \\ 0 & \text{for } |x| > \frac{1}{n} \end{cases}$

$f_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for  $x \neq 0$

$f_n(x) = 1$  for all  $n$  if  $x = 0$

so  $f_n \rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$  discontinuous

even though all the  $f_n$  were ct.

example:  $f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq \frac{1}{n} \\ -n & 0 < x < \frac{1}{n} \\ 1 & x = 0 \end{cases}$   $f_n \in \mathcal{R}$  on  $[0,1]$

$\int_0^1 f_n(x) dx = 1 \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{n}) - n \cdot \frac{1}{n} = -\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

but  $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x) = 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 1 \neq 0$

# Convergence

Pointwise convergence is not a strong enough concept to preserve properties like

- integration
- continuity
- differentiation

which are also based on limiting procedures.

We say  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $E$  if

for all  $\epsilon > 0 \exists N$  st.  $n > N$

$$\Rightarrow |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \text{ for all } x \in E.$$

• if  $f_n \rightarrow f$  unif it does pointwise as well.

for unif convergence given an  $\epsilon$  there is one  $N$  that works for all  $x$ .

Since the target space  $\mathbb{R}$  is complete

Thm Sequence  $f_n: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  converges uniformly iff

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \text{ s.t. } n, m \geq N \Rightarrow$$

$$\forall x \in E \quad |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \epsilon$$

proof: exercise

~~Let~~ Uniform convergence is the same as convergence  
in supremum norm

$$V = \{ f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \} \quad \text{vector space}$$

$$\|f\|_{\text{sup}} = \sup_E f$$

Thm  $f_n \rightarrow f$  unif on  $E$  iff

$$\|f_n - f\|_{\text{sup}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

ht. criterion for unif. convergence of sums.

just need tail to be unif. small

Thm Spce  $f_n: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $|f_n| \leq M_n$  on  $E$  and  
 $\sum M_n < +\infty$  then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  converges uniformly

Proof: Cauchy criterion: let  $n \geq N$  s.t.  $\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} M_k < \epsilon$

then  $\forall r, m > N$

$$|f_n| \leq M_n$$

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^n f_j - \sum_{j=1}^m f_j \right| \leq \sum_{j=n+1}^m M_j < \epsilon$$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f_j \rightarrow$  some  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  unif.

## Continuity

Thm Spce  $f_n \rightarrow f$  unif on  $E$  metric space. ~~Then~~

~~let  $x \in E$  and~~

let  $x$  a limit point of  $E$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} f_n(t) = A_n$

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

Thm Let  $X$  metric space and  $f_n: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  cts.

If  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly then  $f$  is cts.

Cor The ~~metric~~ <sup>normed</sup> space  $C(X) = \{f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ cts}\}$

w/  $\|f\|_{C(X)} = \sup_X |f|$  is complete.

Proof: Let  $x \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is

$$\exists N \text{ s.t. } n \geq N \Rightarrow \|f_n - f\|_{\infty} < \varepsilon/3$$

$$\text{let } \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } |y - x| < \delta \Rightarrow |f_N(y) - f_N(x)| < \varepsilon/3$$

$$\text{then } |f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f_N(x) - f(x)| + |f_N(x) - f_N(y)| + |f_N(y) - f(y)|$$

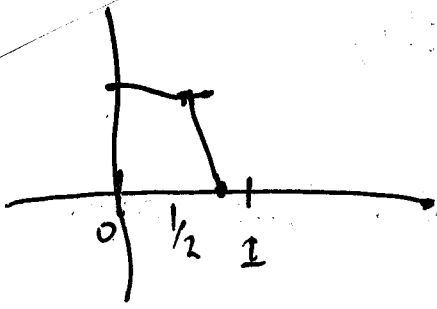
$$\leq 2\|f_N - f\|_{\infty} + \varepsilon/3$$

$$< \varepsilon$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is cts at  $x$ .



$f_n(x)$  is cts,  $f_n \rightarrow f$  ptwise,  $f$  is discontinuous



$$X = [0, 1]$$

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 - n(x - \frac{1}{2}) & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n} < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f_n \rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & x > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \quad \text{ptwise}$$

but not unif, and  $f$  is discrete

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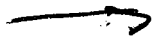
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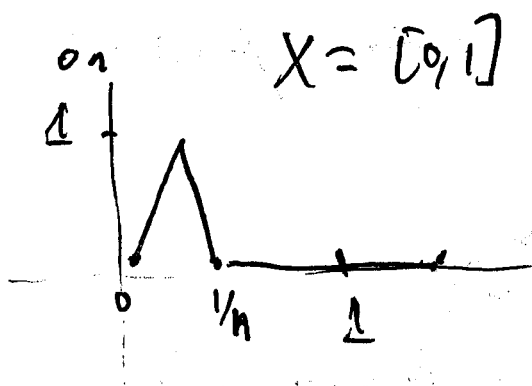
You may wonder if  $f_n \rightarrow f$  ptwise and  $f$  is cts  
does this mean that the convergence

is uniform? (kind of converse to Thm)

Answer: No in general cty.

$(1 - nx)_+$  on  $X = (0, 1)$  (missing compactness)





$X = [0, 1]$  take

$$f_n(x) = (1 - n|x - \frac{1}{n}|)_+$$

$f_n \rightarrow 0$  ptwise not unif.

Thm: Suppose  $K$  cpt and  $\{f_n\}$  cts on  $K$

(i)  $f_n \rightarrow f$  ptwise on  $K$ ,  $f$  cts

(ii)  $f_{n+1} \leq f_n$  on  $K \quad \forall \frac{1 \leq n$

Then  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly.

Proof: Call  $g_n = f_n - f$ ,  $g_n$  cts,  $g_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

and  $g_{n+1} \leq g_n$ .

Call  $K_n = \{g_n \geq \epsilon\}$ ,  $K_n$  are nested  $K_{n+1} \subset K_n$

Since  $g_{n+1} \geq \epsilon \Rightarrow g_n \geq \epsilon$

$K_n$  cpt since  $g$  cts and  $K$  cpt  
(closed subset of cpt is cpt)

each  $x \in K$  is in only finitely many  $K_n$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow K_N = \emptyset \text{ for some } N$$

(by nested intersection property)

$$\Rightarrow g_n < \varepsilon \text{ for } n \geq N. \quad \square$$

## Integration

Then suppose  $f_n \in R$  on  $[a, b]$  for  $n=1, 2, \dots$

and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  unif on  $[a, b]$ . Then

$f \in R$  on  $[a, b]$  and

$$\int_a^b f \, dt = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n \, dt$$

proof:

$$\int_a^b f_n - \|f_n - f\|_\infty dt \leq \int_a^b f dt \leq \int_a^b f_n + \|f_n - f\|_\infty dt$$

since

$$f_n - \|f_n - f\|_\infty \leq f \leq f_n + \|f_n - f\|_\infty$$

so letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$   $\|f_n - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$   
 $\Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{R}$  on  $[a, b]$  and

$$\left| \int_a^b f dt - \int_a^b f_n dt \right| \leq (b-a) \|f_n - f\|_\infty$$

(which is easy from  $\Delta$ -ineq if you know  $f \in \mathcal{R}$ )  $\square$

Cor If  $f_n \in \mathcal{R}$  on  $[a, b]$  and  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$   
w/ the series conv. unif then

$$\int_a^b f dt \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b f_n dt$$

# Differentiation

$f_n \rightarrow f$  unif not sufficient for concluding

tho  $f$  diff or  $f_n' \rightarrow f'$

assn

Thm: Suppose  $f_n: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  diff,  $f_n(x_0)$  converges  
and  $f_n'$  are cts and converge uniformly on  $[a,b]$ .

Then  $f_n$  converge uniformly on  $[a,b]$  to a fun  $f$

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

proof: write  $f_n(x) = f_n(x_0) + \int_{x_0}^x f_n'(t) dt$

using fundamental thm of calc ( $f_n'$  cts)

$f_n'$  converge uniformly to  $g$  a function  $g$

$\Rightarrow g$  is continuous and Riemann integrable

Call 
$$f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x_0) + \int_{x_0}^x g'(t) dt$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f_n(x)| &\leq |f(x) - f_n(x_0)| + \left| \int_{x_0}^x g(t) dt - \int_{x_0}^x f_n'(t) dt \right| \\ &\leq |f(x_0) - f_n(x_0)| + \|g - f_n'\|_{\text{sup}} |x - x_0| \\ &\leq |f(x_0) - f_n(x_0)| + \|g - f_n'\|_{\text{sup}} (b-a) \end{aligned}$$

$$f_n' \rightarrow g \quad \text{unif} \quad \text{and} \quad f_n(x_0) \rightarrow f(x_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow f \quad \text{uniformly}$$

but again by FTC

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

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