

Function Spaces

Uniform vs Pointwise convergence.

Def For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $f_n: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

If for each  $x \in [a, b]$  the  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$  then

we say  $f$  is the pointwise limit of  $(f_n)$ .

If  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $n \geq N \Rightarrow |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$

$\forall x \in [a, b]$ , then we say  $f_n$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ .

Notation  $f_n \rightarrow f$  means pointwise convergence.

$f_n \Rightarrow f$  means uniform convergence.

Ex Let  $f_n: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by  $f_n(x) = x^n$ .

Let  $f_a: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \in [0, 0) \\ 1 & x = 1. \end{cases}$$

Then  $f_n \rightarrow f$  but  $f_n \not\Rightarrow f$ .

You should check this.

Thm If  $f_n \rightrightarrows f$  and each  $f_n$  is continuous at  $x_0$ . Then  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$  also.

Pf Let  $f_n : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous at  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ .  
Assume  $f_n \rightrightarrows f$  on  $[a, b]$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ .  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $n \geq N$  implies

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}, \forall x \in [a, b].$$

$\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.

$$|x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f_N(x) - f_N(x_0)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}.$$

Thus, when  $|x - x_0| < \delta$ ,

$$|f(x) - f(x_0)| \leq |f(x) - f_N(x)| + |f_N(x) - f_N(x_0)| + |f_N(x_0) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon$$



Def Let  $C_b = C_b([a,b], \mathbb{R}) = \text{all bdd functions } [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

The sup norm on  $C_b$  is given by

$$\|f\| = \sup \{|f(x)| : x \in [a,b]\}.$$

You can check that norm criteria are satisfied:

$$\|f\| \geq 0, \|f\| = 0 \text{ iff } f(x) = 0, \forall x.$$

$$\|cf\| = |c|\|f\|$$

$$\|f+g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|.$$

This gives us a metric on  $C_b$ ,

$$d(f,g) = \sup \{|f(x)-g(x)|\} = \|f-g\|.$$

Thm Convergence w.r.t. the sup metric is equivalent to uniform convergence.

Pf Easy. See textbook, Thm 2, pg 216.

Thm  $C_b$  with the sup metric is a complete metric sp.

Pf Let  $(f_n)$  be a Cauchy seq in  $C_b$ . First, we will show that it has a pointwise limit. Then we will show that the convergence is uniform. Finally, we will show that this limit is bdd, and hence in  $C_b$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  be s.t. (Let  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ .)

$$m, n \geq N \Rightarrow d(f_n, f_m) < \epsilon. \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \\ \text{sup metric.} \end{matrix}$$

Thus,

$$|f_n(x_0) - f_m(x_0)| \leq \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \{ |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \} = d(f_n, f_m) < \epsilon.$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x_0)$  exist for any  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ .

Define  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$  for each  $x \in [a, b]$ .

Now we show that the convergence is in fact uniform. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Let  $N_1$  be s.t.  $m, n \geq N_1$  implies

$$d(f_m, f_n) < \epsilon/2.$$

Let  $x \in [a, b]$ . Let  $N_2$  be s.t.  $n \geq N_2$  implies

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon_2.$$

Let  $n_1 \geq N_1$  and  $n_2 \geq \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ . Then

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| \leq |f_{n_1}(x) - f_{n_2}(x)| + |f_{n_2}(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon_1}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon_2}{2} = \varepsilon,$$

Since  $N_1$  is independent of  $x$ , the convergence is uniform.

Lastly, we need to show  $f$  is bdd.  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t  $\|f_N - f\| < 1$ . Thus,

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < 1 \quad \forall x \in [a, b].$$

Since  $f_n \in C_b$   $\exists M > 0$  s.t.  $|f_n(x)| \leq M \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$ .

But now we know that  $|f(x)| \leq M+1$ . Thus  $f \in C_b$ .



Corollary  $C^0([a, b], \mathbb{R})$  is a closed, complete subspace of  $C_b([a, b], \mathbb{R})$ .

Pf Two lines. Figure it out.

Next we look at series of functions:  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(x)$ .

Thm (The Weierstrass M-test) For  $k=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$  let  $f_k(x) \in C_b$  and suppose  $\|f_k\| \leq M_k$ . If  $\sum M_k$  convergence, then  $\sum f_k(x)$  converges uniformly.

Pf Let  $F_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f_k(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in [a, b]$ . Let  $n > m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(F_n, F_m) &\leq d(F_n, F_{n-1}) + d(F_{n-1}, F_{n-2}) + \dots + d(F_{m+1}, F_m) \\ &= \|F_n - F_{n-1}\| + \dots + \|F_{m+1} - F_m\| = \|f_n\| + \dots + \|f_m\| \leq \sum_{k=m+1}^n M_k. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then  $\exists N \geq 0$  s.t.  $n > m \geq N \Rightarrow \sum_{k=m+1}^n M_k < \epsilon$ .

Thus  $n, m \geq N \Rightarrow d(F_n, F_m) < \epsilon$ . Thus  $(F_n) = (\sum_{k=0}^n f_k(x))$  converges uniformly.



Now we present some basic results involving integrability, and differentiability.

Thm Let  $f_n: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be R.I. (hence  $f_n \in C_b$ ).

Suppose  $f_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} f$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) dx = \int_a^b \text{unif lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx.$$

Pf

By the RLT each  $f_n \in C_b$ . Let  $Z_n$  be the set of points in  $[a, b]$  where  $f_n$  is not continuous.

By the RLT  $Z_n$  is a zero set. Then  $Z = \cup Z_n$  is a zero set. Each  $f_n$  is cont.  $\forall x \in [a, b] - Z$ .

Thus,  $f$  is cont on  $[a, b] - Z$ . We know that  $f \in C_b$ . Thus  $f \in \mathcal{R}$ .

To finish, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_a^b f(x) dx - \int_a^b f_n(x) dx \right| &= \left| \int_a^b f(x) - f_n(x) dx \right| \\ &\leq \int_a^b |f(x) - f_n(x)| dx \leq (b-a) d(f, f_n) \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\int_a^b f_n(x) dx \rightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx$ .



Cor If  $f_n \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$  and  $f_n \rightharpoonup f$ , then

$$\int_a^x f_n(t) dt \rightharpoonup \int_a^x f(t) dt.$$

Cor If  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k \rightharpoonup F$ , each  $f_k \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

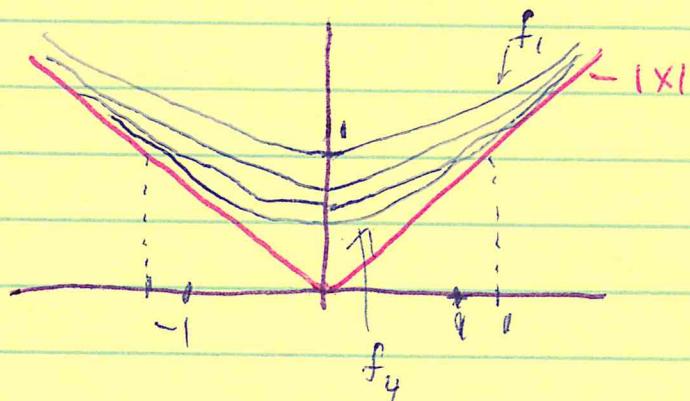
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_a^b f_k(x) dx = \int_a^b \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(x) dx.$$

See textbook for proofs of the corollaries,  
~~Corollary 7, PG 218 and Thm 8 PG 219.~~

The situation for differentiability is different

Ex Let  $f_n(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + \frac{1}{n}}$  for  $x \in [-1, 1]$ . Each  $f_n$  is differentiable. The  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \sqrt{x^2} = |x|$ ,

which is not diff. at  $x=0$ . You can check that the convergence is uniform.



But, we do have the following.

Thm Suppose  $f_n \rightrightarrows f$  and  $f'_n \rightrightarrows g$ . Then  $f' = g$ .

Pf

Let  
Pick  $x \in [a, b]$ .

$$\phi_n(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{f_n(t) - f_n(x)}{t - x} & t \neq x \\ f'_n(x) & t = x, \end{cases}$$

$$\phi(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(t) - f(x)}{t - x} & t \neq x \\ g(x) & t = x. \end{cases}$$

Each  $\phi_n(t)$  is cont. (Check limit as  $t \rightarrow x$ .)

Clearly  $\phi_n(x) \rightarrow \phi(x)$ , pointwise. We claim  $\phi_n \rightrightarrows \phi$ .

$\forall m, n$  the MVT gives

$$\phi_m(t) - \phi_n(t) = \frac{[f_m(t) - f_n(t)] - [f_m(x) - f_n(x)]}{t - x} = f'_m(\theta) - f'_n(\theta)$$

for some  $\theta$  between  $t$  and  $x$ . Since  $f'_n \rightrightarrows g$ ,  
 $f'_m - f'_n \rightrightarrows g - g = 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ , (This means  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N$  s.t.  $m, n \geq N \Rightarrow d(f'_m, f'_n) < \epsilon$ .) it follows that

The seq.  $(\phi_n)$  is Cauchy in  $C^0$ . Since  $C^0$  is complete  $\exists \psi \in C^0$  s.t.  $\phi_n \rightrightarrows \psi$ .

Since  $\phi_n(x) \rightarrow \phi(x)$ , pointwise, we know  $\psi(x) = \phi(x)$ .

Since  $\psi$  is cont (check  $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \psi(t) = \psi(x)$ ), we have

$$f'(x) = g(x) \quad \text{as desired.}$$



or diff. function

**Cor**

Let  $\sum f_k(x)$  be a uniformly convergent series,  
and suppose  $\sum f'_k(x)$  also converges uniformly,  
then

$$\left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(x) \right)' = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f'_k(x)$$

**PF**

See textbook, (Thm 10, pg 220).