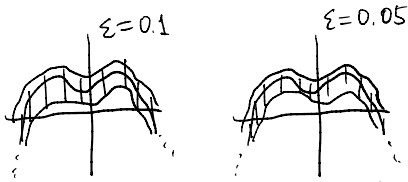


# Lecture 22

## Uniform convergence: A picture



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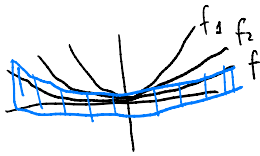
For  $n$  even larger,  $f_n$  is contained in this even narrower band

$f_n$  contained in  $\epsilon$ -band around  $f$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$

$$f_n(x) \in (f(x) - \epsilon, f(x) + \epsilon) \quad \forall x$$

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

## Pictures of non-uniform convergence



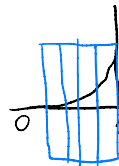
There is no  $\epsilon$  and no  $n$  s.t.

$f_n$  is contained in an  $\epsilon$ -band converged to  $f$

$|f_n(x) - f(x)|$  is unbounded in  $x$

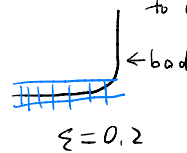
$$f_n(x) = x^n \quad [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 1 \\ 1 & x = 1 \end{cases}$$



$$\epsilon = 1$$

convergent fns could converge to divergent fns



$$\epsilon = 0.2$$

## lim sup & lim inf

Let  $s_1, s_2, \dots$  a sequence of real numbers

Define  $\limsup S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\sup_{k \geq n} S_k}_{S'_n}$  (in  $\bar{\mathbb{R}}$ , the extended reals)

$\liminf S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\inf_{k \geq n} S_k}_{S''_n}$

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$S_n$	1	-1	2	$-\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	4	$-\frac{1}{8}$
$S'_n$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
$S''_n$	-1	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{8}$	$-\frac{1}{8}$

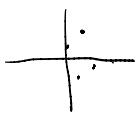
$$\limsup S_n = \lim S'_n = \infty$$

$$\liminf S_n = \lim S''_n = 0$$

Prop  $\lim \sup$  and  $\lim \inf$  always exist!  
(in  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ ; they exist in  $\mathbb{R}$  iff sequence is bounded)

Pf  $S_n'$  is nonincreasing  $S_n''$  is nondecreasing

So both converge, by the monotone convergence theorem  
(extended to  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$  - every nondecreasing or nonincreasing sequence has a limit in  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ )



I think of  $\lim \inf$  as an "eventual infimum"  
"The smallest  $x$  such that the sequence is  $\leq x$   
infinitely many times"

Recall  $\lim S_n = \infty$  is not the same thing as " $S_n$  unbounded above"

But

Prop  $\lim \sup S_n = \infty \iff S_n$  unbounded above  
(inf)  $(-\infty)$  (below)

(Indeed, if  $S_n$  is unbounded, so is every tail of  $S_n$ , so  $S_n' = \infty$  for every  $n$ )

Prop  $\lim \sup$  is the supremum of all subsequential limits  
(inf) (infimum)

In particular, if  $S_n \rightarrow s = \lim S_n$ ,

then  $\lim \sup S_n = \lim \inf S_n = \lim S_n$

and conversely, if  $\lim \sup S_n = \lim \inf S_n$ , then

$\lim S_n$  exists and equals these

## INFINITE SERIES

What do we mean by  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^2}$ ?

We can define partial sums  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n S$

Define  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$  a series has a sequence of partial sums

if this limit exists, in which case we say, the infinite series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$

converges

Remark: for this definition to make sure we need to be summing something with an ordering  
 e.g. can't say "which is the sum of all rational numbers"

Remark:  $n > m$      $S_n - S_m = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i - \sum_{i=1}^m a_i = \sum_{i=m+1}^n a_i$

Suppose  $S_n$  converges. Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N$  s.t.  
 $|S_n - S_m| < \varepsilon$  for all  $n, m > N$

In particular, for all  $m > N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |S_{m+1} - S_m| &< \varepsilon \\ &= |a_{m+1}| \end{aligned}$$

Conclude: if  $\sum a_i$  converges,  $\lim a_i$  exists and  $= 0$   
 (but converse does not hold!)

Example (geometric series)

$$x \in \mathbb{R} \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x^i = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

If  $|x| \geq 1$ ,

$x^i$  does not converge to 0

So series does not converge

$$S_n = \sum_{i=0}^n x^i = 1 + x + \dots + x^n = \frac{1 - x^{n+1}}{1 - x}$$

When  $|x| < 1$ , this converges to  $\frac{1}{1-x}$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + x + \dots + x^n) (1 - x) &= 1 - x^{n+1} \\ -x - x^2 - \dots - x^n - x^{n+1} & \end{aligned}$$

Should we say

$$1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-2} = -1? \quad (\text{not in } \mathbb{R}, \text{ but yes in "2-adic numbers"})$$

$x = 1$      $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots$  just shouldn't exist

$x = -1$      $\left( \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \left( \begin{smallmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \left( \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \dots \rightarrow 0?$  (Grandi series)

partial sums     $1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots$

$$s - 1 = -s$$

$$2s - 1 = 0$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}?$$