

Sequence and Convergence of functions.

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• Def: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a map a set X
to a metric space Y . Let $f_n: X \rightarrow Y$, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$,
be a sequence of maps. We say f_n converges to f
pointwise, $f_n \xrightarrow{\text{ptwise}} f$, if $\forall x \in X$,
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x).$$

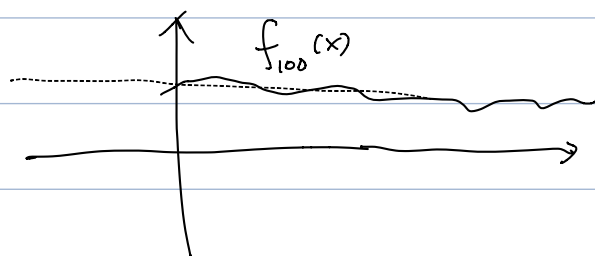
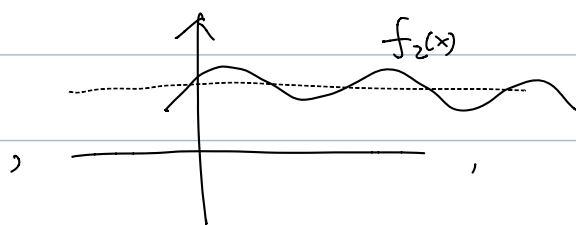
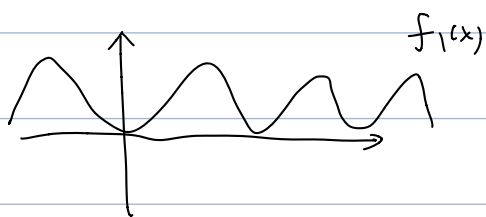
(convergence in the
metric space Y)

For simplicity, consider $X = \mathbb{R}$, $Y = \mathbb{R}$.

Ex: (1) $f_n(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sin(x)$.

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = 1$. So, let $f(x) = 1$ constant fcn.

we have $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$, $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.



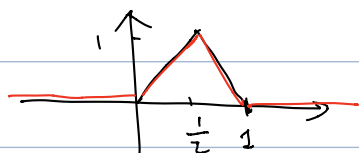
(2) "Bump function" supported on $[0, 1]$

We say φ is a bump function ---, if

$$\varphi(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } x \notin [0, 1]. \quad \varphi(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{for } x \in [0, 1].$$

$\varphi(x)$ is continuous.

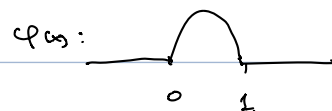
Ex:



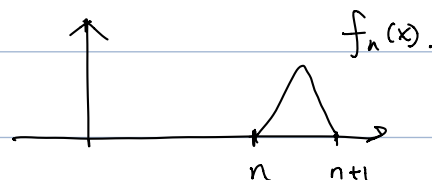
$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 2x & x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ 1-2x & x \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \\ 0 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

or.

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x(1-x) & x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$



Let $f_n(x) = \varphi(x-n)$.



For any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underline{f_n(x)} = 0$

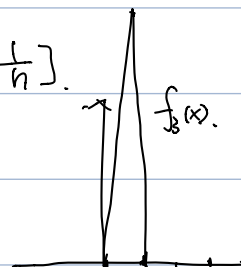
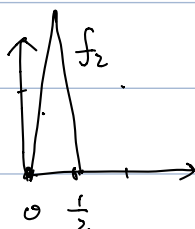
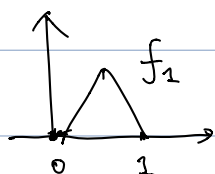
$\because \forall x$, if $n > x$,
then $f_n(x) = \varphi(x-n) = 0$.
has $x-n < 0$

Hence, f_n pointwise converge to the function 0.

Ex3: (squeezed bump, stretched bump).

(a). $f_n(x) = n \cdot \varphi(nx)$.

$\Rightarrow f_n$ is supported in $[0, \frac{1}{n}]$.

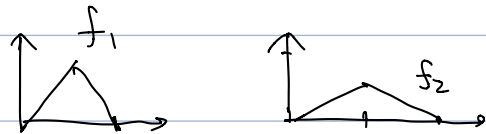


what's the pointwise limit? $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

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

$$\bullet \quad f_n(0) = 0. \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(0) = 0.$$

$\circ \quad \because \forall x \in (0,1), \text{ if } n \text{ is large enough, } \frac{1}{n} < x,$
then $f_n(x) = 0.$



$$(b) \quad f_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \varphi_n\left(\frac{x}{n}\right).$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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

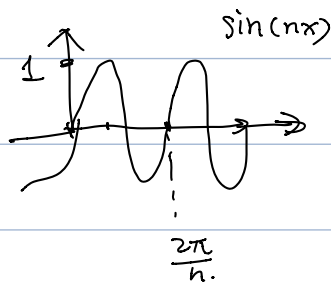


$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f_n(x) dx = \int \varphi(x) dx = c \infty \text{ is constant, indep of } n.$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \lim f_n(x) dx = \int 0 dx = 0$$

so, pointwise limit of a function does not preserve integral.

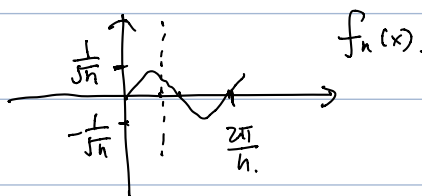
$$(4) \quad f_n(x) = \frac{\sin(nx)}{\sqrt{n}}.$$



$$\bullet \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = 0.$$

$$\therefore |f_n(x)| = \left| \frac{\sin(nx)}{\sqrt{n}} \right| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

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



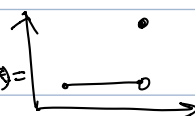
$$\bullet \quad f'_n(x) = \frac{n \cdot \cos(nx)}{\sqrt{n}} = \underline{\underline{\sqrt{n} \cdot \cos(nx)}}$$

Hence $f'_n(x)$ doesn't have a pointwise limit,
 (for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$?) at least not at $x=0$.
 $\therefore f'_n(0) = \sqrt{n}$.

If $f_n \rightarrow f$ ptwise, f'_n may not converge to f' .

$$(5) \quad f_n(x) = x^n, \quad x \in [0, 1].$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = 1. \\ 0, & 0 \leq x < 1 \end{cases}$$

the limit is discontinuous at $x=1$. 

• Review: sequence and convergence of "objects"

(a) object = real numbers $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, $x_n \in \mathbb{R}$.

$x_n \rightarrow x$, if $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists N > 0$, s.t. $n > N$,
 $|x_n - x| < \varepsilon$.

(b). obj = points in $\mathbb{R}^d$,

A seq of ~~point~~ obj, $(\vec{x}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

$$\vec{x}_n = (x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nd}) \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

2 possible notions of convergences:

(i). using $\mathbb{R}^d$'s Euclidean distance.

$$d_2(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^d (x_i - y_i)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Given a seq $(\vec{x}_n)$, we say $\vec{x}_n \rightarrow \vec{x}$, if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_2(\vec{x}_n, \vec{x}) = 0.$$

(2). pointwise convergence.

View ~~an~~ an element $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, as
a map from $\{1, 2, \dots, d\} \xrightarrow{[d]} \mathbb{R}$
 $i \mapsto x_i$

$$\mathbb{R}^d = \text{Map}([d], \mathbb{R}).$$

We say $(\vec{x}_n)$ a seq of vectors in $\mathbb{R}^d$
converges to $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, pointwise (or. component-wise).
if, $\forall i \in [d]$, $x_{ni} \rightarrow x_i$.

$$\vec{x}_1 = (x_{11}, x_{12}, \dots, x_{1d})$$

$$\vec{x}_2 = (x_{21}, x_{22}, \dots, x_{2d})$$

$$\vec{x}_3 = (\dots)$$

↓.

$$\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$$

↑ componentwise ~~conv~~ convergence.

Lemma: $(\vec{x}_n)$ converges to $\vec{x}$ in $\sqrt{d_2}$ metric sense.

$\Leftrightarrow (\vec{x}_n)$ converges to $\vec{x}$ componentwise.

" $\{1, \dots, d\}$."

Pf: $\Rightarrow$ we need to show, $\forall i \in [d]$,

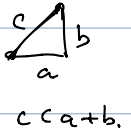
$$x_{ni} \rightarrow x_i, \text{ i.e. } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_{ni} - x_i| = 0.$$

But we know $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{|x_{n1} - x_1|^2 + \dots + |x_{nd} - x_d|^2} = 0.$

and $d(\vec{x}_n, \vec{x}) \geq \sqrt{|x_{ni} - x_i|^2} = |x_{ni} - x_i|$

Hence, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_{ni} - x_i| = 0$

$$(\sum a_i^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sum |a_i|.$$



$\Leftarrow$.

$$\therefore 0 \leq d_2(\vec{x}_n, \vec{x}) \leq |x_{n1} - x_1| + |x_{n2} - x_2| + \dots + |x_{nd} - x_d|$$

and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_{ni} - x_i| = 0$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\text{RHS})_n = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(\vec{x}_n, \vec{x}) = 0$$

Q: if we replace $d_2(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$ by $d_\infty(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$.

$$d_\infty(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) := \max \{ |x_i - y_i| : i \in [d] \}.$$

is it still true that "convergence in $\checkmark$ metric sense $\Leftrightarrow$ ~~the~~ componentwise convergence".

Ans:

$\checkmark$. more generally, if we have a norm function $\|\cdot\| : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. and define $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$. then everything still holds.

(c) $\text{obj} = \text{Map}(X, \mathbb{R})$. X : a set.

Here, take $X = [d]$, we get $\text{Map}([d], \mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}^d$.

From now on, take $X = \mathbb{N}$, $\text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}) =$ the set of sequences.

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,

Let $\vec{x}_n = (x_{n1}, x_{n2}, x_{n3}, \dots) \in \text{Map}(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R})$
be a seq of ~~seq~~ real numbers, $\overset{\text{"}}{\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}}$

Then, what do we mean, when we say,

$$\vec{x}_n \rightarrow \vec{x} \quad , \quad \text{for some } \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}.$$
$$\vec{x} = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots)$$

• pointwise convergence :

$\forall i \in \mathbb{N}$, require $x_{ni} \rightarrow x_i$ (as convergence in $\mathbb{R}$).

• d_2 -metric sense convergence, $\vec{x}_n \rightarrow \vec{x}$ in l^2 sense.

if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_2(\vec{x}_n, \vec{x}) = 0, \quad \text{where}$$

$$d_2(\vec{x}_n, \vec{x}) = \left(\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} |x_{ni} - x_i|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

• d_∞ -metric sense convergence. $\vec{x}_n \rightarrow \vec{x}$ in l^∞ -sense.

if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_\infty(\vec{x}_n, \vec{x}) = 0$

where,

$$d_{\infty}(\vec{x}_n, \vec{x}) = \sup \{ |x_{ni} - x_i| : i \in \mathbb{N} \}$$

There 3 notions of convergence are all different.

Ex: $\vec{x}_n = (x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots)$

$$x_{ni} = \frac{i}{n+i}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{13}, \dots \\ x_{21}, x_{22}, x_{23}, \dots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{5}{6}, \dots \\ \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{4}, \dots \\ \frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{5}, \vdots \\ \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{6}, \vdots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

For fixed n ,

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_{ni} = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{i}{n+i} = 1.$$

For fixed i , as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{i}{n+i} = 0$,

• Pointwise convergence, $\vec{x}_n \rightarrow \vec{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ i.e. $\forall i, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{ni} = 0$

• d_2 -convergence? $d_2(\vec{x}_n, \vec{0}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_{ni} - 0|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
 $= \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_{ni}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\because \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_{ni} = 1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_{ni}^2 = +\infty,$$

Hence, $\vec{x}_n$ does not converge to $\vec{0}$ in the d_2 -metric sense.

Since $d_2(\vec{x}_n, \vec{x}) = +\infty \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_2(\vec{x}_n, \vec{x}) \neq 0$.
 $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

- d_{∞} -sense ?
$$d_{\infty}(\vec{x}_n, 0) = \sup \{ |x_{ni} - 0| : i \in \mathbb{N} \}$$
$$= \sup \left\{ \frac{i}{n+i} : i \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$
$$= 1$$

The d_{∞} -distance between $\vec{x}_n$ and $\vec{0}$ stays constant, doesn't go to 0. Hence, $\vec{x}_n$ do not converge to 0 in d_{∞} sense.

- In our case, we will study:

- $\text{obj} = \overset{\text{bounded}}{\text{continuous}} \cdot \overset{X}{\text{Map}}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$

- we are going to consider pointwise convergence, & d_{∞} -metric sense convergence (a.k.a. uniform convergence.)