

Topic $\rightarrow$ Uniform Convergence (Real Analysis)

Introduction $\rightarrow$

We consider Infinite Series or Sequence whose Terms are all Real functions of x where x is variable over a non-empty subset of R . ($R =$ Set of Real No).

Let $\{f_n\}$. ($n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$)

be a sequence of a Real functions defined on a set E where $E \subset R$.

Also suppose that the sequence $\{f_n\}$ of real numbers Converges for every $x \in E$

$$\text{i.e. } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x) \quad x \in E \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

In view of the above definition we say that $\{f_n\}$ Converges to f on E and f is called the limit of $\{f_n\}$

or
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$ means that for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a +ve integer m such that

$$|f(x) - f_n(x)| < \epsilon \quad \text{for all } n \geq m \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

In this case the choice of m depends on ϵ as well as on x .

So, we say that $\{f_n\}$ Converges to f point-wise on E

Similarly, if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$ Converges for every $x \in E$ and if we define

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x), \quad x \in E \quad \text{then } f \text{ is called}$$

the sum of the series of function.

If it is possible to choose a single m so that the inequality

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \quad \text{for all } n \geq m$$

is satisfied for all values of x in E

the possibility of such m means m is a function of ϵ and x both considered as a function of x alone possesses an upper bound $m(\epsilon) = m$ this is however not possible.

When this property exists, we say that the sequence $\{f_n(x)\}$ converges to the limit $f(x)$ uniformly on the set E .

* Uniformly Convergence $\Rightarrow$

The sequence $\{f_n(x)\}$ is said to converge uniformly to the limit $f(x)$ on the set E , if given $\epsilon > 0$, we can find a +ve integer m independent of x such that for all values of $n \geq m$ and for all x on E

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

In this case we say that f is the uniform limit of the sequence $\{f_n\}$

In the case of Point-wise Convergence, for $\epsilon > 0$ and for each $x \in E$ there corresponds a +ve integer m where as in the case of uniform convergence, for each $\epsilon > 0$ we can find a +ve integer m (m depends on ϵ) such that the inequality (2) is ^{only} satisfied for all $x \in E$.

Remarks $\rightarrow$ Every uniformly convergent sequence is point-wise convergent but a point-wise convergent sequence is not necessarily uniform convergent.

Uniformly Convergent Series $\rightarrow$

The series $\sum u_n(x)$ converges uniformly on E if the sequence $\{f_n(x)\}$ of partial sum defined by $f_n(x) = u_1(x) + u_2(x) + \dots + u_n(x)$ converges uniformly on E .

Ex $\rightarrow$ Prove that the sequence of functions $\{f_n(x)\}$ of real valued function defined on $[0,1]$ by

$f_n(x) = \frac{nx}{1+n^2x^2}$ for $x \in [0,1]$ is point-wise convergent but not uniformly convergent.

Solution $\rightarrow$ for each fixed $x \in [0,1]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(x) &= \frac{nx}{1+n^2x^2} = \frac{nx}{n^2(\frac{1}{n^2} + x^2)} \\ &= \frac{x/n}{\frac{1}{n^2} + x^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Thus the sequence $f_n(x)$ is point-wise convergent to the function f defined by $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in E$.

Now, if $x=0$ then $f_n(x) = 0$

$\therefore f(x) = 0$ for given $\epsilon > 0$ we have

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \text{ if } \frac{nx}{1+n^2x^2} < \epsilon$$

or if $n^2n^2 - \frac{1}{\epsilon}nx + 1 > 0$

which requires

$$nx > \frac{1}{2\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{1}{\epsilon} - 4}$$

We can find an upper bound for n in any interval not containing zero but the upper bound is infinite if the interval includes 0. Hence the sequence is non-uniformly convergent in any interval which includes zero.

Ex. 8. The sequence of functions $\{f_n(x)\}$ for $x \in [a, b]$, $a \geq 0$ is uniformly convergent, where $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{n+x}$

Solⁿ - Here $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+x} = 0$

for uniform convergence we must have

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \text{ for sufficiently large value of } n \text{ and for all } x \in [a, b]$$

$$\text{i.e. } \left| \frac{1}{n+x} \right| = \frac{1}{n+x} < \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow n+x > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \text{ or } n > \frac{1}{\epsilon} - x$$

We can take integer just greater than $\frac{1}{\epsilon} - a$. Hence the sequence $\{f_n\}$ is uniformly convergent.