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**RIEMANN INTEGRATION AND SERIES OF FUNCTIONS**

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1. Pointwise Convergence

**Pointwise Convergence:**

Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a sequence of real valued functions defined on an interval  $I$ . If for each  $x \in I$  the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$  exists then a function  $f$  defined on  $I$  by

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

is called the limit of  $\{f_n\}$  as  $n$  tends to  $\infty$  and the sequence of functions  $\{f_n\}$  is said to be point-wise convergent to  $f$ .

**Note:** Equivalently we can define point-wise convergence as follows.

Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a sequence of real valued functions defined on an interval  $I$  and  $f$  also be a function defined on  $I$ . If for each  $\epsilon > 0$  and each  $x \in I$  there exists some positive integer  $m$ , depending on choice of  $x$  and  $\epsilon$  such that

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

then the sequence of functions  $\{f_n\}$  is said to be point-wise convergent to  $f$ . Also  $f$  is called point-wise limit of  $\{f_n\}$  as  $n$  tends to  $\infty$  and it is written as,

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

2. Uniform Convergence

**Uniform Convergence:**

Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a sequence of real valued functions defined on an interval  $I$  and  $f$  also be a function defined on  $I$ . If for each  $\epsilon > 0$  and every  $x \in I$  there exists some positive integer  $m$ , **independent** of choice of  $x$  in  $I$ , such that

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

then the sequence of functions  $\{f_n\}$  is said to be uniformly convergent to  $f$ . Also  $f$  is called uniform limit of  $\{f_n\}$  as  $n$  tends to  $\infty$ .

**3. State and prove Cauchy's criteria for uniform convergence of a sequence of functions.**

**Cauchy's criteria for uniform convergence of a sequence of functions:**

A sequence of functions  $\{f_n\}$  defined on  $[a, b]$  converges uniformly in  $[a, b]$  on  $[a, b]$  if and only if every  $\epsilon > 0$  and for all  $x \in [a, b]$ , there exists an integer  $N$  such that,

$$|f_{n+p}(x) - f_n(x)| < \epsilon, \quad \forall n \geq N, p \geq 1$$

**Proof:**

First, suppose  $\{f_n\}$  of functions converges uniformly on  $[a, b]$  to the limit function  $f$ .

Then, for any given  $\epsilon > 0$  and every choice of  $x \in [a, b]$ , there exists some positive integer  $N$ , independent of  $x$ , such that,

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \quad \text{whenever, } n \geq N$$

For every  $p \geq 1$  since  $n + p > N$  we have,

$$|f_{n+p}(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Therefore, for  $n \geq N$  and  $p \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f_{n+p}(x) - f_n(x)| &= |f_{n+p}(x) - f(x) + f(x) - f_n(x)| \\ &\leq |f_{n+p}(x) - f(x)| + |f(x) - f_n(x)| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ \therefore, |f_{n+p}(x) - f_n(x)| &< \epsilon, \quad \text{whenever } n \geq N, p \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, suppose for any given  $\epsilon > 0$  and for all  $x \in [a, b]$ , there exists an integer  $N$  such that,

$$|f_{n+p}(x) - f_n(x)| < \epsilon, \quad \forall n \geq N, p \geq 1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Therefore, By Cauchy's general principle for convergence, for each  $x \in [a, b]$ , sequence of real numbers  $\{f_n(x)\}$  converges to a limit, say  $f(x)$ . Therefore,  $\{f_n(x)\}$  converges point-wise to  $f$ .

If we fix any  $n$  in (1) and let  $p \rightarrow \infty$  then we have  $f_{n+p} \rightarrow f$

Therefore, we have

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon, \quad \text{whenever, } n \geq N \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

Hence,  $\{f_n(x)\}$  converges uniformly to  $f$ .

4. **Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a sequence of functions such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$  and let**

$$M_n = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f_n(x) - f(x)|$$

**Then  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $[a, b]$  if and only if  $M_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .**

**Proof:**

Let  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $[a, b]$ .

Therefore, for a given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that,

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N, \forall x \in [a, b]$$

Since  $M_n = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f_n(x) - f(x)|$ , we have,

$$M_n < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N$$

Therefore

$$M_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Conversely, suppose,  $M_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that,

$$M_n < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N$$

Therefore,

$$\sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N$$

Therefore,

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N, \forall x \in [a, b]$$

Hence,  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $[a, b]$ .

5. **Uniform convergence of series of functions.**

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A series  $\sum f_n$  of functions is said to converge uniformly on an interval  $[a, b]$  if the sequence  $\{S_n\}$  of its partial sums defined by

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x)$$

converges uniformly on  $[a, b]$ .

6. **State and prove Weierstrass' s M-test.**

### Weistrass' s M-test

A series  $\sum f_n$  of functions is uniformly (and absolutely) convergent on  $[a, b]$  if there exists a convergent series  $\sum M_n$  of positive numbers such that for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,

$$|f_n(x)| \leq M_n, \forall n$$

### Proof:

Let  $\sum M_n$  be a convergent series of positive numbers such that,

$$|f_n(x)| \leq M_n, \forall n$$

By Cauchy's criteria convergence of series of numbers,  $\sum M_n$  is convergent iff for a given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists some positive integer  $N$  such that,

$$|M_{n+1} + M_{n+2} + \dots + M_{n+p}| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N, p \geq 1$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} |f_{n+1}(x) + f_{n+1}(x) + \dots + f_{n+p}(x)| &\leq |f_{n+1}(x)| + |f_{n+1}(x)| + \dots + |f_{n+p}(x)| \\ &\leq M_{n+1} + M_{n+2} + \dots + M_{n+p} \\ \therefore |f_{n+1}(x) + f_{n+1}(x) + \dots + f_{n+p}(x)| &< \epsilon, \forall n \geq N, p \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, series  $\sum f_n$  of functions is uniformly (and absolutely) convergent on  $[a, b]$ .

## 7. State and prove Abel's test.

### Abel's test.

If  $b_n(x)$  is a positive monotonic decreasing function of  $n$  for each fixed value of  $x$  in the interval  $[a, b]$  and  $b_n(x)$  is bounded for all values of  $n$  and  $x$  concerned, and if the series  $\sum u_n(x)$  is uniformly convergent on  $[a, b]$ , then so also is the series  $\sum b_n(x)u_n(x)$ .

### Proof:

Since,  $b_n(x)$  is bounded for all values of  $n$  and  $x$ , there exists a positive number  $K$ , independent of  $x$  and  $n$ , such that, for all  $x \in [a, b]$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$0 \leq b_n(x) \leq K$$

Now, if  $\sum u_n(x)$  is a uniformly convergent series then for a given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists some positive integer  $N$  such that,

$$\sum_{r=n+1}^{n+p} u_r(x) < \frac{\epsilon}{K}, \forall n \geq N, p \geq 1$$

Hence, by Abel's lemma, we get

$$\sum_{r=n+1}^{n+p} b_r(x).u_r(x) \leq b_{n+1}(x) \max_{q=1,2,\dots,p} \left| \sum_{r=n+1}^{n+q} u_r(x) \right|$$

$$< K \frac{\epsilon}{K}, \forall n \geq N, p \geq 1, x \in [a, b]$$

$$\therefore, \sum_{r=n+1}^{n+p} u_r(x) < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N, p \geq 1, x \in [a, b]$$

Hence,  $\sum b_n(x).u_n(x)$  is uniformly convergent on  $[a, b]$

## 8. State and prove Dirichlet's test.

### Dirichlet's test

If  $b_n(x)$  is a monotonic function of  $n$  for each fixed value of  $x$  in the interval  $[a, b]$  and  $b_n(x)$  tends uniformly to zero for  $a \leq x \leq b$ , and if there is a number  $K > 0$  independent of  $x$  and  $n$ , such that for all values of  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ ,

$$\left| \sum_{r=1}^n u_r(x) \right| \leq K, \forall n$$

then the series  $\sum b_n(x)u_n(x)$  is uniformly convergent on  $[a, b]$ .

### Proof:

As  $b_n(x)$  converges uniformly to 0, and for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists some positive integer  $N$ , independent of  $x$ , such that,

$$|b_n(x)| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{4K}, \forall n \geq N$$

Let  $S_n = \sum_{r=1}^n u_r(x)$ . Therefore,

$$|S_n| \leq K, \forall n, \forall x \in [a, b]$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=n+1}^{n+p} b_r(x).u_r(x) &= b_{n+1}(x)u_{n+1}(x) + b_{n+2}(x)u_{n+2}(x) + \dots + b_{n+p}(x)u_{n+p}(x) \\ &= b_{n+1}(x)(S_{n+1} - S_n) + b_{n+2}(x)(S_{n+2} - S_{n+1}) + \dots + b_{n+p}(x)(S_{n+p} - S_n) \\ &= -b_{n+1}(x)S_n + (b_{n+1}(x) - b_{n+2}(x))S_{n+1} + (b_{n+2}(x) - b_{n+3}(x))S_{n+2} + \dots \\ &\quad + (b_{n+p-1}(x) - b_{n+p}(x))S_{n+p-1} + b_{n+p}(x)S_{n+p} \\ &= \sum_{r=n+1}^{n+p-1} (b_r(x) - b_{r+1}(x))S_r - b_{n+1}(x)S_n + b_{n+p}(x)S_{n+p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \left| \sum_{r=n+1}^{n+p} b_r(x).u_r(x) \right| \leq K \left( \sum_{r=n+1}^{n+p-1} |b_r(x) - b_{r+1}(x)| + |b_{n+1}(x)| + |b_{n+p}(x)| \right) \quad (\because |S_n| \leq K)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= K (|b_{n+1}(x) - b_{n+p}(x)| + |b_{n+1}(x)| + |b_{n+p}(x)|) \quad (\because b_n(x) \text{ is monotonic.}) \\
&\leq K (|b_{n+1}(x)| + |b_{n+p}(x)| + |b_{n+1}(x)| + |b_{n+p}(x)|) \\
&= K \left( \frac{\epsilon}{4K} + \frac{\epsilon}{4K} + \frac{\epsilon}{4K} + \frac{\epsilon}{4K} \right) \\
&< K \left( \frac{\epsilon}{4K} \right), \quad \forall n \geq N, p \geq 1, x \in [a, b]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \left| \sum_{r=n+1}^{n+p} b_r(x)u_r(x) \right| < \epsilon, \quad \forall n \geq N, p \geq 1, x \in [a, b]$$

Hence, by Cauchy's criteria  $\sum b_n(x).u_n(x)$  is uniformly convergent on  $[a, b]$ .