

2.) Prove that for each $0 < \epsilon < 1$, the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k} (x-1)^k$$

is uniform absolute on $[\epsilon, 2-\epsilon]$.

Pf

By definition, we need to show $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sup_{x \in [\epsilon, 2-\epsilon]} \left| \frac{(-1)^k}{k} (x-1)^k \right| < \infty$.

The left-hand side is equal to

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} (1-\epsilon)^k < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1-\epsilon)^k < \infty \text{ since } |1-\epsilon| < 1.$$

3.) Prove that the convergence of the same series on $(0, 2)$:

a) is absolute

b) is not uniform

a) Pf $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^k}{k} (x-1)^k \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |x-1|^k < \infty$ for $x \in (0, 2)$.

b) By 1.), $\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k} (x-1)^k \right)_n$ converges pointwise to $\log(x)$.

We must show that this convergence is not uniform on $(0, 2)$.

By definition, we need to show

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x \in (0, 2)} \left| \log(x) - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k} (x-1)^k \right| \neq 0.$$

The left-hand side is $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x \in (0, 2)} \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k} (x-1)^k \right| \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \right| = \infty,$

where the inequality comes from looking at $x=0$.

4. Show that the convergence of the same series on $[\epsilon, 2]$, $\epsilon > 0$ is

a) uniform

b) not absolute.

a) Pf: By 3. b) we must show $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x \in [\epsilon, 2]} \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k} (x-1)^k \right| = 0.$

This supremum is achieved at $x = \epsilon$ and is equal to zero since the series converges pointwise at $x = \epsilon$.

b) The convergence is not absolute since at $x = 2$,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^k}{k} (2-1)^k \right| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} = \infty.$$

5. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Show that the convergence of the series on $[\epsilon, 2]$ is

a) uniform

b) absolute

c) not uniformly absolute.

Pf a) follows from 4 a)

b) follows from 3 a)

For c): $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sup_{x \in [\epsilon, 2]} \left| \frac{(-1)^k}{k} (x-1)^k \right| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} = \infty.$