

1. Recall that

$$\|f\|_u = \sup\{|f(x)| \mid x \in S\}$$

(a) By triangle inequality we have

$$|f(x) + g(x)| \leq |f(x)| + |g(x)|$$

Taking supremum both sides and using

$$\sup_{x \in S} (|f(x)| + |g(x)|) \leq \sup_{x \in S} |f(x)| + \sup_{x \in S} |g(x)|$$

gives the inequality.

(b) Clearly

$$|f(x)g(x)| = |f(x)| |g(x)|$$

Taking supremum both sides and using

$$\sup_{x \in S} |f(x)| |g(x)| \leq \left(\sup_{x \in S} |f(x)| \right) \left(\sup_{x \in S} |g(x)| \right)$$

(since $|f|$ and $|g|$ are nonnegative) gives the inequality.

2. (a) Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and $x \in S$. Since $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise there is $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n > N_1$ implies $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon/2$. Similarly there is $N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n > N_2$ implies $|g_n(x) - g(x)| < \varepsilon/2$. Let $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ and $n > N$ implies

$$|f_n(x) + g_n(x) - f(x) - g(x)| \leq |f_n(x) - f(x)| + |g_n(x) - g(x)| < \varepsilon$$

so $f_n + g_n = h_n \rightarrow f + g$ pointwise.

(b) The exact same argument as above works. Instead one does not choose a specific $x \in S$ at the first place to account for uniform convergence.

3. Suppose for a contradiction that there is $x, y \in (a, b)$ with $x < y$ such that $f(y) < f(x)$. Let $\varepsilon = f(x) - f(y) > 0$. Since $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise, there is N_1 such that $n > N_1$ implies

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon/3 \implies f_n(x) > f(x) - \varepsilon/3$$

Similarly there is N_2 such that $n > N_2$ implies

$$|f_n(y) - f(y)| < \varepsilon/3 \implies f_n(y) < f(y) + \varepsilon/3$$

Let $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ and $n > N$ implies that

$$f_n(y) - f_n(x) < f(y) + \varepsilon/3 - f(x) + \varepsilon/3 = -\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon/3 = -\varepsilon/3 < 0$$

a contradiction since f_n is non-decreasing.

4. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since f is uniformly continuous, there is $\delta > 0$ such that $|x - y| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$. Choose N such that $\frac{1}{N} < \delta$, then $n > N$ implies

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| = |f(x + 1/n) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$$

so $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly.

5. (a) Since h is continuous on $[a, b]$, h is uniformly continuous on $[a, b]$ (bounded interval implies uniform continuity), therefore f is also uniformly continuous (since it is constant outside of $[a, b]$). f is clearly bounded.

(b) By the fundamental theorem of calculus we have

$$f'_n(x) = \frac{n}{2}(f(x + 1/n) - f(x - 1/n))$$

which is uniformly continuous (since composition of uniformly continuous functions is still uniformly continuous). Moreover,

$$|f_n(x)| \leq \frac{n}{2}(x + 1/n - (x - 1/n)) \sup_{x \in (x-1/n, x+1/n)} |f(x)| \leq \|f\|_u$$

So $\|f_n\|_u \leq \|f\|_u$.

(c) Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since f is uniformly continuous, there is $\delta > 0$ such that $|x - y| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$. Choose N such that $1/N < \delta$. For $n > N$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(x) - f(x)| &= \frac{n}{2} \left| \int_{x-1/n}^{x+1/n} f(t) dt - \int_{x-1/n}^{x+1/n} f(x) dt \right| \leq \frac{n}{2} \int_{x-1/n}^{x+1/n} |f(x) - f(t)| dt \\ &\leq \frac{n}{2} \int_{x-1/n}^{x+1/n} \varepsilon dt = \frac{n}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{n} \varepsilon = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

(since $|t - x| < 1/n < \delta$ for $t \in (x - 1/n, x + 1/n)$) so $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly on \mathbb{R} . In particular, $f_n \rightarrow h$ uniformly on $[a, b]$.

6. (a) The function clearly has no issues for $x \neq 0$. We need to check that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} P(1/x)\phi(x) = 0$ for any polynomial P . By linearity of the limit it suffices to show for $P(x) = x^n$ for $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. We use induction. This is clearly true for $n = 0$. Suppose the claim is true for all $n = k$, then for $n = k + 1$ by L'Hopital's rule we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{-(k+1)} e^{-1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^{-(k+1)}}{e^{1/x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-(k+1)x^{-(k+2)}}{-x^{-2}e^{1/x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(k+1)x^{-k}}{e^{1/x}} = 0$$

Hence by induction we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{-n} e^{-1/x} = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus $f(x)$ is continuous.

(b) We use induction again. For $k = 0$ the statement is clearly true. Suppose $\phi^{(k)}(x) = P_k(1/x)\phi(x)$ for some polynomial P_k . For $x > 0$ using the chain rule we have

$$\phi^{(k+1)}(x) = P'_k(1/x) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right)\phi(x) + \left(\frac{1}{x^2}P_k(1/x)\right)\phi'(x) = \left((-x^2P'_k)(1/x) + (x^2P_k)(1/x)\right)\phi(x)$$

which is again of the form $P_{k+1}(1/x)\phi(x)$, where

$$P_{k+1}(x) = -x^2P'_k + x^2P_k$$

is again a polynomial. For $x < 0$ clearly $\phi^{(k+1)}(x) = P_{k+1}(1/x)\phi(x)$ still holds since $\phi(x)$ is identically 0. Finally we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \phi^{(k+1)}(x) = 0$$

by part (a). So $\phi^{(k+1)}(x)$ is a continuous function of the form $\phi^{(k+1)}(x) = P_{k+1}(x)\phi(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Consequently it is a smooth function on \mathbb{R} by part (a).

7. (a) Consider $\psi(x) = \phi((x - a)(b - x))$ for $x \in (a, b)$. Clearly when $x \leq a$ or $x \geq b$ we have $\psi(x) = 0$, and when $x \in (a, b)$ we have $\psi(x) > 0$ since $(x - a)(b - x) > 0$. Moreover ψ is smooth since ϕ is.
- (b) Let

$$C = \int_a^b \psi(x) dx$$

(which can be computed explicitly). Now define

$$\eta(x) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^x \psi(t) dt$$

Clearly η is again a smooth function. Moreover when $x < a$, $\eta(x) = 0$ since $\psi(x) = 0$, and when $x > b$ we have

$$\eta(x) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^b \psi(t) dt = \frac{1}{C} \int_a^b \psi(t) dt = 1$$

Finally when $x \in (a, b)$ we must have $0 \leq \eta(x) \leq 1$ since $\eta(x)$ is clearly increasing.

- (c) Let $\psi_1(x)$ be the function as constructed in part (b) such that $\psi_1(x) = 0$ for $x \leq a$ and $x = 1$ for $x \geq c$. Let $\psi_2(x)$ be the function as constructed in part (b) such that $\psi_2(x) = 0$ for $x \leq d$ and $\psi_2(x) = 1$ for $x \geq b$. Consider $\zeta(x) = \psi_1(x) - \psi_2(x)$ which is clearly smooth. For $x \leq a$ we have $\psi_1(x) = \psi_2(x) = 0$. For $a \leq x \leq c$ we have $\zeta(x) = \psi_1(x)$ which is between 0 and 1. For $c \leq x \leq d$ we again have $\zeta(x) = \psi_1(x)$ which is identically 1. For $d \leq x \leq b$ we have $\zeta(x) = 1 - \psi_2(x)$ which is again between 0 and 1. Finally for $x \geq b$ we have $\zeta(x) = 1 - 1 = 0$ again. So this is precisely what we want.