

Section 5.4 Q2: Consider any series of functions on any finite interval. Show that if it converges uniformly then it also converges in the  $L^2$  sense and in the pointwise sense.

On some interval  $[a, b]$ , let  $\{X_n(x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $f(x)$  be functions such that the partial sums  $S_N(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N A_n X_n(x)$  converge to  $f(x)$  uniformly for some constants  $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ . That is: we know that

$$\max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x) - S_N(x)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow +\infty.$$

(i) Let's start with the simple case: pointwise convergence. For any  $y \in (a, b)$ ,

$$|f(y) - S_N(y)| \leq \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x) - S_N(x)| \rightarrow 0.$$

This proves pointwise convergence.

(ii) To show  $L^2$ -convergence we need to show that

$$\int_a^b |f(x) - S_N(x)|^2 dx \text{ tends to } 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow +\infty.$$

$$\int_a^b |f(x) - S_N(x)|^2 dx \leq \int_a^b \underbrace{\max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x) - S_N(x)|^2}_{\text{This is not a function of } x \text{ anymore since we took the 'max'}}$$

$$= \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x) - S_N(x)|^2 \int_a^b dx = \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x) - S_N(x)|^2 (b-a)$$

$b-a$  is some constant, and since  $\max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x) - S_N(x)| \rightarrow 0$  in

particular eventually  $\max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x) - S_N(x)| \leq 1$  so that

$\max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x) - S_N(x)| \leq \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x) - S_N(x)|$ . Therefore

$$\max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x) - S_N(x)|^2 (b-a) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow +\infty.$$

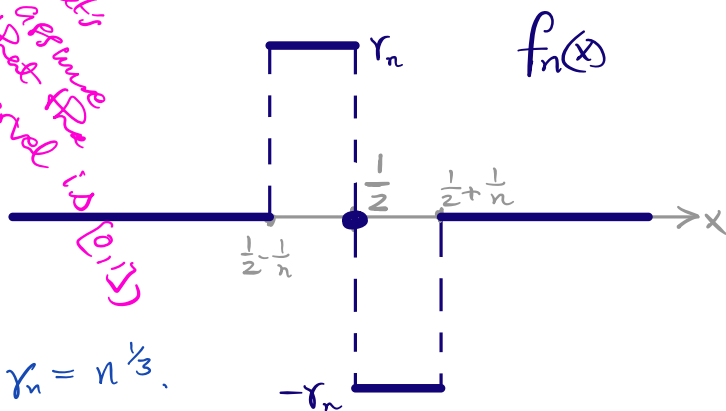
This implies that  $\int_a^b |f(x) - S_N(x)|^2 dx$  tends to 0 as  $N \rightarrow +\infty$ ,

i.e.  $L^2$ -convergence holds.

Section 5.4 Q3: Let  $\gamma_n$  be a sequence of constants tending to  $+\infty$ . Let  $f_n(x)$  be the sequence of functions defined as

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} \gamma_n & x \in [\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{2}] \\ 0 & x = \frac{1}{2} \\ -\gamma_n & x \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n}] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

*(Let's assume the interval is [0,1])*



Show that: (a)  $f_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  pointwise.

(b) The convergence is not uniform.

(c)  $f_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  in the  $L^2$  sense if  $\gamma_n = n^{1/3}$ .

(d)  $f_n(x)$  does not converge in the  $L^2$  sense if  $\gamma_n = n$ .

(a) There are two cases:  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  or  $x \neq \frac{1}{2}$ . If  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $f_n(\frac{1}{2}) = 0 \forall n$ . If  $x \neq \frac{1}{2}$ , then for  $n > \frac{1}{|\frac{1}{2} - x|}$  we have that  $|\frac{1}{2} - x| > \frac{1}{n}$  so that  $f_n(x) = 0$ . Hence, for any  $x$ ,  $f_n(x) \neq 0$  for only finitely many  $n$ 's, so that  $f_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  for every  $x$ .

(b) For any  $n$ ,  $f_n(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2n}) = -\gamma_n$  and  $f_n(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2n}) = \gamma_n$  so that

$$\max_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f_n(x) - 0| \leq |f_n(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2n}) - 0| = \gamma_n \rightarrow +\infty$$

which means there's no uniform convergence.

(c) Suppose that  $\gamma_n = n^{1/3}$ . Then:

$$\int_0^1 |0 - f_n(x)|^2 dx = \int_{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}}^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n}} \gamma_n^2 dx = n^{2/3} \cdot \frac{2}{n} = \frac{2}{n^{1/3}} \xrightarrow{\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

so that  $f_n$  converges in the  $L^2$  sense.

(d) If  $\gamma_n = n$ :  $\int_0^1 |0 - f_n(x)|^2 dx = \int_{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}}^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n}} \gamma_n^2 dx = n^2 \cdot \frac{2}{n} = 2n \xrightarrow{\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty} +\infty$

so that  $f_n$  does not converge to 0 in the  $L^2$  sense.

Section 5.4 Q12: Start with the Fourier series of  $f(x) = x$  on  $(0, l)$ . Apply Parseval's equality. Find the sum  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ .

In Section 5.1 we worked out both the Fourier sine series and the Fourier cosine series for  $f(x) = x$  on  $(0, l)$ . Since  $f(x) = x$  is an odd function, it makes more sense to take the Fourier sine series (as sines are also odd).

So we have:  $x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{2l}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{l}x\right)$   $\otimes$

Parseval's equality is:

$$\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |A_n|^2 \int_a^b |X_n(x)|^2 dx$$

Applying this to  $\otimes$  leads to:

$$\int_0^l x^2 dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4l^2}{n^2\pi^2} \underbrace{\int_0^l \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{l}x\right) dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{x^3}{3} \right|_{x=0}^l = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4l^2}{n^2\pi^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}l \quad \leftarrow \text{we saw this in section 5.1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}l^3 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2l^3}{n^2\pi^2} \quad \rightarrow \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

Section 6.1 Q2: Find the solutions that depend only on  $r$  of the eq.  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz} = k^2 u$ , where  $k > 0$ .

Since  $u$  is only a function of  $r$ ,  $\Delta u$  in spherical coordinates becomes:  $\Delta u = u_{rr} + \frac{2}{r} u_r$   $\otimes$

Following the hint, let  $v = ru$ . Then:

$$v_{rr} = (ru)_{rr} = (ru_r + u)_r = ru_{rr} + 2u_r$$

Dividing this by  $r$  gives the RHS of  $\otimes$ , so we have:

$$\frac{v_{rr}}{r} = u_{rr} + \frac{2}{r} u_r = \Delta u = k^2 u$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{rr} = k^2 ru = k^2 v.$$

The solutions of  $v_{rr} = k^2 v$  are

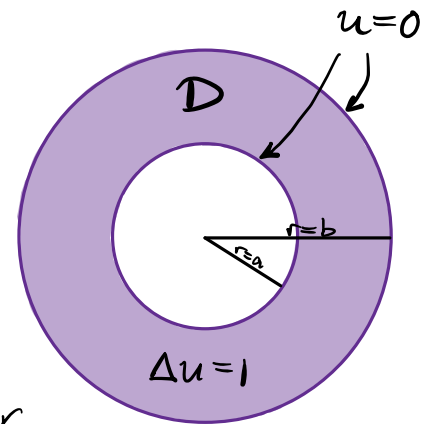
$$v(r) = A \cosh(kr) + B \sinh(kr)$$

$$\Rightarrow u(r) = \frac{A}{r} \cosh(kr) + \frac{B}{r} \sinh(kr)$$

Section 6.1 Q6: Solve  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 1$  in the annulus  $a < r < b$  with  $u$  vanishing on both ends.

We need to solve:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r = 1 & a < r < b \\ u(a) = u(b) = 0 \end{cases}$$



We have seen that  $u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r = \frac{1}{r} (ru_r)_r$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r} (ru_r)_r = 1 \rightarrow (ru_r)_r = r$$

$$\Rightarrow ru_r = \frac{1}{2} r^2 + C_1 \rightarrow u_r = \frac{1}{2} r + \frac{C_1}{r}$$

$$\rightarrow u(r) = \frac{1}{4} r^2 + C_1 \ln r + C_2$$

Now we apply the BCS:  $0 = u(a) = \frac{a^2}{4} + C_1 \ln a + C_2$   
 $0 = u(b) = \frac{b^2}{4} + C_1 \ln b + C_2$

Subtracting these we have:  $C_1 = \frac{b^2 - a^2}{4(\ln a - \ln b)}$

which allows us to find:  $C_2 = \frac{a^2 \ln b - b^2 \ln a}{4(\ln a - \ln b)}$

$$\rightarrow u(r) = \frac{1}{4} r^2 + \frac{b^2 - a^2}{4(\ln a - \ln b)} \ln r + \frac{a^2 \ln b - b^2 \ln a}{4(\ln a - \ln b)}$$

Section 6.1 Q9: A spherical shell with inner radius 1 and outer radius 2 has a steady-state temperature distribution. Its inner boundary is held at  $100^\circ\text{C}$ . The outer boundary satisfies  $u_r = -\gamma < 0$ , where  $\gamma = \text{const}$ .

(a) Find the temp.

(b) What are the hottest and coldest temperatures?

(c) Can you choose  $\gamma$  so that the temp. on the outer boundary is  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ?

As a steady-state of the heat/diffusion eq., we have the simple eq.  $\Delta u = 0$ . Written in 3D spherical coordinates for a function that only depends on  $r$ , this becomes:

$$\text{with BCs: } \begin{cases} \Delta u = u_{rr} + \frac{2}{r} u_r = 0 & 1 < r < 2 \\ u(1) = 100 \\ u_r(2) = -\gamma \end{cases}$$

We know that the solution of the eq. is  $u(r) = -\frac{c_1}{r} + c_2$ .

Plug in the BC at  $r=1$ :  $100 = -\frac{c_1}{1} + c_2 = c_2 - c_1$

BC at  $r=2$ :  $-\gamma = u_r(2) = \frac{c_1}{2^2} = \frac{1}{4}c_1 \Rightarrow c_1 = -4\gamma$

and  $c_2 = 100 + c_1 = 100 - 4\gamma$ .

(a)  $u(r) = \frac{4\gamma}{r} + 100 - 4\gamma$ .

(b) In (a) we found a function that is decreasing in  $r$ , so that the hottest temp is  $u(1) = 100$ .  
The coldest:  $u(2) = 100 - 2r$ .

(c) Choose  $r = 40$ .