

Proposition 1 (*Uniform convergence preserves limits*)

Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}$ and let a be an accumulation point of D , (f_n) a sequence of functions on D , $f_n \rightarrow f^*$ uniformly. Suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f_n(x) = L_n$. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n = L \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f^*(x) = L.$$

If the limits exist, then

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

Proof: “ \Rightarrow ” Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Then

$$\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \geq n_0 : |L_n - L| < \varepsilon/3 \wedge \|f_n - f^*\|_\infty < \varepsilon/3.$$

Fix such an n_0 . Then

$$\exists \delta > 0 : \forall x \in D : 0 < |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow |f_{n_0}(x) - L_{n_0}| < \varepsilon/3.$$

Fix such a δ and let $x \in D$ with $0 < |x - a| < \delta$. Then

$$|f^*(x) - L| \stackrel{\Delta}{\leq} \underbrace{|f^*(x) - f_{n_0}(x)|}_{\leq \|f_n - f^*\|_\infty < \varepsilon/3} + \underbrace{|f_{n_0}(x) - L_{n_0}|}_{< \varepsilon/3} + \underbrace{|L_{n_0} - L|}_{< \varepsilon/3} < \varepsilon.$$

“ \Leftarrow ” Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Then

$$\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \geq n_0 : \|f_n - f^*\|_\infty < \varepsilon/3.$$

Fix such an n_0 and let $n \geq n_0$. Because of $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f_n(x) = L_n$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f^*(x) = L$ we have

$$\exists \delta = \delta(n) > 0 : \forall x \in D : 0 < |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow (|f_n(x) - L_n| < \varepsilon/3 \wedge |f^*(x) - L| < \varepsilon/3).$$

Now choose an $x \in D$ such that $0 < |x - a| < \delta$. Then

$$|L_n - L| \stackrel{\Delta}{\leq} \underbrace{|L_n - f_n(x)|}_{< \varepsilon/3} + \underbrace{|f_n(x) - f^*(x)|}_{\leq \|f_n - f^*\|_\infty < \varepsilon/3} + \underbrace{|f^*(x) - L|}_{< \varepsilon/3} < \varepsilon.$$

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