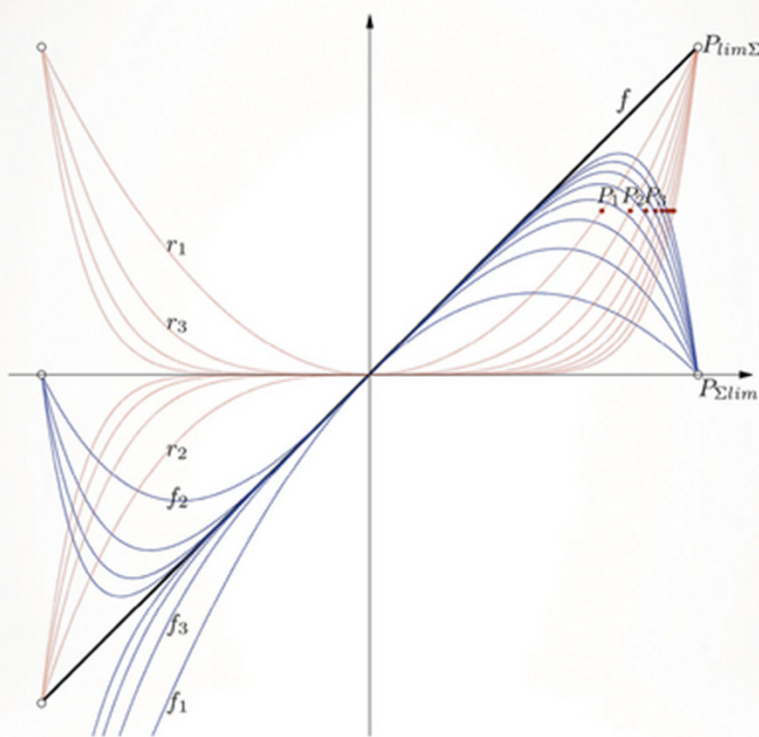


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Preface

Looking for counterexamples is one of important things a mathematician does. Once a conjecture is proposed, if no proof can be found, the next step is to look for a counterexample. If no counterexample can be found, the next step is to try to find a proof again, and so on. On a more routine level, counterexamples play an important role for students as they learn new mathematical concepts. To best understand a theorem, it can be useful to see why each of the hypotheses of the theorem is necessary by finding counterexample when the hypotheses fails.

In this book, we present counterexamples related to different concepts and results on the uniform convergence usually studied in advanced calculus and real analysis courses. It includes the convergence of sequences, series and families of functions, and also proper and improper integrals depending on a parameter. The corresponding false statements are not formulated explicitly, but instead are invoked implicitly by the form of counterexamples.

The text is divided into six parts: the introductory chapter and five chapters of counterexamples. The first part contains some introductory material such as comments on notations, presentation form, and background theory. Chapter 1 considers conditions of uniform convergence. Chapter 2 deals with such properties of the limit functions as boundedness, existence of the limit and continuity. Chapter 3 analyzes the conditions of differentiability and integrability of the limit functions. Chapters 4 and 5 consider the properties of integrals (proper and improper) depending on a parameter.

The goal of the book is threefold. First, it provides a brief survey and discussion of principal results of the theory of uniform convergence in real analysis. Second, it supplies a material for a deeper study of the concepts and theorems on uniform convergence using counterexamples as a main technique. Finally, the text shows to the reader how such important mathematical tool as counterexamples can be used in different situations. We restricted our exposition to the main definitions and theorems in order to explore different versions (wrong and correct) of the fundamental concepts. Hence, many interesting (but more

specific and applied) problems not related directly to the main notions and results are left out of the scope of this manuscript.

The selection and exposition of the material are directed, in the first place, to those advanced calculus and analysis students who are interested in a deeper understanding and broader knowledge of the topics of uniform convergence. We think the presented material may also be used by instructors that wish to go through the examples (or their variations) in class or assign them as homework or extracurricular projects. To this end, the main text is accompanied by the Instructor's Solutions Manual containing the detailed solutions to all the exercises proposed at the end of each chapter.

It is assumed that a reader has knowledge of a traditional university course of calculus. In order to make the majority of the examples and solutions accessible to calculus and analysis students, we tried to keep the level of reasoning as simple as possible. As in the majority of the mathematics books, the logical sequence of the material just follows the chapter sequence, that is, the content of the next chapter may depend on the previous text, but not vice-versa.

The book is not appropriate as the main textbook for a course, but rather, it can be used as a supplement that can help students to master important concepts and theorems. So we think the best way to use the book is to read its parts while taking a respective calculus/analysis course. On the other hand, the students already familiarized with the subjects of university calculus can find here deeper interpretation of the results and finer relation between concepts than in standard presentations. Also, more experienced students will better understand provided examples and ideas behind their construction.

To facilitate the reading of the main text (containing counterexamples) and make the text self-contained, and also to fix terminology, notation, and concepts, we gather the relevant definitions and results in the introductory chapter. For many examples, we make explicit references to the concepts/theorems to which they are related.

A short (but representative) list of bibliography can be found at the end of the book, including both collections of problems and textbooks in calculus/analysis. On the one hand, these references are the sources of some examples collected here, although it was out of our scope to trace all the original sources. On the other hand, they may be used for finding further information (examples and theory) on various topics. Some of these references are classic collections of the problems, such as that by Demidovich [6] and by Gelbaum and Olmsted [8]. Our preparation of the text was inspired, in the first place, by the latter book. We tried to extend its approach to the specialized topics of the uniform convergence, which frequently are sources of misunderstanding and confusion for fresh mathematics students. We hope that both students and professionals will find our book useful and (at least partly) challenging.

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