

1. Define uniform convergence of a sequence of function  $(f_n)$  defined on  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $\phi: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  then define the uniform norm of  $\phi$  on  $A$ . Discuss the uniform and pointwise convergence of the sequence  $(f_n)$ , where

$$f_n(x) = \frac{x}{n} \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Soln -

A sequence of functions  $(f_n)$  defined on  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is said to be converge uniformly on  $A_0 \subseteq A$  to a function  $f: A_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , if for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist a natural number  $m$ , such that whenever  $n > m$ .

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \text{ for uniform convergence}$$

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \quad \forall x \in A_0$$

Uniform Norm -

It is denoted by  $\|f_n\|$  for  $A_0$ .

Let  $\phi$  be a bounded function defined on a non-empty subset  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . then the uniform norm of  $\phi$  on  $A$  is defined as.

$$\|\phi\|_A = \sup \{ \phi(x) \mid x \in A \}.$$

$$f_n(x) = \frac{x}{n} \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$\lim \left( \frac{x}{n} \right) = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\therefore (f_n)$  converges to  $f$ .

pointwise where  $f(x) = 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

By  $M_n$ -Test.  $\|f_n - f\| : x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$= \sup \{ |f_n(x) - f| \}$$

$$= \sup \left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$= \lim \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n}$$

= 0. Converges to zero.

$(f_n)$  Converges uniformly to  $f$ .

Que-b.  $\Rightarrow$  let  $(f_n)$  be the sequence of functions defined by  $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^n} \forall x \in [0, 1], n \in \mathbb{N}$

find the point wise limit of the sequence

$f_n$ . Does  $(f_n)$  Converges uniformly?

Justify your answer.

Ans-

$$f_n(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^n}$$

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & x = 1 \\ 0, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\|f_n - f\| = \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |f_n(x) - f(x)|, \quad x \in [0,1]$$

$$\sup \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{1+x^n} - 0 \right|, n \in [0,1] \right\} \cup \sup \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{1+x^n} - 1 \right|, x=1 \right\}$$

$$\sup \left[ \left\{ \frac{1}{1+x^n} : n \in [0,1] \right\} \cup \left\{ 1/2 \right\} \right]$$

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$$\sup \{ 1, 1/2 \}$$

$$= 1$$

By  $M_n$ -Test the Sequence is not Convergent.

c. Show that if  $(f_n)$  and  $(g_n)$  are two sequences of bounded functions on  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  that converge uniformly to  $f$  and  $g$  respectively then prove that the product sequence  $(f_n g_n)$  converge uniformly on  $A$  to  $fg$ . Give an example to show that in general the product of two uniformly convergent sequences may not be uniformly convergent.

Soln - since  $(f_n)$  and  $(g_n)$  are uniformly convergent sequences of bounded functions, they are uniformly bounded by "lemma". Every uniformly convergent sequence of bounded functions is uniformly bounded.

Therefore, there exist  $M, N > 0$  such that

$$|f_n(x)| \leq M \text{ and } |g_n(x)| \leq N$$

$$\forall x \in A.$$

Again lemma  $f$  and  $g$  are bounded functions

Hence there exist  $P_1, P_2 > 0$  such that

$$|f(x)| \leq P_1 \text{ and } |g(x)| \leq P_2 \forall x \in A.$$

We write  $k = \max\{k_1, k_2\}$

Now,

$$|(f_n g_n)(x) - (fg)(x)|$$

$$= |f_n(x)g_n(x) - f(x)g(x)|$$

$$= |f_n(x)g_n(x) - g_n(x)f(x) + g_n(x)f(x) - f(x)g(x)|$$

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

$$= |g_n(x)| |f_n(x) - f(x)| + |f(x)| |g_n(x) - g(x)|$$

$$\leq k \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2k} + k \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2k} = \epsilon$$

for all  $n \geq k$  and for all  $x \in A$ .

Hence  $(f_n g_n)$  converges uniformly to  $fg$  on  $A$ .

2.4.2. (a). Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of integrable functions on  $[a, b]$  and suppose that  $(f_n)$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ . Show that  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $\int_a^b f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $\Rightarrow \left( \int_a^b f_n dx \right)$  is convergent. Since  $(f_n)$  is uniformly

steps - convergent it satisfies Cauchy criterion. Hence for  $\epsilon > 0, \exists p \in \mathbb{N}$

Such that

$$|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{b-a} \quad \forall n, m > p$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\epsilon}{b-a} < f_n(x) - f_m(x) < \frac{\epsilon}{b-a}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\epsilon}{b-a} \int_a^b 1 dx < \int_a^b (f_n(x) - f_m(x)) dx < \frac{\epsilon}{b-a} \int_a^b 1 dx$$

$$-\epsilon < \int_a^b f_n dx - \int_a^b f_m dx < \epsilon$$

$$\left| \int_a^b f_n dx - \int_a^b f_m dx \right| < \epsilon \quad \forall n, m > p$$

The sequence  $\left( \int_a^b f_n dx \right)$  is Cauchy sequence

Hence it is convergent, we write,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_a^b f_n dx \right) = A.$$

Step II -  $f \in R [a, b]$ ,  $\int_a^b f dx = A$

As,  $(f_n)$  converges uniformly to  $f$  for  $\epsilon > 0$

$\exists k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq k_1, \forall x \in [a, b] \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

As  $\left( \int_a^b f_n dx \right)$  converges to  $A$ , given  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$\exists k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\left| \int_a^b f_n dx - A \right| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq k_2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Let  $k = \max \{k_1, k_2\}$ , then  $f_k$  satisfies both (i) and (ii). Also, as  $f_k$  is integrable, given  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that

$$\left| \int f_k dx - \int (f_k, P) \right| < \epsilon$$

$\forall$  partitions  $P$  with  $\|P\| < \delta$ . --- (iii)

Let  $P = \{x = a, x_1, \dots, x_n = b\}$  be a partition with  $\|P\| < \delta$ , then  $f(x_i) \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$

We have  $\left| \int (f, P) - \int (f_k, P) \right|$

$$= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \left( f(x_i) (x_i - x_{i-1}) - f_k(x_i) (x_i - x_{i-1}) \right) \right|$$

$$< \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x_{i-1}) \quad \text{by --- (i)}$$

$$\therefore |S(f, P) - S(f_R, P)| < \epsilon (b-a) \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\therefore |S(f, P) - A| = |S(f, P) - S(f_R, P) + S(f_R, P) - \int_a^b f_R dx + \int_a^b f_R dx - A|$$

$$\leq |S(f, P) - S(f_R, P)| + |S(f_R, P) - \int_a^b f_R dx| + \left| \int_a^b f_R dx - A \right|$$

$$< \epsilon (b-a) + \epsilon + \epsilon \quad \text{using (i), (ii), (iii) \& (iv)}$$

$$= \epsilon (2+b-a)$$

As  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we have

$$\lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} S(f, P) = A$$

$$\|P\| \rightarrow 0$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is integrable, and  $\int_a^b f dx = A$ .

Ques. b. Let  $f_n(x) = \frac{x^n}{n}$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Show that the sequence  $(f_n)$  of differentiable functions converges uniformly to a differentiable function  $f$  on  $[0, 1]$  and that the sequence  $(f_n')$  converges on  $[0, 1]$  to a function  $g$  but the convergence is not uniform.

Soln -  $f_n(x) = \frac{x^n}{n}$  defined on  $[0,1]$  Here,  
the sequence is convergent pointwise on  
 $[0,1]$  to the function  $f$  defined by

$$f(x) = \lim \left( \frac{x^n}{n} \right) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(x) - f(x)| &= \left| \frac{x^n}{n} - 0 \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{x^n}{n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n} \\ &< \varepsilon \text{ if } n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Choose a natural number  $k$  such that

$k > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ . Then, for given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we

have number  $k$ , such that whenever  $n \geq k$

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon \quad \forall x \in [0,1]$$

Hence the convergence is uniform.

Now, consider the derivative  $g_n(x) = f'_n(x)$   
 $= \frac{nx^{n-1}}{n} = x^{n-1}$  on  $[0,1]$

Here the sequence  $(g_n)$  is convergent  
pointwise to the function  $g$  defined  
by  $g(x) = \lim g_n(x)$

$$= \lim (x^{n-1}) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

limit function is not continuous but all the  $f_n$ 's are continuous on  $[0, 2]$ .  
 therefore, the convergence of  $(f_n)$  is not uniform on  $[0, 2]$ .

C. Show that the sequence  $\left(\frac{x^n}{1+x^n}\right)$  does not converge uniformly on  $[0, 2]$ .

Soln

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f_n(x)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x^n}{1+x^n} \right)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0, & x \in [0, 1) \\ \frac{1}{2}, & x = 1 \\ 1, & 1 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore (f_n)$  converges to  $f$ , where  $f(x) = 0 \forall x \in (0, 1)$ .

by Mn-Test  $\|f_n - f\|$

$$= \sup_{x \in [0, 2]} \|f_n - f\|$$

$$= \sup_{x \in [0, 2]} \left\{ \left| \frac{x^n}{1+x^n} - f(x) \right| \right\}$$

Now,  $\int_0^2 f_n(x) dx = \int_0^2 \frac{x^n}{1+x^n} dx$

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10/11 - The given sequence of functions  $\left(\frac{x^n}{1+x^n}\right)$  is convergent pointwise to the limit function  $f$  defined by

$$f(x) \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } 1 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

Here, the limit function  $f$  is discontinuous at  $x=1$  but each  $f_n$  is continuous on  $[0, 2]$ .  
Therefore the convergence is not uniform.

Ques-3. State and prove Weierstrass M-Test for uniform convergence of series function.

Statement -  
Let  $\sum f_n$  be a series defined on  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $(M_n)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers such that  
that  $|f_n(x)| \leq M_n \forall x \in A, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

If  $\sum M_n$  converges, then  $\sum f_n$  converges uniformly.

proof - Let  $\sum M_n$  be convergent, then it satisfies Cauchy criterion of convergence of series for  $\epsilon > 0, \exists K \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$|M_{m+1} + M_{m+2} + M_{m+3} + \dots + M_n| < \epsilon \\ \forall n < m < K$$

$$M_{m+1} + M_{m+2} + M_{m+3} + \dots + M_n < \epsilon \quad \forall n < m$$

now,

$$\begin{aligned} & |f_{m+1}(x) + f_{m+2}(x) + \dots + f_n(x)| \\ & \leq |f_{m+1}(x)| + |f_{m+2}(x)| + \dots + |f_n(x)| \\ & < M_{m+1} + M_{m+2} + \dots + M_n < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$\forall n < m \geq k$   
 $\therefore \sum f_n$  satisfies Cauchy criterion  
 $\sum f_n$  is convergent. proved

(b). Show that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{x}{n^2}\right)$  is uniformly convergent on  $[-a, a]$ ,  $a > 0$  but is not uniformly convergent on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Soln

Hence  $f_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{x}{n^2}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(x)| & = \left| \sin \frac{x}{n^2} \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{x}{n^2} \right| \quad \because \sin x \leq |x| \end{aligned}$$

We choose,  $a > 0$ .

Case I -  $|x| \leq a$ , then we have

$$|f_n(x)| \leq \frac{a}{n^2}$$

The Series  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  is Convergent by  
p-test ( $p = 2 > 1$ )

Hence  $\sum f_n(x) = \sum \sin\left(\frac{x}{n^2}\right)$  is uniformly  
convergent, by M-Test.

Case II -  $|x| > a$ , we take

$$x_k = k^2, n_k = k$$

$$\text{then } |f_{n_k}(x_k)| = |f_k(k^2)|$$

$$= \left| \sin\left(\frac{k^2}{k^2}\right) \right|$$

$$= |\sin 1| \geq \epsilon_0.$$

$$\text{where } \epsilon_0 = |\sin 1|$$

$\therefore \sum f_n$  is not uniformly convergent.

C. Discuss the pointwise convergence of the series

of functions  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{2+3x^n}$  for  $x \geq 0$ .

Soln.

$$f_n(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{2+3x^n}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5}, & x > 1 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore$  the series is pointwise convergent.

Ques - 9. (a). Let  $f_n$  be continuous function on  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $D$ . Prove that  $f$  is continuous on  $D$ .

proof  $\Rightarrow$  We defined  $(S_n)$ , the sequence of partial sums of  $\sum f_n$  by

$$S_n = f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n$$

Thus  $S_n$  is continuous on  $A$  as sum of continuous function is continuous

now,  $\sum f_n$  converges uniformly to  $f$

$\Rightarrow (S_n)$  converges uniformly to  $f$ .

$\Rightarrow f$  is continuous

Since  $(S_n) \Rightarrow f$  each  $f_n$  is cts  $f$  is cts.

(b). Show that the series of functions  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(x^2+1)}{n^3}$  converges uniformly on  $\mathbb{R}$  to a continuous function.

Soln

$$\text{Here } f_n(x) = \frac{\cos(x^2+1)}{n^3}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n^3}$$

for  $n > 1$   $\sum \frac{1}{n^3}$  is convergent (by p-test)

$\therefore \sum f_n$  is uniformly convergent.

Given the Lebesgue integrable functions

$f_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that

$$f_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Show that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_n(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x) dx$

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Ques. 5. Define the radius of convergence and interval of convergence of power series. Check the uniform convergence of the following power series  $[-1, 1]$

Soln - Defn  $\Rightarrow x + \frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{x^3}{3^2} + \frac{x^4}{4^2} + \dots$

Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  be a power series. If the sequence  $(|a_n|^{1/n})$  is bounded, we set

$$\rho = \limsup (|a_n|^{1/n}).$$

If the sequence  $(|a_n|^{1/n})$  is not a bounded sequence, then we set  $\rho = \infty$ .

The radius of convergence of  $\sum a_n x^n$ , to be denoted by  $R$ , is defined by

$$R = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \rho = \infty \\ 1/\rho, & \text{if } 0 < \rho < \infty \\ \infty, & \text{if } \rho = 0 \end{cases}$$

The interval  $(-R, R)$  is called the interval of convergence

Soln -

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n^2} \quad [ -1, 1 ]$$

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Here the series of functions  $\sum f_n$  is uniformly convergent for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  (by Leibnitz Test). Also

we have 
$$\left| \frac{x^k}{k^2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

for  $x \in [-1, 1]$ . Thus by the Weierstrass M-Test, the series of function  $\sum f_n$  is convergent uniformly on  $[-1, 1]$ .

b. state and prove the Cauchy Hadamard Theorem.

Statement - let  $\sum a_n x^n$  be a power series and  $R$  be its radius of convergence.

- (i).  $0 < R < \infty$ , then  $\sum a_n x^n$  is absolutely convergent iff  $|x| < R$  and divergent if  $|x| > R$
- (ii). If  $R = 0$ , then  $\sum a_n x^n$  is convergent only at  $x = 0$ .
- (iii). If  $R = \infty$ , then  $\sum a_n x^n$  is absolutely convergent for all  $x$ .

proof - let  $x$  be any fixed real number then  $\sum a_n x^n$  is a series of real number is

Case (i).  $0 < R < \infty$   
By Cauchy root test,  $\sum |a_n x^n|$  is convergent if  $\limsup (|a_n x^n|^{1/n}) < 1$  and divergent if  $\limsup (|a_n x^n|^{1/n}) > 1$

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now,  $\lim (|a_n x^n|^{1/n})$

$$|x| \left( \limsup |a_n|^{1/n} \right)$$

$$|x| \rho$$

$$\frac{|x|}{R}$$

$\therefore \sum a_n x^n$  is absolutely convergent if  $\frac{|x|}{R} < 1$ ,  
that is if  $|x| < R$ , and  $\sum a_n x^n$  is  
divergent if  $\frac{|x|}{R} > 1$ , that is  
if  $|x| > R$ .

Case II

$R = 0$  In this case,

$$\limsup (|a_n x^n|^{1/n}) = \infty > 1 \quad |x| \neq 0$$

$\therefore$  The series  $\sum a_n x^n$  is divergent  
for all  $x \neq 0$ .

Case III

$$R = \infty$$

In this case,

$$\limsup (|a_n x^n|^{1/n}) = 0 < 1$$

$\therefore$  The series is absolutely  
convergent for all  $x$ .

Suppose that  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  has radius of convergence  $R > 0$ . Then prove that the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n+1} x^{n+1}$  has also radius of convergence  $R$  and for  $|x| < R$ .

$$\int_0^x f(t) dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n+1} x^{n+1}$$

proof -  $x \in (0, R)$ , let  $S_n(x)$  denote the sequence of partial sums for the series  $\sum a_n x^n$  that is  $S_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k$

$$f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n(x))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int_0^x f(t) dt &= \int_0^x \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n(t)) dt \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^x (S_n(t)) dt \end{aligned}$$

( $\because$  since  $(S_n)$  converges uniformly to  $f$  in  $[0, x]$ )

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^x \left( \sum_{k=0}^n a_k t^k \right) dt$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{a_k}{k+1} x^{k+1}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n+1} x^{n+1}.$$

Similarly we can prove for  $x \in (-R, 0)$ . proved.

Ques-6. (a). for Cosine function  $C(x)$  and Sine function  $S(x)$  prove the following:

(i) If  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is such that  $f''(x) = -f(x)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  then there exist real numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $f(x) = \alpha C(x) + \beta S(x)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(ii). If  $x \in \mathbb{R}, x \geq 0$  then

$$2 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \leq C(x) \leq 2 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{24}x^4$$

proof - (i).

(b). state Abell's theorem, show that

$$\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$$

Statement - Let  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  be power series with finite positive radius of convergence  $R$ , if the series converges at  $x=R$  then  $f$  is continuous at  $x=R$ , if the series converges at  $x=-R$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $x=-R$ .

Soln - We know that

$$1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x} \quad |x| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + (-x^2) + (-x^2)^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

Integrating term by term, we get

$$\int_0^x (1 - t^2 + t^4 - t^6 + \dots) dt = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt.$$

$$\Rightarrow x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots = \tan^{-1} x, \quad |x| < 1.$$

At  $x=1$

The series becomes

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots \quad \text{which is}$$

an alternating series and is convergent by Leibniz test then by Abel's theorem

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots = \tan^{-1}(1) \\ = \frac{-\pi}{4}.$$

©. Prove that for every continuous function  $f$  on  $[0, 1]$ , the sequence of polynomials  $B_n f \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ , where  $(B_n f)$  is the sequence of Bernstein's polynomials for the function  $f$ .