

Weirstrass' M-Test

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We shall state and prove a very important result in Real Analysis called the Weirstrass' M-Test. The statement of the theorem is give below.

Let $\{M_n\}$ be a sequence of positive real numbers such that $|f_n(x)| \leq M_n$ for $x \in D$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If the series $\sum M_n$ is convergent, then $\sum f_n$ is uniformly convergent on D .

We prove the result as follows:

If $m > n$, we have the relation,

$$|f_{n+1}(x) + \dots + f_m(x)| \leq M_{n+1} + \dots + M_m, \quad \forall x \in D.$$

Since $\sum M_n$ is convergent so there exists some n' in \mathbb{N} such that,

$$|M_{n+1} + \dots + M_m| \leq \epsilon, \quad \forall m > n'.$$

The above relations imply,

$$|f_{n+1}(x) + \dots + f_m(x)| < \epsilon.$$

It is thus clear now that $\sum f_n$ is uniformly convergent on D .

There are other variants of this result, which is left for a later post.

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