

Counterexamples in pointwise convergence: The five NO's

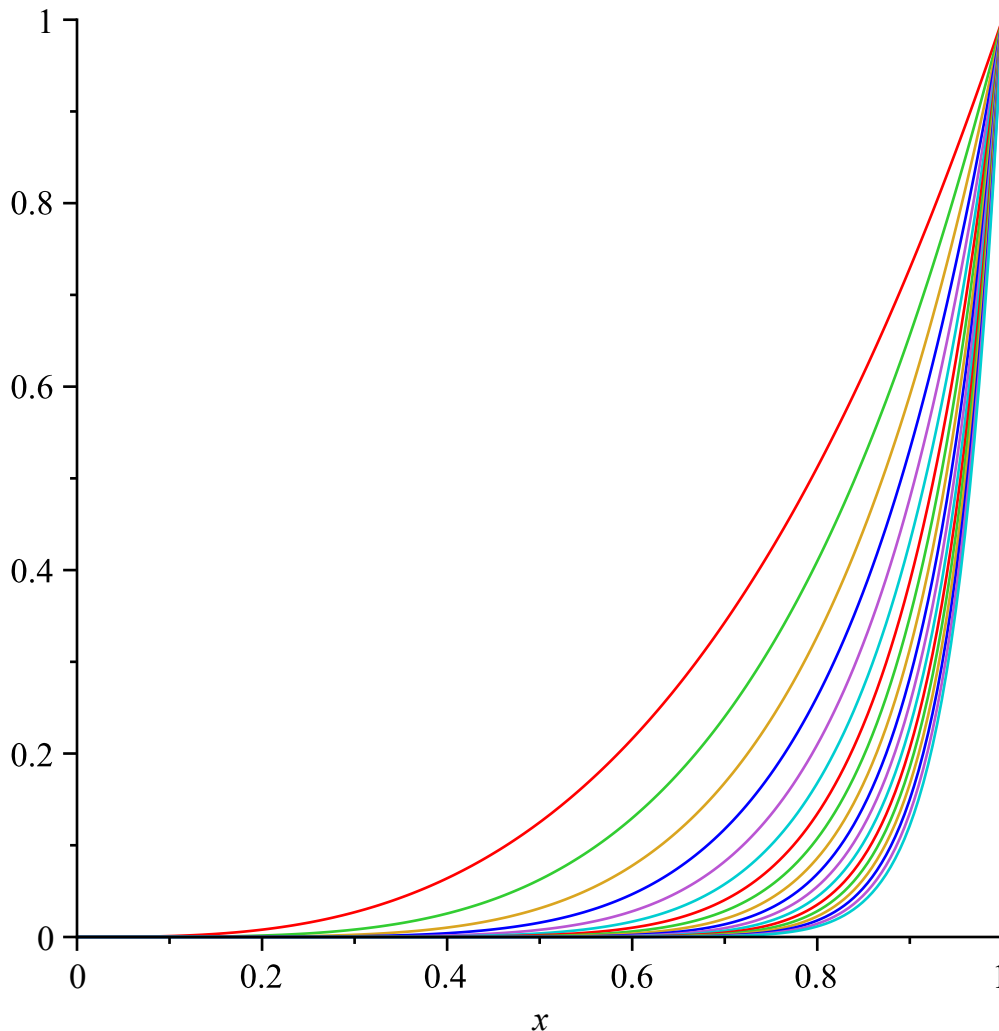
All domains =  $[0,1]$

QC: If  $\lim f_n = f$ ,  $f_n$  all continuous, must it be the case that  $f$  is continuous?

QD1: If  $\lim f_n = f$ ,  $f_n$  all differentiable, must it be the case that  $f$  is differentiable?

NO:  $f(x) = 0$  if  $0 \leq x < 1$ ,  $f(1) = 1$ , and  $f_n = x^n$ :

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> plot([seq(x^n, n=3..20)], x=0..1);
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Note:  $f_n$  converges to  $f$ , but not uniformly.

QD2: If  $\lim f_n = f$ ,  $f_n$  and  $f$  all differentiable, must it be the case that  $\lim f'_n = f'$ ?

NO: Take  $g(x) = 0$  and:

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> g_n := x^(n+1)/(n+1);
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$$g_n := \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

(1)

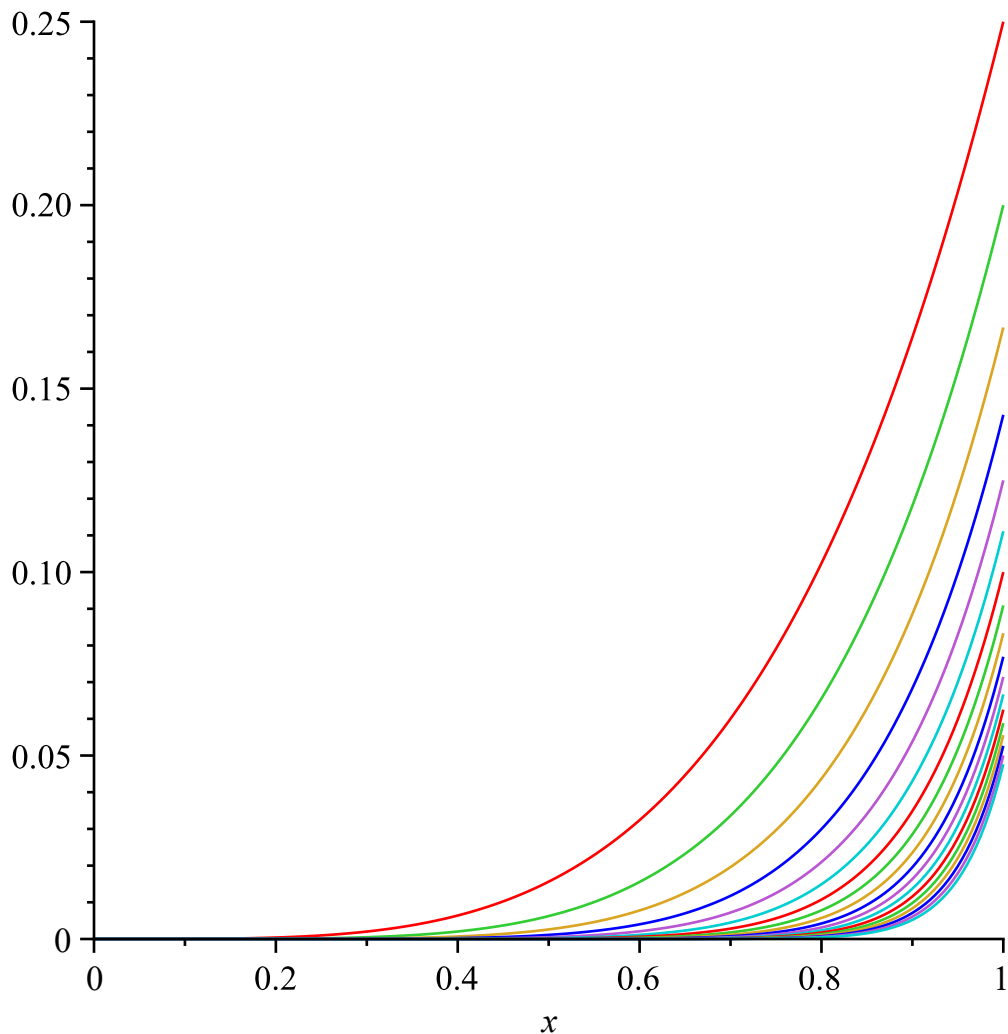
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> simplify(diff(g_n, x), assume=positive);
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$$x^n$$

(2)

When  $x=1$ ,  $\lim(x^n)=1$ . But  $\lim(g_n(x))=0$  for all  $x$  in  $[0,1]$ , and in fact, convergence of  $g_n$  is uniform on  $[0,1]$ .

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> plot([seq(x^(n+1)/(n+1), n=3..20)], x=0..1);
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QI1: If  $\lim f_n = f$ ,  $f_n$  all integrable, must it be the case that  $f$  is integrable?

NO: Example is  $k(x) = 1$  if  $x$  is rational, 0 if  $x$  irrational;  $k_n(x) = 1$  if  $x = p/q$  (least terms) and  $q \leq n$ , 0 otherwise.  $\lim k_n = k$ , but "finitely many points at a time", so each  $g_n$  is continuous except at finitely many points, and therefore integrable.

QI2: If  $\lim f_n = f$ ,  $f_n$  and  $f$  all integrable, must it be the case that  $\lim$  of:

`> int(f_n(x), x=0..1);`

$$\int_0^1 f_n(x) dx \quad (3)$$

is equal to:

`> int(f(x), x=0..1);`

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \quad (4)$$

NO, not even if all functions continuous:  $h(x)=0$  and  $h_n$  given by:

`> h_n = piecewise(x < 1/2^(n+1), 2^(2*n+2)*x, x < 1/2^n, 2^(2*n+2)*((1/2^n)-x), 0);`

$$h_n = \begin{cases} 2^{2n+2}x & x < \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \\ 2^{2n+2} \left( \frac{1}{2^n} - x \right) & x < \frac{1}{2^n} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

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> plot([seq(piecewise(x<1/2^(n+1),2^(2*n+2)*x,
x<1/2^n,2^(2*n+2)*(1/2^n)-x),0),n=1..4)],x=0..1);
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(Each integral of  $h_n = 1$  because each triangle is half as wide and twice as high as the previous one.)

