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**Some criteria for reverse implications for modes of convergence**

Now in the final topic regarding modes on convergence we will give some special criteria for reversing the chain of implications or some specific cases only.

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Some criteria for reverse implications:



Lemma: If  $\mu(X) < \infty$ , then

(i)  $f_n \rightarrow f$  pointwise a.e.  $\Leftrightarrow f_n \rightarrow f$  almost uniformly.

(ii)  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^\infty$  norm  $\Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^1$  norm.

Pf: (i)  $\Rightarrow$ : Egorov's theorem. ✓

$$(ii) \quad \|f_n - f\|_{L^1} = \int |f_n - f| d\mu \leq \int \|f_n - f\|_{L^\infty} d\mu$$

(since  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| \leq \|f_n - f\|_{L^\infty}$  outside of a null-set)



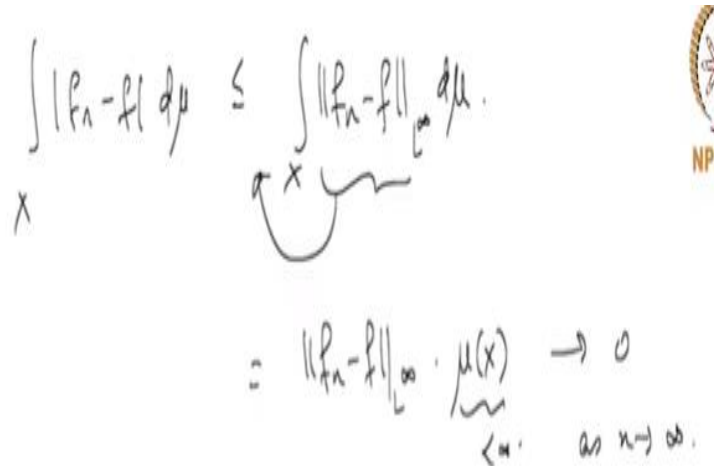
So the first lemma is that if the measure space is as finite measure the whole space has finite measure. Then the first part is that  $f_n$  converges to  $f$  point wise almost everywhere is equivalent to  $f_n$  converges into  $f$  almost uniformly. And secondly if  $f_n$  converges to  $f$  in  $L$  infinity norm this implies that  $f_n$  converges to  $f$  in the  $L1$  norm as well. So of course this implication we had already seen and when so this lemma says that when the measure space has finite measure then the forward implications also hold.

And this is precisely for the first part this forward implication is precisely the statement of Agarose theorem that we have seen Agarose theorem which was precisely about almost uniform convergence when you have point wise almost everywhere convergence. So this we have already seen now for the second part if  $f_n$  converges to a  $f$  in  $L$  infinity norm. Then if you take the  $L1$  norm of the difference  $f_n - f$  then this is nothing but the integral of  $f_n -x f_n - f d \mu$  and this

modulus  $f_n - f$  is bounded above so this can be bounded above by the constant function  $f_n - f$   $L^\infty$  infinity  $d\mu$ .

This is because  $\|f_n - f\|_\infty$  is less than or equal to the  $L^\infty$  norm outside of a null set. So since the integral does not see the null set we have this inequality.

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$$\int_X |f_n - f| d\mu \leq \int_X \|f_n - f\|_\infty d\mu$$

$$= \|f_n - f\|_\infty \cdot \mu(X) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

And now we can take this so let me rewrite this  $d\mu$  is less than or equal to norm of  $f_n - f$   $L^\infty$  infinity norm of  $f_n - f$   $d\mu$ . And now this is a constant function over on  $X$  so we can take this out of the integral so this is nothing but  $f_n - f$   $L^\infty$  infinity norm times integral over  $X$  of the function 1 and this is nothing but the measure of  $X$  and this is finite. And so this goes to 0 as  $n$  goes to infinity so in the finite measure setting we have seen a couple of reverse implications from point wise almost everywhere to almost uniform convergence and  $L^\infty$  norm to  $L^1$  norm.

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Monic Simple fn: (Called 'step' fn. in Tao's book).



A monic simple fn. is a fn. of the form

$$f = \alpha \chi_E, \text{ for } \alpha > 0$$

and  $E \in \mathcal{B}$ ; ( $\mathcal{B} \subseteq X$ )

For a sequence  $f_n = \alpha_n \chi_{E_n}$  of monic simple fns, assume that  
 either  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  or  $\exists c > 0$  s.t.  $\alpha_n \geq c \forall n \geq 1$ .

And suppose as well that  $\mu(E_n) > 0 \forall n \geq 1$ .

Terminology:  $\alpha_n :=$  height of  $f_n$  ;  $\mu(E_n) :=$  width of  $f_n$  ;  $\bigcup_{n \geq N} E_n :=$   $N^{\text{th}}$  tail support of  $f_n$



Now another special criteria is given by such so called Monic simple functions so these called step functions in Tao's books. So a Monic simple function is a function of the form  $f$  equals  $\alpha$  times the indicate function of  $E$  for  $\alpha$  strictly positive and  $E$  a measureable subset in  $X$ . So  $E$  is a measureable subset in  $X$  and now we will consider sequences of Monic simple functions. Now for a sequence  $f_n$  equals  $\alpha_n \chi_{E_n}$  of Monic simple functions assume that either  $\alpha_n$  converges to 0 as  $n$  goes to infinity or their exist a positive constant  $c$  such that  $\alpha_n$  is bounded away from  $c$ .

So  $c$  is the lower bound for the  $\alpha_n$ 's and we also suppose that as well that the measure of  $\mu_{E_n}$ 's strictly positive for all  $n$  greater than or equal to 1. Now let us give some terminology so I will call  $\alpha_n$  height of  $f_n$   $\mu_{E_n}$  width of  $f_n$  and if you take the union of  $E_n$  for  $n$  greater than equal to some  $N$  this is called the  $n^{\text{th}}$  tail support of  $f_n$ . So in analogy with functions define on the real line  $\alpha_n$  this coefficient  $\alpha_n$ 's.

Of course I forgot to mention that these are all scalars and so these are heights of the function  $f_n$  the measure of the sets  $e_n$  are called the widths of  $f_n$  and the union of  $E_n$  for  $n$  greater than equal to  $N$  is called the  $n^{\text{th}}$  tail support of  $f_n$ . So these are just some terminology that is being used here so now we are ready to state our theorem.

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Thm := Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a sequence of monic simple fns with the assumptions above. Then:



- (i)  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (ii)  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^\infty$ -norm  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (iii)  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  almost uniformly  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , or  $\mu(\bigcup_{n \geq N} E_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (iv)  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  pointwise  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , or  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n = \emptyset$ .
- (v)  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  pointwise a.e.  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , or  $\mu(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n) = 0$ .



So this is the statement of the theorem and the theorem states give you characterization of this sequence of Monic simple functions to 0 in all these 7 modes of convergence. In terms of these heights, widths and the behavior of the nth tail supports for these sequence of functions. So the first one says that for example if  $f_n$  converges to 0 uniformly if and only if the heights  $\alpha_n$  as  $n$  goes to infinity.

Similarly if  $f_n$  converges to 0 in  $L^\infty$  norm if and only if the heights converge to 0 as  $n$  goes to infinity. So now we already see that we have seen that uniform convergence implies  $L^\infty$  convergence but here we can revert this arrow and have an if and only if condition when uniform convergence and  $L^\infty$  norm convergence are equivalent. So this is for Monic simple functions that satisfy these assumptions that we have stated.

Similarly  $f_n$  converges to 0 almost uniformly if and only if either now we have 2 conditions either the height goes to 0 or the measure of the nth tail support goes to 0. So here we have an either or 2 conditions then we have point wise convergence if and only if either the height goes to 0 or the  $(\bigcap_{n \geq N} E_n)$  is the empty set. So note that this  $(\bigcap_{n \geq N} E_n)$  set is nothing but the intersection of all tail supports so this is precisely  $n = 1$  to infinity union  $n$  greater than equal to  $N$  EN.

So this is the  $n$ th tail support so in terms of  $n$ th tail support we see that the intersection of all  $n$ th tail supports must be empty. And we can similarly state it for point wise almost everywhere convergence which says that either the height goes to 0 or the measure of the  $(\cdot)$  (11:07) is 0.

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(vi)  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  in measure  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  or  $\mu(E_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(vii)  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^1$ -norm  $\Leftrightarrow \frac{\alpha_n \mu(E_n)}{\|f_n\|_1} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Similarly  $f_n$  converges to 0 in measure if and only if either the height goes to 0 or the width goes to 0 and finally  $f_n$  converges to 0 in the  $L^1$  norm if and only if the product of the width and height go to 0 as  $n$  goes to infinity. Now this is actually quite easy to see the last one because this is simply the  $L^1$  norm of  $f_n$  for each  $n$  so this one is almost trivial. I will only do the cases for convergence in measure so this one and convergence almost uniformly and the rest I will leave as an exercise.

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Proof: (ii) To show:  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  almost uniformly  
 $\Leftrightarrow \alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , or  
 $\mu(\bigcup_{n \geq N} E_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .



$\Rightarrow$ : Let  $\epsilon > 0$ .  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  almost uniformly  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\exists E \in \mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $\mu(E) \leq \epsilon$  and  $\exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  
 $|f_n(x)| \leq \epsilon$   $\forall n \geq N_0$  and  $\forall x \in E^c$ .

Case (i):  $E_n \subseteq E$   $\forall n \geq N_0 \Rightarrow |f_n(x)| = 0$   $\forall n \geq N_0$  &  $x \in E^c$   
 $\alpha_n \chi_{E_n^c}(x)$   
 $\Rightarrow \mu(\bigcup_{n \geq N} E_n) \leq \mu(E) \leq \epsilon$   $\forall N \geq N_0 \Rightarrow \mu(\bigcup_{n \geq N} E_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .



So let us see the proof for these 2 cases so for the third part we have to show that  $f_n$  converges to 0 almost uniformly if and only if either the height goes to 0 or the measure of the  $n$ th tail support goes to 0. So let us start with for the forwarding implication let us start with epsilon greater than 0 and so because  $f_n$  goes to 0 almost uniformly, which means that there exist a set  $E$  a measurable set  $E$  such that the measure of this set  $E$  is less than or equal to epsilon.

And one can choose an  $N$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  such that we have modulus of  $f_n(x)$  less than or equal to  $\epsilon$  for all  $n$  greater than or equal to this threshold value  $N$ . And for all  $x$  in the complement of this exceptional set  $E$  which has measure less than or equal to epsilon. Now we can deal with 2 cases so that first case is that  $E_n$  is the sub set of  $E$  for all  $N$  greater than or equal to  $N$ . So in this case this means that  $f_n(x) = 0$  for all  $n$  greater than or equal to  $N$  and  $x$  in the complement of  $E$  because  $x$  does not belong to any of the sets  $E_n$ .

And because  $f_n$  is equal to  $\alpha_n$  where indicate a function of  $E_n$  which is going to be 0 for all  $n$  greater than or equal to  $N$ . So this means that the measure of the union  $n$  greater than or equal to  $N$   $E_n$  is less than or equal to the measure of  $E$  which is less than or equal to epsilon for all  $N$  greater than or equal to  $N$ . And this means that the measure of the  $n$ th tail support goes to 0 as  $N$  goes to infinity. So in this first case where we have all these  $E_n$ 's inside the set  $E$  then, we have automatically that the measure of the  $n$ th tail support goes to 0.

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Case (ii):  $E_n \cap E^c \neq \emptyset$  for some  $n \geq N_0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  for  $x \in E_n \cap E^c$ :

$$|f_n(x)| = |\alpha_n| \leq \epsilon$$

if  $\epsilon$  is chosen s.t.  $\epsilon < c$  (where  $\alpha_n \geq c$ ).

$\Rightarrow \alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  (since either  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  or  $\alpha_n \geq c \forall n > 1$ ).

$\Leftarrow$ : If  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0 \stackrel{(i)}{\Rightarrow} f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly  $\Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow 0$  almost uniformly.

To show: if  $\mu(\bigcup_{n>N} E_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  then  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  almost uniformly.

Now in the second case we have that  $x \in E_n \cap E^c$  is not empty for some  $n$  greater than or equal to  $N_0$ . So in this case this means that for  $x$  in  $E_n \cap E^c$  we have that the modulus of  $f_n(x)$  is equal to the modulus of  $\alpha_n$  and then this is less than or equal to  $\epsilon$  for all  $n$  greater than or equal to  $N_0$  because  $x$  belongs to  $E_n$ .  $f_n(x)$  is simply equal to  $\alpha_n$ .

And so sorry so this is not for all  $n$  this is for this particular value of  $n$  greater than or equal to  $N_0$ . But if  $\epsilon$  is chosen less than this value  $c$  so such that  $\epsilon < c$  where  $c$  was the lower bound for these  $\alpha_n$ 's. Then this is a contradiction so this implies that  $\alpha_n$  must go to 0 because since either  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  or  $\alpha_n \geq c$  for all  $n$ . Therefore either we have the measure of the  $n$ th tail support goes to 0 or  $\alpha_n$  goes to 0.

Now for the reverse implication if  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  so this implies by the first part of our lemma that  $f_n$  converges to 0 uniformly and this implies that  $f_n$  converges to 0 almost uniformly. Now if the measure of the tail supports goes to 0 as  $N$  goes to infinity we have to show that so this shows so this is the second case then  $f_n$  goes to 0 almost uniformly. So we will use this fact that this measure of the tail support goes to 0.

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Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , choose  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  st.

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{n \geq N} E_n\right) \leq \epsilon \quad \forall N \geq N_0.$$

Set  $E = \bigcup_{n \geq N_0} E_n$ , then,  $\forall N \geq N_0$ , and  $x \in E^c$


we have  $|f_N(x)| = 0.$

$$\Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ almost uniformly.}$$

So given epsilon greater than 0 choose N naught such that the measure of the union n greater than or equal to N En is less than or equal to epsilon for all N greater than or equal to N naught. So now if you set E to be n greater than equal to N naught En then for all N greater than or equal to N naught and X in E complement we have where the modulus of fn x equals f N x equal to 0 because fn does to belong to any of this sets En sorry x does not belong to any of the sets En for n greater than equal to n naught.

So this fn x must be 0 and this implies that we have found that fn converges to 0 almost uniformly.

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(v) To show:  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  in measure  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  or  $\mu(E_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . 

$\Leftarrow$ :  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly  $\Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow 0$  in measure.

Suppose  $\mu(E_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ :

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $F_{n,\epsilon} := \{x \in X : |f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon\}$

$f_n$  can be either 0 or  $\alpha_n \Rightarrow x \in E_n \Rightarrow F_{n,\epsilon} \subseteq E_n$ .

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \mu(F_{n,\epsilon}) \leq \mu(E_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Squeeze thm.  $\Rightarrow \mu(F_{n,\epsilon}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow 0$  in measure.





So now we have left with the fifth part which is to show that  $f_n$  converges to 0 in measure if and only if either  $a_n$  goes to 0 or the measure of  $E_n$  goes to 0. So either the height goes to 0 or width goes to 0 as  $n$  goes to infinity. Let me start with the reverse implication now note that  $a_n$  goes to 0 implies  $f_n$  goes to 0 uniformly or even almost uniformly as we have seen and this implies  $f_n$  goes to 0 in measure.

So suppose that rather that the width goes to 0 as  $n$  goes to infinity and in this case we have that if you set  $f_n$  epsilon so given epsilon greater than 0. If you set  $f_n$  epsilon to be the set of points such that the modulus of  $f_n(x)$  greater than or equal to epsilon. So then because  $f_n$  can either be 0 or  $a_n$ , this implies that since  $f_n(x)$  is greater than or equal to epsilon and this is greater than 0 this implies that  $x$  belongs to  $E_n$ .

So this implies that  $f_n$  epsilon is the subset of  $E_n$  and so the measure of  $f_n$  epsilon is less than or equal to the measure of  $E_n$  so by this squeeze theorem this means that the measure of  $f_n$  epsilon also goes to 0 as  $n$  goes to infinity because this goes to 0 and as  $n$  goes to infinity. And of course these are all positive so we get that the measure of  $f_n$  epsilon goes to 0 as  $n$  goes to infinity and this is precisely the condition for  $f_n$  going to 0 in measure.

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$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow: & \text{ Let } f_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ in measure.} \\ \text{Let } & F_{n,\epsilon} := \{x \in X : |f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon\}. \\ \text{Choose } & N_0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st. } \mu(F_{n,\epsilon}) \leq \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N_0. \\ \text{Case (i)} & \text{ if } a_n < \epsilon \text{ for some } n \geq N_0, \text{ clearly } \epsilon < a_n \\ & \Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow 0. \\ \text{Case (ii)} & ; a_n \geq \epsilon > 0 \quad \forall n \geq N_0 \Rightarrow F_{n,\epsilon} = E_n. \\ & \Rightarrow \mu(E_n) = \mu(F_{n,\epsilon}) \leq \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N_0. \\ & \Rightarrow \mu(E_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

So this proves that reverse implication now for the forward implication let  $f_n$  converge to 0 in measure so let again  $f_n$  epsilon with the set of points such that  $f_n(x)$  is greater than or equal to epsilon. Now choose  $N$  such that the measure of  $f_n$  epsilon is less than or equal to epsilon

for all  $n$  greater than or equal to  $N$  naught. So this is the condition for convergence in measure now if again we are going to separate in 2 cases.

So if  $a_n$  is less than  $\epsilon$  for some  $n$  greater than equal to  $N$  naught choosing  $\epsilon$  less than  $c$  implies that  $a_n$  converges to 0. So  $a_n$ , the other cases so this is case 1 these are the other case is that  $a_n$  is greater than or equal to  $\epsilon$  for all  $n$  greater than or equal to  $N$  naught which means that the set  $f_n \epsilon$  is precisely  $E_n$ . Because this is positive and the set of points where  $f_n$  is positive is precisely  $E_n$ .

So this implies the measure of  $E_n$  is equal to the measure of  $f_n \epsilon$  and it is less than equal to  $\epsilon$  for all  $n$  greater than or equal to  $N$  naught which means that the measures of these  $E_n$ 's in the width goes to 0 and as  $n$  goes to infinity. So we see in the case of simple Monic functions there are some reverse implications that we can state.

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Exercise: Consider the escape to infinity example & the typewriter seq. in the light of the above theorem.

Now as an exercise consider the escape to infinity as example and the typewriter sequence in the light of the above theorem. So you will see immediately which one converges to 0 in which mode by using the above theorem and of course one as to also show the other parts of the theorem which I left to you as an exercise so this brings us to the end of the topic for modes of convergence.