

Two comments: If $P(x)$ is a statement with variable x , $[P(x)] := 1$ if $P(x)$ is true for x and $[P(x)] := 0$ if $P(x)$ is false for x (Iverson-Knuth notation: *Two Notes on Notation*, American Math. Monthly 99 (1992) 403 - 426). “Majorized by” means that the non-negative quantity to come is at least as large as the absolute value, or norm, etc., of the quantity just presented.

Lemma: For each positive integer n , and any function $c : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, there exists a function $f \in C_0^\infty$, with support in the closed unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n , such that $f^{(\beta)}(0) = c_\beta$, for all $\beta \in \mathbb{N}^n$.

Proof: We begin with a function $\psi(x) \in C_0^\infty$ that depends only on $|x|$, is one if $|x| \leq 1/2$, zero if $|x| \geq 1$, and decreases as $|x|$ increases.

(First condition on the ϵ_α) We will use a collection of positive numbers ϵ_α , all at most 1, that tends to zero as $|\alpha| \rightarrow \infty$, that will be restricted further as we proceed.

With the given conditions,

$$f(x) := \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} \frac{x^{\alpha}}{\alpha!} \psi(x/\epsilon_{\alpha})$$

converges for all x since the series is a finite sum for each $x \neq 0$ and $f(x) = 0$ if $|x| \geq 1$. In fact, if N is so large that $|\alpha| \geq N \Rightarrow \epsilon_{\alpha} < |x|/2$, all terms in the series with $|\alpha| \geq N$ are zero if $|x| \geq |x|/2$. Since the series is thus a finite sum in a neighborhood of each $x \neq 0$, f is C^∞ for $x \neq 0$.

To show that f is continuous at 0, we examine

$$f(x) - c_0 = \sum_{\alpha \neq 0} c_{\alpha} \frac{x^{\alpha}}{\alpha!} \psi(x/\epsilon_{\alpha}), \text{ majorized by } \sum_{\alpha \neq 0} |c_{\alpha}| \frac{\epsilon_{\alpha}^{|\alpha|}}{\alpha!} [|x| < \epsilon_{\alpha}]$$

since $|x^{\alpha} \psi(x/\epsilon_{\alpha})| \leq \epsilon_{\alpha}^{|\alpha|}$ if $|x| < \epsilon_{\alpha}$ and $|x^{\alpha} \psi(x/\epsilon_{\alpha})| = 0$ otherwise.

(Second condition on the ϵ_{α}) We assume that $\sum_{\alpha} |c_{\alpha}| \epsilon_{\alpha} < \infty$.

Because all the ϵ_{α} are at most one, $\sum_{\alpha \neq 0} |c_{\alpha}| \frac{\epsilon_{\alpha}^{|\alpha|}}{\alpha!} \leq \sum_{\alpha \neq 0} |c_{\alpha}| \epsilon_{\alpha} < \infty$. By Dominated Convergence, f is continuous at zero. With

$$f_M(x) := \sum_{|\alpha| \leq M} c_{\alpha} \frac{x^{\alpha}}{\alpha!} \psi(x/\epsilon_{\alpha}), \quad |f(x) - f_M(x)| \leq \sum_{|\alpha| > M} |c_{\alpha}| \frac{\epsilon_{\alpha}^{|\alpha|}}{\alpha!} \rightarrow 0 \text{ uniformly.}$$

If we can show (by perhaps adding conditions on the ϵ_{α}) that $f^{(\beta)}(x) \rightarrow c_{\beta}$ as $x \rightarrow 0$, the Lemma will follow by inductions. We also would like to know that $(f - f_M)^{(\beta)} \rightarrow 0$ uniformly.

For $x \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(\beta)}(x) &= \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^{\beta} \left(\frac{x^{\alpha}}{\alpha!} \psi(x/\epsilon_{\alpha}) \right) = \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} \sum_{\gamma \leq \alpha, \beta} \frac{x^{\alpha-\gamma}}{(\alpha-\gamma)!} \psi^{(\beta-\gamma)}(x/\epsilon_{\alpha}) \epsilon_{\alpha}^{-|\beta-\gamma|} \\ (1) \quad &= c_{\beta} \psi(x/\epsilon_{\beta}) + c_{\beta} \sum_{\gamma < \beta} \frac{x^{\beta-\gamma}}{(\beta-\gamma)!} \psi^{(\beta-\gamma)}(x/\epsilon_{\beta}) \epsilon_{\beta}^{-|\beta-\gamma|} + \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} c_{\alpha} \sum_{\gamma \leq \alpha, \beta} \frac{x^{\alpha-\gamma}}{(\alpha-\gamma)!} \psi^{(\beta-\gamma)}(x/\epsilon_{\alpha}) \epsilon_{\alpha}^{-|\beta-\gamma|}. \end{aligned}$$

Next we consider (1) when $0 < |x| < \epsilon_{\beta}/2$. Then $\psi(x/\epsilon_{\alpha}) \equiv 1$ so the sum in the second term in the second line of (1) is zero since all the terms there with $\psi^{(\beta-\gamma)}(x/\epsilon_{\beta})$ are zero. The first term is simply c_{β} .

(Third condition on the ϵ_{α}) We assume that $\epsilon_{\alpha} = \epsilon_{\gamma}$ if $|\alpha| = |\gamma|$ and $\epsilon_{\alpha} < \epsilon_{\gamma}/2$ if $|\alpha| > |\gamma|$.

Under the added conditions, in the double sum in the second line of (1) the terms with $\psi^{(\beta-\gamma)}(x/\epsilon_{\alpha})$ are zero if $\gamma < \beta$ and $|\alpha| \leq |\beta|$. Those terms with $\psi^{(\beta-\gamma)}(x/\epsilon_{\alpha})$ and $\epsilon_{\alpha} \leq |x|$ are also zero. The only terms that can “survive” require $|\alpha| > |\beta|$ and $|x| < \epsilon_{\alpha}$, with $\gamma \leq \beta$. Therefore

$$(2) \quad f^{(\beta)}(x) - c_{\beta} = \sum_{|\alpha| > |\beta|} c_{\alpha} \sum_{\gamma \leq \alpha, \beta} \frac{x^{\alpha-\gamma}}{(\alpha-\gamma)!} \psi^{(\beta-\gamma)}(x/\epsilon_{\alpha}) \epsilon_{\alpha}^{-|\beta-\gamma|}.$$

Since here $|\alpha - \gamma| = |\alpha| - |\gamma|$ (same with β) the difference is majorized by

$$(3) \quad \sum_{|\alpha| > |\beta|} |c_\alpha| \sum_{\gamma \leq \alpha, \beta} \frac{|x|^{|\alpha| - |\beta|}}{(\alpha - \gamma)!} |\psi^{(\beta - \gamma)}(x/\epsilon_\alpha)| (|x|/\epsilon_\alpha)^{|\beta - \gamma|};$$

The exponent on $|x|$ is at least one and $|x| < 1$ (for each α with $|\alpha| > |\beta|$ we need $|x| < \epsilon_\alpha$, else the terms do not survive) so (3) is in turn majorized by

$$(4) \quad \sum_{|\alpha| > |\beta|} |c_\alpha| \min\{|x|, \epsilon_\alpha\} \sum_{\gamma \leq \beta} |\psi^{(\beta - \gamma)}(x/\epsilon_\alpha)| (|x|/\epsilon_\alpha)^{|\beta - \gamma|} \leq K_\beta \sum_{|\alpha| > |\beta|} |c_\alpha| \min\{|x|, \epsilon_\alpha\},$$

where

$$K_\beta := \sum_{\gamma \leq \beta} \max_{|z| \leq 1} |\psi^{(\beta - \gamma)}(z)| |z|^{|\beta - \gamma|},$$

a constant that depends only on β and ψ . By Dominated Convergence, $f^{(\beta)}(x) \rightarrow c_\beta$ as $x \rightarrow 0$. For each β with $|\beta| = 1$ this implies that $f^{(\beta)}(0) = c_\beta$ and that $f^{(\beta)}$ is continuous. By inductions, the Lemma follows.

Now we suppose that $M > |\beta|$. Then

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} f_M^{(\beta)}(x) &= \sum_{|\alpha| \leq M} c_\alpha \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\beta \left(\frac{x^\alpha}{\alpha!} \psi(x/\epsilon_\alpha) \right) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq M} c_\alpha \sum_{\gamma \leq \alpha, \beta} \frac{x^{\alpha - \gamma}}{(\alpha - \gamma)!} \psi^{(\beta - \gamma)}(x/\epsilon_\alpha) \epsilon_\alpha^{-|\beta - \gamma|} \\ &= c_\beta \psi(x/\epsilon_\beta) + c_\beta \sum_{\gamma < \beta} \frac{x^{\beta - \gamma}}{(\beta - \gamma)!} \psi^{(\beta - \gamma)}(x/\epsilon_\beta) \epsilon_\beta^{-|\beta - \gamma|} + \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta}^* c_\alpha \sum_{\gamma \leq \alpha, \beta}^* \frac{x^{\alpha - \gamma}}{(\alpha - \gamma)!} \psi^{(\beta - \gamma)}(x/\epsilon_\alpha) \epsilon_\alpha^{-|\beta - \gamma|}, \end{aligned}$$

it being understood that in the starred sums the restrictions that $M \geq |\alpha|$ and $M > |\beta|$ hold. The restriction that $M > |\beta|$ allows α to be equal to β . We consider (1) and (5) now for all x , not just those x with $0 < |x| < \epsilon_\beta/2$. Only the double sums appear in the difference. Then

$$f^{(\beta)}(x) - f_M^{(\beta)}(x) = \sum_{|\alpha| > M} c_\alpha \sum_{\gamma \leq \alpha, \beta} \frac{x^{\alpha - \gamma}}{(\alpha - \gamma)!} \psi^{(\beta - \gamma)}(x/\epsilon_\alpha) \epsilon_\alpha^{-|\beta - \gamma|},$$

majorized by

$$\sum_{|\alpha| > M} |c_\alpha| \sum_{\gamma \leq \alpha, \beta} \frac{|x|^{|\alpha - \gamma|}}{(\alpha - \gamma)!} |\psi^{(\beta - \gamma)}(x/\epsilon_\alpha)| (|x|/\epsilon_\alpha)^{|\beta - \gamma|} \leq \sum_{|\alpha| > M} |c_\alpha| \epsilon_\alpha \cdot K_\beta$$

since, *unless* $|x| < \epsilon_\alpha < 1$, $|\psi^{(\beta - \gamma)}(x/\epsilon_\alpha)| = 0$. Hence $f^{(\beta)} - f_M^{(\beta)} \rightarrow 0$ uniformly as $M \rightarrow \infty$.

From (1),

$$f^{(\beta)}(x) = \sum_{\delta} c_\delta \sum_{\gamma \leq \delta, \beta} \frac{x^{\delta - \gamma}}{(\delta - \gamma)!} \psi^{(\beta - \gamma)}(x/\epsilon_\delta) \epsilon_\delta^{-|\beta - \gamma|}.$$