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## CONVERGENCE THEOREMS

### Abstract

In this query we ask if the following 11 classical theorems on convergence are equivalent: the Lebesgue–Beppo Levi Theorem [2, p. 141], a theorem on the integration of a series with positive terms [2, p. 142], the Fatou Lemma I [1, p. 172], the Fatou Lemma II [2, p. 140], the Fatou Lemma III [2, p. 140], Lebesgue’s Dominated Convergence Theorem I [1, p. 172], Lebesgue’s Dominated Convergence Theorem II [1, p. 173], Lebesgue’s Dominated Convergence Theorem III [2, pp. 149-50], Vitali’s Theorem [2, p. 152], Lebesgue’s Dominated Convergence Theorem for Bounded Functions I [2, p. 127], Lebesgue’s Dominated Convergence Theorem for Bounded Functions II.

Are the following 11 classical assertions equivalent?<sup>1</sup> ?

**Query.** *Are the following theorems equivalent?*

**1. (Lebesgue–Beppo Levi)** [2, p. 141].

*If  $\{f_n\}_n$  is a sequence of positive, increasing, Lebesgue measurable functions on a measurable set  $E$  converging to a function  $f$  a.e. on  $E$ , then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f_n(t) dt = (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f(t) dt .$$

**2. (The Integration of a Series with Positive Terms)** [2, Theorem 11, p. 142]. *If  $\{f_n\}_n$  is a sequence of positive, increasing, Lebesgue measurable functions on a measurable set  $E$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(t) = f(t)$  for  $t \in E$ , then*

$$(\mathcal{L}) \int_E f(t) dt = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f_n(t) dt .$$

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<sup>1</sup>The author was convinced that the answer is yes, but he never finished the proof.

- 3. (The Fatou Lemma I)** [1, p. 172]. *If  $\{f_n\}_n$  is a sequence of positive, increasing, Lebesgue measurable functions on a measurable set  $E$ , then*

$$(\mathcal{L}) \int_E \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(t) dt = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f_n(t) dt.$$

- 4. (The Fatou Lemma II)** [2, p. 140]. *If  $\{f_n\}_n$  is a sequence of positive, Lebesgue measurable functions on a measurable set  $E$ , converging a.e. on  $E$  to a function  $f$ , then*

$$(\mathcal{L}) \int_E f(t) dt \leq \sup_n \left\{ (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f_n(t) dt \right\}.$$

- 5. (The Fatou Lemma III)** [2, footnote, p. 140]. *If  $\{f_n\}_n$  is a sequence of positive, Lebesgue measurable functions on a measurable set  $E$ , finite a.e. on  $E$  and  $\{f_n\}_n$  converges in measure to a finite function  $f$ , then*

$$(\mathcal{L}) \int_E f(t) dt \leq \sup_n \left\{ (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f_n(t) dt \right\}.$$

- 6. (Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem I)** [1, p. 172].

*If  $\{f_n\}_n$  is a sequence of Lebesgue measurable functions on a measurable set  $E$ , and  $g$  is a Lebesgue integrable function such that  $f_n(t) \leq g(t)$  a.e. on  $E$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}) \int_E \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(t) dt &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f_n(t) dt \leq \\ \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f_n(t) dt &\leq (\mathcal{L}) \int_E \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

- 7. (Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem II)** [1, p. 173].

*If  $\{f_n\}_n$  is a convergent sequence of Lebesgue measurable functions on a measurable set  $E$ , and  $g$  is a Lebesgue integrable function such that  $f_n(t) \leq g(t)$  a.e. on  $E$ , then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f_n(t) dt = (\mathcal{L}) \int_E \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(t) dt.$$

- 8. (Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem III)** [2, pp. 149-50].

*If  $\{f_n\}_n$  is a sequence of Lebesgue measurable functions on a measurable*

set  $E$  converging in measure to a function  $f$ , and  $g$  is a Lebesgue integrable function such that  $f_n(t) \leq g(t)$  a.e. on  $E$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f_n(t) dt = (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f(t) dt.$$

9. **(Vitali)** [2, p. 152]. Let  $\{f_n\}_n$  be a sequence of Lebesgue integrable functions on a measurable set  $E$ , converging in measure to a function  $f$ . If the functions of the sequence  $\{f_n\}_n$  have equi-absolutely continuous integrals then  $f$  is Lebesgue integrable and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f_n(t) dt = (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f(t) dt.$$

10. **(Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem for Bounded Functions I)** [2, p. 127]. Let  $\{f_n\}_n$  be a sequence of bounded Lebesgue measurable functions on a measurable set  $E$ , converging in measure to a bounded Lebesgue measurable function  $f$ . If there exists a positive constant  $K$  such that  $|f_n(t)| < K$  for all  $n$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f_n(t) dt = (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f(t) dt.$$

11. **(Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem for Bounded Functions II)**. Let  $\{f_n\}_n$  be a sequence of bounded Lebesgue measurable functions on a measurable set  $E$ , converging to a bounded Lebesgue measurable function  $f$ . If there exists a positive constant  $K$  such that  $|f_n(t)| < K$  a.e. on  $E$  for all  $n$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f_n(t) dt = (\mathcal{L}) \int_E f(t) dt.$$

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