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1. (10 marks) Show that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n \sin(n\pi x)$  is uniformly convergent on  $[-a, a]$  for each  $a \in (0, 1)$ .

**Solution.** For  $x \in [-a, a]$ ,

$$|x^n \sin(n\pi x)| \leq a^n .$$

As  $\sum a^n$  is convergent when  $a \in (0, 1)$ , by the M-Test we conclude that this series is uniformly convergent on  $[-a, a]$ .

**Remark.** Be careful, we cannot conclude here that this series is uniformly convergent on  $(-1, 1)$ .

2. (5 marks) Is it continuous on  $(-1, 1)$ ?

**Solution.** From (a) we know that this series converges uniformly on  $[-a, a]$  for all  $a \in (0, 1)$  and as  $\sum_{k=1}^n x^k \sin(k\pi x)$  is continuous on  $[-a, a]$  for all  $n$ , we conclude from Theorem 3.6' or Continuity Theorem that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n \sin(n\pi x)$  is continuous on  $[-a, a]$  for all  $a \in (0, 1)$ . Therefore, it is also continuous on  $(-1, 1)$ . (Every point  $x \in (-1, 1)$  is contained in  $[-a, a]$  for some  $a \in (0, 1)$ .)

3. (5 marks) Is it differentiable on  $(-1, 1)$ ?

**Solution.** Let  $s_n(x)$  be the  $n$ -th partial sum of the series in (a). Then

$$s'_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n (kx^{k-1} \sin(k\pi x) + k\pi x^k \cos(k\pi x)) .$$

For  $x \in [-a, a]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |kx^{k-1} \sin(k\pi x) + k\pi x^k \cos(k\pi x)| &\leq k\pi (|x|^{k-1} + |x|^k) \\ &\leq k\pi (a^{k-1} + a^k) \\ &\leq 2\pi k a^{k-1} . \end{aligned}$$

As  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2k\pi a^{k-1}$  is convergent, by M-Test, the series whose partial sums are given by  $s'_n$  converges uniformly on  $[-a, a]$ . By Theorem 3.8' or Differentiation Theorem,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n \sin(n\pi x)$  is differentiable on  $[-a, a]$  for all  $a \in (0, 1)$ , and so on  $(-1, 1)$ .

**Remark 1.** You may use Continuity Theorem and Differentiation Theorem to name Theorem 3.6' and Theorem 3.8' respectively.

**Remark 2.** The convergence of  $\sum ka^{k-1}$  ( $a \in (0, 1)$ ) follows from Ratio Test or Root Test. You don't have to write down the details since the main point of this problem is not here.