

Today : series §14 §15.

- Series : $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$. if we only care about convergence (not the actual number), we can write $\sum a_n$

partial sum : $S_n = \sum_{j=1}^n a_n$.

we say $\sum a_n$ converges iff ^{the seq} (S_n) converge.

- Cauchy Condition for series:

The series $\sum a_n$ satisfies Cauchy condition, if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N > 0, \text{ s.t. } \forall n, m > N,$$

$$|\sum_{j=n}^m a_n| < \varepsilon.$$

- Cauchy of $\sum a_n \Leftrightarrow$ Cauchy of $(S_n) \Leftrightarrow$ convergence of $\sum a_n, (S_n)$.

- Cor : If $\sum a_n$ converges, then $\lim a_n = 0$. (necessary condition)

Pf : by Cauchy condition, take $n=m$. Then $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N$,
s.t. $\forall n > N$, we have $|a_n| < \varepsilon$.

- Ex (geometric series) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a \cdot r^n$

$$= a(1 + r + r^2 + \dots)$$

$$\text{claim. } = a \cdot \frac{1}{1-r} \quad \text{if } |r| < 1$$

Pf : Form the partial sum.

$$S_n = a(1 + \dots + r^n) = a \frac{1-r^{n+1}}{1-r}$$

$$\text{since } |r| < 1, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^{n+1} = 0, \quad \lim S_n = a \cdot \frac{1}{1-r}$$

recall : $\forall x \neq 1$

$$1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n$$

$$= \frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x}$$

$$\text{pf : } (1-x)(1+x+\dots+x^n)$$

$$= 1 + x + \dots + x^n - x - x^2 - \dots - x^{n+1}$$

$$= 1 - x^{n+1} \quad \#$$

• Comparison Test : ~~converges~~

• Suppose $\sum_n a_n$ ~~converges~~, $a_n > 0$.

Suppose we have a series $\sum_n b_n$, $|b_n| < a_n$.

Then $\sum_n b_n$ converges.

Pf: We verify that $\sum_n b_n$ satisfies the Cauchy condition. Since $\sum_n a_n$ converges, hence $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$.

s.t. $\forall n, m \geq N$, we have

$$\sum_{j=n}^m a_j = \left| \sum_{j=n}^m a_j \right| < \varepsilon.$$

Thus, $\forall n, m \geq N$

$$\left| \sum_{j=n}^m b_j \right| \leq \sum_{j=n}^m |b_j| \leq \sum_{j=n}^m a_j < \varepsilon.$$

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Def (absolute convergence): We say a series $\sum_n b_n$ converges absolutely, if $\sum_n |b_n|$ converges.

Ex: (converges, but not absolutely converge)

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \dots = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \frac{1}{5 \times 6} \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n)}$$

(later, we will see $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges.)

Q: $\sum (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ converges?

using integral test.

Prop: if $a_n > 0$, $\sum_n a_n = +\infty$. And if $b_n > a_n$,
then $\sum_n b_n = +\infty$

Pf: let $(S_n), (t_n)$ be partial sums of $\sum_n a_n$
and $\sum_n b_n$, then. $t_n \geq S_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Since $\lim S_n = +\infty$. hence $\lim t_n = +\infty$. #.

Root Test, Ratio test:

Recall in §12. given any sequence (a_n) ($a_n \neq 0$), then.

$$\liminf \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \liminf |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} \overset{\alpha}{=} \limsup |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \limsup \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|.$$

Prop: Given a series $\sum_n a_n$. Assume $a_n \neq 0$.

Let $\alpha = \limsup |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}$. Then.

(1) if $\alpha > 1$, then $\sum_n a_n$ diverges.

(2) if $\alpha < 1$, then $\sum_n a_n$ converges absolutely.

(3) if $\alpha = 1$, $\sum_n a_n$ could converge or diverge.

Pf: (2). Since $\alpha < 1$, then there exists an $\varepsilon > 0$, s.t.

$\alpha + \varepsilon < 1$. Pick such an ε . Since for any $\delta > 0$,

$\exists N > 0$, s.t. $\forall n > N$. $|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} < \alpha + \delta$.

Hence, for this chosen ε , we have an $N > 0$. s.t.

$$|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} < \alpha + \varepsilon \quad \forall n > N.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |a_n| < (\alpha + \varepsilon)^n \quad \forall n > N.$$

since $0 < \alpha + \varepsilon < 1$, hence $\sum_n (\alpha + \varepsilon)^n$ converges.

By the comparison test. $\sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ converges.

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ converges.

(1). $\alpha = \limsup |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} > 1$. $\exists$ a subseq $(a_{n_k})_k$ of the seq $(a_n)_n$, such that

$$|a_{n_k}|^{\frac{1}{n_k}} \rightarrow \alpha.$$

Hence, if we pick an $\varepsilon > 0$, s.t. $\alpha - \varepsilon > 1$, then $\exists N > 0$, s.t. $\forall k > N$,

$$|a_{n_k}|^{\frac{1}{n_k}} > \alpha - \varepsilon > 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_{n_k}| > 1 \quad \forall k > N.$$

This implies (a_n) does not converge to 0.

Hence $\sum a_n$ is not convergent.

Ratio test: consider $\sum a_n$. ($a_n \neq 0$).

(1) if $\limsup \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \leq 1$, then $\sum a_n$ converges absolutely.

pf: $\because \limsup |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \limsup \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|.$

$$\therefore \limsup |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} < 1 \quad \therefore \sum a_n \text{ conv. abs. } \#$$

(2). if $\liminf \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| > 1$, then $\sum a_n$ diverges.

pf: $\because \limsup |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq \liminf \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|.$

$$\therefore \limsup |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} > 1.$$

$$\therefore \sum a_n \text{ diverges.}$$

Ross §14.1

Ex: (a) $\sum \frac{n^4}{2^n}$

(b) $\sum \frac{2^n}{n!}$

$$(c) \sum n^2/3^n.$$

$$(f) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\log n}$$

(a) Using root test. $\left(\frac{n^4}{2^n}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = (n^4)^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$

$$\lim n^{\frac{4}{n}} = 1. \quad \therefore \lim (n^{\frac{4}{n}}) \cdot (n^{\frac{1}{n}}) = 1, \dots$$

$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}. \lim (n^{\frac{4}{n}})^k = 1, \quad \therefore (n^4)^{\frac{1}{n}} = (n^{\frac{4}{n}})^4 \rightarrow 1.$

$$\therefore |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} < 1.$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \lim (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \sum a_n \text{ converges.}$$

(b), $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{2^n}{n!}} = \frac{2^{n+1}}{2^n} \cdot \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} = \frac{2}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1}$

$$= \frac{2}{n+1} \rightarrow 0$$

since $\limsup \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 0$, by ratio test,
 $\sum a_n$ converges.

$$\sum_n \frac{2^n}{n!} = e^2.$$

(c) $a_n = \frac{n^2}{3^n}$. Using root test, we have,

$$(a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot (n^2)^{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} < 1$$

$\therefore$ converges. absolutely.

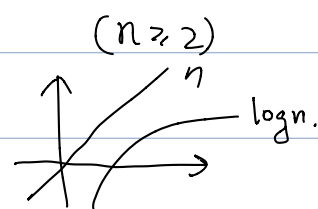
Harmonic Series

(d) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\log n} > \sum_n \frac{1}{n} = \infty \quad \therefore \log n < n$

by comparison test,

$\sum \frac{1}{\log n}$ is divergent.

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\log n} > \frac{1}{n}$$



Alternating Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \cdot a_n$$

$$a_n > 0.$$

Ex:

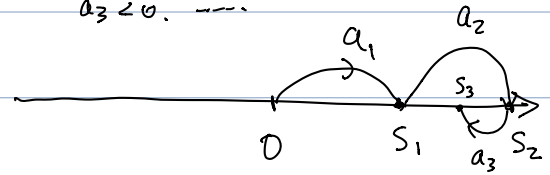
$$a_1 > 0, a_2 > 0$$

$$a_3 < 0, \dots$$

$$x < e^x \quad \text{for } x > 0$$

$$1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} \dots$$

Thm: If $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq a_3 \geq \dots$,
 $a_n \geq 0$, and $\lim a_n = 0$.

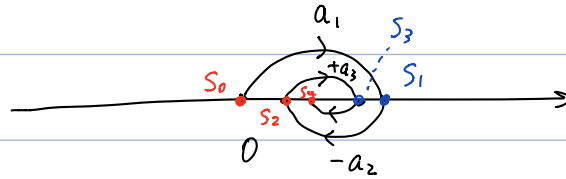


Then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} a_n$ converge.

S_n : location at time n .

a_n : the step at time n .

$$a_1 - a_2 + a_3 - a_4 \dots$$



Pf: Define $S_n = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j$.

then claim $(S_{2n})_n$ forms an increasing bounded seq. ✓

$(S_{2n-1})_n$ forms a decreasing bounded seq. ✓

Indeed, • $S_{2n+2} - S_{2n} = (-1)^{2n+2+1} a_{2n+2} + (-1)^{2n+1+1} a_{2n+1}$

$$= -a_{2n+2} + a_{2n+1} \geq 0.$$

• $S_{2n+1} - S_{2n-1} = (-1)^{2n+1+1} a_{2n+1} + (-1)^{2n+1} a_{2n}$

$$= +a_{2n+1} - a_{2n} \leq 0.$$

• to show $S_{2n} \leq S_1$, we write

$$S_{2n} = S_1 + \underbrace{(-a_2 + a_3)}_{\leq 0} + \underbrace{(-a_4 + a_5)}_{\leq 0} + \dots + \underbrace{(-a_{2n})}_{\leq 0}$$

$$\therefore S_{2n} \leq S_1$$

• similarly, $S_{2n+1} \geq 0$,

$$S_{2n+1} = \underbrace{(a_1 - a_2)}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{(a_3 - a_4)}_{\geq 0} + \dots + \underbrace{(a_{2n-1} - a_{2n})}_{\geq 0} + a_{2n+1}$$

$$\geq 0.$$

• Hence $\lim S_{2n} = \alpha$, and $\lim S_{2n+1} = \beta$ exists.

To show $\alpha = \beta$, we take

$$\beta - \alpha = \lim_n S_{2n+1} - \lim_n S_{2n}$$

$$= \lim_n (S_{2n+1} - S_{2n})$$

$$= \lim_n a_{2n+1} = 0.$$

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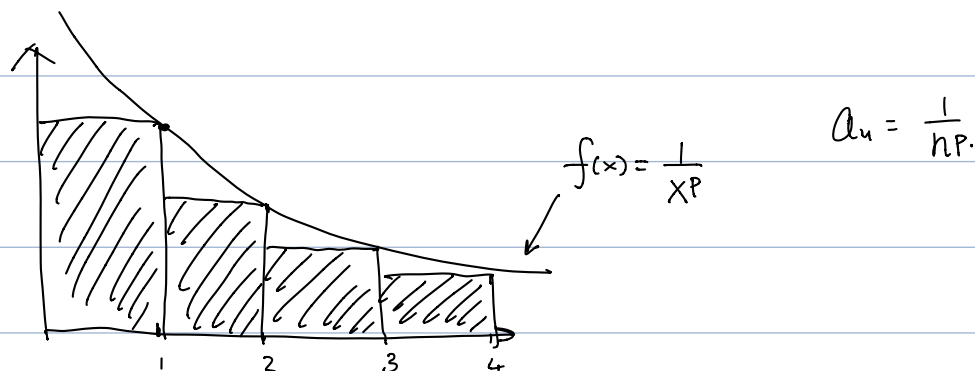
Ex: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$, since $\lim \left| (-1)^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right| = 0$
and $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$ is decreasing,

$\therefore$ the series converge.

• $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{\log n}$ converges.

Integral test:

Thm: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} < \infty$ if $p > 1$.



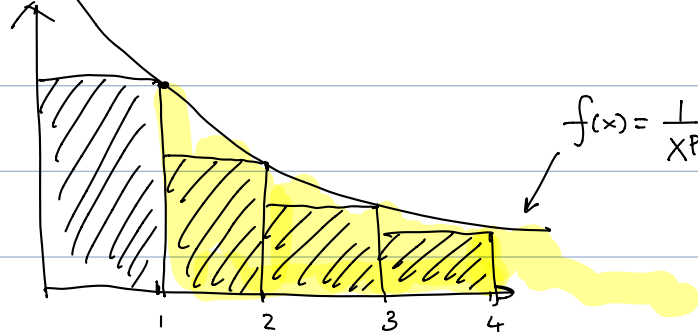
shaded area = $\sum_n \frac{1}{n^p}$.

$$\int_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$$

= yellow area.

$$\geq a_2 + a_3 + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}.$$



$$\therefore \sum_n \frac{1}{n^p} \text{ converges iff } \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \int_1^{\infty} d\left(\frac{x^{-p+1}}{-p+1}\right) = \left.\frac{x^{-p+1}}{-p+1}\right|_1^{\infty} = 0 - \frac{1}{-p+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p-1} < \infty$$

$$x^{-p} = \left(\frac{x^{-p+1}}{-p+1}\right)'$$

$$\therefore \text{if } p > 1, \text{ then } \sum \frac{1}{n^p} < \infty.$$

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