

## Infinite Series

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Definition: Let  $\langle a_n \rangle$  be a sequence of real numbers and  $S_n$  is defined by

$$S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k.$$

Then the sequence  $\langle S_n \rangle$  is called an infinite series and denoted by  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  or simply  $\sum a_n$ .

2. The number  $S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$  is called  $n$ -th partial sum of the series.

3. The number  $a_n$  is called  $n$ -th term of the series.

4. The series  $\sum a_n$  is said to be converges to  $S$

$$\text{iff } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = S$$

(i.e. iff  $\langle S_n \rangle$  converges to  $S$ ). and we call the sum of the series and we write  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = S$

$$\text{or simply } a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n + \dots = S$$

5. if  $\langle S_n \rangle$  is diverges sequence, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is diverge  
i.e. (if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$  is not exist, then the series has no sum).

Examples:-

1. Let  $\langle n \rangle = \langle 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n, \dots \rangle$

then  $S_1 = 1$

$$S_2 = 1 + 2 = 3$$

$$S_3 = 1 + 2 + 3 = 6$$

$$S_n = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$$

2. Let  $\langle u \rangle = \langle u, u, \dots, u, \dots \rangle$

$$S_1 = u$$

$$S_2 = S_1 + u = 2u$$

$$S_3 = S_2 + u = 3u$$

$$S_n = \underbrace{u + u + \dots + u}_{n \text{ times}} = nu = un$$

Find  $S_{10} = \underbrace{u + u + \dots + u}_{10 \text{ times}} = (u)(10) = 10u$

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Def:- A Series of the form  $a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} + \dots$  is called a geometric Series.

Geometric Series theorem:-

1. IF  $|r| < 1$ , the geometric series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1}$  where  $a \neq 0$  converges to  $\frac{a}{1-r}$ .

2. IF  $|r| \geq 1$ , the series diverges unless  $a = 0$ .

3. IF  $a = 0$ , the series converges to zero.

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Ex 1. Find the geometric Series with  $a = 4$ ,  $r = \frac{1}{2}$

Sol, The series is  $4 + 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$   
 $= 4 + 2 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots$

The sum is  $\frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{4}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{4}{\frac{1}{2}} = 8$

Ex 2 :- Find the geometric Series with  $a = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $r = \frac{1}{4}$ .

Sol, The series is  $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots$

The sum is  $\frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{1-\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{4}{9}$ .

Ex 3: Find  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6^{n+1}}$

Sol,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{6^2} + \frac{1}{6^3} + \frac{1}{6^4} + \dots$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{6^3} * 6^2 &= \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6^4} * 6^3 &= \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned} \right\} = r$$

$\therefore$  The series is Geometric with

$$a = \frac{1}{6^2}, r = \frac{1}{6}, \because -1 < r < 1$$

$\therefore$  The series is converges to  $\frac{a}{1-r}$

$\therefore$  The sum is  $\frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{1}{36}}{1-\frac{1}{6}} = \frac{\frac{1}{36}}{\frac{5}{6}} = \frac{1}{30}$

Ex 4: Find 1.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3}{5^n}$

2.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{9}{5^{n+1}}$

3.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{5^n}$

Definition - The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is called harmonic series and it is diverges.

Example - show that  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  is diverges.

Sol let  $S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$

$$S_{2n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+n}$$

$$\therefore S_{2n} - S_n = \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+n}$$

$$n+1 \leq n+n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n+1} \geq \frac{1}{n+n}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+n} \geq \underbrace{\frac{1}{n+n} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+n}}_{n \text{ times}}$$

$$\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+n} \geq \frac{n}{2n} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore |S_{2n} - S_n| \geq \frac{1}{2}, \text{ let } 2n = m \Rightarrow |S_m - S_n| \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$\therefore \langle S_n \rangle$  is not Cauchy sequence.

$\therefore \langle S_n \rangle$  diverges.

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Theorem

$\sum a_n$  converges iff for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is an integer  $N \ni \left| \sum_{i=n}^m a_i \right| < \epsilon$  if  $m, n \geq N$ .

proof:-

since  $\sum a_n$  converges

Then  $\langle S_n \rangle$  is converges.

$\Rightarrow \langle S_n \rangle$  is Cauchy sequence.

we get  $\exists$  positive integer  $N \ni |S_n - S| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$   
 $\forall n \geq N$ .

if  $m \geq N, n \geq N$ .

$\therefore$  Then  $|S_n - S| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  and  $|S_m - S| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |S_m - S_n| &= |S_m - S + S - S_n| \\ &\leq |S_m - S| + |S - S_n| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

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Corollary :- if  $\sum a_n$  converges, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$   
or if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ , then  $\sum a_n$  diverges.

proof :- since  $\sum a_n$  converges, then

for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists$  positive integer  $N \ni$

$$|\sum_{i=n}^m a_i| < \epsilon, \forall m \geq N, n \geq N.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} a_i - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right| < \epsilon.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \sum_{i=n}^{n+1} a_i \right| < \epsilon.$$

$$\text{since } |a_{n+1}| < \epsilon$$

$$\text{we get } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0.$$



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Theorem ② IF  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = b$  are both exist.  
Finite then a.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n) = a + b$

b.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k a_n = k a$  ( $k$  is any number.

proof @ Let  $A_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$   
 $B_n = b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n$ .

Then the partial Sum of  $\sum (a_n + b_n)$  are

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= (a_1 + b_1) + (a_2 + b_2) + \dots + (a_n + b_n) \\ &= (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) + (b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n) \\ &= A_n + B_n \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = a$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n = b$

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$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + b_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (A_n + B_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n = a + b$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = a + b.$$

proof (ii) The partial sum of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k a_n$  are

$$S_n = k a_1 + k a_2 + \dots + k a_n = k A_n.$$

$$\text{since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k A_n = k a. \Rightarrow \text{we get } \langle k A_n \rangle \text{ converges.}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k a_n \text{ converges.}$$

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Remark: If  $\sum a_n = a$ ,  $\sum b_n = b$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\sum (a_n - b_n) &= \sum (a_n + (-b_n)) = \sum (a_n + (-1)b_n) \\ &= \sum a_n - \sum b_n = a - b\end{aligned}$$

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Theorem

if  $\sum a_n$  converges and  $\sum b_n$  diverges.  
Then  $\sum (a_n + b_n)$  diverges.

proof:- suppose that  $\sum (a_n + b_n)$  converges.

Then  $\sum (a_n + b_n) - \sum a_n = \sum b_n$  is convergent.  
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Then  $\sum (a_n + b_n)$  is divergent.

Definition:-

Let  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  be a series in  $\mathbb{R}$   
then the product of them defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\sum a_n \cdot \sum b_n &= (a_1 + a_2 + \dots)(b_1 + b_2 + \dots) \\ &= (a_1 b_1 + a_1 b_2 + a_1 b_3 + \dots + a_2 b_1 + a_2 b_2 \\ &+ \dots + a_3 b_1 + a_3 b_2 + \dots)\end{aligned}$$

## Convergence Tests

### 1. The $n$ th-term test

IF  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$  or Limit is not exists, then  $\sum a_n$  is diverges.

Ex 1:  $\sum n$  is diverges

since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n = \infty$  is not exists

Ex 2:  $\sum \frac{12n+20}{n}$  is diverges.

since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{12n+20}{n} = 12 \neq 0$ .

## 2. The Ratio test

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a Series with positive terms and

$$\text{suppose that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \alpha.$$

then,

a. The series converges if  $\alpha < 1$ .

b. " diverges if  $\alpha > 1$ .

c. The test fails or (the test given no-information) if  $\alpha = 1$ .

(Try another test).

Ex 1 Test the following series for convergence or divergence.  
(using the ratio test).

$$1. \sum \frac{1}{n!}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n!}, \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{1}{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \neq \frac{n!}{1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \neq \frac{n!}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = 0 < 1.$$

$\therefore$  The series is converges.

$$4. \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\alpha = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \approx \frac{n^2}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2 + 2n + 1} = 1.$$

$\therefore$  The test is Fails.



## 1. The $n$ th Root test

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Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series with  $a_n \geq 0$  for  $n \geq n_0$  and suppose that

$$\alpha = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n}$$

Then: a. The series converges if  $\alpha < 1$ .

b. " " diverges if  $\alpha > 1$ .

c. The test is fails if  $\alpha = 1$  (Try another test).

Ex 1: Determine whether the series is converges or diverges (Using  $n$ th root test).

1.  $\sum \frac{5^n}{n^3}$

$$\alpha = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{5^n}{n^3}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{5^n}}{\sqrt[n]{n^3}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5}{\left(\sqrt[n]{n}\right)^3} = 5 > 1.$$

$\therefore$  the series is diverges.

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

$$\alpha = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{n^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0 < 1.$$

$\therefore$  The series is converges.

Def:- A series of the form  $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$  is called p-series.

Remark: p-series is converges if  $p > 1$

p-series is diverges if  $p \leq 1$ .

Ex:-

$$1. \sum \frac{1}{n^3}, \sum \frac{1}{n^2}, \sum \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}, \sum n^{-7}, \sum \sqrt{\frac{1}{n^5}}$$

All these series are converges.

$$2. \sum \sqrt{n}, \sum \frac{1}{n}, \sum n^3, \sum n^5, \sum \frac{1}{n^{-3}}$$

All these series are diverges.

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1. Comparison Test for Series of non-negative terms:-

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series that has no negative terms:-

a. Test for convergence of  $\sum a_n$ :-

The series  $\sum a_n$  converges if there is a convergent series of non-negative terms  $\sum c_n$  with  $a_n \leq c_n$  for all  $n > n_0$ .

b. Test for divergence of  $\sum a_n$ :-

The series  $\sum a_n$  diverges if there is a divergent series of non-negative terms  $\sum d_n$  with  $a_n > d_n$  for all  $n > n_0$ .

Ex 1. Test the following series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+5}$

Sol) since  $n^2+5 > n^2$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{n^2+5} < \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{n^2+5} < \sum \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ and since } \sum \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ is convergent}$$

( $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  is p-series,  $p=2 > 1$ )

$\therefore$  by comparison test

$$\therefore \sum \frac{1}{n^2+5} \text{ is convergent.}$$

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All these series are converges.

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All these series are diverges.

3. 
$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln(n)}$$

since  $\ln(n) < n$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\ln(n)} > \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{\ln(n)} > \sum \frac{1}{n} \quad (a_n > d_n)$$

since  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  is diverges ( $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  is harmonic series)

∴ by comparison test

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln(n)} \text{ is diverges.}$$

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Theorem :-

if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges, then  $\sum a_n$  converges

proof :- let  $A_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ ,  $B_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$   
since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges.

then  $\langle B_n \rangle$  converges

$\Rightarrow \langle B_n \rangle$  is Cauchy sequence.

that mean  $\forall \epsilon > 0$  be given,  $\exists$  positive integer  $N$

$\exists |B_m - B_n| < \epsilon$ ,  $\forall n \geq N, m \geq N$ .

$$\Rightarrow \left| \sum_{i=1}^m |a_i| - \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i| \right| < \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=n+1}^m |a_i| < \epsilon$$

$$\text{since } \left| \sum_{i=n+1}^m a_i \right| \leq \sum_{i=n+1}^m |a_i| < \epsilon$$

$$\therefore \left| \sum_{i=n+1}^m a_i \right| < \epsilon.$$

$$\therefore |A_m - A_n| < \epsilon$$

$\Rightarrow \langle A_n \rangle$  is Cauchy sequence.

$\Rightarrow \langle A_n \rangle$  is converges.

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ converges.}$$