

Review

an infinite series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n + \dots$

Example: ① $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} + \dots$ diverges

Harmonic Series

② $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n \begin{cases} = \frac{1}{1-r}, & \text{if } |r| < 1 \\ \text{diverges,} & \text{if } |r| \geq 1 \end{cases}$

Geometric Series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} + \dots = 2$$

$$S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1 - (\frac{1}{2})^{n+1}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow 2$$

③ $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} + \dots = e$

exponential series

Theorem (n-th term Test)

$$\sum a_n \text{ converges} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

Remark: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ is not 0 $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ diverges

Theorem (Tail Convergence)

$$\sum_{n=N_0}^{\infty} a_n \text{ converges for some } N_0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \text{ converges}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n \text{ converges, } \forall N \in \mathbb{N}$$

Comparison Theorem series Assume $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n, \forall n$

① $\sum b_n$ converges $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ converges
and $\sum a_n \leq \sum b_n$

② $\sum a_n$ diverges $\Rightarrow \sum b_n$ diverges

Squeeze Thm is for sequence

Def

① $\sum a_n$ is absolutely convergent if $\sum |a_n|$ converges;

② $\sum a_n$ is conditionally convergent if $\sum a_n$ converges
but $\sum |a_n|$ diverges.

Example: ① $\sum (-1)^n \frac{1}{2^n}$ and $\sum (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!}$
are absolutely convergent.

③ $\sum (-1)^n \frac{1}{n}$ is conditionally convergent

Theorem $\sum |a_n|$ converges $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ converges

Proof: Define

$$a_n^+ = \begin{cases} |a_n|, & \text{if } a_n > 0 \\ 0 & > \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad a_n^- = \begin{cases} |a_n|, & \text{if } a_n < 0 \\ 0 & > \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then $a_n = a_n^+ - a_n^-$ and $|a_n| = a_n^+ + a_n^-$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq a_n^+ \leq |a_n| \\ 0 \leq a_n^- \leq |a_n| \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \sum a_n^+ \text{ and } \sum a_n^- \text{ converges}$$
 Comparison Theorem

$$a_n = a_n^+ - a_n^- \left\} \Rightarrow \sum a_n = \sum a_n^+ - \sum a_n^- \text{ converges}$$
 Linearity Theorem

Theorem (Ratio Test) Assume $a_n \neq 0, n \gg 1$
and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L$.

Then $L < 1 \Rightarrow \sum |a_n|$ converges

$L > 1 \Rightarrow \sum a_n$ diverges

$L = 1$: no conclusion. $\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} \sum \frac{1}{n} \text{ diverges} \\ \textcircled{2} \sum (-1)^n \frac{1}{n} \text{ converges} \end{cases}$

Theorem (n-th root test) Assume $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = L$.

Then $L < 1 \Rightarrow \sum |a_n|$ converges

$L > 1 \Rightarrow \sum a_n$ diverges

$L = 1$: no conclusion.

Proof of Ratio Test for the case $L < 1$: 

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L < 1 \Rightarrow \text{There is a number } C \in (L, 1)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L < C$$

Sequence Location Thm $\Rightarrow \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < c < 1, n \gg 1$

$\Rightarrow \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < c, \forall n \geq N.$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \left| \frac{a_{N+1}}{a_N} \right| < c \\ \left| \frac{a_{N+2}}{a_{N+1}} \right| < c \\ \left| \frac{a_{N+3}}{a_{N+2}} \right| < c \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{a_{N+k}}{a_N} \right| < c^k$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \underbrace{|a_{N+k}|}_{A_k} < \underbrace{c^k |a_N|}_{B_k}$$

$$0 \leq A_k \leq B_k$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c^k |a_N| = |a_N| \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c^k \right) \\ = |a_N| \cdot \frac{1}{1-c}$$

Comparison Thm $\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_{N+k}|$ converges

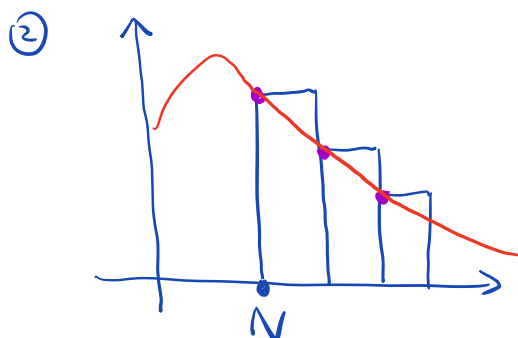
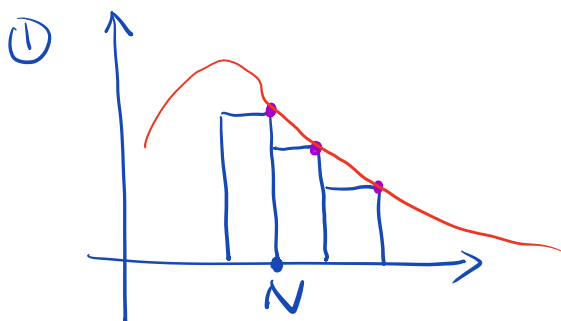
Tail Convergence Thm $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|$ converges

Theorem (Integral Test)

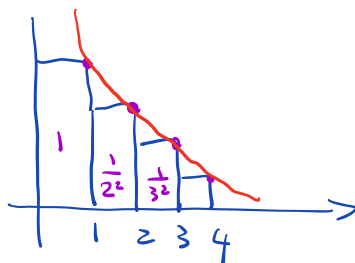
Assume $f(x) \geq 0$ and $f(x)$ is decreasing
for any $x \geq N$, for some $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then $\sum f(n)$ converges if $\int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx$ is finite
 $\sum f(n)$ diverges if $\int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx$ is infinite

Proof:



Example: $\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges



$$\int_0^n \frac{1}{x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{x} \Big|_0^n \rightarrow +\infty \text{ is useless}$$

$$\int_1^n \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) \Big|_1^n = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 1$$

Integral Test \Rightarrow Convergence of Series

Theorem Asymptotic Comparison Test

If $\lim \left| \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right| = L$, then

$\sum |a_n|$ converges $\Leftrightarrow \sum |b_n|$ converges

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Proof is an exercise.

Example: ① $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 - 2n + 1}$ converges by asymptotic

comparison with $\sum \frac{1}{n^3}$ $\frac{\frac{1}{n^3 - 2n + 1}}{\frac{1}{n^3}} = \frac{n^3}{n^3 - 2n + 1} \rightarrow 1$

We know $\sum \frac{1}{n^3}$ converges by integral test.

② $\sum \sqrt{\frac{4n}{n^2+1}}$ diverges because

$$\lim \frac{\sqrt{\frac{4n}{n^2+1}}}{\frac{2}{\sqrt{n}}} = 1$$

We know $\sum \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}}$ diverges by integral test.

Theorem (Cauchy Test for alternating series)

If $\{a_n\}$ is positive and strictly decreasing

and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$, then

$\sum (-1)^n a_n$ converges.

Ex: $\sum (-1)^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ converges.

HW #5 Hints



1. (20 pts) Let $a_n \geq 0$ be decreasing and assume $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. Prove $na_n \rightarrow 0$. (See Problem 7-1 on Page 111).

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \quad n a_{2n} \leq a_{2n-1} + \dots + a_{2n} < \epsilon, \quad n \gg 1$$

\uparrow
 $\{a_n\}$ is \downarrow

$$\textcircled{2n} a_{2n} < 2\epsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\uparrow \\ &S_n \text{ is Cauchy} \\ &|S_m - S_n| < \epsilon, \quad m, n \gg 1 \\ &\Rightarrow |S_{2n+1} - S_{2n}| < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

2. (20 pts) Page 111, Problem 7-2. Prove that if $|a_{n+1}/a_n| \leq |b_{n+1}/b_n|$ for $n \gg 1$, and $\sum b_n$ is absolutely convergent, then $\sum a_n$ is absolutely convergent.

$$\exists N \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq N, \quad \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \leq \left| \frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left| \frac{a_{N+1}}{a_N} \right| \leq \left| \frac{b_{N+1}}{b_N} \right| \\ \left| \frac{a_{N+2}}{a_{N+1}} \right| \leq \left| \frac{b_{N+2}}{b_{N+1}} \right| \\ \vdots \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{a_{N+k}}{a_N} \right| \leq \left| \frac{b_{N+k}}{b_N} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_{N+k}| \leq \left| \frac{a_N}{b_N} \right| \cdot |b_{N+k}|$$

3. (20 pts) Page 112, Problem 7-4. Prove that

$$\lim |a_{n+1}/a_n| = L \Rightarrow \lim |a_n|^{1/n} = L.$$

① $L=0$. Then $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N, \forall n \geq N, \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < \epsilon$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left| \frac{a_{N+1}}{a_N} \right| < \epsilon \\ \left| \frac{a_{N+2}}{a_{N+1}} \right| < \epsilon \\ \left| \frac{a_{N+3}}{a_{N+2}} \right| < \epsilon \\ \vdots \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{a_{N+k}}{a_N} \right| < \epsilon^k$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_{N+k}| < \epsilon^k |a_N|$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_{N+k}|^{1/N+k} < \epsilon^{k/N+k} |a_N|^{1/N+k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \epsilon^{\frac{N+k}{N+k}} \cdot \epsilon^{-\frac{N}{N+k}} |a_N|^{\frac{1}{N+k}} \\
 &= \epsilon \left| \frac{a_N}{\epsilon^N} \right|^{\frac{1}{N+k}} < \epsilon \cdot 2
 \end{aligned}$$

For fixed ϵ , $\left| \frac{a_N}{\epsilon^N} \right|^{\frac{1}{N+k}} \rightarrow 1$, as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

② $L > 0$, for any small $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists N$, $\forall n \geq N$

$$0 < L - \epsilon < \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < L + \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow (L - \epsilon)^k |a_N| < |a_{N+k}| < (L + \epsilon)^k |a_N|$$

$$\Rightarrow (L - \epsilon) \left[\frac{|a_N|}{(L - \epsilon)^N} \right]^{\frac{1}{N+k}} < |a_{N+k}|^{\frac{1}{N+k}} < (L + \epsilon) \left[\frac{|a_N|}{(L + \epsilon)^N} \right]^{\frac{1}{N+k}}$$

If we can show $\left[\frac{|a_N|}{(L + \epsilon)^N} \right]^{\frac{1}{N+k}} < \frac{L + 2\epsilon}{L + \epsilon}$,

then we have $|a_{N+k}|^{\frac{1}{N+k}} < L + 2\epsilon$.

The key is that ϵ is fixed, N is fixed.

For fixed ϵ and N , $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{|a_N|}{(L + \epsilon)^N} \right]^{\frac{1}{N+k}}$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{|a_N|^{\frac{1}{N}}}{L + \epsilon} \right]^{\frac{1}{k}}$$

$$= 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{|a_N|}{(L + \epsilon)^N} \right]^{\frac{1}{N+k}} < 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{L + \epsilon}, \quad k \gg 1.$$