

Don't forget to do the online evaluation for Cuiyu He.

EX: Does $1^{-2} + 2^{-3/2} + 3^{-4/3} + 4^{-5/4} + \dots$ converge?

$$a_n = n^{-(n+1)/n} = \frac{1}{n^{1+1/n}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n \cdot n^{1/n}} \sim \frac{1}{n} = b_n$$

remember $\sqrt[n]{n} \rightarrow 1$
as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Limit Comparison: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}} = 1.$

Given series $\sum a_n$ and $\sum \frac{1}{n}$ do same thing. $\sum \frac{1}{n}$ diverges, so $\sum a_n$ diverges too.

10.5 Ratio Test and Root Test:

Ratio Test: $a_n > 0$.

Suppose $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$ exists and is equal to L .

Then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$

A) Converges if $0 \leq L < 1$,

B) Diverges if $L > 1$, and

c) the test fails if $L=1$.

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Why: Case A: Suppose $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = L < 1$.

Pick an r between L and 1 . Because $L < r$, there is an N such that

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} < r \quad \text{when } n \geq N.$$

$$n = N: \quad \frac{a_{N+1}}{a_N} < r$$

$$n = N+1: \quad \frac{a_{N+2}}{a_{N+1}} < r$$

$$n = N+2:$$

$\vdots$

$$n = N+99$$

$\vdots$

$$a_{N+1} < a_N r$$

$\downarrow$

$$a_{N+2} < a_{N+1} r < a_N r^2$$

$\downarrow$

$$a_{N+3} < a_{N+2} r < a_N r^3$$

$\vdots$

$$a_{N+100} < a_N r^{100}$$

$\vdots$

$$\text{See } a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_N + a_{N+1} + a_{N+2} + \dots$$

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$$< \underbrace{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{N-1}}_B + \underbrace{a_N + a_N r + a_N r^2 + a_N r^3 + \dots}_{\text{geom series, } r < 1}$$

$$B + \frac{a_N}{1-r} \leftarrow \text{finite!}$$

So $\sum a_n$ is finite, i.e., it converges.

Case B: $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \rightarrow L > 1$

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Then $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} > 1$ for $n \geq N$.

See $\dots > a_{n+3} > a_{n+2} > a_{n+1} > a_n$

Ouch! The terms don't go to zero!

So series diverges.

Case C: $\sum \frac{1}{n}$ $L = 1$ $\leftarrow$ diverges!

$\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ $L = 1$ $\leftarrow$ converges!

Test fails.

EX: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{10^n}{n!}$

(Notational conventions)
 $x^0 = 1$ even when $x=0$.
 $0! = 1$ too!

$a_n = \frac{10^n}{n!}$ $a_{n+1} = \frac{10^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$

$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\left(\frac{10^{n+1}}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots n(n+1)} \right)}{\left(\frac{10^n}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots n} \right)} = \frac{10}{n+1} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{as} 0 = L$

Since $L < 1$, Ratio Test says this series converges.

In fact, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{10^n}{n!} = e^{10}$. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = e^x$.

Prob: For what values of b does

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b^n}{n 2^n} \text{ converge?}$$

$$a_n = \frac{b^n}{n 2^n}$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{b^{n+1}}{(n+1) 2^{n+1}}$$

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\left(\frac{b^{n+1}}{(n+1) 2^{n+1}} \right)}{\left(\frac{b^n}{n 2^n} \right)} = \frac{b}{2} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} \rightarrow \frac{b}{2} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

$$\frac{b}{2} = L \begin{matrix} < 1 & \text{conv.} \\ > 1 & \text{div.} \end{matrix}$$

So

$$\begin{matrix} b < 2 & \text{conv.} \\ b > 2 & \text{div.} \end{matrix}$$

$b=2$. Ratio Test Fails. But in this case

$$a_n = \frac{2^n}{n 2^n} = \frac{1}{n} \leftarrow \text{famous divergent series.}$$

EX: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(2n)!}$

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\left(\frac{(n+1)!}{[2(n+1)]!} \right)}{\left(\frac{n!}{(2n)!} \right)} = \frac{\left(\frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots n \cdot (n+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots 2n \cdot (2n+1) (2n+2)} \right)}{\left(\frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdots n}{1 \cdot 2 \cdots 2n} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{n+1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$\nwarrow L$

$L < 1$, So Series converges.

Root Test: $a_n > 0$.

Suppose $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n}$ exists and is equal L .

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

A) Converges if $0 \leq L < 1$

B) Diverges if $L > 1$

C) test fails if $L = 1$.

Why: Compare to geometric series. See p. 584.

EX: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n^3} \quad a_n = \frac{3^n}{n^3}$

$$\sqrt[n]{a_n} = \left(\frac{3^n}{n^3} \right)^{1/n} = \frac{3}{n^{3/n}} = \frac{3}{(n^{1/n})^3}$$

$$\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{as} \frac{3}{1^3} = 3 = L, \quad L > 1.$$

Series Diverges.

EX: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{2^n} \quad a_n = \frac{n+1}{2^n}$

$$\sqrt[n]{a_n} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{n+1}}{\sqrt[n]{2^n}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{n(1+\frac{1}{n})}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{n} \sqrt[n]{1+\frac{1}{n}}}{2}$$

Hmmm.

$$1 < 1 + \frac{1}{n} < 2$$

$$1^{1/n} < (1 + \frac{1}{n})^{1/n} < 2^{1/n}$$

$$\parallel$$



$$\downarrow$$

Sandwich theorem says $(1 + \frac{1}{n})^{1/n} \rightarrow 1$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\text{So } \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{n} \sqrt[n]{1+\frac{1}{n}}}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = L$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $L < 1$, So series converges.

Famous Series: Leibnitz's Series for $\frac{\pi}{4}$.

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{11} + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)}$$

How: Crazy wild thinking:

$$1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-r}$$

$$\text{Let } r = -x^2$$

$$1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - (-x^2)} = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} \quad 7$$

Integrate $\int_0^1 dx$

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} dx$$

$$= \tan^{-1} x \Big|_0^1 = \frac{\pi}{4} - 0$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Wow! Can we really do that?

Write that geometric series with partial sum plus error.