

11.6 con't. Ratio and Root Test.

Ex. Find if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2^n}{n!}$

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{\frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{2^n}{n!}}$$

$$= \frac{2^{n+1} n!}{2^n (n+1)!} = \frac{2}{n+1} \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$

\therefore Series converges absolutely

Root Test

(Works well if a_n is an n -th power.)

(i) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = L < 1$,

then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges absolutely.

(ii) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = L \text{ or } = \infty, > 1$,

then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.

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(iii) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = L = 1$

then the test is inconclusive,

i.e., $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ may or may not converge.

Ex. Test the convergence of

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left(\frac{n-1}{2n+3} \right)^n \right|^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n-1}{2n+3} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(1 - \frac{1}{n})}{n(2 + \frac{3}{n})} = \frac{1}{2} < 1$$

\therefore Series converges absolutely.

Ex. Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\ln n+1}\right)^n$.

$$|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left(\left(\frac{1}{\ln n+1}\right)^n \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\ln n+1} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$$

\therefore Series Converges

Ex. Study $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2^{n^2}}{n!}$

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$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{2^{(n+1)^2}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{2^{n^2}}$$

$$= \frac{2^{2n+1} n!}{(n+1)!} = \frac{2^{2n+1}}{n+1} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{2x+1}}{x+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln 2) 2^{2x+1} \cdot 2}{1} = \infty$$

\therefore Series Diverges.

Rearrangements

A rearrangement of

$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$ would be

$a_1 + a_3 + a_2 + a_5 + a_7 + a_4 + \dots$

Riemann showed that if

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges conditionally,

and if r is any number, then

there is a rearrangement that

converges to r .

11.7 Strategy for Testing Series.

If $|r| < 1$, then the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n = \frac{a}{1-r}.$$

Compute $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot 2^{n-1}}{3^{n-2}}$

$$a = \frac{2^{2-1}}{3^{2-2}} = 2 \quad \therefore S = \frac{2}{1 - \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)}$$

$$r = \frac{-2}{3} \quad = \frac{2}{5/3} = \frac{6}{5}$$

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Does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{2n-1}$ converge?

$\{2n-1\}$ is increasing

$\therefore \frac{1}{2n-1}$ is decreasing, and converges to 0.

\therefore Series converges conditionally

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

Let $f(x) = \frac{2x-1}{x^3+x}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x^3 + x) \cdot 2 - (3x^2 + 1)(2x - 1)}{(x^3 + x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-4x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{(x^3 + x)^2}$$

Diff. Num. $-12x^2 + 6x < 0$
if $x \geq 1$.

$$\therefore -4x^3 + 3x^2 + 1 < 0 \text{ if } x > 1$$

$$\therefore f'(x) < 0 \text{ if } x > 1.$$

$$\rightarrow b_{n+1} < b_n \text{ if } n \geq 1 \quad \therefore \text{Series Converges Abs.}$$

Let $S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2n+1}{3n^2}$ Error Est

If $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{3x^2}$,

$\rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{3x^2 \cdot 2 - (2x+1)6x}{9x^4}$

$= \frac{-6x^2 - 6x}{9x^4} < 0$
if $x \geq 1$

$\therefore \frac{2n+1}{3n^2}$ is decreasing.

Compute Max. size of R_5

(using Alt. Series Error Estimate)

$$|S - S_5| = |R_5| < b_6$$

$$= \frac{13}{108}$$



Find smallest N so that

$$|S - S_N| < .1$$

$$|S - S_N| < b_{N+1}$$

$$N = 7$$

$$b_8 = \frac{2 \cdot 8 + 1}{3 \cdot 8^2}$$

$$= \frac{17}{192} < .1$$

But $N = 6$

$$b_7 = \frac{2 \cdot 7 + 1}{149} > .1$$

$$\therefore N = 7$$

$$\frac{17}{192}$$

Remember, for $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ to

converge, it must be that

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



For an algebraic function,

use the Limit Comparison

Test, where $\sum b_n$ is

a p-series.

Ex. Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^3+2}}{2n^2+n}$

$$\text{Set } b_n = \frac{\sqrt{n^3}}{n^2} = \frac{n^{3/2}}{n^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}$$

Assump

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L > 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/2}},$$

which diverges. $p = \frac{1}{2}$

\therefore Original Series diverges.

Ex. Use the Comparison Test

if $\sum a_n$ can be estimated

Ex.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + \sin n) \cdot \frac{1}{1+2^n}$$

$$0 \leq \frac{(1 + \sin n)}{1 + 2^n}$$

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

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

which is a

convergent geometric series.

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

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

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{n+2^n} \leq \frac{1}{2^n}.$$

Ex. What about $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n - n}$

It is NOT TRUE that

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{2^n - n} \leq \frac{1}{2^n}.$$

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For this series, we should use the Limit Comparison

Thm.

$$\text{Set } a_n = \frac{1}{2^n - n}$$

$$\text{and } b_n = \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{2^n - n}}{\frac{1}{2^n}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{2^n - n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{n}{2^n}} = 1$$

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

This series converges

absolutely:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\sin n}{n^2} \right| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

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Converges

by Comp Test

(conv. by
p-test, $p=2$)

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

conv. by Abs. Conv.
Thm.

Ex. Consider $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{k-1} 3^{k+1}}{k^k}$.

$$= \frac{3}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k \cdot 3^k}{k^k}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{6}{k}\right)^k$$

This converges by Root Test

$$|a_k|^{\frac{1}{k}} = \left[\left(\frac{6}{k}\right)^k \right]^{\frac{1}{k}}$$

$$= \frac{6}{k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

Ex. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 e^{-n^2}$

Look at $\int_1^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx$

$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t x e^{-x} dx$

$v = x \quad dv = e^{-x} dx$

$du = dx \quad v = -e^{-x}$

$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(-x e^{-x} \Big|_1^t + \int_1^t e^{-x} dx \right)$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(-t e^{-t} + 1 \cdot e^{-1} \right) - e^{-x} \Big|_1^t$

$\rightarrow e^{-1} + e^{-1} = 2e^{-1}$