

## Series continued, convergence, divergence

Warm ups

$$(5) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{3^n} =$$

$$|3x| < 1$$
$$|x| < \frac{1}{3}$$

$$-\frac{1}{3} < x < \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{2}{1-3x}$$

(6) Find a closed form for

*geometric*  $a=2$   $r=3x$

$$2+6x+18x^2+54x^3+\dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2 \cdot (3x)^n$$

and determine where (for what values of  $x$ ) it converges and what it converges to.

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### Convergence/Divergence of a Sequence

A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  *converges*

if and only if its *terms* get closer and closer to some real number  $L$  (limit), as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

(otherwise, that is, if the terms do not settle down around some fixed real number  $L$ , the sequence *diverges*)

Formally stated:

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$  means  $L$  is a real number,

and for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a cutoff real number  $N$  such that if  $n > N$ ,  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$

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## Converge or Diverge?

•  $\{3n/(n+2)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  ..... C  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n}{n+2} = 3$

•  $\{1/n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  ..... C  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$

•  $\{(-1)^n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  ..... D  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n$  DNE   
 oscillates

•  $\{n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  ..... D  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n$  DNE

•  $\{\tan^{-1} n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  ..... C  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1} n = \frac{\pi}{2}$

•  $\{(2n^2 + 5n - 7)/(5n^2 + 3n + 4)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  ..... C  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \frac{2}{5}$

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## Convergence of a Series

A Series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n + \dots$  Converges

if and only if its sequence of partial sums converges

• If a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  **CONVERGES**, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = S$  (a number),

and we call the number **S** that the series converges to the "sum of the series"

• If a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  does NOT converge (i.e.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$  fails to exist) **DNE** then we say the series **DIVERGES**

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## Examples of Series Convergence

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

$(\frac{1}{2})^n$  geometric  $r = \frac{1}{2}$   $|\frac{1}{2}| < 1$   $S = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 2$

Converges (to 2) geom.

$s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots$   
 $1, 1 + \frac{1}{2}, 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}, \dots$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k$$

Diverges  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$  DNE

$s_1, s_2, \dots$   
 $1, 1+2, 1+2+3, \dots$

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

Diverges, oscillates

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## Basic Properties of Series

**Linearity** If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  both converge

then (i)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  and

(ii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k a_n = k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  (k being any constant)

**Truncation** Altering a series by a finite number of terms does NOT affect convergence or divergence (for a convergent series, however, it may affect the sum of the series)

### Rearrangement or Regrouping

If a series has all positive terms and it converges, then rearranging or regrouping the terms has no effect on convergence...the series will still converge to the same sum

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# n<sup>th</sup> term test (for divergence)



## Statement of theorem:

If a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

*It is not correct to assume that if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$  then the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges (i.e. the converse is not true)*

*If  $a \rightarrow b$  then  $b$*

*$\sim b \rightarrow \sim a$*

## More Useful Form (Contrapositive Equivalent):



**KNOW THIS**

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  DIVERGES



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## EXAMPLES:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1} n$$

$\tan^{-1} n$

*n<sup>th</sup> term test*

*$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1} n = \frac{\pi}{2} \neq 0 \therefore \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \tan^{-1} n$  DIVERGES*

$$\sum_{j=5}^{\infty} 2j/(3j-7)$$

$2j/(3j-7)$

*n<sup>th</sup> term test*

*$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{3n-7} = \frac{2}{3} \neq 0 \therefore \sum_{j=5}^{\infty} \frac{2j}{3j-7}$  diverges*

Does

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

*n<sup>th</sup> term*

*$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$  so we don't know*

*HARMONIC SERIES*

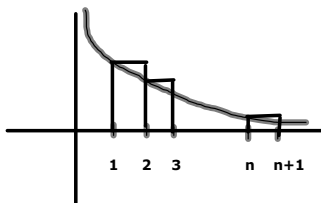
*if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  converges or diverges.*

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# HARMONIC SERIES IS DIVERGENT

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{DIVERGES VERY SLOWLY}$$

Reason: Look at the continuous curve  $f(x) = 1/x$  and compare the area under that curve over  $[1, n+1]$  with  $s_n = 1 + 1/2 + \dots + 1/n$



$$\int_1^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln(n+1) < 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} = s_n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(n+1) = \infty$$

$$\text{so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \infty$$

$\therefore$  series **DIVERGES**

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

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

**DIVERGES**

circumscribed  
rect  
of width 1

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln|x| \Big|_1^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln|b| - \ln|1| \quad \text{DIVERGES!}$$

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★ **INTEGRAL TEST** ★

Suppose  $f$  is **continuous**, **positive-valued** function on  $[c, \infty)$   
 and **decreasing**.

*make sure this is the case!*

*can check  $f'$  (want  $f'(n) < 0$ )*

then the infinite series  $\sum_{n=c}^{\infty} f(n)$

does whatever the improper integral  $\int_c^{\infty} f(x) dx$  does


that is, they **both** converge (not necessarily to the same number), or they **both** diverge

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

*n<sup>th</sup> term test*  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 0$

*∴ Converges*



$$\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{p+4}$$

*diverges*

$$3 \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x+4} dx$$

*diverges*

*Integral test*

$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$  converges

$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$   $\frac{1}{p-1}$   $p > 1$

- $\frac{1}{x^2}$  is pos. valued
- $\frac{1}{x^2}$  is dec. since

$\rightarrow D_x \frac{1}{x^2} = -\frac{2}{x^3} < 0$  for  $x > 0$  ( $n > 0$ )

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## An important consequence of the INTEGRAL TEST

\* **p - series**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$   $1/(n^p)$

Recall p-integrals?  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{converge if } p > 1 \\ \text{diverge if } p \leq 1 \end{array} \right.$

**p - series**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{converge if } p > 1 \\ \text{diverge if } p \leq 1 \end{array} \right.$

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### EXAMPLES: p-series, integral test

(1)  $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$  converges p-series  $p=3 > 1$   
*does not matter*

(2)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$  diverges p-series  $p = \frac{1}{2} < 1$   
*RK*

(3)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.001}}$  converges p-series  $p = 1.001 > 1$

(4)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n \cdot \ln(n))}$

(must use integral test)

$$\int_2^b \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} \frac{1}{w} dw$$

$w = \ln x$   
 $dw = \frac{1}{x} dx$

$\frac{1}{x \ln x} > 0$  for  $x > 2$

*Show*  
 $\frac{1}{(n+1) \ln(n+1)} < \frac{1}{n \ln n}$

OR

$D_x \frac{1}{x \ln x} < 0$

$D_x (x \ln x)^{-1} =$

$-(x \ln x)^{-2} \left[ x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln x \right]$

$= -\frac{1}{(x \ln x)^2} [1 + \ln x]$

For  $x \geq 2$   $\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{neg}} \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{pos}} < 0$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln |w| \Big|_{\ln 2}^{\ln b}$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln |\ln b| - \ln |\ln 2|$$

$$\stackrel{b \rightarrow \infty}{=} \text{DNE } (\infty)$$

$\therefore$  Series diverges

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1) Write the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test

2) Write the integral test

Converge or Diverge? + WHY

3)  $\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^5}$  p-series  $p=5$  converges (or  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^5} dx$  conv)

4)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^{n-1}}{5^n}$  conv. geom  $r = \frac{4}{5} < 1$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$   $\frac{1}{4} \frac{4^n}{5^n} = \frac{1}{4} (\frac{4}{5})^n$

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

Integral test... p-series,  $p=2$

$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(x-1)} dx$  converges

$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$  converges

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**REVIEW**

**We now know:**

**Geometric Series**  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a \cdot r^n$   
 converges if  $|r| < 1$   
 to  $\frac{a}{1-r}$

**p-series**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  converges if  $p > 1$

**Harmonic Series**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges

**Alt. Harmonic**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n}$  converges

**2 Tests for convergence/divergence:**

- $n^{\text{th}}$  term test** If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$  the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverge
- integral test**

check conditions (pos. val. + decreasing)  
 The series does whatever the integral does.  
 $f(n+1) < f(n)$  or  $f'(n) < 0$

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