

- Review of Series

- Sequence: a list of numbers in a particular order

- Infinite sequence: an infinite list of numbers in a particular order

- Example:

$$\{a_n\} = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots\}$$

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1st term 2nd term

- Series: the sum of all the terms of a sequence

- Infinite series: the sum of the terms in an infinite sequence

- Example:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + \dots$$

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end at infinite term start at 1st term

- Specific Types of Series

- Geometric Series: a series in which each term is obtained from the previous one by **multiplying** it by the **common ratio** r

$$a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} \quad (a \neq 0)$$

common ratio: r

- Alternating Series: a series whose terms are alternately positive and negative

- Example: $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n}$

- Power Series:

$$1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$$

← not $n=1!!!$

- P-Series:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}, \text{ where } p \geq 1$$

- Example:

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

- When $p=1$: Harmonic Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots$$

- Convergence and Divergence

- Convergence: approaches a definite, real number as you go off to infinity

$$S_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \rightarrow \text{Converges if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \text{a real number}$$

- Divergence: doesn't approach a definite, real number as you go off to infinity
- How to Tell if a Series Converges or Diverges: Using Convergence Tests

- We can use convergence tests to analyze series' end behavior

- Test for Divergence (looking at limits)

- If the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ doesn't exist or if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is divergent

- Example:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{5n^2+4} \text{ Does this series converge or diverge?}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^2}{5n^2+4} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^2}{5n^2+4} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{n^2}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{5 + \frac{4}{n^2}}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} \right) = \frac{1}{5} \neq 0$$

\Rightarrow Diverges by the Test for Divergence

- The Integral Test

- Suppose f is a continuous, positive, decreasing function on the interval $[1, \infty)$ and let $a_n = f(n)$. Then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent if and only if the improper integral $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ is convergent.

Aka:

(a) If $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ is convergent, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent

(b) If $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ is divergent, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is divergent

* Note: When we use the Integral Test it's not necessary to start the series or integral at $n=1$. Example:

$$\sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-3)^2} \rightarrow \int_4^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x-3)^2} dx$$

- Example:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n} \text{ Does this series converge or diverge?}$$

$$\text{let } f(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{x}$$

① Check to see if $f(x)$ is ultimately decreasing

$$f(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{x}$$
$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{x(\frac{1}{x}) - \ln x}{x^2} = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2}$$

$f'(x) < 0$ when $\ln(x) > 1 \Rightarrow f(x)$ is decreasing
 \Rightarrow Use the Integral Test

② Apply Integral Test

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{\ln(x)}{x} dx$$
$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(\ln(x))^2}{2} \right]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln(t))^2}{2} = \infty$$

③ Analyze Results

$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \infty \Rightarrow$ The improper integral is divergent

\Rightarrow By the Integral Test, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n}$ diverges

• The Comparison Test

- Suppose that $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ are series with positive terms
 - If $\sum b_n$ is convergent and $a_n \leq b_n$ for large enough n , then $\sum a_n$ is also convergent
 - If $\sum b_n$ is divergent and $a_n \geq b_n$ for large enough n , then $\sum a_n$ is also divergent

• Example:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2n^2 + 4n + 3}$$

Given that $\frac{5}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ is convergent, does this series converge or diverge?

① Recognize the relationship between the two series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2n^2 + 4n + 3} < \frac{5}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

(because the left side has a bigger denominator)

② Apply the Comparison Test

$$\text{Since } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2n^2+4n+3} < \frac{5}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{5}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ is convergent,}$$

then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2n^2+4n+3}$ converges by the Comparison Test

▸ Specific Case: P-Series Convergence

▸ P-Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}, \text{ where } p \geq 0$$

- For the p-series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ is convergent if $p > 1$ and divergent if $p \leq 1$

- Example:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ Does this series converge or diverge?}$$

$$p = 2 \Rightarrow p > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ is convergent}$$

▸ Specific Case: Geometric Series Convergence

- Geometric Series:

$$a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} \quad (a \neq 0)$$

common ratio: r

- A geometric series converges if $|r| < 1$ and diverges if $|r| \geq 1$

- Example:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1} \text{ Does this series converge or diverge?}$$

$$|r| = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow |r| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1} \text{ converges}$$

- Related Case: Exponential Convergence

- Form: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{kn}$

- If $k < 0$ then the series converges
- If $k \geq 0$ then the series diverges

○ Example:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{5n} \quad \text{Does this series converge or diverge?}$$

$$k = 5 \Rightarrow k \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{5n} \text{ diverges}$$

▸ The Ratio Test

• If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent

• If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| > 1$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \infty$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is divergent

• If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$, then the Ratio Test is inconclusive; that is, no conclusion can be drawn about the convergence or divergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$

• Example:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n^3}{3^n} \quad \text{Does this series converge or diverge?}$$

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^n n^3}{3^n}$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (n+1)^3}{3^{n+1}}$$

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

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(n+1)^3}{3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{3^n}{n^3} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^3}{n^3} \right] = \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^3 = \frac{1}{3} < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1, \text{ so } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n^3}{3^n} \text{ is convergent by the Ratio Test}$$

- Taylor Series

- Basic idea: rewrite any function in terms of a polynomial

- Form:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)(x-a)}{1!} + \frac{f''(a)(x-a)^2}{2!} + \dots$$

↑
not n=1!!!

- Taylor series of a function of f centered at a
• a can be any real number

- Special Case: Maclaurin Series

- Taylor series centered at $a=0$

- Form:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!} x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \dots$$

- Common Maclaurin Series Expansions

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

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

- $\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$

- $\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{2n!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$

- Applications of Taylor Series

- Linear approximations of functions

- Higher order approximations

- Make evaluating limits and integrals easier

- Example: Derive the first 3 terms of Maclaurin Series of $f(x) = e^x$ and use it to approximate $f(0.5)$

① Find Taylor expansion centered at $a=0$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!} x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \dots$$

$$f(x) = e^x \rightarrow f(0) = 1$$

$$f'(x) = e^x \rightarrow f'(0) = 1$$

$$f''(x) = e^x \rightarrow f''(0) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = e^x \approx 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!}$$

② Use the Maclaurin series terms to find an approximation

$$f(0.5) = ?$$

$$f(x) = e^x \approx 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0.5) = e^{0.5} \approx 1 + \frac{0.5}{1!} + \frac{(0.5)^2}{2!} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{13}{8}$$

○ Example:

Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - f(x)}{x^2} \right)$, where $f(x) = \cos(x^2)$

① Recall a Taylor series expansion of a similar form

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

② Use this known expansion to find the desired expansion

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x^2 = 1 - \frac{(x^2)^2}{2!} + \frac{(x^2)^4}{4!} - \frac{(x^2)^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{x^4}{2!} + \frac{x^8}{4!} - \frac{x^{12}}{6!} + \dots$$

③ Use the expansion to evaluate the limit

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - f(x)}{x^2} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1 - \left(1 - \frac{x^4}{2!} + \frac{x^8}{4!} - \frac{x^{12}}{6!} + \dots \right)}{x^2} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\frac{x^4}{2!} - \frac{x^8}{4!} + \frac{x^{12}}{6!} - \dots}{x^2} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^6}{4!} + \frac{x^{10}}{6!} - \dots \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

