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## Convergence and Divergence tests for Infinite Series

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**Ex:** Find the sum of the following series

$$1) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 5}{4^n} = 5 - \frac{5}{4} + \frac{5}{16} - \frac{5}{64} + \dots, a = 5, r = \left| -\frac{1}{4} \right| < 1.$$

$$\therefore S = \frac{5}{1 + \frac{1}{4}} = 4.$$

$$2) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n-1} - 1}{6^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{6^{n-1}} \right), \text{ since } \left| \frac{1}{2} \right| < 1, \left| \frac{1}{6} \right| < 1, \text{ then } A = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 2,$$

$$B = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{6}} = \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\text{Then } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{6^{n-1}} \right) = A - B = 2 - \frac{6}{5} = \frac{4}{5}.$$

$$3) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{2^n}, a = 4, r = \left| \frac{1}{2} \right| < 1, \therefore S = \frac{4}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 8.$$

4)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - \dots$ ,  $\{S_n\} = \{1, 0, 1, 0, \dots\}$  is Div. because of the oscillation of  $S_n$  between 1, 0.

**Theorem:** If  $\sum a_n = A$  and  $\sum b_n = B$  are convergent series then:

1) Sum Rule:  $\sum (a_n \pm b_n) = \sum a_n \pm \sum b_n = A \pm B.$

2) Constant Multiple Rule:  $\sum k a_n = k \sum a_n = kA.$

## Convergence and Divergence tests for Infinite Series

- (1) The  $n^{\text{th}}$ -term test for a divergent series.

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ , then  $\sum a_n$  is Div.

**Notice:** If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ , then we can't conclude that the series is convergent, this condition is necessary, but not sufficient for convergence.

**Ex:** Use the  $n^{\text{th}}$ -term test to find whether the following series are divergent or not.

1)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3n}{5n+1}$ , since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n}{5n+1} = \frac{3}{5} \neq 0$ . Then is Div.

2)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ , Let  $u = \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(u)}{u} = 1 \neq 0$ . Div.

3)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2n+5} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n}{n}}{\frac{2n}{n} + \frac{5}{n}} = \frac{1}{2 + \frac{5}{n}} = \frac{1}{2 + \frac{5}{\infty}} = \frac{1}{2+0} = \frac{1}{2}$

is div.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n} + \frac{1}{n}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = 1 + 0 = 1$$

• **(2) The P-Series**

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  is called, the P-Series (P is real constant).

\* If  $p = 1 \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{1}{n}$ , then by integral test  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = \infty$ . Div.

\* If  $p > 1 \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{1}{n^p}$  we have  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \frac{x^{-p+1}}{-p+1} \Big|_1^{\infty} = \frac{1}{1-p} (0 - 1) = \frac{1}{p-1}$ . Conv.

$\therefore$  The P-series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  is convergent if  $p > 1$ , and divergent if  $p \leq 1$ .

**Ex:**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{2} < 1$ .

The series is div. by p-series.

**Ex:**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \Rightarrow p = 3 > 1$ . The series is conv. by p-series.

### • (3) The Integral Test

**Corollary:** A series  $\sum a_n$  of non-negative terms converges if and only if its partial sums are bounded from above.

**Ex:** The Harmonic Series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$ , the harmonic series is divergent.

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{10} + \dots + \frac{1}{16}\right) + \dots$$
$$> 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{8}{16} = \frac{1}{2}\right) + \dots$$

In general, the sum of  $2^n$  terms ending with  $\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$  is greater than  $\frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2}$ . The sequence of partial sums is not bounded from above, if  $n = 2^k$ , the partial sum  $S_n$  is greater than  $\frac{k}{2}$ , the harmonic series is diverges.

### **Theorem:** (The Integral test)

Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of positive terms. Suppose that  $a_n = f(n)$ , where  $f$  is a continuous, positive, decreasing function of  $x$  for all  $x \geq N$  ( $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ). Then the series  $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$  and the integral  $\int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx$  both convergent or both divergent.

**Ex:** Test the convergence and divergence of the series:

1)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{x} \Big|_1^{\infty} = 0 - (-1) = 1$ . The series is convergent.

2)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n}$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x} \Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} dx = \frac{(\ln x)^2}{2} \Big|_1^{\infty} = \infty$ . Div.

3)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+1}$   $\Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx = \tan^{-1}(x) \Big|_1^{\infty} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}$ . Conv.

**Ex:** Test the convergence and divergence of the series by integral test.

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

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

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

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$$\forall x \geq 1$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^x \frac{e^x}{1+e^{2x}} dx$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^x \frac{e^x}{1+e^{2x}} dx \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{1+(e^x)^2} dx$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\tan^{-1}(e^x)]_1^{\infty} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\tan^{-1}(e^{\infty}) - \tan^{-1}(e^1)] = \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1}(e^1)$$

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