

Review Sequence $\{a_n\} = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$

Def $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ if $\forall \epsilon > 0$ there is $N > 0$ such that $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$ whenever $n > N$.

If so, say $\{a_n\}$ converges to L , otherwise $\{a_n\}$ diverges.

Useful Thms

Monotonic Seq Thm Every bounded, monotonic sequence converges.

Thm All thms for $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ apply (sums, powers, \cdot , \div , sqz thm)

Ex Find limit of $\{\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2\sqrt{2\sqrt{2}}}\}$ etc.

A: $a_1 = 2^{1/2}$ $a_2 = 2^{3/4}$ $a_3 = 2^{7/8}$... $a_n = 2^{\frac{2^n - 1}{2^n}}$

Now $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{2^n} = 1$ so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{b_n} = 2^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n}$ by limit law
 $= 2^1 = 2$.

Thm Suppose $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

Proof

ϵ if $0 < |a_n| < \epsilon$ then
 $-\epsilon < a_n < \epsilon$.

Ex $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 0$ so $\{1, 1/4, -1/4, 1/16, 1/25, -1/36, 1/49, 1/64, -1/81, \dots\}$
also converges to 0.

Ex $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^n = \begin{cases} 0 & -1 < r < 1 \\ 1 & r = 1 \\ \text{DNE otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Ex $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n!} \sin^3(6n)}{n^2}$

Rmk $-\frac{1}{n^2} \leq \frac{\sin^3(6n)}{n!} \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$ so this limit = 0 by Squeeze thm:

$$-\frac{1}{n^2} \leq a_n \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 0$$

SERIES

$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is called an (infinite) series

Def Given series $\sum a_n$, the n^{th} partial sum is

$$S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$$

* Def Given $\sum a_n$ with n^{th} partial sum S_n ,

say

$\sum a_n$ is convergent and write $\sum a_n = S$

if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = S$ IF $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$ DNE, say

The series diverges

* Series $\sum a_n$ converges if and only if the sequence of partial sums converges.

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$

Notice $s_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ $s_2 = \frac{3}{4}$ $s_3 = \frac{7}{8} \dots$ $s_n = \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n}$

and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n} = 1$. Thus $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1$.

Ex Geometric Series $a + ar + ar^2 + \dots$ ($a_1 = a$, $a_n = r a_{n-1}$)

$$s_n = a + ar + \dots + ar^{n-1}$$

$$r s_n = ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^n$$

$$s_n - r s_n = a - ar^n$$

So $s_n = \frac{a - ar^n}{1 - r}$ so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{1 - r} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ar^n}{1 - r}$

Conclusion $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1}$ converges if and only if $|r| < 1$,
so:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{a}{1-r} & \text{if } |r| < 1 \\ \text{diverges} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Ex $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$ $a = \frac{1}{2}$ $r = \frac{1}{2}$ $\Sigma = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 1$

Ex $6 - 2 + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{27} \dots = \frac{6}{1 - (-\frac{1}{3})} = \frac{6}{\frac{4}{3}} = \frac{18}{4} = \frac{9}{2}$

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3^n 5^{1-n} = \frac{9}{5} + \frac{3^4}{5^1} + \frac{3^4}{5^2} \dots$

$a = 9/5 \quad r = 1/5$

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DIVERGES

Ex Repeating decimals are just geometric series!

$2.1313131\overline{31} = 2.1 + .031 + .00031 + .0000031 + \dots$
 $a = .031 \quad r = 1/100$

$= 2.1 + \frac{.031}{1 - 1/100} = 2.1 + \frac{.031}{99/100} = 2.1 + \frac{31}{990}$

Rmk Quite unusual to have formula for s_n , geometric series is special, another is so-called telescoping series

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{20} + \dots$

$\frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}$ by partial fractions so

$\underbrace{1 - \frac{1}{2}}_{s_1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}}_{s_2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}}_{s_3} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5}$

so $s_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}$

Thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$

Ex Harmonic Series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges (see last class!)

Some Theorems

Thm If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.

Proof Notice that $a_n = s_n - s_{n-1}$. If $\{s_n\}$ converges,

then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{n-1} = s$, so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n - s_{n-1} = 0$.

COR Suppose $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$. Then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.

WARNING The condition that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ is

NECESSARY BUT NOT SUFFICIENT for $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = 0$.

Think We can't possibly add infinitely many things and get a value unless those things are $\rightarrow 0$

EX $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ DIVERGES $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \pi^2/6$

COR DOES NOT APPLY!!

EX $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{6n^3}{n^3+1}$ DIVERGES since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6n^3}{n^3+1} = 6 \neq 0$.

Thm Suppose $\sum a_n = S$ and $\sum b_n = T$ converge. Then

1. $\sum c a_n = c S$
2. $\sum (a_n + b_n) = S + T$

Problems

1. $1 + .4 + .16 + .064 + \dots$

2. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{3})^{2n}}$

3. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n^5}$

4. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2 + 4n + 3}$ use telescoping