

# Math 243

## Divergence test of $\sum a_n$

if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$  or dne  $\rightarrow \sum a_n$  is divergent

## Properties of convergent series

do given  $\sum a_n, \sum b_n$  do converge, then so

a)  $\sum c a_n = c \sum a_n$

b)  $\sum a_n + b_n = \sum a_n + \sum b_n$

c)  $\sum a_n - b_n = \sum a_n - \sum b_n$

ex

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\sin 100)^k = \sin(100) + (\sin(100))^2 + \dots$$

know:  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ar^{k-1} = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots$

$$= \frac{a}{1-r} \quad \text{when } |r| < 1$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(\sin(100)) (\sin(100))^{k-1}}{\sin(100)} \right) \quad \text{so } a = \sin(100)$$

$r = \sin(100) \approx -.5$

$$= \frac{\sin(100)}{1 - \sin(100)}$$

know geo series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ar^{k-1} = \frac{a}{1-r}$  when  $|r| < 1$

or  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ar^k = \frac{a}{1-r}$  when  $|r| < 1$

ex  $S = \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{i+1} - \frac{1}{i-1} \right)$  vs  $\sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2}{1-i^2} \right)$

$\nearrow$  use partial fractions

know (if converges)  $S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$  (partial sums)

$i=2$   $S_2 = \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{1} \right)$

$i=2,3$   $S_3 = \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{1} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$

$i=2,3,4$   $S_4 = \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{1} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{3} \right)$

$i=2,3,4,5$   $S_5 = \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{1} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{4} \right)$

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$i=2,3,4,5, \dots, n$   $S_n = \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{1} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \dots$

$\dots + \left( \frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n-3} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n-2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n-1} \right)$

$S_n = -\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1}$

$S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1} \right) = \boxed{-\frac{3}{2}}$

$$\sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{2}{1-i^2} = \frac{2}{1-4} + \frac{2}{1-9} + \frac{2}{1-16} + \dots$$

$$= \boxed{-1.5}$$

Why? (1)  $\sum a_n = S$  (know it converges)  
 $\rightarrow$  for a large  $n=N$   $S_N \approx S$

$$\text{error} = R_N = S - S_N$$

$$(2) \underline{f(x)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n + \dots$$

$$f(x) \approx S_n \quad R_n = f(x) - S_n$$

approx  
function

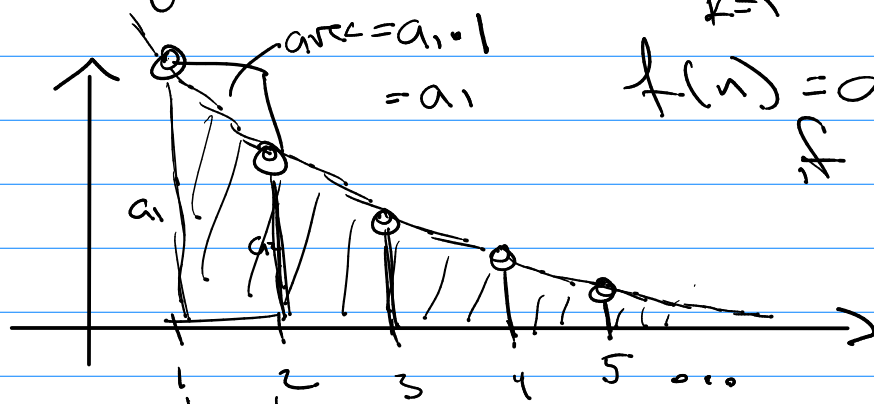
11.3  $\rightarrow$  11.6 tests for  $\sum a_n$  converging.

11.7 Strategies section

For convergence.

11.3 Integral Test for  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$

Idea:



if  $a_n$  are all pos.  
 $f$  is cont., pos  
and dec

goal:  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + \dots$

$= a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots = \text{Sum of rectangles.}$   
(area)

area under curve  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$   
 area of rectangles  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  } behave alike.

**Integral Test**

given  $f(n) = a_n$ , and  $f(x)$  is cont, positive, decreasing function on  $[1, \infty)$

then (1)  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  converges  $\rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges

(2)  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  diverges  $\rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  diverges

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

$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  on  $[1, \infty)$  is it (1) cont? yes

(2) pos? yes

(3) dec? yes  $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} < 0$

check  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (\ln|x| \Big|_1^b)$

$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln(b) = \infty$  diverges.  $\therefore \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$  also diverges.

# P-series test

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

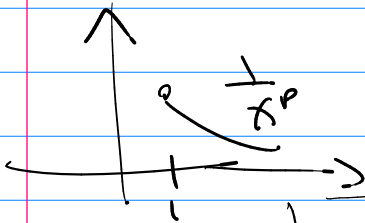
$$p > 0$$

let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^p}$   
on  $[1, \infty)$

- ①  $f(x)$  is cont.
- ②  $f(x)$  is positive
- ③  $f'(x) = -p x^{p-1}$

$$\frac{1}{x^{p+1}}$$

so  $f'(x) < 0$  dec



$$\text{so } \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$$

behaves like  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^p}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b x^{-p} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left. \frac{1}{1-p} x^{-p+1} \right|_1^b \quad (p \neq 1) \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1-p} [b^{1-p} - 1] \end{aligned}$$

important part is  $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} b^{1-p}$

- $\rightarrow p > 1 \quad \frac{1}{b^p} \rightarrow 0$
- $\rightarrow p < 1 \quad b^{1-p} \rightarrow \infty$

previous  $p=1$  is div.

## so P-series test

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

convergent if  $p > 1$

divergent if  $p \leq 1$

Things we can sum or say convergent or divergent.

(1)  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ar^k$  (geo series)

(2)  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k - a_{k+1}$  (variant of telescoping series)

(3)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^p}$  (p-series)

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If you know  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots = S$  converges

So  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = S$  or each larger value of  $n$ ,  $S_n$  gets closer to  $S$ .

We can approximate  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \approx S_n$  for some  $n$ .

Error?

define  $R_n = S - S_n$

$\int_{n+1}^{\infty} f(x) dx \leq R_n \leq \int_n^{\infty} f(x) dx$   
| lower bound | | upper bound |

Ex take 20 terms and find  $S_{20} \approx S$

$$\int_{21}^{\infty} f(x) dx \leq R_{20} \leq \int_{20}^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

bound s

$$S_n + \int_{n+1}^{\infty} f(x) dx \leq S \leq S_n + \int_n^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

ex's

given want error  $\leq 0,0002$

$$R_n \leq \underline{0,0002}$$

$$R_n \leq \int_n^{\infty} f(x) dx \leq 0,0002$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{-2}{i^2 + 2i} = -1,5 \quad (\text{from above})$$

$$S_n \approx S \quad \text{error} \leq 0,0001$$

$$\int_n^{\infty} \frac{-2}{x^2 + 2x} dx \leq 0,0001$$

like  $-2 \int_n^b \frac{1}{x^2 + 2x} dx = ?$   
or  $b \rightarrow \infty$

$$\rightarrow \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+2}$$

Partial

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 + 2x} dx = \int \frac{1}{x(x+2)} dx$$

can I do this? (yes) (see below)

check (1)  $\frac{1}{x(x+2)}$  cont on  $[1, \infty)$ ? yes

(2)  $\frac{1}{x(x+2)}$  pos on  $[1, \infty)$ ? yes

(3)  $\frac{1}{x(x+2)}$  dec on  $[1, \infty)$ ? **yes**

$$f(x) = (x^2 + 2x)^{-1} \quad f'(x) = -1 (x^2 + 2x)^{-2} (2x + 2)$$

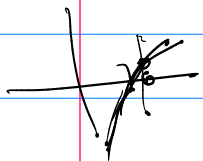
$$= \frac{-1}{(x^2 + 2x)^2} \cdot 2(x+1)$$

$\propto \frac{1}{x^2}$

So we can do  $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \int_n^b \frac{1}{x^2 + 2x} dx$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln(x+2) - \ln x \Big|_n^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln(b+2) - \ln(b) - [\ln(n+2) - \ln(n)]$$

$$= \ln n - \ln(n+2)$$



$$\ln\left(\frac{n}{n+2}\right) = 0.0001$$

$$\frac{n}{n+2} = e^{0.0001}$$

$$n = (n+2)e^{0.0001}$$

$$n(1 - e^{0.0001}) = 2e^{0.0001}$$

$$n = \frac{2e^{0.0001}}{1 - e^{0.0001}}$$

$$n \approx \underline{2 \times 10^4}$$

(Note: Sign mistake @ start of this example :))

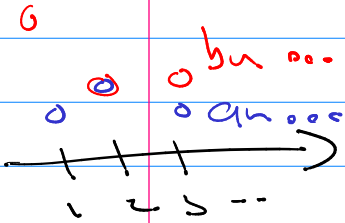


## More convergence tests.

### 11.4 Comparison tests.

#### Comparison test

given  $\sum a_n, \sum b_n$  with  $a_n, b_n$  are positive  
and  $a_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n$



(1) if  $\sum b_n$  converges  $\rightarrow \sum a_n$  converges

(2) if  $\sum a_n$  diverges  $\rightarrow \sum b_n$  diverges

How to use this? on  $\sum c_n$

(1) guess  $\sum c_n$  converges.

Find  $\sum d_n$  that converges  
and  $d_n \geq c_n$  for all  $n$ .

(2) guess  $\sum c_n$  diverges

Find  $\sum d_n$  that diverges  
and  $d_n \leq c_n$  for all  $n$ .

ex  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}-1}$  acts like  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}$  divergent p-series.

guess this diverges  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}-1} \geq$  (Something that diverges)

take  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}-1} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}-1+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

So  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  diverges and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}-1}$

So  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}-1}$  also diverges.

(ex)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}+1}$  guess divergent

find a smaller divergent series?

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}+1} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}+\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}$  show by integral test this is divergent

b/c  $\sqrt{n} \geq 1$  when  $n \geq 1$

$\therefore$  b/c  $\sum \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}$  diverges and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}+1} \geq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}$

$\therefore \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}+1}$  is also divergent

(ex)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{1/n}}{n} = \frac{e}{1} + \frac{\sqrt{e}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{e}}{3} + \frac{\sqrt[4]{e}}{4} + \dots + \frac{e^{1/n}}{n} + \dots$  all bigger than 1.

guess divergent  $\frac{e^{1/n}}{n} \geq \frac{1}{n}$  b/c  $e^{1/n} > 1$  which diverges.

So  $\sum \frac{e^{1/n}}{n}$  diverges

Limit comparison test  $\sum a_n, \sum b_n$  and  $a_n, b_n$  are positive

if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = c > 0$  and finite

then either both converge or both diverge.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}+1}$  ~ guess this is like  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  which is divergent

Test  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}+1}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n}+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}$

$= \frac{1}{1+0} = 1$  b/c it's a pos, finite number  $\rightarrow$  they act alike

So  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}+1}$  diverges

ex  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2+n+1}{n^4+n}$  ~ large  $n$  ~  $\frac{n^2}{n^4} = \frac{1}{n^2}$  which is conv.

test  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^2+n+1}{n^4+n}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^4+n^3+n^2}{n^4+n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+\frac{1}{n}+\frac{1}{n^2}}{1+\frac{1}{n^3}}$

$= 1$   $\rightarrow$  pos. and finite  $\therefore$  alike.

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2+n+1}{n^4+n}$  is convergent

up to now all  $\sum a_n$  must be positive (no subtraction allowed)

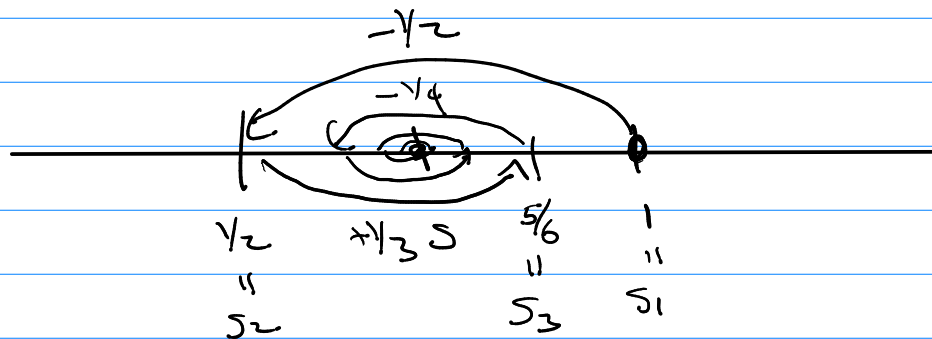
but what about?  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \dots$

Subtraction/Addition in a series

① Alternating Series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k b_k$    
 always pos

ex  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1}{k} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \dots$

convergent?



Alternating Series test  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} b_n = b_1 - b_2 + b_3 - \dots$

if ①  $b_n \geq b_{n+1}$  ( $b_n$  are decreasing)

②  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$

thus  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} b_n$  converges.

and error =  $S_n - S \leq b_{n+1}$

