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Ex Estimating p-series: $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^p}$

Q How many terms of $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$ to keep to get an approximation within 10^{-3} ?

$$f(k) = \frac{1}{k^2}$$

From Thm 9.13, the remainder R_n satisfies

$$R_n \leq \int_n^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_n^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{x} \Big|_n^{\infty} = -\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\therefore R_n \leq \frac{1}{n} \leq 10^{-3}$$

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upper bound of R_n

$$\frac{1}{n} \leq 10^{-3} \quad : \text{ solve for } n$$

$$n \geq 10^3 = 1000$$

Recall, remainder R_n is essentially the error between exact value S

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \text{ and its}$$

$$\text{approximation } S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$$

\therefore If we keep at least $n=1000$ terms, i.e. approximate $\left. \begin{matrix} 2 < 3 \\ \frac{1}{2} > \frac{1}{3} \end{matrix} \right\}$

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$ with $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2}$, then the error will not exceed 10^{-3} .

Ex Approximate $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$ using 50 terms.

From Thm 9.13

$$\underbrace{S_n + \int_{n+1}^{\infty} f(x) dx}_{L_n \text{ lower bound}} \leq \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k}_S \text{ exact value / sum} \leq \underbrace{S_n + \int_n^{\infty} f(x) dx}_{U_n \text{ upper bound}}$$

$n=50$

$$L_n = S_n + \int_{n+1}^{\infty} f(x) dx = S_n + \int_{n+1}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2} = S_n + \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$U_n = S_n + \int_n^{\infty} f(x) dx = S_n + \int_n^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2} = S_n + \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\therefore S_n + \frac{1}{n+1} \leq S \leq S_n + \frac{1}{n}$$

$n=50$

$$S_{50} + \frac{1}{50+1} \leq S \leq S_{50} + \frac{1}{50}$$

$$S_{50} = \sum_{k=1}^{50} \frac{1}{k^2} \approx 1.625133$$

$$\Rightarrow 1.625133 + \frac{1}{51} \leq S \leq 1.625133 + \frac{1}{50}$$

$$1.644741 \leq S \leq 1.645133$$

Then S can be approximated as average of lower and upper bounds, i.e.

$$S \approx \frac{1.644741 + 1.645133}{2} \approx 1.644937$$

closer to S than S_{50}

9.5 The Ratio, Root and Comparison Tests

These are convergence tests.

Thm 9.14 The Ratio Test

Let $\sum a_n$ be an infinite series, $a_n > 0$ and let $r = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k}$.

1. If $0 \leq r < 1$, the series converges.
2. If $r > 1$ (including $r = \infty$), the series diverges.
3. If $r = 1$, the test is inconclusive.

Idea of proof

For $k \gg 1$ (k very large), $r \approx \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k}$

$$\Rightarrow a_{k+1} \approx r a_k$$

Consider the tail of the series:

$$a_k + a_{k+1} + a_{k+2} + \dots \approx a_k + r a_k + r^2 a_k + \dots$$

$$= a_k (1 + r + r^2 + \dots)$$

geometric series with $r < 1$: convergent

if $r > 1$: divergent

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Ex}}} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{10^k}{k!}$$

$$a_k = \frac{10^k}{k!}, \quad a_{k+1} = \frac{10^{k+1}}{(k+1)!}$$

$$r = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \cdot \frac{k!}{10^k} =$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10^{\cancel{k}} \cdot 10^1 \cdot \cancel{k!}}{\cancel{k!} (k+1) 10^{\cancel{k}}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10}{k+1} = 0 < 1$$

$$(k+1)! = \underbrace{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots (k-1)(k)(k+1)}_{k!} = (k+1)k!$$

since $r = 0 < 1$, series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{10^k}{k!}$ converges by Ratio test

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Ex}}} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^k}{k!}$$

$$r = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(k+1)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \cdot \frac{k!}{k^k} =$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(k+1)^{k+1} \cdot \cancel{k!}}{\cancel{k!} (k+1) \cdot k^k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(k+1)^{k+1}}{(k+1) k^k} =$$

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

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{k} \right)^k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{k} \right)^k} =$$

$$= e^{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{k} \right)} = e^L$$

$$L = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{k} \right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{k} \right)}{\frac{1}{k}} = \left| t = \frac{1}{k} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+t)}{t} = \frac{0}{0} \stackrel{\text{l'Hop. rule}}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{1+t}}{1} = 1$$

$$\therefore r = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} = e^L = e^1 = e > 1$$

Since $r > 1$, series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^k}{k!}$ diverges by Ratio Test

NOTE We can use n^{th} term test or Divergence test as well. Indeed,

$$a_k = \frac{k^k}{k!}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^k}{k!} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\overbrace{k \cdot k \cdot \dots \cdot k}^{k \text{ times}}}{\underbrace{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot (k-1) \cdot k}_{k \text{ times}}} = \infty$$

Since $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^k}{k!}$ diverges by Divergence Test

Thm 9.5 The Root Test

Let $\sum a_n$ be an infinite series, $a_n \geq 0$ and

$$\text{let } \rho = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{a_n}$$

1. If $0 \leq \rho < 1$, the series converges
2. If $\rho > 1$, including $\rho = \infty$, the series diverges
3. If $\rho = 1$, the test is inconclusive.

Idea of proof : for $k \gg 1$, $\rho \approx \sqrt[k]{a_n}$
 $\Rightarrow a_n \approx \rho^k$

Series tail:

$$a_n + a_{n+1} + a_{n+2} + \dots \approx \rho^k + \rho^{k+1} + \rho^{k+2} + \dots =$$

$$= \rho^k [1 + \rho + \rho^2 + \dots]$$

geometric series
 with $r = \rho$: converges if
 $0 \leq \rho < 1$
 and diverges if $\rho > 1$

ex

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left(\frac{4k^2 - 3}{7k^2 + 6} \right)^k}_{a_n}$$

$$\rho = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{a_n} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4k^2 - 3}{7k^2 + 6} = \frac{4}{7} < 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sqrt[k]{a_n} = (a_n)^{\frac{1}{k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4k^2 - 3}{7k^2 + 6} \right)^k \text{ converges by Root test}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{k^{10}}$$

a_k

$$\rho = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{a_k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2^k}{k^{10}} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{k \cdot \frac{1}{k}}}{k^{\frac{1}{k} \cdot 10}} =$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\left(k^{\frac{1}{k}}\right)^{10}} \quad (\equiv)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k^{\frac{1}{k}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln k^{\frac{1}{k}}} = e^{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k} \ln k} =$$

$$= e^0 = 1$$

$$\quad (\equiv) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{1^{10}} = 2 > 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{k^{10}} \text{ diverges by Root test}$$

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Thm 9.16 Comparison Test

Let $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ with $a_n, b_n > 0$.

1. If $0 < a_n \leq b_n$ and $\sum b_n$ converges, then $\sum a_n$ converges.

2. If $0 < b_n \leq a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ diverges, then $\sum a_n$ diverges.

Proof Assume $\sum b_n$ converges, i.e. $\sum b_n = B$ finite

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \leq \sum_{k=1}^n b_k < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k = B$$

$\Rightarrow \{S_n\}$ is a bounded sequence

Since $a_k > 0 \Rightarrow \{S_n\}$ is non-decreasing

} by Bounded Monotonic Sequence Thm 9.5 $\{S_n\}$ converges

Hence, $\sum a_k$ converges.

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Ex}}} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2+10}$$

$$\frac{1}{k^2+10} < \frac{1}{k^2} \quad k > 1$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{a_k} \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{b_k}$

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$ converges as p-series w/ $p=2 > 1$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ converges by Comparison Test

$$\sum \frac{1}{k^2+10} < \sum \frac{1}{k^2} < \infty \quad \text{converges} \Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{k^2+10} < \infty \quad \text{converges}$$

ex

$$\sum_{k=4}^{\infty} a_k = \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k-3}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{k-3}} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$$

$\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$ diverges
as p-series
w/ $p = \frac{1}{2} < 1$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{k-3}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{k-3}} > \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{k-3}} \text{ diverges by Comparison Test}$$

Thm 9.17 Limit Comparison Test

Suppose $\sum a_n, \sum b_n$ with $a_n, b_n > 0$ and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} = L$$

1. If $0 < L < \infty$, L is finite, $L \neq 0$
Then $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ either both converge or both diverge.
2. If $L = 0$ and $\sum b_n$ converges $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ converges
3. If $L = \infty$ and $\sum b_n$ diverges $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ diverges

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^4 - 2k^2 + 3}{2k^6 - k + 5}$$

$$a_k = \frac{k^4 - 2k^2 + 3}{2k^6 - k + 5} \approx \frac{k^4}{2k^6} = \frac{1}{2k^2} = b_k$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{2k^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{1}{k^2} < \infty \text{ as } p\text{-series w/ } p=2 > 1$$

$$L = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^4 - 2k^2 + 3}{2k^6 - k + 5} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2k^2}} =$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^4 - 2k^2 + 3}{2k^6 - k + 5} \cdot 2k^2 = 1 \neq 0$$

finite

$$\therefore \sum \frac{k^4 - 2k^2 + 3}{2k^6 - k + 5} < \infty \text{ by Limit Comparison Test}$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln k}{k^2}$$

We can compare $\sum \frac{\ln k}{k^2}$ with $\sum \frac{1}{k^2}$ or $\sum \frac{1}{k}$

because $\underbrace{\sum \frac{\ln k}{k^2}}_{a_k}$ is "between" $\sum \frac{1}{k^2}$ and $\sum \frac{1}{k}$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln k}{k^2} = 0$$

converges
as p-series
w/ $p=2 > 1$

diverges
as harmonic
series

I) Compare w/ $\sum \frac{1}{k^2}$
 b_k

$$L = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln k}{k^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{k^2}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \ln k = \infty$$

Since $\sum b_k = \sum \frac{1}{k^2}$ converges and $L = \infty$, the limit comparison Test is inconclusive.

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Ex Use Limit Comparison Test to determine convergence or Divergence of $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln k}{k^2}$ (Cont'd)

ii) Compare $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\frac{\ln k}{k^2}}_{a_k}$ with $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\frac{1}{k}}_{b_k}$
 harmonic series diverges

$$L = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln k}{k^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{k}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln k}{k^2} \cdot k$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln k}{k} = 0 \quad \text{as } k \text{ grows faster than } \ln k \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

(or use l'Hopital's Rule)

hence, $L = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} = 0$ and $\sum b_k = \sum \frac{1}{k}$ diverges

$\Rightarrow \sum a_k$ may converge or diverge

so the Limit Comparison Test is again inconclusive.

iii) Compare with $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\frac{1}{k^{3/2}}}_{b_k}$: p-series w/ $p = \frac{3}{2}$
 converges since $\frac{3}{2} > 1^{3/2}$

$$L = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln k}{k^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{k^{3/2}}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln k \cdot k^{3/2}}{k^2}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln k}{k^{2-3/2}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln k}{k^{1/2}} = 0 \quad 2 - \frac{3}{2}$$

hence, $L = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} = 0$ and $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k < \infty$

then $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln k}{k^2}$ converges by

Limit Comparison Test.

9.6 Alternating Series

Before we consider series $\sum a_k$ with $a_k > 0$.

Now we will allow terms of a series to have alternating sign.

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

alternating harmonic series

Consider partial sums S_n :

$$S_1 = 1$$

$$S_2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

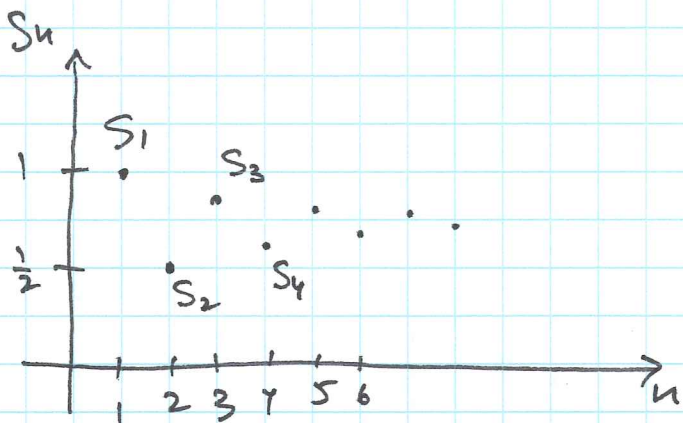
$$S_3 = \underbrace{1 - \frac{1}{2}}_{S_2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6} = S_2 + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$S_4 = \underbrace{1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}}_{S_3} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{7}{12} = S_3 - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$S_5 = S_4 + \frac{1}{5}$$

etc.

Q Does the alternating harmonic series converge?



From the graph, it seems that sequence $\{S_n\}$ of partial sums converges and is bounded.

Thm 9.18 The Alternating Series Test

The alternating series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} a_k$ converges

provided:

1. the terms of the series are nonincreasing in magnitude: $0 < a_{k+1} \leq a_k$ for all $k > N$ some index
2. $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$

Note For $\sum a_k$, $a_k > 0$, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0 \not\Rightarrow \sum a_k$ converges

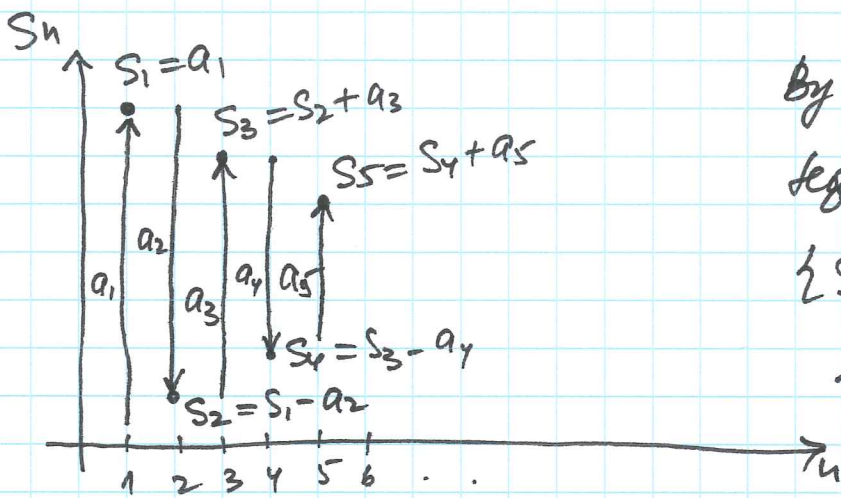
For $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} a_k$, $\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0 \\ a_{k+1} \leq a_k \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \sum a_k$ converges

Proof Consider $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} a_k = \overbrace{a_1}^{1^0} - \overbrace{a_2}^{1^0} + \overbrace{a_3}^{1^0} - \overbrace{a_4}^{1^0} + \overbrace{a_5}^{1^0} - \overbrace{a_6}^{1^0} + \dots$

Since $a_{k+1} \leq a_k \Rightarrow$ the even terms $\{S_{2k}\} =$

$= \{S_2, S_4, S_6, \dots\}$ form a nondecreasing sequence

and it is bounded from above by S_1



By Bounded Monotonic
sequence Thm, the sequence
 $\{S_{2k}\}$ converges, say, to
limit L .

Similarly, the odd terms $\{S_{2k+1}\} = \{S_1, S_3, S_5, \dots\}$
form a nonincreasing sequence bounded from
below by S_2 . By Bounded Monotonic sequence Thm,
sequence $\{S_{2k+1}\}$ also converges to limit, say, L' .
We do not know if $L = L'$. We will show that
 $L = L'$.

Notice: $S_{2k+1} = S_{2k} + a_{2k+1}$

or $S_{2k} = S_{2k-1} - a_{2k}$

We know $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_{2k} = L$, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_{2k-1} = L'$

$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_{2k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_{2k+1} = 0$

$\therefore \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_{2k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_{2k-1} - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_{2k} \Rightarrow L = L'$

Therefore, the sequence $\{S_n\}$ has a unique

limit L . Hence, series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1}$ also converges by def. \checkmark

Ex $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \underbrace{\frac{1}{k}}_{a_k}$: alternating harmonic series

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{k+1} < \frac{1}{k} \Rightarrow a_{k+1} < a_k \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k} \text{ converges by Alternating series Test}$

Ex $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k^2}$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} < \frac{1}{k^2} \Rightarrow a_{k+1} < a_k \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^2} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k^2} \text{ converges by Altern. series Test}$

Ex $2 - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{4}{3} - \frac{5}{4} + \dots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\frac{k+1}{k}}_{a_k} \cdot (-1)^{k+1}$

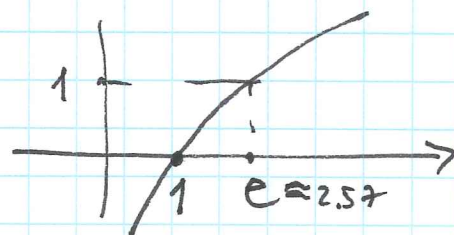
$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 1 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k+1}{k} (-1)^{k+1}$ diverges by Divergence or n^{th} term Thm

$$\underline{\underline{Ex}} \quad \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \ln k}{k}$$

$$a_k = \frac{\ln k}{k}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln k}{k} = 0$$

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



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

$$f' < 0 \text{ if } x > e$$

$$\Rightarrow f' < 0 \text{ if } x \geq 3$$

$$f' < 0 \Rightarrow f \text{ decreases} \Rightarrow a_{k+1} \leq a_k \text{ for } k \geq 3$$

Hence, $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \ln k}{k}$ converges by alt. series Test.

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Remainders in Alternating Series

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k, \quad a_k > 0$$

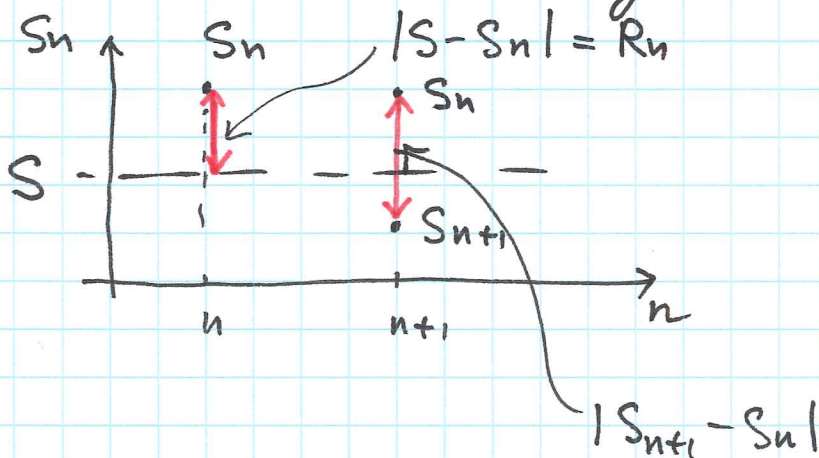
$$S = \underbrace{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}_{S_n} + \underbrace{a_{n+1} + \dots}_{R_n}$$

$$R_n = S - S_n \geq 0$$

$$|S - S_n| = S - S_n, \quad \text{if } a_k > 0$$

For alternating series, it is convenient to define

$R_n = |S - S_n|$: absolute error in approximation of an infinite series with sum S by the sum S_n of first n terms



Note: sum S is trapped between successive values S_n

$$S = a_1 - a_2 + a_3 - a_4 + \dots + a_n - a_{n+1} + a_{n+2} - a_{n+3} + \dots$$

$$\underbrace{\quad \quad \quad}_{S_n} \quad \underbrace{\quad \quad \quad}_{S_{n+1}}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} a_k, \quad a_k > 0$$

$$S_{n+1} - S_n = \pm a_{n+1} \Rightarrow |S_{n+1} - S_n| = a_{n+1}$$

From graph, we see that

$$R_n = |S - S_n| \leq |S_{n+1} - S_n| = a_{n+1}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{R_n \leq a_{n+1}}$$

Thm 9.20 Remainder in Alternating Series

Let $R_n = |S - S_n|$ be the remainder in approximating the value of a convergent altern. series $\sum (-1)^{k+1} a_k$ by S_n . Then

$$R_n \leq a_{n+1}$$

i.e. the remainder is \leq magnitude of the first neglected term.

Ex $\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots$: Taylor series of $\ln(1+x)$ (more - later)

$$x=1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\ln 2 = \ln(1+1) =$$

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

Q How many terms are required to approximate $\ln 2$ with remainder $< 10^{-6}$?

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{n} + (-1)^{n+2} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1} + \dots$$

S_n a_{n+1}

$$R_n \leq a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1} < 10^{-6}$$

$$n+1 > \frac{1}{10^{-6}} = 10^6$$

$$\Rightarrow n > 10^6 - 1$$

If we keep n at least 10^6 , then remainder R_n will be $< 10^{-6}$.

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sec x + 1}$$

Absolute and Conditional Convergence

We will consider a general $\sum a_n$ with terms a_n that can be positive or alternating sign etc.

Recall

Ex $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k}$: alternating harmonic series, converge

but $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |(-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k}| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$: harmonic series diverges

Ex $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k^2}$: converges by Alt. Series Test

and $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |(-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k^2}| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$: converges as p-series w/ $p=2 > 1$

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Def Assume that $\sum a_n$ converges. The series $\sum a_n$ converges absolutely if $\sum |a_n|$ converges. Otherwise, $\sum a_n$ converges conditionally.

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k^2}$: converges

$$\sum |(-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k^2}| = \sum \frac{1}{k^2} \text{ converges}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k^2} \text{ converges absolutely}$$

Ex $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k}$: converges

$$\text{but } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |(-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k}| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \text{ diverges}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k} \text{ converges conditionally}$$

Thm 9.21 Absolute convergence implies convergence.

If $\sum |a_n|$ converges, then $\sum a_n$ converges, i.e. abs. convergence implies convergence.

If $\sum a_n$ diverges, then $\sum |a_n|$ diverges.

$$\sum |a_k| \text{ converges} \implies \sum a_k \text{ converges}$$

$$\not\leftarrow$$

$p \Rightarrow q$

$$\sum a_k \text{ diverges} \implies \sum |a_k| \text{ diverges}$$

$$\text{not } p \implies \text{not } q$$

Proof

$$|a_k| = \begin{cases} a_k, & a_k \geq 0 \\ -a_k, & a_k < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$0 \leq |a_k| + a_k \leq 2|a_k|$$

By assumption, $\sum |a_k|$ converges $\implies 2\sum |a_k|$ also converges

Consider $\sum (|a_k| + a_k)$

and compare it with $2\sum |a_k|$

$$|a_k| + a_k \leq 2|a_k| \quad \text{and} \quad 2\sum |a_k| < \infty$$

By Comparison Test, series $\sum (|a_k| + a_k)$ converges.

$$\sum a_k = \underbrace{\sum (a_k + |a_k|)}_{\text{converges}} - \underbrace{\sum |a_k|}_{\text{con.}}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{finite } \#}$

$\therefore \sum a_k$ converges

Determine whether series diverges, converges absolutely or converges conditionally.

$$\underline{\text{ex}} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}}_{a_k} : \text{alternating series}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \quad \checkmark \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \text{ converges by alt. series Test}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \right| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} : \text{diverges as } p\text{-series w/ } p = \frac{1}{2} < 1$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \text{ converges conditionally}$$

$$\underline{\text{ex}} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{\sqrt{k^3}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k^{3/2}} : \text{converges by alt. series Test}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| (-1)^{k+1} \frac{1}{k^{3/2}} \right| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{3/2}} : \text{converge as } p\text{-series w/ } p = \frac{3}{2} > 1$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{\sqrt{k^3}} \text{ converges absolutely.}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Ex}}} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin k}{k^2}$$

$$\left| \frac{\sin k}{k^2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{k^2} \quad \text{but } \sum \frac{1}{k^2} \text{ converges as } p\text{-series} \\ \text{w/ } p=2$$

$\Rightarrow \sum \left| \frac{\sin k}{k^2} \right|$ converges by Comparison Test

$\therefore \sum \frac{\sin k}{k^2}$ converges by Thm 9.21

Hence, $\sum \frac{\sin k}{k^2}$ converges absolutely.

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Ex}}} \quad \sum \frac{(-1)^k k}{k+1} = \sum (-1)^k \underbrace{\frac{k}{k+1}}_{a_k}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{k+1} = \lim a_k = 1 \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{(-1)^k k}{k+1}$ diverges by Divergence Test