

Infinite Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \leftarrow \text{does this converge?}$$

Before we create a battery of tests to ~~detect~~ determine this we consider some special series

(1) Geometric

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n = a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots$$

converges if $|r| < 1$ if so $S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r}$

(2) Harmonic

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

#2 Telescopic

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

stop at N

$$S_N = \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{N-1} - \frac{1}{N}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{N} - \frac{1}{N+1}\right)$$

drop () $\hat{=}$ expand

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \dots - \frac{1}{N-1} + \frac{1}{N} + \frac{1}{N} - \frac{1}{N+1}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{N+1}$$

Now let $N \rightarrow \infty$ $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \frac{1}{N+1} = 1$

so this series conv.

in general, for telescopic series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n - b_{n+1} \quad a_n \text{ splits}$$

(1) stop at N

$$S_N = (b_1 - b_2) + (b_2 - b_3) + \dots + (b_N - b_{N+1})$$

(2) drop () $\hat{=}$ expand

(3) cancel terms

(4) $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$ex \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln \frac{n}{n+1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln n - \ln n + 1$$

(1) Stop at N

$$S_N = (\ln 1 - \ln 2) + (\ln 2 - \ln 3) + \dots + (\ln N - \ln N+1)$$

$$= \ln 1 - \ln N + 1$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N = - \ln N + 1 \rightarrow -\infty \text{ so div}$$

After you cancel terms, end part of what's left will determine convergence/divergence

Test # 4 p series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \quad \text{converges } p > 1$$

$$\text{diverges } p \leq 1$$

Now we are ready to create some tests to determine convergence \neq divergence

Test 1 n^{th} term test

if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \neq \text{not zero}$ the series diverges

Note: If a series converges

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

to show this consider

$$S_{n-1} = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1}$$

$$S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} + a_n$$

$$= S_{n-1} + a_n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_{n-1} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$$

$$L = L + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

ex 1

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ > \frac{1}{2} & > \frac{1}{2} & > \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

Adding up
an infinite
1/2's

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = 1 \neq 0$$

so by the n th term test the series diverges

(5)

Ex 1 $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\ln n}$ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\ln n} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$

L'H $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{\ln x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \rightarrow \infty \neq 0$

so series div

Ex 2 $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1-2^n}{4 \cdot 2^n}$ (UT - Krokville)

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1-2^x}{1+2^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{2^x} - 1}{\frac{1}{2^x} + 1} = -1 \neq 0$ series div by nth term test

OR L'H $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2^x \ln 2}{2^x \ln 2} = -1$ same conclusion

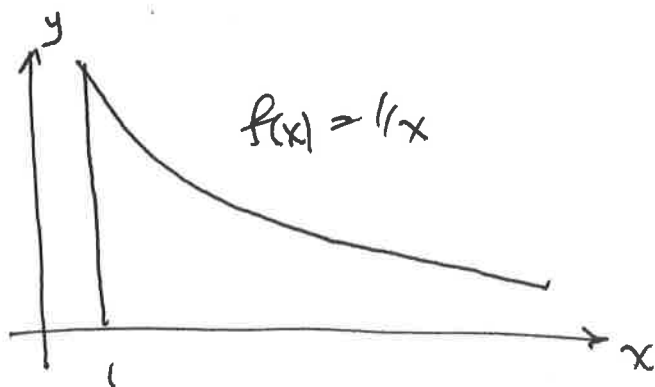
Ex 4 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = 0$

what can we say - nothing!

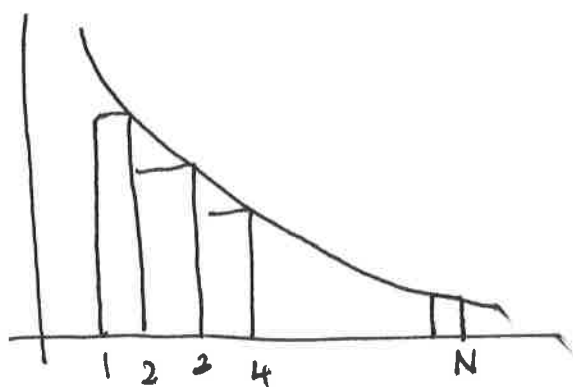
This test doesn't determine conv. - more later!

Test 2 Integral Test

Motivation - Consider $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$



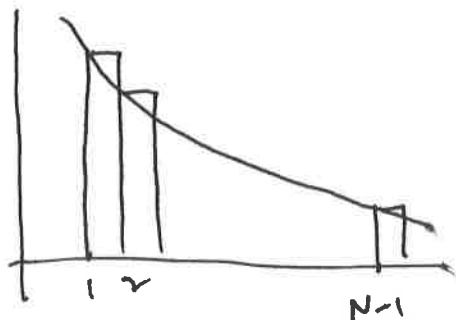
Area's under - step size 1



$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{N} < \int_1^N \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{N} < 1 + \int_1^N \frac{dx}{x}$$

Area Over



$$\int_1^N \frac{dx}{x} < 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{N-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{N} + \int_1^N \frac{dx}{x} < 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{N}$$

so $\frac{1}{N} + \int_1^N \frac{dx}{x} < \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n} < 1 + \int_1^N \frac{dx}{x}$

Now $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} < 1 + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x}$$

$\therefore \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x}$ diverges - improper \int

the series diverges

this is the integral test

Test 2 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ $a_n = f(n)$ $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$

If f is positive, decreasing, cont^s
test applies

if $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ conv (div) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ conv/div.

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

$$\text{let } f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2+1}, \quad x \geq 2 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Yes} \quad \text{cont}^s \checkmark \\ \text{Yes} \quad > 0 \end{array}$$

$$f' = \frac{1(x^2+1) - 2x \cdot x}{(x^2+1)^2} = \frac{1-x^2}{(x^2+1)^2} < 0 \quad \text{for } x \geq 2$$

So test applies

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left. \frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2+1| \right|_2^b$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \ln|b^2+1| - \frac{1}{2} \ln 5 \rightarrow \infty$$

\therefore \int diverges by \int test series div.

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n (\ln n)^2}$$

(1) f cont^s ✓

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

(2) $f > 0$ ✓

$$(3) f' = \frac{0 \cdot x (\ln x)^2 - 1 \left[(\ln x)^2 + x \cdot 2 \ln x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right]}{(x \ln x)^4}$$

so test applies

< 0 ✓

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x (\ln x)^2} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{dx}{x (\ln x)^2}$$

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 $u = \ln x$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left. -\frac{1}{\ln x} \right|_2^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{\ln b} + \frac{1}{\ln 2} \right) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\ln 2}$$

so by integral test series converge

↑
not the actual sum

Final Note:

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ means nothing

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{ div.}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ conv. } p=2$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 0$$