

MATHEMATICS-1



SECTION A

Infinite Series

INFINITE SERIES

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SEQUENCES

A sequence is an ordered progression of numbers, they can be finite or infinite in numbers .

Mathematically, A Sequence is a function whose domain is the set \mathbb{N} of all natural numbers whereas the range may be any set S . e.g. 1, 5, 9, 13 -----

Consider the sequence $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$. This sequence is denoted by $\{a_n\}$

SEQUENCES

A sequence can be defined using a formula to find a_n

ex. $a_n = 3n - 4$

$$-1, 2, 5, 8, 11, \dots$$

ex. $a_n = a_{n-1} - 6$ and $a_1 = 14$

$$14, 8, 2, -4, -10, \dots$$

ARITHMETIC SEQUENCES

An Arithmetic sequence is a special type of sequence in which successive terms have a common difference (adding or subtracting the same number each time)

Common difference is denoted ***d***

Formula for arithmetic seq. is:

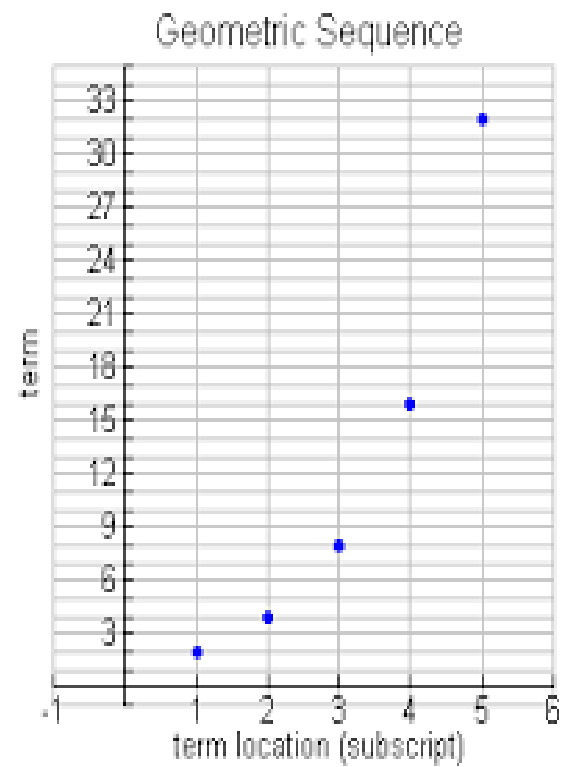
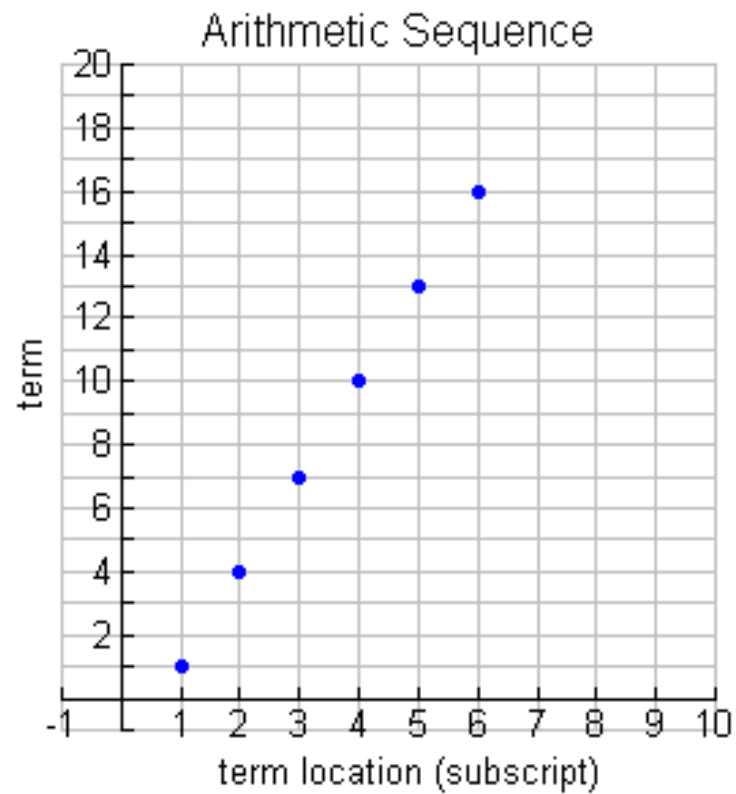
$$a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$$

GEOMETRIC SEQUENCES

Geometric sequence is a special type of sequence in which successive terms have a common ratio (multiplying or dividing by the same number each time),

the common ratio is denoted r , formula for geometric seq. is:

$$a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$$



Convergence , divergence & oscillatory sequence

(a) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ *finite quantity*, then the sequence is said to be convergent

(b) a) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = +\infty$ or $-\infty$, then the sequence is said to be divergent

(c) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ is not unique, then the sequence is said to be oscillatory.

Q. Examine the convergence of the sequence

$$u_n = \frac{3n - 1}{1 + 2n}$$

SERIES

Finite Series:- If u_n is a sequence of real numbers, then the expression $u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n$ [i.e. the sum of all terms of the sequence, which are finite in number] is called a **finite Series**.

Infinite Series:- If u_n is a sequence of real numbers, then the expression $u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n \pm \dots \infty$ [i.e. the sum of all terms of the sequence, which are infinite in number] is called an **Infinite Series**.

The Infinite Series $u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n \pm \dots \infty$ is denoted by $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n$ or simply by $\sum u_n$.

Series of positive terms:-

If all the terms of the infinite series $\sum u_n = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n \pm \dots \infty$ are positive i.e. $u_n > 0 \forall n$, then the series $\sum u_n$ is called a positive term series.

Partial Sums:-

If $\sum u_n = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n \pm \dots \infty$ is an infinite series where the terms may be +ve or -ve, then $S_n = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n$

Is called the nth partial sum of $\sum u_n$. Thus the nth partial sum of an infinite series is the sum of its first n terms. S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots are first, second, third ----- partial sums of the series.

Since $n \in N, \{S_n\}$ is a sequence called the sequence of partial sums of an infinite series $\sum u_n$.

PARTIAL SUM FORMULAS

Arithmetic sequence

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n) = \frac{n}{2}(2a_1 + (n-1)d)$$

Geometric sequence

$$S_n = a_1 \cdot \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$$

Convergence, Divergence and Oscillation of an infinite series:-

An infinite series $\sum u_n$ converges, diverges and oscillates (finitely or infinitely) according as the sequence $\{S_n\}$ of its partial sums converges, diverges or oscillates (finitely or infinitely).

The series $\sum u_n$ converges if the sequence $\{S_n\}$ of its partial sums converges.

Or we can say $\sum u_n$ is convergent if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = a$ finite quantity

- ❖ The series $\sum u_n$ diverges if the sequence $\{S_n\}$ of its partial sums diverges.
- ❖ Or we can say $\sum u_n$ is divergent if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = +\infty$ or $-\infty$
- ❖ The series $\sum u_n$ oscillates finitely if the sequence $\{S_n\}$ of its partial sums oscillates finitely.
- ❖ The series $\sum u_n$ oscillates infinitely if the sequence $\{S_n\}$ of its partial sums oscillates infinitely.
- ❖ Thus, $\sum u_n$ is oscillates infinitely if $\{S_n\}$ oscillating between $+\infty$ or $-\infty$

Q1 test the nature of the series $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots \infty$

Let $S_n = 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots$ n terms

Here $T_n = 2n - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= \sum T_n \\ &= \sum (2n - 1) = 2 \sum n - \sum 1 \\ &= 2 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - n \end{aligned}$$

$$= n^2 + n - n = n^2$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 = \infty$$

$\Rightarrow \{S_n\}$ diverges to $+\infty$

So, the given series diverges to $+\infty$

$$\text{Q2} \quad 1 - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5^2} - \frac{1}{5^3} + \dots - \infty$$

The given series being a G.P. series with common ratio $-\frac{1}{5} < 1$

$$S_n = 1 - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5^2} - \frac{1}{5^3} + \dots - n \text{ terms}$$

$$S_n = 1 - \frac{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^n}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)} = \frac{1 - (-1)^n \frac{1}{5^n}}{1 + \frac{1}{5}}$$

$$= \frac{5}{6} \left\{ 1 - (-1)^n \frac{1}{5^n} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5}{6} \left\{ 1 - (-1)^n \frac{1}{5^n} \right\} \\ &= \frac{5}{6} \quad [\because \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \frac{1}{5^n} \rightarrow 0] \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \{S_n\}$ converges to $\frac{5}{6}$

So, the given series converges to $\frac{5}{6}$

Q3 $7 - 4 - 3 + 7 - 4 - 3 + 7 - 4 - 3 - - - - \infty$

Here $S_n = 7 - 4 - 3 + 7 - 4 - 3 + 7 - 4 - 3 - - - -$ to n terms

$= 0, 7, 3$ according as the number of terms is $3m, 3m+1, 3m+2$ respectively.

$S_n = \begin{cases} 0, & 3m \\ 7, & 3m+1 \\ 3, & 3m+2 \end{cases}$ number of terms

Clearly S_n does not tend to a unique limit, $\{S_n\}$ oscillates finitely.

\Rightarrow The given series oscillates finitely.

$$\text{Q4. } \frac{1}{1.3} + \frac{1}{3.5} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \dots \dots \dots \infty$$

$$\text{Let } u_n = \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)}$$

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

Putting $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$, we get

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$u_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right)$$

$$u_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} \right)$$

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$$u_n = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2n+1} \right)$$

$$\text{Adding } s_n = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2n+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

\Rightarrow The sequence $\{s_n\}$ converges to $\frac{1}{2}$

\Rightarrow The given series converges to $\frac{1}{2}$.

Assignment

Test the nature of the following series:

(i) $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots \infty$

(ii) $1 / 1.3 + 1 / 3.5 + 1 / 5.7 + \dots \infty$

NPTEL LINKS FOR REFERENCE

real numbers	http://nptel.ac.in/courses/122104017/1
sequences	http://nptel.ac.in/courses/122104017/2
sequences	http://nptel.ac.in/courses/122104017/3
Series of numbers.	http://nptel.ac.in/courses/122101003/2 5
Infinite series partial sum	http://nptel.ac.in/courses/122104017/1 3

Convergence of G.P. Series :

- ❁ The Geometric Series $1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots \dots \dots \infty$
- ❁ Converges if $-1 < x < 1$, i.e. $|x| < 1$
- ❁ Diverges if $x \geq 1$
- ❁ Oscillates finitely if $x = -1$
- ❁ Oscillates infinitely if $x \leq -1$

Proof :- (i) when $|x| < 1$.

Since $|x| < 1$, $x^n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$S_n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots \dots \dots + x^{n-1}$$
$$= \frac{1(1-x^n)}{1-x} = \frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{x^n}{1-x}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \frac{1}{1-x} \text{ (finite value)}$$

\Rightarrow The sequence $\{S_n\}$ is convergent.

\Rightarrow The given series is convergent.

(ii) when $x \geq 1$

Subcase I :- when $x = 1$

$$S_n = 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots \text{ To } n \text{ terms.}$$

$$S_n = n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \infty$$

The sequence $\{S_n\}$ diverges to ∞ .

\Rightarrow The given series diverges to ∞ .

Subcase II :- When $x > 1$, $x^n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$S_n = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots \text{ to } n \text{ terms}$$

$$S_n = \frac{1(x^n - 1)}{x - 1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \infty$$

\Rightarrow The sequence $\{S_n\}$ diverges to ∞ .

\Rightarrow The given series diverges to ∞ .

(iii) when $x = -1$

$$S_n = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots \text{ to } n \text{ terms.}$$

= 1 or 0 according as n is odd or even.

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 1 \text{ or } 0$$

\Rightarrow The sequence $\{S_n\}$ oscillates finitely.

\Rightarrow The given series oscillates finitely.

When $x < -1$

$$X < -1 \text{ or } -x > 1$$

Let $r = -x$, then $r > 1$

$\therefore r^n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$S_n = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots \text{ to } n \text{ terms.}$$

$$= \frac{1 - x^n}{1 - x} = \frac{1 - (-r)^n}{1 - (-r)} \quad [\because x = -r]$$

$$= \frac{1 - (-r)^n}{1 + r} = \frac{1 - r^n}{1 + r} \text{ or } \frac{1 + r^n}{1 + r} \text{ according as } n \text{ is even or}$$

odd.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \frac{1 - \infty}{1+r}$ or $\frac{1 + \infty}{1+r} = -\infty$ or $+\infty$
 \Rightarrow The sequence $\{S_n\}$ oscillates infinitely.
 \Rightarrow The given series oscillates infinitely.

Q 5 Test the convergence of the following series :

$$1 - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{9}{16} - \frac{27}{64} + \dots \infty$$

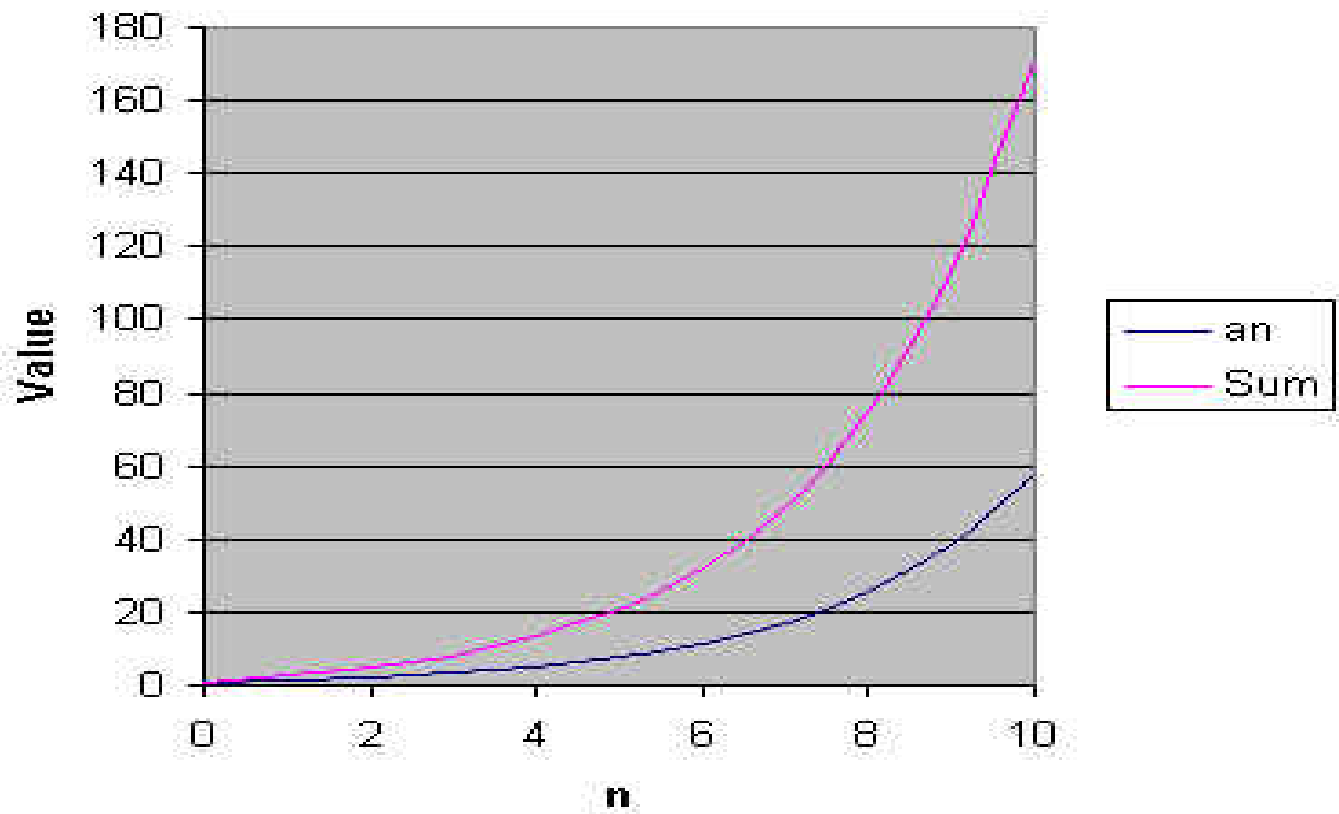
$$2 + 3 + \frac{9}{2} + \frac{27}{4} + \dots \infty$$

$$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \dots \infty$$

$$\frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{4} \dots \infty$$

$$1 - \frac{5}{2} + \frac{25}{4} - \frac{125}{8} + \dots \infty$$

Geometric Series -- $r = 1.5$



Necessary condition for convergence :

If a series $\sum u_n$ is convergent ,then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$

Proof : Let S_n denotes the nth partial sum of the series $\sum u_n$.

The $\sum u_n$ is convergent $\implies \{S_n\}$ is convergent.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$ is finite or unique = s (say)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_{n-1} = s$$

$$\text{Now } S_n - S_{n-1} = u_n$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n - S_{n-1}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = s - s = 0$$

Hence $\sum u_n$ is convergent $\implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$

Converse of the above theorem is not always true, i.e. the nth term may tend to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$ even if the series is not convergent.

$$\text{e.g. } 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \dots \infty$$

$$> \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$(\because m < n \implies \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$$

$$= \frac{n}{\sqrt{n}} = \sqrt{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} = \infty$$

\Rightarrow The series is divergent, as $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$

Thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$ is a necessary condition but not a sufficient condition for convergence of $\sum u_n$.

Results :

$\sum u_n$ is convergent $\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0 \Rightarrow \sum u_n$ may or may not be convergent.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sum u_n$ is not convergent.

A positive term series either converges or diverges to $+\infty$.

Comparison Test :

Let $\sum u_n$ and $\sum v_n$ be two positive term series

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = l$ (finite or non zero), then $\sum u_n$ and $\sum v_n$ both converge or diverge together.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = 0$ and $\sum v_n$ converges, then $\sum u_n$ also converges.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \infty$ and $\sum v_n$ diverges, then $\sum u_n$ also diverges.

Assignment

Examine the convergence of the series

$$1 + 1/4^{2/3} + 1/9^{2/3} + 1/16^{2/3} + \text{-----}$$

Convergence of Hyper-Harmonic Series (p-series)

The series $\sum \frac{1}{n^p} = \frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^p} + \dots \infty$

Converges if $p > 1$

Diverges if $p \leq 1$

Q 6 Test the convergence of the series

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \frac{1}{3^4} + \dots \infty$$

This can be written as

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \frac{1}{2^5} + \dots + \infty \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^4} + \frac{1}{3^6} + \dots + \infty \right)$$
$$= \sum u_n + \sum v_n$$

$$\sum u_n \text{ being a G.P. series with c.r.} = \frac{1}{4} < 1$$

$\Rightarrow \sum u_n$ is convergent.

$$\sum v_n \text{ is a G.P. series with c.r.} = \frac{1}{9} < 1$$

$\Rightarrow \sum v_n$ is also convergent.

$\Rightarrow \sum u_n + \sum v_n$ is also convergent.

Q 7 Test the convergence of the series

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1.2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2.3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3.4}} + \dots \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Here } u_n &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n(n+1)}} \\ &= \frac{1}{n\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n}}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Take } v_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\frac{u_n}{v_n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n}}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n}}} = 1 \quad \left(\because \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \right)$$

= finite or non zero

So, by comparison test, both the series $\sum u_n$ and $\sum v_n$ converge or diverge together. But the series $\sum v_n = \sum \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent as $p = 1$

Hence, the given series $\sum u_n$ is also divergent.

Q 8 Test the convergence of the series

$$\sum(\sqrt{n^4 + 1} - \sqrt{n^4 - 1})$$

Here $u_n = \sqrt{n^4 + 1} - \sqrt{n^4 - 1}$

Rationalizing, we get

$$\begin{aligned} u_n &= \frac{n^4+1-n^4+1}{\sqrt{n^4+1}+\sqrt{n^4-1}} \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{n^4+1}+\sqrt{n^4-1}} \\ &= \frac{2}{n^2\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n^4}}+\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{n^4}}} \end{aligned}$$

Take $v_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$

$$\frac{u_n}{v_n} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n^4}}+\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{n^4}}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \frac{2}{1+1} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \quad (\text{finite and non-zero})$$

So, by the comparison test, both the series $\sum u_n$ and $\sum v_n$ converge or diverge together. But the series $\sum v_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ is convergent as $p = 2 > 1$

Hence, the given series $\sum u_n$ is also convergent.

Q 9 Test the convergence of the series

$$\sum \cot^{-1} n^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here } u_n &= \cot^{-1} n^2 \\ &= \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{n^2} \quad (\because \cot^{-1} x = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x}) \\ &= \frac{\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{n^2}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} \quad (\text{Dividing and multiplying by } \frac{1}{n^2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Take } v_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\frac{u_n}{v_n} = \frac{\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{n^2}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = 1 \quad (\because \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x} = 1)$$

(finite and non-zero)

So, by the comparison test, both the series $\sum u_n$ and $\sum v_n$ converge or diverge together. But the series $\sum v_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ is convergent as $p = 2 > 1$

Hence, the given series $\sum u_n$ is also convergent.

Assignment

Test the convergence and divergence of the following series

(i) $\sum \cot^{-1} n^2$

(ii) $\sum (2n^3 + 5)/(4n^5 + 1)$

D' Alembert' Ratio Test : If $\sum u_n$ is a positive term series, and if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}}, \text{ then}$$

$\sum u_n$ is convergent if $l > 1$

$\sum u_n$ is divergent if $l < 1$

Test fails if $l = 1$

Q 9 Test the convergence of the series

$$\frac{2}{1} + \frac{2.5.8}{1.5.9} + \frac{2.5.8.11}{1.5.9.13} + \dots \infty$$

The given series can be written as

$$\frac{2.5}{1.5} + \frac{2.5.8}{1.5.9} + \frac{2.5.8.11}{1.5.9.13} + \dots \infty$$

$$\text{Here } u_n = \frac{2.5.8.11 \dots (3n-1)}{1.5.9.13 \dots (4n-3)}$$

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$$u_{n+1} = \frac{2.5.8.11 \dots (3n-1)(3n+2)}{1.5.9.13 \dots (4n-3)(4n+1)}$$

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{4n+1}{3n+2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 + \frac{1}{n}}{3 + \frac{2}{n}} = \frac{4}{3} > 1 \quad \left(\because \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \right)$$

So by D' Alembert' Ratio Test, the given series $\sum u_n$ is also convergent.

Q 10 Test the convergence of the series

$$\frac{x}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{x^2}{3\sqrt{4}} + \frac{x^3}{4\sqrt{5}} + \dots \infty$$

Here $u_n = \frac{x^n}{n+1\sqrt{n+3}}$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+2\sqrt{n+4}}$$

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{x^n}{n+1\sqrt{n+3}} \times \frac{n+2\sqrt{n+4}}{x^{n+1}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{2}{n}}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{n}}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{3}{n}}} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x}$$

So by D' Alembert' Ratio Test, the given series $\sum u_n$ is convergent if $\frac{1}{x} > 1$ i.e. $x < 1$, and divergent if $\frac{1}{x} < 1$ i.e. $x > 1$.

Ratio Test fails if $\frac{1}{x} = 1$ i.e. $x = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{For } x = 1, u_n &= \frac{1}{n+1\sqrt{n+3}} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}(1+\frac{1}{n})\sqrt{1+\frac{3}{n}}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Take } v_n &= \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ \frac{u_n}{v_n} &= \frac{1}{(1+\frac{1}{n})\sqrt{1+\frac{3}{n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = 1 \text{ (finite and non-zero)}\end{aligned}$$

So, by the comparison test, both the series $\sum u_n$ and $\sum v_n$ converge or diverge together. But the series $\sum v_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ is convergent as $p = \frac{3}{2} > 1$

Hence, the given series $\sum u_n$ is also convergent.

Assignment

Test the convergence and divergence of the following series

$$(i) \sum n^{1/2} / (n^2 + 1)$$

$$(ii) \sum (n^2 - 1)^{1/2} / (n^3 + 1)$$

Rabee's Test : If $\sum u_n$ is a positive term series, and if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right), \text{ then}$$

$\sum u_n$ is convergent if $l > 1$

$\sum u_n$ is divergent if $l < 1$

Test fails if $l = 1$

Q 11 Test the convergence of the series

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6} \frac{x^4}{8} + \frac{1.3.5.7}{2.4.6.8.10} \frac{x^6}{12} + \dots \dots \dots \infty$$

After neglecting first term

$$u_n = \frac{1.3.5.7 \dots (4n-3)}{2.4.6.8.10 \dots (4n-2)} \cdot \frac{x^{2n}}{4n}$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{1.3.5.7 \dots (4n-3)(4n-1)(4n+1)}{2.4.6.8.10 \dots (4n-2)4n(4n+2)} \cdot \frac{x^{2n+2}}{4n+4}$$

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{4n(4n+2)}{(4n-1)(4n+1)} \cdot \frac{4n+4}{4n} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(4n+2)(4n+4)}{(4n-1)(4n+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

So by D' Alembert's Ratio Test, the given series $\sum u_n$ is convergent if

$$\frac{1}{x^2} > 1 \text{ i.e. } x^2 < 1, \text{ and divergent if } \frac{1}{x^2} < 1 \text{ i.e. } x^2 > 1.$$

Ratio Test fails if $\frac{1}{x^2} = 1$ i.e. $x^2 = 1$

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{(4n+2)(4n+4)}{(16n^2-1)}$$

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 = \frac{16n^2+24n+8-16n^2+1}{(16n^2-1)}$$

$$n\left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1\right) = \frac{n(24n+9)}{(16n^2-1)}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{24 + \frac{9}{n}}{16 - \frac{1}{n^2}} = \frac{24}{16} = \frac{3}{2} > 1$$

So by Raabe's Ratio Test, the given series is convergent.

Hence, the given series is convergent if $x^2 \leq 1$, and divergent if $x^2 > 1$.

Logarithmic Test : If $\sum u_n$ is a positive term series, and if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \log \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}}, \text{ then}$$

$\sum u_n$ is convergent if $l > 1$

$\sum u_n$ is divergent if $l < 1$

Test fails if $l = 1$

Q 12 Test the convergence of the series

$$x + \frac{2^2 x^2}{2!} + \frac{3^3 x^3}{3!} + \frac{4^4 x^4}{4!} + \dots \infty$$

$$u_n = \frac{n^n x^n}{n!}$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)^{n+1} x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{n^n x^n}{n!} \cdot \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1} x^{n+1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} &= \frac{n^n}{n+1^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n \cdot \frac{1}{x} \\ &= \frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^n} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{ex} \end{aligned}$$

So by Logarithmic Test, the given series $\sum u_n$ is convergent

if $\frac{1}{ex} > 1$ i.e. $x < \frac{1}{e}$, and divergent if $\frac{1}{ex} < 1$ i.e. $x > \frac{1}{e}$

Logarithmic Test fails if $\frac{1}{ex} = 1$ i.e. $x = \frac{1}{e}$

For $x = \frac{1}{e}$

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{e}{(1+\frac{1}{n})^n}$$

$$\log \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \log e - n \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

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

$$= 1 - 1 + \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{3n^2} + \frac{1}{3n^3} \dots \dots \dots \infty$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} < 1$$

By Logarithmic Test, the series is divergent. Hence the given series

$\sum u_n$ is convergent if $x < \frac{1}{e}$, and divergent if $x \geq \frac{1}{e}$.

Gauss's Test : If for the positive term series $\sum u_n$, $\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}}$ can be

expanded in the form

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = 1 + \frac{\lambda}{n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$$

Then $\sum u_n$ is convergent if $\lambda > 1$ and divergent if $\lambda \leq 1$.

Q 12 Test the convergence of the series

$$\frac{1^2}{2^2} + \frac{1^2 \cdot 3^2}{2^2 \cdot 4^2} x + \frac{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6^2} x^2 + \dots \infty$$

$$u_n = \frac{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \dots (2n-1)^2}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6^2 \dots (2n)^2} x^{n-1}$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \dots (2n-1)^2 (2n+1)^2}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6^2 \dots (2n)^2 (2n+2)^2} x^n$$

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{(2n+2)^2}{(2n+1)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \left(\frac{2 + \frac{2}{n}}{2 + \frac{1}{n}} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x}$$

So by Ratio Test, the given series $\sum u_n$ is convergent

if $\frac{1}{x}$

> 1 i.e. $x < 1$, and divergent if $\frac{1}{x} < 1$ i.e. $x > 1$

Ratio Test fails if $\frac{1}{x} = 1$ i.e. $x = 1$

For $x = 1$

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{(2n+2)^2}{(2n+1)^2} = \frac{4n^2+8n+4}{4n^2+4n+1}$$

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 = \frac{4n^2+8n+4-4n^2-4n-1}{4n^2+4n+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(4n+3)}{4n^2+4n+1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(4n+3)}{4n^2+4n+1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 + \frac{3}{n}}{4 + \frac{4}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}} = 1\end{aligned}$$

Raabe's test fail.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now } \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} &= \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right)^2} \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{2}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right)^{-2} \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{2}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}\right) \left[1 + (-2)\frac{1}{2n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)\right] \\ &= \left[1 + \frac{2}{n} - \frac{1}{n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)\right] \\ &= \left[1 + \frac{1}{n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)\right]\end{aligned}$$

It is of the form

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = 1 + \frac{\lambda}{n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$$

$\lambda = 1$ By Gauss's test, the series is divergent for $x = 1$.

Hence the given series is convergent if $x < 1$ and divergent if $x \geq 1$.

Cauchy's Root Test : If $\sum u_n$ is a positive term series, and if

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = l$, then

$\sum u_n$ is convergent if $l < 1$

$\sum u_n$ is divergent if $l > 1$

Test fails if $l = 1$

Q 15 Test the convergence of the series

$$\sum \left(\frac{n x}{n+1} \right)^n$$

Here $u_n = \left(\frac{n x}{n+1} \right)^n$

$$(u_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{x}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} = x$$

So, by Cauchy's Root test, the series is convergent if $x < 1$ and divergent if $x > 1$.

For $x = 1$, $u_n = \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n$

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

The series is divergent for $x = 1$.

Hence, the given series is convergent if $x < 1$ and divergent if $x \geq 1$.

Assignment

Discuss the convergence of the following series :

(i) $1 + \frac{2x}{2!} + \frac{(3^2 x^2)}{3!} + \frac{(4^3 x^3)}{4!} + \dots$

(ii) $\frac{x}{1.2} + \frac{x^2}{3.4} + \frac{x^3}{5.6} + \dots$ ($x > 0$)

Cauchy's Integral Test : If for $x \geq 1$, $f(x)$ is a non-negative, decreasing function of x such that $f(n) = u_n$ for all positive integral value of n , then the series $\sum u_n$ and the integral $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ converge or diverge together.

Q 16 Show that the series $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$ converges if $p > 1$ and diverges if

$$0 < p \leq 1$$

$$\text{Here } u_n = \frac{1}{n^p} = f(x)$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{x^p}$$

For $x \geq 1$, $f(x)$ is +ve and decreasing function of x .

\therefore Cauchy's Integral test is applicable.

Case I : When $p \neq 1$

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \int_1^{\infty} x^{-p} dx$$
$$\left[\frac{x^{-p+1}}{-p+1} \right]_1^{\infty}$$

Subcase I : when $p > 1 \Rightarrow p - 1 > 0$, so that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx &= \\ \frac{1}{p-1} \left[\frac{1}{x^{p-1}} \right]_1^{\infty} &= -\frac{1}{p-1} [0 - 1] \\ &= \frac{1}{p-1} = \text{finite value}\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ converges.

$\Rightarrow \sum u_n$ is convergent.

Subcase II : when $0 < p < 1, 1 - p > 0$, so that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx &= \\ \frac{1}{1-p} [x^{1-p}]_1^{\infty} &= \frac{1}{1-p} [\infty - 1] \\ &= \infty\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ diverges.

$\Rightarrow \sum u_n$ is divergent.

Case II: when $p = 1, f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = [\log x]_1^{\infty} = \log \infty - \log 1 = \infty - 0 = \infty$$

$\Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ diverges.

$\Rightarrow \sum u_n$ is divergent.

NPTEL LINKS FOR REFERENCE

Tests infinite series	http://nptel.ac.in/courses/122104017/14
Test of convergence	http://nptel.ac.in/courses/122101003/26

Alternating Series

A series in which the terms are alternatively positive or negative is called an **alternating series**.

Leibnitz's rule : An alternating series

$$u_1 - u_2 + u_3 - u_4 + \dots\dots\dots$$

Converges if (i) each term is numerically less than its preceding term, and

(ii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n \neq 0$, the given series is oscillatory.

Assignment

Test for the convergence of the following series :

(i) $2 - 3/2 + 4/3 - 5/4 + \text{-----}$

(ii) $\sum (-1)^{n-1} \cdot n / (2n - 1)$

Series of positive or negative terms

- The series of positive terms and the alternating series are special types of these series with arbitrary signs.

- Def. (1) If the series of arbitrary terms

$$u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n + \dots$$

be such that the series $|u_1| + |u_2| + |u_3| + \dots + |u_n| + \dots$

is convergent, then the series Σu_n is said to be **absolutely convergent**.

(2) If $\Sigma |u_n|$ is divergent but Σu_n is convergent, then $\Sigma |u_n|$ is said to be **conditionally convergent**.