

SERIES

for $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$, define S_n as:

$$S_1 = a_1$$

$$S_2 = a_1 + a_2$$

$$S_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3$$

;

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

S_n is called a partial sum.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$ is referred to as an infinite series.

if $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is convergent, $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$ is also convergent.
→ similar for divergent.

Properties

If $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ are both convergent,

1. $\sum c a_n = c \cdot \sum a_n$

2. $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} (a_n \pm b_n) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n \pm \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} b_n$

Multiplying two series

$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \right) \neq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n b_n)$$

consider $(1 - x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \dots) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \dots\right)$

$$e^x \cdot \cos(x)$$

→ we have to FOIL out all the terms.

$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n, \text{ where } c_n = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_i b_{n-i})$$

re-indexing a series!

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n+5}{2^n}$$

let $n = i+2$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{i+7}{2^{i+2}}$$

testing for convergence / divergence:

if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = S$, then $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i = S$ and series is convergent

• $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n$ diverges

• $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2-1}$ converges

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$S_2 = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{8}$$

$$S_3 = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{15}$$

$$S_4 = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{24}$$

$$S_n = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{2(n+1)}$$

• $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n$ diverges

• $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{n-1}}$ converges

$$S_1 = 1$$

$$S_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$S_3 = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9}$$

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

★ if $\sum a_n$ is convergent, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

★ if $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ are divergent, $\sum (a_n + b_n)$ may be convergent