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Q) show that the series

$$1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^n + \dots \quad (r > 0)$$

converges if  $r < 1$  & diverges if  $(r \geq 1)$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:- the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of given series.

$$S_n = 1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^{n-1}$$

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

case 1:  $r < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{1 - r} - \frac{r^n}{1 - r} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{1 - r} \right) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{r^n}{1 - r} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - r} - \frac{1}{1 - r} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^n \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - r} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \langle S_n \rangle$  is a convergent sequence.

$\therefore$  given series is convergent.

case 2:  $r = 1$

$$S_n = 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots + 1$$

$$S_n = n$$

$\therefore \langle S_n \rangle = \langle 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n, \dots \rangle$  diverges.

$\therefore$  given series diverges.

case 3:  $r > 1$

$$S_n = 1 + r + \dots + r^{n-1}$$

$$S_n > n$$

$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = +\infty$  & this given series diverges.

eg. 1)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{3^n} + \dots$

sol: This is geometric series with  $a = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $r = \frac{1}{3} < 1$   
 since,  $|r| = \frac{1}{3} < 1$ .

Then given series converges.

$$\text{sum of series} = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

2)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{5^{2n+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{-2}{25} \right)^n$   
 $= \frac{1}{5} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{-2}{25} \right)^n$

$\therefore$  This is geometric series with  $a = \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $|r| = \left| \frac{-2}{25} \right| < 1$

$\therefore$  Series converges & sum of series  $= \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1 - \left( \frac{-2}{25} \right)}$   
 $= \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{\frac{27}{25}} = \frac{1}{27}$

Q2) Determine the values of  $x$  for which the series converges and find the sum of series for the value of  $x$ .

a)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n}$

$\neq 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots$   
 $= 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots$

$\therefore$  This is geometric series with  $a = 1$ ,  $r = -x^2$

$\therefore$  series converges if  $|r| < 1$

i.e.  $|-x^2| < 1$

$\Rightarrow -1 < x^2 < 1$

$\Rightarrow -1 < x < 1$

and for  $-1 < x < 1$ , sum of series  $= \frac{a}{1-r}$

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

$$b) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3(-1)^n}{2^n} x^n$$

$$= 3 - \frac{3x}{2} + \frac{3}{4}x^2 - \frac{3}{8}x^3 + \dots$$

Here,  $a=3$ ,  $r=-x/2$

series converges if  $|r| < 1$   
 i.e.  $|-x/2| < 1$   
 $\Rightarrow |x| < 2$

$$\& \text{ sum of series} = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{3}{1+x/2} = \frac{6}{2+x}$$

Note:  $\boxed{\frac{1}{k(k+1)} = \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1}}$

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

## Telescopic series

Series of the form

$$(b_1 - b_2) + (b_2 - b_3) + \dots$$

Here,  $n$ th partial sum of series

$$\boxed{S_n = b_1 - b_{n+1}}$$

Q) for the following telescoping series, show that series is convergent.

$$\begin{aligned} a) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8}{(n+1)(n+2)} \\ &= 8 \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + 8 \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + 8 \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} \right) + \dots + 8 \left( \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2} \right) \\ &= 8 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) - 8 \left( \frac{1}{n+2} \right) \\ &= 4 - \frac{8}{n+2} \end{aligned}$$

Limit of sequence of partial sum

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 4 - \frac{8}{n+2} \right) = 4$$

$\therefore$  series converges & its sum is 4.

Q.) show that series  $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots$  is convergent

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

$\Rightarrow$  sequence of partial sums of given series is

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \dots + \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \\ &= 1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, series converges and its sum is 1.

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Q.) For the given telescoping series, find a formula for the  $n$  terms  $S_n$  of the sequence of partial sums  $\langle S_n \rangle$ . Then evaluate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$  to obtain the sum of series.

a.)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)}$

b.)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)}$



1)

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

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

(2)

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

sum of  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum,

$$S_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{(2n-1)(2n+1)}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} \right) + \dots$$

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

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

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2 + 1/n} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

sum of ~~at~~ = 1/2

2)

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

$n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum,

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

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{2(n+2)} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 1/n}{1 + 2/n} = \frac{1}{2}$$

sum of series = 1/2

### Theorem

A necessary condition for convergence,  
If the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent, then

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

Proof :- let the series  $\sum a_n$  be convergent, then  
sequence of partial sums  $\langle S_n \rangle$  is convergent  
where  $S_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$  denotes the  
 $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of the series.

$$\text{let } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = S.$$

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

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

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

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

$$= S - S = 0$$

Note :- Converse may not be true.

$$\text{eg. let } \sum a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\text{Here, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

but  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is divergent

### $n^{\text{th}}$ term test for Divergence of series

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ , then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent.

so, a/c to n<sup>th</sup> term test,

if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ , then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent.

Note  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test can't be used to prove convergence of series.

Q.1) Using  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test for divergence, determine whether following series diverge.

1.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{3n+5}$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{3n+5} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3+5/n} = \frac{1}{3} \neq 0$$

By  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test, since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ ,

the given series diverges.

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1/n}{1+1/n^2} \right) = 0$$

But, since,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ , by  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test for divergence is inconclusive.

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again

a.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n}$       b.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n\sqrt{3}$

a.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n}$        $\left\{ \because \frac{\infty}{\infty} \text{ form} \right\}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{e^n}{n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{e^n}{1} \right) \quad \left\{ \text{by (Hospital)} \right\}$$
$$= \infty$$

result is inconclusive

b.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n\sqrt{3}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (3)^{1/n}$$
$$= (3)^0 = 1$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \neq 0$ , it diverges.