

Absolute and conditional convergence #definition

$\int f$ is called absolutely convergent if $\int |f|$ converges
 $\int f$ is called conditionally convergent if $\int f$ converges but $\int |f|$ diverges

Absolute convergence preserves "regular" convergence #lemma

If $\int |f|$ converges, then $\int f$ also converges

Proof:

Let $\int |f|$ converges

Let $f_+ = \begin{cases} f & f \geq 0 \\ 0 & f < 0 \end{cases}$

Let $f_- = \begin{cases} 0 & f \geq 0 \\ -f & f < 0 \end{cases}$

$0 \leq f_+ \leq |f| \implies \int f_+$ converges

$0 \leq f_- \leq |f| \implies \int f_-$ converges

$$\int f = \int (f_+ - f_-) = \underbrace{\int f_+}_{\text{Converges}} - \underbrace{\int f_-}_{\text{Converges}} \implies \boxed{\int f \text{ converges}}$$

Dirichlet's convergence test for integrals #theorem

Let f be a continuously differentiable, monotonically decreasing function

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$$

Let g be continuous

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$$\int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x)G'(x) dx = f(x)G(x) \Big|_{x=a}^{x=b} - \int_a^b f'(x)G(x) dx$$

$$f(x)G(x) \Big|_{x=a}^{x=b} = \underbrace{f(b)}_{\rightarrow 0} \underbrace{G(b)}_{\text{Bounded}} - f(a) \underbrace{G(a)}_{\int_a^a = 0} \xrightarrow{b \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

It is now enough to show that $\int_a^\infty f'(x)G(x) dx$ converges

Consequently, we can just show that $\int_a^\infty f'(x)G(x) dx$ converges

$$|G(x)| \leq M \implies \int_a^\infty f'(x)G(x) dx \leq M \int_a^\infty f'(x) dx$$

$$f \text{ is monotonically decreasing} \implies f'(x) < 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies M \int_a^\infty f'(x) dx &= -M \int_a^\infty f'(x) dx = -M \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f'(x) dx = -M \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} f(x) \Big|_{x=a}^{x=b} = \\ &= -M \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (\underbrace{f(b)}_{\rightarrow 0} - f(a)) = Mf(a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \int_a^\infty f'(x)G(x) dx \text{ converges}$$

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