

Consider an infinite sum of terms defined as the following:

Definition (Infinite Series):

An ***infinite series*** is an expression:

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$$

We write the n th partial sum $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$

From this infinite sum, we can generate a sequence of the n th partial sums. We say that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges if $\{S_n\}$ converges to L , $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges to $\pm\infty$ if $\{S_n\}$ diverges to $\pm\infty$, and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ "really" diverges if $\{S_n\}$ really diverges.