# Differential and Integral Calculus

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## 2 Required Reading

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Verlag, 1991

## 3 Additional Reading

Thomas and Finney,  ${\it Calculus~and~Analytic~Geometry},$  9th edition, Addison-Wesley, 1996

## Part I

# Sequences and Series

## 1 Sequences

**Definition 1** (Sequence). A sequence of real numbers is a set of numbers which are written in some order. There are infinitely many terms in a sequence. It is denoted by  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  or  $\{a_n\}$ .

**Example 1.**  $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots$  is called the harmonic sequence.

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

**Example 2.**  $1, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots$  is called the alternating harmonic sequence.

$$a_n = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n}$$

**Example 3.**  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots$ 

$$a_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$$

Example 4.  $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{9}, \frac{4}{27}, \dots$ 

$$a_n = \frac{n+1}{3^n}$$

Example 5. The Fibonacci sequence is given by

$$f_n = \begin{cases} 1 & ; & n = 1, 2 \\ f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} & ; & n \ge 3 \end{cases}$$

Example 6. A geometric sequence is given by

$$a_n = a_1 q^{n-1}$$

where q is called the common ratio.

**Example 7.** A geometric sequence is given by

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

where d is called the common difference.

**Definition 2** (Equal sequences). Two sequences  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  are said to be equal if  $a_n = b_n$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 3** (Sequences bounded from above).  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be bounded from above if  $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}$ , s.t.  $a_n \leq M$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Each such M is called an upper bound of  $\{a_n\}$ .

**Definition 4** (Sequences bounded from below).  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be bounded from below if  $\exists m \in \mathbb{R}$ , s.t.  $a_n \geq M$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Each such M is called an lower bound of  $\{a_n\}$ .

**Definition 5.**  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be bounded if it is bounded from below and bounded from above.

**Example 8.** The sequence  $a_n = n^2 + 2$  is not bounded from above but is bounded from below, by all  $m \le 3$ .

Example 9.  $\left\{\frac{2n-1}{3n}\right\}$  is bounded.

$$m = 0 \le \frac{2n-1}{3n} \le \frac{2n}{3n} = \frac{2}{3} = M$$

**Definition 6** (Monotonic increasing sequence). A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is called monotonic increasing if  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $a_n \leq a_{n+1}, \forall n \geq n_0$ .

**Definition 7** (Monotonic decreasing sequence). A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is called monotonic decreasing if  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$ ,  $\forall n \geq n_0$ .

**Definition 8** (Strongly increasing sequence). A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is called monotonic increasing if  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $a_n < a_{n+1}, \forall n \geq n_0$ .

**Definition 9** (Strongly decreasing sequence). A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is called monotonic decreasing if  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $a_n > a_{n+1}$ ,  $\forall n \geq n_0$ .

**Example 10.** The sequence  $\left\{\frac{n^2}{2^n}\right\}$  is strongly decreasing. However, this is not evident by observing the first few terms.  $\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{9}{8}, 1, \frac{25}{32}, \dots$ 

$$a_n > a_{n+1}$$

$$\iff \frac{n^2}{2^n} > \frac{(n+1)^2}{2^{n+1}}$$

$$\iff 2n^2 > (n+1)^2$$

$$\iff \sqrt{2}n > n+1$$

$$\iff n(\sqrt{2}-1) > 1$$

$$\iff n > \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}-1}$$

$$\iff n > 3$$

#### Exercise 1.

Is  $a_n = (-1)^n$  monotonic?

## Solution 1.

The sequence  $-1, 1, -1, 1, \ldots$  is not monotonic.

## 1.1 Limit of a Sequence

**Definition 10.** Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a given sequence. A number L is said to be the limit of the sequence if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $|a_n - L| < \varepsilon$ ,  $\forall n \geq n_0$ . That is, there are infinitely many terms inside the interval and a finite number of terms outside it.

**Example 11.** The sequence  $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$  tends to 0, i.e. for any open interval  $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ , there are finite number of terms of the sequence outside the interval, and therefore there are infinitely many terms inside the interval.

#### Exercise 2.

Prove

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+2}{2n-1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

#### Solution 2.

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$$

#### Exercise 3.

Prove that 2 is not a limit of  $\left\{\frac{3n+1}{n}\right\}$ .

#### Solution 3.

If possible, let

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{3n+1}{n} = 2$$

Then,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\left| \frac{3n+1}{n} - 2 \right| < \varepsilon$ ,  $\forall n \geq n_0$ . However,

$$\left| \frac{3n+1}{n} - 2 \right| = 1 + \frac{1}{n} > 1$$

This is a contradiction for  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ . Therefore, 2 is not a limit.

**Theorem 1.** If a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  has a limit L then the limit is unique.

*Proof.* If possible let there exist two limits  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . Therefore,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , there exist a finite number of terms in the interval  $(L_1 - \varepsilon, L_1 + \varepsilon)$ . Therefore, there exist a finite number of terms in the interval  $(L_2 - \varepsilon, L_2 + \varepsilon)$ . This contradicts the definition of a limit. Therefore, the limit is unique.

**Theorem 2.** If a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  has limit L, then the sequence is bounded.

Theorem 3. Let

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = a$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} b_n = b$$

and let c be a constant. Then,

$$\lim c = c$$

$$\lim(ca_n) = c \lim a_n$$

$$\lim(a_n \pm b_n) = \lim a_n \pm \lim b_n$$

$$\lim(a_n b_n) = \lim a_n \lim b_n$$

$$\lim(\frac{a_n}{b_n}) = \frac{\lim a_n}{\lim b_n} \quad (\text{ if } \lim b \neq 0)$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\{b_n\}$  be bounded and let  $\lim a_n = 0$ . Then,

$$\lim(a_n b_n) = 0$$

**Theorem 5** (Sandwich Theorem). Let  $\{a_n\}$ ,  $\{b_n\}$ ,  $\{c_n\}$  be three sequences. If

$$\lim a_n = \lim b_n = L$$

and  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq n_0, \ a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$ . Then,

$$\lim b_n = L$$

#### Exercise 4.

Calculate  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sqrt[n]{2^n + 3^n}$ 

Solution 4.

$$\sqrt[n]{3^n} \le \sqrt[n]{2^n + 3^n} \le \sqrt[n]{3^n + 3^n} = \sqrt[3]{2 \cdot 3^n}$$
  
 
$$\therefore 3 < \sqrt[n]{2^n + 3^n} < 3\sqrt[n]{2}$$

Therefore, by the Sandwich Theorem,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sqrt[n]{2^n+3^n} = 3$ .

**Theorem 6.** Any monotonically increasing sequence which is bounded from above converges. Similarly, any monotonically decreasing sequence which is bounded from below converges.

#### Exercise 5.

Prove that there exists a limit for  $a_n = \underbrace{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \dots}}}}_{n \text{ times}}$  and find it.

Solution 5.

$$a_1 = \sqrt{2} < \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}} = a_2$$

If possible, let

$$a_{n-1} < a_n$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{2 + a_{n-1}} < \sqrt{2 + a_n}$$

$$\therefore a_n < a_{n+1}$$

Hence, by induction,  $\{a_n\}$  is monotonically increasing.

$$a_1 = \sqrt{2} \le 2$$

If possible, let

$$a_n \le 2 : \sqrt{2+a_n}$$

$$\le \sqrt{2+2}$$

$$\therefore a_{n+1} \le 2$$

Hence, by induction,  $\{a_n\}$  is bounded from above by 2. Therefore, by ,  $\{a_n\}$  converges.

**Definition 11** (Limit in a wide sense). The sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to converge to  $+\infty$  if  $\forall M \in \mathbb{R}, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_0, a_n > M$ .

The sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to converge to  $-\infty$  if  $\forall M \in \mathbb{R}, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_0, a_n < M$ .

### 1.2 Sub-sequences

**Definition 12** (Sub-sequence). Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence. Let  $\{n_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  be a strongly increasing sequence of natural numbers. Let  $\{b_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence such that  $b_k = a_{n_k}$ . Then  $\{b_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is called a sub-sequence of  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ .

#### Example 12.

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

If we choose  $n_k = k^2$ ,

$$b_k = a_{n_k} = a_{k^2} = \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Therefore,

$$\{b_k\}=1,\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{9},\ldots$$

**Theorem 7.** If the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  converges to L in a wide sense, i.e. L can be infinite, then any sub-sequence of  $\{a_n\}$  converges to the same limit L.

**Definition 13** (Partial limit). A real number a, which may be infinite, is called a partial limit of the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is there exists a sub-sequence of  $\{a_n\}$  which converges to a.

#### Example 13. Let

$$a_n = (-1)^n$$

Therefore,  $\nexists \lim_{n\to\infty} a_n$ . Let

$$b_k = a_{n_k} = a_{2n-1}$$

Therefore,

$$\{b_k\} = -1, -1, -1, \dots$$
$$\therefore \lim_{k \to \infty} b_k = 1$$

Therefore, -1 is a partial limit of  $\{a_n\}$ .

**Theorem 8** (Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem). For any bounded sequence there exists a subsequence which is convergent, s.t. there exists at least one partial limit.

**Definition 14** (Upper partial limit). The largest partial limit of a sequence is called the upper partial limit. It is denoted by  $\overline{\lim} a_n$  or  $\lim \sup a_n$ .

**Definition 15** (Lower partial limit). The smallest partial limit of a sequence is called the upper partial limit. It is denoted by  $\underline{\lim} a_n$  or  $\liminf a_n$ .

**Theorem 9.** If the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is bounded and

$$\overline{\lim} a_n = \underline{\lim} a_n = a$$

then

$$\exists \lim a_n = a$$

## 1.3 Cauchy Characterisation of Convergence

**Definition 16.** A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is called a Cauchy sequence if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall m, n \geq n_0, |a_n - a_m| < \varepsilon$ .

**Theorem 10** (Cauchy Characterisation of Convergence). A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  converges if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence.

Proof. Let

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = L$$

Then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $\forall n \geq n_0$ ,  $|a_n - L| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . Therefore if  $n \geq n_0$  and  $m \geq n_0$ , then

$$|a_n - a_m| = |a_n - L + L - a_m|$$

$$\leq |a_n - L| + |L - a_m|$$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\therefore |a_n - a_m| = \varepsilon$$

Similarly, the converse can be proved by Theorem 9.

**Theorem 11** (Another Formulation of the Cauchy Characterisation Theorem). The sequence  $\{a_n\}$  converges if and only if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $\forall n \geq n_0 \text{ and } \forall p \in \mathbb{N}, |a_{n+p} - a_n| < \varepsilon$ .

#### Exercise 6.

Prove that the sequence

$$a_n = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2}$$

is convergent.

#### Solution 6.

$$|a_{n+p} - a_n| = \left| \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n+p)^2} - \left( \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+2)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n+p)^2}$$

$$\therefore |a_{n+p} - a_n| < \frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n+p-1)(n+p)}$$

$$\therefore |a_{n+p} - a_n| < \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+p}$$

$$\therefore |a_{n+p} - a_n| < \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+p}$$

$$\therefore |a_{n+p} - a_n| < \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\therefore |a_{n+p} - a_n| < \frac{1}{n}$$

Therefore,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq n_0$  and  $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $|a_{n+p} - a_n| < \varepsilon$ , where  $n_0 > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ .

#### Exercise 7.

Prove that the sequence

$$a_n = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{n} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$$

diverges.

#### Solution 7.

If possible, let the sequence converge. Then, by the Cauchy Characterisation of Convergence,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall n \geq n_0$  and  $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $|a_{n+p} - a_n| < \varepsilon$ . Therefore,

$$|a_{n+p} - a_n| = \left| \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+p} - \left( \frac{1}{n} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right) \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{n+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+p}$$

$$\geq p \cdot \frac{1}{n+p}$$

$$\therefore |a_{n+p} - a_n| > \frac{p}{n+p}$$

If n = p,

$$\frac{p}{n+p} = \frac{1}{2}$$

This contradicts the result obtained from the Cauchy Characterisation of Convergence, for  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{4}$ .

Therefore, the sequence diverges.

## 2 Series

**Definition 17** (Series). Given a sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , the sum  $a_1 + \cdots + a_n + \cdots$  is called an infinite series or series. It is denoted as  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  or  $\sum a_n$ .

**Definition 18** (Partial sum). The partial sum of the series  $\sum a_n$  is defined as

$$S_i = a_1 + \dots + a_i$$

**Definition 19** (Convergent and divergent series). If the sequence  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges, then the series is called convergent. Otherwise, the series is called divergent.

**Definition 20** (Sum of a series). If the sequence  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $S \neq \pm \infty$ , the number S is called the sum of the series.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = S$$

#### Example 14.

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

Therefore,

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{2} \tag{1}$$

$$S_2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} \tag{2}$$

$$\vdots S_n = \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} \tag{3}$$

$$=\frac{a_1(1-q^n)}{1-q}\tag{4}$$

$$=\frac{1/2\left(1-1/2^n\right)}{1-1/2}\tag{5}$$

$$=1-\frac{1}{2^n}\tag{6}$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} S_n = 1 \tag{7}$$

Therefore, the series converges.

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} = 1$$

**Theorem 12.** A geometric series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_1 q^{n-1}$ ,  $a_1 \neq 0$  converges if |q| < 1 and then,

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_1 q^{n-1} = \frac{a_1}{1 - q}$$

**Definition 21** (*p*-series). The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  is called the *p*-series.

**Theorem 13.** The p-series converges for p > 1 and diverges for  $p \le 1$ .

**Theorem 14.** If  $\sum a_n$  converges, then

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

Proof.

$$a_n = S_n - S_{n-1}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} S_n - \lim_{n \to \infty} S_{n-1}$$

$$= S - S$$

$$= 0$$

**Theorem 15.** If  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  converge, then  $\sum (a_n \pm b_n)$  and  $\sum ca_n$ , where c is a constant, also converge. Also,

$$\sum (a_n \pm b_n) = \sum a_n \pm \sum b_n$$
$$\sum (ca_n) = c \sum a_n$$

## 2.1 Convergence Criteria

#### 2.1.1 Leibniz's Criteria

**Definition 22** (Alternating series). The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n$ , where all  $a_n > 0$  or all  $a_n < 0$  is called an alternating series.

**Theorem 16** (Leibniz's Criteria for Convergence). If an alternating series  $\sum (-1)^{n-1} a_n$  with  $a_n > 0$  satisfies

1.  $a_{n+1} \leq a_n$ , i.e.  $\{a_n\}$  is monotonically decreasing.

$$2. \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = 0$$

then the series  $(-1)^{n-1}a_n$  converges.

*Proof.* Consider the even partial sums of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n$ .

$$S_{2m} = (a_1 - a_2) + (a_3 - a_4) + \dots + (a_{2m-1} - a_{2m})$$

As  $\{a_n\}$  is monotonically increasing, all brackets are non-negative. Therefore,

$$S_{2m+2} \ge S_{2m}$$

Therefore,  $\{S_{2m}\}$  is increasing. Also,

$$S_{2m} = a_1 - (a_2 - a_3) - (a_4 - a_5) - \dots - (a_{2m-2} - a_{2m-1}) - a_{2m}$$

All brackets and  $a_{2m}$  are non-negative. Therefore,

$$S_{2m} \le a_1$$

Therefore,  $\{S_{2m}\}$  is bounded from above by  $a_1$ . Hence,

$$\exists \lim_{m \to \infty} S_{2m} = S$$

For  $S_{2m+1}$ ,

$$S_{2m+1} = S_{2m} + a_{2m+1}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{m \to \infty} S_{2m+1} = \lim_{m \to \infty} S_{2m} + \lim_{m \to \infty} a_{2m+1}$$

$$= S + 0$$

$$= S$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} S_n = S$$

**Example 15.** The alternating harmonic series  $\sum \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}$  converges as  $a_n = \frac{1}{n} > 0$ ,  $a_n$  decreases and  $\lim a_n = 0$ .

#### 2.1.2 Comparison Test

**Theorem 17** (Comparison Test for Convergence). Assume  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $a_n \geq 0$ ,  $b_n \geq 0$ ,  $\forall n \geq n_0$ .

- 1. If  $a_n \leq b_n$ ,  $\forall n \geq n_0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.
- 2. If  $a_n \ge b_n$ ,  $\forall n \ge n_0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

**Theorem 18** (Another Formulation of the Comparison Test for Convergence). Assume  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $a_n \geq 0$ ,  $b_n \geq 0$ ,  $\forall n \geq n_0$  and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = a > 0$$

where a is a finite number. Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges if and only if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges.

#### 2.1.3 d'Alembert Criteria (Ratio Test)

**Definition 23** (Absolute and conditional convergence). The series  $\sum a_n$  is said to converge absolutely if  $\sum |a_n|$  converges. The series  $\sum a_n$  is said to converge conditionally if it converges but  $\sum |a_n|$  diverges.

**Example 16.** The series  $\sum \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^2}$  converges absolutely, as  $\sum \left| \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^2} \right| = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges.

**Example 17.** The series  $\sum \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}$  converges conditionally, as it converges, but  $\sum \left| \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^2} \right| = \sum \frac{1}{n}$  diverges.

**Theorem 19.** If the series  $\sum a_n$  converges absolutely then it converges.

**Theorem 20** (d'Alembert Criteria (Ratio Test)). 1. If

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| = L < 1$$

then  $\sum a_n$  converges absolutely.

2. If

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \right| = L > 1$$

(including  $L = \infty$ ), then  $\sum a_n$  converges diverges.

3. If L = 1, the test does not apply.

#### 2.1.4 Cauchy Criteria (Cauchy Root Test)

**Theorem 21** (Cauchy Criteria (Cauchy Root Test)). 1. If

$$\overline{\lim} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = L < 1$$

then  $\sum a_n$  converges absolutely.

2. If

$$\overline{\lim} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = L > 1$$

(including  $L = \infty$ ), then  $\sum a_n$  diverges.

3. If L = 1, the test does not apply.

#### 2.1.5 Integral Test

**Theorem 22** (Integral Test for Series Convergence). Let f(x) be a continuous, non-negative, monotonic decreasing function on  $[1, \infty)$  and let  $a_n = f(n)$ . Then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges if and only if the improper integral  $\int_{1}^{\infty} f(x) dx$  converges.

#### Exercise 8.

Does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  converge or diverge?

#### Solution 8.

Let

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

with p > 0.

Therefore, f(x) is continuous, non-negative and monotonic decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ . Therefore, the Integral Test for Series Convergence is applicable.

$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} \, \mathrm{d}x = \lim_{t \to \infty} \int_{1}^{t} \frac{1}{x^p} \, \mathrm{d}x$$

If  $p \neq 1$ ,

$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{p}} = \lim_{t \to \infty} \left. \frac{x^{-p+1}}{-p+1} \right|_{1}^{t}$$

$$= \lim_{t \to \infty} \left( \frac{t^{-p+1}}{-p+1} - \frac{1}{-p+1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{p-1}$$

If p = 1,

$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} = \lim_{t \to \infty} \ln x \Big|_{1}^{t}$$
$$= \infty$$

Therefore, the series converges for p > 1 and diverges for  $p \le 1$ .

**Theorem 23.** If the series  $\sum a_n$  absolutely converges and the series  $\sum b_n$  is obtained from  $\sum a_n$  by changing the order of the terms in  $\sum a_n$  then  $\sum b_n$  also absolutely converges and  $\sum b_n = \sum a_n$ .

**Theorem 24.** If a series converges then the series with brackets without changing the order of terms also converges. That is, if  $\sum a_n$  converges, then any series of the form  $(a_1 + a_2) + (a_3 + a_4 + a_5) + a_6 + \dots$  also converges.

**Theorem 25.** If a series with brackets converges and the terms in the brackets have the same sign, then the series without brackets also converges.

## 3 Power Series

**Definition 24** (Power series). The series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-c)^n$  is called a power series.

**Theorem 26** (Cauchy-Hadamard Theorem). For any power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-c)^n$  there exists the limit, which may be infinity,

$$R = \frac{1}{\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}}$$

and the series converges for |x-c| < R and diverges for |x-c| > R. The end points of the interval, i.e. x = c - R and x = c + R must be separately checked for series convergence.

**Definition 25** (Radius of convergence and convergence interval). The number R is called the radius of convergence and the interval |x-c| < R is called the convergence interval of the series. The point c is called the centre of the convergence interval.

**Theorem 27.** If  $\exists \lim_{n\to\infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|$ , which may be infinite, then,

$$R = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|$$

**Theorem 28** (Stirling's Approximation). For  $n \to \infty$ ,

$$n! \approx \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n}$$

### 3.1 Differentiation and Integration of Power Series

**Theorem 29.** If R is a radius of convergence of the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-c)^n$  then the function  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-c)^n$  is differentiable on (c-R, c+R) and the derivative is

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} na_n(x-c)^{n-1}$$

**Theorem 30.** If R is a radius of convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-c)^n$  then the function  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-c)^n$  is integrable in (c-R, c+R) and

$$\int f(x) \, dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{(x-c)^{n+1}}{n+1} + A$$

where c - R < x < c + R.

#### Exercise 9.

Find 
$$\int_{0}^{x} e^{-t^2} dt$$
.

#### Solution 9.

 $\forall s \in \mathbb{R},$ 

$$e^{s} = 1 + \frac{s}{1!} + \frac{s^{2}}{2!} + \dots + \frac{s^{n}}{n!} + \dots$$

$$\therefore e^{-t^{2}} = 1 - \frac{t^{2}}{1!} + \frac{t^{4}}{2!} + \dots + (-1)^{n} \frac{t^{2n}}{n!} + \dots$$

$$\therefore \int_{0}^{x} e^{-t^{2}} dt = x - \frac{x^{3}}{1!3} + \frac{x^{5}}{2!5} + \dots + (-1)^{n} \frac{x^{2n-1}}{n!(2n+1)} + \dots$$

**Theorem 31.** If the series  $A(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  and  $B(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n x^n$  absolutely converge for |x| < R and  $c_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k b_{n-k}$ , then the series  $C(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$  also absolutely converges for |x| < R and C(x) = A(x)B(x).

## 3.2 Taylor Series

**Definition 26** (Taylor series). Let f(x) be infinitely differentiable on an open interval about a and let x be an arbitrary point in the interval. Then the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$  is called the Taylor series of f(x) at a. If a=0 then it is called the Maclaurin series of f(x) at a.

**Theorem 32.** If there exists a power series which converges to f(x), i.e. if, for |x - a| < R,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - a)^n$$

then, for |x - a| < R,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x - a)^n$$

that is,  $\forall n$ ,

$$a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}$$

#### Exercise 10.

Show that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; \quad x = 0 \\ e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}} & ; \quad x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

is not equal to it's Taylor series at a = 0.

#### Solution 10.

If n=1,

$$f^{(n)}(0) = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{f(0 + \Delta x) - f(0)}{\Delta x}$$
$$= \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{(\Delta x)^2}}}{\Delta x}$$

Let 
$$t = \frac{1}{\Delta x}$$

$$\therefore f'(0) = \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{e^{-t^2}}{\frac{1}{t}}$$

$$= \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{t}{e^{t^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{e^{t^2} 2t}$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore,

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; \quad x = 0 \\ e^{-\frac{1}{x^2} \cdot 2 \cdot x^{-3}} & ; \quad x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Similarly,  $\forall n \geq 1, f^{(n)}(0) = 0$ 

Therefore, the Taylor series is not equal to f(x).

#### Exercise 11.

Find the Maclaurin series of  $f(x) = e^x$  and prove that the series converges to f(x) for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

#### Solution 11.

 $\forall n \ge 1, \, f^{(n)}(x) = e^x.$ 

Therefore,

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \frac{e^c x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

where c is between 0 and x.

Therefore, as

$$0 \le |R_n(x)| \le \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

by the Sandwich Theorem

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} |R_n(x)| = 0$$

Therefore,

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

## 4 Series of Real-valued Functions

**Definition 27** (Sequence of functions). A sequence  $\{f_n\} = f_1(x), f_2(x), \ldots$  defined on  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is called a sequence of functions.

**Definition 28** (Pointwise convergence and domain of convergence).  $\{f_n\}$  converges pointwise in some domain  $E \subseteq D$  if for every  $x \in E$ , the sequence of  $\{f_n(x)\}$  converges. In such a case, E is said to be a domain of convergence of  $\{f_n\}$ .

#### Exercise 12.

Find the domain of convergence of  $f_n(x) = x^n$ , defined on some  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

#### Solution 12.

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; & -1 < x < 1 \\ 1 & ; & x = 1 \\ \text{diverges} & ; & x \notin (-1, 1] \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the domain of convergence of  $\{f_n\}$  is (-1,1].

#### Exercise 13.

Let  $f(x): (0,\infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  be some function such that  $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = 0$ . Let  $f_n(x) = f(nx)$ . What is the domain of convergence of  $f_n$ ? What is the limit function?

#### Solution 13.

Let x have some fixed value in  $(0, \infty)$ . Therefore, as  $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(nx)$$
$$= 0$$

Therefore, the domain of convergence is  $(0, \infty)$  and the limit function is a constant function with value 0.

## 4.1 Uniform Convergence of Series of Functions

**Definition 29** (Pointwise convergence of a sequence of functions). If  $\forall x \in D$ ,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N$  which depends on  $\varepsilon$  and x, such that  $\forall n \geq N$ ,  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$ , then  $\forall x \in D$ ,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} = f(x)$ .

**Definition 30** (Uniform convergence of a sequence of functions). The sequence  $\{f_n(x)\}$  is said to converge uniformly to f(x) in D if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N = N(\varepsilon)$ , such that  $\forall n \geq N$ ,  $\forall x \in D$ ,  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$ . It can be denoted as  $f_n(x) \stackrel{D}{\Longrightarrow} f(x)$ .

**Theorem 33.**  $f_n(x)$  converges uniformly to f(x) in D if and only if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sup_{x\in D} |f_n(x) - f(x)| = 0$ .

#### Exercise 14.

Does  $f_n(x) = x^n$  converge in [0, 1]?

#### Solution 14.

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} x^n$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; & 0 \le x < 1 \\ 1 & ; & x = 1 \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

If x = 0,

$$f_n(0) = 0$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

Therefore,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, N = 1$ ,

$$|0-0| < \varepsilon$$

$$\therefore |f_n(0) - f(0)| < \varepsilon$$

If x = 1,

$$f_n(1) = 1$$

$$f(1) = 1$$

Therefore,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, N = 1$ ,

$$|1-1|<\varepsilon$$

$$\therefore |f_n(1) - f(1)| < \varepsilon$$

If 0 < x < 1,

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| = |x^n - 0|$$
$$= x^n$$

If possible, let  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| = x^n < \varepsilon$ . Therefore,

$$x^{n} < \varepsilon$$

$$\therefore \log_{x} x^{n} > \log_{x} \varepsilon$$

$$\therefore n > \log_{x} \varepsilon$$

Therefore, for  $N = \lfloor \log_x \varepsilon \rfloor + 1$ ,  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$ .

Therefore,  $f_n(x)$  converges pointwise in [0,1].

If possible let  $f_n(x)$  converge uniformly on [0,1].

Therefore,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N$  dependent on  $\varepsilon$ , such that  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$ . Let  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{3}$ .

Therefore,  $\exists N$  which is dependent on  $\varepsilon$ , such that  $\forall n > N, \forall x \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{3}$$

Let  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , n = N + 1. Therefore,

$$\left| f_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right| = \left| \frac{1}{2} - 0 \right|$$

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

$$\therefore \left| f_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right| > \frac{1}{3}$$

Therefore,  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon$ .

This is a contradiction. Hence,  $f_n(x)$  is does not converge uniformly.

**Definition 31** (Supremum). Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded set. M is said to be the supremum of A if

- 1.  $\forall x \in A, x \leq M$ , i.e. M is an upper bound of A.
- 2.  $\forall \varepsilon, \exists x \in A, \text{ such that } x > M \varepsilon.$

That is, the supremum of A is the least upper bound of A. The supremum may or may not be in A.

**Definition 32** (Infimum). Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded set. M is said to be the infimum of A if

- 1.  $\forall x \in A, x \geq M$ , i.e. M is an upper bound of A.
- 2.  $\forall \varepsilon, \exists x \in A, \text{ such that } x < M \varepsilon.$

That is, the infimum of A is the greatest lower bound of A. The infimum may or may not be in A.

**Theorem 34.** Every bounded set A has a supremum and an infimum.

**Theorem 35.**  $f_n \stackrel{E}{\Longrightarrow} f$  if and only if

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} (\sup\{|f_n(x) - f(x)| : x \in E\}) = 0$$

**Definition 33** (Remainder of a series of functions). Let  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(x)$ . Let the partial sums be denoted by  $f_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} u_k(x)$ . Then

$$R_n(x) = f(x) - f_n(x) = \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} u_k(x)$$

is called a remainder of the series  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(x)$ .

**Definition 34** (Uniform convergence of a series of functions). If  $f_n(x)$  converges uniformly to f(x) on D, i.e. if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} R_n(x) = 0$ , then the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(x)$  is said to converge uniformly on D..

#### Exercise 15.

Show that the series  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^{k-1} = \frac{1}{1-k}$  does not converge uniformly on (-1,1).

#### Solution 15.

The series converges uniformly if and only if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} R_n(x) = 0$ .

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{(-1,1)} |R_n(x) - 0| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{(-1,1)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} x^{k-1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{(-1,1)} \left| \frac{x^n}{1-x} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{(-1,1)} \frac{|x|^n}{1-x}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \infty$$

$$= \infty$$

Therefore, the series does not converge uniformly on (-1, 1).

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#### Exercise 16.

Show that the series  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^{k-1} = \frac{1}{1-k}$  does not converge uniformly on  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

#### Solution 16.

The series converges uniformly if and only if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} R_n(x) = 0$ .

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)} |R_n(x) - 0| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} x^{k-1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)} \left| \frac{x^n}{1 - x} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)} \frac{|x|^n}{1 - x}$$

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

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

$$= 0$$

Therefore, the series converges uniformly on  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

#### 4.2 Weierstrass M-test

**Theorem 36** (Weierstrass M-test). If  $|u_k(x)| \le c_k$  on D for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, ...\}$  and the numerical series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k$  converges, then the series of functions  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(x)$  converges uniformly on D.

#### Exercise 17.

Show that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \sin(kx)$  converges uniformly on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

#### Solution 17.

$$|u_k(x)| = \left| \frac{1}{k^2} \sin(kx) \right|$$
$$\therefore |u_k(x)| \le \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Therefore, let

$$c_k = \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Therefore, as  $|u_k(x)| \leq c_k$ , and as  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k$  converges, by the Weierstrass M-test,  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \sin(kx)$  converges uniformly.

## 4.3 Application of Uniform Convergence

**Theorem 37** (Continuity of a series). Let functions  $u_k(x)$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, ...\}$  be defined on [a, b] and continuous at  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ . If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(x)$  converges uniformly on [a, b] then the function  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} is$  also continuous at  $x_0$ .

**Theorem 38** (Changing the order of integration and infinite summation). If the functions  $u_k(x)$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, ...\}$  are integrable on [a, b] and the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(x)$  converges uniformly on [a, b] then

$$\int ]limits_a^b \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(x) \right) dx = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b u_k(x) dx$$

#### Exercise 18.

Solve 
$$\int_{0}^{2\pi} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \sin(kx) \right).$$
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#### Solution 18.

The series  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \sin(kx)$  converges uniformly on  $[0, 2\pi]$ . Therefore, by the Weierstrass M-test and  $u_k(x) = \frac{1}{k^2}(kx)$  are integrable on  $[0, 2\pi]$ . There-

fore,

$$\int_{0}^{2\pi} f(x) dx = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \sin(kx) \right) dx$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{0}^{2\pi} \frac{1}{k^2} \sin(kx) dx \right)$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{\cos(2\pi k)}{k^3} + \frac{1}{k^3} \right)$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 0$$