

# AP Calculus Class 23

## Quick Sequence and Series Review.

Sequence :  $\{a_n\} \rightarrow \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots\}$

Series :  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \rightarrow a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n + \dots$

$\hookrightarrow$  Partial sums:

$$s_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$$

$$s_1 = a_1, \quad s_2 = a_1 + a_2, \quad \dots \quad s_n = a_1 + \dots + a_n$$

Partial sum sequence  $\{s_n\} \rightarrow \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n, \dots\}$

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## Homework 22.

$$5. \quad \{ \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2\sqrt{2\sqrt{2}}}, \dots \}$$

$$a_1 = \sqrt{2} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{\frac{2^1 - 1}{2}} = 2^{1 - \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$a_2 = \sqrt{2\sqrt{2}} = (2 \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} = (2^{\frac{3}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{\frac{3}{4}} = 2^{\frac{2^2 - 1}{4}} = 2^{1 - \frac{1}{2^2}}$$

$$a_3 = \sqrt{2\sqrt{2\sqrt{2}}} = (2 \cdot 2^{\frac{3}{4}})^{\frac{1}{2}} = (2^{\frac{7}{4}})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{\frac{7}{8}} = 2^{\frac{2^3 - 1}{8}} = 2^{1 - \frac{1}{2^3}}$$

$$a_4 = 2^{\frac{15}{16}}$$

$\vdots$

$$a_n = 2^{1 - \frac{1}{2^n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 2^{1 - \frac{1}{2^\infty}} = 2^1 = 2.$$


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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L \quad \rightarrow \quad L = \sqrt{2 \sqrt{2 \sqrt{2} \dots}}$$

$$L = \sqrt{2 \cdot L} \quad \Rightarrow \quad L^2 = 2 \cdot L$$

$$\Rightarrow L^2 - 2L = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad L(L - 2) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{L=0} \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{\underline{L=2}}$$


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Example: Harmonic Series.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots \rightarrow \text{Divergent.}$$

$$s_1 = 1$$

$$s_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$s_4 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right) > 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\right) = 1 + \frac{2}{2} = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} s_8 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}\right) \\ &> 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1 + \frac{3}{2} = 2.5$$

$$S_{2^n} > 1 + \frac{n}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The harmonic series is divergent.

Thm: If the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent, then

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

NB! The converse of this statement is not necessarily true.

The Test for divergence.

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  does not exist or if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ , then the series is divergent.

Example: show that the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{5n^2 + 4} \text{ diverges.}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{5n^2 + 4} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^2}{n^2}}{\frac{5n^2}{n^2} + \frac{4}{n^2}} = \frac{1}{5} \neq 0.$$

Thm

$$(1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \pm b_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \pm \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$$

$$(2) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c a_n = c \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$


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Example: Find the sum for  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{3}{n(n+1)} + \frac{1}{2^n} \right)$ .

$$\text{For } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 \quad a = \frac{1}{2} \quad r = \frac{1}{2}$$

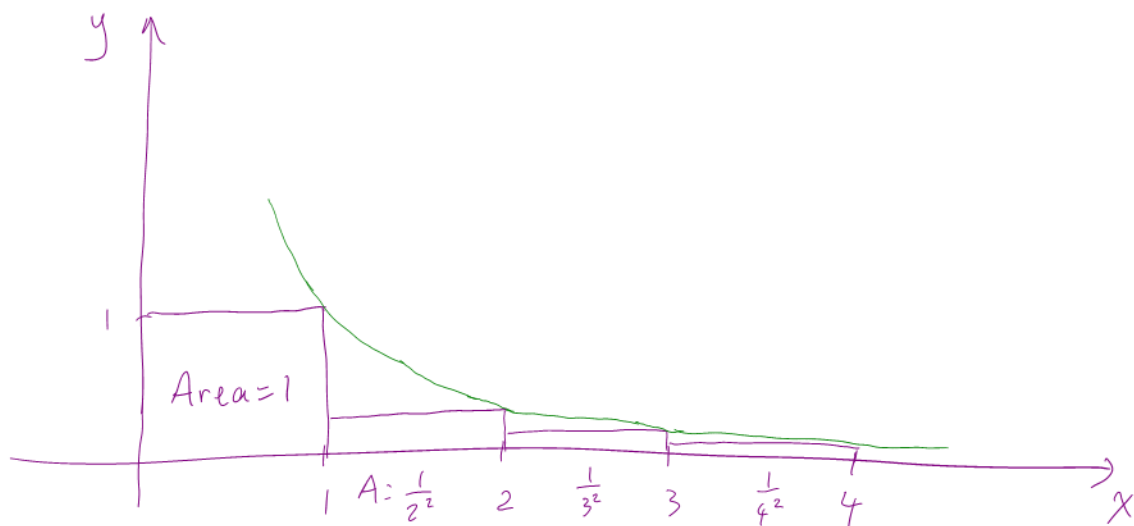
$$\text{For } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n(n+1)} = 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = 3 \cdot 1 = 3.$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{3}{n(n+1)} + \frac{1}{2^n} \right) = 3 + 1 = 4.$$


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The Integral Test.

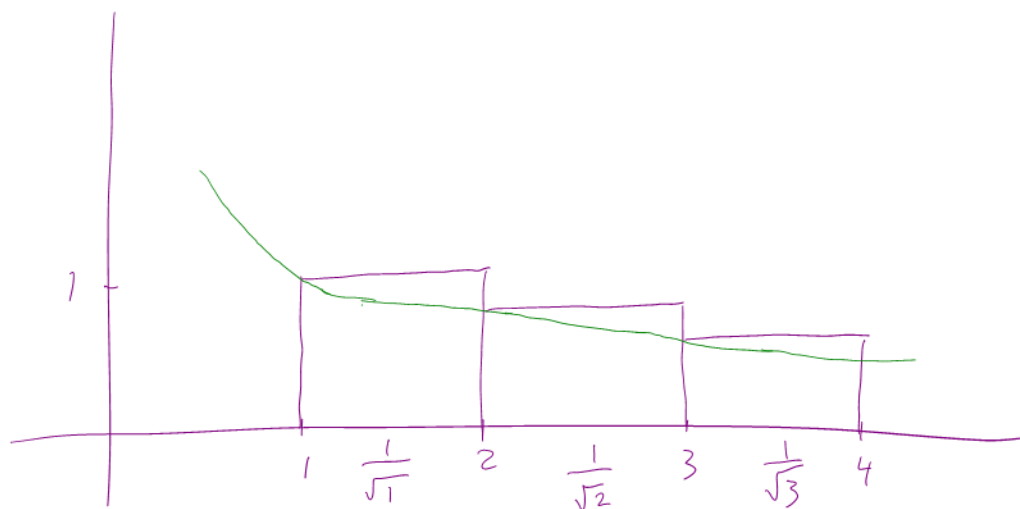
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots$$



$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = 1$$

The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} < 2$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots$$



$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx \rightarrow \text{diverges}$$

## The Integral Test.

Suppose  $f$  is a continuous, positive, **decreasing** fun<sup>n</sup> on  $[1, \infty)$ , and let  $a_n = f(n)$ . Then the series  $\sum a_n$  is convergent iff the improper integral  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  is convergent.

(i) If  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  is convergent, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent.

(ii) If  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  is divergent, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent.

Example:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+1}$  . Test for conv or div.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx.$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\tan^{-1} x]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (\tan^{-1} t - \frac{\pi}{4}).$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

By the integral test, since the integral converges, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+1}$  converges.

The p-series test.

The p-series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  is convergent if  $p > 1$ ,  
and divergent if  $p \leq 1$ .

$$\sum \frac{1}{n^3} = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{27} + \dots$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{3}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}} + \dots$$

Example:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n}$  converges or diverges?

$$f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(\frac{1}{x})x - \ln x}{x^2} = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2}$$

$$f'(x) < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2} < 0.$$

$$\ln x > 1 \Rightarrow x > e.$$

Since the fun<sup>n</sup> is decreasing when  $x > 0$ ,  
apply the integral test.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{\ln x}{x} dx.$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln x)^2}{2} \Big|_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln t)^2}{2} = \infty.$$

$\Rightarrow$  The series is divergent based on the integral test.

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## The Comparison Test.

Suppose that  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  are series with positive terms,

① If  $\sum b_n$  is convergent and  $a_n \leq b_n \quad \forall n$ , then  $\sum a_n$  is also convergent.

② If  $\sum b_n$  is divergent and  $a_n \geq b_n \quad \forall n$ , then  $\sum a_n$  is also divergent.

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Example: Determine if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2n^2 + 4n + 3}$  converges or diverges.

$$\frac{5}{2n^2 + 4n + 3} < \frac{5}{2n^2}$$

$$\text{For } \frac{5}{2n^2} \longrightarrow \sum \frac{5}{2} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{5}{2} \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$$

since  $\frac{5}{2} \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges by the p-series test,



and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2n^2+4n+3} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2n^2},$

then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2n^2+4n+3}$  converges by the  
comparison test.

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### The Limit Comparison Test.

Suppose that  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  are series with  
positive terms.

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = C$

where  $C$  is a finite number and  $C > 0$ , then either  
both series converge or both series diverge.

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Example: Test the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n - 1}$  for convergence  
or divergence.

$a_n = \frac{1}{2^n - 1}, \quad \text{let } b_n = \frac{1}{2^n}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{2^n - 1}}{\frac{1}{2^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{2^n - 1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2^n}{2^n}}{\frac{2^n}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2^n}} = 1 > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  By the limit comp test,  $\sum \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$  is convergent.

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Alternating Series.

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{4}{5} - \dots = \sum (-1)^n \frac{n}{n+1}$$

Alternating Series Test.

If the alternating series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n = b_1 - b_2 + b_3 - b_4 + b_5 - \dots \quad b_n > 0$$

satisfies

$$(1) \quad b_{n+1} \leq b_n \quad \forall n.$$

$$(2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$$

then, the alternating series is convergent.



Example: Is the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 3n}{4n-1}$  conv or div?

$$\text{let } b_n = \frac{(-1)^n 3n}{4n-1}$$

$$b_1 = -\frac{3}{3} = -1$$

$$b_2 = \frac{6}{7} < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow b_{n+1} < b_n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n}{4n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3n}{n}}{\frac{4n}{n} - \frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{4 - \frac{1}{n}} = \frac{3}{4} \neq 0.$$

$\Rightarrow$  The alternating test is not satisfied.

$\Rightarrow$  The limit doesn't exist.

By the test for divergence,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 3n}{4n-1}$  is divergent.