
Exercise: Mathematical Induction, Sequence, and Series (Solution)

1. Use mathematical induction to prove that $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$ is true for all n is positive integers.

Solution Let $P(n) : 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$ Where n is a positive integers.

(1) Since

$$\frac{(1)(1+1)(2(1)+1)}{6} = \frac{(1)(2)(3)}{6} = 1^2$$

Therefore $P(1)$ is $1^2 = \frac{(1)(1+1)(2(1)+1)}{6}$ is true

(2) Let k is positive integer, If $P(k)$ is true, then

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 = \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} \quad (1)$$

We show that $P(k+1)$ is true, then

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 + (k+1)^2 = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)}{6}$$

By addition $(k+1)^2$ substitute equation (1)

$$\begin{aligned} 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 + (k+1)^2 &= \frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{6} + (k+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{2k^3 + 3k^2 + k + 6(k^2 + 2k + 1)}{6} \\ &= \frac{2k^3 + 3k^2 + k + 6k^2 + 12k + 6}{6} \\ &= \frac{2k^3 + 9k^2 + 13k + 6}{6} \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $P(k+1)$ is true

By Mathematical Induction, $P(n)$ is true for all n is a positive integers.

2. Determine if the following sequences converge or diverge. If it converges, find its limit.

$$2.1 \left\{ \left(\frac{2n+3}{2n-5} \right)^n \right\}$$

Solution Let $K = \left(\frac{2x+3}{2x-5} \right)^x$ we get $\ln K = x \ln \left(\frac{2x+3}{2x-5} \right)$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln K &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \ln \left(\frac{2x+3}{2x-5} \right) \\ \ln \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} K &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{2x+3}{2x-5} \right)}{\frac{1}{x}} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{2x+3}{2x-5} \right)}{\frac{1}{x}}$ in the form $\frac{0}{0}$ using L' Hopital's rule

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{2x+3}{2x-5} \right)}{\frac{1}{x}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} \ln \left(\frac{2x+3}{2x-5} \right)}{\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2x-5}{2x+3} \left(\frac{(2x-5)(2) - (2x+3)(2)}{(2x+5)^2} \right)}{-\frac{1}{x^2}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x-5}{2x+3} \left(\frac{4x-10-4x-6}{(2x-5)^2} \right) (-x^2) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{16x^2}{(2x+3)(2x-5)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{16x^2}{4x^2 - 4x - 15} \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

So $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} K = e^4$

We get $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2x+3}{2x-5} \right)^x = e^4$

Therefore, $\left\{ \left(\frac{2n+3}{2n-5} \right)^n \right\}$ converges to e^4

$$2.2 \left\{ \ln(n) - \ln(n+1) \right\}$$

Solution

Since $a_n = \ln(n) - \ln(n+1)$

Let $f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right)$

Then
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right) \\ &= \ln \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right) \\ &= \ln 1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\left\{ \ln(n) - \ln(n+1) \right\}$ converges to 0

$$2.3 \left\{ \frac{n^2}{2n-1} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right\}$$

Solution

Since $a_n = \frac{n^2}{2n-1} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$

Let $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2x-1} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$

Then
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{2x-1} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

We get
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{2x-1} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{2x-1} \left(\frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{2x-1} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Consider
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}} \right) = 1$$

Thus
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{2x-1} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\left\{ \frac{n^2}{2n-1} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right\}$ Converges to $\frac{1}{2}$

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3. Consider the following sequences. Are they monotone? bounded? if the following sequences are monotone, check that it increasing, or decreasing ?

3.1 $\left\{ \frac{1}{2^n} \right\}$

Solution

Consider
$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+1} - a_n &= \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} - \frac{1}{2^n} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2 \cdot 2^n)} - \frac{1}{2^n} \\ &= \frac{1 - 2}{2 \cdot 2^n} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2^{n+1}} < 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then
$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+1} - a_n &< 0 \\ a_{n+1} &< a_n \end{aligned}$$

So, $\left\{ \frac{1}{2^n} \right\}$ is monotonic, and decreasing.

The sequence $\left\{ \frac{1}{2^n} \right\} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \dots, \frac{1}{2^n}, \dots$ is bounded above by every real number greater than or equal to $\frac{1}{2}$. The sequence is also bounded below by every number less than or equal to 0, which is its greatest lower bound.

Therefore, $\left\{ \frac{1}{2^n} \right\}$ is bounded.

$$3.2 \left\{ \frac{2^{n+1}}{n+2} \right\}$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \frac{\frac{2^{n+2}}{n+3}}{\frac{2^{n+1}}{n+2}} \\ &= \frac{2^{n+2}}{n+3} \cdot \frac{n+2}{2^{n+1}} \\ &= \frac{2^n \cdot 2^2 \cdot (n+2)}{(n+3) \cdot 2^n \cdot 2} \\ &= \frac{2(n+2)}{n+3} \\ &= \frac{2n+4}{n+3} > 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &> 1 \\ a_{n+1} &> a_n \end{aligned}$$

So, $\left\{ \frac{2^{n+1}}{n+2} \right\}$ is monotonic, and increasing.

The sequence $\left\{ \frac{2^{n+1}}{n+2} \right\} = \frac{4}{3}, 2, \frac{16}{5}, \dots$ is bounded above by every real number greater than or equal to $\frac{4}{3}$. The sequence is also unbounded below.

Therefore, $\left\{ \frac{2^{n+1}}{n+2} \right\}$ is unbounded.

3.3 $\left\{ 2ne^{-2n} \right\}$

Solution

Since $a_n = 2ne^{-2n}$ for all n is positive integers.

Let $f(x) = 2xe^{-2x}$ for all $x \in [1, \infty)$

We get $f'(x) = -4xe^{-2x} + 2e^{-2x}$
 $= (-4x + 1)e^{-2x}$
 $= \frac{-4x + 1}{e^{2x}} < 0$ for all $x \in [1, \infty)$

So, $\left\{ 2ne^{-2n} \right\}$ is monotonic, and decreasing.

The squence $\left\{ 2ne^{-2n} \right\} = \frac{2}{e^2}, \frac{4}{e^4}, \frac{6}{e^6} \dots$ is bounded above by every real number greater then or equal to $\frac{2}{e^2}$. The squence is also bounded below by every number less then or equal to 0, which is its greatest lower bound.

Therfore, $\left\{ 2ne^{-2n} \right\}$ is bounded.

4. Determine if the following Infinite series converge or diverge.

4.1 Telescoping Series : $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\ln(n+2)} - \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)} \right)$

(Hint: Use partial fractions)

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } S_n &= \left(\frac{1}{\ln 3} - \frac{1}{\ln 2} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\ln 4} - \frac{1}{\ln 3} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\ln 5} - \frac{1}{\ln 4} \right) + \cdots \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{\ln(n-1+2)} - \frac{1}{\ln(n-1+1)} \right) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{\ln(n+2)} - \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\ln 2} - \frac{1}{\ln(n+2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = -\frac{1}{\ln 2} - \frac{1}{\ln(x+2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{\ln 2} - \frac{1}{\ln(x+2)} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\ln 2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, The series is Telescoping Series, and convergent to $-\frac{1}{\ln 2}$

4.2 Geometric Series: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n-1} - 1}{6^{n-1}}$

(Hint: Write out the first few terms of the series to find a and r)

Solution

Consider
$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n-1} - 1}{6^{n-1}} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3^{n-1}}{6^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{6^{n-1}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\left(\frac{3}{6} \right)^{n-1} - \left(\frac{1}{6} \right)^{n-1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{n-1} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{6} \right)^{n-1}\end{aligned}$$

We get,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{n-1} \text{ is geometric series with } a = 1 \text{ and } r = \frac{1}{2} < 1$$

$$\text{convergent to } \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 2$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{6} \right)^{n-1} \text{ is geometric series with } a = 1 \text{ and } r = \frac{1}{6} < 1$$

$$\text{convergent to } \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{6}} = \frac{6}{5}$$

Then
$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n-1} - 1}{6^{n-1}} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{n-1} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{6} \right)^{n-1} \\ &= 2 - \frac{6}{5} \\ &= \frac{4}{5}\end{aligned}$$

Hence,
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n-1} - 1}{6^{n-1}} = \frac{4}{5}$$

4.3 Geometric Series: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^n$

(Hint: Write out the first few terms of the series to find a and r)

Solution

Consider
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^n = 1 + \frac{e}{\pi} + \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^2 + \dots$$

We get $a = 1$ and $r = \frac{e}{\pi} \approx \frac{2.18}{3.14} < 1$

Thus, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^n$ is geometric series with $a = 1$ and $r = \frac{e}{\pi} < 1$

and convergent to $\frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{e}{\pi}} = \frac{\pi}{\pi-e}$

4.4 p -Series: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{5}{4}}}$

Solution

Consider
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{5}{4}}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{5}{4}}$$

This is p -series with $p = \frac{5}{4} > 1$

Thus, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{5}{4}}}$ is converges.

4.5 p -Series: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n^2\sqrt{n}}$

Solution

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n^2\sqrt{n}} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{n^2\sqrt{n}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{n^{\frac{5}{2}}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{5}{2}}}\end{aligned}$$

We get,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \text{ is } p\text{-series with } p = \frac{3}{2} > 1, \text{ then converges.}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{5}{2}}} \text{ is } p\text{-series with } p = \frac{5}{2} > 1, \text{ then converges.}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}a_n &= \frac{n+1}{n^2\sqrt{n}} \\ &= \frac{n+1}{n^{(2+\frac{1}{2})}} \\ &= \frac{n+2}{n^{\frac{5}{2}}}\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x+2}{x^{\frac{5}{2}}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{2}{x^{\frac{5}{2}}} \right) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n^2\sqrt{n}}$ converges.

4.6 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 1}$ (Using Integral Test)

Solution

Let $a_n = \frac{1}{n^2 + 1}, \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$

Then
$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx &= \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} dx \\ &= \tan^{-1} x \Big|_1^{\infty} \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left(\tan^{-1} b - \tan^{-1} 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 1}$ is convergent to $\frac{\pi}{4}$.

4.7 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{1+e^n}$ (Using Integral Test)

Solution

Let $a_n = \frac{2}{1+e^n}, \quad f(x) = \frac{2}{1+e^x}$

Then
$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx &= \int_1^{\infty} \frac{2}{1+e^x} dx \\ &= \int_e^{\infty} \frac{2}{1+u} \cdot \frac{1}{u} du \\ &= \int_e^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{u} - \frac{2}{1+u} \right) du \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} 2 \left(\ln u - \ln |1+u| \right) \Big|_e^b \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} 2 \ln \left(\frac{u}{1+u} \right) \Big|_e^b \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[2 \ln \left(\frac{b}{b+1} \right) - 2 \ln \left(\frac{e}{e+1} \right) \right] \\ &= 2 \ln 1 - 2 \ln \left(\frac{e}{e+1} \right) \\ &= -2 \ln \left(\frac{e}{e+1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{1+e^n}$ is convergent to $-2 \ln \left(\frac{e}{e+1} \right)$.

4.8 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^3}$ (Using Comparison Test)

Solution

Since $\ln n < n, \quad n \geq 1$

$$\frac{\ln n}{n^3} < \frac{n}{n^3} \\ = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

And $a_n = \frac{\ln n}{n^3}, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$

We get, b_n is p -series with $p = 2 > 1$ then, b_n converges

Since $a_n = \frac{\ln n}{n^3} < \frac{1}{n^2} = b_n$

By comparison then, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^3}$ converges.

$$4.9 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n + 5}{3^n} \text{ (Using Ratio Test)}$$

Solution

Let $a_n = \frac{2^n + 5}{3^n}$

Then $a_{n+1} = \frac{2^{n+1} + 5}{3^{n+1}}$

Consider $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{2^{n+1} + 5}{3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{3^n}{2^n + 5}$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{2^{n+1} + 5}{2^n + 5} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{2 + 5 \cdot 2^{-n}}{1 + 5 \cdot 2^{-n}} \right)$$

So, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{2 + 5 \cdot 2^{-n}}{1 + 5 \cdot 2^{-n}} \right)$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{2 + 5(0)}{1 + 5(0)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{2}{1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} < 1$$

The series converges because $L = \frac{2}{3} < 1$

This does not mean that $\frac{2}{3}$ is the sum of series. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n + 5}{3^n} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5}{3^n} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} + \frac{5}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \frac{21}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n + 5}{3^n}$ is convergent to $\frac{21}{2}$.

5. Determine if the following alternating series converge or diverge?

5.1 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{3n}{2n+1}$

Solution

Let $a_n = \frac{3n}{2n+1}$

Consider $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ or not

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n}{2n+1}$

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

We get, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$

Therefore, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{3n}{2n+1}$ diverge.

5.2 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n5^n}$

Solution Let $a_n = \frac{1}{n5^n}$ and $a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)5^{(n+1)}}$

Consider $a_{n+1} < a_n$

Then $\frac{1}{(n+1)5^{(n+1)}} < \frac{1}{n5^n}$ decreasing

And consider $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ or not

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n5^n}$

$$= 0$$

Therefore, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n5^n}$ converges.

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6. Determine if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!7^{(-n)}}$ absolutely converge or conditionally converge or diverge.
(Using Ratio Test)

Solution

Since
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!7^{(-n)}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot 7^n}{n!}$$

Let
$$a_n = \frac{(-7)^n}{n!}$$

Then
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{7^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{7^n} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{7 \cdot 7^n}{(n+1)n!} \cdot \frac{n!}{7^n} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7}{n+1} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!7^{(-n)}}$ absolutely converge.

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7. Determine if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(3n+5)^2}$ absolutely converge or conditionally converge or diverge.
(Using Comparison Test)

Solution Let $a_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(3n+5)^2}$ and $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$

Consider
$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(3n+5)^2} \right| \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(3n+5)^2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n^2}\end{aligned}$$

Since $a_n \leq b_n$

And $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ is a convergent p – series as $p = 2 < 1$

So, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(3n+5)^2} \right|$ converge

Therefore, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(3n+5)^2}$ absolutely converge.

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8. Find the radius of convergence and the interval of convergence of the power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{3^{2n}}$.

Solution

Consider
$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{3^{2(n+1)}} \cdot \frac{3^{2n}}{x^n} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{3^{(2n+2)}} \cdot \frac{3^{2n}}{x^n} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x}{3^2} \right| \\ &= \frac{|x|}{9}\end{aligned}$$

We get, converge to
$$\frac{|x|}{9} < 1$$

$$|x| < 9$$

So,
$$-9 < x < 9$$

Consider at

$$x = 9; \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{9^n}{3^{2n}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 1 \quad \text{diverges}$$

$$x = -9; \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-9)^n}{3^{2n}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \quad \text{diverges}$$

Therefore, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{3^{2n}}$ the convergence interval of x where $-9 < x < 9$.

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9. Find the Taylor polynomial of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ about the given point $x = 1$.

Solution

Let	$f(x) = \frac{1}{x},$	$f(1) = 1$
Then	$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2},$	$f'(1) = -1$
	$f''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3},$	$f''(1) = 2$
	$f^{(3)}(x) = -\frac{6}{x^4},$	$f^{(3)}(1) = -6$
	$f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{24}{x^5},$	$f^{(4)}(1) = 24$
	$f^{(5)}(x) = -\frac{120}{x^6},$	$f^{(5)}(1) = -120$
	\vdots	\vdots
	$f^{(n)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{x^{n+1}},$	$f^{(n)}(1) = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{1^{n+1}}$
		$= (-1)^n n!$

Therefore, the Taylor polynomial of f about $x = 1$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f(1) + f'(1)(x-1) + \frac{1}{2!}f''(1)(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3!}f^{(3)}(1)(x-1)^3 + \frac{1}{4!}f^{(4)}(1)(x-1)^4 \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{5!}f^{(5)}(1)(x-1)^5 + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}f^{(n)}(1)(x-1)^n \\
 & = 1 + (-1)(x-1) + \frac{1}{2!}(2)(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3!}(-6)(x-1)^3 + \frac{1}{4!}(24)(x-1)^4 \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{5!}(-120)(x-1)^5 + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}(-1)^n(n!)(x-1)^n \\
 & = 1 - (x-1) + (x-1)^2 - (x-1)^3 + (x-1)^4 - (x-1)^5 + \cdots + (-1)^n(x-1)^n
 \end{aligned}$$

10. Find Maclaurin series of $f(x) = \ln(1 - x)$.

Solution

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \ln(1 - x), \quad f(0) = \ln(1 - 0) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } f'(x) &= -\frac{1}{1-x} \\ &= (-1)(1-x)^{-1}, \quad f'(0) = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= (-1)(-1)(1-x)^{-2}(-1) \\ &= (-1)(1-x)^{-2}, \quad f''(0) = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$f^{(3)}(x) = (-1)(-2)(1-x)^{-3}(-1), \quad f^{(3)}(0) = -2$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = (-1)(-2)(-3)(1-x)^{-4}(-1)(-1), \quad f^{(4)}(0) = -3!$$

$$\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(n)}(x) &= (-1)^{2n-1}(n-1)!(1-x)^{-n} \\ &= -(n-1)!(1-x)^{-n}, \quad f^{(n)}(0) = -(n-1)! \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-(n-1)!}{n!} x^n \\ &= -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n} \end{aligned}$$

11. Find the power series of $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x}}$.

Solution

Since
$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\left(1 - \frac{x}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \frac{x}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

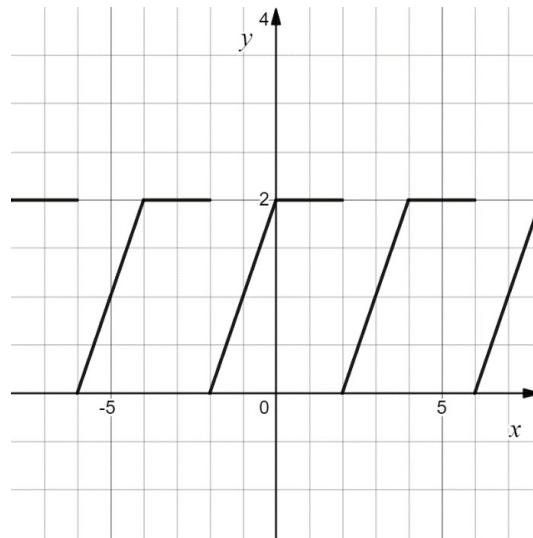
And
$$(1+x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n$$

Then
$$\begin{aligned} k &= -\frac{1}{2}, \quad x = -\frac{x}{4} \\ \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} &= \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) \cdots \left(-\frac{1}{2} - n + 1\right)}{n!} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n (1)(3)(5) \cdots (2n-1)}{2^n \cdot n!} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \frac{x}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} \left(-\frac{x}{4}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{(-1)^n (1)(3)(5) \cdots (2n-1)}{2^n \cdot n!} \cdot \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{4^n} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{(1)(3)(5) \cdots (2n-1) x^n}{8^n \cdot n!} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \frac{x}{8} + \frac{3x^2}{8^2 \cdot 2!} + \frac{15x^3}{8^3 \cdot 3!} + \cdots \right] \end{aligned}$$

12. Draw graphs and Write Fourier series of $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2, & -2 \leq x < 0 \\ 2, & 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$

Solution Since $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2, & -2 \leq x < 0 \\ 2, & 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$ graph of $f(x)$ is



From

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right)$$

$f(x)$ has period $2L$ is 4 then $L = 2$

Find a_0

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_0^2 2 dx + \int_{-2}^0 (x+2) dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(2x \Big|_0^2 + \left(\frac{x^2}{2} + 2x \right) \Big|_{-2}^0 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left((4 - 0) + (0 - (2 - 4)) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (4 + 2) \\ a_0 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Find a_n

$$\begin{aligned}a_n &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_0^2 2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx + \int_{-2}^0 (x+2) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left. \frac{4}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right|_0^2 + \left(\left. \frac{2}{n\pi} ((x+2) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)) \right|_{-2}^0 - \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_{-2}^0 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \right) \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left. \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right|_{-2}^0 \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} (1 - \cos(n\pi)) \right) \\a_n &= -\frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} ((-1)^n - 1)\end{aligned}$$

Find b_n

$$\begin{aligned}b_n &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_0^2 2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx + \int_{-2}^0 (x+2) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\left. \frac{4}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right|_0^2 + \left(-\left. \frac{2}{n\pi} ((x+2) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)) \right|_{-2}^0 + \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_{-2}^0 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \right) \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{4}{n\pi} (\cos(n\pi) - 1) + \left(-\frac{4}{n\pi} + \left. \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right|_{-2}^0 \right) \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{4}{n\pi} (-1)^n + \frac{4}{n\pi} - \frac{4}{n\pi} \right) \\b_n &= -\frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^n\end{aligned}$$

Thus, Fourier series of $f(x)$ is

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} ((-1)^n - 1) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) - \frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right)$$

13. Write Fourier series of $f(x) = |x| - 1$ with period $-2 \leq x \leq 2$.

Solution

From

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) + b_n \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) \right)$$

$f(x)$ has period $2L$ is 4 then $L = 2$

Consider $f(x)$ is odd or even

$$\begin{aligned} f(-x) &= |-x| - 1 \\ &= |x| - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } f(-x) = f(x)$$

Thus, $f(x)$ is even then fourier series of $y = f(x)$ has $b_n = 0$

Find a_0

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 f(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^2 (x - 1) dx \\ &= \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - x \right) \Big|_0^2 \\ &= (2 - 2) - 0 \\ a_0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Find a_n

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 f(x) \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^2 (x - 1) \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{n\pi} \left((x - 1) \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) \right) \Big|_0^2 - \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^2 \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) \Big|_0^2 \\ a_n &= \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \left((-1)^n - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, Fourier series of $f(x)$ is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \left((-1)^n - 1 \right) \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right)$$

14. Write Fourier series of $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & -2 < x < 0 \\ -2, & 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$

Solution

From

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) + b_n \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) \right)$$

$f(x)$ has period $2L$ is 4 then $L = 2$

Consider $f(x)$ is odd or even

$$f(-1) = 2$$

$$f(1) = -2$$

$$\text{So, } f(-1) = -f(1)$$

Thus, $f(x)$ is odd, then fourier series of $y = f(x)$ has $a_0 = a_n = 0$

Find b_n

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) dx \\ &= -2 \int_0^2 \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{4}{n\pi} \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) \Big|_0^2 \\ b_n &= \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \left((-1)^n - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, Fourier series of $f(x)$ is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n\pi} \left((-1)^n - 1 \right) \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right)$$

15. Determine Fourier series of $f(x) = \begin{cases} x + \pi, & -\pi \leq x < 0 \\ x - \pi, & 0 < x \leq \pi \end{cases}$

is $f(x) = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n} \sin(nx)$

and show the sum of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{2n-1} = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

Solution

From

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right)$$

$f(x)$ has period $2L$ is 2π then $L = \pi$

Consider $f(x)$ is odd or even

$$f\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } f(-x) = -f(x)$$

Thus, $f(x)$ is odd, then fourier series of $y = f(x)$ has $a_0 = a_n = 0$

Find b_n

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (x - \pi) \sin(nx) dx \\ &= -\frac{2}{n\pi} (x - \pi) \cos(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} + \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(nx) dx \\ &= 0 - \frac{2}{n} + \frac{2}{n^2\pi} \sin(n\pi) \Big|_0^{\pi} \\ b_n &= -\frac{2}{n} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, Fourier series of $f(x)$ is

$$f(x) = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n} \sin(nx)$$

Consider at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, then

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

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

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

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{2n-1} + \cdots$$

Thus,
$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{2n-1}$$

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16. Determine Fourier series of $f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2, & -2 < x \leq 0 \\ 0, & 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$
and find convergent values when $x = 0$.

Solution

From

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) + b_n \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) \right)$$

$f(x)$ has period $2L$ is 4 then $L = 2$

Find a_0

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^0 (x + 2) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} + 2x \right) \Big|_{-2}^0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (0 - (2 - 4)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (2) \\ a_0 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Find a_n

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 f(x) \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^0 (x + 2) \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{n\pi} \left((x + 2) \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) \right) \Big|_{-2}^0 - \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_{-2}^0 \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{2} \right) \Big|_{-2}^0 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} (1 - \cos(n\pi)) \right) \\ a_n &= -\frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} ((-1)^n - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Find b_n

$$\begin{aligned}b_n &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \\&= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^0 (x+2) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{2}{n\pi} \left((x+2) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right) \Big|_{-2}^0 + \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_{-2}^0 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{4}{n\pi} + \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \Big|_{-2}^0 \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{4}{n\pi} \right) \\b_n &= -\frac{2}{n\pi}\end{aligned}$$

Thus, Fourier series of $f(x)$ is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} \left((-1)^n - 1 \right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) - \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right)$$

Consider at $x = 0$ is discontinuous point.

Therefore, convergent values is $\frac{f(0^+) + f(0^-)}{2} = \frac{0+2}{2} = 1$