

# Infinite Series.

Def:- Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, \dots$  be an infinite sequence of real numbers, then

$$u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n + \dots \infty$$

is called an infinite series denoted by  $\sum u_n$ .

and sum of its first  $n$  terms is

denoted by  $S_n = u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n$ .

Ex. Geometric series, Harmonic series

Convergence:- let  $\sum u_n = u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n + \dots \infty$

be an infinite series &  $S_n$  be the sum of first  $n$  terms. i.e.,  $S_n = u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n$ .

def:- The series is said to be convergent if the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum  $S_n$  tends to a finite limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Ex.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$

$S_1 = \text{first partial sum} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2^1 - 1}{2}$

$S_2 = \text{Second partial sum} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} = \frac{2^2 - 1}{2^2}$

$\therefore S_n = \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n}$  here  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$

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

Divergent Series :- The series  $\sum u_n$  is said to be divergent if the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum  $S_n$  tends to  $\pm \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

ex  $\sum u_n = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots$

here  $S_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  (sum of first  $n$  terms)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$$

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

$$= \infty.$$

$\therefore$  The given series is divergent

Oscillation of a Series :- Series  $\sum u_n$  is said to be oscillatory or non-convergent if its  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum  $S_n$  does not tend to a unique limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

ex  $\sum u_n = 5 - 4 - 1 + 5 - 4 - 1 + 5 - 4 - 1 + \dots$

here possible values of  $S_n$  are  $5, 0, 1$  and  $S_n$  does not tend to a unique limit.  $\therefore \sum u_n$  is oscillatory

# Fundamental necessary condition for convergence

Statement: If a positive term series  $\sum u_n$  is convergent, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$ .

def:- An infinite series of which all the terms after some particular terms are positive is a positive term series.

Proof:- let  $S_n = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n$ .  
Since  $\sum u_n$  is convergent

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n =$  a finite real no. (say  $k$ )

$$\& \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_{n-1} = k.$$

now considers  $u_n = S_n - S_{n-1}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n - S_{n-1})$$

$$= k - k$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$$

Note : Converse of the above theorem need not be true. i. e.,

For any infinite series if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$  then the series  $\sum u_n$  need not be convergent.

Ex.  $\sum u_n = \sum \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots$

here  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$

but the series  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  is divergent

Contrapositive : If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n \neq 0$  then the infinite series is divergent. It is also called as divergent test.

ex  $\sum \frac{n}{n+1}$

here  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1}$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} = 1 \neq 0$$

$\therefore \sum \frac{n}{n+1}$  is divergent.

## Comparison Tests.

1. If two positive term series  $\sum u_n$  &  $\sum v_n$  be such that

(i)  $\sum v_n$  converges

(ii)  $u_n \leq v_n$  for all  $n$ , then

$\sum u_n$  also converges.

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$$\textcircled{1} \sum \frac{1}{2^n + n}$$

$$\text{let } \sum u_n = \sum \frac{1}{2^n + n}$$

now consider  $2^n + n > 2^n \quad \forall n$ .

$$\frac{1}{2^n + n} < \frac{1}{2^n} \quad \forall n.$$

here  $\sum \frac{1}{2^n}$  is convergent.

Since  $\sum \frac{1}{2^n}$  is convergent &  $\frac{1}{2^n + n} < \frac{1}{2^n} \quad \forall n$

the series  $\sum \frac{1}{2^n + n}$  is convergent

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ Consider the series } \sum \frac{1}{n+1}$$

now  $n+1 < n+n \quad \forall n$

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

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

here  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n}$  is divergent

$$\left( \because \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

&  $\frac{1}{n+1} > \frac{1}{2n} \quad \forall n$  the given series

diverges.

Limit form of Comparison Test:

If two positive terms series  $\sum u_n$  &  $\sum v_n$  be such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \text{finite value } (\neq 0)$

then  $\sum u_n$  and  $\sum v_n$  both converge or diverge together.

ex

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{4n^2 + n}{\sqrt[3]{n^7 + n^3}}$$

now  $\frac{4n^2}{n^{7/3}} = n^{2 - \frac{7}{3}} = n^{-1/3} = \frac{1}{n^{1/3}}$

let  $v_n = \frac{1}{n^{1/3}}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n^2 + n}{\sqrt[3]{n^7 + n^3}} \times \frac{n^{1/3}}{1} =$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{7/3} (4 + n^{4/3})}{\cancel{n^{7/3}} \sqrt[3]{1 + \frac{1}{n^4}}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 + n^{-3/3}}{\sqrt[3]{1 + \frac{1}{n^4}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 + \frac{1}{n}}{\sqrt[3]{1 + \frac{1}{n^4}}}$$

$$= \frac{4}{1} = 4 \neq 0.$$

Since  $\sum \frac{1}{n^{1/3}}$  diverges, given series also diverges

## D'ALEMBERT'S Ratio Test :

In a positive series  $\sum u_n$ , if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \lambda$ ,  
then the series converges if  $\lambda < 1$  and  
diverges if  $\lambda > 1$  and test fails if  $\lambda = 1$

Reciprocal of Ratio test :-

In the positive terms series  $\sum u_n$   
if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = k$ , then the series converges  
for  $k > 1$  and diverges if  $k < 1$  but  
fails for  $k = 1$ .

Ex:-  $1 + \frac{a+1}{b+1} + \frac{(a+1)}{(b+1)} \frac{(2a+1)}{(2b+1)} + \frac{(a+1)}{(b+1)} \frac{(2a+1)}{(2b+1)} \frac{(3a+1)}{(3b+1)} + \dots$

$$u_{n+1} = u_n \cdot \frac{n+1}{nb+1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{nb+1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(b + \frac{1}{n})}{(a + \frac{1}{n})}$$

$$= \frac{b}{a}$$

So Given Series converges if  $\frac{b}{a} > 1$  or  $b > a$   
diverges if  $\frac{b}{a} < 1$  or  $b < a$