

## manipulating convergent series

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The of the series in the following theorems are supposed to be either real or complex numbers.

**Theorem 1.** If the series  $a_1 + a_2 + \cdots$  and  $b_1 + b_2 + \cdots$  converge and have the sums a and b, respectively, then also the series

$$(a_1 + b_1) + (a_2 + b_2) + \cdots$$
 (1)

converges and has the sum a+b.

*Proof.* The  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of (1) has the limit

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{n} (a_j + b_j) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_j + \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_j = a + b.$$

**Theorem 2.** If the series  $a_1 + a_2 + \cdots$  converges having the sum a and if c is any, then also the series

$$ca_1 + ca_2 + \cdots \tag{2}$$

converges and has the sum ca.

*Proof.* The  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of (2) has the limit

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{n} ca_j = c \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_j = ca.$$

**Theorem 3.** If the of any converging series

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \cdots$$
 (3)

are grouped arbitrarily without changing their, then the resulting series

$$(a_1 + \dots + a_{m_1}) + (a_{m_1+1} + \dots + a_{m_2}) + (a_{m_2+1} + \dots + a_{m_3}) + \dots$$
 (4)

also converges and its sum equals to the sum of (3).

*Proof.* Since all the partial sums of (4) are simultaneously partial sums of (3), they have as limit the sum of the series (3).