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Infinite Series

Let $\{U_n\}$ be the sequence of real number, then the expression: $u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + \infty$ is called infinite series and it is denoted as $\sum U_n$.

To find whether the series is convergent or not, we need to construct, $S_1 = u_1$,

$$S_2 = u_1 + u_2$$

$$\vdots$$

where $\{S_n\}$ is called sequence of partial sum.

If the sequence $\{S_n\}$ is convergent, then the series is also convergent.

Let us consider a series :-

$$\frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \frac{1}{3.4} + \dots + \infty$$

Here,

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

$$\text{now, } S_n = \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)$$

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

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right) = 1 - 0 = 1 \quad \text{(iii)}$$

Thus, the series is convergent and $\sum U_n$ converges to 1.

Divergent Series: A series $\sum u_n$ is said to be divergent if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \pm \infty$

Ex: $S_n = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$

$$S_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

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

Oscillatory Series: A series which is neither convergent nor divergent is called oscillatory series.

Ex: $1 + (-1) + 1 + (-1) + 1 + (-1) + \dots \infty$

Geometric Series: The series $1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots \infty$ is known as geometric series. This series is convergent if $-1 < x < 1$ and divergent if $x \geq 1$.
If $x = -1$, then the series is oscillatory

Ex: i) $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \rightarrow \text{convergent}$$

ii) $1 + 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots$

$$\therefore x = 2 > 1 \rightarrow \text{divergent}$$

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Seriesp-series.

The series of the form $1 + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \frac{1}{4^p} + \dots + \infty$ is called p-series. This series is convergent if $p \geq 1$ and divergent if $p < 1$.

Properties of series:

- If the series $\sum u_n$ is convergent and converges to 's' then the series $\sum k u_n$ is also convergent and converges to 'ks'.
- If 2 series $\sum u_n$ and $\sum v_n$ converging to 's' and 't' respectively then $\sum (u_n + v_n)$ converges to 's+t'.

Note: If $\sum u_n$ is a convergent series then ^{for} its 'nth term' - u_n
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$.

→ Let us consider a series $1 + \frac{1}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5} + \dots + \infty$.

Check whether it is convergent or not.

Ans $u_n = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-1)} < \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \dots (n-1) \text{ times}} = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$

Let, $\frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = v_n$

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

$\therefore \sum u_n$ is a geometric series of $x = 1/2 < 1$,
and is thus convergent.

and since, $u_n < v_n$

by process of comparison test;
 $\sum u_n$ is also convergent.

→ Comparison Test :

Let $\sum u_n$ and $\sum v_n$ be 2 series of positive terms
and there exist an integer 'N' such that —
 $u_n \leq k v_n, \forall n \geq N$.

then, $\sum u_n$ is convergent if $\sum v_n$ is so and $\sum v_n$ is
divergent if $\sum u_n$ is so.

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Alternative Series.

A series whose terms are alternatively positive and negative is called an alternative series.

Absolutely Convergent:

A series $\sum u_n$ is said to be absolutely convergent if $\sum |u_n|$ is convergent.

Ex: of alternative series: $+1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots$