

j)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n+1}}$

Solution: Here,

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

Let  $u_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n+1}}$ .

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

Now, 
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n+1}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{\sqrt{n}}\right)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}}\right) = 2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Also,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  and it diverges by **p-test**.

Hence the given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n+1}}$  series is diverges by Limit Comparison Test

**K)**  $\frac{1}{1.3} + \frac{2}{3.5} + \frac{3}{5.7} + \dots$

**Solution:** Here, given series is

$$\frac{1}{1.3} + \frac{2}{3.5} + \frac{3}{5.7} + \dots$$

$n^{\text{th}}$  term of the series  $(a_n) = \frac{n}{(2n-1)(2n+1)}$

Then the given series can be written as

$$\frac{1}{1.3} + \frac{2}{3.5} + \frac{3}{5.7} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(2n-1)(2n+1)}$$

Let  $u_n = \frac{n}{(2n-1)(2n+1)}$ .

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

Now, 
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n}{(2n-1)(2n+1)}}{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2(2-\frac{1}{n})(2+\frac{1}{n})} \times n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(2-\frac{1}{n})(2+\frac{1}{n})} = \frac{1}{4} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Also,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  and it is diverges by **p-test**.

Hence the given series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(2n-1)(2n+1)}$  is diverges by Limit Comparison Test.

n)  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4} + \dots$

**Solution:** Here, given series is

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4} + \dots$$

$n^{\text{th}}$  term of the series  $(a_n) = \frac{n}{n+1}$

Then the given series can be written as

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

Also,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n+1} > \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$

Also,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  and it diverges by **p-test**.

Hence the given series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n+1}$  is diverges by Comparison Test.

o)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n+2}}{2n^2+n+1} \right)$

**Solution:** Here,

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

Let  $u_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n+2}}{2n^2+n+1} \right)$ .

Let  $v_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n^{2-\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$

Now,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \frac{\sqrt{n+2}}{2n^2+n+1} \right)}{\frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}}$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \frac{\sqrt{n}(\sqrt{1+\frac{2}{n}})}{n^2(2+\frac{1}{n}+\frac{1}{n^2})} \right)}{\frac{3}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}}$$

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

Also,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$  and it is converges by **p-test**.

Hence the given series is converges by Limit Comparison Test.

5. Investigate the convergence of the following series.

a)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2^n + 5}{3^n} \right)$

Theorem: (D' Alembert Ratio Test)

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series with positive terms and suppose that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right) = \ell.$$

Then,

- a. If  $\ell < 1$  then the series converges
- b. If  $\ell > 1$  then the series diverges
- c. If  $\ell = 1$  then the test is inclusive and further test is needed.

a)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2^n+5}{3^n} \right)$

**Solution:** Here, given series is  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2^n+5}{3^n} \right)$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{2^{n+1}+5}{3^{n+1}}}{\frac{2^n+5}{3^n}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{2^{n \times 2} + 5}{3^{n \times 3}}}{\frac{2^n+5}{3^n}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{2^n \left( 2 + \frac{5}{2^n} \right)}{3^{n \times 3}}}{\frac{2^n \left( 1 + \frac{5}{2^n} \right)}{3^n}} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{\frac{2 + \frac{5}{2^\infty}}{3}}{1 + \frac{5}{2^\infty}} \right) = \frac{2}{3} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by D' Alembert Ratio test, the given series is convergent.

a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{n!n!}$

**Solution:** Here, given series is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{n!n!}$ .

Let  $a_n = \frac{(2n)!}{n!n!}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{(2n+2)!}{(n+1)!(n+1)!}}{\frac{(2n)!}{n!n!}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)(2n)!}{(n+1)n!(n+1)n!}}{\frac{(2n)!}{n!n!}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)}{(n+1)(n+1)} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2(2n+1)}{n+1} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2n \left( 2 + \frac{1}{n} \right)}{n \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)} \right) = \frac{2}{1} = 2 > 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by D'Alembert Ratio test, the given series is divergent.

d)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+3)!}{3! n! 3^n}$

**Solution:** Here, given series is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+3)!}{3! n! 3^n}$ .

Let  $a_n = \frac{(n+3)!}{3! n! 3^n}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{(n+1+3)!}{3!(n+1)! 3^{n+1}}}{\frac{(n+3)!}{3! n! 3^n}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{(n+4)(n+3)!}{3! (n+1)! 3^{n+1}}}{\frac{(n+3)!}{3! n! 3^n}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{n+4}{(n+1)! \times 3}}{\frac{1}{n!}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+4}{3(n+1)} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n \left( 1 + \frac{4}{n} \right)}{3 n \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)} \right) = \frac{1}{3} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by D'Alembert Ratio test, the given series is convergent.



h)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{2^n-1}{3^n-1}}$

**Solution:** Here, given series is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{2^n-1}{3^n-1}}$ .

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

Now,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{2^{n+1}-1}{3^{n+1}-1}}}{\sqrt{\frac{2^n-1}{3^n-1}}}$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{2^{n \times 2} - 1}{3^{n \times 3} - 1}}{\frac{2^n - 1}{3^n - 1}}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{2^n \left(2 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right)}{3^n \left(3 - \frac{1}{3^n}\right)}}{\frac{2^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right)}{3^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^n}\right)}}}$$

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

6. Investigate the convergence of the following series.

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

Theorem: (The  $n^{\text{th}}$  Root Test)(Cauchy's Radical Test)

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series with positive terms and suppose that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \ell.$$

Then,

- a. If  $\ell < 1$  then the series converges
- b. If  $\ell > 1$  then the series diverges
- c. If  $\ell = 1$  then the test is inclusive and further test is needed.

6. a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-n^2}$

**Solution:** Here, given series is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-n^2}$ .

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

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-n^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} \\ &= \frac{1}{e} \approx 0.37 < 1 \quad \left[ \because \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e \right] \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the series is converges by **Cauchy's Radical Test**.

6. e)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{n^n}{(2^n)^2} \right)$

**Solution:** Here, given series is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{n^n}{(2^n)^2} \right)$ .

Let  $a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{n^n}{(2^n)^2} \right)$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^n}{(2^n)^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{2^2} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4} \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the series is converges by **Cauchy's Radical Test**.

## Alternative Series:

An infinite series  $\sum (-1)^n a_n$  is known as an alternative series.

### Leibnitz's Theorem (The Alternative Series Test)

The series,

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

Converges if it satisfies the following conditions:

- a)  $b_n > 0$ , for all  $n$
- b)  $b_n \geq b_{n+1}$  for all  $n \geq N$  for some integer  $N$ .
- c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ .

## Exercise 8.4

1. Test the convergency of the following alternative series.

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

Solution: Here, given series is

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

Here, comparing this series with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} b_n$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

i)  $b_n \geq 0$ , for all  $n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii) } b_{n+1} - b_n &= \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \\ &= \frac{n^2 - n^2 - 2n - 1}{n^2(n+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{-(2n+1)}{n^2(n+1)^2} < 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{iii) } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 0.$$

Thus, the series is converges by **Leibnitz's Theorem (The Alternative Series test)**.

b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\ln(n)}{n}$

**Solution:** Here, given series is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\ln(n)}{n}$$

Here, comparing this series with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} b_n$

$$b_n = \frac{\ln(n)}{n}$$

i)  $b_n \geq 0$ , for all  $n > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii) } b_{n+1} - b_n &= \frac{\ln(n+1)}{n+1} - \frac{\ln(n)}{n} \\ &= \frac{n \ln(n) - (n+1) \ln(n+1)}{n(n+1)} \\ &= \frac{\ln\left(\frac{n^n}{n^{n+1}}\right)}{n(n+1)} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)}{n(n+1)} \leq 0 \text{ for } n \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$b_{n+1} \leq b_n$$

$$\text{iii) } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{ ( using L Hospital rule )} = 0.$$

Thus, the series is converges by **Leibnitz's Theorem ( The Alternative Series Test )**.

d)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\ln(n)}{\ln(n^2)}$

**Solution:** Here, given series is

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\ln(n)}{\ln(n^2)}$$

Here, comparing this series with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} b_n$

$$b_n = \frac{\ln(n)}{\ln(n^2)} = \frac{\ln(n)}{2\ln(n)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

i)  $b_n \geq 0$ , for all  $n > 2$ .

iii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$ .

Thus, the series diverges by **Leibnitz's Theorem**



f)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)$

**Solution:** Here, given series is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

Here, comparing this series with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} b_n$

$$b_n = \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

i)  $b_n \geq 0$  for  $n \geq 1$

iii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) = 0.$

Thus, the series is converges by **Leibnitz's Theorem**

## Absolute Convergence

A series  $\sum a_n$  converges absolutely if the corresponding series  $\sum |a_n|$  converges.

### Theorem (The Absolute Convergence Test)

If  $\sum |a_n|$  converges then series  $\sum a_n$  converges.

**Normally , Absolute Convergence implies the general convergence.**

## Conditional Convergence

A series  $\sum a_n$  converges but  $\sum |a_n|$  does not converges, then the series is called convergent conditionally.

2. Test the absolute convergence and conditional convergence of the following series.

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

**Solution:** Here, given series is

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

Let  $a_n = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n^2}$

Here,  $|a_n| = |(-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n^2}| = \frac{1}{n^2}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Clearly the  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  is convergent by p-Test with  $p=2$ .

Hence, the given series convergent absolutely.

d)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{a+nb}$

**Solution:** Here, given series is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{a+nb}$$

Let  $a_n = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{a+nb}$

Also,  $(-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{a+nb} < (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n}$

And the series,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n}$  is convergent being alternative harmonic series.

Again,

Here,  $|a_n| = |(-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{a+nb}| = \frac{1}{a+nb}$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a+nb} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^k \frac{1}{a+xb} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\ln(a+bx)}{b} \right]_1^k \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\ln(a+kb)}{b} - \frac{\ln(a+b)}{b} \right] \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

Clearly the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a+nb}$  is diverges.

Hence, the given series is conditionally convergent .

e)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)}$

**Solution:** Here, given series is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)}$

Let  $a_n = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)}$

Here,  $|a_n| = \left| \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)} \right| = \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)}$ .

Now,

$$\frac{1}{\ln(n+1)} > \frac{1}{n+1}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\ln(n)} > \frac{1}{n}$$

Since the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$  is diverges by p-test.

Thus  $\sum |a_n| = \sum \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)}$  diverges and hence the given series is divergent.

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

**Solution:** Here, given series is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{3^{n-2}}$

Let  $a_n = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{3^{n-2}}$

Here,  $|a_n| = \left| (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} \right| = \frac{1}{3^{n-2}} = \frac{9}{3^n}$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{9}{3^n}$  is geometric series with common ratio  $\frac{1}{3} < 1$ , and hence it is convergent by geometric ratio test.

Thus, the given series is convergent absolutely.

## 8.3 Power Series, Taylor and Maclaurin's series:

### Power Series:

A power series about  $x = 0$  is a series of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_n x^n + \dots$$

A power series about  $x = a$  is a series of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x - a)^n = c_0 + c_1 (x - a) + c_2 (x - a)^2 + \dots + c_n (x - a)^n + \dots$$

in which 'a' is center and the coefficients  $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n, \dots$  all are constants.

## Interval, Center, and Radius of Convergence of a Power Series.

Consider the power series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_n x^n + \dots$$

If there exists a positive number  $r$  such that the series converges for  $|x| < r$  and diverges for  $|x| > r$ , then

$(-r, r)$  is called the interval,

$\frac{-r+r}{2} = 0$  is called center

$r$  is called radius of convergence.

NOTE:- If there exists a positive number  $r$  such that the series converges for  $|x| \leq r$  and diverges for  $|x| > r$ , then

$[-r, r]$  is called the interval,

$\frac{-r+r}{2} = 0$  is called center

$r$  is called radius of convergence.



**Example:** For what value of  $x$  does the following series converges?

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \left( \frac{x^n}{n} \right)$$

**Solution:** Let  $a_n = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| (-1)^{n+1-1} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \times \frac{n}{(-1)^{n-1} x^n} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{nx}{n+1} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{x}{1+\frac{1}{n}} \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x}{1+\frac{1}{n}} \right| = |x|$$

By ratio test, the given series is converges for  $|x| < 1$ , i.e. for  $-1 < x < 1$ .

At  $x = -1$ , the given series becomes

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \left( \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{2n-1} \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

Which is divergent by p-test with  $p=1$ .

At  $x = 1$ , the given series becomes

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

Which is divergent being an alternative harmonic series .

Thus, the given series is convergent for any value of  $x$  in  $-1 < x \leq 1$ .

## The Convergence Theorem for Power Series:

If the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_n x^n + \dots$$

Converges for  $x = a \neq 0$  then it converges absolutely for all  $|x| < |a|$ . If the series diverges for  $x = b$  then it diverges for all  $|x| > |b|$ .

## Development of Taylor Series

Consider the series,

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1(x-a) + c_2(x-a)^2 + c_3(x-a)^3 \dots + c_n(x-a)^n + \dots \quad (i)$$

Differentiating  $f(x)$  term by term, we get

$$f'(x) = c_1 + 2c_2(x-a) + 3c_3(x-a)^2 + \dots + n c_n(x-a)^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$f''(x) = 2c_2 + 6c_3(x-a) + \dots + n(n-1) c_n(x-a)^{n-2} + \dots$$

$$f'''(x) = 6c_3 + 24c_4(x-a) + \dots + n(n-1)(n-2) c_n(x-a)^{n-3} + \dots$$

$$\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots$$

$$f^n(x) = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots 2 \times 1 c_n + \dots$$
$$= n! c_n$$

At  $x = a$ ,

$$f(a) = c_0$$

$$f'(a) = c_1$$

$$f''(a) = 2c_2$$

$$f'''(a) = 6c_3 \Rightarrow c_3 = \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}$$

$$\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots$$

$$f^n(a) = n! c_n \Rightarrow c_n = \frac{f^n(a)}{n!}$$

Or,

$$c_2 = \frac{f''(a)}{2!}$$

Replacing the values of  $c_0, c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n$  in (i), we get

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!} (x-a)^3 \dots + \frac{f^n(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n + \dots$$

This is known as Taylor's Series.

Thus, the Taylor's Series

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!} (x-a)^3 \dots + \frac{f^n(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n + \dots$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^n(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$$

Also, when  $a = 0$

The Maclaurin's series generated by  $f$  is

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)(x) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} (x)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!} (x)^3 \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} (x)^n + \dots$$

Thus, the Maclaurin's Series can be written as

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^n(0)}{n!} (x)^n.$$

**Define Taylor's polynomial of order  $n$ .**

If  $f$  has its first  $n$ -derivatives are continuous on  $[a, b]$  or  $[b, a]$  and  $f^{(n)}$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$  or  $(b, a)$  for each positive integer  $n$  for each  $x$  in  $(a, b)$

$$P_n(x) = f(a) + f'(x-a)(x) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!} (x-a)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x-a)}{n!} (x)^n$$

is called Taylor's polynomial of order  $n$ .

## Taylor's Formula:

If  $f$  has derivatives of all orders in an open interval  $I$  containing  $a$  then for each positive integers  $n$  and for each  $x$  in  $I$

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!} (x-a)^3 \dots + \frac{f^n(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n + \dots + R_n(x)$$

Where the remainder  $R_n(x)$  is,

$$R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(a)(c)}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1}$$

for some  $c$  between  $a$  and  $x$ .

Note 1: The remainder value  $R_n(x)$  is also known as error term of Taylor's Series.

Note 2: If  $R_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x$  in  $I$  then the Taylor's series reduces to

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^n(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n$$

In this condition, we say that the Taylor's series converges to  $f$  on  $I$ .

### **Theorem: (Taylor's Inequality)**

Is there are positive constant  $M$  and  $t$  such that  $|f^{(n+1)}(t)| \leq M$  for all  $t$  between  $a$  and  $x$  then the remainder term  $|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{|(x-a)^{n+1}|}{(n+1)!}$ .

If these condition hold for all the other conditions of Taylor's theorem  
Are satisfied by  $f$  then the series converges to  $f(x)$ .

**Example:** Find the Maclaurin's series for  $\cos x$  and show that it represents  $\cos x$  for all  $x$ . (TU 2077)

**Solution:** Here,

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \cos x$$

$$f'(x) = -\sin x$$

$$f''(x) = -\cos x$$

$$f'''(x) = \sin x$$

$$f^{iv}(x) = \cos x$$

$$f(0) = \cos 0 = 1$$

$$f'(0) = -\sin 0 = 0$$

$$f''(0) = -\cos 0 = -1$$

$$f'''(0) = \sin 0 = 0$$

$$f^{iv}(0) = \cos 0 = 1$$

The Maclaurin's series generated by  $f$  is

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)(x) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} (x)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!} (x)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^n(0)}{n!} (x)^n + R_n(x)$$

$$\cos x = 1 + 0(x) + \frac{-1}{2!} (x)^2 + \frac{0}{3!} (x)^3 + \frac{1}{4!} (x)^4 + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + R_{2n+1}(x)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2!} x^2 + \frac{1}{4!} x^4 - \frac{1}{6!} x^6 + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + R_{2n+1}(x) \dots (i)$$



We know that cosine function and all the derivatives of cosine function have absolute value less than or equal to 1. So, with  $M = 1$ .

$$|R_{2n+1}(x)| \leq M \cdot \frac{|(x)^{2n+1}|}{(2n+1)!}.$$

$$\Rightarrow |R_{2n+1}(x)| \leq 1 \cdot \frac{|x|^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}.$$

Since,  $\frac{|x|^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all values of  $x$ .

This shows that the series on the right of (i), converges to  $\cos x$  for every value of  $x$ . Hence, Maclaurin's series for  $\cos x$  it represent  $\cos x$  for all values of  $x$ .

## Exercise 8.5

1. Find for what value of  $x$ , the following series convergent.

a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 x^{n-1}$

**Solution:** Here, given series is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 x^{n-1}$$

Let  $a_n = n^2 x^{n-1}$  each term of  $a_n$  is positive for  $n \geq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2 x^{n+1-1}}{n^2 x^{n-1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n^2 + 2n + 1) x^{n-n+1}}{n^2} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2}{n^2} + \frac{2n}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) x \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{2}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) x \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

Hence by the D'Alembert Ratio Test, series is convergent if  $|x| < 1$ .

Thus, the value of  $x$  is  $|x| < 1$ . **i.e.  $-1 < x < 1$ .**

1. Find for what value of  $x$ , the following series convergent.

b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2^n - 2}{2^{n+1}} \right) x^{n-1}$

**Solution:** Here, given series is

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

Let  $a_n = \left( \frac{2^n - 2}{2^{n+1}} \right) x^{n-1}$  each term of  $a_n$  is positive for  $n \geq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \frac{2^{n+1} - 2}{2^{n+1+1}} \right) x^{n+1-1}}{\left( \frac{2^n - 2}{2^{n+1}} \right) x^{n-1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \frac{2^{n \times 2} - 2}{2^{n \times 2 + 1}} \right) x^{n-n+1}}{\left( \frac{2^n - 2}{2^{n+1}} \right)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \frac{2^n (2 - \frac{2}{2^n})}{2^n (2 + \frac{1}{2^n})} \right) x^1}{\left( \frac{2^n (1 - \frac{2}{2^n})}{2^n (1 + \frac{1}{2^n})} \right)} \qquad = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \frac{(2 + \frac{2}{2^n})}{(2 + \frac{1}{2^n})} \right) x}{\left( \frac{(1 - \frac{2}{2^n})}{(1 + \frac{1}{2^n})} \right)} \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

Hence by the D'Alembert Ratio Test, series is convergent if  $|x| < 1$ .

1. Find for what value of  $x$ , the following series convergent.

c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{x^n}{3^n n^2} \right)$  for  $x > 0$

**Solution:** Here, given series is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{x^n}{3^n n^2} \right) \text{ for } x > 0$$

Let  $a_n = \frac{x^n}{3^n n^2}$  each term of  $a_n$  is positive for  $n \geq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \frac{x^{n+1}}{3^{n+1} (n+1)^2} \right)}{\left( \frac{x^n}{3^n n^2} \right)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{3^{n+1} (n+1)^2} \times \frac{3^n n^2}{x^n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x n^2}{3 (n^2 + 2n + 1)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x n^2}{3 n^2 \left( 1 + \frac{2n}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^2} \right)} \\ &= \frac{x}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Hence by the D'Alembert Ratio Test, series is convergent if

$$\begin{aligned}\left|\frac{x}{3}\right| &< 1 \\ \Rightarrow |x| &< 3. \\ \Rightarrow -3 &< x < 3\end{aligned}$$

And diverges for  $\left|\frac{x}{3}\right| > 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow |x| > 3$$

And at  $\left|\frac{x}{3}\right| = 1$  further test is needed.

Since  $x > 0$ . So, the series is converges for  $0 < x < 3$  and diverges for  $x > 3$  and further test is needed at  $x = 3$ .

At  $x = 3$

$$a_n = \frac{x^n}{3^n n^2} = \frac{3^n}{3^n n^2} = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Here,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$  is convergent by p-test with  $p=2$ .

Thus, the given series is convergent for  $0 < x \leq 3$  and divergent for  $x > 3$ .

Hence the interval of convergence of the given series is  $(0, 3]$ .

2. Find the interval, centre and radius of convergence of the following series.

a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$

**Solution:** Here, given series is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

Let  $a_n = \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$  each term of  $a_n$  is positive for  $n \geq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{x^{n+1-1}}{(n+1-1)!}}{\frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \times \frac{(n-1)!}{x^{n-1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{n-n+1}}{n(n-1)!} \times \frac{(n-1)!}{1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{n} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence by the D'Alembert Ratio Test, series is convergent for all values of  $x$

2. b)  $x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$

Solution: Here, given series is

$$x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$$

$$n^{th} \text{ term } (a_n) = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)}$$

$$|a_n| = |(-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)}| = \frac{x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)}$$

$$\text{Also, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{x^{2(n+1)-1}}{(2(n+1)-1)}}{\frac{x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)}} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \times \frac{2n-1}{x^{2n-1}} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x^2| \left| \frac{2n-1}{2n+1} \right|$$

$$= |x^2|$$

Hence by the D'Alembert Ratio Test, series is convergent if  $|x^2| < 1$ .

$$|x^2| < 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| < 1.$$

$$\text{i.e. } -1 < x < 1.$$

And the series is divergent if  $|x| > 1$  and further test is required for  $|x| = 1$ .

At  $x = 1$

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

Here, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n}$  is alternative harmonic series. So, it is convergent.

Again, at  $x = -1$

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

Here, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n}$  is alternative harmonic series. So, it is convergent.



**Hence the interval of convergence is  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$**

**i.e.  $[-1, 1]$**

$$\text{Center of convergence} = \frac{1+(-1)}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{Radius of convergence} = \frac{1-(-1)}{2} = 1$$

### 3. Using Maclaurin series expansion, show that

a)  $\cos x = 1 - \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 - \frac{1}{6!}x^6 + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots$

Solution: Here,

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \cos x$$

$$f'(x) = -\sin x$$

$$f''(x) = -\cos x$$

$$f'''(x) = \sin x$$

$$f^{iv}(x) = \cos x$$

$$f(0) = \cos 0 = 1$$

$$f'(0) = -\sin 0 = 0$$

$$f''(0) = -\cos 0 = -1$$

$$f'''(0) = \sin 0 = 0$$

$$f^{iv}(0) = \cos 0 = 1$$

The Maclaurin's series generated by  $f$  is

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)(x) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}(x)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}(x)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^n(0)}{n!}(x)^n + \dots$$

$$R_n(x)$$

$$\cos x = 1 + 0(x) + \frac{-1}{2!}(x)^2 + \frac{0}{3!}(x)^3 + \frac{1}{4!}(x)^4 + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 - \frac{1}{6!}x^6 + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots$$

### Example: (Q.6)

Show that the Maclaurin's series for  $\sin x$  converges to  $\sin x$  for all  $x$ . (TU 2077)

Solution: Here,

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \sin x$$

$$f'(x) = \cos x$$

$$f''(x) = -\sin x$$

$$f'''(x) = -\cos x$$

$$f^{iv}(x) = \sin x$$

$$f(0) = \sin 0 = 0$$

$$f'(0) = \cos 0 = 1$$

$$f''(0) = -\sin 0 = 0$$

$$f'''(0) = -\cos 0 = -1$$

$$f^{iv}(0) = \sin 0 = 0$$

The Maclaurin's series generated by  $f$  is

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)(x) + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}(x)^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}(x)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^n(0)}{n!}(x)^n + R_{2n+1}(x)$$

$$\sin x = 0 + 1 \cdot (x) + \frac{0}{2!}(x)^2 - \frac{1}{3!}(x)^3 + \frac{0}{4!}(x)^4 - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + R_{2n+1}(x)$$

$$= x - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \frac{1}{5!}x^5 - \frac{1}{7!}x^7 + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + R_n(x) \dots (i)$$

We know that sine function and all the derivatives of sine function have absolute value less than or equal to 1. So, with  $M = 1$ .

$$|R_{2n+1}(x)| \leq M \cdot \frac{|(x)^{3n+1}|}{(3n+1)!}.$$

$$\Rightarrow |R_{2n+1}(x)| \leq 1 \cdot \frac{|x|^{3n+1}}{(3n+1)!}.$$

Since,  $\frac{|x|^{3n+1}}{(3n+1)!} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all values of  $x$ .

This shows that the series on the right of (i) , converges to  $\sin x$  for every value of  $x$ . Hence, Maclaurin's series for  $\sin x$  it represent  $\sin x$  for all values of  $x$ .

**Q. Find the Maclaurin series for  $e^x$  and show that it represents  $e^x$  for all  $x$  .(TU)**

**Solution: See Example 15 (book, page 272)**