

Claim: If  $b_n \rightarrow b \neq 0$ ,  
then  $\frac{1}{b_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{b}$ .

Want: Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , find  $N \in \mathbb{N}$

s.t.  $\left| \frac{1}{b_n} - \frac{1}{b} \right| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N$

OR  $\frac{|b_n - b|}{|b_n||b|} < \epsilon$

If I could make  

$$\frac{|b_n - b|}{|b_n||b|} < M_1 |b_n - b|$$
for some  $M_1 > 0$

Then, I could choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

Assum.  $|b_n - b| < \epsilon / M_1 \quad \forall n \geq N$ .

$\Rightarrow \forall n \geq N$

$\frac{|b_n - b|}{|b_n||b|} < M_1 \cdot \epsilon / M_1 = \epsilon$

\* is equivalent to showing  
that  $\exists M_2 > 0$  s.t.

$|b_n| > M_2$  (for large  $n$ )  
 $b_n \rightarrow b \Rightarrow |b_n| \rightarrow |b|$   
 $|b| > \frac{|b| - |b|}{2} = 0$   
 $|b| > \frac{|b| + |b|}{2} = |b|$  for large  $n$

## 2.2. Infinite series. (History: Apostol's)

Def<sup>n</sup> 2.9. An infinite series (in  $\mathbb{R}$ ) is a formal expression of the form  
 $a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + \dots$ , or,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ .

Given  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ , its sequence of partial sums (sops) is  $\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  where

$S_0 = a_0$

$S_1 = a_0 + a_1$

$S_n = a_0 + \dots + a_n$

We say that  $\sum a_n$  is convergent with sum  $S$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = S$ . Otherwise, we say that  $\sum a_n$  is divergent.

Examples. (a) (Harmonic series)

Claim:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is divergent.

Proof. ( $\{S_n\}$  is a monotonically increasing sequence.)

$S_1 = 1$

$S_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2}$

$S_4 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} > 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

$S_8 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{8}$   
 $\geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{8}$

$S_{2^k} \geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \dots + 2^{k-1} \cdot \frac{1}{2^k}$   
 $= 1 + \frac{k}{2} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

Thus, given any  $R \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $S_{2^k} > R$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \{S_n\}$  is divergent. (unb'd  $\Rightarrow$  div)

(b) Claim  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  is convt.

$$\left(\frac{\pi^2}{6}\right)$$

Proof.  $0 < s_p = 1$

$$0 < s_n = 1 + \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k^2} < 1 + \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k} \cdot \frac{1}{k-1}$$

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

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

$$\left( \frac{1}{k} < \frac{1}{k-1} \right)$$

$$\sum a_n = a_1 + \left( -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \dots + \left( \frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

(Telescoping sum)  $\sim 1 - \frac{1}{n}$

$s_n < 1 + 1 - \frac{1}{n} < 2, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
 $s_0, \{s_n\}$  is an inc. bdd above seq. Thus, it convs.

Theorem 2.10. (Necessary

Cond<sup>n</sup> for convergence)

Suppose  $\sum a_n$  is convergent.

Then,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .

Proof. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $\sum a_n$  is convt, say to  $l$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st

$$|s_n - l| < \epsilon/2, \forall n \geq N,$$

where  $\{s_n\}$  is the s.o.p.s. of  $\sum a_n$ .

Now observe that  $a_n = s_n - s_{n-1}$

Thus, for  $n > N$ , we have

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

$$s_n \geq n \cdot 2 \rightarrow \infty$$

$$s = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n = -1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots$$

$$s_1 = -1$$

$$s_2 = 0$$

$$s_3 = -1$$

$\{s_n\}$  is divg<sup>n</sup>.

$$s = -1 - s \rightarrow s = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$|a_n| = |s_n - s_{n-1}|$$

$$\leq |s_n - l| + |s_{n-1} - l|$$

$$< \epsilon, \forall n > N.$$

Since  $\epsilon > 0$  was arb,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0.$$



$$\sum a_n$$

$$\{a_n\} \text{ v/s } \begin{matrix} \text{s.o.p.s.} \\ \{s_n\} \\ s_n = a_0 + \dots + a_n \end{matrix}$$

Example. (Geometric series)  
Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-x}, & |x| < 1, \\ \text{diverges}, & |x| \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

So, for  $|x| < 1$ , by limit laws,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{x}{1-x} (x^n) = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

Next, for  $|x| \geq 1$ ,  $x \neq 1$ ,

Once again, we must understand the behavior of  $\{x^n\}$  for  $|x| \geq 1$ ,  $x \neq 1$ .  
Claim

Please see typed-up notes for this missing piece!

Theorem 2.11 (Comparison Test)

Suppose  $\exists$  constants

$M \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $C > 0$  s.t.

$$0 \leq a_n \leq C b_n \quad \forall n \geq M.$$

If  $\sum b_n$  converges, then  $\sum a_n$  converges. (In other words, if  $\sum a_n$  diverges, then  $\sum b_n$  diverges)

Eg.  $1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$   
 $1, 1 + \frac{1}{3}, 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}, \dots$

(p-series)

Example: Let  $p \in \mathbb{R}$

$$S_n = 1 + x + \dots + x^n = \frac{(1-x)^{n+1} - (1-x)}{1-x} \quad x \neq 1$$

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

Claim. If  $|x| < 1$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = 0$ .

If  $|x| \geq 1$ ,  $x \neq 1$ ,  $\{x^n\}$  diverges.

Proof. Case 1.  $|x| < 1$ . Suffices to prove for  $x > 0$ .

Note that  $(1+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} y^k$ ,  $y > 0$

If  $x < 1$ , then  $\frac{1}{x} > 1$ . So,  $\frac{1}{x} = 1+y$  for some  $y > 0$ .  
Then  $\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^n = (1+y)^n > ny = n\left(\frac{1}{x} - 1\right)$ .  
So,  $x^n < \frac{1}{n} c$ ,  $c = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x} - 1}$  (HW 1)

Proof. Let  $\{s_n\}$  &  $\{t_n\}$  be the

s.o.p.s. of  $\sum_{n=M}^{\infty} a_n$  &  $\sum_{n=M}^{\infty} b_n$ ,

respectively. Note that

$\{s_n\}$  &  $\{t_n\}$  are increasing sequences.

By convergence of  $\{t_n\}$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$

&  $L > 0$  s.t.  $t_n < L \quad \forall n \geq N$ .

Thus,  $0 \leq s_n \leq C t_n < CL$   $\forall n \geq N$ . (Needs just)

By MCT,  $\{s_n\}$  converges.  $\geq \max\{M, N\}$

Thus,  $\sum a_n$  converges.  $\square$

$$\sum_{n=M}^{\infty} a_n \quad \sum_{n=M}^{\infty} b_n$$

$$s_n = a_M + \dots + a_{M+n}$$

$$\leq C(b_M + \dots + b_{M+n}) = C t_n.$$

(p-series)

Example: Let  $p \in \mathbb{R}$

$$p \mapsto \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \begin{cases} \text{converges, when } p > 1 \\ \text{diverges, when } p \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Riemann  
Zeta function.

Proof. If  $p \leq 0$ , check that  $(\frac{1}{n})^p \not\rightarrow 0$ . So  $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$  diverges.

$$S_n = a_M + \dots + a_{M+n}$$

$$\leq Cb_M + \dots + Cb_{M+n} = Cn.$$

If  $0 < p \leq 1$ , then,  $n^p \leq n \ \forall n \geq 1$ .

Thus  $\frac{1}{n^p} \geq \frac{1}{n}$ . By the C.T.,

Since  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  diverges,  $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$  div.

If  $p \geq 2$ , then,  $n^p \geq n^2 \ \forall n$ .

So, by C.T. &  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2} < \infty$ .

We have that  $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$  cvgs.

$$s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots \leq M$$

$1 < p < 2$ . Note that

$$s_1 = 1$$

$$s_3 = 1 + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} \leq 1 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2^p}$$

$$s_7 = 1 + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \frac{1}{4^p} + \dots + \frac{1}{7^p} \leq 1 + \frac{2}{2^p} + \frac{4}{4^p}$$

$$s_{2^k-1} \leq 1 + \frac{2}{2^p} + \dots + \frac{2^{k-1}}{2^{p(k-1)}}$$

The RHS are sops of

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

$n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $\exists k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } n < 2^k$

So,  $s_{2^k-1} < \frac{1}{1 - (\frac{1}{2})^{p-1}}$  (\*)  
&  $s_n$  is increasing.  
(\*) By "MCT",  $\{s_n\}$  cvgs.

Theorem 2.12 (Ratio Test)

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series of positive terms.

Suppose  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = L \in \mathbb{R}$

Then,

a) If  $L < 1$ ,  $\sum a_n$  cvgs.

b) If  $L > 1$ ,  $\sum a_n$  divg.

c) If  $L = 1$ , test is inconclusive

Proof c)  $\sum 1$  diverges.  
 $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges.

Q. Does  $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} < 1$  for a cgt. series  $\sum a_n$ .  
No.

Thm. 2.13 (Root Test) + HW.