

Series(Part1)

Consider a sequence $\{a_n\} = a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots$

From now on we will be interested in one question –

"What's happening with the sum: $\underbrace{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n + \dots}_{\text{infinite?}} = \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n}_{\text{or not}}$?"

We will call this sum $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ – an infinite series.

1) The sum of the first n – terms it is called the n th Partial Sum:

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

$$\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} :$$

$$S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n, \dots$$

$$\{S_n\} \rightarrow ?$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{ll} S_1 = a_1 & (n=1) \\ S_2 = a_1 + a_2 & (n=2) \\ S_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 & (n=3) \\ \vdots \\ S_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n \end{array} \right\}$$

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = S$ (exists and finite) we call **S the SUM** of the infinite series and the series is called **convergent**.

Otherwise the series is called **divergent**.

$$a_1 + a_2 = (\ln 2 - \ln 3) + (\ln 3 - \cancel{\ln 4}) \xrightarrow{B=-1}$$

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

Example #1

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+n} \Rightarrow$$

$$\{S_n\} = ? = S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n,$$

$$S_1 = a_1 = (n=1) = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{1+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_2 = a_1 + a_2 = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2+1}\right) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$S_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$S_4 = \dots = 1 - \frac{1}{5} \quad (\text{check!})$$

$$S_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n} : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) = \boxed{1} = \int_0^1$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+n}$ converges to $S=1$ (by def. of Partial sum)

$$2. \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ln(n+1) - \ln(n+2)$$

$$a_n = \ln(n+1) - \ln(n+2)$$

$$S_n = ?$$

$$S_1 = a_1 = \ln(1+1) - \ln(1+2) = \underline{\ln 2 - \ln 3}$$

$$S_2 = a_1 + a_2 = (\ln 2 - \ln 3) + (\ln 3 - \ln 4) = \underline{\ln 2 - \ln 4}$$

$$S_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = (\ln 2 - \ln 3) + (\ln 3 - \ln 4) + (\ln 4 - \ln 5) = \underline{\ln 2} - \underline{\ln 5}$$

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$$S_n = \ln 2 - \ln(n+2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\ln 2 - \ln(n+2)) = \underbrace{(\ln 2 - \infty)}_{\infty} = -\infty$$

Serie diverges

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

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

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{\ln(1+2)} - \frac{1}{\ln(1+1)} = -\frac{1}{\ln 2} + \frac{1}{\ln 3}$$

a_1

$$S_2 = \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{\ln(1+2)}} - \frac{1}{\ln(1+1)} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\ln(2+2)} - \cancel{\frac{1}{\ln(2+1)}} \right) = -\frac{1}{\ln 2} + \frac{1}{\ln 4}$$

a_1

a_2

$$S_3 = \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{\ln(1+2)}} - \frac{1}{\ln(1+1)} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{\ln(2+2)}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{\ln(2+1)}} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\ln(3+2)} - \cancel{\frac{1}{\ln(3+1)}} \right) = -\frac{1}{\ln 2} + \frac{1}{\ln 5}$$

a_1

a_2

a_3

$$S_n = -\frac{1}{\ln 2} + \frac{1}{\ln(n+2)} \quad \text{for any } \underline{n}$$

$S_n \longrightarrow ?$

$$So, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{\ln 2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\ln(n+2)}}_{\text{dotted line}} \right) = -\frac{1}{\ln 2},$$

and the series converges to $\boxed{\frac{-1}{\ln 2}} \approx S$

$$4. (\text{extra-practice}) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{n+1}\right) - \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{n+2}\right) \quad a_n$$

$S_n = ?$

$$s_1 = \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{1+1}\right) - \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{1+2}\right) = \boxed{\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)} \\ a_1$$

$$s_2 = \underbrace{\left(\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{1+1}\right) - \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{1+2}\right) \right)}_{a_1} + \underbrace{\left(\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2+1}\right) - \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2+2}\right) \right)}_{a_2} = \\ = \boxed{\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\right)}$$

$$s_3 = \underbrace{\left(\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{1+1}\right) - \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{1+2}\right) \right)}_{a_1} + \underbrace{\left(\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2+1}\right) - \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2+2}\right) \right)}_{a_2} +$$

$$+ \underbrace{\left(\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3+1}\right) - \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3+2}\right) \right)}_{a_3} = \boxed{\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{5}\right)}$$

It looks like we have $\underline{s_n} = \boxed{\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{n+2}\right)}$

S_1

$$\text{So, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{n+2}\right) \right) = \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - \arccos(0) = \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{2} = -\frac{\pi}{3} = S$$

and the series converges to $-\frac{\pi}{3}$

$S_1 \rightarrow S$

Geometric Series of the form

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} r^k = \underline{1} + r + r^2 + \dots = \begin{cases} \text{converges to } \frac{1}{1-r}, & \text{if } |r| < 1 \\ \text{diverges,} & \text{if } |r| \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Example#2

Check if the following series converges or diverges. If it converges, find its sum.

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{k-1} \cdot 3^{2-k} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \underline{2^k} \cdot \underline{2^{-1}} \cdot \underline{3^2} \cdot \underline{3^{-k}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^k \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^k \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 9 = \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k \cdot \frac{9}{2} = \frac{9}{2} \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k}_{\heartsuit}, \quad |r| = \left|\frac{2}{3}\right| < 1 \Rightarrow \text{conv. series} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \quad \frac{9}{2} \left(\frac{2}{3} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + \dots \right) &= \frac{9}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \left(1 + \frac{2}{3} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \dots \right) = \frac{9}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot 3 = 9 \\ &\quad \text{since } \frac{1}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-2/3} = \frac{1}{1/3} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$S = 9$$

$$\boxed{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n) \text{ conv as geom. with } r = \frac{2}{3} < 1, \text{ and } S = 9}$$

$$2. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3^{2n-1} \cdot (-5)^{2-n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3^{2n} \cdot 3^{-1} \cdot (-5)^2 \cdot (-5)^{-n} =$$

$$= \frac{25}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{9}{5}\right)^n, \left|1 + \frac{9}{5}\right| > 1$$

Series diverges as geom. ser. with $r = \left(\frac{9}{5}\right)$

$$3. \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5^n + 3^n}{4^n}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5^n}{4^n} + \frac{3^n}{4^n} \right) =$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^n + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n = \underbrace{\text{div series}}_{\substack{r = \frac{5}{4} > 1 \\ \text{div}}} + \underbrace{\text{conv series}}_{\substack{r = \frac{3}{4} < 1 \\ \text{con.}}} = \underline{\underline{\text{div}}}$$

the sum is infinite.

there is a finite sum

4. $\sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \frac{7 \cdot 2^n - 3^n}{5^n}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{conv}} S = ?$

$r = \frac{2}{5} < 1 \xrightarrow{\text{conv}} S = ?$

$r = \frac{3}{5} < 1 \xrightarrow{\text{conv}} S = ?$

$$\sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \frac{7 \cdot 2^n - 3^n}{5^n} = 7 \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^n - \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^n = S + S$$

$7 \cdot \left(\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^5 + \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^6 + \dots \right) - \left(\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^5 + \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^6 + \dots \right)$

factoring

$7 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{2}{5} + \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 + \dots\right) - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^4 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{3}{5} + \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 + \dots\right) =$

$\frac{1}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{5}} = \frac{1}{\frac{3}{5}} = \frac{5}{3}$

$r = \frac{3}{5} \quad \frac{1}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{3}{5}} = \frac{5}{2}$

$= 7 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4 \cdot \frac{5}{3} - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^4 \cdot \frac{5}{2} =$

$$\frac{7 \cdot 16 \cdot 5}{5^4 \cdot 3} - \frac{3^4 \cdot 5}{5^4 \cdot 2} = \frac{112}{5^3 \cdot 3} - \frac{81}{5^3 \cdot 2} = \frac{112 \cdot 2 - 81 \cdot 3}{5^3 \cdot 6} = \frac{224 - 243}{5^3 \cdot 6} = \boxed{\frac{-19}{750}}$$

Series conv to

5. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (e^n + e^{-n})$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(e^n + \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^n \right) = \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^n}_{r=e>1 \text{ div}} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^n}_{r=\frac{1}{e}<1 \text{ conv}} = \text{div series} + \text{conv series} \Rightarrow \text{diverge}$$

6. $\frac{1}{e^2} + \frac{2\pi}{e^5} + \frac{4\pi^2}{e^8} + \frac{8\pi^3}{e^{11}} + \dots =$

$r = \frac{2\pi}{e^3} < 1 \rightarrow \text{conv}$

$$\frac{1}{e^2} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{2\pi}{e^3} + \frac{4\pi^2}{e^6} + \frac{8\pi^3}{e^9} + \dots \right) = \frac{1}{e^2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{2\pi}{e^3}} \right) = \frac{1}{e^2} \cdot \frac{e^3}{e^3 - 2\pi} = \boxed{\frac{e}{e^2 - 2\pi}}$$

7. Change $0.\overline{13}$ into a fraction

$$0.\overline{13} = 0.\overbrace{13131313} =$$

$$0.\overline{13} = 0.13\ 13\ 13\ 13$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ 0.13 \\ &+ 0.0013 \\ &+ 0.000013 \\ &+ 0.00000013 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} &\frac{13}{100} + \frac{13}{100^2} + \frac{13}{100^3} + \dots = \\ &r = \frac{1}{100} < 1 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$13 \cdot \frac{1}{100} \left(1 + \frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{100^2} + \dots \right) = \text{?}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{100}} = \frac{100}{99}$$

$$\text{?} = \frac{13}{100} \cdot \frac{100}{99} = \boxed{\frac{13}{99}}$$

n-th term test / divergency test

If $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is convergent $\rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$

If $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k \neq 0$ (or $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = \text{DNE}$) $\rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is divergent

If $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0 \rightarrow \text{then ... WE KNOW NOTHING!}$

Remember, 1) $\sum \ln(n+1) - \ln(n+2)$
 $a_n = \ln\left(\frac{n+1}{n+2}\right) \rightarrow \ln(1) = \underline{\underline{0}}$

2) $\sum \frac{1}{\ln(n+2)} - \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)}$
 $a_n = \frac{1}{\ln(n+2)} - \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)} \rightarrow 0$
 $\downarrow 0 \quad \downarrow 0$

In this case the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ has a chance to be convergent

$a_n = \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$, and still $\sum \frac{1}{n}$ div

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ DIVERGES! (Trust me and we will prove it later)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{3n^2}{n(n+3)} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^2}{n(n+3)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n}{n+3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{1 + \frac{3}{n}} = 3$$

$a_n \rightarrow 3 \neq 0$

$\sum \frac{3n^2}{n(n+3)}$ div by n-th term test.

$a_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{\ln(\ln n)}$
 diverges by
 n-th term
 test.

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{\ln(\ln n)} = \frac{\infty}{\infty} = L'H_{rule}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{\ln(\ln x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{\ln x} \cdot \frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{\ln x} \cdot \frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\ln x}} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln x = \boxed{\infty}$$

$$a_n \rightarrow \infty \neq 0$$

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = ?$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n - \sqrt{n^2 - n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n - \sqrt{n^2 - n})(n + \sqrt{n^2 - n})}{n + \sqrt{n^2 - n}} =$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n^2 - n^2 + n)}{n + \sqrt{n^2 - n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n + \sqrt{n^2 - n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\underline{n} + \underline{n} \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n}}} \stackrel{\infty}{\approx}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\cancel{(1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n}})}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n}}\right)} = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$$

$a_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$

So, the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n - \sqrt{n^2 - n}$ diverges by n-th term test

The end!