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Objectives:

0. Nth-term test
1. Infinite Geometric Series
2. Telescoping Series
3. P- Series
4. Integral Test
5. Comparison and Positive-Term Series
6. Alternating Series, Absolute Convergence

0. Nth term test "Kick the bucket"

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

If "C":

1. $\neq 0$: **Series Diverges**
2. Equals 0 : No Conclusion can be drawn.

**1. Geometric Series**

Example: $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1 * \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$$

General Equation:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_1 * (r)^{n-1} = S$$

When does it converge?

Apply Nth term test $\rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^n = 0$ **iff** $|r| < 1$

If it converges then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_1 * (r)^{n-1} = S = \frac{a_1}{(1-r)}$$

We can find the sum!

2. Telescoping Series:

1. What are they?

-A series whose partial sums have a limited number of terms due to cancelation.

2. It is one of two types (Geometric is the other) that can we can find the actual sum.

Note: How do I tell if it is a telescoping series?

It is a series that can be broken down into partial fractions

How do I tell if it converges?

First use nth term (to tell it doesn't converge)

Then use ratio test or other test (to tell if it converges)

How do I find the sum?

Break the sum into partial fractions and then write out the terms

3. P Series:

General Form:

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

Test for Convergence:

1. Converges if $p > 1$

2. Diverges if $p \leq 1$

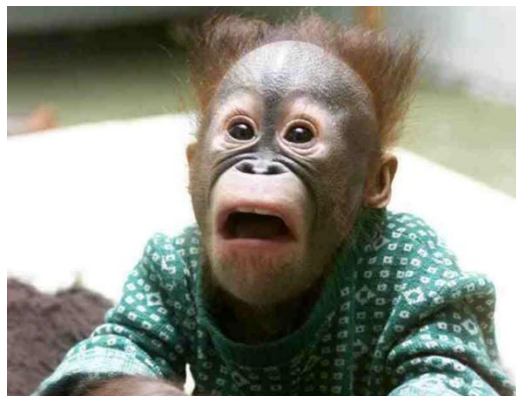
4. Integral Test

1. Can only be used if $a_n = f(n)$ & $f(n)$ is **continuous, decreasing, and positive** on $[1, \infty]$

2. Tells us if

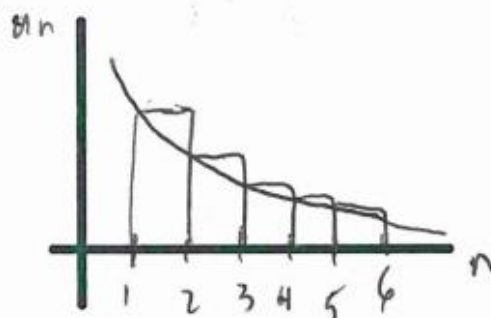
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \quad \& \quad \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

Both Converge or Diverge



Proof:

Left Reimann Summ



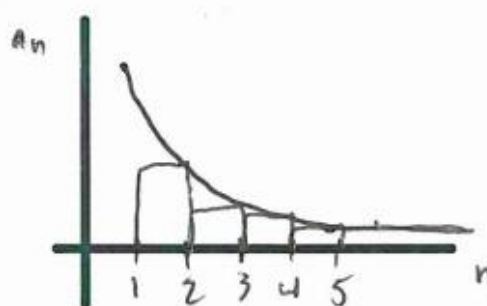
$$S_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

$$S_n \geq \int_1^{n+1} f(x) dx$$

If Integral Diverges:

$\sum a_n$ diverges

Right Reimann Summ



$$S_n - a_1 = a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

$$S_n \leq a_1 + \int_1^n f(x) dx$$

If Integral Converges:

$\sum a_n$ converges

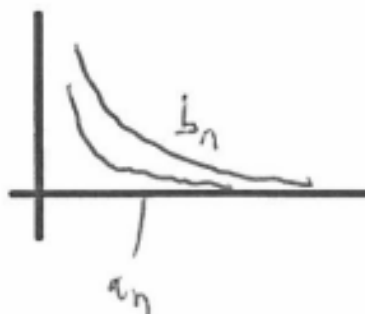
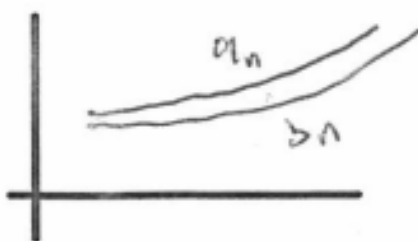
3. How to Use Integral Test:

Steps:

1. Check if $a_n = f(n)$ & $f(n)$ is **continuous, decreasing, and positive** on $[1, \infty]$
 - a. Continuous – Are there no holes in denominator when you plug in $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$?
 - b. Decreasing – Is $a_n > a_{n+1}$
 - c. Positive – Is $a_n > 0$
2. Set up and Evaluate Integral
 - a. If Integral converges so does Series
 - b. If Integral diverges so does Series

5. Direct Comparison Test

Given the following functions



If:

1. a_n is smaller than b_n & b_n converges then a_n converges
2. a_n is larger than b_n & b_n diverges then a_n diverges

General Procedure:

1. Choose a b_n
2. Prove that b_n is larger or smaller than a_n
3. Prove that b_n either diverges or converges
4. Draw Conclusions

Questions:

1. What if b_n is larger than a_n and it diverges?
-Then we know nothing
 2. What if b_n is smaller than a_n and it converges?
-Then we know nothing
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6. Limit Comparison Test:

1. Conditions:

The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ & $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ must contain **only positive terms**

2. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ is our comparison series. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = C$

*C must be a positive finite number than whatever behavior b_n exhibited (Convergence or Divergence) a_n will behave in the same way. Therefore, both will either converge or diverge.

7. Alternating Series Test

-Does the series alternate? Aka first term positive and second term negative?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} b_n \quad \text{OR} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n$$

- b_n must be positive (Must check for this)
 - If $b_{n+1} < b_n$ for all n then **the series converges**
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Time for Jeopardy!!

****Rules will be announced**

