

## Mathématiques : CM

$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} u_n \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{if } (u_n) \text{ converges} \Leftrightarrow u_0 + u_1 + u_2 + \cdots \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n u_k$$

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} u_k \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \sum_{k=0}^n u_k = S_n \in \mathbb{R}$$

The notation  $\sum u_n$  if we don't know or don't care about the first terms.

The two previous ones are named Series as they are equal to a sequence.

## Series

### Definitions:

#### Convergence and divergence:

Let  $(u_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence and  $(S_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  the sequence of its partial sums, i.e.

$$S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n u_k.$$

We call series of the sequence  $(u_n)$  the general term  $S_n$  and denote

$$\sum u_n.$$

We say  $\sum u_n$  is **convergent** if and only if  $(S_n)$  converges, else  $\sum u_n$  **diverges**.

**Example:**  $\sum q^n$  : geometric series of general term  $q^n$ .

Let  $(S_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$  (the sequence of partial sums). We have:

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n q^k = 1 + q + q^2 + \cdots + q^n.$$

$$\Rightarrow q \neq 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad S_n = \frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{1 - q}.$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} S_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-q}, & \text{if } |q| < 1, \\ \infty, & \text{if } |q| \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  diverges if else.

#### Conclusion

$\sum q^n$  converges when  $|q| < 1$  with

$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} q^n = \frac{1}{1-q},$$

and diverges when  $|q| \geq 1$ .

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#### Proposition:

Let  $\sum u_n$  and  $\sum v_n$  be two numerical series and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we have:

1. If  $\sum u_n$  and  $\sum v_n$  converge, then  $\sum(u_n + v_n)$  converges.
2. If  $\sum u_n$  converges, then  $\sum \lambda u_n$  converges.
3. If  $\sum u_n$  converges and  $\sum v_n$  diverges, then  $\sum(u_n + v_n)$  diverges.
4. If  $\sum u_n$  diverges and  $\sum v_n$  diverges, then we can't tell anything.

## Sum and Remainders of a Series

Let  $\sum u_n$  be a numerical series. We call:

Sum of  $\sum u_n$  the following limit (in case of convergence):

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n u_k = S_n,$$

where  $S_n$  is the sum of a convergent series.

Example :  $\sum q^n$  converges if and only if  $|q| < 1$  and in that case:

$$S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} S_n = \frac{1}{1 - q}$$

Necessary condition of convergence:

$$\sum u_n \text{ convergent} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = 0.$$

**Contrapositive:** If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sum u_n$  diverges.

## Positive Term Series:

We call PTS (positive term series) any series  $\sum u_n$  such that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad u_n \geq 0$ .

**Proposition:** Let  $\sum u_k$  be a PTS and  $(S_n)$  its sequence of partial sums.

Then:  $\sum u_k$  is convergent  $\Leftrightarrow (S_n)$  is bounded.

Let  $(u_n), (v_n)$  be two positive sequences such that:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq u_n \leq v_n$ ,

Then :

$$\begin{cases} \sum v_n \text{ is convergent} \Rightarrow \sum u_n \text{ is convergent} \\ \sum u_n \text{ is divergent} \Rightarrow \sum v_n \text{ is divergent} \end{cases}$$

Ex :

$$\sum \frac{1}{n(\sin(n))} = u_n$$

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, 0 \leq |\sin(n)| \leq 1 \Rightarrow u_n \geq \frac{1}{n} \text{ but } \sum \frac{1}{n} \text{ diverges} \Rightarrow \sum u_n \text{ diverges}$$

## Riemann Series Theorem

Definition :

We call **Riemann series** any series of general term :

$$\frac{1}{n^\alpha}, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

Ex :

$$\sum \frac{1}{n}, \sum \frac{1}{n^2}, \sum \frac{1}{n^{\frac{9}{2}}}$$

Riemann theorem :

$$\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \sum \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \text{ converges} \Leftrightarrow \alpha > 1$$

Ex :

$$u_n = \frac{2 + \cos(n)}{n^4}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*; 0 \leq \frac{2 + \cos(n)}{n^4} \leq \frac{3}{n^4}$$

$$\text{As } \sum \frac{2 + \cos(n)}{n^4} \text{ is a PTS :}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum u_n \text{ is a PTS} \\ \sum \frac{1}{n^4} \text{ converges (Riemann } \alpha = 4 > 1) \Rightarrow \frac{3}{n^4} \text{ converges} \end{array} \right.$$

Thus :

$$\sum \frac{2 + \cos(n)}{n^4} \text{ converges}$$

**Proposition :**

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Let  $(u_n)$  and  $(v_n)$  two sequences such that :

$$u_n = o(v_n) \quad \left( \frac{u_n}{v_n} \rightarrow 0 \right)$$

then :

$$\sum v_n \text{ converges} \Rightarrow \sum u_n \text{ converges}$$

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if  $u_n \underset{n \rightarrow +\infty}{\sim} v_n$  then :  $\sum u_n$  same nature as  $\sum v_n$

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if  $u_n = O(v_n)$  then :

$$\sum v_n \text{ converges} \Rightarrow \sum u_n \text{ converges}$$

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Ex :

$$\sum e^{-\sqrt{n}} \text{ (PTS)}$$

$$n^2 \times e^{-\sqrt{n}} \underset{n \rightarrow +\infty}{\rightarrow} 0$$

$$\frac{e^{-\sqrt{n}}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} \Rightarrow e^{-\sqrt{n}} = o\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \sum \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ converges (Riemann series where } \alpha > 1) \Rightarrow \sum e^{-\sqrt{n}} \text{ converges} \right]$$

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Ex :

$$\sum \ln\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right) = \sum \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \Rightarrow \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \underset{n \rightarrow +\infty}{\sim} \frac{1}{n}$$

$$1n \Rightarrow \sum \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \text{ of same nature as } \sum \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow \sum \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \text{ diverges}$$

**Definition :**

$$\begin{aligned} u_n \underset{+\infty}{\sim} v_n &\Leftrightarrow \frac{u_n}{v_n} \underset{n \rightarrow +\infty}{\rightarrow} 1 \Rightarrow \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, [n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow \text{sign of } u_n = \text{sign of } v_n] \\ &\Leftrightarrow \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, [n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow u_n \times v_n \geq 0] \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition :**

Let  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . Then :  $\sum (u_{n+1} - u_n)$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow (u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges

**Proof :**

$$\text{Let } (S_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}} \text{ such that : } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n (u_{k+1} - u_k) = \sum_{k=0}^n u_{k+1} - \sum_{k=0}^n u_k$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} u_k - \sum_{k=0}^n u_k = u_{n+1} - u_0 \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (u_{n+1} - u_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow [S_n \underset{n \rightarrow +\infty}{\rightarrow} l \Leftrightarrow u_n \underset{n \rightarrow +\infty}{\rightarrow} l + u_0]$$

Ex :

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, u_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \ln(n) \leftrightarrow \text{nature of } (u_n)?$$

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

$$u_{n+1} - u_n = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{k} - \ln(n+1) - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \ln(n)$$

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

$$\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \underset{+\infty}{\sim} -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\implies \sum u_{n+1} - u_n \text{ converges} \Leftrightarrow u_n \text{ converges}$$

## The Rules :

### Riemann's rule :

Theorem :

Let  $(u_n)$  a positive term series :

If  $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha > 1, n^\alpha \times u_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$  then :  $\sum u_n$  converges

Proof :

$$n^\alpha \times u_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{u_n}{\frac{1}{n^\alpha}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0 \Leftrightarrow u_n = o\left(\frac{1}{n^\alpha}\right)$$

Thus :  $\left[ \sum \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \text{ converges (Riemann } \alpha > 1) \implies \sum u_n \text{ converges} \right]$

## D'Alembert's rule :

Theorem :

Let  $(u_n)$  a strictly positive sequence such that :

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} l \text{ where } l \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$$

$$\text{Then : } \begin{cases} l < 1 \Rightarrow \sum u_n \text{ converge} \\ l > 1 \Rightarrow \sum u_n \text{ diverge} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Ex : } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, u_n = \frac{1}{n!}$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \times n! = \frac{1}{n+1} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0 < 1 \implies \sum u_n \text{ converges}$$

## Cauchy's rule :

Theorem :

Let  $u_n$  a strictly positive sequence such that :

$$\sqrt[n]{u_n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} l \text{ where } l \in \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$$

$$\text{Then : } \begin{cases} l < 1 \implies \sum u_n \text{ converges} \\ l > 1 \implies \sum u_n \text{ diverges} \end{cases}$$

Ex :

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, u_n = \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{n^2}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{u_n} = (u_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n \text{ and we know that } \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 1$$

$$\text{Moreover, } e^{n \ln(\frac{n}{n+1})} = e^{n \ln(1 - \frac{1}{n+1})} \text{ we have } n \times \ln(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}) \underset{+\infty}{\sim} -1$$

$$\implies e^{n \ln(\frac{n}{n+1})} \underset{+\infty}{\sim} e^{-1}$$



## Series with Arbitrary terms :

### Alternating Series

Definition :

Let  $(u_n)$  be a real sequence. We say that  $(u_n)$  is alternating if there exist a positive real sequence  $(a_n)$  such that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  :

$$u_n = (-1)^n a_n \text{ or } u_n = (-1)^{n+1} a_n$$

We say that a numerical series  $\sum u_n$  is alternating if the sequence  $(u_n)$  is alternating

### Special criterion for alternating series :

Leibniz Criterion :

Let  $(u_n)$  be an alternating real sequence.

If  $(|u_n|)$  is decreasing and converges to 0, then :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{The series } \sum u_n \text{ converges} \\ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, |R_n| \leq |u_{n+1}| \end{array} \right.$$

Where  $(R_n)$  is the sequence of remainders associated with  $\sum u_n$

Ex :

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then :

$$\sum \frac{(-1)^n}{n^\alpha} \text{ converges if and only if } \alpha > 0$$

## Absolute Convergence

Definition :

A numerical series  $\sum u_n$  is said to converge absolutely if the series  $\sum |u_n|$  converges.

Theorem :

If  $\sum u_n$  is a numerical series that converges absolutely, then  $\sum u_n$  also converges

Definition :

A convergent series that is not absolutely convergent is called conditionally convergent (or semi-convergent).