

## SERIES

Let  $x = (x_n)$  be an  $\mathbb{R}$ -seq. Define a new sequence:

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i. \text{ This is called the } n^{\text{th}} \text{ partial sum.}$$

**Def:** We write  $\sum x_k = x$  if  $S_n$  converges to  $x \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ .

Examples:

1.  $x_n = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum \frac{1}{n} = \infty$ .

When do we say  $\lim a_n = \infty$ ?

We say  $\lim_{n \geq N} a_n = \infty$  if  $\forall k \in \mathbb{R} \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$   
s.t.  $n \geq N \Rightarrow a_n > k$ .

2.  $x_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$S_n: 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, 5, 6, 5, 6, 7, 6, \dots$$

$$\begin{cases} S_{3k} = k \\ S_{3k+1} = k+1 \\ S_{3k+2} = k+2 \end{cases}$$

We write  $\sum x_n = \infty$ .

$$\lim S_n = \infty$$

Pf: Let  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  given. Pick  $a = \max\{\lceil k+1 \rceil, 1\}$

$$S_{3a+1} = a+1 > a$$

$$S_{3a+2} = a+2 > a$$

$$S_{3a+3} = a+1 > a$$

$$S_{3a+4} = a+2 > a$$

Claim:  $n \geq 3a+1 \Rightarrow S_n > a$

|| Do the proof yourself.

So we pick  $N = 3a+1$ . Then  $n \geq N \Rightarrow S_n > a > k$ .

$$\therefore \lim S_n = \infty.$$

$$(3) \quad x_n = 0. \quad \sum x_n = 0$$

$$(4) \quad x_n = c (< 0). \quad \sum x_n = -\infty.$$

$$(5) \quad x_n = (-1)^n. \quad \sum x_n \text{ diverges in } \overline{\mathbb{R}}.$$

$$S_n: -1, 0, -1, 0, \dots$$

$$(6) \quad x_n = \frac{1}{n^2}. \quad \sum x_n = \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

$$x_n = \frac{1}{n^4}. \quad \sum x_n = \pi^4/90.$$

Facts: (1) Say  $\sum x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ .

Remark: A:  $\sum x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ . B:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ .

(Contrapositivity)  $(A \Rightarrow B) \Leftrightarrow (\neg B \Rightarrow \neg A)$

$\therefore$  We can conclude:  $\lim x_n \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sum x_n \notin \mathbb{R}$ .

(2) If all  $x_n \geq 0$  then  $\sum x_n \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

Reason: Look at  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ .  $S_n \uparrow$ . Then  $S_n$

(egs (in  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ )) to its sup. But its supremum

is either a real or  $+\infty$ .  $\therefore \lim S_n \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \cup \{+\infty\}$ .

(3)  $0 \leq x_n \leq y_n$ .

$$\cdot \quad \sum y_n \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \sum x_n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\cdot \quad \sum x_n = \infty \Rightarrow \sum y_n = \infty$$

(4)  $x_n \geq 0$ ,  $m \geq 1$ .  $\sum x_n \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \sum x_n^m \in \mathbb{R}$

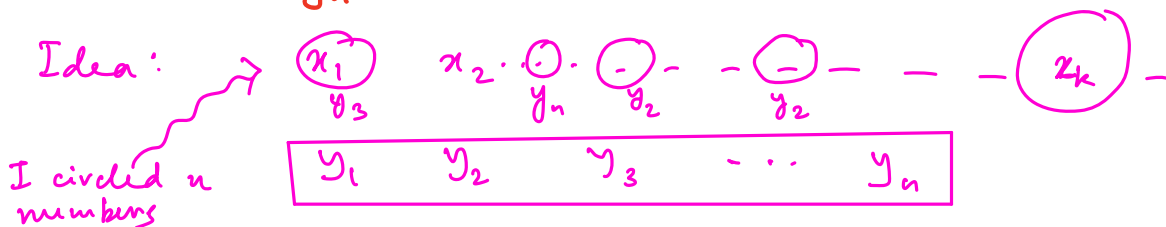
(5) (Def) We say  $\sum x_n$  converges absolutely if  $\sum |x_n| \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(6)  $x_n \geq 0$ ,  $\pi: \mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{\text{bij}} \mathbb{N}$ .  $y_n = x_{\pi(n)}$ .

Then  $\sum y_n = \sum x_n$ .

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Idea:



Proof: Let  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$

$$S'_n = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists m(n) \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 + \dots + y_n &\leq x_1 + \dots + x_{m(n)+n} \\ \Leftrightarrow S'_n &\leq S_{m(n)+n} \end{aligned}$$

Case:  $\sum x_n = x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $S_{m(n)+n} \leq x \quad \forall n$ .

$$\therefore 0 \leq S'_n \leq S_{m(n)+n} \leq x \quad \forall n.$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} S'_n \text{ inc} \\ S'_n \text{ bdd} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \because y_n \geq 0 \\ \end{array} \Rightarrow S'_n \text{ cgs.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Say } y &= \sum y_n. \quad S'_n \leq x \quad (\forall n) \\ &\Rightarrow y \leq x \quad (\text{Taking } n \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Observe that  $(x_n)$  is a rearrangement of  $(y_n)$   
(i.e.,  $x_n := y_{\sigma(n)}$ , where  $\sigma = \tau^{-1}$  is a bijection  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ).

By the same reasoning,

$$\sum x_n \leq \sum y_n \Rightarrow x \leq y.$$

Conclude  $x = y$ .

Case:  $\sum x_n = \infty$ .  $x_n = y_{\sigma(n)}$

So  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \exists k(n) \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + \dots + x_n &\leq y_1 + \dots + y_{n+k(n)} \\ \Rightarrow S_n &\leq S'_{n+k(n)} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  given. Then (by def & hypothesis),  
 $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $S_n > \alpha \quad \forall n \geq N$ .

Take  $N' = N + k(N)$ .

Then  $n \geq N' \Rightarrow S_n' \geq S_{N'}' \geq S_N > \alpha$ .  
 $\uparrow$   
 $\because y_n \geq 0$   
 $\forall n$

By def,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n' = \infty$ , i.e.,  $\sum y_n = \sum x_n = \infty$ .