

## 7.7 Rearranging the terms of a series.

Def. Given a series  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$ , we say that  $\sum_0^\infty b_n$  is a rearrangement of  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$  (or a rearranged series of  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$ ) if  $b_n = a_{\sigma(n)}$  for every  $n$ , where  $\sigma : \mathbb{N}_0 \equiv \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$  is **one-to-one & onto** (i.e.,  $\sigma$  is a permutation (자리바꿈) on  $\mathbb{N}_0$ ).

[a rearrangement of a series = 급수의 자리바꿈(합) = 자리바꿈 급수 = a rearranged series]

**Note:** In general,  $\sum_0^\infty a_n \neq$  a rearrangement of  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$ . For example, we know

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots = \ln 2 \quad (\equiv L) \neq 0$$

Recall that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$  is conditionally convergent.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{L}{2} &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{2} + 0 - \frac{1}{4} + 0 + \frac{1}{6} + 0 - \frac{1}{8} + \dots \quad \text{--- (i)} \end{aligned}$$

From this, we see that

$$L = 2 \times \frac{L}{2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

(i) + (ii)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3L}{2} &= 1 + 0 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} + 0 + \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots \\ &= \underbrace{1 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots}_{\text{a rearrangement of the series } \sum_1^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\ln 2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} \dots \neq \underbrace{1 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots}_{\text{a rearrangement of the LHS}} = \frac{3}{2} \ln 2$$

Theorem (Rearrangement Theorem) --- 결론을 기억할 것

- ① If  $\sum a_n$  is **absolutely convergent**, and  $\sum a_n = S$ , then any rearrangement  $\sum b_n$  of  $\sum a_n$  is **still (absolutely) convergent** &  $\sum b_n = S$ .

(In other words, if  $\sum a_n$  is absolutely convergent, then it is unconditionally convergent)

- ② Suppose  $\sum a_n$  is **conditionally convergent**, and let  $c$  be either a real number or  $\infty$  or  $-\infty$ .

Then there is a rearrangement  $\sum b_n$  of  $\sum a_n$  such that  $\sum b_n = c$ .

Pf of ①: Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = S$ , and let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  be a rearrangement of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and choose  $N$  such that  $\sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |a_n| < \varepsilon$  ( $\leftarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|$  is convergent)

Choose an  $M \geq N$  such that all the terms  $a_0, \dots, a_N$  occur in the list  $b_0, \dots, b_M$ .

If  $n \geq M$ , then in the sum  $\sum_{k=0}^n b_k - \sum_{k=0}^n a_k$ , all the terms  $a_0, \dots, a_N$  **cancel out**, and thus the

remaining terms (in  $\sum_{k=0}^n b_k - \sum_{k=0}^n a_k$ ) consist only of terms  $a_k$  with  $k > N$ .

$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^n b_k - \sum_{k=0}^n a_k$  is a sum of some **non-repeating** terms in  $\sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} a_k$

$$\therefore \left| \sum_{k=0}^n b_k - \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \right| \leq 2 \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} |a_k| < 2\varepsilon$$

$$\therefore \left| \sum_{k=0}^n b_k - S \right| = \left| \sum_{k=0}^n b_k - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \right| \leq \left| \sum_{k=0}^n b_k - \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \right| + \left| \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_k \right| < 2\varepsilon + \varepsilon = 3\varepsilon$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we conclude that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^n b_k}_{\text{partial sum of } \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k} = S \quad \text{i.e., } \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k = S = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$$

Remark. Another simple proof for the case of all  $a_n \geq 0$ :

Let  $s'_n$  be the  $n$ -th partial sum of the rearrangement  $\sum b_n$ .

Note that every term of  $\sum b_n$  is among the terms of the original series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ , and hence

$$s'_n \leq S \left( = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \right) \text{ for every } n \text{ (i.e., } \{s'_n\} \text{ is bounded above by } S)$$

But  $s'_n$  is  $\uparrow$  ( $\leftarrow a_n \geq 0 \forall n$ ). Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s'_n$  exists. Write  $S' = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s'_n$ .

Then we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s'_n \leq S$  (by LLT) That is,  $S' \leq S$

That is, the rearrangement  $\sum b_n$  converges, & to a sum  $S' \leq S$ .

**By symmetry**, since  $\sum a_n$  can be regarded as a rearrangement of  $\sum b_n$ , we must have  $S \leq S'$ .

Consequently,  $S = S'$ .

“PF” of ②: (optional) We will not prove this statement; Instead we shall show that

there is a rearrangement  $\sum b_n$  of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$  such that  $\sum b_n = \pi$ .

[[ A slight modification of the line of the argument below will show the statement in ② is true. ]]

Recall that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$  is conditionally convergent &  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = \ln 2$ .

Note first that the series of **positive terms** and the series of **negative terms** both diverge;

That is,

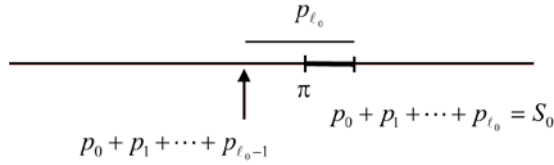
$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \cdots \xrightarrow{\text{diverges to}} \infty \quad (\text{we write } \sum_0^{\infty} p_n = \infty)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} + \cdots \xrightarrow{\text{diverges to}} -\infty \quad (\text{we write } \sum_0^{\infty} q_n = -\infty)$$

Let  $\ell_0$  be the first integer such that

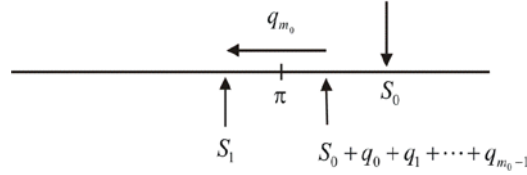
$$S_0 \equiv p_0 + p_1 + \cdots + p_{\ell_0} > \pi$$

That is,  $p_0 + p_1 + \cdots + p_{\ell_0-1} < \pi < p_0 + p_1 + \cdots + p_{\ell_0} = S_0$  &  $|S_0 - \pi| < p_{\ell_0}$ .



Let  $m_0$  be the first integer such that

$$S_1 \equiv S_0 + q_0 + q_1 + \cdots + q_{m_0} < \pi$$



Note that  $|S_1 - \pi| < |q_{m_0}|$ .

Let  $\ell_1$  be the first integer such that

$$S_2 \equiv S_1 + p_{\ell_0+1} + p_{\ell_0+2} + \cdots + p_{\ell_1} > \pi$$

$$\text{So, } |S_2 - \pi| < p_{\ell_1}.$$

Let  $m_1$  be the first integer such that

$$S_3 \equiv S_2 + q_{m_0+1} + q_{m_0+2} + \cdots + q_{m_1} < \pi$$

$$\text{So, } |S_3 - \pi| < |q_{m_1}|.$$

$\vdots$   
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Let  $\sum b_n$  be this rearranged series. That is,

$$\begin{aligned}\sum b_n &= \underbrace{p_0 + p_1 + p_2 + \cdots + p_{\ell_0}}_{\text{rename}} + \overbrace{q_0 + q_1 + \cdots + q_{m_0}} + \underbrace{p_{\ell_0+1} + \cdots + p_{\ell_1}}_{\text{rename}} \\ &\quad + \overbrace{q_{m_0+1} + \cdots + q_{m_1}} + \underbrace{p_{\ell_1+1} + \cdots + p_{\ell_2}}_{\text{rename}} + \overbrace{q_{m_1+1} + q_{m_1+2} + \cdots + q_{m_2}} + \cdots \\ &= b_0 + b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + \underline{b_{n_0}} + b_{n_0+1} + \cdots + \underline{b_{n_1}} + b_{n_1+1} + \cdots + \underline{b_{n_2}} + \cdots \\ &\quad (\text{where } b_{n_0} = p_{\ell_0}, \quad b_{n_1} = q_{m_0}, \quad b_{n_2} = p_{\ell_1}, \quad b_{n_3} = q_{m_1}, \quad \cdots)\end{aligned}$$

Then the sequence  $s_n$  of partial sums of  $\sum b_n$  has  $S_i$  as a subsequence. That is,

$$\begin{aligned}S_0 &= s_{n_0} && \stackrel{\text{i.e.}}{=} b_0 + \cdots + b_{n_0} \\ S_1 &= s_{n_1} && \stackrel{\text{i.e.}}{=} b_0 + \cdots + b_{n_1} \\ S_2 &= s_{n_2} && \stackrel{\text{i.e.}}{=} b_0 + \cdots + b_{n_2} \\ S_3 &= s_{n_3} && \stackrel{\text{i.e.}}{=} b_0 + \cdots + b_{n_3} \\ &\vdots \\ S_i &= s_{n_i} && \stackrel{\text{i.e.}}{=} b_0 + \cdots + b_{n_i} \\ &\vdots\end{aligned}$$

The construction shows that

$$|S_i - \pi| < |b_{n_i}| \quad \text{for every } i.$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = 0$  &  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n = 0$ , we have  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} b_{n_i} = 0$

$$\therefore \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} S_i = \pi$$

On the other hand, for any fixed  $n$ ,  $s_n$  lies between  $S_i$  and  $S_{i+1}$  for some  $i$ .

And it is clear that  $n \rightarrow \infty \Leftrightarrow i \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \pi \text{ by Squeeze Principle.}$$

Remark. An idea for the proof of the statement in ②:

(i)  $\sum a_n$  : conditionally converges  $\Rightarrow \sum a_n^+ = \infty$  &  $\sum a_n^- = \infty$  (easy Ex)

(ii) Apply the above argument to  $\sum a_n^+$  &  $\sum (-a_n^-)$   $\left( \text{instead of } \sum_0^\infty p_n \text{ \& } \sum_0^\infty q_n \right)$

Ex. (optional)

Show that there is a rearrangement  $\sum b_n$  of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$  such that  $\sum b_n = \infty$ .

Pf. Recall that we are using the following notations:

$$\sum_0^{\infty} p_n = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \cdots = \infty, \quad \sum_0^{\infty} q_n = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} + \cdots = -\infty.$$

Let  $\ell_0$  be the first integer such that

$$p_0 + p_1 + \cdots + p_{\ell_0} > 1 - q_0$$

and set  $S_0 = p_0 + p_1 + \cdots + p_{\ell_0} + q_0$ . Then  $S_0 > 1$ .

Let  $\ell_1$  be the first integer such that

$$S_0 + p_{\ell_0+1} + p_{\ell_0+2} + \cdots + p_{\ell_1} > 2 - q_1$$

and set  $S_1 = S_0 + p_{\ell_0+1} + p_{\ell_0+2} + \cdots + p_{\ell_1} + q_1$ . Then  $S_1 > 2$ .

Let  $\ell_2$  be the first integer such that

$$S_1 + p_{\ell_1+1} + p_{\ell_1+2} + \cdots + p_{\ell_2} > 3 - q_2$$

and set  $S_2 = S_1 + p_{\ell_1+1} + p_{\ell_1+2} + \cdots + p_{\ell_2} + q_2$ . Then  $S_2 > 3$ .

$\vdots$

Let  $\sum b_n$  be this rearranged series. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum b_n &= \underbrace{p_0 + p_1 + p_2 + \cdots + p_{\ell_0} + q_0}_{\text{rename}} + \overbrace{p_{\ell_0+1} + \cdots + p_{\ell_1} + q_1} + \\ &\quad + \underbrace{p_{\ell_1+1} + \cdots + p_{\ell_2} + q_2}_{\text{rename}} + \cdots \\ &= b_0 + b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + \underline{b_{n_0}} + b_{n_0+1} + \cdots + \underline{b_{n_1}} + b_{n_1+1} + \cdots + \underline{b_{n_2}} + \cdots \\ &\quad (\text{with } b_{n_0} = q_0, \quad b_{n_1} = q_1, \quad b_{n_2} = q_2, \quad \cdots) \end{aligned}$$

Then the sequence  $s_n$  of partial sums of  $\sum b_n$  has  $S_i$  as a subsequence:

$$\begin{aligned} S_0 &= s_{n_0} \\ S_1 &= s_{n_1} \\ &\vdots \\ S_i &= s_{n_i} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

The construction shows that  $S_i > i + 1$  for every  $i$

So  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} S_i = \infty$ .

On the other hand, for any fixed  $n$ ,  $s_n$  lies between  $S_i$  and  $S_{i+1}$  for some  $i$ .

This implies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \infty$  by Squeeze Principle.

● Another three tests. [Cauchy's  $2^n$  test: well-known; Raabe's test, Dirichlet test: advanced]

**Cauchy's  $2^n$  test** (or **Cauchy's condensation test**) [7] 역할 것]

If  $a_n \downarrow 0$ , then  $\sum_1^\infty a_n$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow \sum_0^\infty 2^n a_{2^n}$  converges

Pf. Let  $s_n, t_n$ , respectively, denote the  $n$ -th partial sums of  $\sum_1^\infty a_n$  &  $\sum_0^\infty 2^n a_{2^n}$ .

Given  $n$ , there is a  $k$  satisfying  $n < 2^k$ , and hence

$$\begin{aligned} s_n &= a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n \\ &\leq a_1 + (a_2 + a_3) + (a_4 + a_5 + a_6 + a_7) + \cdots + (a_{2^k} + a_{2^k+1} + \cdots + a_{2^{k+1}-1}) \\ (a_n \downarrow) \Rightarrow &\leq a_1 + 2a_2 + 4a_4 + \cdots + 2^k a_{2^k} = t_k \end{aligned}$$

Thus if  $\sum_0^\infty 2^n a_{2^n}$  converges, then  $(t_k)$  is bounded. Consequently,  $(s_n)$  is bounded above and hence

$\sum_1^\infty a_n$  converges since  $(s_n)$  is monotonically increasing.

Conversely,

$$\begin{aligned} s_{2^n} &= a_1 + a_2 + (a_3 + a_4) + (a_5 + a_6 + a_7 + a_8) + \cdots + (a_{2^{n-1}+1} + a_{2^{n-1}+2} + \cdots + a_{2^n}) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} a_1 + a_2 + 2a_4 + 2^2 a_8 + \cdots + 2^{n-1} a_{2^n} \quad (\Leftarrow a_n \downarrow) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (a_1 + 2a_2 + 2^2 a_4 + 2^3 a_8 + \cdots + 2^n a_{2^n}) = \frac{1}{2} t_n \end{aligned}$$

If  $\sum_1^\infty a_n$  converges, then in particular  $(s_{2^n})$  is bounded. So  $(\frac{1}{2} t_n)$  is bounded above and hence  $(t_n)$

is bounded above. Since  $(t_n)$  is also increasing, it is convergent. This means  $\sum_0^\infty 2^n a_{2^n}$  converges.

**Short proof:**  $a_1 + (a_2 + a_3) + (a_4 + a_5 + a_6 + a_7) + a_8 \cdots \leq a_1 + 2a_2 + 4a_4 + 8a_8 + \cdots$

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{\frac{a_1}{2} + a_2 + 2a_4 + 4a_8 + \cdots}_{= \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + 2a_2 + 4a_4 + 8a_8 + \cdots)} &\leq a_1 + a_2 + (a_3 + a_4) + (a_5 + a_6 + a_7 + a_8) \cdots \end{aligned}$$

**Applications of Cauchy's  $2^n$  test**

Eg1. ( $p$ -series)  $\sum_1^\infty \frac{1}{n^p}$  ( $p > 0$ )

Sol.  $\frac{1}{n^p} \downarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\sum_1^\infty 2^n \cdot \frac{1}{(2^n)^p} = \sum_1^\infty (2^{1-p})^n = \begin{cases} \text{conv} & \text{if } 2^{1-p} < 1 \quad (\Leftrightarrow p > 1) \\ \text{div} & \text{if } 2^{1-p} \geq 1 \quad (\Leftrightarrow p \leq 1) \end{cases}$

Eg2.  $\sum_2^\infty \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^p}$  ( $p > 0$ )

Sol.  $\frac{1}{n(\ln n)^p} \downarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (& for  $n \gg 1$ )

$$\sum_{N_0}^{\infty} 2^{\cancel{n}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{\cancel{n}} (\ln 2^n)^p} = \sum_{N_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\ln 2^n)^p} = \sum_{N_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n \ln 2)^p} = \frac{1}{(\ln 2)^p} \sum_{N_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} = \begin{cases} \text{conv} & \text{if } p > 1 \\ \text{div} & \text{if } p \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Eg3.  $\sum_{1000}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n (\ln \ln n)^p} \quad (p > 0)$

Sol.  $\frac{1}{n \ln n (\ln \ln n)^p} \downarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (\& \text{ for } n \gg 1)$

$$\sum_{N_0}^{\infty} 2^{\cancel{n}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{\cancel{n}} \ln 2^n (\ln \ln 2^n)^p} = \frac{1}{\ln 2} \sum_{N_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n (\ln n + \ln \ln 2)^p} = \begin{cases} \text{conv} & \text{if } p > 1 \\ \text{div} & \text{if } p \leq 1 \end{cases} \quad (\text{by Eg2})$$

because of  $\frac{1}{n (\ln n + \ln \ln 2)^p} \sim \frac{1}{n (\ln n)^p}$ .

Eg4. Let  $a_n \downarrow 0$ . Then  $\sum_1^{\infty} a_n$  converges  $\Rightarrow n a_n \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Pf.  $\sum_1^{\infty} a_n : \text{conv} \xRightarrow{2^n \text{ test}} \sum_1^{\infty} 2^n a_{2^n} : \text{conv} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n a_{2^n} = 0$

Given any  $k$ , we can choose an integer  $n$  such that  $2^n \leq k \leq 2^{n+1}$ . Then

$$a_k \leq a_{2^n} \quad (\because a_n \downarrow)$$

$$\therefore k a_k \leq 2^{n+1} a_{2^n} = 2 \cdot (2^n a_{2^n}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Note that  $n \rightarrow \infty \Leftrightarrow k \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k a_k = 0$ .

• **Raabe's test** (often useful in the case that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = 1$  ( $a_n > 0$ ) or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$ ; Ratio test fails)

Lemma:  $p > 1 \quad \& \quad x \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow (1-x)^p > 1 - px$

Pf. M1. Follows from "Bernoulli inequality":  $p > 1 \Rightarrow (1+x)^p > 1 + px \quad \text{for } \forall x > -1 \quad (\text{Ex})$

M2. (A direct pf) Let  $f(x) = (1-x)^p - 1 + px \quad (p > 1)$

$$f'(x) = -p(1-x)^{p-1} + p = p(1 - (1-x)^{p-1}) > 0 \quad \text{for } \forall x \in (0, 1), \text{ since } 0 < 1-x < 1 \quad \& \quad p-1 > 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is strictly  $\uparrow$  on  $(0, 1)$  &  $f(0) = 0$ ; and so  $f(x) > 0$  for  $\forall x \in (0, 1)$  --- done

**Raabe's test.** ( $\leftarrow$  comparison with  $p$ -series) Assume  $a_n > 0 \quad (\forall n)$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( 1 - \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right) = L \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{easy} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \rightarrow 1 \end{array} \right)$$

If  $L > 1 \Rightarrow \sum a_n : \text{converges}$  (main interest)

If  $L < 1 \Rightarrow \sum a_n : \text{diverges}$

If  $L = 1 \Rightarrow$  no conclusion

Pf. We prove only the case  $L > 1$ ; the case  $L < 1$ : Ex

Choose  $p$  such that  $L > p > 1$ . Then by SLT

$$n \left( 1 - \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right) > p \quad \text{for } n \gg 1 \quad \therefore \quad \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} < 1 - \frac{p}{n} \quad \text{for } n \gg 1$$

Applying  $x = \frac{1}{n}$  ( $n \gg 1$ ) to Lemma:  $p > 1$  &  $x \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow (1-x)^p > 1-px$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} < \underbrace{1 - \frac{p}{n} < \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^p}_{\text{key idea}} < \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^p = \frac{n^p}{(n+1)^p} \quad \text{for } n \gg 1$$

$$(n+1)^p a_{n+1} < n^p a_n \quad \text{for } n \gg 1 \quad \text{i.e., } n^p a_n \text{ is strictly } \downarrow \text{ for } n \geq N$$

$$\Rightarrow n^p a_n < N^p a_N \quad \text{for } n \geq N \quad \Rightarrow a_n < (N^p a_N) n^{-p} \quad \text{for } n \geq N$$

$$\therefore \sum_N^\infty a_n < (N^p a_N) \sum_N^\infty n^{-p} : \text{converges since } p > 1 \quad \therefore \sum a_n : \text{converges (by Tail Conv Thm)}$$

Eg1. Test the convergence of  $\sum \frac{(2n)!}{4^n (n!)^2}$

$$\text{Sol. } a_n := \frac{(2n)!}{4^n (n!)^2} (>0) \quad \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2n+1}{n+1} \rightarrow 1 \quad \therefore \text{ratio test fails}$$

$$\text{But } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( 1 - \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{2n+1}{n+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \quad \therefore \text{div}$$

Eg2. Test the convergence of  $\sum \frac{1 \cdot 4 \cdot 7 \cdots (3n+1)}{n^2 3^n n!}$

$$\text{Sol. } a_n := \frac{1 \cdot 4 \cdot 7 \cdots (3n+1)}{n^2 3^n n!} \quad \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(3n+4)n^2}{3(n+1)^3} \rightarrow 1 \quad \therefore \text{ratio test fails}$$

$$\text{But } n \left( 1 - \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right) = n \left( 1 - \frac{(3n+4)n^2}{3(n+1)^3} \right) = \frac{5n^3 + 9n^2 + 3}{3(n+1)^3} \rightarrow \frac{5}{3} > 1 \quad \therefore \text{conv}$$

- **Dirichlet test**

- ◉ **Summation by parts formula:**

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k &= a_n B_n + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (a_k - a_{k+1}) B_k, \quad \text{where } B_k = \sum_{\ell=1}^k b_\ell \\ &= a_n B_n - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (a_{k+1} - a_k) B_k = \underbrace{a_n}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \exists!}} \underbrace{B_n}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \exists!}} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \underbrace{(\Delta a_k)}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \emptyset!}} \underbrace{B_k}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \exists!}}, \quad \text{where } \Delta a_k = a_{k+1} - a_k \end{aligned}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf. } \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k &= a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \cdots + a_n b_n = a_1 B_1 + a_2 (B_2 - B_1) + \cdots + a_n (B_n - B_{n-1}) \\ &= (a_1 - a_2) B_1 + (a_2 - a_3) B_2 + \cdots + (a_{n-1} - a_n) B_{n-1} + a_n B_n \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (a_k - a_{k+1}) B_k + a_n B_n \end{aligned}$$



### ※ Dirichlet Test

Suppose (i)  $a_n$  is  $\downarrow 0$  (i.e.,  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq a_3 \geq \dots \downarrow 0$ ) &

(ii)  $\left| \sum_{k=1}^n b_k \right| \leq \underbrace{M}_{\text{indep of } n}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) (i.e., the sequence of partial sums of  $(b_n)$  is bounded).

Then  $\sum_1^\infty a_n b_n$  is convergent.

**Remark:** Dirichlet test is a generalization of Alternating series test (why?)

Pf of the Dirichlet test:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k = \underbrace{a_n B_n}_{\text{---}} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (a_k - a_{k+1}) B_k}_{\text{---}} \quad (*) \text{ (Summation by parts formula)}$$

Enough to show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n B_n$  exists and the series  $\sum_{k=1}^\infty (a_k - a_{k+1}) B_k$  converges.

(1) Clearly  $|a_n B_n| \leq M a_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

(2) Will show  $\sum_{k=1}^\infty (a_k - a_{k+1}) B_k$  converges absolutely

$$\text{Pf of (2): } \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |(a_k - a_{k+1}) B_k| \stackrel{\text{"}a_n \text{ is } \downarrow \text{" is used}}{\leq} M \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (a_k - a_{k+1}) \right) = M(a_1 - a_n)$$

$$\& \sum_{k=1}^\infty (a_k - a_{k+1}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (a_k - a_{k+1}) = a_1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a_1; \text{ converges}$$

$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^\infty (a_k - a_{k+1}) B_k$  converges absolutely  $\therefore$  it converges.

$$(3) \text{ (optional)} \quad \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_k b_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k \stackrel{(*)+(1)+(2)}{=} \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^\infty (a_k - a_{k+1}) B_k}_{\text{converges by (2)}}$$

Eg. Show that the series  $1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{2}{6} + \dots$  is convergent.

Pf. Note that

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{2}{6} + \dots = 1 \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot (-2) + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{5} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{6} \cdot (-2) + \dots =: \sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n b_n$$

That is,  $a_n = 1/n$  &  $\{b_n\}_1^\infty = (1, 1, -2, 1, 1, -2, \dots)$

Clearly  $a_n \downarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

Let  $B_n = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k$ . Then

$$\{B_n\}_1^\infty = (1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 0, \dots) \quad \therefore |B_n| \leq 2 \text{ for every } n \geq 1$$

Thus by Dirichlet test, the series  $1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{2}{6} + \dots$  is convergent.

HS. Prove that  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\cos n}{n}$  &  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\sin n}{n}$  are both convergent