

# SPE Maths Quick Sheet

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## Series

- The series of general term  $u_n$ , denoted  $\sum u_n$ , is the sequence of partial sum

$$(S_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n u_k$$

- $(S_n)$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow \sum u_n$  converges
- Let  $\sum u_n$  and  $\sum v_n$  be two sequences. Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ 
  - $\sum u_n$  CVG and  $\sum v_n$  CVG  $\Rightarrow \sum (u_n + v_n)$  CVG
  - $(\sum u_n \text{ CVG}) \Rightarrow (\sum \lambda u_n \text{ CVG})$
  - $(\sum u_n \text{ CVG and } \sum v_n \text{ DVG}) \Rightarrow (\sum u_n + v_n \text{ CVG})$

- Necessary condition of convergence**

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

## Series of nonnegative terms

- $\sum u_n$  is a series of nonnegative terms if,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, u_n \geq 0$ .
- $\sum u_n$  is a series of nonnegative terms,  $(S_n)$  the sequence of partial sums:  $\sum u_n$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow u_n$  is upper-bounded
- Let  $(u_n)$  and  $(v_n)$  be two sequences such that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq u_n \leq v_n$

$$\begin{cases} \sum v_n \text{ CVG} \Rightarrow \sum u_n \text{ CVG} \\ \sum u_n \text{ DVG} \Rightarrow \sum v_n \text{ DVG} \end{cases}$$

- Geometric series:**  $\sum q^n$  CVG  $\Leftrightarrow |q| < 1$

- Riemann series:**  $\sum \frac{1}{n^\alpha}, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\sum \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \text{ converges} \Leftrightarrow \alpha > 1$$

- Criteria of comparison**

Let  $(u_n)$  and  $(v_n)$  be two nonnegative real sequences.

- $u_n = o(v_n) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \sum v_n \text{ CVG} \Rightarrow \sum u_n \text{ CVG} \\ \sum u_n \text{ DVG} \Rightarrow \sum v_n \text{ DVG} \end{cases}$
- $u_n \sim v_n \Rightarrow \sum u_n$  and  $\sum v_n$  are of the same nature
- $u_n = O(v_n) \Rightarrow$  same as  $u_n = o(v_n)$

- Reminder:

- $u_n = o(v_n) \Leftrightarrow \frac{u_n}{v_n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$
- $u_n \sim v_n \Leftrightarrow \frac{u_n}{v_n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 1$
- $u_n = O(v_n) \Leftrightarrow \frac{u_n}{v_n}$  is bounded towards  $n \rightarrow +\infty$
- $u_n + o(u_n) \sim u_n$

- Let  $(u_n)$  be a real sequence of nonnegative terms. Then

$$\sum (u_n - u_{n-1}) \text{ CVG} \Leftrightarrow (u_n) \text{ CVG}$$

- Riemann's rule**

Let  $(u_n)$  be a real nonnegative sequence. If  $\exists \alpha > 1$  such that  $n^\alpha u_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 0$  then  $\sum u_n$  CVG

- D'Alembert/Cauchy test**

$$\text{If either } \begin{cases} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \rightarrow l \\ \sqrt[n]{u_n} \rightarrow l \end{cases} \text{ then } \begin{cases} l < 1 \Rightarrow \sum u_n \text{ CVG} \\ l > 1 \Rightarrow \sum u_n \text{ DVG} \\ l = 1 \Rightarrow ? \end{cases}$$

Using the ratio, it is a D'Alembert test. Using the root, it is a Cauchy test.

## Series of arbitrary terms

- Alternating sequence**

Let  $(u_n)$  be a real sequence.  $(u_n)$  is an alternating sequence if there exists a nonnegative sequence  $(v_n)$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $u_n = (-1)^n v_n$  or  $u_n = (-1)^{n+1} v_n$

- Alternating series**

If  $u_n$  is an alternating sequence, then the series  $\sum u_n$  is called an alternating series.

- Let  $(u_n)$  be a real alternating sequence  
 $(u_n)$  is decreasing and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = 0$ , then  $\sum u_n$  CVG  

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (|u_n|) \text{ is decreasing} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \sum u_n \text{ CVG}$$
- We say  $\sum u_n$  converges absolutely if the series  $\sum |u_n|$  converges.
  - $\sum u_n$  converges absolutely  $\Rightarrow \sum u_n$  converges
  - We say  $\sum u_n$  is semi-convergent (or conditionally convergent) if it converges but does not converge absolutely.
- Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\sum \frac{(-1)^n}{n^\alpha}$  CVG  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha > 0$