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### **Unit – 4 Sequence and Series (Lecture Note)**

#### **Sequence:**

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- Convergence & Divergence of a sequence
- Oscillatory sequence
- Sandwich/Squeezing theorem for sequences
- Convergence properties of sequence
- Monotonic sequence (Monotonic increasing & Monotonic decreasing)
- Alternating sequence
- Bounded & Unbounded sequence.

#### **Series:**

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- Some properties of infinite series
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❖ **Sequence:**

A sequence is a function whose domain is the set of positive integers.

It is generally written as  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots$

- If the number of terms in a sequence is infinite, it is called infinite sequence otherwise it is said to be finite sequence

$$e.g. 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots \quad ; \quad 1, -1, 2, -2, \dots$$

❖ **Limit of a sequence:**

Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence.

A real number  $l$  is said to be the limit of the sequence  $\{a_n\}$ ; if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist an integer  $N$  such that  $n \geq N \Rightarrow |a_n - l| < \varepsilon$

If such a number exists then we write

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l.$$

❖ **Convergence, Divergence & oscillations of a sequence:**

- A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be convergent if the sequence has finite limit.

$$i.e. \text{ if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \text{finite}.$$

- A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be divergent if the sequence has infinite limit.

$$i.e. \quad \text{if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \pm\infty.$$

For example,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n} = 1$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2n = \infty$ ,

- A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be oscillatory if the sequence is neither convergent nor divergent. For example, let

$$\{u_n\} = \left\{ (-1)^n + \frac{1}{2^n} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n &= 2 \text{ if } n \text{ is even} \\ &= 0 \text{ if } n \text{ is odd} \end{aligned}$$

Since the limit is not unique, the sequence is oscillatory.

❖ **Convergence properties of sequences:**

- Let  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  be two convergent sequences and  $k$  be any real number, then the following sequences will also converge.

- 1)  $\{a_n + b_n\}$  With  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + b_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_n)$
- 2)  $\{ka_n\}$  With  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (ka_n) = k \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)$
- 3)  $\{a_n b_n\}$  With  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n b_n) = \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n) \right) \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_n) \right)$

$$4) \quad \left\{ \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right\} \quad \text{With} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right) = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_n)} ; \quad \left( \text{if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_n) \neq 0 \right)$$

❖ **Some Important Formula:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n} = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1 \quad (x > 0)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = 0 \quad (|x| < 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^n \\ = e^x \quad (\text{any } x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x^n}{n!} \right) = 0 \quad (\text{any } x)$$

**Que.** Applying the definition, show that  $\left\{ \frac{1}{n} \right\}$  converges 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**To prove:** Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , we must show that there exists an integer  $N$  such that for all  $n$ ,

$$n > N \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| < \epsilon$$

**Solution:** Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given.

Let  $N$  be an integer such that  $N > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} n \geq N &\Rightarrow n \geq N > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \\ &\Rightarrow n > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \\ &\Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon \\ &\Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

**Que. Test the Convergence of the following sequences:**

$$1) \left\{ \frac{n^2 + n}{2n^2 - n} \right\}$$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } n \xrightarrow{\text{lin}} \infty a_n &= n \xrightarrow{\text{lim}} \infty \frac{n^2 + n}{2n^2 - n} \\ &= n \xrightarrow{\text{lim}} \infty \frac{n^2(1 + \frac{1}{n})}{n^2(2 - \frac{1}{n})} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

As the value of limit is finite the sequence is convergent.

$$2) \{2^n\}$$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } n \xrightarrow{\text{lin}} \infty a_n &= n \xrightarrow{\text{lim}} \infty 2^n \\ &= 2^\infty \end{aligned}$$

As the value of the sequence is infinite the sequence is divergent.

$$3) \{2 - (-1)^n\}$$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } a_n &= 2 - (-1)^n \\ n \xrightarrow{\text{lin}} \infty 2 - (-1)^n \\ &= 2 + 1 = 3 \quad \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \text{Or } &= 2 - 1 = 1 \quad \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{aligned}$$

As the value of limit is not unique the sequence is oscillating sequence.

$$4) \{\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}\}_{n=1}^\infty$$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} n \xrightarrow{\text{lin}} \infty \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} \\ &= n \xrightarrow{\text{lin}} \infty \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} \quad \times \frac{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \\ &= n \xrightarrow{\text{lin}} \infty \frac{n+1-n}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \\ &= n \xrightarrow{\text{lin}} \infty \frac{1}{\infty} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

As the value of limit is finite the sequence is convergent.

❖ **Monotonic sequence:**

- A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be monotonically increasing if  $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$  for each value of  $n$ .

$$a_n - a_{n+1} \leq 0$$

- A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be monotonically decreasing if  $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$  for each value of  $n$ .
- A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be strictly increasing if  $a_n < a_{n+1}$  for each value of  $n$ .
- A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be strictly decreasing if  $a_n > a_{n+1}$  for each value of  $n$ .
- A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be monotonic if it is either increasing or decreasing.

❖ **Bounded & unbounded sequence:**

- A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be bounded above if there is a real number  $M$  such that  $a_n \leq M$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $M$  is said to be an upper bound of the sequence.
- A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be bounded below if there is a real number  $m$  such that  $a_n \geq m$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $m$  is said to be a lower bound of the sequence.
- A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be bounded if it is both bounded above and bounded below.
- A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be unbounded if it is not bounded.

1)  $a_n = n$

$$a_n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

$$a_n \geq 1$$

$a_n$  is bounded below.

2)  $a_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$

$$= \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots$$

$$a_n \geq \frac{1}{2}, \text{ bounded below}$$

$$a_n < 1, \text{ bounded above}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq a_n < 1$$

$a_n$  is bounded.

$$3) a_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots$$

$a_n \leq 1$ , bounded above

$a_n > 0$ , bounded below

It is bounded.

$$4) a_n = (-1)^n$$

$$5) a_n = (-1)^n \cdot n$$

unbounded.

#### ❖ Note that

- If  $\{a_n\}$  is bounded above and increasing then it is convergent.
- If  $\{a_n\}$  is unbounded above and increasing then it is divergent to  $\infty$ .
- If  $\{a_n\}$  is bounded below and decreasing then it is convergent.
- If  $\{a_n\}$  is unbounded below and decreasing then it is divergent to  $-\infty$ .

1) The sequence  $n^2$

1, 4, 9, 16, .....

Increasing sequence

2)  $\frac{1}{2^n}$

Decreasing sequence

#### ❖ Sandwich theorem:

Let  $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}, \{c_n\}$  be sequences of real numbers such that

(i)  $c_n \leq a_n \leq b_n$ ;  $\forall n \geq n_0$ , for some  $n_0$  and

(ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = l = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$

then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l$

**Que.** Show that the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{\sin n}{n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to 0.

**Solution:**

We know that  $-1 \leq \sin n \leq 1 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{\sin n}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n}$

Further,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{n}\right) = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$ .

$\therefore$  By sandwich theorem,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin n}{n} = 0$

**Example: Check the sequence**

$a_n = \frac{n}{n^2+1}$  *is decreasing and bounded. Is cgt?*

Solution:

$$a_n = \frac{n}{n^2 + 1}$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{n+1}{(n+1)^2 + 1}$$

$$a_n - a_{n+1} = \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} - \frac{n+1}{(n+1)^2 + 1} > 0$$

$$a_n - a_{n+1} > 0$$

It is decreasing sequence.

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{10}, \dots$$

$$a_n \leq \frac{1}{2}, \quad a_n > 0$$

$$0 < a_n \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

It is bounded.

Every monotonically bounded sequence is cgt.

**❖ Infinite Series:**

The sum of an infinite sequence of numbers is called **infinite Series**

**e.g.**  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$

- $S_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$  is called  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of the series.
- The convergence of infinite series depends on the convergence of the corresponding infinite sequence of partial sums.
- The infinite series is

$$\text{Convergent} \quad \text{if} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = S \text{ (finite)}$$

Divergent	if	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \infty \text{ or } -\infty$
Oscillatory	if	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \text{neither finite nor } \pm \infty$
Oscillating finitely	if	Value fluctuates within finite range
Oscillating infinitely	if	Value fluctuates within $\infty$ and $-\infty$

➤ If a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges to S then we say that the sum of the series is S

$$\text{and we write } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = S$$

### ❖ Convergence properties of series:

Let  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  be two convergent series and  $k$  be any real number, then the following series will also converge.

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad & \sum (a_n \pm b_n) \quad \text{with} \quad \sum (a_n \pm b_n) = \sum a_n \pm \sum b_n \\ 2) \quad & \sum ka_n \quad \quad \text{With} \quad \sum ka_n = k \sum a_n \end{aligned}$$

### ❖ Telescoping series:

A series is said to be telescoping if while writing the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum all terms except first and last vanish.

**Que** Check the convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$ .

**Solution:** Here,  $a_n = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}$ .

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

Therefore the partial sum is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_{n-1} + a_n \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \cdots + \left( \frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) = 1$$



$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = 1$$

It is cgt.

For example:  $\frac{1}{n(n+3)} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+3} \right)$

**Que.** Find the Sum of the series  $\log 2 + \log \frac{3}{2} + \log \frac{4}{3} + \dots + \infty$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= \log 2 + \log \frac{3}{2} + \log \frac{4}{3} + \dots + \log \frac{n+1}{n} \\ &= \log \left( 2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \dots \frac{n+1}{n} \right) \\ S_n &= \log(n+1) \\ n \xrightarrow{\lim} \infty S_n &= n \xrightarrow{\lim} \infty \log(n+1) \\ &= \log \infty \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

As it is infinite therefore the series is divergent.

**Que.** Find the Sum of the series  $\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \dots + \infty$

**Solution:**  $a_n = \frac{n}{(n+1)!} = \frac{(n+1)-1}{(n+1)!} = \frac{1}{n!} - \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$

Therefore the partial sum is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} + a_n \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{1!} - \frac{1}{2!} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} \right) + \dots + \left( \frac{1}{(n-1)!} - \frac{1}{n!} \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{n!} - \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \\ \therefore S &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \right) = 1 \\ \therefore \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \dots &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n+1)!} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

### ❖ Geometric Series:

An infinite series in the form  $a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} + \dots$  is said to be a geometric series.

It converges to  $\frac{a}{1-r}$  if  $|r| < 1$  i.e.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} = \frac{a}{1-r}$ ,  $|r| < 1$ .

If  $|r| \geq 1$  then the series diverges.

If  $r = -1$  then series is oscillatory.

**Que.** Discuss the convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n$

**Solution:**

Given series,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n = 2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots$  is a geometric series with  $a = 1$  and  $r = 2$

$$r = \frac{2}{1} = 2, \quad r = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

Since  $r = 2 > 1$ , the series is divergent.

**Que.** Check the convergence of a series  $\frac{1}{3^0} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{3^3} + \frac{1}{3^4} + \dots$  Also find sum

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{27} + \dots \\ r &= \frac{a_2}{a_1} = -\frac{\frac{1}{3}}{1} = -\frac{1}{3} \\ r &= \frac{a_3}{a_2} = \frac{\frac{1}{9}}{-\frac{1}{3}} = -\frac{1}{3} \\ r &= -\frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Here the series is geometric series with  $a = 1$  and  $|r| = \frac{1}{3}$

Since  $|r| = \frac{1}{3} < 1$ , the series is convergent.

$$\text{Sum} = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1 - (-\frac{1}{3})} = \frac{1}{\frac{4}{3}} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

**Que.** Discuss the convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{2n}}{4^{2n}}$

**Solution:** Since,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{2n}}{4^{2n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(3^2)^n}{(4^2)^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(9)^n}{(16)^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{9}{16}\right)^n$$

is a geometric series with  $a = \frac{9}{16}$  and  $r = \frac{9}{16}$ .

Since  $r = \frac{9}{16} < 1$ , it is convergent. Further it converges to  $\frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\left(\frac{9}{16}\right)}{\left(1 - \left(\frac{9}{16}\right)\right)} = \frac{9}{7}$

**Que.** Check the convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^n + 5^n}{6^n}$

**Solution:**

$$\sum c_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left(\frac{4}{6}\right)^n + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^n \right] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{6}\right)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^n = \sum a_n + \sum b_n$$

where  $a_n = \left(\frac{4}{6}\right)^n$  and  $b_n = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^n$

For  $\sum a_n$ ,  $r = \left(\frac{4}{6}\right) < 1$ , hence  $\sum a_n$  is convergent. And  $\sum a_n = \frac{\left(\frac{4}{6}\right)}{\left(1 - \frac{4}{6}\right)} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$ .

Similarly, for  $\sum b_n$ ,  $r = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) < 1$  so  $\sum b_n$  is also convergent.

$$\text{And } \sum b_n = \frac{\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)}{\left(1 - \frac{5}{6}\right)} = 5$$

Thus, the sum of  $\sum a_n + \sum b_n$  is also convergent. i. e.  $\sum c_n$  is convergent.

Further,  $\sum c_n = \sum a_n + \sum b_n = 2 + 5 = 7$

**Exercise:**

1) Find the sum of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n-1} - 1}{6^{n-1}}$

2) Find the sum of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^n + 1}{6^n}$

3) prove that  $1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{8}{27} + \frac{16}{81} + \dots$  converges and find its sum.

4) prove that  $5 - \frac{10}{3} + \frac{20}{9} - \frac{40}{27} + \dots$  converges and find its sum.

### ❖ P-Series Test

The Series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  converges if  $p > 1$ , and diverges if  $p \leq 1$

1.  $\sum \frac{1}{x^3}$  is cgt or dgt?

2.  $\sum \frac{1}{x^{-3}}$  is cgt or dgt?

3.  $\sum \frac{1}{x}$  is cgt or dgt?

4.  $\sum \frac{1}{x^{\frac{1}{3}}}$  is cgt or dgt?

❖ **Zero test of Divergence (Divergence test):**

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$  then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  must be divergent

**Note:** If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$  then nothing can be said about convergence of the series

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ . We have to apply another test for convergence

**Que.** Test the convergence of following series

1)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \sin \frac{1}{n}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sin \frac{1}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)}{\left( \frac{1}{n} \right)} = 1 \neq 0$$

Hence, by zero test, the series is divergent.

2)  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} + \dots \infty$

**Solution:**

Here,  $a_n = \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{n}{n \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(1+0)}} \\ &= 1 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by zero test, the series is divergent.

**Que.** Prove that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1}$  is divergent.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right)}{n^2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n^2} \right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( 1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right)}{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{n^2} \right)} = \frac{(1-0)}{(1+0)} = 1 \\ &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by zero test, the series is divergent.

❖ **The Integral Test:**

Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of positive terms.

Suppose that  $a_n = f(n)$ , where  $f$  is a continuous, positive, decreasing function of  $x$  for all  $x \geq N$  ( $N$  is a positive integer).

Then the series  $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$  and the integral  $\int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx$  both converge or both diverge.

If  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \text{finite}$  then it is convergent. and if it is infinite then it is divergent.

**Que.** Test the convergence of  $\sum \frac{1}{n \log n}; n \geq 2$

**Solution:**

Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x \log x}; x \geq 2$ . Then  $f(x)$  is a continuous, positive, decreasing function of  $x$  for all  $x \geq 2$ .

Also,  $a_n = \frac{1}{n \log n} = f(n); n \geq 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_2^{\infty} f(x) dx &= \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \log x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{1}{x \log x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{\log x} dx \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \log(\log x) \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\log(\log b) - \log(\log 2)] \\ &= \infty - 2 = \infty \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $\int_2^{\infty} f(x) dx$  is divergent.

Hence, by integral test, the given series also diverges.

**Que..** Test the convergence of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n e^{-n^2}$$

**Solution:**

Let  $f(x) = x e^{-x^2}; x \geq 1$ . Then  $f(x)$  is a continuous, positive, decreasing function of  $x$  for all  $x \geq 1$ .

Also,  $a_n = n e^{-n^2} = f(n); n \geq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx &= \int_1^{\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b x e^{-x^2} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^{b^2} e^{-t} \left(\frac{dt}{2}\right) \\ &\left[ \text{taking } x^2 = t \text{ we get } x dx = \frac{dt}{2} \text{ and } x = 1 \Rightarrow t = 1 \text{ and } x = b \Rightarrow t = b^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{e^{-t}}{(-1)} \right]_1^{b^2}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [e^{-b^2} - e^{-1}]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2} \left[ 0 - \frac{1}{e} \right] = \frac{1}{2e} = \text{finite}$$

i. e.  $\int_2^{\infty} f(x) dx$  is convergent.

Hence, by integral test, the given series also converges.

**Que.** Test the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n[1 + \log^2 n]}$$

**Solution:**

Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x[1 + \log^2 x]}$ ;  $x \geq 1$ . Then  $f(x)$  is a continuous, positive, decreasing function of  $x$  for all  $x \geq 1$ .

$$\text{Also, } a_n = \frac{1}{n[1 + \log^2 n]} = f(n); n \geq 1$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x[1 + \log^2 x]} dx$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x[1 + \log^2 x]} dx$$

Taking  $\log x = t$  then  $\frac{1}{x} dx = dt$  and  $x = 1 \Rightarrow t = \log 1 = 0$  and  $x = b \Rightarrow t = \log b$

$$\therefore \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x[1 + \log^2 x]} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\log b} \frac{1}{1 + t^2} dt$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\tan^{-1} t]_0^{\log b} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\tan^{-1}(\log b) - \tan^{-1} 0]$$

$$= [\tan^{-1} \infty - \tan^{-1} 0] = \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

i. e.  $\int_2^{\infty} f(x) dx$  is convergent.

Hence, by integral test, the given series also converges.

**Que.** Test the convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 e^{-n^3}$

$$\text{Sol: } \int_1^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^3} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b x^2 e^{-x^3} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{3} \int_1^b -3x^2 e^{-x^3} dx =$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{3} [e^{-x^3}]_1^b$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{1}{3} [e^{-\infty} - e^{-1}] \\
&= -\frac{1}{3} \left[ 0 - \frac{1}{e} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{3e} = \text{finite}
\end{aligned}$$

By Integral test , it is convergent.

**Example:** Test the convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

$$\text{Sol: } \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = [2\sqrt{x}]_1^{\infty} = \infty - 2 = \infty$$

By Integral test , it is divergent.

### ❖ Direct Comparison Test

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series with no negative terms.

- (a)  $\sum a_n$  converges if there is a convergent series  $\sum c_n$  with  $a_n \leq c_n$  for all  $n > N$ , for some integer  $N$ .
- (b)  $\sum a_n$  diverges if there is a divergent series of nonnegative terms  $\sum d_n$  with  $a_n \geq d_n$  for all  $n > N$ , for some integer  $N$ .

### ❖ Limit Comparison Test

Suppose that  $a_n > 0$  and  $b_n > 0$  for all  $n \geq N$  ( $N$  an integer).

- (a) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = c > 0$ , then  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  both converge or both diverge.
- (b) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 0$  and  $\sum b_n$  converges, then  $\sum a_n$  converges.
- (c) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \infty$  and  $\sum b_n$  diverges, then  $\sum a_n$  diverges.

Note:  $b_n = \frac{\text{Highest power term in numerator}}{\text{Highest power term in denominator}}$

**Que.** for what value of  $p$  does the series  $\frac{2}{1^p} + \frac{3}{2^p} + \frac{4}{3^p} + \dots$  is convergent?

**Solution:**

$$\text{Here, } a_n = \frac{n+1}{n^p} = \frac{n(1+\frac{1}{n})}{n^p} = \frac{(1+\frac{1}{n})}{n^{(p-1)}} = \frac{1}{n^{(p-1)}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right).$$

$$\text{Let } b_n = \frac{1}{n^{(p-1)}}. \text{ Then } \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) = 1 + 0 = 1 \neq 0$$

$\therefore \sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  both converges or diverges together.

$\sum b_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^{(p-1)}}$  converges for  $p - 1 > 1$ , i.e. for  $p > 2$  and it diverge otherwise.

$\therefore \sum a_n = \sum \frac{n+1}{n^p}$  converges for  $p \geq 2$  and it diverge otherwise.

**Que.** Test the convergence of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^2 + 2n}{5 + n^5}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Here, } a_n = \frac{2n^2 + 2n}{5 + n^5} = \frac{n^2 \left(2 + \frac{2}{n}\right)}{n^5 \left(\frac{5}{n^5} + 1\right)} = \frac{1}{n^3} \left(\frac{2 + \frac{2}{n}}{\frac{5}{n^5} + 1}\right).$$

$$\text{Let } b_n = \frac{n^2}{n^5} = \frac{1}{n^3}. \text{ Then } \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{\left(2 + \frac{2}{n}\right)}{\left(\frac{5}{n^5} + 1\right)}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(2 + \frac{2}{n}\right)}{\left(\frac{5}{n^5} + 1\right)} = \frac{(2 + 0)}{(0 + 1)} = 2 \neq 0$$

$\therefore \sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  both converges or diverges together.

Now,  $\sum b_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^3}$  is a  $p$ -series with  $p = 3 > 1$ . Hence, it is convergent.

$\therefore \sum a_n = \sum \frac{2n^2 + 2n}{5 + n^5}$  converges. [by comparison test]

**Que:** Test the convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2 + 1}$

$$\text{Sol: } a_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2 + 1}$$

$$b_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n^{2 - \frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2 + 1}}{\frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2 + 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2 + 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2}\right)} = 1 \neq 0$$

$\therefore \sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  both converges or diverges together.

$$b_n = \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}, \text{ By } p\text{-series, } p = \frac{3}{2} > 1, \text{ it is convergent.}$$

By Limit comparison Test,  $\sum a_n$  is convergent.

**Que.** Test the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^p}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}$$

**Solution:**



$$\text{Here, } a_n = \frac{n^p}{\sqrt{n+1}+\sqrt{n}} = \frac{n^p}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n}}+1\right)} = \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}-p}} \frac{1}{\left(1+\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n}}\right)}.$$

$$\text{Let } b_n = \frac{n^p}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}-p}}. \text{ Then } \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{1}{\left(1+\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n}}\right)}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1+\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n}}\right)} = \frac{1}{(1+\sqrt{1+0})} = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$$

$\therefore \sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  both converges or diverges together.

Now,  $\sum b_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}-p}}$  is a  $p$  - *series* which converges for  $\frac{1}{2} - p > 1$ , i. e. for

$p < -\frac{1}{2}$  and diverges otherwise.

$\therefore \sum a_n = \sum \frac{n^p}{\sqrt{n+1}+\sqrt{n}}$  also converges for  $p < -\frac{1}{2}$  and diverges otherwise.[by comparison test]

**Que.** Test the convergence of the series

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Here, } a_n = \frac{1}{n.(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)}.$$

$$\text{Let } b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}. \text{ Then } \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)} = \frac{1}{(1+0)} = 1 \neq 0$$

$\therefore \sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  both converges or diverges together.

Now,  $\sum b_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  is a  $p$  - *series* with  $p = 2 > 1$ . Hence, it is convergent.

$\therefore \sum a_n = \sum \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$  converges. [by comparison test]

**Que.** Test the convergence of

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

**Solution:**

$$a_n = \frac{1}{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2} = \frac{1}{\sum n^2} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^3} \frac{6}{1 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{6}{n \cdot n \cdot n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}$$

$$(n^2 + n)(2n + 1) = (2n^3 + n^2 + 2n^2 + n) = 2n^3 + 3n^2 + n$$

$$= n^3 \left(2 + \frac{3}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}\right)$$

Let  $b_n = \frac{1}{n^3}$ . Then  $\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{6}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} = \frac{6}{(1 + 0)(2 + 0)} = 3 \neq 0$$

$\therefore \sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  both converges or diverges together.

Now,  $\sum b_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^3}$  is a  $p$  - series with  $p = 3 > 1$ . Hence, it is convergent.

$\therefore \sum a_n = \sum \frac{1}{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2}$  converges. [by comparison test]

### ❖ Ratio Test(D' Alembert Ratio Test )

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series with positive terms and suppose that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = L$

- Then
- (a) the series converges if  $L < 1$
  - (b) the series diverges if  $L > 1$ ,
  - (c) the test is fail if  $L = 1$

**Que.** Test the convergence of a series  $\sum \frac{1}{n!}$

**Solution:**

Here  $a_n = \frac{1}{n!} \Rightarrow a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$  and

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$\therefore L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = 0 < 1$$

Hence, by ratio test, given series is convergent.

**Que.** Test the convergence of the series  $\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \dots$

**Solution:**

Here  $a_n = \frac{n}{(n+1)!}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow a_{n+1} &= \frac{n+1}{(n+2)!} \text{ and } \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{n+1}{(n+2)!} \frac{(n+1)!}{n} = \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+2)(n+1)!} \frac{n+1}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{n+2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ \therefore L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = 0(1+0) = 0 < 1\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by ratio test, given series is convergent.

**Que.** Test the convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4^n - 1}{3^n}$

**Solution:**

Here  $a_n = \frac{4^n - 1}{3^n}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow a_{n+1} &= \frac{4^{n+1} - 1}{3^{n+1}} \text{ and} \\ \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \frac{4^{n+1} - 1}{3^{n+1}} \frac{3^n}{4^n - 1} = \frac{3^n}{3^{n+1}} \frac{4^n \left(4 - \frac{1}{4^n}\right)}{4^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{4^n}\right)} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{4 - \frac{1}{4^n}}{1 - \frac{1}{4^n}} \right) \\ \therefore L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{4 - \frac{1}{4^n}}{1 - \frac{1}{4^n}} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{4 - 0}{1 - 0} \right) = \frac{4}{3} > 1\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by ratio test, given series is divergent.

**Que.** Example: Test the convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n3^n(n+1)!}{2^n n!}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}a_n &= \frac{n3^n(n+1)!}{2^n n!} \\ &= n(n+1) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n \\ \Rightarrow a_{n+1} &= (n+1)(n+2) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{n+1} \text{ and} \\ \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{n+1}}{n(n+1) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n} = \frac{(n+2)}{n} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \\ \therefore L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = (1+0) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{2} > 1\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by ratio test, given series is divergent.

**Que.** Test the convergence of

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2} = \frac{1}{\sum n^2} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}\right)} \\ &= \frac{6}{n(n+1)(2n+1)} \\ \Rightarrow a_{n+1} &= \frac{6}{(n+1)(n+2)(2(n+1)+1)} = \frac{6}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+3)} \text{ and} \\ \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \frac{6}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+3)} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} = \frac{n(2n+1)}{(n+2)(2n+3)} \\ &= \frac{\left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)\left(2 + \frac{3}{n}\right)} \\ \therefore L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)\left(2 + \frac{3}{n}\right)} \\ &= \frac{(2+0)}{(1+0)(2+0)} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by ratio test fails.

We need to use some other test to check the convergence of the series.

Using comparison test as follows:

$$a_n = \frac{1}{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2} = \frac{1}{\sum n^2} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}\right)} = \frac{1}{n^3} \cdot \frac{6}{1\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)\left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}$$

$$\text{Let } b_n = \frac{1}{n^3}. \text{ Then } \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{6}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)\left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)\left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} = \frac{6}{(1+0)(2+0)} = 3 \neq 0$$

$\therefore \sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  both converges or diverges together.

Now,  $\sum b_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^3}$  is a  $p$ -series with  $p = 3 > 1$ . Hence, it is convergent.

$\therefore \sum a_n = \sum \frac{1}{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2}$  converges. [by comparison test]

**Que.** Test the convergence of the series  $2 + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{4}{3}x^2 + \frac{5}{4}x^3 + \dots$

**Solution:** Here  $a_n = \frac{n+1}{n} x^{n-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow a_{n+1} &= \frac{n+2}{n+1}x^n \text{ and } \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(n+2)x^n}{n+1} \frac{n}{(n+1)x^{n-1}} = \frac{n^2 \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)}{n^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2} x \\ &= \frac{\left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2} x \\ \therefore L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2} x \\ &= \frac{(1+0)}{(1+0)^2} x = x\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by ratio test, given series is (i) convergent if  $x < 1$   
(ii) divergent if  $x > 1$

For  $x = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}a_n &= \frac{n+1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{n} \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = (1+0) \\ &= 1 \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  By zero test, given series diverges for  $x = 1$ .

Hence, by ratio test, given series is (i) convergent if  $x < 1$   
(ii) divergent if  $x \geq 1$

### ❖ Root Test (Cauchy Root Test)

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series with  $a_n \geq 0$  for  $n \geq N$  for some  $N$  and suppose that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} = L$$

Then (a) the series converges if  $L < 1$   
(b) the series diverges if  $L > 1$ ,  
(c) the test fails if  $L = 1$

**Que.** Test the convergence of series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{2^{n+3}}$

**Solution:**

$$a_n = \frac{3^n}{2^{n+3}} = \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left| \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^n \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{1}{8^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{8^{\frac{1}{n}}} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{8^0} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) = \frac{3}{2} > 1$$

Hence, by root test, given series is divergent.

**Que.** Test the convergence of series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{n}{2n+5} \right)^n$

**Solution:**

$$a_n = \left( \frac{n}{2n+5} \right)^n = \left( \frac{1}{2 + \frac{5}{n}} \right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left| \left( \frac{1}{2 + \frac{5}{n}} \right)^n \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left( \frac{1}{2 + \frac{5}{n}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2 + \frac{5}{n}} \right) = \left( \frac{1}{2 + 0} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} < 1$$

Hence, by root test, given series is convergent.

**Que:**  $\left( \frac{2^2}{1^2} - \frac{2}{1} \right)^{-1} + \left( \frac{3^3}{2^3} - \frac{3}{2} \right)^{-2} + \left( \frac{4^4}{3^4} - \frac{4}{3} \right)^{-3} + \dots$

**Sol:**  $a_n = \left[ \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{n+1} - \frac{n+1}{n} \right]^{-n}$

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left[ \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right) - \frac{n+1}{n} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= \left[ \left( \frac{1 + \frac{1}{n}}{1} \right)^n \left( \frac{1 + \frac{1}{n}}{1} \right) - \frac{1 + \frac{1}{n}}{1} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= [e \cdot 1 - 1]^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{e-1} < 1$$

Hence, by root test, given series is convergent.

**Que.** Test the convergence of series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$

**Solution:**

$$a_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left| \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)(n^{-1})} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-\sqrt{n}} = \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^{\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x \quad (\text{any } x)\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-\sqrt{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^{\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-1} = (e^1)^{-1} = \frac{1}{e} < 1$$

Hence, by root test, given series is convergent.

**Que.** Test the convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n+2}{n+3}\right)^n x^n$

**Solution:**

$$a_n = \left(\frac{n+2}{n+3}\right)^n x^n$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left| \left(\frac{n+2}{n+3}\right)^n x^n \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left(\frac{n+2}{n+3}\right) x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+2}{n+3}\right) x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1 + \frac{2}{n}}{1 + \frac{3}{n}}\right) x \\ &= \left(\frac{1+0}{1+0}\right) x = x \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by root test, given series is (i) convergent if  $x < 1$

(ii) divergent if  $x > 1$ .

For  $x = 1$ .

$$a_n = \left(\frac{n+2}{n+3}\right)^n = \left(\frac{1 + \frac{2}{n}}{1 + \frac{3}{n}}\right)^n = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n}{\left(1 + \frac{3}{n}\right)^n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n}{\left(1 + \frac{3}{n}\right)^n} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{3}{n}\right)^n} = \frac{(e)^2}{(e)^3} = \frac{1}{e}$$

$$\neq 0$$

∴ By zero test, given series diverges for  $x = 1$ .

Hence, by root test, given series is (i) convergent if  $x < 1$

(ii) divergent if  $x \geq 1$ .

### Alternative series

A series in which the terms are alternatively positive and negative is called an alternating Series. e.g.  $1 - 4 + 9 - 16 + \dots$

### ❖ Leibnitz Test

The infinite Series  $a_1 - a_2 + a_3 - \dots$  in which the terms are alternatively positive and negative is convergent if (i)  $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$  i.e. series is decreasing (ii)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

**Note:** If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$  then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is oscillatory.

The series is Alternative



if  $|a_n|$  is convergent &  $a_n$  is  
convergent  
then series is **absolutely  
convergent**

if  $|a_n|$  is divergent but  $a_n$  is  
convergent  
then series is **Conditionally  
convergent**

**Que.** Test the convergence of the series  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots$

**Solution:**

Here  $u_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$   $u_{n+1} = \frac{(-1)^{n+2}}{n+1}$

$$|u_n| = \frac{1}{n} \quad |u_{n+1}| = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

1)

$$\begin{aligned} |u_n| - |u_{n+1}| &= \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \\ &= \frac{n+1-n}{n(n+1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{n(n+1)} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$|u_n| - |u_{n+1}| > 0 \Rightarrow |u_n| > |u_{n+1}|$$



Thus each term is less than its preceding term.

Now

2)

$$n \xrightarrow{\lim} \infty |u_n| = n \xrightarrow{\lim} \infty \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

Thus by Leibnitz's test the alternating series is convergent.

**Que.** Test the convergence of the series  $2 - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{4}{3} - \frac{5}{4} + \dots$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Here } u_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(n+1)}{n} \quad u_{n+1} = \frac{(-1)^{n+2}(n+2)}{n+1}$$

$$|u_n| = \frac{(n+1)}{n} \quad |u_{n+1}| = \frac{n+2}{n+1}$$

1)

$$\begin{aligned} |u_n| - |u_{n+1}| &= \frac{n+1}{n} - \frac{n+2}{n+1} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)^2 - n(n+2)}{n(n+1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{n(n+1)} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$|u_n| - |u_{n+1}| > 0 \Rightarrow |u_n| > |u_{n+1}|$$

Thus each term is less than its preceding term.

Now

2)

$$\begin{aligned} n \xrightarrow{\lim} \infty |u_n| &= n \xrightarrow{\lim} \infty \frac{n+1}{n} \\ &= n \xrightarrow{\lim} \infty \frac{n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{n} \\ &= 1 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus by Leibnitz's test the alternating series is oscillating.

**Que.** Test the convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{n+1}}{2n-1}$

**Solution:**

$$u_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{n+1}}{2n-1} \quad u_{n+1} = \frac{(-1)^{n+2} x^{n+2}}{2n+1}$$

$$|u_n| = \frac{x^{n+1}}{2n-1} \quad |u_{n+1}| = \frac{x^{n+2}}{2n+1}$$

1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 |u_n| - |u_{n+1}| &= \frac{x^{n+1}}{2n-1} - \frac{x^{n+2}}{2n+1} \\
 &= \frac{(2n+1)x^{n+1} - x^{n+2}(2n-1)}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} \\
 &= \frac{x^{n+1}[(2n+1) - (2n-1)x]}{(4n^2-1)} > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|u_n| - |u_{n+1}| > 0 \Rightarrow |u_n| > |u_{n+1}|$$

Now

2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |u_n| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{2n-1} \\
 &= 0 \quad \text{if } x < 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus by Leibnitz's test the alternating series is convergent.

**Que : Determine absolute or conditional convergence of the series**

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{n^2}{n^3+1}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } u_n &= (-1)^n \cdot \frac{n^2}{n^3+1} \\
 |u_n| &= \frac{n^2}{n^3+1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n^3}\right)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } v_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|u_n|}{v_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n^3}} = 1 \quad [\text{finite and nonzero}]$$

And  $\sum v_n = \sum \frac{1}{n}$  is divergent as  $p = 1$ .

By comparison test  $\sum |u_n|$  is also divergent.

Hence,  $\sum u_n$  is not absolutely convergent. To check conditional convergence applying Leibnitz's test.

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
 |u_n| - |u_{n+1}| &= \frac{n^2}{n^3+1} - \frac{(n+1)^2}{(n+1)^3+1} \\
 &= \frac{n^2(n^3+3n^2+3n+2) - (n^3+1)(n^2+2n+1)}{(n^3+1)[(n+1)^3+1]} \\
 &= \frac{n^4+2n^3+n^2-2n-1}{(n^3+1)[(n+1)^3+1]}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{n^4 + n^2(2n+1) - 1(2n+1)}{(n^3+1)[(n+1)^3+1]}$$

$$= \frac{n^4 + (2n+1)(n^2-1)}{(n^3+1)[(n+1)^3+1]} > 0 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$|u_n| > |u_{n+1}|$$

(ii)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |u_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3+1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n^3}\right)} = 0.$$

By Leibnitz's test,  $\sum u_n$  is convergent. The series  $\sum u_n$  is convergent and test  $\sum |u_n|$  is divergent. Hence, the series is conditionally convergent.

**Que..** Test the convergence of the series  $1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \dots$

Sol:  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}}, a_{n+1} = \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n+1}},$

$$|a_n| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, |a_{n+1}| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}$$

i)  $|a_n| - |a_{n+1}| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} > 0$

$$|a_n| > |a_{n+1}|$$

ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.$$

By Leibnitz's test,  $\sum u_n$  is convergent. The series  $\sum u_n$  is convergent

$$|a_n| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

By p-series  $p = \frac{1}{2} < 1$ ,  $\sum |a_n|$  is divergent.

Hence, the series is conditionally convergent.

### ❖ Power Series:

A power series about  $x = a$  is given as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-a)^n = c_0 + c_1(x-a) + c_2(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

If  $a = 0$ , then the power series in powers of  $x$  is given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots$$

where  $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots$  are real numbers.

**Note:** For a power series in powers of  $(x - a)$

(1) Apply D'Alembert Ratio Test or Cauchy's  $n^{\text{th}}$  root test

i. e.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} \right| = l$ , then  $R = \frac{1}{l}$  is called radius of convergence  
and  $|x - a| < R$  gives interval of convergence.

i. e.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (|c_n|)^{\frac{1}{n}} = l$ , then  $R = \frac{1}{l}$  is called radius of convergence  
and  $|x - a| < R$  gives interval of convergence.

(2)  $l = \infty \Rightarrow R = 0 \Rightarrow$  series converges only at  $x = a$ .

(3)  $l = 0 \Rightarrow R = \infty \Rightarrow$  series converges for all  $x$ .

(4)  $l$  is finite and non-zero  $\Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{l}$  and the interval of convergence is  $(a - R, a + r)$ .

**Que.** Find the radius of convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! x^n$

$$a_n = n! x^n$$

$$a_{n+1} = (n+1)! x^{(n+1)}$$

By Ratio Test,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)! x^{(n+1)}}{n! x^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)x = \infty$$

$$\text{Hence, } l = \infty \rightarrow R = 0$$

Radius of convergence is 0

series converges at  $x = 0$

**Que.** Determine the interval of convergence for the following series and also their behaviour at each end points.

Solution:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n x^n}{n!}$$

$$u_n = \frac{2^n x^n}{n!}$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{2^{n+1} x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{2^{n+1} x^{n+1}}{2^n x^n}$$

$$= \frac{2x}{n+1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2x}{n+1} \right| = 0$$

Hence, the series is convergent for all values of  $x$  i.e.,  $-\infty < x < \infty$  and interval of convergence is  $(-\infty, \infty)$

**Que. Obtain the range of convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{2^n}$ ,  $x > 0$ .**

Sol:

$$u_n = \frac{x^n}{2^n}$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{x^{n+1}}{2^{n+1}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{n+1} 2^n}{2^{n+1} x^n} = \frac{x}{2}$$

By D'Alembert's ratio test, the series is

convergent if  $\frac{x}{2} < 1$  or  $x < 2$ .

divergent if  $\frac{x}{2} > 1$  or  $x > 2$ .

The test fails if  $\frac{x}{2} = 1$  or  $x = 2$

$$\text{Then } u_n = \frac{x^n}{2^n} = 1$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n = 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots \infty$$

Which is a divergent series.

**Hence, series is convergent for  $0 < x < 2$  and the range of convergence is  $0 < x < 2$ .**

**Que. Obtain the range of convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x+1)^n}{3^n \cdot n}$ .**

SOLUTION:

$$\text{Let } u_n = \frac{(x+1)^n}{3^n \cdot n}$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{(x+1)^{n+1}}{3^{n+1} \cdot (n+1)}$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{(x+1)^{n+1}}{3^{n+1} \cdot (n+1)} \cdot \frac{3^n \cdot n}{(x+1)^n} = \frac{x+1}{3 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x+1}{3 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{x+1}{3 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} \right| = \left| \frac{x+1}{3} \right| \end{aligned}$$

The series is convergence if

$$\left| \frac{x+1}{3} \right| < 1$$

$$|x+1| < 3$$

$$-3 < (x+1) < 3$$

$$-4 < x < 2$$

At  $x=2$   $u_n = \frac{1}{n}$   
 $\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is divergent as  $p=1$ .  
 At  $x=-4$   $u_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$   
 $|u_n| = \frac{1}{n}$

The given series is an alternating series.

$$(i) |u_n| - |u_{n+1}| = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} > 0$$

$$|u_n| > |u_{n+1}|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

Thus, By Leibnitz test, the series is convergent at  $x = -4$

Hence, the series is convergent for  $-4 < x < 2$  and the range of convergence is  $[-4, 2)$ .

**Taylor's Series:** If  $f(x+a)$  is a differential function of  $x$  up to  $n^{\text{th}}$  order and  $a$  is a constant, then  $f(x)$  can be expanded into a power series of  $x$  as follows

$$f(x+a) = f(a) + xf'(a) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(a) + \frac{x^3}{3!} f'''(a) + \dots \quad (1)$$

**Maclaurin's Series:** If the function  $f(x)$  is differentiable  $n$  times at  $x=0$ , then it can be expanded into finite series in ascending power of  $x$  as follows

$$f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!} f'''(0) + \dots \quad (2)$$

**Case 1:** Put  $a=0$  in (1), we get Maclaurin's series

**Case2:** Take  $a=x$  and  $x=h$  in (1)

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) + \dots \quad (3)$$

**Case3:** take  $a$  for  $x$  and  $x-a$  for  $h$  in (3)

$$f(x) = f(a) + (x-a)f'(a) + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2!} f''(a) + \frac{(x-a)^3}{3!} f'''(a) + \dots \quad (4)$$

**Some special series:**

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$a^x = 1 + x \log a + \frac{x^2}{2!} (\log a)^2 + \frac{x^3}{3!} (\log a)^3 + \dots$$

$$\cosh x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \quad \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots$$

$$\sinh x = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \quad \cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$$

$$\log(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \quad \log(1-x) = - \left[ x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \right]$$

$$\tan x = x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{15}x^5 + \dots$$

**Que. Find the Maclaurin's series for the function**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x}}$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x}} = (4-x)^{-1/2} \quad \Rightarrow f(0) = 1/2$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(4-x)^{-3/2} \quad \Rightarrow f'(0) = \frac{1}{2^4}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}(4-x)^{-5/2} \quad \Rightarrow f''(0) = \frac{1}{2^5} \times \frac{3}{4}$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{5}{2}(4-x)^{-7/2} \quad \Rightarrow f'''(0) = \frac{1}{2^7} \times \frac{15}{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(0) + x f'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!} f'''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(0) + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + x \left( \frac{1}{2^4} \right) + x^2 \left( \frac{3}{2^5 \times 4} \right) + x^3 \left( \frac{15}{2^7 \times 8} \right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

**Que. find the Taylor series expansion of**  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x + 4$  **about a=2.**

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x + 4 \quad \Rightarrow f(2) = 8$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 2 \quad \Rightarrow f'(2) = 10$$

$$f''(x) = 6x \quad \Rightarrow f''(2) = 12$$

$$f'''(x) = 6 \quad \Rightarrow f'''(2) = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= f(2) + (x-2)f'(2) + \frac{(x-2)^2}{2!} f''(2) + \frac{(x-2)^3}{3!} f'''(2) + \dots \\
 &= 8 + 10(x-2) + \frac{1}{2}(x-2)^2 \times 12 + \frac{1}{6}(x-2)^3 \times 6 \\
 &= 8 + 10(x-2) + 6(x-2)^2 + (x-2)^3
 \end{aligned}$$

**Que. Expand**  $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right)$  in power of  $x$ . hence find the value of  $\sin 44^\circ$ .

**Solution: Suppose**  $f(x) = \sin x$ ,  $h = \frac{\pi}{4}$

Now by Taylor series expansion

$$f(x+h) = f(h) + x f'(h) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(h) + \frac{x^3}{3!} f'''(h) + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} f^n(h) + \dots$$

$$\text{now } f(x) = \sin x \quad \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \cos x \quad \Rightarrow f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$f''(x) = -\sin x \quad \Rightarrow f''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$f'''(x) = -\cos x \quad \Rightarrow f'''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) &= \sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + x f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \dots \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{x^2}{2!} \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \frac{x^3}{3!} \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \dots \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ 1 + x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{now } x = -1^\circ = \frac{-\pi}{180} = \frac{-3.14}{180} = -0.0175$$

$$\therefore \sin(45^\circ - 1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ 1 - 0.0175 - \frac{1}{2}(0.0175)^2 + \dots \right] \approx 0.6946$$

**Que. Prove that**  $\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$

**Solution**

Let  $y = \tan x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2} = (1+x^2)^{-1} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots \quad (1)$$

Integrating equation (1),

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= c + x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \\
 \tan^{-1} x &= c + x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$



Putting  $x = 0$

$$\tan^{-1} 0 = c$$

$$c = 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } \tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$$

**Que. Prove that**  $\sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right) = 2 \left( x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \right)$ .

**Solution :**

$$\text{let } y = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right)$$

$$\text{putting } x = \tan \theta$$

$$y = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 + \tan^2 \theta} \right)$$

$$= \sin^{-1}(\sin 2\theta) = 2\theta = 2 \tan^{-1} x = 2 \left( x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \right)$$

$$\text{Hence } \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \right) = 2 \left( x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \right)$$

**Que. Expand the function**

$$f(x) = x^4 - 11x^3 + 43x^2 - 60x + 14 \text{ in power of } (x-3)$$

**Que.. Find the Taylor series for**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  at  $a = 2$ .

**Que. Find the Taylor series expansion of**  $f(x) = \tan x$  in power of  $\left( x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$

, showing at least four non zero terms. Hence find the value of  $f(x) = \tan 46^\circ$ .

**Que.**  $5 + 4(x-1)^2 - 3(x-1)^3 + (x-1)^4$  in ascending powers of  $x$ .

**Que. Prove that**  $\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-1}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \right)$

**Que.**  $\log(1+e^x)$  in ascending power of  $x$  as far as term containing  $x^4$ .

**Que. Obtain Maclaurin's series of** 1)  $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x$  2)  $y = e^{-x}$