

Lecture 4

Absolute convergence & Conditional Convergence

1AC : $\sum a_n$ is AC if $\sum |a_n|$ converges
 • $\sum a_n$ is AC $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ is convergent

1CC : $\sum a_n$ is conditionally convergent if $\sum a_n$ converges but not absolutely convergent.

$$\sum a_n \quad \textcircled{1} \quad 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots > 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad (1 + \frac{1}{2}) - (\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}) - (\dots) < \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \frac{1}{12}$$

Thus $1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$ converges.

but $\sum |a_n| \Rightarrow$ harmonic series \rightarrow diverge

Ex 2. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{n^2}\right)^{n+2}$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{n^2}\right)^{n+2}$ convergent

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left|-\frac{1}{n^2}\right|^{n+2}$ convergent

\Rightarrow Absolute convergent.

4) Power series.

$$\sum a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n$$

$$\sum a_n (x - x_0)^n = a_0 + a_1 (x - x_0) + \dots + a_n (x - x_0)^n$$

Domain of power series: $f(x) \equiv \sum a_n (x - x_0)^n$ is the set

of x for which $\sum f(x)$ converges.

Interval of convergence.

5) Geometric Series.

$$q_n = \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \quad a_{n+1} = q \cdot a_n \quad a_n = a_1 \cdot q^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = a_1 \frac{1-q^n}{1-q}$$

$$S_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q^n$$

$$\text{When } n \rightarrow \infty \quad S_n \rightarrow \frac{a_1}{1-q} \quad (0 < |q| < 1)$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{converges to } \frac{a_1}{1-q} & \text{if } |q| < 1 \\ \text{divergent} & \text{if } |q| > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Ex: } 1 + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^3} + \dots$$

$$q = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$a_1 = 1, \quad a_2 = a_1 q, \quad a_3 = a_1 q^2, \dots$$

$$S_n = \frac{a_1}{1-q} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{x}} = \frac{1}{\frac{x-1}{x}} = \frac{x}{x-1}$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{converges to } \frac{x}{x-1} & \left| \frac{1}{x} \right| < 1 \\ \text{divergent.} & \left| \frac{1}{x} \right| > 1 \end{cases}$$