

Here is a comprehensive, condensed mathematical cheat sheet based on the provided material.

# Cheat Sheet: Real Analysis & Series

## 1. Series of Real Numbers (Fundamentals)

### Definitions

- **Series:**  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ . **Partial Sum:**  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ .
- **Convergence:**  $\sum a_k = s \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$ .
- **Linearity:**  $\sum (ca_k + b_k) = c \sum a_k + \sum b_k$  (if convergent).

### Comparison Tests (for $a_k \geq 0$ )

1. **Direct Comparison:** Given  $0 \leq a_k \leq M b_k$ :

- $\sum b_k < \infty \implies \sum a_k < \infty$ .
- $\sum a_k = \infty \implies \sum b_k = \infty$ .

2. **Limit Comparison Test (LCT):** Let  $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n}$ .

- $0 < L < \infty: \sum a_k \iff \sum b_k$  (Converge/Diverge together).
- $L = 0: \sum b_k < \infty \implies \sum a_k < \infty$ .
- *Example 1:*  $\sum \frac{k}{3^k}$  vs  $\sum (1/2)^k \implies \text{Converges}$ .
- *Example 2:*  $\sum \sqrt{\frac{k+1}{2k^3+1}} \approx \sum \frac{1}{k\sqrt{2}} \implies \text{Diverges}$ .

### Integral Test

Let  $f(x)$  be continuous, non-negative, decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$  where  $f(k) = a_k$ .

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k < \infty \iff \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx < \infty$$

- **p-Series:**  $\sum \frac{1}{k^p}$  converges  $\iff p > 1$ .
- **Log Series:**  $\sum \frac{1}{k \ln k}$  diverges ( $\int \frac{dx}{x \ln x} = \ln(\ln x) \rightarrow \infty$ ).

### Root and Ratio Tests

Let  $R = \limsup \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right|$ ,  $r = \liminf \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right|$ , and  $\alpha = \limsup \sqrt[k]{|a_k|}$ .

Test	Condition	Conclusion	Note
Ratio	$R < 1$	<b>Converges</b>	Good for factorials.
	$r > 1$	<b>Diverges</b>	
	$r \leq 1 \leq R$	<b>Inconclusive</b>	p-series fails here.
Root	$\alpha < 1$	<b>Converges</b>	<b>Stronger test.</b>
	$\alpha > 1$	<b>Diverges</b>	
	$\alpha = 1$	<b>Inconclusive</b>	

- **Hierarchy:** Root test is strictly stronger.

◦ Ex:  $a_n$  alternating  $1/2^k, 1/3^k$ . Ratio oscillates (inconclusive), Root gives  $\alpha = 1/\sqrt{2} < 1$  (Converges).

## 2. Dirichlet Test & Applications

### Abel's Partial Summation Formula

Discrete analogue of Integration by Parts. Let  $A_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$ .

$$\sum_{k=p}^q a_k b_k = \sum_{k=p}^{q-1} A_k (b_k - b_{k+1}) + A_q b_q - A_{p-1} b_p$$

### Dirichlet Test

$\sum a_k b_k$  converges if:

1. **Bounded Sums:**  $|\sum_{k=1}^n a_k| \leq M$  for all  $n$ .
2. **Monotonic:**  $b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq 0$ .
3. **Vanishing:**  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_k = 0$ .

### Alternating Series Test (AST)

Case of Dirichlet where  $a_k = (-1)^{k+1}$ .

- **Condition:**  $b_k \downarrow 0$ .

- **Result:**  $\sum (-1)^{k+1} b_k$  converges.
- **Error Estimate:**  $|S - S_n| \leq b_{n+1}$ .
  - Ex:  $\sum \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{2k-1} \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}$ . Very slow convergence (need  $n \approx 50$  for 0.01 accuracy).

## Trigonometric Series

1. **Sine:**  $\sum b_k \sin(kt)$  converges  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$  (if  $b_k \downarrow 0$ ).
2. **Cosine:**  $\sum b_k \cos(kt)$  converges  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{2p\pi\}$ .
  - *Reason:* Partial sums of  $\sin(kt)$  and  $\cos(kt)$  are bounded by  $\csc(t/2)$  unless  $t = 2p\pi$ .
  - *Ex:*  $\sum \frac{1}{k} \cos(kt)$  diverges at  $t = 0$  (Harmonic) but converges elsewhere.

## 3. Absolute vs. Conditional Convergence

### Definitions

- **Absolute Convergence:**  $\sum |a_k| < \infty$ . Implies convergence ( $\sum a_k < \infty$ ).
- **Conditional Convergence:**  $\sum a_k < \infty$  BUT  $\sum |a_k| = \infty$ .
  - Ex:  $\sum \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k}$  (Alternating Harmonic).

### Rearrangements

- **Absolutely Convergent:** Any rearrangement sums to the same value.
- **Conditionally Convergent (Riemann's Theorem):** Can be rearranged to converge to **any**  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  or diverge to  $\pm\infty$ .
  - *Mechanism:* Greedy algorithm taking enough positive terms to exceed  $\alpha$ , then negative terms to drop below, repeating indefinitely.

## 4. The Space $l^2$ (Square Summable Sequences)

### Structure

- **Definition:**  $l^2 = \{\{a_k\} : \sum a_k^2 < \infty\}$ .
- **Norm:**  $\|a\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k^2}$ .
- **Convergence Examples:**

- $\{1/k\} \in l^2$  ( $\sum 1/k^2 < \infty$ ).
- $\{1/\sqrt{k}\} \notin l^2$  ( $\sum 1/k = \infty$ ).
- $\{1/k^q\} \in l^2 \iff q > 1/2$  (since  $\sum 1/k^{2q}$  requires  $2q > 1$ ).

## Inequalities

1. **Cauchy-Schwarz:** Fundamental for geometry/angles.

$$\sum |a_k b_k| \leq \|a\|_2 \cdot \|b\|_2$$

- *Implication:* Inner product  $\langle a, b \rangle = \sum a_k b_k$  is well-defined.

2. **Minkowski (Triangle Inequality):**

$$\|a + b\|_2 \leq \|a\|_2 + \|b\|_2$$

- *Proof:* Uses Cauchy-Schwarz on expanded square  $(a_k + b_k)^2$ .

## Normed Linear Spaces

$l^2$  is a vector space with a norm satisfying:

1. **Non-negativity:**  $\|x\| \geq 0$ , equals 0 iff  $x = 0$ .
2. **Homogeneity:**  $\|cx\| = |c| \cdot \|x\|$ .
3. **Triangle Inequality:**  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$ .

- **Metric:**  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ .
- **Convergence:**  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $l^2 \iff \|x_n - x\|_2 \rightarrow 0$ .