

8.2 → Series (Hwk: 7573 1-15 odd, 21-25 odd, 33-45 odd, 51-60 odd, 67-73, 74, 99-102)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n + \dots \quad \text{infinite series}$$

a_1, a_2, a_3 are terms of series

To find sum of series, sometimes helps to look at sequence of partial sums

$$S_1 = a_1$$

$$S_2 = a_1 + a_2$$

$$S_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3$$

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$$S_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

For the infinite series $\sum a_n$ the n th partial sum is

$$S_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

● If the sequence of partial sums converges to S , then the series $\sum a_n$ converges. The limit S is the sum of the series.
If $\{S_n\}$ diverges, then the series diverges.

* There are only a few ways to find the actual sum of the series. This is one of the ways.

$$\text{Ex. } \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \dots$$

a) find S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4

b) find S_n

c) determine if series conv. or div., if conv. find the sum

Ex. a) $S_1 = \frac{1}{2}$

$S_2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$

$S_3 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{3}{4}$

$S_4 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{20} = \frac{4}{5}$

* TRY to recognize pattern!!

→ Note: Can also look at this w/ partial fractions:

b) $S_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$

c) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 1$ so converges & sum = 1

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} &= \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) \\ &\quad \dots + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}\right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

* called telescoping series

TRY: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n}$

a) $S_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ $S_2 = \frac{3}{4}$ $S_3 = \frac{7}{8}$

b) $S_n = \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n}$

c) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 1 \Rightarrow$ converges & sum = 1

note: Geometric

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

$S_n = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 1$

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$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-2}{(2n+5)(2n+3)}$

$\frac{A}{2n+5} + \frac{B}{2n+3}$

$-2 = A(2n+3) + B(2n+5)$

$n = -\frac{3}{2} \quad -2 = 2B \quad B = -1$

$n = -\frac{5}{2} \quad -2 = -2A \quad A = 1$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2n+5} - \frac{1}{2n+3}\right)$

$\left(\frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{5}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{7}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{11} - \frac{1}{9}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{13} - \frac{1}{11}\right) = \boxed{-\frac{1}{5}}$

Special Series:

Harmonic: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow$ diverges $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$

Telescoping: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$ converges \Rightarrow find sum using p. fractions

Geometric $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1}$ or $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$ converges if $|r| < 1 \Rightarrow$ Sum = $\frac{a}{1-r}$
diverges if $|r| \geq 1$

Ex. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{3^{n+1}}$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2(\frac{1}{3})^{n+1} \Rightarrow r < 1$ converges $S = \frac{2}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{2}{\frac{2}{3}} = 3$

Ex. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{5})^n \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{5} < 1$ conv. $S = \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1-\frac{1}{5}} = \frac{1}{\frac{4}{5}} = \frac{5}{4}$

* make su figure out what $\frac{a}{r}$ is by plugging in.

Ex $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2}(\frac{4}{3})^n \Rightarrow r = \frac{4}{3} > 1$ diverges

Properties : If $\sum a_n = A, \sum b_n = B + c \in \mathbb{R}$

① $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c a_n = cA$

② $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \pm b_n) = A \pm B$ * If $\sum a_n$ converges & $\sum b_n$ div. then $\sum (a_n \pm b_n)$ diverges

if series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges then $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n$ converges (can delete terms & still conv.)
like wise w/ diverges

If want sum, can subtract out missing terms:

Ex. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+3)} = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 6} + \dots$

Know that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = 1$
 $= \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots$

So $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+3)} = 1 - (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6}) = \frac{1}{3}$
↑ 1st 2 terms

Ex. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{3}{n(n+1)} + \frac{1}{4^n})$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n(n+1)} = 3 \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = 3(1) = 3$
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{4})^n = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{1-\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{3}$

so, $\sum (\frac{3}{n(n+1)} + \frac{1}{4^n}) = 3 + \frac{1}{3} = 3\frac{1}{3}$

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

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n} = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow \text{diverges harmonic} \quad \therefore \text{Diverges}$$

Try:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{7}{n(n+1)} - \frac{2^n}{3^{n-1}} \right] = \textcircled{13}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7}{n(n+1)} = 7(1) = 7$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{3^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{3^n \cdot 3^{-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = \frac{2}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{3}} = 6$$

n^{th} Term test for divergence

If $\sum a_n$ converges, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

* If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges *

Does NOT mean that if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ then converges.

In fact, if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ must do more tests!!

$$\text{Ex. } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+3} \right) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+3} = 1 \neq 0 \text{ so } \underline{\text{diverges}}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{2n!+1} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{2n!+1} = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0 \text{ so } \underline{\text{diverges}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0 \text{ so must do more tests } \Rightarrow \text{Inconclusive!!}$$

(* Know harmonic so diverges)