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## UNIT-3

### SERIES OF REAL NUMBERS

#### 3.1. convergence and divergence:

##### 3.1A Definition: Series:

The finite series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is an ordered pair  $\langle \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \rangle$  where  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of real numbers and

$$s_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n \quad (n \in \mathbb{I})$$

The number  $a_n$  is called the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the series.

The number  $s_n$  is called the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of the series.

##### 3.1B - Definition: Convergent Series:

Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series of real numbers with partial sums  $s_n = a_1 + \dots + a_n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{I}$ ):

If the sequence  $\{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $A \in \mathbb{R}$ , we say that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges to  $A$ .

##### Divergent Series:

If  $\{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges, we say that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

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### 3.1C Theorem:

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges to  $A$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges to  $B$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n)$  converges to  $A+B$ .  
Also if  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ca_n$  converges to  $cA$ .

Proof:

If  $s_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$  and

$t_n = b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n$ ,

By hypothesis

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = A \quad ?$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = B.$$

But the  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n)$  is

$$(a_1 + b_1) + \dots + (a_n + b_n) = s_n + t_n$$

By known theorem

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = L$  and if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = M$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (s_n + t_n) = L + M.$$

$\therefore s_n + t_n$  approaches  $A+B$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

This proves  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n) = A+B$ .

b) If  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $\{cs_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $cA$ .

$$(i) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} cs_n = cA$$

$$\text{where } cs_n = c \cdot (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) \\ = ca_1 + ca_2 + \dots + ca_n$$

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Hence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C a_n$  converges to  $CA$ .

Since the sequence  $\{C S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $CA$ .

Note:

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges to  $A$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges to  $B$ .

Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n - b_n)$  converges to  $A - B$ .

We have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = A \text{ then } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C a_n = CA \text{ in this}$$

let us take  $C = -1$  for the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ .

$$\therefore \text{We have } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -1 \cdot b_n = -1 \cdot B$$

$$(ii) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{-b_n\} = -B.$$

$\therefore$  From theorem <sup>known</sup> we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n + (-b_n) = A + (-B)$$

$$(ii) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n - b_n = A - B.$$

Theorem 3.1 D

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a convergent series then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .

Proof:

Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a convergent series.

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We have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = A$

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = A$ .

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

Then  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $A$ .

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = A, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_{n-1} = A$$

Now consider

$$a_n = S_n - S_{n-1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n - S_{n-1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_{n-1} \\ &= A - A \end{aligned}$$

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

Note:

This is the necessary condition for a series to be convergent. But it is not sufficient.

Ex:

consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

$$= 0$$

But  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is not a convergent series.



### 3.2 Series with non-negative terms: (66)

Theorem 3.2-A:

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a series of nonnegative numbers with  $S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{I}$ ), then

(a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges if the sequence  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded.

(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges if  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is not bounded.

Proof:

Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series of nonnegative numbers.

(i)  $a_n \geq 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{I}$ .

$$\text{Let } S_{n+1} = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n + a_{n+1}$$

$$S_{n+1} = S_n + a_{n+1} \geq S_n$$

$$\therefore S_n \leq S_{n+1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{I}$$

$\Rightarrow \{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a nondecreasing sequence.

If the sequence  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded,  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded above.

Hence by the theorem,

"A non decreasing sequence which is bounded above is convergent."

$\therefore$  We have  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is convergent.

Hence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

(67) If  $\{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is not bounded then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

3.2 B : Theorem:

(a) If  $0 < x < 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  converges to  $\frac{1}{1-x}$ .

(b) If  $x \geq 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  diverges.

Proof:

(a) If  $0 < x < 1$ , then  $\{x^n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to 0.

(i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = 0$

Hence  $S_n = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{n-1}$

$$S_n = \frac{1-x^n}{1-x} = \frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{x^n}{1-x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{x^n}{1-x} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1-x} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{1-x} \\ &= \frac{1}{1-x} - 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{1-x} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  converges to  $\frac{1}{1-x}$ .

(b) If  $x \geq 1$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n \neq 0$ .

(ii)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  does not satisfy, the necessary condition for a series to converge. (Since the necessary condition for a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  to converge is that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ )

Hence  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  diverges.

Theorem: 3.2.c:

The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is divergent.

[ $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is known as harmonic series].

Proof:

$$\text{Let } S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{I}$$

Consider the subsequence  $S_1, S_2, S_4, S_8, \dots, S_{2^n}$  of  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ .

$$\text{Hence } S_1 = 1$$

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

$$S_2^2 = S_4 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= S_2 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$> S_2 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$> \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$> \frac{4}{2}$$

$$S_4 > 2 \text{ (or) } \frac{4}{2}$$

$$S_2^3 = S_8 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}$$

$$= S_4 + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}$$

$$> S_4 + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}$$

$$> 2 + \frac{4}{8}$$

$$> 2 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_2^3 > \frac{5}{2} \text{ (or) } \frac{3+2}{2}$$

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Hence assume that  $S_{2^k} > \frac{k+2}{2}$

$$S_{2^{k+1}} = S_{2^k} + \frac{1}{2^k+1} + \frac{1}{2^k+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$$

$$> S_{2^k} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$$

$$> \frac{k+2}{2} + \frac{2^k}{2^{k+1}}$$

$$> \frac{k+2}{2} + \frac{2^k}{2^k \cdot 2}$$

$$S_{2^{k+1}} = \frac{k+2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{k+2+1}{2} = \frac{(k+1)+2}{2}$$

Hence by induction hypothesis,

$$S_{2^n} > \frac{n+2}{2} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{I}.$$

Hence the subsequence  $\{S_{2^n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to  $\infty$ .

(ii) A subsequence of  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to  $\infty$ .

Hence by the theorem,

If a sequence converges then its subsequence also converges to the same limit.

$$\Rightarrow \{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{ diverges.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{ diverges.}$$

Hence the proof:

3.2 D: Note:

(1) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a convergent series of nonnegative numbers, we sometimes write  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n < \infty$ .  $\rightarrow \text{D}$

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(b) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a divergent series of nonnegative numbers, we sometimes write

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \infty. \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^n < \infty,$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty.$$

### 3.2 E: Theorem:

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a divergent series of positive numbers, then there is a sequence  $\{\epsilon_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of positive numbers which converges to zero but for which  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_n a_n$  still diverges.

Proof:

$$\text{Let } S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n.$$

We first show that the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(S_{k+1} - S_k)}{S_{k+1}} \text{ diverges.}$$

For any  $m \in \mathbb{I}$  choose  $n \in \mathbb{I}$  such that  $S_{n+1} \geq S_m$  ( $\because$  by hypothesis  $\{S_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to infinity).

Now  $\{S_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is non decreasing.

Hence



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$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=m}^n \frac{S_{k+1} - S_k}{S_{k+1}} &\geq \sum_{k=m}^n \frac{S_{k+1} - S_k}{S_{n+1}} \\
&\geq \frac{1}{S_{n+1}} \left[ (S_{m+1} - S_m) + (S_{m+2} - S_{m+1}) + \dots \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (S_{n+1} - S_n) \right] \\
&\geq \frac{S_{n+1} - S_m}{S_{n+1}} \geq \frac{S_{n+1} - \frac{1}{2} S_{n+1}}{S_{n+1}} \\
&\geq \frac{\frac{1}{2} S_{n+1}}{S_{n+1}} \\
&\geq \frac{1}{2} .
\end{aligned}$$

Thus for any  $m \in \mathbb{I}$  there exists  $n \in \mathbb{I}$  such that

$$\sum_{k=m}^n \frac{S_{k+1} - S_k}{S_{k+1}} \geq \frac{1}{2} .$$

The partial sums of the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_{k+1} - S_k}{S_{k+1}}$  thus do not form a Cauchy sequence,  $\therefore$  its divergent.

Hence

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_{k+1} - S_k}{S_{k+1}} = \infty$$

But  $S_{k+1} - S_k = a_{k+1}$ .

Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{k+1}}{S_{k+1}} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{S_k} = \infty$$

Let  $\epsilon_k = \frac{1}{S_k}$ .

Then  $\epsilon_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\therefore \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \epsilon_k a_k = \infty$  Hence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_n a_n$  still divergent.

### 3.3: Alternating Series:

#### Definition:

An alternating series is an infinite series whose terms alternate in sign.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

$$1 - 2 + 3 - 4 + \dots$$

are all alternating series.

#### 3.3A Theorem: (Leibnitz's theorem)

If  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of positive number such that,

a)  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n \geq a_{n+1} \geq \dots$  (that is  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is nonincreasing) and

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

Then the alternating series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} a_n$  is convergent.

**Proof:**

Consider the first partial sums with odd index  $s_1, s_3, s_5, \dots$

We have  $s_3 = s_1 - a_2 + a_3$

since by (a)  $a_3 \leq a_2 \leq a_1$

$$\Rightarrow s_3 \leq s_1$$

Then for any  $n \in \mathbb{I}$ , we have

$$s_{2n+1} = s_{2n-1} - a_{2n} + a_{2n+1}$$

$$s_{2n+1} \leq s_{2n-1} \quad [\because a_{2n} \geq a_{2n+1} \rightarrow a_n - a_{n+1} \geq 0]$$

$$\therefore S_{2n-1} \geq S_{2n+1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{I}.$$

$\therefore \{S_{2n-1}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is non increasing.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } S_{2n-1} &= (a_1 - a_2) + a_3 - \dots + a_{2n-3} - a_{2n-2} + a_{2n-1} \\ &= (a_1 - a_2) + (a_3 - a_4) + \dots + (a_{2n-3} - a_{2n-2}) \\ &\quad + a_{2n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $a_1 \geq a_2, a_3 \geq a_4, \dots$

$$\therefore a_1 - a_2 \geq 0$$

$$a_3 - a_4 \geq 0, \dots$$

Also

$$a_{2n-1} \geq 0$$

$$\therefore S_{2n-1} > 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{I}.$$

Hence the non increasing subsequence  $\{S_{2n-1}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded below.

Hence  $\{S_{2n-1}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is convergent.

By

Now consider the partial sums  $S_2, S_4, S_6, \dots$

$$S_2 = a_1 - a_2$$

$$S_4 = S_2 + a_3 - a_4$$

$$\geq S_2 + 0 \quad [a_3 - a_4 \geq 0]$$

In general

$$S_{2n+2} \geq S_{2n} + (a_{2n+1} - a_{2n+2})$$

$$S_{2n+2} \geq S_{2n} \quad [\because a_{2n+1} - a_{2n+2} \geq 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{2n} \leq S_{2n+2}$$

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$\therefore$  The sequence  $\{s_{2n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is non decreasing.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } s_{2n} &= a_1 - a_2 + a_3 - a_4 + \dots - a_{2n-2} + a_{2n-1} - a_{2n} \\ &= a_1 - (a_2 - a_3) - (a_4 - a_5) - \dots - (a_{2n-2} - a_{2n-1}) - a_{2n} \end{aligned}$$

$$s_{2n} \leq a_1 \quad [\because a_2 - a_3 \geq 0$$

$$a_4 - a_5 \geq 0$$

$$\vdots a_{2n-2} - a_{2n-1} \geq 0, a_{2n} \geq 0].$$

$\therefore$  The non decreasing sequence  $\{s_{2n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded above.

Hence  $\{s_{2n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is convergent.

" since a nondecreasing sequence which is bounded above is convergent."

Now let  $M = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{2n-1}$  and

$$\text{let } L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{2n}.$$

Then since

$$a_{2n} = s_{2n} - s_{2n-1}$$

Then by (b) we have

$$0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (s_{2n} - s_{2n-1})$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{2n} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{2n-1}$$

$$0 = L - M$$

$$\therefore L = M.$$

So both  $\{s_{2n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{s_{2n-1}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converge to  $L$ .

Hence that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} a_n$  is converge to  $L$ .

Hence the theorem.

### 3.4 Conditional convergence and absolute convergence

The series

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots \\ \text{and } 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots \end{array} \right\} \text{ both converge.}$$

#### 3.4 A Definition:

**Absolutely convergent:**

Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series of real numbers.

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges, we say that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely.

**Conditionally convergent:**

Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series of real numbers.

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges but  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  diverges, we say that

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges conditionally.

#### 3.4 B: Theorem:

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

**Proof:**

$$\text{Let } S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n.$$

We wish to prove that  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges. Since

By known theorem



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"If  $\{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy sequence of real numbers, then  $\{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is convergent."

It is enough to show that  $\{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is Cauchy.

By hypothesis

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| < \infty.$$

and thus  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges where  $t_n = |a_1| + \dots + |a_n|$ .

By known theorem,

"If the sequence of real numbers  $\{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges, then  $\{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy sequence."

$\therefore \{t_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is Cauchy.

Thus given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{I}$  &

$$|t_m - t_n| < \epsilon \quad (m, n \geq N)$$

But (if  $m > n$ ),

$$|s_m - s_n| = |a_{n+1} + \dots + a_m|$$

$$= |(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n + a_{n+1} + \dots + a_m) - (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)|$$

$$= |a_{n+1} + \dots + a_m|$$

$$\leq |a_{n+1}| + \dots + |a_m|$$

$$|s_m - s_n| \leq |t_m - t_n|$$

$$|s_m - s_n| < \epsilon \quad (m, n \geq N).$$

This proves that  $\{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is Cauchy.

Hence the proof.

3.4 C :

Note:

1. If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a series of real numbers, let

$$p_n = a_n \quad \text{if } a_n > 0$$

$$p_n = 0 \quad \text{if } a_n \leq 0$$

Ex:

for the series  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \dots$

$$p_1 = 1, \quad p_3 = \frac{1}{3}, \quad p_{2n-1} = \frac{1}{2n-1} \quad \text{while}$$

$$p_2 = 0, \quad p_4 = 1, \dots = 0.$$

by

$$2. \quad q_n = a_n \quad \text{if } a_n \leq 0$$

$$q_n = 0 \quad \text{if } a_n > 0$$

The  $p_n$  are thus the positive terms of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n$  while the  $q_n$  are negative terms. Then

$$p_n = \max(a_n, 0) \quad , \quad q_n = \min(a_n, 0)$$

Since by known theorem

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$$\max(a, b) = \frac{|a-b| + a+b}{2}$$

$$\min(a, b) = -\frac{|a-b| + a+b}{2} \quad "$$

$$\therefore \max(a_n, 0) = p_n = \frac{|a_n - 0| + a_n + 0}{2}$$

$$= \frac{|a_n| + a_n}{2}$$

$$\boxed{-2p_n = |a_n| + a_n} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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$$\min(a_n) = q_n = \frac{-|a_n - 0| + a_n + 0}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-|a_n| + a_n}{2}$$

$$q_n = \frac{a_n - |a_n|}{2}$$

$$\boxed{2q_n = a_n - |a_n|} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

∴ From eq (1) & (2) we have

$$2p_n + 2q_n = a_n + |a_n| + a_n - |a_n|$$

$$2(p_n + q_n) = 2a_n$$

$$p_n + q_n = a_n$$

**Theorem:**

(a) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely then both  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n$  converge. However

(b) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges conditionally, then both  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n$  diverge.

**Proof:**

(a) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  both converge. Then by known theorem

"If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges to A and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges to B then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n)$  converges to A+B." --- (\*)

$$\text{So } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + |a_n|).$$

Thus From eq (1) & (2)

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$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2p_n$  converges.

By known theorem (again) (\*)

This implies the convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n$ .

The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n$  is convergent similarly.

(b) We assume that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges but that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  diverges.

From eq (1) & (2)

We have  $|a_n| = 2p_n - a_n$

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n$  converged then by known theorem (\*)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2p_n - a_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|,$$

Contradicting our assumption.

Hence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n$  diverges.

Similarly  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n$  diverges.

Hence the proof.

### 3.5: Rearrangement of Series:

A Rearrangement of a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  whose terms are the same as those of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  but occur in different order.



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### 3.5C: Definition: Rearrangement:

Let  $N = \{n_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of positive integers where each positive integer occurs exactly once among the  $n_i$ .

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a series of real numbers and if

$$b_i = a_{n_i} \quad (i \in \mathbb{I})$$

Then  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i$  is called a rearrangement of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ .

Note:

⊗  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$  is also a rearrangement of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  if

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is a rearrangement of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ .

### 3.5D: Theorem:

Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a conditionally convergent series of real numbers. Then for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  there is a rearrangement of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  which converges to  $x$ .

### 3.5E: Lemma:

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a series of nonnegative numbers which converges to  $A \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is a rearrangement of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = A$ .

Proof:

For each  $N \in \mathbb{I}$ ,

$$\text{let } S_N = b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_N.$$



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Since  $b_i = a_{n_i}$  for some sequence  $\{n_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ , we have

$$b_1 = a_{n_1},$$

$$b_2 = a_{n_2},$$

$\vdots$

$$b_N = a_{n_N}.$$

Let  $M = \max(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_N)$ .

Then  $S_N \leq a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_M \leq A$ .

$$S_N \leq A.$$

Thus by known theorem

"  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges if the sequence  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded."

Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges to some  $B \in \mathbb{R}$ .

But  $B = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$  and by known theorem

"

If  $S_n \leq t_n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) and if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = L$ ,

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = M$ , then  $L \leq M$ ."

$$\therefore \boxed{B \leq A}.$$

(That is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ ).

But since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is also a rearrangement of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ ,

$\therefore$  The same reasoning of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  reversed would be  $\boxed{A \leq B}$ .

(2)

Hence  $A = B$ .

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = A.$$

3.5 F: Theorem:

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely to  $A$ ,  
then any rearrangement  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  also  
converges absolutely to  $A$ .

Proof:

We know that  $a_n = p_n + q_n$ .

By known theorem

" If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely then both  
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n$  converge. "

$\therefore$  Both  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n$  converges.

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n = P$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n = Q$ . ( $P \leq 0$ )

Then  $A = P + Q$

For some  $\{n_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  we have

$$b_i = a_{n_i} = p_{n_i} + q_{n_i}$$

Hence by known theorem

$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_{n_i}$  converges and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_{n_i} = P.$$

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Similarly,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} q_{ni} = Q.$$

$$\text{since } b_i = p_{ni} + q_{ni}$$

By known theorem

"If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges to A and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges to B, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n)$  converges to A+B."

$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i$  converges and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_{ni} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} q_{ni}$$

$$= P + Q$$

$$= A.$$

$$\text{since } b_i = p_{ni} + q_{ni}$$

$$\text{we have } |b_i| = |p_{ni} + q_{ni}|$$

$$\leq |p_{ni}| + |q_{ni}|$$

$$\leq p_{ni} - q_{ni}$$

Thus for any  $N \in \mathbb{I}$ ,

$$|b_1| + |b_2| + \dots + |b_N| \leq \sum_{i=1}^N p_{ni} - \sum_{i=1}^N q_{ni}$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_{ni} - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} q_{ni}$$

$$\leq P - Q$$

$\therefore$  The partial sums of  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |b_i|$  are all bounded above by  $P - Q$ .

$\therefore$  Hence  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |b_i| < \infty$ .

$\therefore$  The rearrangement  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is also converges absolutely to  $A$ .

Hence the proof.

### Theorem 3.5.6!

If the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  converge absolutely to  $A$  and  $B$  respectively, then  $AB = C$

where  $C = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n$  and  $c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k}$  ( $k=0, 1, 2, \dots$ )

**Proof:**

Given  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  converges absolutely to  $A$  and  $B$ .

$$\text{Let } c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k}, \quad k=0, 1, \dots$$

To prove  $C = AB$ .

For  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  we have

$$|c_k| \leq |a_0 b_k| + |a_1 b_{k-1}| + \dots + |a_k b_0|.$$

Thus for any  $n$ ,

$$|c_0| + |c_1| + \dots + |c_n|$$

$$\leq |a_0 b_0| + (|a_0 b_1| + |a_1 b_0|) + \dots + (|a_0 b_n| + |a_1 b_{n-1}| + \dots + |a_n b_0|)$$

$$\leq (|a_0| + \dots + |a_n|) (|b_0| + \dots + |b_n|)$$

$$< \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k| \right) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |b_k| \right)$$

(85)

The sequence of partial sums of  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |c_k|$  is thus bounded above and hence

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |c_k| < \infty.$$

The foregoing inequalities also show the absolute convergence of the series

$$a_0 b_0 + a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 + a_0 b_2 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_0 + a_0 b_3 + \dots \quad (1)$$

whose sum is  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k$ .

By known theorem we may rearrange the terms in (1) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k &= [a_0 b_0] + [a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 + a_1 b_1] \\ &\quad + [a_0 b_2 + a_2 b_0 + a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1 + a_2 b_2] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Inside the  $n^{\text{th}}$  bracket ( $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) on the right of (2) are all products  $a_j b_k$  where either  $j$  or  $k$  is equal to  $n$  and neither  $j$  nor  $k$  is greater than  $n$ . (2)

Let us examine the sum of the terms in each bracket.

$$\text{If } A_n = a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_n \text{ and}$$

$$B_n = b_0 + b_1 + \dots + b_n$$

$$\text{We have } a_0 b_0 = A_0 B_0.$$

$$a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 + a_1 b_1 = (a_0 + a_1)(b_0 + b_1) - a_0 b_0$$

$$= A_1 B_1 - A_0 B_0$$



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$$a_0 b_2 + a_2 b_0 + a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1 + a_2 b_2 = (a_0 + a_1 + a_2)(b_0 + b_1 + b_2)$$

$$= (a_0 + a_1)(b_0 + b_1)$$

$$= A_2 B_2 - A_1 B_1$$

and in general, for  $n \geq 1$ , the quantity in nth bracket of ② is equal to  $A_n B_n - A_{n-1} B_{n-1}$ .

$\therefore$  ② becomes..

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k = [A_0 B_0] + [A_1 B_1 - A_0 B_0] + \dots + [A_n B_n - A_{n-1} B_{n-1}]$$

$$= A_n B_n$$

$$\boxed{C = AB}_{n \rightarrow \infty}$$

3.5 H: corollary:

If for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n$  are absolutely convergent, then

$$\left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$$

where  $c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k}$ .

Proof:

Let  $A_n = a_n x^n$ ,  $B_n = b_n x^n$ . Then by known theorem

$$\left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \quad \text{--- ①}$$

where  $C_n = \sum_{k=0}^n A_k B_{n-k}$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k b_{n-k} x^{n-k}$$

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$$= x^n \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k}$$

$$= C_n x^n$$

Hence the proof:

### 3.6 Test for absolute convergence

3.6 A: Definition: Test for Absolute convergence:

Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  be two series of real numbers. we shall say that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is dominated by  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  if there exists  $N \in \mathbb{I}$  such that

$$|a_n| \leq |b_n| \quad (n \geq N).$$

It can be written as  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \ll \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$

### 3.6 B: Theorem [Comparison Test]

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is dominated by  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  where  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges absolutely, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  also converges absolutely. Symbolically, if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \ll \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| < \infty$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| < \infty$ .

Proof:

$$\text{Let } M = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n|$$

$$\text{Since } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \ll \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n.$$

Then there exists  $N \in \mathbb{I}$  &

(8)

$$|a_n| \leq |b_n| \quad \forall n \geq N.$$

Let  $S_n = |a_1| + |a_2| + \dots + |a_n|$ , then for  $n \geq N$ ,

$$S_n \leq |a_1| + |a_2| + \dots + |a_{N-1}| + |a_N| + |a_{N+1}| + \dots + |a_n|$$

$$\leq (|a_1| + |a_2| + \dots + |a_{N-1}|) + |b_N| + |b_{N+1}| + \dots + |b_n|$$

$$S_n \leq (|a_1| + \dots + |a_{N-1}|) + M.$$

$\Rightarrow$  The sequence of partial sums  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  is bounded above.

Hence by the theorem,

" Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series of positive real numbers

and  $S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{I}$ .

if  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges.

Hence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  also converges absolutely.

**Theorem 3-6 D:**

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is dominated by  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  and

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \infty$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| = \infty$ . (That is, if

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \ll \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \infty$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| = \infty$ )

**Proof:**

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is dominated by  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ , there exists  $N_1 \in \mathbb{I}$  &

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$$|a_n| \leq |b_n|, \quad \forall n \geq N_1$$

$$\text{Let } t_n = |b_1| + |b_2| + \dots + |b_n|$$

Then for  $n \geq N_1$ ,

$$t_n = |b_1| + \dots + |b_{N_1-1}| + |b_{N_1}| + |b_{N_1+1}| + \dots + |b_n|$$

$$\geq |b_1| + \dots + |b_{N_1-1}| + |a_{N_1}| + |a_{N_1+1}| + \dots + |a_n| \quad \text{①}$$

since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \infty$ .

$$\text{if } s_n = |a_1| + |a_2| + \dots + |a_n|$$

Hence for a real number  $M > 0$ , there exists  $N_2 \in \mathbb{I}$  such that

$$s_n > M + [ |a_1| + |a_2| + \dots + |a_n| ], \quad \forall n \geq N_2 \quad \text{②}$$

Let  $N = \max(N_1, N_2)$ , then for  $n \geq N$ ,

from ①

$$s_n > M + [ |a_1| + |a_2| + \dots + |a_{N_1}| ]$$

$$|a_1| + |a_2| + \dots + |a_{N_1}| + |a_{N_1+1}| + \dots + |a_n| \geq M + [ |a_1| + |a_2| + \dots + |a_{N_1}| ]$$

$$|a_{N_1+1}| + |a_{N_1+2}| + \dots + |a_n| > M \quad \text{③}$$

using eq ③ in ① we have:

$$t_n > |b_1| + \dots + |b_{N_1-1}| + M, \quad \forall n \geq N.$$

$$\text{Hence } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| = \infty.$$

### 3.6 E Theorem:

(a) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges absolutely and if

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_n|}{|b_n|}$  exists then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely.



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(b) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \infty$  and if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|/|b_n|$  exists, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| = \infty$ .

Proof:

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_n|}{|b_n|}$  exists.

$\therefore \left\{ \frac{|a_n|}{|b_n|} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges, hence  $\left\{ \frac{|a_n|}{|b_n|} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is

bounded.

[since a convergent sequence is bounded].

$\Rightarrow$  There exists  $M > 0$ , such that  $\frac{|a_n|}{|b_n|} \leq M \forall n \in \mathbb{I}$

$\Rightarrow |a_n| \leq M |b_n| \forall n \in \mathbb{I} \quad \text{--- (1)}$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is dominated by the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M \cdot b_n$ .

By theorem "comparison test"

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| < \infty$$

(b) As in the proof of (a) we have

$$|a_n| \leq M |b_n|$$

$$\frac{1}{M} |a_n| \leq |b_n|$$

so that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n|$  dominates  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1/M) \cdot |a_n|$ .

By theorem,

if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \ll \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \infty$  then



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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| = \infty.$$

$\therefore$  we have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| = \infty.$

Hence the proof.

### Theorem: 3.6.F [Ratio Test]

Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series of nonzero real numbers and let

$$a = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|, \quad A = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|,$$

(so that  $a \leq A$ ). Then

- (a) If  $A < 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| < \infty$ ,
- (b) If  $a > 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges
- (c) If  $a \leq 1 \leq A$ , then the test fails.

**Proof:**

(a) If  $A < 1$ ,

choose any  $B$  such that  $A < B < 1$ .

Then  $B = A + \epsilon$ , for some  $\epsilon > 0$  so by

known theorem

If  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = M$ , then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , then

$S_n < M + \epsilon$  for all but a finite number of values of  $n$ .

then there exists  $N \in \mathbb{I}$  such that

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$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \leq B \quad (n \geq N).$$

Then  $\left| \frac{a_{N+1}}{a_N} \right| \leq B,$

$$\left| \frac{a_{N+2}}{a_{N+1}} \right| \leq B, \text{ and so}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{N+2}}{a_N} \right| &= \left| \frac{a_{N+2}}{a_{N+1}} \right| \cdot \left| \frac{a_{N+1}}{a_N} \right| \\ &\leq B^2 \end{aligned}$$

for any  $k \geq 0$ , we have similarly

$$\left| \frac{a_{N+k}}{a_N} \right| = \left| \frac{a_{N+k}}{a_{N+k-1}} \right| \cdots \left| \frac{a_{N+1}}{a_N} \right|$$

$$\left| \frac{a_{N+k}}{a_N} \right| \leq B^k.$$

Thus  $|a_{N+k}| \leq |a_N| B^k \quad (k=0, 1, 2, \dots)$

But  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_N| \cdot B^k$  converges since  $0 < B < 1$ .

Hence  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_N| B^k$  converges

$\therefore \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_{N+k}|$  converges.

(ii)  $|a_n| + |a_{n+1}| + |a_{n+2}| + \dots$  converges

$\therefore |a_1| + |a_2| + \dots + |a_{N-1}| + |a_N| + \dots$  converges

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges.

Hence if  $A < 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| < \infty$ .

(93)

b) If  $a > 1$ , choose  $b$  such that  $a > b > 1$ .

Let  $\varepsilon = a - b > 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow b = a - \varepsilon$$

By the theorem,

"If  $M = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$ , then  $s_n > M - \varepsilon$ ,  $\forall$  but a finite number of values of  $n$ ".

$\Rightarrow$  There exists an  $N \in \mathbb{I}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &> a - \varepsilon \\ &= b > 1 \quad \forall (n \geq N) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n| < |a_{n+1}| < |a_{n+2}| < \dots$$

Hence  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  cannot converge to 0.

$$\text{ii) } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0.$$

Hence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

c) If  $a \leq 1 \leq A$ , then the test fails.

To prove this, consider the example.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad \therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| \frac{\frac{1}{n+1}}{\frac{1}{n}} \right| = \frac{n}{n+1} = \frac{n}{n(1 + \frac{1}{n})} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$$

$\therefore A = a = 1$ . The series diverges.  
Hence the proof.

### Theorem: 3.6.4: Root Test

If  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = A$  then the series of real numbers  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$

(a) converges absolutely if  $A < 1$

(b) diverges if  $A > 1$

(c) If  $A = 1$  the test fails.

**Proof:**

a) If  $A < 1$ , choose  $B$  so that  $A < B < 1$ .

Let  $\varepsilon = B - A > 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow B = A + \varepsilon$$

Since  $A = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}$

By the theorem,

If  $M = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$ , then  $s_n < M + \varepsilon$ ,  $\forall$  but a finite number of values of  $n$  and  $s_n > M - \varepsilon$   $\forall$  infinitely many values of  $n$ ,

Then there exists  $N \in \mathbb{I}$  such that

$$\sqrt[n]{|a_n|} < A + \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq N.$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n| < B^n, \quad \forall n \geq N.$$

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$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| \ll \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B^n \text{ and}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B^n$  is absolutely convergent  $[\because 0 < B < 1]$

By the theorem,

" Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  be two series of real numbers.

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \ll \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  and if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| < \infty$ , then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| < \infty. "$$

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely.

b) If  $A > 1$ , choose  $B$  so that  $A > B > 1$ .

Let  $\epsilon = A - B > 0$ , then

$$B = A - \epsilon.$$

Again by the theorem

$\sqrt[n]{|a_n|} > A - \epsilon$  for infinitely many values of  $n$ .

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} > B \quad "$$

$$\sqrt[n]{|a_n|} > 1 \quad "$$

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$\therefore \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  does not converge to zero.



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$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0.$$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  does not satisfy the necessary condition for convergence of a series.

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ diverges.}$$

c) To prove  $A=1$ , the test fails.

Consider the example,  $a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ .

$$\sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\log(1/n)^{1/n}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{1/n \log 1/n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{1/n [\log 1 - \log n]} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{1/n (0 - \log n)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\frac{\log n}{n}} \\ &= e^0 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\therefore \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = 1.$$

(i)  $A=1$

Hence the test fails.

3.7. Series whose terms form a non increasing sequence:

3.7A Theorem: Cauchy condensation test:

If  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a non increasing sequence of positive numbers and if  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n a_{2^n}$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

Proof:

We have  $a_1 \leq a_1$

$$a_2 + a_3 \leq a_2 + a_2 = 2a_2$$

$$a_4 + a_5 + a_6 + a_7 \leq a_4 + a_4 + a_4 + a_4 = 4a_4 = 2^2 a_{2^2}$$

and for any  $n \in \mathbb{I}$ ,

$$a_{2^n} + a_{2^n+1} + a_{2^n+2} + \dots + a_{2^{n+1}-1} \leq 2^n a_{2^n}$$

From these inequalities it follows that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2^{n+1}-1} a_k \leq \sum_{k=0}^n 2^k a_{2^k} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k a_{2^k}$$

Hence for any  $m \in \mathbb{I}$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^m a_k \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k a_{2^k} \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{1}$$

By hypothesis,

since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k a_{2^k}$  converges,

Then eq  $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow$  The sequence of  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sums

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of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is ~~not~~ bounded.

Hence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

By the theorem

Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series of positive real numbers,

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

if  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ converges.}$$

Hence the proof:

### 3.7 B Theorem:

If  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a nonincreasing sequence of positive numbers and if  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n a_{2^n}$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

Proof:

$$\text{We have } a_3 + a_4 \geq a_4 + a_4 = 2a_4$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [2^2 a_{2^2}]$$

$$a_5 + a_6 + a_7 + a_8 \geq a_8 + a_8 + a_8 + a_8$$

$$= 4a_8$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [2^3 a_{2^3}]$$

In general

$$\begin{aligned} a_{2^n+1} + \dots + a_{2^{n+1}} &\geq 2^n a_{2^{n+1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [2^{n+1} a_{2^{n+1}}] . \end{aligned}$$

From these inequalities it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=3}^{2^{n+1}} a_k &\geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} 2^{k+1} a_{2^{k+1}} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^{n+1} 2^k a_{2^k} \quad \text{--- (1)} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n a_{2^n}$  diverges.

Eq (1) implies the sequence of  $n^{\text{th}}$  partial sums of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is not bounded.

Hence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

By the theorem,

"Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series of positive real numbers, if  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is not bounded then

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges."

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

Hence the proof.

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### Corollary 3.7-c

The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges.

Proof:

$$\text{Let } a_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n a_{2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n \left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right)^2$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

By the theorem

"If  $0 < x < 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  converges to  $\frac{1}{1-x}$ "

$\therefore$  we have  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$  converges to  $\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$

Hence by Cauchy condensation test, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ converges.}$$

### Theorem: 3.7-D Abel's theorem [or]

Pringsheim's theorem.

If  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a nonincreasing sequence of positive numbers and if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n a_n = 0$ .

Proof:

$$\text{Let } S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$$

$$\text{If } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = A.$$



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$$\text{Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = A$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{2n} = A$$

$$\text{Thus } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (s_{2n} - s_n) = A - A = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } s_{2n} - s_n &= a_1 + \cancel{a_2} + \dots + \cancel{a_n} + a_{n+1} + a_{n+2} + \dots + a_{2n} \\ &\quad - (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) \\ &= a_{n+1} + a_{n+2} + \dots + a_{2n} \\ &\geq a_{2n} + a_{2n} + a_{2n} + \dots + a_{2n} \\ &\geq n a_{2n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and so } 0 \leq n a_{2n} \leq s_{2n} - s_n$$

$$\text{Thus } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n a_{2n} = 0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2n a_{2n} = 0 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

But  $a_{2n+1} \leq a_{2n}$ . Thus

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2n+1) a_{2n+1} = 0 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$\therefore$  from ① & ② we have

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

Hence the proof.

3.10. The class  $l^2$ Definition 3.10A:

The class  $l^2$  is the class of all sequences  $S = \{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^2 < \infty$ .

3.10 B: Theorem: The Schwarz Inequality.

If  $s = \{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $t = \{t_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are in  $l^2$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n t_n$  is absolutely convergent and

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n t_n \right| \leq \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Proof:

We may assume that there is at least one  $s_n \neq 0$ .

otherwise the theorem is trivial.

For fixed  $n \geq N$  and any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (x s_k + t_k)^2 \geq 0$$

Expanding the parenthesis on the left we have

$$x^2 \sum_{k=1}^n s_k^2 + 2x \sum_{k=1}^n s_k t_k + \sum_{k=1}^n t_k^2 \geq 0.$$

This can be written

$$Ax^2 + Bx + C \geq 0.$$

where  $A = \sum_{k=1}^n s_k^2 > 0$ ,  $B = 2 \sum_{k=1}^n s_k t_k$ .

$$c = \sum_{k=1}^n t_k^2.$$

We know that the minimum value of

$Ax^2 + Bx + C$  ( $A > 0$ ) occurs when  $x = -B/2A$ .

If we set  $x = -B/2A$ ,

we have  $Ax^2 + Bx + C \geq 0$ .

$$A\left(-\frac{B}{2A}\right)^2 + B\left(-\frac{B}{2A}\right) + C \geq 0.$$

$$A\left(\frac{B^2}{4A^2}\right) + \frac{-B^2}{2A} + C \geq 0.$$

$$\frac{B^2}{4A} - \frac{B^2}{2A} + C \geq 0.$$

$$\frac{B^2 - 2B^2}{4A} + C \geq 0.$$

$$-\frac{B^2}{4A} + C \geq 0.$$

$$-B^2 + 4AC \geq 0.$$

$$4AC \geq B^2$$

$$\therefore B^2 \leq 4AC.$$

But

$$A\left(\sum_{k=1}^n s_k t_k\right)^2 \leq A\left(\sum_{k=1}^n s_k^2\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{k=1}^n t_k^2\right) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

If we replace  $s_k, t_k$  by  $|s_k|, |t_k|$  in eq (2), we obtain

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |s_k t_k| \leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^n s_k^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n t_k^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s_k^2 \right)^{1/2} \cdot \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

The sequence of partial sums of  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |s_k t_k|$  is thus bounded, and so  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |s_k t_k| < \infty$ .

$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s_k t_k$  converges by known theorem.

If we now let  $n$  approach infinity in ② we get eq ①.

$\therefore$  Hence

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n t_n \right| \leq \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

3.10 C. Theorem: (The Minkowski inequality).

If  $s = \{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $t = \{t_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are in  $l^2$ , then  $s+t = \{s_n+t_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is in  $l^2$  and

$$\left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s_n+t_n)^2 \right]^{1/2} \leq \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^2 \right]^{1/2} + \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

Proof:

By hypothesis, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^2$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n^2$  converge.

The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n t_n$  converge by known theorem. (Schwarz inequality).

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Since  $(s_n + t_n)^2 = s_n^2 + 2s_n t_n + t_n^2$ .

By known theorem

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s_n + t_n)^2$  converges and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s_n + t_n)^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^2 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n t_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n^2$$

Applying the Schwarz inequality to the second term on the right, we obtain

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s_n + t_n)^2 \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^2 + 2 \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s_n + t_n)^2 \leq \left[ \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^2 \right)^{1/2} + \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n^2 \right)^{1/2} \right]^2$$

Taking the square root on both sides

we get

$$\left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (s_n + t_n)^2 \right]^{1/2} \leq \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^2 \right]^{1/2} + \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n^2 \right]^{1/2}.$$

3.10 D. Definition: Norm:

If  $S = \{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is an element of  $l^2$  we define

$\|S\|_2$  called the norm of  $S$ , as  $\|S\|_2 = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n^2 \right)^{1/2}$ .

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3-10E: Theorem:

The norm for sequences in  $\ell^2$  has the following properties.

1.  $\|s\|_2 \geq 0$  ( $s \in \ell^2$ )
2.  $\|s\|_2 = 0$  if and only if  $s = \{0\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ .
3.  $\|cs\|_2 = |c| \cdot \|s\|_2$  ( $c \in \mathbb{R}, s \in \ell^2$ ).
4.  $\|s+t\|_2 \leq \|s\|_2 + \|t\|_2$  ( $s, t \in \ell^2$ )