

Lecture 3

Infinite series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$$

is called infinite series.

Ex: $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

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

Sequence of partial sums

$\{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is called the sequence of partial sum of the infinite series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$ if

$$s_1 = u_1$$

$$s_2 = u_1 + u_2$$

$$s_3 = u_1 + u_2 + u_3$$

⋮

$$s_n = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n$$

- $\sum U_n$ is convergent if the sequence of partial sum converges.
⇒ $\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$ should be convergent.
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Ex: $\sum n = 1 + 2 + \dots$

$$s_1 = 1$$

$$s_2 = 1 + 2 = 3$$

$$s_3 = 1 + 2 + 3 = 6$$

⋮

$$s_n = 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\left\{ s_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{ is not convergent}$$

$\Rightarrow \sum n$ is divergent.

Ex: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = 1 + r + r^2 + \cdots$

$$s_1 = 1$$

$$s_2 = 1 + r$$

$$s_3 = 1 + r + r^2$$

⋮

$$s_n = 1 + r + r^2 \cdots + r^n = \frac{1-r^{n+1}}{1-r}$$

case (i) $r = 0$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = 1$$

\Rightarrow it is convergent for $r = 0$.

case (ii) $r = 1$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n = 1 + 1 + \cdots$$

\Rightarrow it is divergent for $r = 1$

case (iii) $0 < r < 1$

$$s_n = \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \frac{1}{1 - r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = \frac{1}{1 - r}$$

⇒ it is convergent for $0 < r < 1$

case (iv) $r > 1$

$$s_n = \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \longrightarrow \infty$$

⇒ divergent for $r > 1$

case (v) $-1 < r < 0$

$$s_n = \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} = \frac{1}{1 - r}$$

⇒ convergent for $-1 < r < 0$

case (vi) $r < -1$

$$s_n = \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \longrightarrow \infty$$

⇒ divergent for $r < -1$

Thus we can conclude that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-r}; & \text{if } |r| < 1. \\ \infty; & \text{if } |r| > 1. \end{cases}$$

- Consider an infinite sum $\sum U_n$ to be convergent.

$$s_1 = u_1$$

$$s_2 = u_1 + u_2$$

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$$s_{n-1} = u_1 + u_2 + \cdots + u_{n-1}$$

$$s_n = u_1 + u_2 + \cdots + u_{n-1} + u_n$$

$$s_n - s_{n-1} = \sum_{k=1}^n U_k - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} U_k = U_n$$

$$\Rightarrow s_n - s_{n-1} = u_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n - s_{n-1} = U_n = 0$$

Thus if $\sum U_n$ is convergent then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_n = 0$ but the converse may not be true.

\Rightarrow The necessary condition for $\sum U_n$ to be convergent is $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_n = 0$

Ex: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ does not exist

\Rightarrow it cannot be convergent

Comparison test

If $\sum U_n, \sum V_n, u_n \geq 0$ & $v_n \geq 0$ satisfies $u_n \leq v_n \quad \forall n$ then,

1. If $\sum V_n$ is convergent then, $\sum U_n$ is convergent.
2. If $\sum U_n$ is divergent then, $\sum V_n$ is divergent.

Proof 1. If $\sum V_n$ is convergent $\Rightarrow \{s_n = v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is convergent.

We need to show that partial sum of $\sum U_n$ is convergent.

$$t_1 = u_1 \leq s_1 = v_1$$

$$t_2 = u_1 + u_2 \leq v_1 + v_2 = s_2$$

$$t_3 \leq s_3$$

\vdots

since $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is monotonically increasing sequence,

$$t_n \leq s_n$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = L$

$\Rightarrow \{t_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is bounded above sequence hence by monotonic convergence theorem, it is convergent.

$\Rightarrow \sum U_n$ is convergent

Proof 2. when $\{U_n\}$ is divergent,

$$t_n \leq s_n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n \rightarrow \infty$$

$\Rightarrow s_n$ is not bounded above.

$\Rightarrow \sum V_n$ is divergent.

Comparison test (limit form)

If $\sum U_n, \sum V_n$ is a positive term series such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{U_n}{V_n} = L (\neq 0)$ then $\sum U_n$ and $\sum V_n$ both converges or diverges together.

Ex: $\sum U_n = \sum \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent while $\sum V_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ is convergent.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{U_n}{V_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \times n = 0$$

- Assume $\sum U_n, \sum V_n$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{U_n}{V_n} = L (\neq 0)$.

\Rightarrow for $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists n_1$ such that

$$\left| \frac{U_n}{V_n} - L \right| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq n_1$$

$$\Rightarrow L - \epsilon < \frac{U_n}{V_n} < L + \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq n_1$$

$$\Rightarrow (L - \epsilon)V_n < U_n \quad \forall n \geq n_1$$

if $\sum U_n$ is convergent, by comparison test, $\sum V_n$ is also convergent.

if $\sum U_n$ is divergent we use the condition $\frac{U_n}{V_n} < L + \epsilon$ to obtain

$$U_n < V_n(L + \epsilon) \quad \forall n \geq n_1$$

By comparison test, $\sum V_n$ is also divergent.

Similarly we can prove that if $\sum V_n$ is convergent, $\sum U_n$ is also convergent by using the condition $U_n < V_n(L + \epsilon)$ for comparison test.

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