

# Positive Series: Integral Test

If

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{0}{0}$$

or

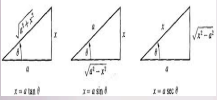
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

Then

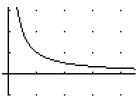
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

provided that the latter limit exists.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(x) + f'(x_1)(x-x_1) + \frac{f''(x_1)}{2!}(x-x_1)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{f'''(x_1)}{3!}(x-x_1)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(x_1)}{4!}(x-x_1)^4 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(x_1)}{n!}(x-x_1)^n. \end{aligned}$$



$$\ln(x) = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt \Rightarrow \ln(2) = \int_1^2 \frac{1}{t} dt \approx 0.69315$$



$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

where it comes from:

The product rule for differentiation

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

put into reverse

$$\int \frac{d}{dx}(uv) = \int (v \frac{du}{dx} + u \frac{dv}{dx})$$

and then rearranged

$$\int \frac{d}{dx}(uv) = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx}$$

Example:

Determine whether the harmonic series

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

converges or diverges.

Solution:

Using the integral test for convergence:

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x} = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^a \frac{dx}{x} = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \ln(a) = \infty$$

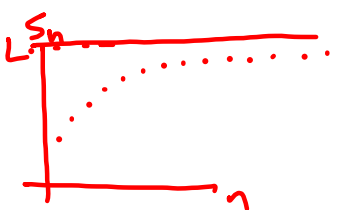
$\therefore$  Series diverges

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### Bounded Sum Test

A series  $\sum a_i$  of nonnegative terms converges if and only if its partial sums are bounded above.

remember  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$  creates sequence  $\{S_n\}$



EX 1 Does  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\sin k|}{(k+1)!}$  converge?

note:  $(k+1)! = (k+1)k(k-1)\cdots 4\cdot 3\cdot 2\cdot 1$   
 $= 1\cdot 2\cdot 3\cdot 4\cdots k(k+1)$   
 $\geq \underbrace{1\cdot 2\cdot 2\cdot 2\cdots 2\cdot 2}_{k \text{ times}} = 2^k$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \leq \frac{1}{2^k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|\sin k|}{(k+1)!} \leq \frac{1}{2^k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\sin k|}{(k+1)!} \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k < \infty$$

geometric series  
 $r = \frac{1}{2} < 1$

$\Rightarrow$  converges

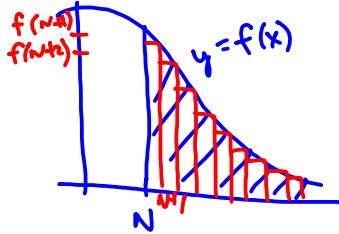
$\Rightarrow$  our series converges

Integral Test

If  $f(x)$  is continuous, positive and nonincreasing on  $[N, \infty)$

and  $a_k = f(k)$  for all positive integers,  $k$ , then

$\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$  converges if and only if  $\int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx$  converges.



EX 2 Does  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{5k^2}{1+k^3}$  converge or diverge?

(quick: ① not geom. series

②  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test for divergence

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5k^2}{1+k^3} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{I know nothing})$$

Try Integral Test:

① positive ✓

②  $f(x) = \frac{5x^2}{1+x^3}$  ✓

cont. everywhere (except at  $x=-1$ )

③ nonincreasing ✓

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{5x^2}{1+x^3} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 1+x^3 \\ du &= 3x^2 dx \\ \frac{1}{3} du &= x^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x=1, u &= 1+1^3 = 2 \\ x \rightarrow \infty, u &\rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_2^{\infty} \frac{5(\frac{1}{3})}{u} du$$

$$= \frac{5}{3} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$= \frac{5}{3} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln|u| \Big|_2^b$$

$$= \frac{5}{3} \left( \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln b - \ln 2 \right) \text{ diverges}$$

→ our series diverges

## p-series test

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^p}$  is called a  $p$ -series. It converges if  $p > 1$  and diverges if  $p \leq 1$ .

Reminder: (in previous lecture on improper integrals)

we proved  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{converges if } p > 1 \\ \text{diverges if } p \leq 1 \end{array} \right.$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{converges if } p > 1 \\ \text{diverges if } p \leq 1 \end{array} \right.$  (by Integral Test)

Warning: Tell the difference between geometric series and  $p$ -series.

$\sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{q^p}$  converges if  $p > 1$   
 $\sum_{q=1}^{\infty} a(r^q)$  converges if  $|r| < 1$

$p$ -series  
( $q$ -variable is in base)

geometric series  
( $q$ -variable is exponent)

Ex  $\sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{q^3}$  vs  $\sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^q$

EX 3 Does  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3}$  converge or diverge? (quick: ① not a geom. series  
 ②  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test:  
 $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^3} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  I know nothing!)

p-series w/  $p=3 > 1$   
 $\Rightarrow$  converges

EX 4 Estimate the error made by approximating the series by the sum of the first five terms.

partial sum

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k\sqrt{k}} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{3/2}}$$

$\Rightarrow S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{3/2}}$  converges  
 (p-series w/  $p=3/2$ )

$E_n = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k\sqrt{k}}$  error

$S = S_5 + \text{error}$   
 $\text{error} = S - S_5$

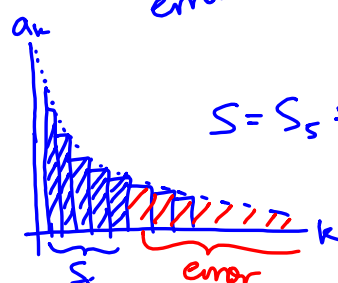
$\text{error} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{3/2}} - \sum_{k=1}^5 \frac{1}{k^{3/2}}$   
 $E_5 = \sum_{k=6}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{3/2}}$

$E_5 \approx \int_5^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{3/2}} dx$  (worst case error)

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_5^b x^{-3/2} dx$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} -2x^{-1/2} \Big|_5^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2}{\sqrt{b}} - \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \text{ error estimate}$$

$$\approx \boxed{0.894427}$$


in general, if we know what error we can tolerate, then we can determine what  $n$  should be to get that error.

we would get  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} = \epsilon$  ( $\epsilon =$  error tolerance I want)  
 solve for  $n$ .

## Conclusion:

To test for divergence/convergence of a positive infinite series:

① try  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test for divergence  
(if  $n^{\text{th}}$  term  $\rightarrow$  nonzero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then it diverges; if  $n^{\text{th}}$  term  $\rightarrow 0$ , we know nothing)

② check if it's  
(a) geometric series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a(r^k)$  if  $|r| < 1$  converges  
or (b) p-series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^p}$  if  $p > 1$  converges

⋮

★1 integral test

★2 partial sum argument

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \quad \text{if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \text{finite \#}, \text{ then}$$

series converges

(particularly useful in collapsing or telescoping sums)