

§ 10.5 ABS. CONV. & RATIO TEST, ROOT TEST

Root Test: SERIES $\sum a_n$ WITH

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

THEN $\sum a_n$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{CONVERGES ABSOLUTELY IF } \rho < 1 \\ \text{DIVERGES IF } \rho > 1 \\ \text{INCONCLUSIVE IF } \rho = 1. \end{array} \right.$

PROOF: WHEN n IS LARGES (SAY $n \geq N$) WE HAVE

$$\sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = |a_n|^{1/n} \approx \rho$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n| \approx \rho^n$$

NOTE: IF $\rho > 1$

THEN $|a_n| \not\rightarrow 0$

$$\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = \infty \right)$$

\therefore SERIES DIVERGES BY DIV. TEST. ✓

IF $\rho < 1$:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} |a_n| + \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} |a_n|$$

$$\approx \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{N-1} |a_n|}_{\text{FINITE}} + \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \rho^n$$

Geo. SERIES

CONVERGES SINCE $\rho < 1$ ✓

IF $\rho = 1$: INCONCLUSIVE: e.g.

$$\sum \frac{1}{n} \text{ DIVERGES}$$

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

$$\sum \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ CONVERGES}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{n^2}} = 1$$

Recall:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n^a)^{1/n} &= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(n^{a/n})} \\ &= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a \ln(n)}{n}} \stackrel{\text{L'Hô}}{=} e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{n}} = e^0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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

conv. or
div.?

$$a_n = \left(\frac{4}{3n}\right)^n$$

Root test:

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{3n} = 0$$

\therefore series converges (absolutely) by root test.

ex. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\ln\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)\right)^{n-1}$ REINDEX $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\ln\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)\right)^n$

Root test: $\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left(-\ln\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)\right)^n \right|^{1/n}$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right) = \ln(e^2 + 0) = \underline{\underline{2}}$$

$\rightarrow 0$

SINCE $\rho > 1$, THE SERIES DIVERGES. BY ROOT TEST.

ex.

CONV. OR DIV.?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n! \ln(n)}{n(n+2)!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cancel{n!} \ln(n)}{n(n+2)\underbrace{(n+1)\cancel{n!}}_{(n+2)!}}$$

FACTORIALS \Rightarrow CONSIDER RATIO TEST.

WHAT TEST SHOULD WE USE?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n(n+2)(n+1)}$$

DIRECT COMP. TEST.

RATIO TEST.

INCONCLUSIVE

RATIO TEST

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\ln(n+1)}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{\ln(n)} \right|$$

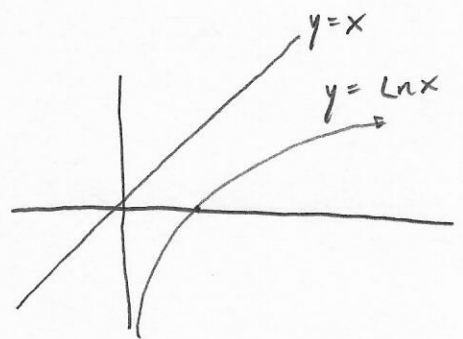
$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+3} \right) \left(\frac{\ln(n+1)}{\ln(n)} \right) \stackrel{L'H \times 2}{=} \begin{matrix} \rightarrow 1 & \rightarrow 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1+0} \right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n+1}}{\frac{1}{n}} \right) = 1 \cdot 1 = 1.$$

$$0 \leq a_n = \frac{\ln(n)}{n(n+2)(n+1)}$$

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

$$\leq \frac{1}{n^2}$$



SINCE $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ CONV. BY P-TEST ($p=2 > 1$),

ORIGINAL SERIES ALSO CONVERGES BY DIRECT COMPARISON TEST.

§ 10.6 ALTERNATING SERIES & CONDITIONAL CONVERGENCE

Def: A SERIES $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ IS ALTERNATING IF IT HAS THE FORM

$$\pm \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} u_n, \quad u_n > 0$$

1st term could
be + or -

$$u_n = |a_n|$$

+1, -1, +1, -1 : SIGN ALTERNATES.

e.g. $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \dots$

(THIS IS AN ALTERNATING SERIES!

$$+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \quad u_n = \frac{1}{n} (= |a_n|)$$

ALTERNATING SERIES TEST:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \underbrace{}_{S_2} \\
 \underbrace{}_{S_1} \\
 u_1 - u_2 + u_3 - u_4 + u_5 - u_6 + \dots \\
 \underbrace{}_{S_3} \\
 \underbrace{}_{S_4}
 \end{array}$$

AN ALTERNATING SERIES

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} u_n, \quad u_n > 0$$

CONVERGES IF

1. EVENTUALLY

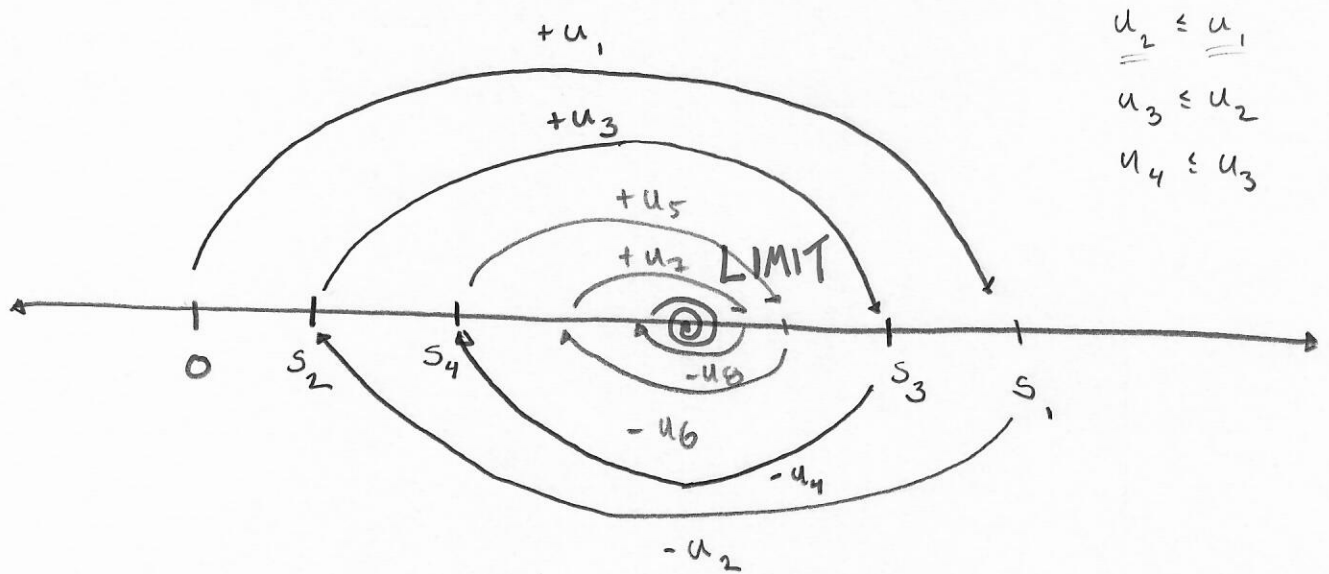
$$u_{n+1} \leq u_n$$

(FOR ALL $n \geq N$, WE HAVE $u_{n+1} \leq u_n$)

2. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0.$

PROOF:

LETS ASSUME $u_{n+1} \leq u_n$ FOR ALL n , $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0.$



$$\left(\sum a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n, \quad S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_n \right)$$

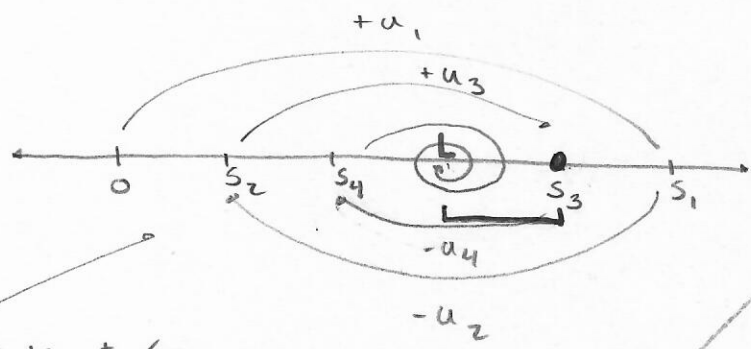
SERIES CONVERGES \iff SEQUENCE OF PARTIAL SUMS CONVERGE

ALTERNATING SERIES ESTIMATION THM.

SUPPOSE AN ALTERNATING SERIES CONVERGES.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} u_n = L$$

THEN WE CAN APPROXIMATE $L \approx S_n = u_1 - u_2 + u_3 - \dots + (-1)^{n+1} u_n$



EVERY TIME WE ± THE NEXT TERM u_n , THE PARTIAL SUM "JUMPS OVER" THE LIMIT.

$$|S_3 - L| \leq u_4$$

$$\therefore |S_n - L|$$

- NOTE:
-) IF THE LAST TERM IN PARTIAL SUM IS POSITIVE, THEN THIS IS AN OVERESTIMATE
 -) IF THE LAST TERM IN PARTIAL SUM IS NEGATIVE, THEN THIS IS AN UNDERESTIMATE.

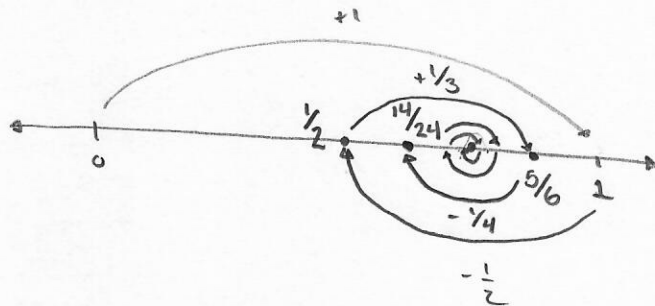
AND THE ERROR $|S_n - L| \leq u_{n+1}$.
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 "ERROR BOUND"

ex.

"ALTERNATING HARMONIC SERIES"

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots$$

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



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

BY

$S_{30} = .67676$

OVERESTIMATE OR UNDERESTIMATE?

n ODD $\Rightarrow S_n$ OVEREST.

n EVEN $\Rightarrow S_n$ UNDEREST.

S_{30} IS UNDERESTIMATE

MAXIMUM ERROR?

$$|S_n - L| \leq u_{n+1}$$

↳

$$\text{ERROR} \leq u_{31} = \frac{1}{31} = .032258$$

$S_0:$ $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n}$

ALTERNATING HARMONIC SERIES

CONVERGES

BUT DOES NOT

CONVERGE ABSOLUTELY

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

HARMONIC SERIES

DEF: A SERIES THAT CONVERGES BUT DOES NOT ABSOLUTELY CONVERGE IS SAID TO CONVERGE CONDITIONALLY.

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

DOES THE SERIES
CONVERGE OR DIVERGE?

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

Yes

NO

IS THE SERIES ALTERNATING?

SERIES DIVERGES

(DIVERGENCE TEST)

Yes

NO

SERIES CONVERGES

(ALT. SERIES TEST)

$$a_n \geq 0 \text{ FOR ALL } n?$$

Yes

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

& TEST FOR ABS. CONV.

NO

- INTEGRAL TEST
- DIRECT COMPARISON TEST
- LIMIT COMPARISON TEST
- RATIO TEST ($n!$)
- ROOT TEST ($()^n$)

REMEMBER:
ABS. CONV.
IMPLIES CONV.

ex. converge or diverge?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{10^n}{(n+1)!}$$

$$\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0 \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0 \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10^n}{(n+1)!} = 0$$

Note: $a_n = \frac{a^n}{n!} = \frac{a}{n} \cdot \frac{a^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$

$$a_n = \frac{a}{n} \cdot a_{n-1}$$

Alt. series with
terms shrinking to 0



CONVERGES

BY ALT. SERIES TEST.

\therefore WHEN $n > a$ WE HAVE

$$a_n = \frac{a}{n} a_{n-1}$$

$$a_{n+k} \leq \left(\frac{a}{n}\right)^k a_{n-1}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^n}{n!} \leq \underbrace{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a}{n}\right)^k a_{n-1}}_{= 0}$$

ex. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left(\frac{n}{10}\right)^n$ conv. or Div.?

consider $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{10}\right)^n = \infty \neq 0$

$n=10 \quad |a_{10}| = 1$

$n=100 \quad |a_{100}| = 10^{100}$

$n=1000 \quad |a_{1000}| = 100^{1000}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$, so SERIES DIVERGES BY DIVERGENCE TEST.

ex. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$

ALTERNATING, so it converges if $|a_n| \rightarrow 0$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = \ln(1) = 0 \checkmark$

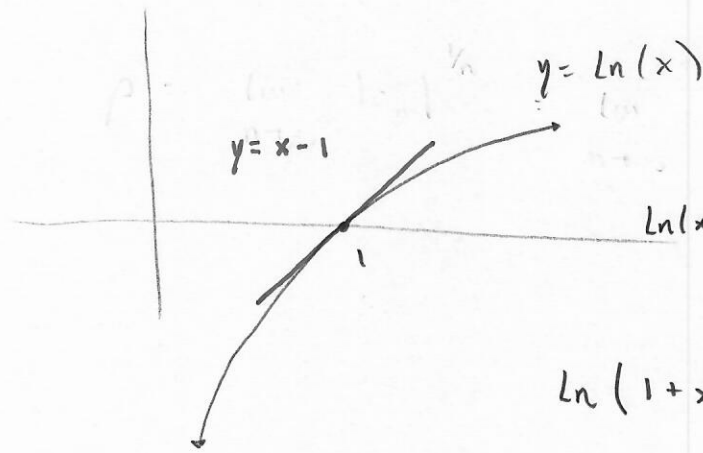
\therefore THE SERIES CONVERGES.

DOES THE SERIES CONVERGE ABSOLUTELY (OR CONDITIONALLY)?

ABSOLUTE CONVERGENCE?

Yes or No?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$$



$\ln(x) \approx x - 1$ For x close to 1

$\ln(1+x) \approx x$ For x close to 0

$\ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \approx \frac{1}{n}$ For LARGE n

DIVERGES

ALSO DIVERGES.