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Geometric sums.

Let $S_N = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^N$

Then

$$rS_N = ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{N+1}$$

Hence $S_N - rS_N = (1-r)S_N = a - ar^{N+1}$,

Thus $S_N = \frac{a(1-r^{N+1})}{1-r}$.

Notice that if $|r| < 1$, then $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} r^{N+1} = 0$.

So the infinite series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n = \frac{a}{1-r}$

provided that $|r| < 1$. If $|r| > 1$, the series diverges. This has many applications. For example, if $r = -x^2$, $a = 1$

Then

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots \quad |x| < 1$$

This is an example of a Taylor Series.

$$\int_0^x \frac{dt}{1+t^2} = \int_0^x (1 - t^2 + t^4 - \dots) dx$$

$$\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots$$

Return to Cauchy sequences.

Recall a sequence is Cauchy if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists$ (there exists) $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such $n, m \geq N$ $|x_n - x_m| < \varepsilon$.

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Prop 1.26 If a Cauchy sequence has a convergent subsequence with limit x , then the Cauchy sequence converges to x .

Proof Suppose $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy seq. Let $\{x_{n_k}\}$ be a subsequence, which converges to x .

n_k is a sequence of natural numbers
 $n_k \rightarrow \infty$. $\{x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, x_{n_3}, \dots\}$ is a subsequence
 Let $\varepsilon > 0$

There is an integer N such that
 $n, m \geq N \Rightarrow |x_n - x_m| < \varepsilon/2$

Pick K such that $n_k > N$. Let $n > N$
 $|x_n - x| = |x_n - x_{n_k} + x_{n_k} - x|$

$$\leq |x_n - x_{n_k}| + |x_{n_k} - x|$$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

$$\therefore x_n \rightarrow x$$

Next

Exercise Every Cauchy sequence is bounded

Theorem Every Cauchy sequence converges

Proof Bolzano-Weierstrass says
 bounded $\Rightarrow$ convergent subsequence.
 Cauchy sequences are bounded, so
 they have convergent subsequences
 $\Rightarrow$ they converge by prop 1.26.

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$$\text{Let } S_N = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\text{Then } S_{N+1} - S_N = \frac{1}{N+1}$$

$$|S_{N+1} - S_N| = \frac{1}{N+1} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

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

$$\geq N \times \frac{1}{2N} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Similarly } \sum_{k=2N+1}^{4N} \frac{1}{k} \geq \frac{1}{2}, \quad \sum_{k=4N+1}^{8N} \frac{1}{k} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} \geq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots$$

So sum diverges. $\therefore \{S_N\}$ is not Cauchy. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is the harmonic

Series. The numbers S_N come up a lot.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \ln n \right) = \gamma \text{ Euler's constant}$$

$$\gamma \approx .577 \dots$$

Example Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence such that $|x_{n+1} - x_n| \leq \frac{1}{2^n}$.

Show this is Cauchy.

$$\begin{aligned} |x_{m+1} - x_n| &= |x_{m+1} - x_m + x_m - x_n| \\ &\leq |x_{m+1} - x_m| + |x_m - x_n| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^m} + |x_m - x_n| \end{aligned}$$

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$$\leq \frac{1}{2^m} + |x_m - x_{m-1} + x_{m-1} - x_n|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2^m} + |x_m - x_{m-1}| + |x_{m-1} - x_n|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2^m} + \frac{1}{2^{m-1}} + |x_{m-1} - x_n|$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} \left(1 + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{m-n}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} \left(\frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{m-n+1}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \right) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m, n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Infinite Series

Let $S_N = \sum_{k=1}^N a_k$, a_k are real numbers

This is a sequence. We say that the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ converges if the sequence $\{S_N\}_{N=1}^{\infty}$ converges.

If $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k| < \infty$. This is an

absolutely convergent series.

If $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k < \infty$, but $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k| = \infty$

the series is conditionally convergent. Care is needed with cond. conv. series.

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Famous examples

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \text{ (Euler)}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$$

These are absolutely convergent

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots \quad (*)$$

$$\text{But } \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \right| = \frac{1}{n}, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty$$

So (*) is conditionally convergent

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

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

Theorem If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ areconvergent with sums S and T then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n) = S + T$$

Proof (Notes)Note

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda a_n = \lambda S \quad (|\lambda| < \infty)$$

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

Proof notes

$$\left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n = \infty, \quad n \rightarrow \infty \right]$$

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Proposition If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent

then as $N, M \rightarrow \infty$ $\sum_{n=M+1}^N a_n \rightarrow 0$

Proof The sequence of partial sums $S_N = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n$ is convergent. So S_N is

Cauchy. $|S_N - S_M| \rightarrow 0$ as $N, M \rightarrow \infty$

$$\text{i.e. } |S_N - S_M| = \left| \sum_{n=M+1}^N a_n \right| \rightarrow 0$$

Proposition 1.33 If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent

and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ is absolutely convergent

then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n b_n$ is convergent.

Note $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n}}$ is conditionally convergent

[Proof later] Let $a_n = b_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n}}$

$$a_n b_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\text{So } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty$$

Proof of prop 1.33. Series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is

convergent $\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ $[S_N = \sum_{k=1}^N a_k b_k]$

$\therefore$ The sequence $\{a_n\}$ is bounded

Suppose $|a_n| \leq K$. Then if $N > M$

$$|S_N - S_M| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^N a_k b_k - \sum_{k=1}^M a_k b_k \right|$$

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$$= \left| \sum_{k=M+1}^N a_k b_k \right| \leq \sum_{k=M+1}^N |a_k b_k| \quad (*)$$

$$\left| \sum_{k=M+1}^N a_k b_k \right| = |a_{M+1} b_{M+1} + a_{M+2} b_{M+2} + \dots + a_N b_N|$$

triangle inequality $\leq |a_{M+1} b_{M+1}| + |a_{M+2} b_{M+2}| + \dots + |a_N b_N|$

$$(*) \leq K \sum_{k=M+1}^N |b_k| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } M, N \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{So } \{S_N\}. \text{ So } S_N = \sum_{k=1}^N a_k b_k$$

is convergent.