

Solve the Initial Value Problem

$$y'' + 2y' - 24y = 0$$

Subject to $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 3$

12.6 ABSOLUTE CONVERGENCE AND THE RATIO AND ROOT TESTS

1 DEFINITION A series $\sum a_n$ is called **absolutely convergent** if the series of absolute values $\sum |a_n|$ is convergent.

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

2 DEFINITION A series $\sum a_n$ is called **conditionally convergent** if it is convergent but not absolutely convergent.

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

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

3 THEOREM If a series $\sum a_n$ is absolutely convergent, then it is convergent.

EXAMPLE 3 Determine whether the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos n}{n^2} = \frac{\cos 1}{1^2} + \frac{\cos 2}{2^2} + \frac{\cos 3}{3^2} + \dots$$

is convergent or divergent.

Figure 1 shows the graphs of the terms a_n and partial sums s_n of the series in Example 3. Notice that the series is not alternating but has positive and negative terms.

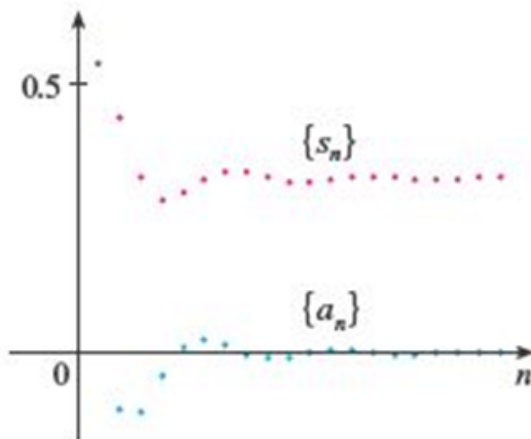


FIGURE 1

$$\left| \frac{\cos(n)}{n^2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Since $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges,
the sum $\sum \left| \frac{\cos(n)}{n^2} \right|$

converges, so

$\sum \frac{\cos(n)}{n^2}$ converges
absolutely, hence
converges.

PROOF

(i) The idea is to compare the given series with a convergent geometric series.

Not sure where this came from, but I think it's a remark about the Ratio Test.

THE RATIO TEST

- (i) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L < 1$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is absolutely convergent (and therefore convergent).

Go back
to your plan.
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Sony. Space Case.

$$\sum \frac{10^n}{(n+1)4^{2n+1}}$$

$$\frac{10^n}{(n+1)4^{2n+1}} = \frac{10^n}{(n+1) \cdot 4 \cdot 16^n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4(n+1)} \cdot \frac{10^n}{16^n} = \frac{1}{4(n+1)} \cdot \left(\frac{10}{16}\right)^n = \frac{1}{4(n+1)} \cdot \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4^{2n+1} &= 4^{2n} \cdot 4^1 \\ &= 4 \cdot 4^{2n} \\ &= 4 \cdot (4^2)^n \\ &= 4 \cdot 16^n \end{aligned}$$

By direct comparison to $\sum \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^n$, we know it converges.

Can you use a Direct Comparison to

$$\sum \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^n \text{ for } \frac{1}{4(3n-8)} \cdot \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^n ?$$

Need $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$ to compare

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4(3n-8)} \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^n = \sum a_n \text{ to } \sum b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^n$$

The first 2 terms are negative.

So direct comparison to THEM doesn't work. Need to start with $n=3$, but from then on, $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$.

That's part of "eventually"

$$\sum \frac{\ln(n)}{n^p}$$

For what powers of p does this converge?

$$p < 0: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^p} = \infty$$

$$0 < p < 1: \ln(n) > 1 \text{ if } n > 2$$

so $\frac{\ln(n)}{n^p} > \frac{1}{n^p} \nexists$

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

if $0 < p \leq 1$

what about $p > 1$?

Test for divergence:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^p} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{pn^{p-1}} = \frac{1}{pn \cdot n^{p-1}} = \frac{1}{pn^p}$$

$\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$, so no easy out, here.

Both suggests Integral Test.

Applies to decreasing functions.

We need to know that $\frac{\ln(n)}{n^p}$ is

a decreasing function of n .

$$f(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{x^p} \implies$$

I forgot Quotient Rule!

$$\frac{\frac{1}{x} \cdot x^p - \ln(x) p x^{p-1}}{x^{2p}} = \frac{x^{p-1} - p \ln(x) x^{p-1}}{x^{2p}}$$

$$= \frac{x^{p-1} (1 - p \ln(x))}{x^{2p}}$$

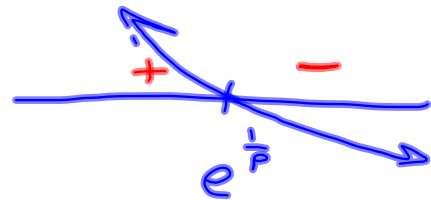
Look @ sign pattern for $1 - p \ln(x)$

$$y = -p \ln(x) + 1 \stackrel{\text{SET}}{=} 0$$

$$p \ln(x) = 1$$

$$\ln(x) = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$x = e^{\frac{1}{p}}$$



It says $\frac{\ln(n)}{n^p}$ is decreasing for $n > e^{\frac{1}{p}}$

Eventually, it's decreasing and the integral test applies.

Next time: I'll do Ratio Test proof.

• And Root Test examples.

THE RATIO TEST

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(ii) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L > 1$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \infty$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is divergent.

(iii) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$, the Ratio Test is inconclusive; that is, no conclusion can be drawn about the convergence or divergence of $\sum a_n$.

34. Let $\sum a_n$ be a series with positive terms and let $r_n = a_{n+1}/a_n$. Suppose that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = L < 1$, so $\sum a_n$ converges by the

Ratio Test. As usual, we let R_n be the remainder after n terms, that is,

$$R_n = a_{n+1} + a_{n+2} + a_{n+3} + \cdots$$

- (a) If $\{r_n\}$ is a decreasing sequence and $r_{n+1} < 1$, show, by summing a geometric series, that

$$R_n \leq \frac{a_{n+1}}{1 - r_{n+1}}$$

- (b) If $\{r_n\}$ is an increasing sequence, show that

$$R_n \leq \frac{a_{n+1}}{1 - L}$$