

$$a_1 = 1, a_{n+1} = 3 - \frac{1}{a_n}$$

$$a_2 = 3 - \frac{1}{1} = 2$$

$$a_3 = 3 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$a_4 = 3 - \frac{2}{5} = \frac{13}{5}$$

$$a_5 = 3 - \frac{5}{13} = \frac{34}{13}$$

$$a_2 < 3$$

$$\S a_n < 3$$

$$\text{Then } a_{n+1} = 3 - \frac{1}{a_n} = \frac{3a_n - 1}{a_n}$$

Show it's increasing.

$$a_2 > a_1$$

$$\S a_{n+1} > a_n$$

Then consider  $a_{n+2} - a_{n+1}$

$$= 3 - \frac{1}{a_{n+1}} - \left(3 - \frac{1}{a_n}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{a_{n+1}} + \frac{1}{a_n} > 0$$

WTS  $a_{n+1} > a_n \forall n$

and Bdd above by 3.

They want a general argument, but

spreadsheet is pretty compelling

to a scientist.

# Section 11.2 Series

Recall Sequence.

$$a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots$$

Now add all the terms

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + \dots$$

in a sequence together!

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

$$\pi = 3.14159\ 26535\ 89793\ 23846\ 26433\ 83279\ 50288 \dots$$

$$\pi = 3 + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{4}{10^2} + \frac{1}{10^3} + \frac{5}{10^4} + \frac{9}{10^5} + \frac{2}{10^6} + \frac{6}{10^7} + \frac{5}{10^8} + \dots$$

Johann Friedrich Gauss

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + \dots + n + \dots + 100$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1+100 \\ 2+99 \\ 3+98 \\ 4+97 \\ \vdots \\ 49+52 \\ 50+51 \end{matrix} \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} 1+100 \\ 2+99 \\ 3+98 \\ 4+97 \\ \vdots \\ 49+52 \\ 50+51 \end{matrix}} \right\} \begin{matrix} 50(101) \\ 5050 \end{matrix}$$

Sequence of partial sums:

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= a_1 \\ s_2 &= a_1 + a_2 \\ s_3 &= a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \\ s_4 &= a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 \\ &\vdots \\ s_n &= a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \end{aligned}$$

$$s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$$

$$\{s_n\}$$

These partial sums form a new sequence  $\{s_n\}$ , which may or may not have a limit.

**2 Definition** Given a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$ , let  $s_n$  denote its  $n$ th partial sum:

$$s_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$$

If the sequence  $\{s_n\}$  is convergent and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$  exists as a real number, then the series  $\sum a_n$  is called **convergent** and we write

$$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n + \dots = s \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = s$$

The number  $s$  is called the **sum** of the series. If the sequence  $\{s_n\}$  is divergent, then the series is called **divergent**.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$$

If  $s_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges

$$\{s_n\} = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right\}$$

Geometric Series (We see them in college algebra)

$$a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n-1} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1}$$

Annuities, Immigration...

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

we show this w/ telescope!

17-26 Determine whether the geometric series is convergent or divergent. If it is convergent, find its sum.

20.  $2 + 0.5 + 0.125 + 0.03125 + \dots$

24.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2})^n}$

26.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{3^{n-1}}$

Be mindful of where the series starts, before plugging into the formula!

with partial sum:  $S_n = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1}$

$$-rS_n = ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} + ar^n$$


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$$S_n - rS_n = a - ar^n$$

$$(1-r)S_n = a - ar^n$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n ar^{k-1} = S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

NOTE: If  $-1 < r < 1$  (i.e.,  $|r| < 1$ )

then  $r^n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$

So, if  $|r| < 1$ , then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ar^{k-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \right) = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ar^{k-1} = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

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$$S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$$

$p$ -series  $p=1$  series.

Recall the  $p$ -test for improper integrals? I'll never ask you to make this argument, but you should try to follow it. The Harmonic Series is the  $p=1$  case for infinite series, just the same as  $1/x$  is the  $p=1$  case for improper integrals.

I'll make the argument, here, if time permits, but see Section 11.3 for more on this. Basically, *everything* we learned about improper integrals will apply to infinite series. Integral Test and related ideas are a great way to determine if a series converges, find upper and lower bounds for its sum, but, sadly, no quick, slick ways to determine just how big it is, *exactly*.

I think that's why I stayed a mathematician. It's enough to know it doesn't blow up, and I can move on, while the engineers figure out the 20th decimal place.

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} = \text{Harmonic Series Diverges.}$$

It diverges b/c it's bigger than something that we know diverges.

(Trick to showing convergence is showing it's smaller than something that converges.)

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$S_2 = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} = S_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = 2_1$$

$$S_4 = S_2^2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} > 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1 + \frac{2}{2} = 2_2$$

$$S_8 = S_2^3 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}$$

$$> 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6}\right)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 + \frac{3}{2} = 2_3$$

$$S_{2^n} > a_n = 1 + \frac{n}{2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty \text{ (i.e. Diverges!)}$$

$$S_{2^n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Diverges, too!}$$

$p$ -test

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^n \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(x)]_1^n =$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(n)] = \infty$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^p} \longleftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^p}$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^p} \text{ converges if } p > 1$$

$$\text{diverges if } p \leq 1$$

**6 Theorem** If the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .

The contrapositive of 6:

**7 The Test for Divergence** If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  does not exist or if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ , then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent. *Is Contrapositive*

$$A \Rightarrow B$$

$$\text{NOT } B \Rightarrow \text{NOT } A$$

15. Let  $a_n = \frac{2n}{3n+1}$ .

- (a) Determine whether  $\{a_n\}$  is convergent.  
 (b) Determine whether  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent.

$$a_n = \frac{2n}{3n+1} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{3} \neq 0$$

$\sum a_n$  Diverges.

**8 Theorem** If  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  are convergent series, then so are the series  $\sum ca_n$  (where  $c$  is a constant),  $\sum (a_n + b_n)$ , and  $\sum (a_n - b_n)$ , and

$$(i) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ca_n = c \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

NOTE  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1-1) = 0$

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

IS NOT  $\sum 1 - \sum 1$

$$(iii) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n - b_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$$

A word of caution: This only works the one direction. Sometimes the left hand sides will converge, but that doesn't the separate sums converge separately. Be very careful about confusing the converse with the original statement.

**3-4** Calculate the sum of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  whose partial sums are given.

3.  $s_n = 2 - 3(0.8)^n$

4.  $s_n = \frac{n^2 - 1}{4n^2 + 1}$

**5-8** Calculate the first eight terms of the sequence of partial sums correct to four decimal places. Does it appear that the series is convergent or divergent?

5.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$

See video & spreadsheets!

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

7.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{1 + \sqrt{n}}$

8.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n!}$

43-48 Determine whether the series is convergent or divergent by expressing  $s_n$  as a telescoping sum (as in Example 7). If it is convergent, find its sum.

43.  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2-1}$  *Partial Fractions*



44.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln \frac{n}{n+1} = \sum (\ln(n) - \ln(n+1))$

**27–42** Determine whether the series is convergent or divergent.  
If it is convergent, find its sum.

27.  $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{15} + \cdots$

28.  $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{2}{81} + \frac{1}{243} + \frac{2}{729} + \cdots$

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29.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{3n-1}$

30.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k(k+2)}{(k+3)^2}$

31.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+2^n}{3^n}$

33.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt[n]{2}$

34.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(0.8)^{n-1} - (0.3)^n]$



