

Section 11.2: Series

**Definition:** Given a sequence  $\{a_i\}$ , we can construct an infinite series or series by adding the terms of the sequence.  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$

**Definition:** The  $n$ th partial sum of a series, denoted  $s_n$ , is the sum of the first  $n$ -terms.

**NOTE:** If the index starts at  $i = 1$  then

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

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= a_1 \\ s_2 &= s_1 + a_2 = a_1 + a_2 \\ s_3 &= s_2 + a_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \\ s_4 &= s_3 + a_4 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 \\ s_5 &= s_4 + a_5 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5 \end{aligned}$$

$$s_n = s_{n-1} + a_n$$

$$s_n - s_{n-1} = a_n$$

Example: Find the  $s_4$  for the series:  $\sum_{i=4}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(i-2)^2} = \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{6^2} + \frac{1}{7^2} + \dots$

$s_4$

$$s_4 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25}$$

How To Shift a Series:

Example: Adjust the series  $\sum_{i=3}^{\infty} 10 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2i}$  so that the index will now start at i=1.

$$j = i - 2$$

$$j + 2 = i$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 10 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2(j+2)} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 10 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2j+4}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 10 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{2i+4}$$

**Definition:** Let  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$  be a series with  $s_n$  being the  $n$ th partial sum of this series. If the sequence of partial sums  $\{s_n\}$  converges to  $s$ , i.e.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$ , then we say that the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$  converges to  $s$  or that the series has a sum of  $s$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i = s$ . If  $\{s_n\}$  does not converge, then the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$  is said to be divergent.

$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$       *Series*      *Terms added together*      *partial sums*

n	$a_n$	n	$s_n$
1	40	1	40
2	8	2	48
3	$8/5 = 1.6$	3	49.6
4	$8/25 = 0.32$	4	49.92
5	$8/125 = 0.064$	5	49.984
6	$8/625 = 0.0128$	6	49.9968
7	$8/3125 = 0.00256$	7	49.99936
8	$8/15625 = 0.000512$	8	49.999872
9	$8/78125 = 0.0001024$	9	49.9999744
10	$8/390625 = 0.00002048$	10	49.99999488

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$        $s_n \rightarrow 50$

Thus  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i = 50$

*This series converges*

**Theorem:** If the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$  is convergent, then  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} a_i = 0$

**Test for Divergence:** If  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} a_i \neq 0$  or DNE, then the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$  is divergent.

Example: Which of these series DO NOT have a chance at being convergent?

A)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$        $a_n = \frac{1}{n^3}$       as  $n \rightarrow \infty$        $a_n \rightarrow 0$

may or may not converge.

B)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3n+5}{7-2n}$        $a_n = \frac{3n+5}{7-2n}$       as  $n \rightarrow \infty$        $a_n \rightarrow \underline{\underline{-\frac{3}{2}}}$

This series will diverge

C)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(e^{-n})$        $a_n = \cos(e^{-n})$       as  $n \rightarrow \infty$        $\cos(e^{-n}) \rightarrow \cos(0) = 1$

This series will diverge.

Example: The series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$  has a  $n$ th partial sum given by  $s_n$ . Will the series converge or diverge? Find the formula for the  $a_n$  term.

$$s_n = \frac{3n+5}{7-2n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n+5}{7-2n} = \frac{3}{-2} = -1.5$$

↑  
partial sum

series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$  will converge  
to -1.5

$$a_n = s_n - s_{n-1}$$

$$a_n = \frac{3n+5}{7-2n} - \frac{3(n-1)+5}{7-2(n-1)}$$

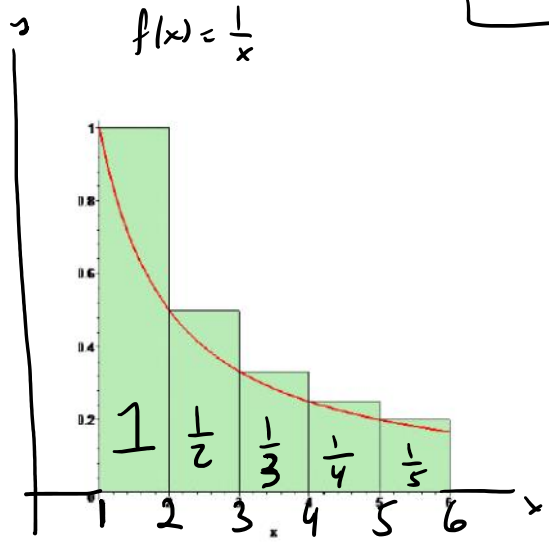
find  $a_4$

$$\begin{aligned} a_4 &= s_4 - s_3 \\ &= \frac{17}{-1} - \frac{14}{1} \\ &= -17 - 14 = -31 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Determine if the Harmonic series,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ , converges or diverges.  $\rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots$

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$



$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx$$

p-integral  
 $p=1$   
diverges.

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

by comparison  
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  will div.

Example: The geometric series may be defined in a variety of methods.

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

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n = a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots$$

$$\sum_{n=7}^{\infty} ar^{n-7} = a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots$$

if  $|r| < 1$  conv.

Sum is  $\frac{a}{1-r}$

### Proof of the Geometric Series:

Consider the partial sum of the first  $n$  terms.

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

Multiply  $S_n$  by  $r$  to get:  $rS_n = ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^n$

Now compute  $S_n - rS_n$  and then solve for  $S_n$

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

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

$$S_n = \frac{a - ar^n}{1-r}$$

$$\text{Sum} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a - ar^n}{1-r} = \begin{cases} \frac{a}{1-r} & \text{if } |r| < 1 \\ DNE & \text{if } |r| \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

**Theorem:** If  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  are convergent series, then so are the following series

$$\sum ca_n = c \sum a_n \text{ (where } c \text{ is a constant)}$$

$$\sum(a_n + b_n) = \sum a_n + \sum b_n$$

$$\sum(a_n - b_n) = \sum a_n - \sum b_n$$



Example: Determine if these series are convergent or divergent. If the series is convergent, then give the sum of the series.

$$A) 1 - \frac{4}{3} + \frac{16}{9} - \frac{64}{27} + \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \vee & \vee & \vee \\ -\frac{4}{3} & -\frac{4}{3} & -\frac{4}{3} \end{array}$$

geometric series

$$a = 1 \quad r = -\frac{4}{3}$$

Since  $|r| = \left| -\frac{4}{3} \right| = \frac{4}{3}$  is not  $< 1$  The series will diverge.

$$B) \sum_{i=3}^{\infty} 10 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{i-1} = \underbrace{10 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2}_{a} + \underbrace{10 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3}_{ar} + 10 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4 + 10 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5 + \dots$$

$$r = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$a = 10 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{10}{9}$$

$$\frac{ar}{a} = r$$

$$|r| < 1$$

Conv.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum} &= \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{10}{9}}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\frac{10}{9}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{10}{9} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{30}{18} \\ &= \frac{15}{9} = \frac{5}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{C) } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 7 \cdot 4^{-n} 3^{n-1} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 7 \cdot \frac{3^{n-1}}{4^n} \\
 &= 7 \cdot \frac{3^{-1}}{4^0} + \frac{7 \cdot 3^0}{4^1} + \frac{7 \cdot 3^1}{4^2} + \frac{7 \cdot 3^2}{4^3} + \frac{7 \cdot 3^3}{4^4} + \frac{7 \cdot 3^4}{4^5} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$n=0$                        $n=1$                        $n=2$                        $n=3$

$r = \frac{3}{4}$   
 Since  $|r| < 1$   
 Series will conv.

$$a = \frac{7 \cdot 3^{-1}}{4^0} = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$\text{Sum} = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{7/3}{1-3/4}$$

$$= \frac{7/3}{1/4} = \frac{7}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{1} = \frac{28}{3}$$

not geometric

$$D) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \ln\left(\frac{i}{i+1}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left[ \ln(i) - \ln(i+1) \right]$$

Test for div.

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(\frac{i}{i+1}\right) = \ln(1) = 0$$

may or may not conv.

Lets look at the partial sum.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 S_n = & \ln(1) - \ln(2) & i=1 \\
 + & \ln(2) - \ln(3) & i=2 \\
 + & \ln(3) - \ln(4) & i=3 \\
 + & \ln(4) - \ln(5) & i=4 \\
 \vdots & & \\
 & & \vdots \\
 & \ln(n-3) - \ln(n-2) & i=n-3 \\
 + & \ln(n-2) - \ln(n-1) & i=n-2 \\
 + & \ln(n-1) - \ln(n) & i=n-1 \\
 + & \ln(n) - \ln(n+1) & i=n
 \end{array}$$

$$S_n = \ln(1) - \ln(n+1) \quad \leftarrow \quad n^{\text{th}} \text{ partial sum}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(1) - \ln(n+1) = -\infty$$

Thus The series diverges

$$E) \sum_{i=3}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{i-2} - \frac{1}{i} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{partial sum} &= 1 - \frac{1}{3} & i=3 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} & i=4 \\ &+ \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} & i=5 \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} & i=6 \\ &+ \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} & i=7 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \frac{1}{n-5} - \frac{1}{n-3} & i=n-3 \\ &+ \frac{1}{n-4} - \frac{1}{n-2} & i=n-2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{n-3} - \frac{1}{n-1} & i=n-1 \\ &+ \frac{1}{n-2} - \frac{1}{n} & i=n \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{partial sum} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{partial sum} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n} \right) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

The series converges to  $\frac{3}{2}$

$$F) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{5/(i+1)} - e^{5/i}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 S_n = & e^{5/2} - e^5 & i=1 \\
 & + e^{5/3} - e^{5/2} & i=2 \\
 & + e^{5/4} - e^{5/3} & i=3 \\
 & \vdots & \\
 & + e^{5/n} - e^{5/(n-1)} & i=n-2 \\
 & + e^{5/n} - e^{5/n} & i=n-1 \\
 & + e^{5/n} - e^{5/n} & i=n
 \end{array}$$

$$S_n = -e^5 + e^{5/n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -e^5 + e^{5/n} = -e^5 + e^0 = 1 - e^5$$

The series converges to  $1 - e^5$

Example: Use a geometric series to express  $0.\overline{14}$  as a ratio of integers.

$$.\overline{14} = .1414141414 \dots$$

$$= .14 + .0014 + .000014 + .00000014 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{14}{100} + \frac{14}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{100} + \frac{14}{100} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{100}\right)^2 + \frac{14}{100} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{100}\right)^3 + \dots$$

$$r = \frac{1}{100} \quad \text{and } |r| < 1$$

Conv.

$$\text{sum} = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{14}{100}}{1 - \frac{1}{100}} = \frac{\frac{14}{100}}{\frac{99}{100}} = \frac{14}{99}$$

Example: Find the values of  $x$  so that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (4x-5)^n$  will converge. Find the sum for those values of  $x$ .

$$\sum (4x-5)^n = (4x-5)^1 + (4x-5)^2 + (4x-5)^3 + (4x-5)^4 + \dots$$

$$r = 4x-5$$

$$|r| < 1$$

$$a = 4x-5$$

$$|4x-5| < 1$$

$$-1 < 4x-5 < 1$$

$$+5 \quad +5 \quad +5$$

$$4 < 4x < 6$$

$$1 < x < 6/4 = 3/2$$

Interval  $\rightarrow$   $(1, 3/2)$

$$Sum = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

$$= \frac{4x-5}{1-(4x-5)} = \frac{4x-5}{1-4x+5}$$

$$Sum = \frac{4x-5}{6-4x}$$