

Convergence of a Series: Let (b_n) be a seqⁿ. An infinite series ①
is a formal expⁿ of the form $b_1 + b_2 + b_3 + \dots$.

The corresponding sequence of partial sums (s_m) is defined by

$$s_m = b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_m.$$

We say that the series $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} b_i$ converges to B if the seqⁿ (s_m) converges to B . We write then, $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} b_i = B$.

~~e.g. Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$.~~

Defⁿ: A seqⁿ (a_n) is increasing if $a_n \leq a_{n+1} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ and decreasing if $a_n \geq a_{n+1} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. A seqⁿ is monotone if it is either increasing or decreasing.

Monotone Convergence Theorem: If a seqⁿ is monotone and bounded, then it converges.

eg: Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here } s_m &= 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots + \frac{1}{m^2} < 1 + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 1} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{m(m-1)} \\ &= 1 + (1 - \frac{1}{2}) + (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}) + \dots + (\frac{1}{m-1} - \frac{1}{m}) \\ &= 1 + 1 - \frac{1}{m} \\ &< 2. \end{aligned}$$

By the MCT, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges to some limit.

eg: Harmonic Series: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here, } s_m &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{m}. \text{ Clearly, } s_4 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + (\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}) \\ &\geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + (\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}) = 2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly, } s_{2^k} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + (\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}) + (\frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{8}) + \dots + (\frac{1}{2^{k-1}+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^k}) \\ &\geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + (\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}) + \dots + (\frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2^k} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^k}) \\ &= 1 + \frac{k}{2} \text{ which is unbounded. } \end{aligned}$$

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Cauchy Condensation Test: Suppose (b_n) is decreasing and $b_n > 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges iff the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n b_{2^n}$ converges.

Proof: Assume that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n b_{2^n}$ converges. Since every convergent seqⁿ is bounded so, the partial sums $t_k = b_1 + 2b_2 + \dots + 2^k b_{2^k}$ are bounded. That is, $\exists M > 0$ s.t. $t_k \leq M \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Since $b_n > 0$, so the partial sums are increasing. To show that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges we need to show that $s_m = b_1 + \dots + b_m$ is bounded.

We fix m and let k be s.t. $m \leq 2^{k+1} - 1$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} s_m &\leq s_{2^{k+1}-1} = b_1 + (b_2 + b_3) + (b_4 + \dots + b_7) + \dots + (b_{2^k} + \dots + b_{2^{k+1}-1}) \\ &\leq b_1 + (b_2 + b_2) + \dots + (b_{2^k} + \dots + b_{2^k}) \\ &= b_1 + 2b_2 + \dots + 2^k b_{2^k} = t_k. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $s_m \leq t_k \leq M$ so, (s_m) is bounded and by MCT we conclude $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges.

The other part: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n b_{2^n}$ diverges $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges in H/W.

Defⁿ: Let (a_n) be a seqⁿ of real nos, let $n_1 < n_2 < \dots$ be an increasing seqⁿ of natural nos. Then the seqⁿ $(a_{n_1}, a_{n_2}, \dots)$ is called a subseqⁿ of (a_n) , denoted by (a_{n_k}) .

eg: $(a_n) = 1/n$, then $(1/2, 1/4, 1/8, \dots)$ is a subseqⁿ.

$(1, 1, 1/3, 1/3, \dots)$ is NOT a subseqⁿ.

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Theorem: Subsequences of a convergent seq^n converge to the same limit as the original seq^n .

Proof: Let $(a_n) \rightarrow a$, let (a_{n_k}) be a subseqⁿ.

Given $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $|a_n - a| < \epsilon$ whenever $n \geq N$.

Since $n_k \geq k \forall k$, $|a_{n_k} - a| < \epsilon$ whenever $k \geq N$. //

Ex: $(1, -1/2, 1/3, -1/4, 1/5, -1/5, 1/5, -1/5, \dots)$ is divergent since the subseq^s $(1/5, 1/5, \dots)$ and $(-1/5, -1/5, \dots)$ have different limits.

Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem: Every bounded seq^n contains a convergent subseqⁿ.

Proof: Let (a_n) be a bounded seq^n such that $\exists M > 0$ satisfying $|a_n| \leq M \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Bisect the interval $[-M, M]$ into two: $[-M, 0]$ and $[0, M]$.

At least one of this interval contains an infinite no. of the terms in the $\text{seq}^n (a_n)$, say I_1 .

Let $a_{n_1} \in I_1$.

Next we bisect I_1 into closed intervals of equal length and pick one interval, say I_2 which has an infinite no. of terms from (a_n) to choose from. Let $a_{n_2} \in I_2$.

We keep on constructing I_3, I_4, \dots, I_k so that $n_k > n_{k-1} > \dots > n_2 > n_1$ and $a_{n_k} \in I_k$.

We also have $I_1 \supseteq I_2 \supseteq \dots$, so there exists at least one point $x \in \mathbb{R}$ that is contained in every I_k . We claim that $(a_{n_k}) \rightarrow x$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$. By construction, the length of I_k is $M(\frac{1}{2})^{k-1}$ and this converges to 0. Choose N s.t. $k \geq N$ so, the length of $I_k < \epsilon$.

Since $a_{n_k}, x \in I_k$ we have $|a_{n_k} - x| < \epsilon$. //

Defⁿ: A seqⁿ (a_n) is called a Cauchy seqⁿ if for every $\epsilon > 0$, ⁽⁴⁾
there exists an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. whenever $m, n > N$, we have $|a_n - a_m| < \epsilon$.

Theorem: Every convergent seqⁿ is a Cauchy seqⁿ.

Proof: Let $(x_n) \rightarrow x$. To show $|x_n - x_m| < \epsilon$ for suitable m, n
just apply triangle inequality.

Theorem: Cauchy seqⁿ are bounded.

Proof: Given $\epsilon = 1$, $\exists N$ s.t. $|x_n - x_m| < 1 \quad \forall m, n > N$.

Thus, we must have, $|x_n| < |x_N| + 1 \quad \forall n > N$.

Then, $M = \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_{N-1}|, |x_N| + 1\}$ is a bound
for the seqⁿ (x_n) .

Cauchy criterion: A seqⁿ converges iff it is a Cauchy seqⁿ.

Proof: \Rightarrow proved above.

\Leftarrow They Cauchy seqⁿ (x_n) is bounded. So, by B-W Theorem,
we have a convergent subseqⁿ (x_{n_k}) . Let $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$, since (x_n) is Cauchy, so $\exists N$ s.t. $|x_n - x_m| < \epsilon/2$;
whenever $n, m > N$. Again, choose a term in the subseqⁿ (x_{n_k}) ,
say x_{n_k} , with $n_k > N$ and, $|x_{n_k} - x| < \epsilon/2$.

For $n > N$ we have, $|x_n - x| = |x - x_{n_k} + x_{n_k} - x|$
 $< \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon \quad \checkmark$.
