

Lecture 32

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Last time: series $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$
 $= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$

Can also have seq. beginning from $i=0$ instead of $i=1$
Then have series like $a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + \dots$
 $= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i$

Partial sums of $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$ are $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= a_1 \\ S_2 &= a_1 + a_2 \\ S_3 &= a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

A common class of examples: geometric series $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} ar^{i-1}$
[or $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ar^i$]

Partial sums of $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} ar^{i-1}$ are $S_n = a \cdot \frac{1-r^n}{1-r}$

Taking $n \rightarrow \infty$ limit:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} ar^{i-1} \begin{cases} \text{converges to } \frac{a}{1-r} & \text{if } |r| < 1 \\ \text{diverges} & \text{if } |r| \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Ex Does $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi^i}{3^{i+1}}$ converge?

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi^i}{3^{i+1}} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi^i}{3 \cdot 3^i} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^i \quad \text{geometric: } a = \frac{1}{3} \\ r = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Since $|r| = \frac{\pi}{3} \approx \frac{3.1416}{3} > 1$, this geometric series diverges.

Ex Consider the repeating decimal

$$1.\overline{73} = 1.73737373\dots$$

Write it as a fraction.

$$1.73737373\dots$$

$$= 1 + 0.73 + 0.0073 + 0.000073 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{73}{100} + \frac{73}{100^2} + \frac{73}{100^4} + \dots$$

geometric series with $a = \frac{73}{100}$
 $r = \frac{1}{100}$

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{73}{100} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{100}\right)^{i-1} \right]$$

$$= 1 + \frac{a}{1-r} = 1 + \frac{73/100}{1 - 1/100} = 1 + \frac{73/100}{99/100} = 1 + \frac{73}{99} = \underline{\underline{\frac{172}{99}}}$$

Ex Consider the series

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x+3)^i}{2^i}$$

For what values of x does it converge?

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x+3}{2}\right)^i \quad \text{geometric with } a=1$$
$$r = \frac{x+3}{2}$$

The series will converge when $|r| < 1$.

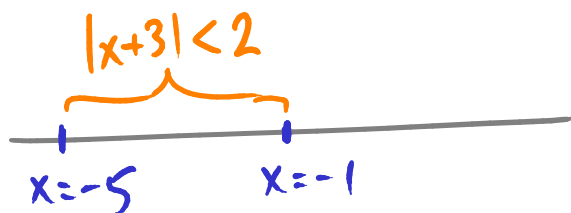
$$\text{ie } \left|\frac{x+3}{2}\right| < 1$$

$$|x+3| < 2$$

To find the boundaries of this region on the x line, solve $|x+3| = 2$

$$\text{ie } x+3 = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad x+3 = -2$$

$$x = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -5$$



So the series converges for $-5 < x < -1$.

Ex $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\cos x)^i}{2^i}$

For what x does this series converge?

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\cos x}{2}\right)^i$$

geometric: $a = \frac{\cos x}{2}$
 $r = \frac{\cos x}{2}$

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\cos x}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\cos x}{2}\right)^{i-1} \right]$$

Converges if $|r| < 1$ i.e. $\left|\frac{\cos x}{2}\right| < 1$

i.e. $|\cos x| < 2$

That's true for all x : so this series converges for all x .

$$\left[\frac{a}{1-r} \right]$$

Test For Divergence:

If $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} a_i$ doesn't exist, or if it exists but it's not 0,

then $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$ diverges.

Ex $1+2+3+4+\dots = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i$ diverges (b/c $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} i$ doesn't exist)

Ex $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{3i+4}{4i-7}$ diverges (b/c $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3i+4}{4i-7} = \frac{3}{4} \neq 0$)

Ex $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i} : 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$ might converge
($\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{i} = 0$)
- this test gives no info. here

Ex $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^2} : 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$ might converge
($\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{i^2} = 0$)

Ex $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \tan^{-1}(i) : \underline{\text{diverges}}$ (since $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}(i) = \frac{\pi}{2} \neq 0$)

In fact: $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i}$ diverges

$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^2}$ converges

$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right)$

We'll see why, in the next lecture...