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It seemed good to me to share my notes to those who will take MATH201.  
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represents the date I wrote (in fact, copied) my notes; the ones in parentheses  
that is, ( ), represents the day of the lecture three years ago.

She has forgotten me, so ye people, remember me...

Best.

"As much as I want you, I cannot have you."

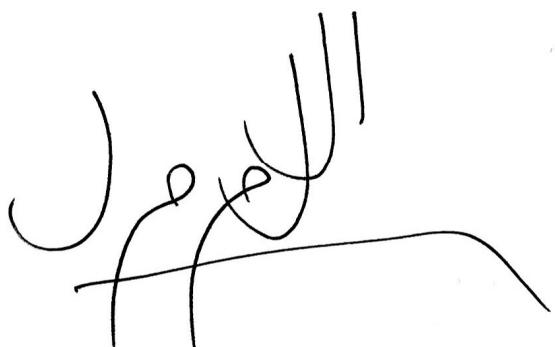
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"لَعُونِي فِي دُنْيَاٍ لَّمْ يَكُنْ حُبًّا  
بِلْ مِنْ بِوْهَا قَدْسِيٌّ كَجُودٌ"

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"나는 아직도 그대가 보고싶는데

나는 지금도 그대가 그리운데... □.□.



[28 OCT 2016]

## Math 201 Class Notes:

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This is my math 201 notes which I have organised and included my own commentary & hints. The dates I will write down, are the dates in which I had the lecture. I hope this finds you well.

## Lecture 1

## Chapter 10 (31 Aug 2016)

## - Sequences

We learn this to understand infinite series and eventually power series for us to answer questions such as:

- Is  $0.9999\dots = 1$ ? or some other problems like:  
or some other problems like:  
 $e^{ix} = \cos x + i\sin x$  Define  $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} \dots$
- Prove  $e^x > \frac{x^n}{n!}$

## • Definition of a sequence:

A sequence is a list of numbers, denoted as:

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

1<sup>st</sup> term    2<sup>nd</sup> term    3<sup>rd</sup> term

## • A sequence is a function of positive integers set.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & a_1 & & a_2 & & a_3 & \\ \hline & | & & | & & | & \\ 0 & & 1 & & 2 & & 3 \end{array}$$

## Example 1:

$$6, 8, 10, 12 \dots$$

This sequence can be represented as  $a_n = 2n + b$  from  $n=0$   
or  $a_n = 2n + 4$  from  $n=1$

## Example 2:

$$5, 5, 5, 5 \dots \quad (\text{called a constant sequence})$$

i.e.  $a_n = 5$

$$1, -1, 1, -1, 1, \dots$$

$$a_n = -\cos(n\pi) \text{ from } n=1 \quad \text{or} \quad a_n = (-1)^{n+1} \text{ from } n=1$$

## Example 4:

$$1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5} \dots$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{n} \text{ from } n=1$$

Example 5:

$$a_{n+2} = a_{n+1} + a_n \quad (\text{Fibonacci Sequence})$$

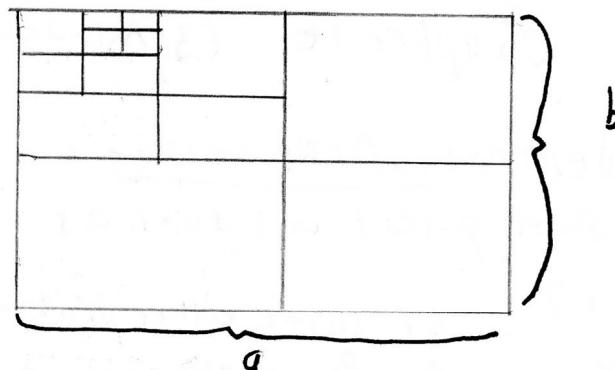
where  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_1 = 1$ , then:

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8... (recurrence relation)

Example 6:

Note!

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$$A_1 = ab$$

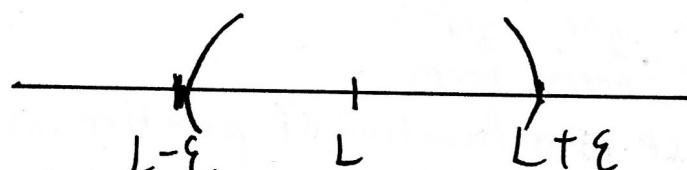
$$A_2 = (ab) \frac{1}{2^2}$$

$$A_3 = (ab) \frac{1}{2^3}$$
  
$$\vdots$$

$$A_n = (ab) \frac{1}{2^n} \text{ from } A_2$$

limit of a sequence:

- Given a sequence  $a_n$ , number  $L$  is a limit of this sequence if for a given positive number  $\epsilon$  (epsilon) the terms of the sequence "live" in the interval  $(L - \epsilon, L + \epsilon)$  after some number.



Thus  $-\epsilon < a_n - L < \epsilon$  if  $a_n$  is in interval.

$$\therefore 0 < |a_n - L| < \epsilon$$

Definition of limit of a sequence:

- Sequence  $a_n$  has limit  $L$  if to every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is  $N > 0$ , such that if  $n > N$  then  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$

all number ↑  
greater than  $N$  some arbitrary  
number (not necessarily  
from the beginning)

\*  $a_n$  is convergent to  $\alpha$  or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a_n = L$

Example 1:

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

Proof:

Suppose  $|\frac{1}{n} - 0| < \epsilon$  then  $\frac{1}{n} < \epsilon \Rightarrow n > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ ,

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , take  $N > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$  and fix it. So if  $n > N$  then  $n > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$

$$\therefore |\frac{1}{n} - 0| < \epsilon \quad \text{n.E.D}$$

## Application:

If  $\lim a_n = a$   
 $\lim b_n = b$  (of course as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ )

then,

$$\textcircled{1} \lim (a_n + b_n) = a + b$$

$$\textcircled{2} \lim (a_n b_n) = ab$$

$$\textcircled{3} \lim \left( \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right) = \frac{a}{b} \text{ provided } b_n \neq 0; b \neq 0$$

Proof of  $\textcircled{1}$ :

$$|a_n + b_n - (a + b)| = |(a_n - a) + (b_n - b)| \leq |a_n - a| + |b_n - b|$$

c.b.c -

(Property:  $|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$ )

Example 2:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \lim \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) = 0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

Lecture 2: (02 SEP 2016)

What we will learn  $\begin{cases} \text{Practical: computing limits} \\ \text{Theoretical: how to know whether the sequence is converging without calculating limit.} \end{cases}$

Theorem: If  $a_n$  is a monotone sequence (that is, strictly increasing or strictly decreasing) which is bounded above/below, then  $a_n$  is convergent.

Terms to know:

- Strictly increasing  $\Rightarrow a_n < a_{n+1}$
- nondecreasing  $\Rightarrow a_n \leq a_{n+1}$

- If  $a_n$  is bounded from above there is a constant  $M$  (independent of  $n$ ) such that:

$$a_n \leq M \text{ for all } n$$

Example 1:

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

Observe  $a_{n+1} - a_n$ :

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

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

$$\Rightarrow a_n < a_{n+1} \text{ (bounded)}$$

$\therefore a_n < 1$  for all  $n \Rightarrow a_n$  is convergent.

- Sandwich theorem:

Given 3 sequences  $a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a_n = L = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} c_n$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} b_n = L$

Proof:

Suppose  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$  for  $n > N_1$ ,  $|c_n - L| < \epsilon$  for  $n > N_2$ ,  $|b_n - L| < \epsilon$  for  $n > N_1$  or  $N_2$  depending on whether  $N_1 > N_2$  or  $N_2 > N_1$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  choose larger  $N$

Note:  
 $N_1$  and  $N_2$  can be the same.

Example 1:

$$-\frac{1}{n} < \frac{(-1)^n}{n} < \frac{1}{n} \quad (\because -1 \leq (-1)^n \leq 1)$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{n} = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0 \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} = 0$  by Sandwich Theorem (S.T.)

Example 2:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos(n^3)}{n} = 0 \quad (\because -1 \leq \cos(\text{anything}) \leq 1 ;))$$

Note: I will evaluate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  later in the Appendix I [1]

- If  $f$  is continuous at  $L$ , and  $a_n$  is a sequence converging to  $L$ , then  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = f(L)$

Example 1:

Given  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$  [2] &  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 0$  (use S.T.)

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(\frac{1}{n})}{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$ ; for  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$  (similar for  $\frac{\ln n}{n}$  instead of  $\frac{1}{n}$ )

Example 2:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1 \quad [3]$$

Practice Questions

Find

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n^{1+\frac{1}{n}}) \sin(\frac{1}{n})$$

Note: I shall denote  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$  as  $\ell$

Solution:

$$\ell (n^{1+\frac{1}{n}}) \sin(\frac{1}{n}) = \ell n \cdot n^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot \sin \frac{1}{n} = \ell n^{\frac{1}{n}} \frac{\sin \frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \ell n^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot \ell \frac{\sin \frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{n}} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

- Given  $a_n = \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}$

Find  $\ell a_n$

$$\ell a_n = \ell (\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) \left( \frac{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \right) = \ell \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = 0$$

- Find  $\ell(n+5)^{\frac{1}{n}}$

Solution:

Let  $y = (n+5)^{\frac{1}{n}}$  then,  $\ln y = \frac{\ln(n+5)}{n}$

$$\Rightarrow \ell \ln y = \ell \frac{\ln(n+5)}{n} = 0$$

$$\therefore \ell y = e^0 = 1$$

- Find  $\ell\left(\frac{n-5}{n+6}\right)^n$ .

Solution:  $\ell\left(\frac{n-5}{n+6}\right)^n = \ell\left(\frac{n(1-\frac{5}{n})}{n(1+\frac{6}{n})}\right)^n = \frac{e^{-5}}{e^6} = e^{-11}$

- Find  $\ell \frac{1}{2^n n!}$

Solution:  $\ell \frac{1}{2^n n!} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n}{n!} = 0$

Note:

$$\ell \frac{\ln n}{n^{\text{(any positive power)}}} = 0$$

$\downarrow$

$$\therefore \ln n < n^\alpha \text{ for } n > n_0$$

\* Infinite series:

Given  $x > 0$

$$1-x^3 = (1-x)(1+x+x^2)$$

$$1-x^4 = (1-x)(1+x+x^2+x^3)$$

⋮

$$1-x^n = (1-x)(1+x+x^2+\dots+x^{n-1})$$

$$1-x^{n+1} = (1-x)(1+x+x^2+\dots+x^n) \quad \text{or}$$

If  $x \neq 1$  ( $1-x \neq 0$ ) then:

$$1+x+x^2+\dots+x^n = \frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x}; \text{ if } |x| < 1 \text{ or } -1 < x < 1 \text{ then}$$
$$1+x+x^2+\dots = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

e.g.

If  $x = -\frac{1}{3}$ , then:

$$1 + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n = \frac{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n+1}}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)}$$

Application of formula:

Find  $\ell \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n}\right]$

Solution:  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 2\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\right)$

$$\therefore \ell 2\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\right) = 2$$

Note on notation:

$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \dots$  3 dots mean an infinite sum

To understand this we must understand what is meant by a partial sum which is denoted by  $S_n$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} S_1 = a_1 \\ S_2 = a_1 + a_2 \\ S_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \\ \vdots \\ S_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n \end{array} \right\} \text{called sequence of partial sums.}$$

Hence definition of the full sum:

$$\ell S_n = S \quad (a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots) \quad \text{Lecture 3 (05 SEP 2016)}$$

The partial sum is also expressed as:  $\sum_{n=1}^N a_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_N$

Example:

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

Solution:

The  $n^{th}$  partial sum,  $S_n$ , is  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}$  [4]

$$\text{So } \ell S_n = 1 \therefore \text{sum} = 1$$

General Rule: The infinite sum  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is the  $\ell S_n$ .

- Geometric Series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1}$$

where the  $n^{th}$  partial sum,  $S_n = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^n$

$$= a(1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^n) = \frac{a(1 - r^{n+1})}{1 - r}$$

$$\text{If } |r| < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{1-r}$$

- Some terms to know:

- $a_1, a_2, a_3$  are called terms

- $S_n$  is called ( $n^{th}$ ) partial sum

• Sometimes it's not possible to compute  $S_n = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n$ , but there are several test to determine whether the series converges or diverges.

I. The  $n^{th}$  term divergence test:

Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ , if  $\ell a_n \neq 0$  or doesn't exist, then series diverges.

Proof:

First prove that if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges then  $\ell a_n = 0$

- Suppose  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then  $s_n$  has a limit  $S$ , and also  $s_{n-1}$  has a limit  $s$ .

$$\therefore \ell(s_n - s_{n-1}) = S - s = 0, \text{ but } s_n - s_{n-1} = a_n [5]$$

$$\therefore \ell a_n = 0$$

Hence if  $\ell a_n \neq 0$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges ( $\because \frac{pq}{q-p}$  [6])

Theorem:

If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  are convergent then:

(i)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n + b_n$  is also convergent (Same as  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ )

(ii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c a_n$  is also convergent, where  $c$  is a constant not involving  $n$ .

Example:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n+1}} \right] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n+1}}} \quad (i)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \quad (ii)$$

Proof of (i)

Suppose we have:

$$s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k, \quad t_n = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k$$

( $s_n$  has limit  $s$ ) (  $t_n$  has limit  $t$  )

$$\therefore \ell(s_n + t_n) = s + t$$

$\Rightarrow s_n + t_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k + b_k = n^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n + b_n$

$\therefore$  series is convergent

Proof of (ii)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c a_n = c a_1 + c a_2 + c a_3 + \dots = c(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \dots) = c \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

# Lecture 4 (07 SEP 2016)

## More Problems

-  $\ell (3^n + 8^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$

Apply S.T

$$8^n < 3^n + 8^n < 8^n + 8^n$$

$$(8^n)^{\frac{1}{n}} < (3^n + 8^n)^{\frac{1}{n}} < 2(8^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\ell 8 < \ell (3^n + 8^n)^{\frac{1}{n}} < \ell 8 \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\therefore 8 < \ell (3^n + 8^n)^{\frac{1}{n}} < 8$$

$$\therefore \ell (3^n + 8^n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 8$$

\*  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is divergent (will be proven in next section)

Note: Given a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  of positive terms (i.e.  $a_1 \geq 0, a_2 \geq 0, \dots$ )

$\Rightarrow S_n$  is increasing for  $n \geq 1$

$a_n > 0$ , hence if  $S_n$  can be shown to be bounded from above then  $S_n$  is convergent.

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The integral test (remember it does not apply to all infinite series)

- The integral test can be applied if the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term  $a_n$  can be written equal to  $f(x)$  where  $f(x)$  is a decreasing function of  $x$ .

$\Rightarrow \int f(x) dx = \lim_{A \rightarrow +\infty} \int_1^A f(x) dx \}$  called limit of partial integral.

- If the limit is a finite number  $\Rightarrow S_n$  is bounded by this number  
 $\therefore$  series is convergent.

- If the limit is infinite  $\Rightarrow$  series diverges

Example 1:

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

3 conditions must be satisfied to apply the integral test:

- $a_n \rightarrow 0$ ;
- $a_n$  is positive for all  $n$ ;
- $a_n$  is decreasing

Since all these conditions are satisfied, take  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  ( $f(x) > 0$  and decreasing for  $x > 1$ )

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{A \rightarrow +\infty} \int_1^A \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{A \rightarrow +\infty} \ln x \Big|_1^A = \lim_{A \rightarrow +\infty} (\ln A - \ln 1) = +\infty$$

Thus the integral diverges  $\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges (for  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} S_n = +\infty$ )

Example 2:

Investigate the convergence or divergence of:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} ; a_n = \frac{1}{n^2} \quad (\text{all 3 conditions are met})$$

Take  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{A \rightarrow +\infty} \int_1^A \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{A \rightarrow +\infty} -\frac{1}{x} \Big|_1^A = \lim_{A \rightarrow +\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{A} + 1\right) = 0 + 1 = 1$$

so the integral converges  $\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges

Example 3:

The integral test can also be applied to a general form called p-series which is represented as  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ ; where it will converge if  $p > 1$  and diverge if  $p \leq 1$ . [7]

Example 4:

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n} \quad (\text{3 conditions are met})$$

cannot start from  $n=1$ , for  $\ln 1 = 0$ , and  $\frac{1}{0}$  is undefined.

Take  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln x}$

$$\Rightarrow \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x} = \lim_{A \rightarrow +\infty} \int_2^A \frac{1}{x \ln x} = \lim_{A \rightarrow +\infty} \ln(\ln x) \Big|_2^A$$

$$= \lim_{A \rightarrow +\infty} [\ln(\ln A) - \ln(\ln 2)] = +\infty \therefore \text{series diverges}$$

\*Proof of the integral test [8]

Lecture 5 (09 SEP 2016)

Problems to think about:

- 1) Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ ;  $a_n > 0$ ,  $S_n$  its partial sum, suppose  $\ell a_n S_n = 7$
- a) Does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converge or diverge? Justify your answer.
- b) Find  $\ell a_n$  if it exists.

2) Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}{\sqrt{n}}$  using S.T

3) Find infinite series in powers of  $x$  whose sum is equal to:

$$\frac{1}{x^2 - 3x - 4} \text{ for all } x, \text{ where } |x| < 1$$

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My Solutions

1) Since  $a_n \geq 0$  then  $S_n \geq 0$ , this means either  $S_n$  is bounded from above thus converging to a limit, or grows without bound, that is, diverges. Now suppose  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then  $\lim a_n = 0$ . And also if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, this means that  $S_n$  is bounded and has limit  $L$ .

$$\because \lim a_n S_n = 7 \Rightarrow 0 \cdot L = 7$$

However this equality is impossible, thus  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is diverging. ( $S_n$  tends to infinite)

b) Since  $\lim S_n = +\infty \therefore \lim a_n = \frac{7}{\infty} = 0$

2) Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$  (where  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x > 1$ , and  $\lim f(x) = 0$ ) Then:

$$\int_1^{n+1} f(x) dx < f(1) + f(2) + f(3) + \dots + f(n) < f(1) + \int_1^n f(x) dx$$

$$\int_1^{n+1} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx < 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < 1 + \int_1^n x^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

$$2\sqrt{n+1} - 2 < 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < 1 + 2\sqrt{n}$$

$$2\sqrt{n+1} - 2 < 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < 1 + 2\sqrt{n} - 2$$

Divide by  $\sqrt{n}$

$$2\sqrt{\frac{n+1}{n}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} < \frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}{\sqrt{n}} < 2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Take limits:

$$2 < \frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}{\sqrt{n}} < 2$$

$$\therefore \lim \frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}{\sqrt{n}} = 2$$

$$3) \frac{1}{x^2 - 3x - 4} = \frac{1}{(x-4)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x-4} + \frac{B}{x+1} = \frac{A(x+1) + B(x-4)}{(x-4)(x+1)}$$

Let  $x = -1$ :

$$\begin{array}{l|l} 0 + 3B = 1 & \text{Let } x = 4 \\ B = \frac{1}{3} & -3A = 1 \\ & A = \frac{1}{3} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2 - 3x - 4} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{x+1} - \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{x-4} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) \frac{x^n}{4^n}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^{n+1}} \frac{x^n}{3}$$

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If  $f(x)$  is positive and decreasing on  $1 \leq x \leq +\infty$ , then we have two inequalities for their partial sum:

$$\int_1^{n+1} f(x) dx < f(1) + f(2) + f(3) + \dots + f(n) < f(1) + \int_1^n f(x) dx$$

Example: Investigate  $\ell \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}{\ln n}$

Answer: Take  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

$$\int_1^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx < 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} < 1 + \int_1^n \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\ln(n+1) < 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} < 1 + \ln n$$

Divide by  $\ln n$

$$\frac{\ln(n+1)}{\ln n} < \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}{\ln n} < \frac{\ln n + 1}{\ln n}$$

Take limits:

$$1 < \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}{\ln n} < 1$$

$$\therefore \ell \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}{\ln n} = 1$$

10.4

Comparison Test (Inequalities) Note: only works for simple inequalities:  
series with positive terms.

$$n^2 < n^2 + 1 ; \quad \frac{1}{n^2} > \frac{1}{n^2 + 1} ; \quad n^2 < 3n^2 ; \quad \sin^2 n < 1 ; \quad \frac{\sin^2 n}{n^2} < \frac{1}{n^2}$$

## \* Direct Comparison Test (DCT)

- If  $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n$  from some point, then if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is convergent so is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ .

Proof:

Since we are given  $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$ , then:

$$\begin{array}{c} a_1 \leq b_1 \\ a_2 \leq b_2 \\ a_3 \leq b_3 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \leq b_n \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{add all terms} \\ \hline a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n \leq b_1 + b_2 + b_3 + \dots + b_n \dots \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \end{array}$$

Thus if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is convergent, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  being smaller than it will also converge. (Both  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  are greater or equal to zero and increasing converging to a limit L)

Example 1:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}+10}$$

$- n\sqrt{n}+10 > n\sqrt{n} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}+10} < \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ , but  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$  is converging being a p-series with  $p = \frac{3}{2} > 1$ )

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}+10}$  is converging by DCT.

Example 2:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.01}+\sqrt{n}}$$

$- n^{1.01}+\sqrt{n} \geq n^{1.01} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n^{1.01}+\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{1}{n^{1.01}}$ ; but  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.01}}$  is converging with  $p = 1.01 > 1$   $\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.01}+\sqrt{n}}$  is also converging by DCT

## \* Limit Comparison Test (LCT)

Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  with  $a_n > 0$ , we find a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ ,  $b_n > 0$ .

The look at  $\rho = \lim \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L$ . If:

- $0 < L < +\infty$  (fixed positive value), then both series behave alike which means if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is convergent so is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ , and if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is divergent so is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ .
- $L = 0$ , and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is convergent, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is also convergent.
- $L = +\infty$ , and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is divergent, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is also divergent.

Example 1:

$$\rho = \lim \frac{\frac{1}{6n^2-n}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim \frac{n^2}{6n^2-n} = \frac{1}{6}; \text{ But } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ is converging } (\rho > 1) \\ \therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6n^2-n} \text{ also converges.}$$

Example 2:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^{1.4}}; \text{ compare with } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.4}} \quad [300CT2016]$$

$$\rho = \lim \frac{\frac{\ln n}{n^{1.5}}}{\frac{1}{n^{1.4}}} = \lim \frac{\ln n}{n^{0.1}} = 0, \text{ but } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.4}} \text{ is convergent.} \therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^{1.4}} \text{ is also convergent by LCT.}$$

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Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$   $a_n > 0$  (nonnegative), compute  $\rho = \lim \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$

$\text{if } \rho < 1 \therefore \text{series converges}$

$\rho > 1 \therefore \text{diverges}$

$\rho = 1 \therefore \text{inconclusive}$

Example 1:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n}, \text{ find } p$$

$$p = \ell \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \ell \frac{\frac{n+1}{2^{n+1}}}{\frac{n}{2^n}} = \ell \frac{n+1}{n} \frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n} \text{ converges by ratio test.}$$

Example 2:

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

$$p = \ell \frac{5^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{5^n} = \frac{5}{n+1} = 0 < 1 \therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5^n}{n!} \text{ converges by ratio test.}$$

- Root test

Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  ( $a_n > 0$ ), compute  $p = \ell \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \ell(a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$

if  $0 < p \leq 1 \therefore$  series converges

$p > 1 \therefore$  series diverges

$p = 1 \therefore$  inconclusive

\* Idea of the proof:

If  $\ell(a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = p$

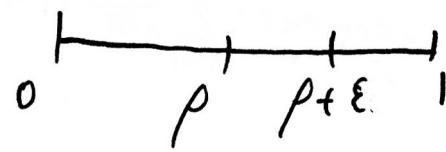
then  $(a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \approx p$  (for large  $n$ )

$\Rightarrow a_n \approx p^n$  behaves like geometric series.

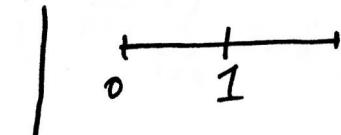
Example:

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

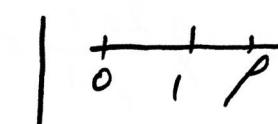
$$p = \ell \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \ell \sqrt[n]{\frac{5^n}{n}} = 5 > 1 \therefore \text{diverges.}$$



$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} < p + \varepsilon$$



$$1 - \varepsilon < \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} < 1 + \varepsilon$$



$$p - \varepsilon < \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} < p + \varepsilon$$

10.6

Test for alternating series (series with positive and negative terms)

e.g.

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

\* Reminder on Absolute Value

- Let  $x$  be a number

$$\begin{cases} |x| = x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ |x| = -x & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$* |xy| = |x||y| \Rightarrow x \leq |x|, -x \leq |x|$$

$$\cancel{*} |x+y| \leq |x| + |y| \quad \therefore |x| + x \geq 0$$

$$* |-x| = |x|$$

$$* |x-y| = |x+(-y)| \leq |x| + |y|$$

- If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  is convergent then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is absolutely convergent.

Example:

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

Look at  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\sin n}{n\sqrt{n}} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\sin n|}{n\sqrt{n}}$ , but  $|\sin n| \leq 1$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\sin n|}{n\sqrt{n}} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}}$$

- If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is given and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  is not convergent, it is still possible that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then it is conditionally convergent.

### \* Alternating Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} u_n ; u_n > 0$$

$$= u_1 - u_2 + u_3 - u_4 \dots$$

$$\text{If } u_1 \geq u_2 \geq u_3$$

i) terms decrease in absolute value.  
ii)  $\lim u_n = 0$

iii) strictly alternating  
then series is convergent.

Example:

$$\text{a) } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos n \pi}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\frac{(-1)^n}{n}}$$

(i)  $u_n = \frac{1}{n}$ , and  $\lim \frac{1}{n} = 0$   
(ii)  $\frac{1}{n}$  decreases  
(iii) strictly alternating

} series converges by  
alternating series test (AST)

b) Does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$  converge absolutely?

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  which is diverging.  $\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$  is conditionally convergent

- A trick for  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1$ ; compare with  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  using LCT

$$f = f \frac{e^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{\frac{x}{n}} - 1}{\frac{x}{n}} = 1 \quad \therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \text{ diverges since } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{ diverges}$$

- Same for  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{\frac{\ln n}{n}} - 1 \Rightarrow$  compare with  $\frac{\ln n}{n}$

Lecture 7 (19 SEP 2016)

### Power Series

- Powers of  $x$ :  $1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots$

Powers of  $(x-a)$ :  $1, (x-a), (x-a)^2, (x-a)^3, \dots$

- Power series:  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-a)^n$   
 ↓ center of power series (constant)  
 coefficient  
 of the power  $(x-a)^n$

$$= a_0 + a_1(x-a) + a_2(x-a)^2 + \dots + a_n(x-a)^n + \dots$$

Examples:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n+1}, \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n}{2^n} (x-3)^n$$

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Quick Recap:

For geometric series we know it's  $n^{th}$  partial sum,  $S_n = \frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x}$  ( $x \neq 1$ )

- Given a power series:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-a)^n$$

- How to find all the values of  $x$  for which series is absolutely/conditionally convergent.

Answer: Apply ratio test in absolute value ( $\because$  we don't know if it's always positive)

$$\text{i.e. } \ell \left| \frac{a_{n+1}(x-a)^{n+1}}{a_n(x-a)^n} \right| = \ell \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| |x-a|$$

- For absolute convergence we must have  $p < 1$  (and solve for  $x$ )

### Example 1:

Find all values of  $x$  for which series is convergent.

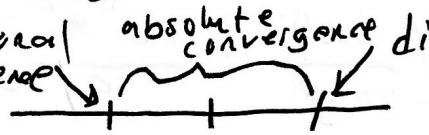
$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+2} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x| \left| \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right| = |x| \therefore \text{series is absolutely convergent for } |x| < 1 \text{ and divergent for } |x| \geq 1$$

- Check end points:

\* if  $|x|=1$  then:

Case 1:  $x=1, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1}$  (diverges by integral test)

Case 2:  $x=-1, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1}$  (converges by AST)

$\Rightarrow$  

### Example 2:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+3)^n}{n^2}$$

$\rho = |x+3| \therefore \text{series converges for } |x+3| < 1$   
 $\Rightarrow -4 < x < -2$

- Test end points:

At  $x=-2, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  (converges)

At  $x=-4, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}$  (absolute convergence)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n (2x-5)^{2n+3}}{n!}$$

$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{|2x-5|^{2n+5}}{|2x-5|^{2n+3}} = 0 < 1 \therefore \text{series converges for all } x$   
 $\Rightarrow -\infty < x < \infty$

- Next questions:

- How to find sum of a series (numerical/practical)

- Given the sum, how to find power series.

Example 1: What is the sum?

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

$$S_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \Rightarrow S = \lim S_n = 1$$

Example 2:  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (5x)^n$

$$S = \frac{1}{1-5x} ; |x| < \frac{1}{5}$$

Example 3: Find the power series whose sum is  $\frac{1}{x^2-3x-4}$

Answer:  $\frac{1}{x^2-3x-4} = \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{x-4} - \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{x+1} = \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{-4(1-\frac{x}{4})} - \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1-(-x)} = \frac{-\frac{1}{20}(1-\frac{1}{4})}{1-\frac{x}{4}} - \frac{\frac{1}{5}(1-\frac{1}{-x})}{1-(\frac{1}{-x})}$

$$= -\frac{1}{20} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^n - \frac{1}{5} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{-x^n}{20 \cdot 4^n} - \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{5} \right]$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{-1}{20 \cdot 4^n} + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{5} \right) x^n$$

\* Properties:

Given  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  &  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ , they can be added, subtracted, multiplied,

divided, differentiated and integrated.

- Let  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ ,  $g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n$

(i)  $f(x) \pm g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n \pm b_n) x^n$

(ii)  $f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$  (differentiated term by term)

(iii)  $\int f(t) dt = \int \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n \right) dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int a_n t^n dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n x^{n+1}}{n+1}$

## Power Series

Example:

$$a) \frac{1}{2+3x} = \frac{1}{2(1+\frac{3x}{2})} = \frac{1}{2(1-(-\frac{3x}{2}))} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{\frac{(-1)^n 3^n}{2^{n+1}}}_{} x^n$$

b) find power series of  $\frac{1}{2+3x}$  about  $a=1$  (center 1) coefficient

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2+3x} &= \frac{1}{2+3(x-1)+3} = \frac{1}{5(1+\frac{3}{5}(x-1))} = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{3}{5}(x-1)\right)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (3^n)}{5^{n+1}} (x-1)^n \end{aligned}$$

10.8 Given  $f$ , point  $a$ , find power series for  $f$  centered at  $a$ The 3 steps  
STEP 1    STEP 2    STEP 3

$$\begin{array}{lll} f(x) & f(a) & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n \\ f'(x) & f'(a) & \\ f''(x) & f''(a) & \\ f'''(x) & f'''(a) & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \\ f^n(x) & f^n(a) & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Example 1: } f(x) = e^x, a=0 & \text{STEP 1: } f(x) = e^x & \text{STEP 3: } e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \cdot x^n \\ & f(a) = 1 & = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \\ f'(x) = e^x & f'(a) = 1 & \\ f''(x) = e^x & f''(a) = 1 & \\ f'''(x) = e^x & f'''(a) = 1 & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \\ f^n(x) = e^x & f^n(a) = 1 & \end{array}$$

$$f^{(n)}(x) = e^x \quad f^{(n)}(a) = 1$$

Example 2:  $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$ ,  $a=0$ 

$$\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ f(a) = 0 & (1+a) & \\ f'(a) = \frac{1}{1+a} & & \\ f''(a) = -\frac{1}{(1+a)^2} & & \\ f'''(a) = \frac{(-1)(-2)}{(1+a)^3} & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \\ f^{(n)}(a) = \frac{(-1)^{n-1} (n-1)!}{(1+a)^n} & & \end{array}$$

$$f^{(n)}(0) = (-1)^{n-1} (n-1)!, \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} (n-1)!}{n!} x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} x^n \\ &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Second method:

$$*\frac{d}{dx} \ln(1+x) = \frac{1}{1+x} \therefore \int \frac{1}{1+x} = \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n = \ln(1+x)$$

Defarid ed solution:

$$\begin{aligned} [\ln(1+t)]' &= \frac{1}{1+t} = \frac{1}{1-(-t)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n t^n \\ \Rightarrow \int_0^x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n t^n dt &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^x (-1)^n t^n dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^{n+1}}{n+1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^n}{n} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3: Find power series of  $x e^{-x^2}$   
solution! Use  $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  about  $a=0$

$$\therefore x e^{-x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x(-x^2)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{n!}$$

Extra: Find the 10<sup>th</sup> derivative of  $f(x) = x e^{-x^2}$  at 0

solution:  $\frac{f^{(10)}(0)}{10!}$  = coefficient of  $x^{10}$  which is zero (since  $2n+1=0$   
 $n \neq$  an integer)

$$-\frac{f''(0)}{11!} = \frac{(-1)^5 x''}{5!}$$

coefficient of  $x''$

Question: Why is it that  $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ ?

To prove  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n = f(x)$ , we must find  $S_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k$

and  $S_n$  must be  $f(x)$ .

-  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n - S_n(x) = \text{error}$ , If error=0, then full series =  $f(x)$

- Suppose  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-a)^n$  and partial sum. They are not equal but the difference between them is the error =  $R_n(x)$ , if  $\lim R_n(x)=0$ ,  $f(x)$  is series.

Example:

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n, a_n > 0, a_n \text{ decreasing}, \lim a_n = 0$$

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k a_k; |\text{error}, (S-S_n)| < a_{n+1}$$