

Some Important Series

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad \text{for } |x| < 1 \quad \sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad \cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad \tan^{-1} x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)} \quad \text{for } |x| \leq 1$$

Binomial Series

$$(1+x)^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n \quad \text{for } |x| < 1 \quad \text{where } \binom{k}{0} = 1 \quad \text{and } \binom{k}{n} = \frac{k(k-1)\cdots(k-n+1)}{n!} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

Geometric Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} = \frac{a}{1-r} \quad \text{for } |r| < 1, \quad \text{diverges for } |r| \geq 1$$

Harmonic Series/p-Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{diverges.} \quad \text{More generally } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \quad \text{diverges if } p \leq 1 \quad \text{and converges if } p > 1$$

$$\text{Power Series Centered at } a: \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n$$

Taylor Series/Maclaurin Series:

If a function f has a power series representation at a , then it can be written in the form

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n \quad \text{This is called the Taylor series of } f \text{ at } a.$$

$$\text{If } a = 0, \text{ then this is a Maclaurin series: } f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n$$

Convergence Tests

***n*-th Term Test:** $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ or DNE

Integral Test: $f(x)$ continuous, positive, decreasing for $x \in [1, \infty)$ and $a_n = f(n)$
 \Rightarrow If $\int_1^{\infty} f(x)dx$ converges (diverges), then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges (diverges)

a_n and $b_n \geq 0$ for all n , then

Comparison Test: 1) $\sum b_n$ converges and $a_n \leq b_n$ for all $n \Rightarrow \sum a_n$ converges
 2) $\sum b_n$ diverges and $a_n \geq b_n$ for all $n \Rightarrow \sum a_n$ diverges

Limit Comparison Test: If $a_n, b_n > 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = c > 0$, (c finite)
 then $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ both converge or both diverge

Alternating Series Test: $\left. \begin{array}{l} b_n > 0 \\ b_{n+1} \leq b_n \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} b_n$ converges

Absolute Convergence Test: $\sum |a_n|$ converges $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ converges

Ratio Test:

Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L$. Then

$L < 1 \Rightarrow \sum a_n$ is absolutely convergent

$L > 1$ or $L = \infty \Rightarrow \sum a_n$ diverges

$L = 1 \Rightarrow$ inconclusive

Root Test:

Let $a_n \geq 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = L$. Then

$L < 1 \Rightarrow \sum a_n$ converges

$L > 1$ or $L = \infty \Rightarrow \sum a_n$ diverges

$L = 1 \Rightarrow$ inconclusive