

① Determine whether the following series converge absolutely, conditionally, or diverge.

$$(a) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{3/2}}$$

Recall (The alternating series test)

If a series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ satisfies

(i) It is an alternating $(a_n \cdot a_{n+1} < 0 \quad \forall n)$

(ii) $|a_n|$ is decreasing

(iii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0$

then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent

(Absolute convergence test)

Let $\sum a_n$ be a series with non-positive terms

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is called absolutely conv. if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ is conv.

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is called conditionally conv. if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is conv.
but $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ is divergent

Soln:

$$\text{Let } a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{3/2}} \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

$$\text{Then, } |a_n| = \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

Now consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ which is convergent

by p-series test ($p = 3/2 > 1$)

So, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ is absolutely convergent.

$$(b) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{1/2}}$$

Soln: Say $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{1/2}} \quad \forall n \geq 1.$

$$\text{Then } |a_n| = \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

Now consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}$ which is divergent

by p-series test ($p = 1/2 \leq 1$)

(i) $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{1/2}}$ is alternating since $a_n \cdot a_{n+1} < 0$.

(ii) $|a_n| = \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}$ is decreasing:

$$|a_{n+1}| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = |a_n|$$

(iii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$.

Then, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}}$ is convergent by AST.

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}}$ is conditionally convergent.

$$c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(n\pi) (n^3 - 3n^2 + 7)}{2n^3 + 13}$$

Soln:

$$\text{So } a_n = \frac{\cos(n\pi) (n^3 - 3n^2 + 7)}{2n^3 + 13} = \frac{(-1)^n \cdot (n^3 - 3n^2 + 7)}{2n^3 + 13}$$

$$, n \geq 1.$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 - 3n + 7}{2n^3 + 13} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \left. \vphantom{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{2n}} \right\} \neq$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)(n^3 - 3n + 7)}{2n^3 + 13} = -1/2$$

So, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ does not exist. By the "nth term test",

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is divergent.

! Be careful: $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n (n^3 - 3n^2 + 7)}{2n^3 + 13}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 - 3n^2 + 7}{2n^3 + 13} = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$$

You cannot apply AST. AST does not say about the divergency of a series.

② For the following series, find the smallest integer n that ensures that the partial sum s_n approximates the sum s of the series with $|\text{error}| = |s - s_n| < 0.001$

$$1a) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(2n)!}$$

Soln:

Recall (Error estimate for alternating series)

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges where $\{a_n\}$ satisfies

the conditions of the alternating series test, then

$$s = s_N + R_N = \underbrace{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_N}_{s_N} + \underbrace{a_{N+1} + a_{N+2} + \dots}_{R_N}$$

$$|s - s_N| = |R_N| = |\text{Error}| \leq |s_{N+1} - s_N| = |a_{N+1}|$$

Soln:

$$\text{Let } a_n = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(2n)!} \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

(i) a_n is alternating since $a_n \cdot a_{n+1} < 0$

(ii) $|a_n| = \frac{1}{(2n)!}$ is decreasing.

$$|a_{n+1}| = \frac{1}{(2n+2)!} = \frac{1}{2n!(2n+1)(2n+2)} < \frac{1}{2n!} = |a_n|$$

$$(iii) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n!} = 0.$$

$\therefore$, by AST $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(2n)!}$ is convergent. Assume that it converges to S .

By the error estimate for alternating series,

$$|\text{Error}| \leq |a_{N+1}| = \frac{1}{(2N+2)!} \leq 10^{-3} = \frac{1}{1000}$$

$\underset{\substack{\text{"} \\ |S - S_N|}}{\text{Error}}$

$$\text{For } N=2, \quad \frac{1}{6!} = \frac{1}{720} \approx 0.0014 > 0.001$$

$$\text{For } N=3, \quad \frac{1}{8!} \approx 0.000025 < 0.001$$

$\therefore$, $|\text{Error}| < 0.001$ for all $N \geq 3$. $\therefore$ The smallest integer s.t. $|\text{Error}| < 0.001$ is $N=3$.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(2n)!} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4!} + \frac{1}{6!} - \frac{1}{8!} + \frac{1}{10!} - \dots$$

|Error| < 10⁻³

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(2n)!} \approx \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4!} + \frac{1}{6!}$$

(b) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n \cdot \log_2(n)}$

Soln:

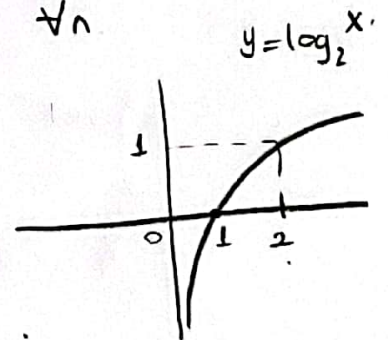
Let $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n \cdot \log_2(n)} \quad \forall n \geq 1$

(i) a_n is alternating since $a_n \cdot a_{n+1} < 0 \quad \forall n$

(ii) $|a_n| = \frac{1}{n \cdot \log_2(n)}$ is decreasing.

$$|a_{n+1}| = \frac{1}{n+1 \cdot \log_2(n+1)} < \frac{1}{n \cdot \log_2^n} = |a_n|$$

$\uparrow$
 $n+1 > n$
 $\log_2(n+1) > \log_2^n$



(iii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \cdot \log_2(n)} = 0$

$\therefore$ by AST $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n \cdot \log_2(n)}$ is convergent.

By the error estimate for alternating series,

$$|\text{Error}| \leq |a_{N+1}| = \frac{1}{(N+1)\log_2(NH)} \leq 10^{-3} = \frac{1}{1000}$$

$$\text{For } N=139, |\text{Error}| \leq \frac{1}{140 \cdot \log_2 140} \approx 0.00102 > 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{For } N=140, |\text{Error}| \leq \frac{1}{141 \cdot \log_2 141} \approx 0.00099 < 10^{-3}$$

So, $|\text{Error}| < 10^{-3}$ for all $N \geq 140$

∴ The smallest integer s.t. $|\text{Error}| < 0.001$ is $N=140$

③ For which values of x does the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2\sin x)^n}{n} \text{ converge?}$$

Soln:

$$\text{Let } a_n = \frac{(2\sin x)^n}{n} \quad \forall n \geq 1 \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(2\sin x)^{n+1}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{(2\sin x)^n} = (2\sin x) \cdot \frac{n}{n+1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |2\sin x| \cdot \left| \frac{n}{n+1} \right| = |2\sin x| < 1$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2\sin x)^n}{n}$ is absolutely convergent, so convergent

if $|2\sin x| < 1$ by Ratio Test. That is,

$$-1 < 2\sin x < 1 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} < \sin x < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -\frac{\pi}{6} < x < \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ or } \frac{5\pi}{6} < x < \frac{7\pi}{6}$$

$$\bullet \left[x = -\frac{\pi}{6} \right] \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \text{ is } \boxed{\text{convergent}} \text{ by NT}$$

$$\bullet \left[x = \frac{\pi}{6} \right] \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \boxed{\text{divergent}} \text{ (harmonic series)}$$

$$\bullet \left(x = \frac{5\pi}{6} \right) \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad \boxed{\text{divergent}} \quad (\text{harmonic})$$

$$\bullet \left(x = \frac{7\pi}{6} \right) \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \quad \boxed{\text{conv.}} \quad \text{by AST.}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2\sin x)^n}{n} \text{ is convergent if } x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi k, \frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi k \right) \cup \left(\frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi k, \frac{7\pi}{6} + 2\pi k \right]$$

④ Determine the center, radius and interval of convergence of each of the following series.

$$(a) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2x+3)^n}{n^{120}}$$

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Recall (Power Series)

A formal series

$$a_0 + a_1(x-x_0) + a_2(x-x_0)^2 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-x_0)^n$$

(for some fixed x_0) is called a power series.

The set of x 's s.t. the power series converges is called 'the interval of convergence for the power series' and x_0 is called the center of p.s. ┘

Recall:

Soln:

$$\text{Let } a_n = \frac{(2x+3)^n}{n^{120}} \quad \forall n \geq 1 \quad \text{If } x \neq -3/2,$$

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(2x+3)^{n+1}}{(n+1)^{120}} \cdot \frac{n^{120}}{(2x+3)^n} = \frac{(2x+3) n^{120}}{(n+1)^{120}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |2x+3| \cdot \left| \frac{n^{120}}{(n+1)^{120}} \right| = |2x+3|$$

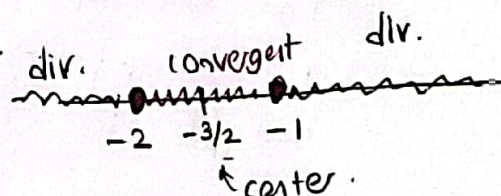
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By the Ratio test, the series is abs. conv., so conv.

$$\text{if } |2x+3| < 1 \Leftrightarrow -1 < 2x+3 < 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -4 < 2x < -2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -2 < x < -1$$



Therefore, the radius of convergence is $R = \frac{1}{2}$ with the center is $x_0 = -3/2$.

If $x_0 = -3/2$, then we have $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 0$ which is convergent

$$\left(S_n = \underbrace{0+0+\dots+0}_{n\text{-times}}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 0 \text{ is convergent} \right)$$

To determine the interval of convergence, we have to check the series for $x = -2$ and $x = -1$.

• If $x = -1$, then $a_n = \frac{(2 \cdot (-1) + 3)^n}{n^{120}} = \frac{1}{n^{120}} \quad \forall n \geq 1$

Then, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{120}}$ is convergent by p-series

test $p = 120 > 1$.

• If $x = -2$, then $a_n = \frac{(2 \cdot (-2) + 3)^n}{n^{120}} = \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{120}} \quad \forall n \geq 1$.

(i) a_n is alternating since $a_{n+1} \cdot a_n < 0$

(ii) $|a_n| = \frac{1}{n^{120}}$ is decreasing:

$$|a_{n+1}| = \frac{1}{(n+1)^{120}} < \frac{1}{n^{120}} = |a_n|$$

(iii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{120}} = 0$.

By AST, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{120}}$ is convergent.

Thus, the interval of convergence is $[-2, -1]$.

$$b) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n!} (x-120)^n$$

Soln: Let $a_n = \frac{e^n}{n!} (x-120)^n$ for $n \geq 1$. If $x \neq 120$

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\frac{e^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} (x-120)^{n+1}}{\frac{e^n}{n!} (x-120)^n} = \frac{e \cdot (x-120)}{n+1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{e}{n+1} (x-120) \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{e}{\sqrt[n+1]{n+1}} \right| \cdot |x-120| = 0 < 1$$

By the Ratio test, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ is convergent if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L < 1. \text{ Since } L = 0 < 1 \text{ for all } x,$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n!} (x-120)^n$ is abs. conv., so convergent for all $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{120\}$.

If $x = 120$, then we have $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 0$ which is convergent.

Thus, the interval of convergence is $(-\infty, \infty)$ and

the radius of convergence is ∞ .

$$c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^n \cdot (x-2022)^n$$

Soln:

$$\text{Let } a_n = n^n \cdot (x-2022)^n \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

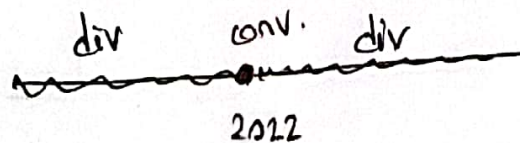
$$|a_n|^{1/n} = |n \cdot (x-2022)|^{n \cdot \frac{1}{n}} = |n| \cdot |x-2022|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |n| \cdot |x-2022| = \infty > 1 \quad \text{if } x \neq 2022$$

By the Ratio test, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ is divergent for all

$x \in \mathbb{R} - \{2022\}$.

If $x = 2022$, then we have $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 0$ which is convergent



Thus, the radius of convergence is zero and the interval of convergence is $\{2022\}$

9) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{\sqrt{n^5}}$

Soln :

So $a_n = \frac{\ln n}{\sqrt{n^5}} > 0 \quad \forall n \geq 1$

$a_n = \frac{\ln n}{\sqrt{n^5}} \leq \frac{n}{n^{5/2}} = \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} := b_n$

$\uparrow$
 $\ln x < x \quad \forall x \geq 1$ (Show! Exc)

Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^{3/2}$ where $b_n = \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} > 0 \quad \forall n \geq 1$.

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ is convergent by p-series test
 $(p = 3/2 > 1)$

By CT, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{\sqrt{n^5}}$ is also convergent.

b) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+2}{n!}$

Soln:

↳ Recall (Ratio test)

Consider the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$, $a_n > 0 \forall n$

(i) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent

(ii) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| > 1$ OR $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \infty$, then

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.

(iii) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$, then the test is inconclusive.

So, $a_n = \frac{n+2}{n!} \forall n \geq 0$.

Then, $a_{n+1} = \frac{n+3}{(n+1)!} = \frac{n+3}{n!(n+1)}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+3}{n!(n+1)} \cdot \frac{n!}{n+2}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+3}{(n+2)(n+1)} = 0 < 1$$

By Ratio test,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+2}{n!} \text{ is convergent.}$$

(18) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{2^{n^2}}$

Soln: Say $a_n = \frac{n!}{2^{n^2}} \quad \forall n \geq 1$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)!}{2^{(n+1)^2}} = \frac{n! (n+1)}{2^{n^2} \cdot 2^{2n+1}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n! (n+1)}{2^{n^2} \cdot 2^{2n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^{n^2}}{n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{2^{2n+1}} = 0 < 1$$

[Note: Define $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{2^{2x+1}}$ on $\mathbb{R}$ s.t. $f(n) = \frac{n+1}{2^{2n+1}} = b_n$]

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x+1}{2^{2x+1}} \left[\frac{\infty}{\infty} \right] \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2 \cdot \ln 2 \cdot 2^{2x+1}} = 0.$$

So, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{2^{n^2}}$ is convergent

$$i) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^{\sqrt{n}}}$$

Soln:

Recall (Root Test)

Consider the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$, $a_n > 0 \forall n$

(i) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} < 1$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is abs. conv. (convergent)

(ii) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} > 1$ OR $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \infty$, then

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is divergent.

(iii) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = 1$, then the test is inconclusive. $\perp$

So let $a_n = \frac{2^n}{n^{\sqrt{n}}} > 0 \forall n \geq 1$ ($|a_n| = a_n$)

$$a_n^{1/n} = \left(\frac{2^n}{n^{\sqrt{n}}} \right)^{1/n} = \frac{2}{n^{1/\sqrt{n}}} \quad \text{Evaluate } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n^{1/\sqrt{n}}}$$

Define $f(x) = x^{1/\sqrt{x}}$ on $(0, \infty)$ s.t. $f(n) = n^{1/\sqrt{n}} \forall n \geq 1$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{1/\sqrt{x}} = ?$$

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

Soln:

Say $a_n = \frac{n! (n+1)!}{(3n)!} > 0 \quad \forall n \geq 1$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)! (n+2)!}{(3n+3)!}$$

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\cancel{(n+1)!} (n+2)!}{(3n+3)!} \cdot \frac{(3n)!}{\cancel{n!} (n+1)!}$$

$$= \frac{(n+2)}{3 \cdot (3n+1)(3n+2)}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+2}{3(3n+1)(3n+2)} = 0 < 1$$

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n! (n+1)!}{(3n)!}$ converges by Ratio Test.