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Seq. and Series

a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots a sequence

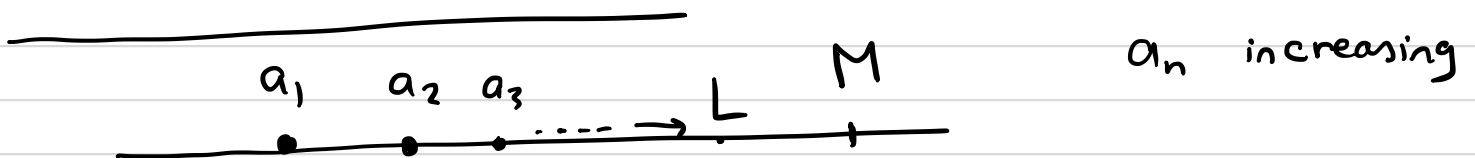
- If there exist M all a_n 's $\leq M$
then $\{a_n\}$ is bounded from above (by M).
- " " " m $m \leq a_n$'s
" " " bounded from below (by m)
- Bounded above & below \Rightarrow bounded.

Theorem (Monotonic Seq. theorem)

Let $\{a_n\}$ be a seq.

Suppose $\{a_n\}$ is bounded and monotone

then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ exist (or $\{a_n\}$ is convergent).



Intuitively it is clear a_n should converge to some $L \leq M$.

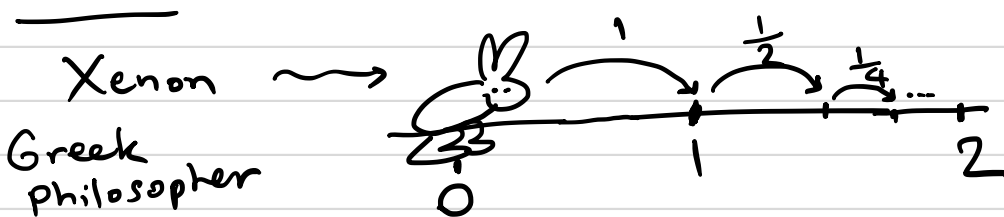
Sec. 8.2

Series

a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots Seq. \rightsquigarrow Series
 $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$

By $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ we mean the limit of the Seq.

$a_1, a_1+a_2, a_1+a_2+a_3, a_1+a_2+a_3+a_4, \dots$
Partial sums of the series.



Question $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots = ?$

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = ?$ \rightsquigarrow example "geometric" series

General alg. identity:

$$(1-a) (1 + a + a^2 + \dots + a^m) = 1 - a^{m+1}$$

Proof

$$1 + a + a^2 + \dots + a^m - a - a^2 - \dots - a^m = 1 - a^{m+1} \quad \text{😊}$$

Rem Very useful for all financial computations about compounding interest.

$$1 + a + \dots + a^m = \frac{1 - a^{m+1}}{1 - a}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - a^{m+1}}{1 - a}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{m+1}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1 - 0}{\frac{1}{2}} \quad a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= 2 \quad \text{😊}$$

Fact / thm

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{Converges} & \text{if } 0 \leq |a| < 1 \\ \lim = \frac{1}{1-a} & \\ \text{diverges} & \text{if } 1 \leq |a| \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n = \frac{1}{1-a} \quad (\text{if } 0 \leq |a| < 1).$$

Little more general case:

c & a fixed numbers.

$$c + ca + ca^2 + \dots + ca^m = \frac{c(1 - a^{m+1})}{1 - a}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ca^n = \frac{c}{1-a} \rightarrow 0 \leq |a| < 1$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex.}} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \dots$$

$$0 < \frac{2}{3} < 1$$

$$= \underbrace{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}_{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \underbrace{\left(1 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \dots\right)}_{\frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{3}}} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \cdot 3 = 2.$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex.}} \quad \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4 + \dots$$

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

$$\left(\frac{3}{2} - \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9}\right)\right) = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$$

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n = \frac{1}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{27} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \left(\frac{1}{18}\right)$$

Ex. (not a geo. series)

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \frac{1}{4 \times 5} + \dots = ?$$

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

Trick: $\frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}$

Similar to partial fraction

(Sometimes $\frac{1}{\text{quad. expression}} = \frac{1}{\text{linear}} \pm \frac{1}{\text{linear}}$)

$$\left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \dots$$

$$= 1 \quad \text{😊}$$

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

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

Next time $1 + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \dots$

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

divergent

Ex. $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots = \infty$ $p=1$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots$$

Convergent $\left(= \frac{\pi^2}{6}\right)$

goes back to Leonard Euler !!!