

HW:

Series Packet: Page 14 #7- 10, 12- 14, 22, 24, 35-39 (all)

DO NOW:

Use Solution Manual to check answers and solutions.

Which ones do we need to go over?

Problems from L'Hopital: Volunteers to put up 11, 37, 39?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-10x} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t e^{-10x} dx \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{10} e^{-10x} \right]_0^t \\
 \left(\frac{d(-10e^{-10x})}{dx} = 100e^{-10x} \right) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{10} e^{-10t} - \left(-\frac{1}{10} e^{-10(0)} \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{10}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \begin{cases} \text{converges to } \frac{1}{p-1} & \text{if } p > 1 \\ \text{diverges} & \text{if } p \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

If f and g are positive, continuous on $x \geq a$
 and if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L$ with $0 < L < \infty$
 then $\int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx$ and $\int_a^{\infty} g(x) dx$ either both conv or both diverge.

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{x}}{\sqrt[4]{(x+1)^5}} \text{ Looks like } \frac{x^{\frac{1}{3}}}{x^{\frac{5}{4}}}$$

Definition A series **converges** if the sequence of partial sums converges. That is, we say that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$ converges, where $s_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$. If the sequence of partial sums does not converge, we say that the series **diverges**. If the series converges, the limit of s_n is called the sum or value of the series.

Practice 5

For the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n}$, list the first five terms of the series and the first five partial sums of the series. Does the series appear to converge?

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

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{3} \quad S_2 = \frac{4}{9} \quad S_3 = .48148 \quad S_4 = .49383 \quad S_5 = .49794$$

Theorem 1.1

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges to A and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges to B , then...

1. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c \cdot a_n = c \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = cA$
2. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \pm b_n) = A \pm B$
3. for any positive integer k , $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, though almost certainly not to A .

Practice 6

Compute several partial sums for the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$. Does the series seem to converge? To what?

Example 6

Compute several partial sums for the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{n}$. Does the series seem to converge?

Theorem 1.2 – The n^{th} Term Test

In order for a series to converge, it is necessary that the parent sequence converges to zero. That is, given a series $\sum a_n$, if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$, then the series diverges.

It may be surprising to you that the converse is *not* a true statement.

The most famous example of this is the so-called harmonic series:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots$$

To summarize: If the terms of a series do not go to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then the series diverges. But if the terms do go to zero, that does not necessarily mean that the series will converge. The nth term test cannot show convergence of a series.

\therefore Write out the terms

(23) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{3^n} = \frac{5}{3} + \frac{5}{9} + \frac{5}{27} + \dots$

Formula = $\frac{\text{First term}}{1 - \text{ratio}} = \frac{a}{1 - r}$

$= \frac{\frac{5}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}}$

Telescoping Series

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

$$S_4 = \left(1 - \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{2}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{3}} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{3}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{4}} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{4}} - \frac{1}{5} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$S_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) = 1$$

To determine if a series converges
look at the sequence of partial sums. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$ is finite, that is
the sum of the series.