

**6.8 Corollary (The Integral Test).** Suppose  $f$  is a positive, decreasing function on the half-line  $[1, \infty)$ . Then the series  $\sum_1^\infty f(n)$  converges if and only if the improper integral  $\int_1^\infty f(x) dx$  converges.

Example

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \text{ converges if and only if } \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx \text{ converges}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^k \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-p} x^{1-p} \Big|_1^k & \text{for } p \neq 1 \\ \log x \Big|_1^k & \text{for } p = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-p} (k^{1-p} - 1) & \text{for } p \neq 1 \\ \log k & \text{for } p = 1 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p > 1 \\ \infty & \text{if } p < 1 \\ \infty & \text{if } p = 1 \end{cases}$$

Therefore, ...

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \text{ converges if } p > 1 \text{ otherwise diverges.}$$

note  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$  is not equal  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$

**6.11 Theorem.** Suppose  $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$  for  $n \geq 0$ . If  $\sum_0^\infty b_n$  converges, then so does  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$ . If  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$  diverges, then so does  $\sum_0^\infty b_n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $s_k = \sum_0^k a_n$  and  $t_k = \sum_0^k b_n$ ; thus  $0 \leq s_k \leq t_k$  for all  $k$ . If  $\sum_0^\infty b_n$  converges, the numbers  $t_k$  form a bounded set; hence so do the numbers  $s_k$ , so the sequence  $\{s_k\}$  converges by the monotone sequence theorem. This proves the first assertion, to which the second one is logically equivalent.  $\square$

**6.12 Theorem.** Suppose  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  are sequences of positive numbers and that  $a_n/b_n$  approaches a positive, finite limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then the series  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$  and  $\sum_0^\infty b_n$  are either both convergent or both divergent.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = l > 0 \text{ by hypothesis}$$

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $N$  such that  $\left| \frac{a_n}{b_n} - l \right| < \varepsilon$  for  $n \geq N$ .  
 Choose  $\varepsilon = \frac{l}{2}$  then is  $N$  such that  $\left| \frac{a_n}{b_n} - l \right| < \frac{l}{2}$  for  $n \geq N$ .

Thus,

$$-\frac{l}{2} < \frac{a_n}{b_n} - l < \frac{l}{2}$$

$$\frac{l}{2} < \frac{a_n}{b_n} < \frac{3l}{2} \quad \text{for } n \geq N.$$

$$lb_n < 2a_n < 3lb_n$$

Suppose  $k > N$  then

$$\sum_{n=0}^k a_n < \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^k 2a_n = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} 2a_n + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=N}^k 2a_n$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} 2a_n + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=N}^k 3lb_n$$

If  $\sum_{n=0}^\infty b_n$  exists then

$$s_k = \sum_{n=0}^k a_n < \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} 2a_n + \frac{3l}{2} \sum_{n=0}^\infty b_n$$

Since  $a_n > 0$  then  $s_k$  is monotone increasing and bounded.  
 Therefore  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s_k$  exists and  $\sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n$  converges...

**6.13 Theorem** (The Ratio Test). Suppose  $\{a_n\}$  is a sequence of positive numbers.

- If  $a_{n+1}/a_n < r$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ , where  $r < 1$ , then the series  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$  converges. On the other hand, if  $a_{n+1}/a_n \geq 1$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ , then the series  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$  diverges.
- Suppose that  $l = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1}/a_n$  exists. Then the series  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$  converges if  $l < 1$  and diverges if  $l > 1$ . No conclusion can be drawn if  $l = 1$ .

Let  $N$  be so large that  $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} < r$  for  $n \geq N$

Then  $a_{n+1} < r a_n$

$$a_{N+2} < r a_{N+1} < r^2 a_N$$

⋮

$$a_k \leq a_{N+(k-N)} \leq r^{k-N} a_N$$

Therefore for  $k > N$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} s_k &= \sum_{n=0}^k a_n = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n + \sum_{n=N}^k a_n \leq \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n + \sum_{n=N}^k r^{n-N} a_N \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n + a_N \sum_{n=0}^{k-N} r^n = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n + a_N \frac{1-r^{k-N+1}}{1-r} \end{aligned}$$

only making it smaller  
 so remove it

If  $|r| < 1$  then  $1-r > 0$

$\leq \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n + a_N \frac{1}{1-r}$   
 bounded

By monotone convergence  $s_k$  has a limit.

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**6.14 Theorem** (The Root Test). Suppose  $\{a_n\}$  is a sequence of positive numbers.

- If  $a_n^{1/n} < r$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ , where  $r < 1$ , then the series  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$  converges. On the other hand, if  $a_n^{1/n} \geq 1$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ , then the series  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$  diverges.
- Suppose that  $l = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n^{1/n}$  exists. Then the series  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$  converges if  $l < 1$  and diverges if  $l > 1$ . No conclusion can be drawn if  $l = 1$ .

(a) By hypothesis there is  $N$  large enough and  $r < 1$  so that

$$a_n^{1/n} < r \quad \text{for all } n \geq N$$

Thus  $a_n < r^n$  for all  $n \geq N$

$$\begin{aligned} s_k &= \sum_{n=0}^k a_n = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n + \sum_{n=N}^k a_n < \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n + \sum_{n=N}^k r^n \\ &\stackrel{\text{monotone}}{<} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n + \frac{1}{1-r} \end{aligned}$$

bound

Thus  $s_k$  converges...

A series  $\sum_0^\infty a_n$  is called **absolutely convergent** if the series  $\sum_0^\infty |a_n|$  converges. For series with nonnegative terms, absolute convergence is the same thing as convergence. For more general series, the basic result is as follows.

**6.17 Theorem.** Every absolutely convergent series is convergent.

$$a_n \leq |a_n| \quad \text{use comparison test.}$$

$$s_k = \sum_{n=1}^k a_n \leq \sum_{n=1}^k |a_n| = \sum_{n=1}^\infty |a_n|$$

↑  
no longer monotone

bound

*Proof.* Suppose  $\sum_0^\infty |a_n|$  converges. Let  $s_k = \sum_0^k a_n$  and  $S_k = \sum_0^k |a_n|$ . The sequence  $\{S_k\}$  is convergent and hence Cauchy, so given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an integer  $K$  such that

$$|a_{j+1}| + \cdots + |a_k| = S_k - S_j < \epsilon \text{ whenever } k > j \geq K.$$

But then

$$|s_k - s_j| = |a_{j+1} + \cdots + a_k| \leq |a_{j+1}| + \cdots + |a_k| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } k > j \geq K,$$

triangle inequality

so the sequence  $\{s_k\}$  is also Cauchy. By Theorem 1.20, the sequence  $\{s_k\}$ , and hence the series  $\sum a_n$ , is convergent.  $\square$

Since  $\sum |a_k|$  is convergent then  $s_k$  is Cauchy.

→ Since  $s_k$  is Cauchy then  $a_k$  is Cauchy

Since  $a_k$  is Cauchy then  $\sum a_n$  is convergent

Check for review sheet over weekend!