

Tests for Convergence/Divergence

1. Divergence Test

- If the limit of a sequence/series doesn't approach 0 or doesn't exist, it DIVERGES
- Note:** Just because the limit is 0 does NOT mean the series converges

2. Continuous Test

- $a_n = f(n)$. $\lim a_n = \lim f(x)$

3. Comparison Test

- If $a_n < b_n$, and b_n converges, then a_n must also converge
- If $a_n < b_n$ and b_n is divergent, then a_n diverges
- If $\lim (a_n/b_n) = c$, then either both series converge or both diverge

4. Monotonic Test

- If a sequence is monotonic/bounded, it converges

5. Integral Test

- $a_n = f(x)$. $\sum a_n$ converges if $\int_1^{\infty} f(x)$ converges
- Doesn't necessarily have to start at 1. If it converges for any number a , the series converges.

6. P Series Test

- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ is convergent if $p > 1$, divergent if $p \leq 1$

7. Ratio Test

- $|a_{n+1}| / |a_n| < 1$, Converges

8. Root Test

- If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = L < 1$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is abs convergent. Otherwise, if $L > 1$, the series diverges.

9. Alternating Series Test

- If the series is decreasing and the limit approaches 0, then the series converges
- ALWAYS** check to make sure that the series is decreasing. **DO NOT ASSUME**
- Note: 1st few terms never influence convergence

Estimating Sums

1. Alternating Series

- $|R_n| = |s - s_n| < b_{n+1}$
- $|R_n| = |s - s_n| > -b_{n+1}$
- Find n in which b_n is smaller than the error
- The sum is the partial sum of the first n terms

2. Taylor Inequality

If $|f^{(n+1)}(x)| \leq M$ for $|x-a| \leq d$, then the $R_n =$
 $|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x-a|^{n+1}$ for $|x-a| \leq d$.

3. Integral Test

$$\int_{n+1}^{\infty} f(x) dx \leq \frac{s - s_n}{R_n} \leq \int_n^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

Common Power Series Representations

$$1. \frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad (x < 1)$$

$$2. e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

for all x

$$3. \ln(1+x) = -1 < x <= 1$$

$$\ln|1+x| = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^n}{n}$$

$$4. \sin x = \text{for all } x$$

$$x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$5. \cos x = \text{for all } x$$

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

$$6. \tan^{-1} x = -1 <= x <= 1$$

$$x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$$

$$7. (1+x)^k =$$

$$1 + kx + \frac{k(k-1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)}{3!} x^3 \dots$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{k}{n} x^n \quad \binom{k}{n} = \frac{k(k-1)\dots(k-n+1)}{n!}$$

$$\binom{k}{0} = 1 \quad k = \text{any real number} \quad |x| < 1$$

Taylor Series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!} (x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!} (x-a)^3 + \dots$$

Maclaurin Series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!} x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \dots$$

Other Stuff

If a series is absolutely convergent, it also converges if of the interval is the Radius of Convergence
 a sequence r^n is only convergent if $-1 < r <= 1$

- Test endpoints of intervals