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if  $n \geq m > N_{\varepsilon}$ .

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Definition (p. 71) Absolute convergence

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Theorem 3.25 Comparison Test

(a) If  $|a_n| \leq c_n \forall n \geq N_0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges too.

(b) If  $a_n \geq d_n \geq 0 \forall n \geq N_0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges too.

Theorem 3.26 Geometric Series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow -1 < x < 1$ .

**Homework** Week #11, Exercise #6

**Discussion**  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = L < 1$  Then  $\exists N_{\varepsilon_0} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} < L + \varepsilon_0 = r, \forall n \geq N_{\varepsilon_0}$ .

So then we have  $x_{n+2} < r x_{n+1} < r^2 x_n$ . Let  $N_0 = N_{\varepsilon_0} + 1$ . Then,  $x_{N_0+k} < r^k x_{N_0}$ .

This gives us that  $0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} r^k x_{N_0} = x_{N_0} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} r^k = x_{N_0} \cdot 0 = 0$ .

Squeeze Theorem 3.20

If we have  $x_n \leq y_n \leq z_n$ , then  $|y_n - \alpha| \leq \max\{|x_n - \alpha|, |z_n - \alpha|\}$ .

Exercise #1  $\Rightarrow$  Exercise #2  $\Rightarrow$  Exercise #3.

**Series**

**Definition 3.21** We need a sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , a sequence of *partial sums*,  $s_k$ ,

$s_k = \sum_{n=1}^k a_n$ . A pair of 2 sequences  $\{\{a_n\}, \{s_k\}\}$  forms a *series*, denoted  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ .

**Definition** A series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent if the sequence of partial sums  $\{s_k\}$  is convergent. If  $s_k \rightarrow \alpha$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = \alpha$ .

**Theorem 3.22**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N_{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\left| \sum_{k=n}^m a_k \right| < \varepsilon$   
if  $n \geq m > N_{\varepsilon}$ .

**Proof:**

Rewrite the theorem.  $\left\{ \sum_{n=1}^k a_n \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} = \{s_k\}$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow$  it is Cauchy.

$$\left| \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k \right| = |s_m - s_n|$$

$s_m = a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_{n-1} + a_n + \cdots + a_m$ . Note that  $a_n + \cdots + a_m = \sum_{k=n}^m a_k$ .

**Theorem 3.23** If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .

**Proof:**

This follows from 3.22 above.

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N_{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = m > N_{\varepsilon}$  we have  $|a_n| < \varepsilon$

$\therefore |a_n| \rightarrow 0$ , hence  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  by exercise 8, Week 11.

**Remark**  $a_n = (-1)^n$ .  $|a_n| \rightarrow 1$ , but  $a_n$  diverges.

**Note**  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$  does not imply  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.  
 $a_n = \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ , however  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is divergent.

**Theorem 3.24** Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series with non-negative terms (i.e.  $a_n \geq 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ).  
Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow \{s_k\}$  is bounded.

**Proof:**

The fact that  $a_n \geq 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \{s_k\}$  is increasing.  $s_{k+1} = s_k + a_{k+1}$ .

From Theorem 3.14 (Suppose  $\{s_n\}$  is monotonic. Then  $\{s_n\}$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow$  it is bounded.)  
the result holds.

**Note** The result holds also if all terms are negative, then  $\{s_k\}$  is bounded from below.

**Definition** (p. 71)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is called *absolutely convergent* if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  is convergent.

**Theorem 3.45** If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is absolutely convergent, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent.

**Proof:**

By Thm 3.22  $\left| \sum_{k=n}^m |a_k| \right| < \varepsilon$  so  $\sum_{k=n}^m |a_k| < \varepsilon$ .

So by the triangle inequality we have  $\left| \sum_{k=n}^m a_k \right| \leq \sum_{k=n}^m |a_k| < \varepsilon$ .

**Remarks** • 3.46 If  $a_n \geq 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  then absolutely convergent is equivalent to convergent.

• Convergent does not imply absolutely convergent.

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n}$  is convergent, but  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| (-1)^n \frac{1}{n} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is divergent.

**Theorem 3.25** Comparison Test

(a) If  $|a_n| \leq c_n \forall n \geq N_0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges too.

(b) If  $a_n \geq d_n \geq 0 \forall n \geq N_0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges too.

**Proof:**

(a)  $|a_n| \leq c_n \forall n \geq N_0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$  converges  $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is absolutely convergent.

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  is a series with positive terms.

$\bar{s}_k = |a_1| + |a_2| + \dots + |a_k| \leq c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_k = t_k \leq M \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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

Without loss of generality, suppose  $N_0 = 1$ .

(b) This follows from (a) as  $a_n \geq d_n \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges,

hence, so must  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n$ .

**Theorem 3.26** Geometric Series

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n$  converges  $\Leftrightarrow -1 < x < 1$ .

**Proof:**

$s_k = 1 + x + \dots + x^k = \frac{1 - x^{k+1}}{1 - x}$ .  $c_k = x^{k+1}$  converges for  $-1 < x < 1$ .

If  $x \geq 1$ , we use the comparison test with  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 1^k$  which diverges.

If  $-1 < x < 1$ , then  $x^{k+1} \rightarrow 0$ . So  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s_k = \frac{1}{1 - x}$ .

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1 - x} \Leftrightarrow -1 < x < 1$ .