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§11.2 - Series

Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence $\{a_n\} = \{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots\}$.

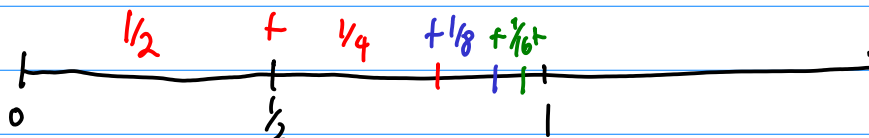
The series corresponding to $\{a_n\}$ is

$$S = a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n + \dots = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i$$

Q. Does this sum make sense? Can we find the sum S ?

Ex. $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + \dots + n + \dots = +\infty$ Diverges

Ex. $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} + \dots = 1$
There's a chance!



$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} = 1 \quad \text{convergent.}$$

Ex. $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} = \frac{1}{2^0} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} = 1 + 1 = 2.$

How to add these in general?

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$$

Partial Sums

$$S_1 = a_1$$

$$S_2 = a_1 + a_2$$

$$S_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3$$

$$S_k = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k$$

The partial sums form a sequence $\{S_k\} = \{S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_k, \dots\}$.
 The sum of the series, if it exists, is defined to be

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i = S = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^k a_i$$

Ex. Geometric Series

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} ar^{i-1}$$

$a = \text{constant}$
 $r = \text{constant}$

$$S = a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^k + \dots = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ar^i$$

Partial Sum:

$$S_k = a + \cancel{ar} + \cancel{ar^2} + \dots + \cancel{ar^k}$$

$$- rS_k = \cancel{ar} + \cancel{ar^2} + \dots + \cancel{ar^k} + ar^{k+1}$$

$$S_k - rS_k = a - ar^{k+1}$$

$$(1-r)S_k = a(1-r^{k+1})$$

$$S_k = \frac{a(1-r^{k+1})}{1-r}$$

$$S = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a(1-r^{k+1})}{1-r} = \frac{a(1 - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} r^{k+1})}{1-r}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} r^{k+1} = \begin{cases} 0 & |r| < 1 \\ 1 & r = 1 \\ \infty & |r| > 1 \end{cases}$$

Thm.

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ar^i = \frac{a}{1-r} \quad \text{if } |r| < 1$$

and $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ar^i$ diverges if $|r| \geq 1$.

Proof. $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a 1^i = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a = a + a + a + a + \dots + a + \dots = \pm \infty$

Ex. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{2n} 3^{1-n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 4^n \frac{3}{3^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3 \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cancel{3} \cdot \frac{4}{\cancel{3}} \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 4 \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{n-1}$

Geometric! $a=4$ $r=\frac{4}{3} > 1$

Diverges!

Ex. $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$

$f(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n + \dots$

"Infinite Polynomial"

looks geometric w/ $a=1$, $\underline{r=x}$

domain = $|x| < 1 \Rightarrow -1 < x < 1$

$S = \frac{a}{1-r}$

$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x} \quad \text{for } -1 < x < 1$

