

Thms in §§ 4.1-4.3 all apply to series (by applying them to the sequence of partial sums).

Thm 8.1.6 $\sum a_n$ converges $\Leftrightarrow s_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k$ converges
 \swarrow
 s_n Cauchy \Leftrightarrow

Thm 8.1.4 If $\sum a_n = s$, $\sum b_n = t$, then

$$(a) \sum (a_n + b_n) = \sum a_n + \sum b_n = s + t$$

$$(b) \sum (k a_n) = k \sum a_n = k \cdot s \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Pf of (a) [Sketch]

$$\sum a_n = s \Leftrightarrow \text{partial sums } s_n \rightarrow s$$

$$\sum b_n = t \Leftrightarrow \text{partial sums } t_n \rightarrow t.$$

$$s_n + t_n = \text{seq of partial sums of } \sum (a_n + b_n).$$

$$\text{By Thm 4.2.1 (a), } \underline{s_n + t_n} \rightarrow s + t \Rightarrow \sum (a_n + b_n) = s + t$$

⚠ Converse (\Leftarrow) of last thm not true:

$$a_n = 1, \quad \sum a_n = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots = +\infty$$

$$b_n = -1, \quad \sum b_n = -1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - \dots = -\infty$$

$$c_n = a_n + b_n = 0, \quad \sum c_n = 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots = 0$$

DO NOT split up a series $\sum (a_n + b_n)$

into $\sum a_n + \sum b_n$

unless you know the separate pieces converge.

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \dots$ ("The Harmonic Series")

$$S_1 = 1$$

$$S_4 = \dots$$

$$S_2 = 3/2$$

$$S_3 = 11/6$$

S_n increasing, but formula for S_n hard to find!

Does $\sum \frac{1}{n}$ converge? (\Leftarrow does S_n converge?)

We know $S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$ converges $\Leftrightarrow S_n$ Cauchy

$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N$ such that $n, m > N \Rightarrow |S_n - S_m| < \epsilon$

We'll show S_n NOT Cauchy $\Leftrightarrow S_n$ diverges $\Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{1}{n}$ too!

Suppose $m > n$, so $\frac{1}{m} < \frac{1}{n}$, $\frac{1}{m} < \frac{1}{n+1}, \dots, \frac{1}{m} < \frac{1}{m-1}$

$$S_m - S_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{m} \right) - \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{m}$$

$$> \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{m} + \dots + \frac{1}{m}$$

(m-n)

$\Rightarrow S_m - S_n > \frac{(m-n)}{m} = 1 - \frac{n}{m}$. So if $m = 2n$, $S_m - S_n > 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$.

If $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$, there is no N s.t. $n, m > N \Rightarrow |S_m - S_n| < \epsilon$. Not Cauchy

In other words, given any $M \in \mathbb{R}$, $\exists N$ such that:

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{N} > M.$$

But $S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$ increases so slowly that these #'s are enormous.

n	S_n	$\gamma + \ln n$
1	1	0.577...
2	1.5	1.27
10	2.93	2.88
100	5.187...	5.182...
1000	7.485...	7.48497....

(\leftarrow where $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \approx \gamma + \ln n$, $\gamma \approx 0.577..$)

So to get $S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} > M$,

solve $\ln n + \gamma > M$

$$n > e^{M-\gamma}$$

$$M=100 \Rightarrow n > 10^{43}$$

$$M=1000 \Rightarrow n > 10^{434}$$

$$M=1\,000\,000 \Rightarrow n > 10^{484940}$$

Extra fun - does anything diverge more slowly? Yes!

$$\sum_{p \text{ prime}} \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{13} + \dots = +\infty$$

And yet,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

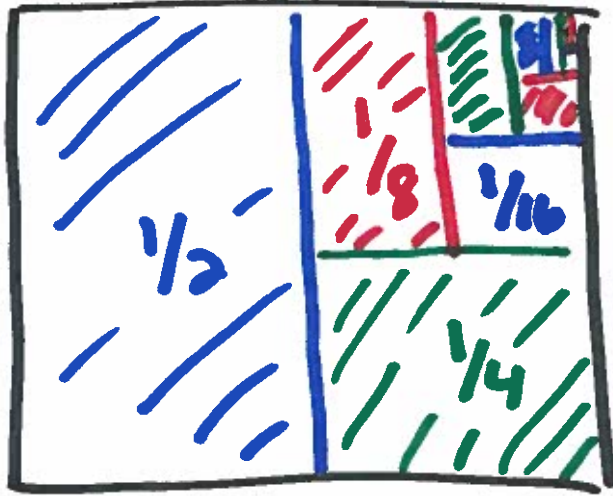
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = 1 + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{81} + \frac{1}{256} + \dots = \frac{\pi^4}{90} \leftarrow ?$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} = 1 + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{64} + \dots = \zeta(3) \approx 1.20205\dots$$

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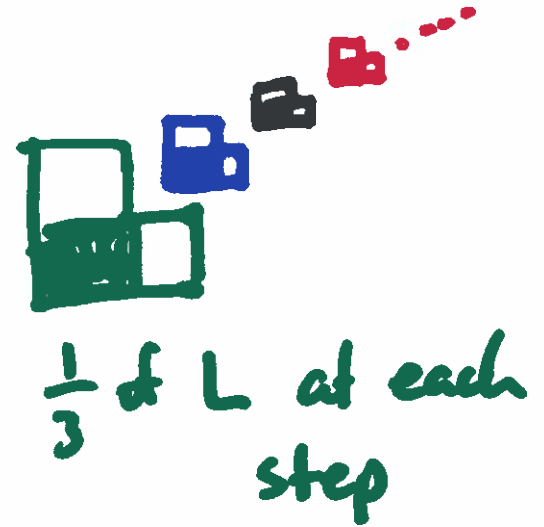
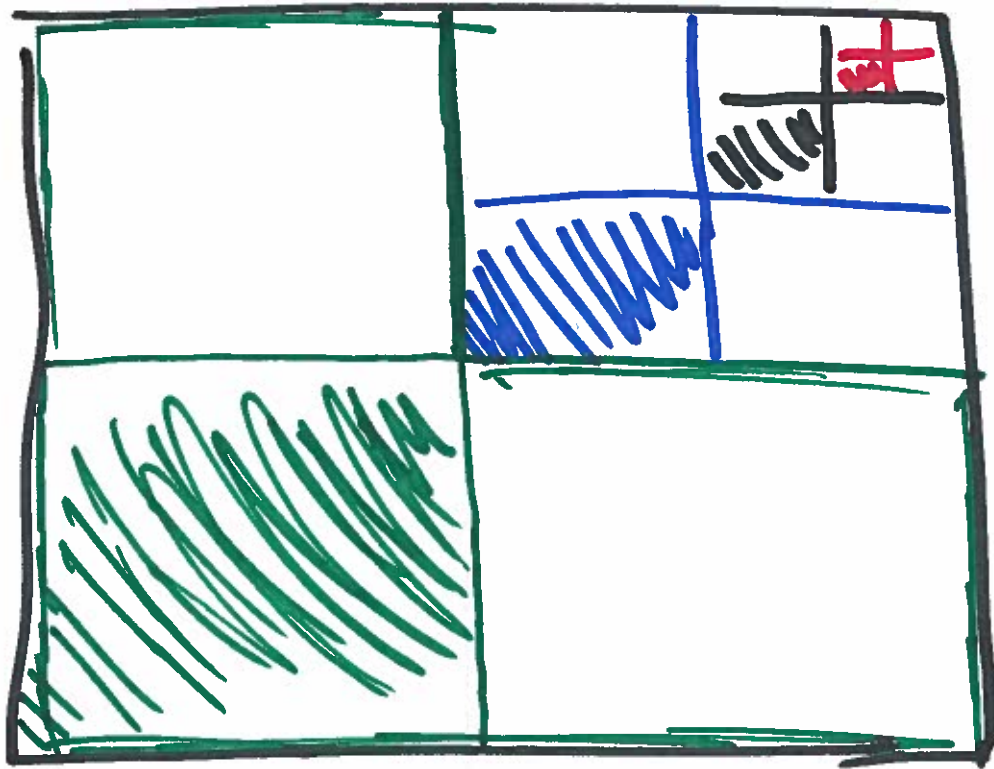
Geometric Repr'n of Series

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square:



$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots = 1.$$

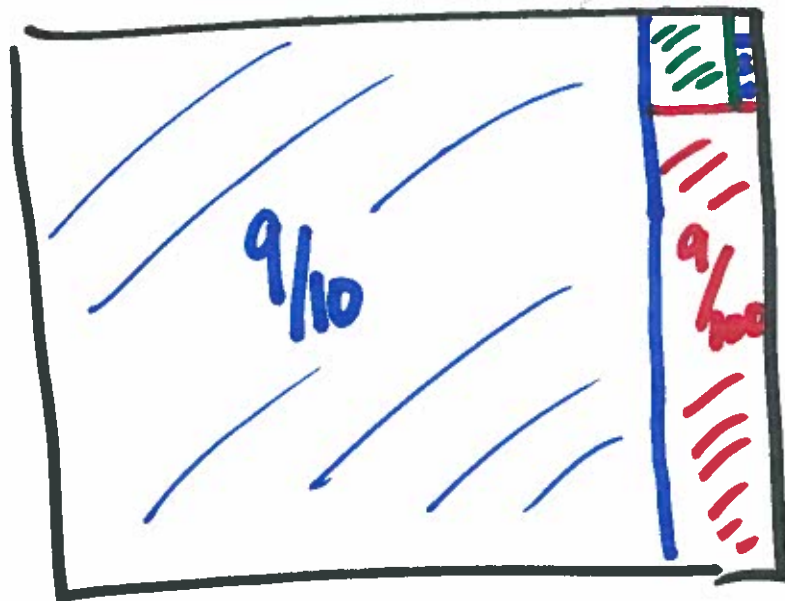
i.e. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = 1$



$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{64} + \frac{1}{256} + \dots = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^n}\right) - 1 = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{4}} - 1 = \frac{4}{3} - 1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

Or....



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{9}{10} + \frac{9}{100} + \frac{9}{1000} + \dots &= 0.9 + 0.09 + 0.009 + \dots \\ &= 0.99999\dots \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

(Proof that

Alt. Harmonic Series



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

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Ex Telescoping Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = 1 - \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{3}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{3}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{4}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{4}} - \dots = 1.$$

Note: $\frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(-1)}{n+1} \quad (= \frac{n+1-n}{n(n+1)})$

$$S_1 = \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$S_2 = \left(\frac{1}{1} - \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{3} \right)$$


$$S_3 = \left(\frac{1}{1} - \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{2}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{3}} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

$$\vdots$$
$$S_n = \left(1 - \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} \right) + \dots + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{n}} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}$$

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

Wrapup

Thm $\sum a_n$ converges $\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow 0$

 Converse ($a_n \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \sum a_n$ converges) is
NOT TRUE!!

Ex $\sum \frac{1}{n} = +\infty$ but $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$.

Intuitively, suppose $a_n \rightarrow L$. Eventually

$$\sum a_n \approx a_1 + \dots + L + L + L + L + L \rightarrow \pm \infty$$