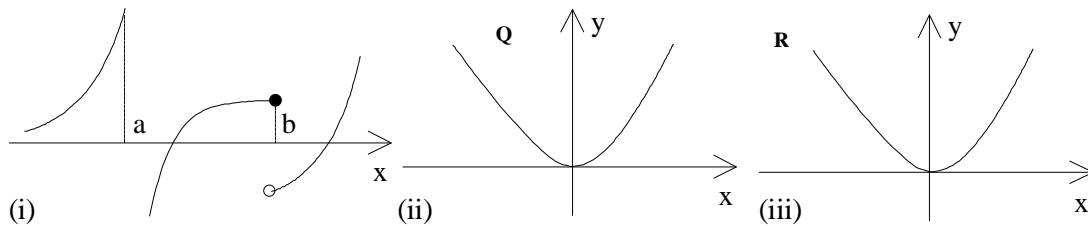


Limits & Continuity

A **graph** with no holes/jumps/breaks/gaps is continuous.



(i) **Not** continuous at $x = a, x = b$. (ii) $f: \mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}, x \rightarrow x^2$. $\mathbf{Q} = \{ \frac{n}{d} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}, d \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \}$. This is *nowhere* continuous. (iii) $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \rightarrow x^2$. Continuous *everywhere*.

Reals & Rationals

Real numbers are represented by all *points* on a line. Fixing 0 and 1 on the line determine a value for every point. A real number is represented by an infinite decimal, $a = a_5a_4a_3a_2a_1.d_1d_2d_3d_4\dots$. Snag: a real number may have **2** such representations e.g. 1.00000..... and 0.99999..... Any *infinite* string of 9's can be replaced by an infinite string of 0's provided we add 1 to the digit on the left.

A **rational** number is a real number where the *decimal expansion repeats*. We write e.g. $\frac{1}{3} = 0.33333\dots = 0.\dot{3}$; $\frac{1}{7} = 0.\dot{1}4285\dot{7}$. **Algorithm** for converting a repeating decimal to a fraction. Example: Let $x = 0.\dot{9}$. **Multiply** by $10^{\text{(repeat length)}}$ (in this example 10) so $10(0.\dot{9}) = 9.\dot{9}$. **Subtract**, $10x - x = 9.\dot{9} - 0.\dot{9}$; $9x = 9.\dot{0}$; $x = 1.\dot{0}$; $x = 1$. **Another example**: $x = 3.4\dot{5}\dot{1}$. **Multiply** by 10^2 and **subtract** giving $100x - x = 345\dot{2}\dot{1} - 3.4\dot{5}\dot{1}$. So $99x = 341.7\dot{6}$; $9900x = 34176\dot{0}$; $x = \frac{34176}{9900} = \frac{2848}{825}$.

Evaluating Limits of Functions

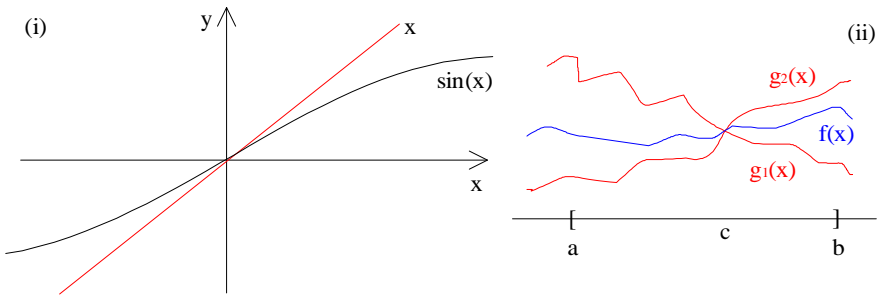
The **expression** $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[\frac{\sqrt{x+7} - 3}{\sqrt{11-x} - 3} \right]$ is like $\frac{0}{0}$ at $x = 2$ and so is *not* defined. Note: To sketch a graph of a function like **this**, first sketch the numerator, then the denominator, then form the quotient. You'll also need **information** such as: domain = $[-7, 11] = \{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -7 \leq x \leq 11 \}$; at $x = 11$, value is $1 - \sqrt{2}$; at $x = -7$, value is $-1 - \sqrt{2}$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+6} - 3}{\sqrt{x+1} - 2} \right) \text{ (at } x = 3, \text{ it is } \textit{undefined}). \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+6} - 3}{\sqrt{x+1} - 2} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+6} + 3}{\sqrt{x+6} + 3} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+1} + 2}{\sqrt{x+1} + 2} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{(x+6) - 3^2}{(x+1) - 2^2} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+6} + 3}{\sqrt{x+6} + 3} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{x-3}{x-3} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+6} + 3}{\sqrt{x+6} + 3} \right) \\ & \text{When } x \neq 3, \left(\frac{x-3}{x-3} \right) = 1, \text{ so we have} \\ &= (1) \left(\frac{\sqrt{x+6} + 3}{\sqrt{x+6} + 3} \right) = (1) \left(\frac{\sqrt{4} + 3}{\sqrt{9} + 3} \right) = \frac{2+3}{3+3} = \frac{5}{6} = \frac{5}{6} \end{aligned}$$

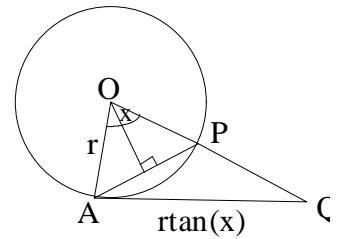
Method (1): *multiply* by 1^2 and use $(a-b)(a+b) = a^2 - b^2$ to get rid of the square root. Exercise. As shown in the **frame**. Method (2): We can use the **fact** that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$ under **certain** circumstances. So for $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3x+1} - 2}{\sqrt{8x+1} - 3} \right)$, it is equal to $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{(3x+1)^{-1/2} (1/2)(3)}{(8x+1)^{-1/2} (1/2)(8)} \right) = \frac{(4)^{-1/2} (3/2)}{(9)^{-1/2} (4)} = \frac{(1/2)(3/2)}{(1/3)(4)} = \frac{9}{16}$.

Limit of $\sin(x)/x$ and $x/\sin(x)$

Result: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$. The **squeeze rule:** (Diagram (ii)) Suppose that g_1 & g_2 are functions, continuous on some **interval** $[a, b]$. Then $g_1(x) \leq g_2(x)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$, and $g_1(c) = g_2(c)$ for some $c \in [a, b]$. Further, $f(x)$ is defined on $[a, b]$ (except at c), and $g_1(x) \leq f(x) \leq g_2(x) \forall x \in [a, b]$, **except** at $x = c$. So $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = g_1(x) (= g_2(c))$.



Area of Triangle OAP \leq Area of Sector OAP \leq Area of triangle OAQ. $r^2 \sin(x/2) \cos(x/2) \leq r^2 \times x/2 \leq r^2 \times \tan(x)/2$. **Multiply** through by $2/r^2$, giving $\sin(x) \leq x \leq \tan(x)$. **Multiply** through by $(1/\sin(x))$ to give $1 \leq x/\sin(x) \leq 1/\cos(x)$. Here, $g_1(x) = 1$, $f(x) = x/\sin(x)$ and $g_2(x) = 1/\cos(x)$. $[a, b] = [-1, 1]$, say; $c = 0$ and $g_1(c) = g_2(c) = 1$. **Conclusion:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin x} = 1$.

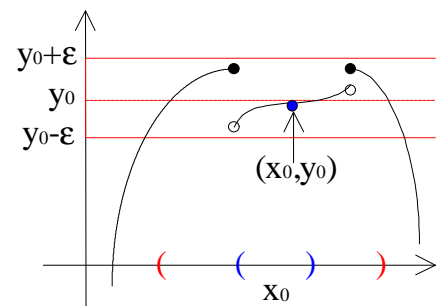


Example: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\tan(4x))(\cot(5x)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos 5x}{\sin 5x}\right) \left(\frac{\sin 4x}{\cos 4x}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos 5x}{\sin 5x}\right) \left(\frac{\sin 4x}{\cos 4x}\right) \left(\frac{5x}{5x}\right) \left(\frac{4x}{4x}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{5x}{\sin 5x}\right) \left(\frac{\sin 4x}{4x}\right) \left(\frac{\cos 5x}{\cos 4x}\right) \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) = 1 \times 1 \times 1 \times 4/5 = 4/5$. Or, use **de l'Hopital's rule** (Differentiate top and bottom for $0/0$ problems): $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 4x}{\tan 5x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4 \sec^2 4x}{5 \sec^2 5x} = 4/5$.

Rules: Where the **limit** exists, (i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)+g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$. (ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$. (iii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x)/g(x)) = (\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x))/(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x))$ **provided** $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$. (iv) The **squeeze rule:** If f is a **polynomial** function, (*sin, cos, exp, etc.*), **then** $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$.

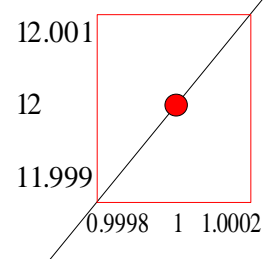
Target Values

General problem: Given (i) $y_0 \in$ image of a function f ; (ii) ϵ small and (sometimes) (iii) x_0 with $f(x_0) = y_0$, find an **interval** contained in the domain of f , for which these **equivalent** conditions hold: $f(x) \in (y_0 - \epsilon, y_0 + \epsilon)$; $|f(x) - y_0| < \epsilon$. Looking at the graph, The **brackets** indicate a possible answer.

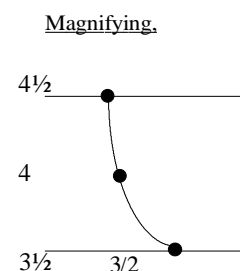
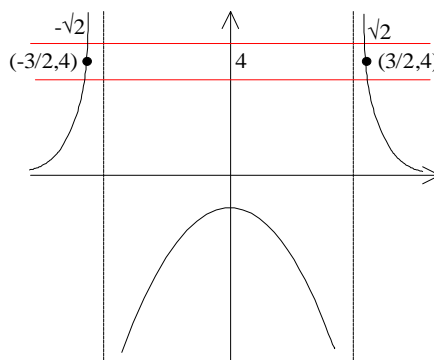


Example (1): $f(x) = 5x+7$, $y_0 = 12$; $\epsilon = 1/1000$. **Solving,** $5x+7 = 12$, **implies** $x_0 = 1$. Looking at the **diagram**, which is a magnification of the graph of the function, the width of the rectangle is $0.002/5 = 0.0004$. So a **possible** solution is $\{x \mid |x-1| < 0.0002\} = (0.9998, 1.0002)$.

Magnification of Graph

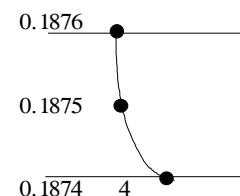


Example (2): $f(x) = 1/x^{2-2}$, $y_0 = 4$, $\epsilon = 1/2$.
Solving with $1/x^{2-2} = 4$, $1/4 = x^2 - 2$, $x^2 = 9/4$; $x = \pm 3/2$
 Looking at the *diagrams*, because the curve is steeper to the left of $x = 3/2$, we solve $1/x^{2-2} = 4^{1/2}$, $x^2 = 2^2/9$, $x \approx 1.4907$ (taking the **+ve** square root).



At $y = 3^{1/2}$, $2^2/7 = x^2$, and $x \approx 1.51185$.
 Choose **any** interval inside this e.g. (1.491, 1.509), i.e. 1.5 ± 0.009 or (1.495, 1.505).

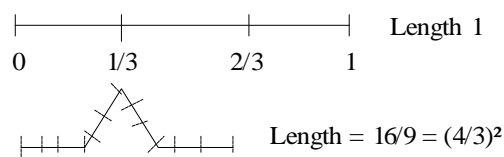
Exercise. If $W = 1/R - 1/16$, then $W = 0.1875$ when $R = 4$. How **close** to 4 must R be maintained if W is to *differ* from 0.1875 by at most 0.0001? A: $f(x) = 1/x - 1/16$, $x_0 = 4$, $y_0 = 0.1875$, $\epsilon = 0.0001$. W must be in the **interval** 0.1874 to 0.1876. At $y = 0.1876$, $x \approx 3.99840064$. At $y = 0.1874$, $x \approx 4.00160064$. (The **above** uses $y = 1/x - 1/16$; $y + 1/16 = 1/x$; $x = 1/(y + 1/16)$). **Possible interval: Wrong**
 Answer = (3.9984, 4.0018); **Correct Answer** = (3.9985, 4.0015).



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Limit Curves: The Limit of a Sequence of Curves

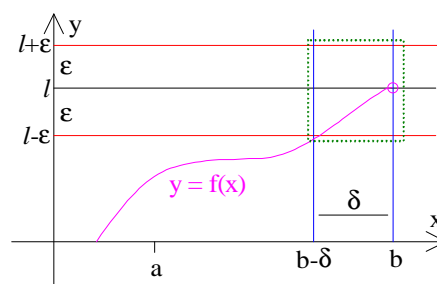
Snowflake curve: Mark $1/3$ d's along each segment repeat *producing* 4 new equilateral triangles. As we go on, the length of the curve is $(4/3)^n$. **Iterate**, and we get the length of the limit curve as $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{4}{3})^n = \infty$. (Note: we really start with a *triangle* and apply the process to each side).



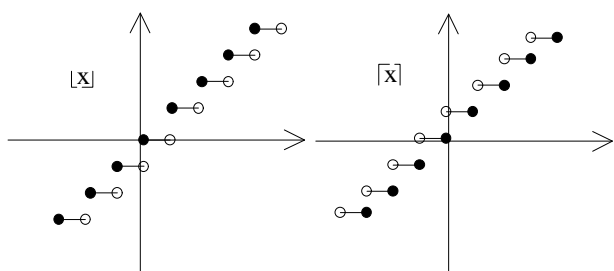
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Left/Right Hand Limits

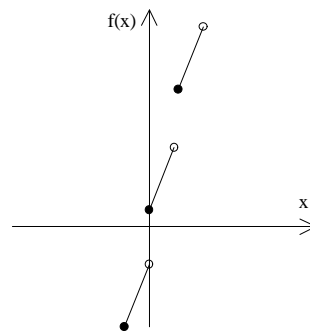
Let $(a, b) \subseteq \text{dom } f$. Suppose that *given an* ϵ , we can find a $\delta > 0$ and an l , the limit, such that $|f(x) - l| < \epsilon$ for all $x \in (b - \delta, b)$. Then l is called the **left hand limit** of f at b , and we write $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x) = l$.



Floor & Ceiling. The floor of x (also called the “integer part”) is *defined by* $\lfloor x \rfloor = \text{greatest integer } \leq x$. The **ceiling** of x is defined by $\lceil x \rceil = \text{least integer } \geq x$. The floor of 5 = the ceiling of 5 = 5. The *floor* of $4^{1/3}$ is 4, the *ceiling* of $4^{1/3}$ is 5. The *floor* of $-\pi$ is -4 and the *ceiling* of $-\pi$ is -3.

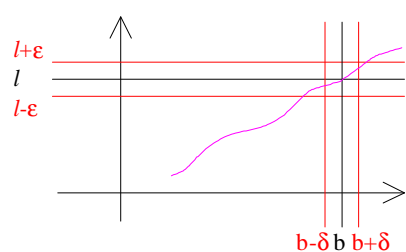


Example: $f(x) = 1 + 2x + 3\lfloor x \rfloor$. **Problem:** find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)$. “Game”: one chooses ϵ , **another** then chooses l and δ . Choose $\epsilon = 1$. **Suggestion:** $l = 3$, $\delta = \pi$. Now $x = 0 \in (1-\pi, 1)$, but $f(0) = 1$ is outside the ϵ horizontal strip. Now choose $l = 3$, $\delta = 1/2$, and all points are now **inside** the strip. The first person then *chooses* $\epsilon = 0.01$. 2nd chooses $l = 3$, $\delta = 10^{-9}$. This carries on. **Purpose:** the first person says the limit *doesn't* exist, then the 2nd says *it does* by defining l and δ .



Definition 2: Let $(b, c) \subseteq \text{dom } f$. Suppose that given an $\epsilon > 0$, we can find an l and a δ such that $|f(x) - l| < \epsilon \forall x \in (b, b + \delta)$. Then l is called the **right hand limit** of f at b , written as $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^+} f(x) = l$. **Example:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 1 + 2x + 3\lfloor x \rfloor = 6$. **Definition 3:** If $(a, b) \cup (b, c) \subseteq \text{dom } f$, (Note: b does **not** have to be in the domain), and if $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow b^+} f(x) = l$, we say that l is the *limit of f at x* , and we write $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} f(x) = l$.

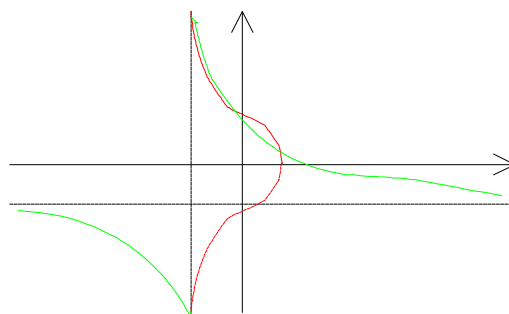
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Alternative Definition of a limit: suppose that, given ϵ , we can find a $\delta > 0$ of l such that $|f(x) - l| < \epsilon \forall x \in (b - \delta, b + \delta) \setminus \{b\}$, then f has **limit l** at b .

Example: $f(x) = 1.142 + x^2$ if $x < 1$; $f(x) = \pi - x^2$ if $x > 1$. **Find** $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$, or show that **no limit** exists. He chooses $\epsilon = 0.01$. I choose $l = 2.142$, so we want $2.042 < f(x) < 2.242$. **Slopes** are $\pm 2x = \pm 2$. I choose $\delta = 0.001$. The condition is satisfied. He now chooses $\epsilon = 0.0001$. If $l = -2.1420$, **however** small δ is, there is some $f(x) \approx 2.1416$. If $l = 2.1416$, there is some $f(x) \approx 2.1420$. In other words, the left limit is not equal to the right limit. In fact, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 2.142 \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \pi - 1$.

Example: $f(x) = 1 - x / \sqrt{1 - x^2}$. Domain of $f = (-1, 1)$. **Q:** **Find** $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ and δ as a *function* of ϵ . **A:** For l , $1 - x / \sqrt{1 - x^2} = \sqrt{(1-x)^2} / \sqrt{(1-x)\sqrt{1+x}} = \sqrt{1-x} / \sqrt{1+x} \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 1$ ($x \neq 1$). So $l = 0$. Now the *definition* requires $|1 - x / \sqrt{1 - x^2} - 0| < \epsilon$ for $x \in (1 - \delta, 1)$. This **implies that** $(1-x) < \epsilon \sqrt{1-x^2}$ since $1-x > 0$. This implies that $1 - 2x + x^2 < \epsilon^2(1-x^2)$; $(1-x)(1-x-\epsilon^2(1+x)) < 0$; $(1-\epsilon^2) - (1+\epsilon^2)x < 0$; $1 - \epsilon^2 / (1+\epsilon^2) < x$; $1 - (2\epsilon^2 / (1+\epsilon^2)) < x$. So **choose** $\delta \leq 2\epsilon^2 / (1+\epsilon^2)$. A *sketch* of the graph is shown (**Green** = $f^2(x) = (f(x))^2$ = $(1-x)^2 / (1-x^2) = 1-x / (1+x)$). We can write $\lim_{x \rightarrow (-1)^+} f(x) = +\infty$.



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Tutorial

Q: If $A = \pi(x/2)^2$, how much **deviation** is required so that the *area* comes within 0.01 in^2 of the desired 9 in^2 ? i.e. we require $|A - 9| \leq 0.01$. **A:** **Lower** limit of area = 8.99 , for which $x = 3.38325\dots$. The **upper** limit of the area is 9.01 , for which $x = 3.38701\dots$ (x worked out *using* $x = (\sqrt{9/\pi}) \times 2$). So x must be in the **interval** (say) 3.3833 to 3.3870 i.e. $3.3833 < x < 3.3870$.

Q: Find $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2 + 4}{6x^2 - 13}$. Then find $N \in [4, \infty)$ such that $|f(x) - L| < 10^{-3}$ for all $x > N$. **A:** Divide through by x^2 giving $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 + (4/x^2)}{6 - (13/x^2)} = \frac{3+0}{6-0} = \frac{1}{2}$.

We need to **solve** for the 2nd part $1/10^3 = 3x^2+4/6x^2-13^{-1}/2$. So $1 = 3000x^2+4000/6x^2-13 - 1000/2 = 3000x^2+4000/6x^2-13 - 500$. Now $501(6x^2-13) = 3000x^2+4000$; $3006x^2-6513 = 3000x^2+4000$; $6x^2 = 10513$; $x = \sqrt{(10513/6)} = 41.858889935$, so $N \approx 41.86 \approx 42$. Note the following **definition** of $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$: If, given ϵ , we can **always** find L & N such that $|f(x)-L| < \epsilon$ for all $x > N$, then we say that L is the limit of $f(x)$ as x tends to ∞ , and write $f(x) \rightarrow L$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

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Sequences

A **real** sequence is an infinite *ordered set* of real numbers a_i , $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_i, \dots\} = \{a_i\}_{i \geq 1}$, where **each** number may appear *more* than once. We sometimes start at a_0 (or a_{11} , or...) We can think of a **sequence** as a function: $S : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i \mapsto a_i$. For $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 3}$, where $u_n = n^3/n+4 = \{0, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, \dots\}$, this sequence *converges* to 1. For $\{(-1)^n\}_{n \geq 2} = \{1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots\}$, this is an **oscillating** sequence e.g. points on $y = \cos \pi x$, etc. For $\{n^3+3n-1\}_{n \geq 0} = \{-1, 3, 13, \dots\}$, this *diverges* to $+\infty$.

Sequences defined by **Recurrence Relations**. (a) $u_0 = 1$, $u_n = nu_{n-1}$, $n \geq 1$. So $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 0} = \{1, 1, 2, 6, \dots\}$; $u_n = n!$. (b) $u_0 = 1$, $u_n = 2u_{n-1}$ ($n \geq 1$). So $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 0} = \{1, 2, 4, 8, \dots\}$; $u_n = 2^n$. (c) **[Fibonacci]** $u_0 = 1$, $u_1 = 1$, $u_n = u_{n-1} + u_{n-2}$ ($n \geq 2$). So $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 0} = \{1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, \dots\}$. (d) $u_0 = 1$, $u_n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} u_i$ ($n \geq 1$) = $u_0 + u_1 + \dots + u_{n-1}$. So $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 0} = \{1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, \dots\}$. (e) $u_1 = -1$, $u_n = -\frac{\sqrt{e^{4n-1}}}{3}$. **So** $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 1} = \{-1, -0.35, -0.48, -0.45, -0.46, \dots\}$. This is an **iteration** of one root of $e^x = 3x^2$.

Calculation of Limits

Example: $u_n = \sqrt{(n^2-1)-n}$ (Could be thought of as $\infty - \infty$). $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 1} = \{-1, -0.268, -0.172, -0.127, \dots\}$. So $u_n = [\sqrt{(n^2-1)} - n] \left[\frac{\sqrt{n^2+1} + n}{\sqrt{n^2+1} + n} \right] = \frac{(n^2-1)-n^2}{\sqrt{n^2-1} + n} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{n^2-1} + n} = \frac{-(1/n)}{\sqrt{(1-(1/n^2))} + 1}$. So as n approaches ∞ , the expression *becomes* $^{-0)/\sqrt{(1-0)+1}} = 0/2 = 0$. **Example:** $u_n = n \sin(\pi/n)$ (Could be thought of as $\infty \times 0$). It becomes $\pi \sin(\pi/n)/(\pi/n) = \pi.1 = \pi$ as n tends to ∞ .

Definition: $\{u_n\}_{n \geq a}$ has limit L , if given $\epsilon > 0$, there is an **integer** $N > a$ such that $|u_n - L| < \epsilon$ for **all** $n \geq N$. We write " $u_n \rightarrow L$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ ", " $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = L$ ", or " $\{u_n\}_{n \geq a}$ has limit L ". We could play "the game" with this i.e. **choosing** ϵ and N , ϵ' and N' , etc...

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Linear Recurrence Relations

A *linear recurrence relation* of degree r with **constant** coefficients has the form $a_0 u_n + a_1 u_{n-1} + \dots + a_r u_{n-r} = f(n)$. **Once** u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r are *known/chosen*, then $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is defined. Example: **Fibonacci:** $u_n - u_{n-1} - u_{n-2} = 0$. Example: $u_n - 2u_{n-1} = 7$, $u_1 = 1$ (degree 1). **Then** $u_n = 2u_{n-1} + 7$; $u_2 = 2+7 = 9$; $u_3 = (2 \times 9) + 7 = 25$.

Or, $u_n = 2u_{n-1} + 7 = 2(2u_{n-2} + 7) + 7 = 4(u_{n-3} + 7) + 7(2+1) = 2^3(u_{n-4} + 7) + 7(4+2+1) = 2^{n-2}(2u_1 + 7) + 7(2_{n-3} + \dots + 4+2+1)$. [the **red** bits sum to $n-1$]. The term $7(\dots)$ is a **geometric** progression of the form $7(2^{n-1}-1)/(2-1) = (8 \times 2^{n-1}) - 7$; so $u_n = 2^{n+2} - 7$. Conclusion: **the solution** involves 2^n ; the relation is $u_n - 2u_{n-1} = 7$.

The **homogenous** recurrence $a_0u_n+a_1u_{n-1}+\dots+a_ru_{n-r} = 0$ has **characteristic equation** $a_0\lambda^r+a_1\lambda^{r-1}+\dots+a_r=0$. If this has **distinct** solutions $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r$, then the *general* solution is $u_n = k_1\alpha_1^n+k_2\alpha_2^n+\dots+k_r\alpha_r^n$, where the **constants** k_i are determined by u_1, \dots, u_r .

Example: $u_n-5u_{n-1}+6u_{n-2} = 0$. $u_1 = u_2 = 1$. C.E. $\lambda^2-5\lambda+6 = 0$; $(\lambda-2)(\lambda-3) = 0$. $u_n = k_12^n+k_23^n$.
Compare: $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}-(5\frac{dy}{dx})+6y = 0$ has **C.E.** $\lambda^2-5\lambda+6$; general *solution* $y = k_1e^{2x}+k_2e^{3x}$. Find k_1, k_2 in the **recurrence**. $n = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = 2k_1+3k_2$; $n = 2 \Rightarrow 1 = 4k_1+9k_2$. These *imply* that $k_2 = -1/3$ & $k_1 = 1$. Therefore, $u_n = 2^n-1/3 \cdot 3^n = 2^n-3^{n-1}$. But the **roots** may not be distinct: If a_i occurs $(t+1)$ times as a root, then $u_n = k_1\alpha_1^n+\dots+k_{i-1}\alpha_{i-1}^n+(k_i+nk_{i+1}+\dots+n^tk_{i+t})\alpha_i^n$, a **polynomial** of degree t in n .

Example: $u_n+u_{n-1}-2u_{n-2}-2u_{n-3}+u_{n-4}+u_{n-5} = 0$ has C.E. $\lambda^5+\lambda^4-2\lambda^3-2\lambda^2+\lambda = 0$; $(\lambda+1)^3(\lambda-1)^2 = 0$.
General solution: $u_n = (k_1+nk_2+n^2k_3)(-1)^n+(k_4+nk_5)(1)^n$. Compare: $y'''''+y''''-2y'''-2y''+y'+y = 0$ has **general** solution $y = (k_1+k_2x+k_3x^2)e^{-x}+(k_4+k_5x)e^x$. Example: **Fibonacci:** $u_n-u_{n-1}-u_{n-2} = 0$; C.E. $\lambda^2-\lambda-1 = 0$; $\lambda = 1/2(1\pm\sqrt{5})$. So $u_n = k_1(1+\sqrt{5}/2)^n+k_2(1-\sqrt{5}/2)^n$. **For large** n , we have $u_n = \text{large} + \text{tiny}$. We *substitute* for $n = 0$ & 1 to get values for k_1 & k_2 , and **hence** $u_n = 1/\sqrt{5}((1+\sqrt{5}/2)^{n+1} - 1/\sqrt{5}(1-\sqrt{5}/2)^{n+1})$. For example, $u_{11} = 144.0013-0.0013 = \mathbf{144}$.

Note: a **binomial** expansion of both sides gives $2^n u_n = (n+1)\binom{n+1}{3}5+\binom{n+1}{5}5^2+\dots$, where $\binom{n}{k} = n!/k!(n-k)!$. So, for example, for u_6 , $2^6 u_6 = 7 + \binom{7}{3}5 + \binom{7}{5}5^2 + \binom{7}{7}5^3; \dots, u_6 = 832$.

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If $u_n+3u_{n-1}+2u_{n-2} = 0$ ($n>3$), and $u_1 = 1, u_2 = -1$, calculate up to u_6 and **solve** the recurrence.
A: *Substitute* into the formula to get $\{1, -2, 4, -8, 16, -32\}$. Now we solve as follows: $u_n+3u_{n-1}+2u_{n-2} = 0$; $\lambda^2+3\lambda+2 = 0$, $(\lambda+1)(\lambda+2) = 0$; $\lambda = -1$ or -2 . **Thus** $u_n = k_1(-1)^n + k_2(-2)^n$. Substitute in *values*: $n = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = k_1(-1)^1 + k_2(-2)^1$; $1 = -k_1-2k_2$. And $n = 2 \Rightarrow -2 = k_1(-1)^2+k_2(-2)^2$; $-2 = k_1+4k_2$. From these we **get** $k_1 = 0, k_2 = -1/2$; so $u_n = -1/2(-2)^n = (-2)^{n-1}$.

Q: Solve the **recurrence** $u_n+3u_{n-1}+2u_{n-2} = n+1$ ($u_1 = 1, u_2 = -2, (n\geq 3)$). **A:** **The general** solution of a non-homogenous recurrence is a **particular** solution of the recurrence + the **general** solution of the associated homogenous recurrence. How do we find the *particular* solution: if the polynomial on the RHS (in n) is of degree d , there is usually a polynomial solution of degree d . If one of the roots of the C.E. is a root of the RHS, then a **degree of $d+1$** or more is required.

Now **here**, $u_n+3u_{n-1}+2u_{n-2} = n+1$; the C.E. is $(\lambda+1)(\lambda+2) = 0$; RHS = $(n+1)$. **And**, -1 is a root. We expect a *particular* solution of order an^2+bn+c . Try $u_n = an^2+bn+c$. So substituting, $(an^2+bn+c) + 3(a(n-1)^2+b(n-1)+c) + 2(a(n-2)^2+b(n-2)+c) = n+1$; *rearranging* gives $6an^2+6bn-14an+6c-7b+11a = n+1$, which is *satisfied* by $a = 0, b = 1/6, c = 13/36$. This is the **particular** solution: $u_{\text{particular}} = n/6+13/36$.

Now for the **general** solution: $u_n = k_1(-1)^n + k_2(-2)^n + (n/6+13/36)$. We *get* k_1 and k_2 by substitution again: $n = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = k_1+k_2+13/36$; $n = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = -k_1-2k_2+13/36$; so $k_1 = 7/4$ & $k_2 = -10/9$. Thus we **have** $u_n = 7/4(-1)^n - 10/9(-2)^n + (n/6+13/36)$. We can **check** the formula (*advisable*) by substituting in e.g. $n = 6$, and checking by **calculating** it in the *original* formula.

Matrix Method for Fibonacci (Optional)

The recurrence relation is $u_n - u_{n-1} - u_{n-2} = 0$; $u_0 = u_1 = 1$. **Rewrite** this as $[\begin{smallmatrix} u_n \\ u_{n-1} \end{smallmatrix}] = [\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}][\begin{smallmatrix} u_{n-1} \\ u_{n-2} \end{smallmatrix}]$, $[\begin{smallmatrix} u_1 \\ u_0 \end{smallmatrix}] = [\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}]$, i.e. $\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_{n-1}$, where $\mathbf{v}_1 = [\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}]$. First order **recurrence** for 2-element vectors. So $\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_{n-1} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_{n-2}) = \mathbf{A}^2(\mathbf{v}_{n-2}) = \dots$; $\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{A}^{n-1}\mathbf{v}_1$. How do we **calculate** \mathbf{A}^n ? Suppose that we can *find* an invertible 2×2 matrix \mathbf{T} s.t. $\mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{D}$ and $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{T}^{-1}$ (\mathbf{D} is *diagonal*). Then $\mathbf{A}^n = (\mathbf{T}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{T}^{-1})(\mathbf{T}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{T}^{-1})(\mathbf{T}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{T}^{-1})\dots$ n times. But we **cancel** the matching colours, leaving $\mathbf{A}^n = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{D}^n\mathbf{T}^{-1}$.

Matrix Theory Result: $\mathbf{M} = [\begin{smallmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{smallmatrix}]$ has *characteristic equation* $x^2 - (a+d)x + (ad-bc) = 0$. If this quadratic has **different** solutions λ & μ , then $\mathbf{A} = [\begin{smallmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{smallmatrix}]$ and $\mathbf{A} = [\begin{smallmatrix} \mu & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{smallmatrix}]$; both **have** rank 1. So we find \mathbf{y} & \mathbf{z} , where $[\begin{smallmatrix} a-\lambda & c \\ b & d-\lambda \end{smallmatrix}]\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ and $[\begin{smallmatrix} a-\mu & c \\ b & d-\mu \end{smallmatrix}]\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$. And so we **take** $\mathbf{T} = [\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{z}]$ and $\mathbf{D} = [\begin{smallmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{smallmatrix}]$. In **our** example, $\mathbf{A} = [\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}]$ so the C.E. is $x^2 - (1+0)x + (0-1) = 0$; $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$; $\lambda, \mu = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$.

Now $\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I} = [\begin{smallmatrix} (+1-\sqrt{5})/2 & 1 \\ 1 & (-1-\sqrt{5})/2 \end{smallmatrix}][\begin{smallmatrix} (1+\sqrt{5})/2 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}]$; and $\mathbf{A} - \mu\mathbf{I} = [\begin{smallmatrix} (1+\sqrt{5})/2 & 1 \\ 1 & (-1+\sqrt{5})/2 \end{smallmatrix}][\begin{smallmatrix} (1-\sqrt{5})/2 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}]$. $\mathbf{T} = [\begin{smallmatrix} (1+\sqrt{5})/2 & 1 \\ (1-\sqrt{5})/2 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}][\begin{smallmatrix} \lambda & \mu \\ 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}]$. Now $\mathbf{M} = [\begin{smallmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{smallmatrix}] \Rightarrow \mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc}[\begin{smallmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{smallmatrix}]$, so $\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \frac{1}{(\lambda-\mu)}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & -\mu \\ -1 & \lambda \end{smallmatrix}] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & -\mu \\ -1 & \lambda \end{smallmatrix}]$. Now $\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{A}^{n-1}\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{D}^{n-1}\mathbf{T}^{-1}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}] = [\begin{smallmatrix} \lambda & \mu \\ 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}][\begin{smallmatrix} \lambda^{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \mu^{n-1} \end{smallmatrix}]\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & -\mu \\ -1 & \lambda \end{smallmatrix}][\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}[\begin{smallmatrix} \lambda^n & \mu^n \\ \lambda^{n-1} & \mu^{n-1} \end{smallmatrix}][\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & -\mu \\ -1 & \lambda \end{smallmatrix}][\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}[\begin{smallmatrix} \lambda^n - \mu^n & -(\mu\lambda^n - \lambda\mu^n) \\ \lambda^{n-1} - \mu^{n-1} & -(\mu\lambda^{n-1} - \lambda\mu^{n-1}) \end{smallmatrix}][\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}]$. **But** $\lambda\mu^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}[\begin{smallmatrix} \lambda^n - \mu^n & \lambda^{n-1} - \mu^{n-1} \\ \lambda^{n-1} - \mu^{n-1} & \lambda^{n-2} - \mu^{n-2} \end{smallmatrix}][\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}[\begin{smallmatrix} \lambda^n + \lambda^{n-1} & -\mu^n - \mu^{n-1} \\ \lambda^{n-1} + \lambda^{n-2} & -\mu^{n-1} - \mu^{n-2} \end{smallmatrix}]$.

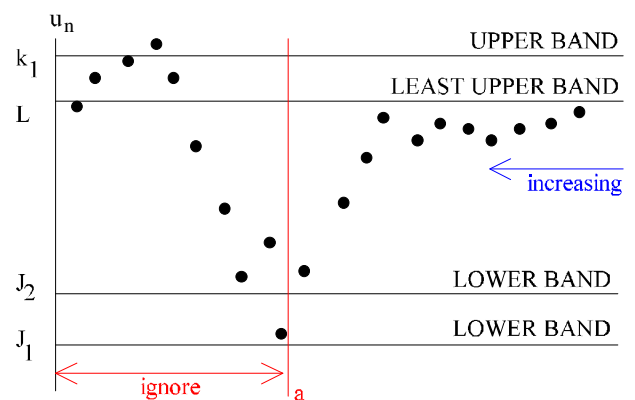
Is it Convergent/Divergent/Oscillating?

Let $u_n = (3n^4+1)/(4n^3+1)$. Think of $(3n^4+1)/(4n^3+1)$ as $3n^4/4n^3 = 3n/4$ when n is large — this tends to ∞ for large n . Or, dividing by n^3 , we get $(3n+(1/n^3))/(4+(1/n^3))$, which when n tends to ∞ is $3n/4$, which tends to ∞ . So it is **divergent**. **Alternatively**, using *de l'Hopital's rule*, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^4+1}{4n^3+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{12n^3}{12n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n$.

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Upper & Lower Bounds

Consider a **sequence** $S = \{u_n\}_{n \geq a}$. If $u_{n+1} \geq u_n$ for all $n \geq a$, then S is **increasing**. If \leq , then it is *decreasing*. Replacing " \geq, \leq " by " $>, <$ " gives the definitions of strictly increasing and strictly decreasing. Note: A **constant** sequence is increasing and decreasing. Now if $u_n \leq K$ for all $n \geq a$, then S has **upper** bound K . If $u_n \geq J$ for all $n \geq a$, then S has **lower** bound J . The least upper bound for S is called the *supremum*, and the greatest lower bound is called the *infimum*.



Axiom. A real sequence, $\{u_n\}_{n \geq a}$, which is **increasing** and which has an upper bound K , has a *limit*, $L \leq K$. A real sequence, $\{u_n\}_{n \geq a}$, which is **decreasing** and which has a lower bound J , has a *limit* $L \geq J$. Example: $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 1}$, defined by $u_1 = 1$, $u_{n+1} = \frac{3u_n+4}{2u_n+3}$. So $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 1} = \{1, \frac{7}{5}, \frac{41}{29}, \dots\}$. Questions: **Prove** that (i) $u_n \geq 1$ (so 1 is a lower bound); (ii) $u_{n+1} > u_n$ (increasing sequence), (iii) $0 \leq 2 - u_n^2 \leq 1/(5^{2n-2})$. Hence find an N s.t. $2 - u_n^2 < 10^{-6} \forall n > N$. Also **prove** that $0 \leq u_n \leq 3/2$.

Note: If the sequence has **limit** L , substitute in the recurrence: $L = \frac{3L+4}{2L+3}$; $2L^2+3L = 3L+4$; $2L^2-4 = 0$, $L = \pm\sqrt{2}$. For the last part, we want $u_n^{-3/2} < 0$ i.e. to be -ve. **Using** $u_{n+1}^{-3/2} < 0$, this gets *transformed* to be $[(3u_n+4)/(2u_n+3)]^{-3/2} < 0$, $(6u_n+8-6u_n-9)/(2(2u_n+3)) < 0$, $-1/(4u_n+6) < 0$. This is true because the **denominator** is +ve as long as n is +ve.

Now *show* that $(u_{n+1}-u_n) > 0$ for all n . Try $u_{n+1}-u_n = [(3u_n+4)/(2u_n+3)] - [(3u_{n-1}+4)/(2u_{n-1}+3)] = \frac{[6u_n u_{n-1} + 9u_n + 8u_{n-1} + 12 - 6u_n u_{n-1} - 8u_n - 9u_{n-1} - 12]}{[(2u_n+3)(2u_{n-1}+3)]} = \frac{(u_n - u_{n-1})}{[(2u_n+3)(2u_{n-1}+3)]}$. Numerator is +ve by **hypothesis**. Since u_n is +ve for all n , the *denominator* is +ve. So the whole thing is +ve. We have now proved that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ exists, and that it is less than or equal to $3/2$.

To show that $\sqrt{2}$ is the limit, we work **with** $(2-u_n^2)$. Show that this has limit 0. Consider $0 \leq 2-u_n^2$. When $n = 1$, $2-u_n^2 = 2-1 = 1 > 0$. So $2-u_{n+1}^2 = 2 - [(2u_n+4)/(2u_n+3)]^2 = \dots = (2-u_n^2)/(2u_n+3)^2 > 0$ by hypothesis. Now $2-u_n^2 \leq 1/5^{(2n-2)}$. When $n = 1$, $2-u_n^2 = 1 \leq 1/5^0$. **Assume** that $2-u_n^2 \leq 1/5^{(2n-2)}$, then $2-u_{n+1}^2 = (2-u_n^2)/(2u_n+3)^2 \leq 1/5^{(2n-2)} = 1/5^{2(n-1)}$. Now $|2-u_0^2| < 10^{-6}$ if $5^{2n-2} > 10^{-6}$. So $2u_n-2 > \log 10^{-6}/\log 5$ is true if $u_0 > 5.29\dots$ Choose $N = 6$. **Conclusion:** $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \sqrt{2}$.

Assignment 2: Notes

This **identity** is useful: $(a^n - b^n) = (a-b)(a^{n-1} + a^{n-2}b + a^{n-3}b^2 + \dots + ab^{n-2} + b^{n-1})$. Be careful about the **distinction** between left hand limits, right hand limits and limits at a value 'a'. Draw *graphs* for clarification. Warning: never write "=" when using a **decimal** approximation. Use equivalence or the symbol " \approx ".

Solving Inequalities

Basic Properties. I1: $a < b$ implies $a+x < b+x$ for all real x . I2: $a < b$ and $k > 0$ implies $ka < kb$. And $a < b$ with $k < 0$ implies $ka > kb$. I3: $a^2 > 0$ for all $a \neq 0$. I4: $0 < a < b$ and $0 < x < y$ imply $0 < ax < by$. Example: Solve $1/x \geq 3$. Two cases: $x > 0$ and $x < 0$. (i) $x > 0$: $1/x \geq 3$ iff $a \geq 3x$ by I2(i). This is iff $1/3 \geq x$ and iff $x \in (-\infty, 1/3]$. Since $x > 0$, we have $x \in (0, 1/3]$. (ii) $x < 0$: $1/x \geq 3$ iff $1 \leq 3x$ (by I2(ii)) iff $1/3 \leq x$ iff $x \in [1/3, \infty)$. But since $x < 0$, there are **no** solutions. Combining (i) & (ii), we get the *solution* set $(0, 1/3]$.

Set 1: Solve $|x+1| \geq 3$. There are 2 cases to consider: $x \leq -1$ & $x \geq -1$. **Set 2:** Solve $|x+2| - 2|x+1| > -3$ (3 cases). **Example 2:** Solve $(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\chi)^2(x-\delta) \geq 0$ given that $\alpha < \beta < \chi < \delta$. When a polynomial function is **completely** factorised, it is easy to sketch (Loch-Ness monster type graph). Then read off the *solution* set: $x \in [\alpha, \beta] \cup \{\chi\} \cup [\delta, \infty)$. **Set 3:** Solve $x^4 - x^2 > x^3 - x$.

Example 3: Solve $|\frac{\sqrt{x+3}-2}{x-1}| < \epsilon$. This comes from *finding* $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (\frac{\sqrt{x+3}-2}{x-1}) = \frac{1}{4}$, so substitute $t = x-1$, $x = t+1$: $|(\frac{\sqrt{(t+4)-2}}{t}) - \frac{1}{4}| < \epsilon$. So $y = 4\sqrt{(t+4)-8} \Rightarrow \dot{y} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{(t+4)}} = 1$ at $t = 0$. Case $t > 0$: $-4\sqrt{(t+4)+8+t} < 4t\epsilon \Rightarrow 8+t-4t+\epsilon < 4\sqrt{(t+4)} \Rightarrow 64+16(t-4t\epsilon) + (t-4t\epsilon)^2 < 16(t+4) \Rightarrow t^2(1-4\epsilon)^2 < 64t\epsilon \Rightarrow t < \frac{64\epsilon}{(1-4\epsilon)^2} \Rightarrow x < 1 + \frac{64\epsilon}{(1-4\epsilon)^2}$. **Set 4: Complete** this example by considering the case $t < 0$.

Worksheet: Convergence of Sequences

Q: A sequence $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is defined by $u_1 = 1/\sqrt{2}$; $u_{n+1} = \sqrt{(1/2 + 1/2 u_n)}$ ($n \geq 1$). Prove that (a) $u_n < 1$, (b) $u_n < u_{n+1}$, and (c) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 1$. **A:** (a) u_1 is **approximately** $0.7 < 1$. Assume that $u_n < 1$. Then $1/2 u_n < 1/2$. And $1/2 + 1/2 u_n < 1$. So $\sqrt{(1/2 + 1/2 u_n)} = u_{n+1} < 1$. (b) We want to show that $u_{n+1} - u_n > 0$. This is *true* for $u_2 - u_1$. Assume true for $u_n - u_{n-1} > 0$. Then $u_{n+1} - u_n = \sqrt{(1/2 + 1/2 u_n)} - \sqrt{(1/2 + 1/2 u_{n-1})} = 1/\sqrt{2} \{ \sqrt{(1+u_n)} - \sqrt{(1+u_{n-1})} \} \{ \sqrt{(1+u_n)+\sqrt{(1+u_{n-1})}} / \sqrt{(1+u_n)+\sqrt{(1+u_{n-1})}} \} = (u_n - u_{n-1}) / \sqrt{2(\sqrt{(1+u_n)+\sqrt{(1+u_{n-1})}})} > 0$ by *assumption*.

From (a) & (b), we **know** that $\{u_n\}$ is an *increasing* sequence with upper bound 1, so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ exists and is ≤ 1 . To **find** the limit L , substitute in the recurrence: $L = \sqrt{(1/2 + 1/2 L)}$; $L^2 = 1/2 + 1/2 L$; $2L^2 - L - 1 = 0$; $(L-1)(2L+1) = 0$; $L = 1$ or $-1/2$ — we **want** $L = 1$ since $L > 0.7$. A **second** sequence $\{t_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ is defined by $t_0 = 1$, $t_n = t_{n-1} \cdot u_n$ ($n \geq 1$). The **first 5** terms are 1, u_1 , $u_1 u_2$, $u_1 u_2 u_3$, $u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4$, etc. This was used to **estimate** π , as the limit of this sequence as n tends to ∞ is $2/\pi$.

Series

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n + \dots$, an *infinite* series. $S_k = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k$ is a **partial** sum. If $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_k$ exists, it is called the **sum** of the series. Example: $\sum_1^{\infty} 1/n^{2+4n+3} = 1/8 + 1/15 + 1/24 + \dots$. Now $1/n^{2+4n+3} = 1/(n+1)(n+3)$ = by **partial fractions** $1/2(n+1) - 1/2(n+3) = 1/2(1/n+1 - 1/n+3)$. So $S_k = 1/2(1/2 - 1/4) + 1/2(1/3 - 1/5) + 1/2(1/4 - 1/6) + \dots + 1/2(1/k+1 - 1/k+3)$. **Cancellation:** *Everything* cancels except $1/2[1/2 + 1/3 - 1/k+2 - 1/k+3]$. So S_k (as k **tends** to ∞) is $1/2[1/2 + 1/3 - 0 - 0] = 5/12$. (Can use the *cover-up rule* instead of partial fractions).

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Reminder: **Sequence** = $\{a_i\}_{i \geq 1}$; **Series** = $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$. A sequence of partial sums is denoted by $\{S_n\}_{n \geq 1}$, where $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$. $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_k = S$ exists **iff** $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$ is *convergent*. Proposition: if $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$ is convergent, then $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} a_i = 0$. Proof: $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (S_k - S_{k-1}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_k - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_{k-1} = S - S = 0$. Note: The converse is FALSE.

Computational problem: Suppose $a_i = f(i)$. How do we compute $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$? **Naive** method: (for a +ve decreasing sequence): *Program:* $i=1$; $a=f(1)$; $SUM:=1$; while $(a > 10^{-12})$ do $\{i:=i+1$; $a:=f(1)$; $SUM:=SUM+a$; $\}$ od; return SUM ; This is not good **because** (term $< 10^{-12}$) does not *imply* (error $< 10^{-12}$). The error is |estimate - true limit|. If you know a **function** E such that $E(i)$ is an *upper* bound for $|S_i - S|$, then *compute* with while $(E(i) > 10^{-12})$ do...

Example: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} + \dots$ is **divergent**. (And so $\sum_{n=10^{-\infty}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is *divergent*). Proof: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + 1/4 + \dots > 1 + (1/2) + (1/4 + 1/4) + (1/8 + 1/8 + 1/8 + 1/8) + \dots = 1 + 1/2 + 1/2 + 1/2 + \dots$ which is **divergent** ($1/2$ does not tend to 0). Diverges very *slowly*: Need 10^8 terms to get to 20! However, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \dots$ is **convergent**.

Series of Positive Terms (SPT)

When $a_n > 0$ for all n , $S_k = S_{k-1} + a_k > S_{k-1}$. So $\{S_k\}$ is increasing. So $\sum a_n$ is *convergent* provided $\{S_k\}$ has an upper bound.

Example: Geometric Series. In $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$, let $a_n = a^n$ ($n > 0$) so $S_k = 1+a+a^2+a^3+\dots+a^k = (1-a^{k+1})/(1-a)$. When $0 < a < 1$, a^{k+1} tends to 0 as k tends to ∞ . And S_k tends to $1/(1-a)$ as k tends to ∞ . When $a \geq 1$, the series is divergent.

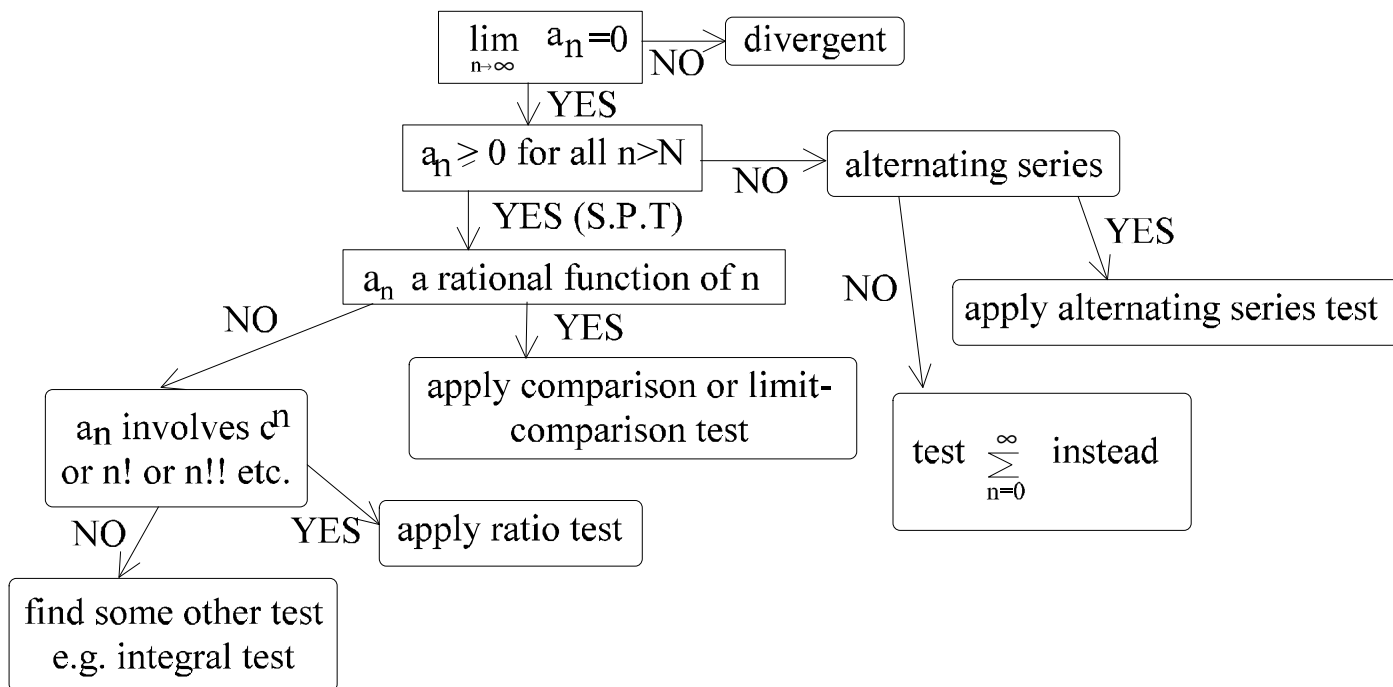
Example: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$, where $p > 1$. This series is *convergent*. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} = 1 + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \frac{1}{4^p} + \dots < 1 + (\frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{2^p}) + (\frac{1}{4^p} + \frac{1}{4^p} + \frac{1}{4^p} + \frac{1}{4^p}) = 1 + \frac{1}{2^{p-1}} + \frac{1}{4^{p-1}} + \dots = 1 + (\frac{1}{2^{p-1}}) + (\frac{1}{2^{p-1}})^2 + \dots + (\frac{1}{2^{p-1}})^n + \dots$
 Note: at the **start** of the inequality, (in $(\frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{2^p})$), the first term comes from $\frac{1}{2^p}$ and the second term comes from $\frac{1}{3^p}$. ($p > 1$ so $0 < \frac{1}{2^{p-1}} < 1$). So this **series** has sum $\frac{1}{1-(\frac{1}{2^{p-1}})}$.

So our series has an **upper** bound and is **convergent**. (The upper bound may be a *poor* estimate). Case $p = 2$: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \simeq 1.65$ (In fact $\pi^2/6$). Case $p = 4$: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \simeq 1.09$ (in fact $\pi^4/90$).

Example: $\sum 1/(n^p)$ is *divergent* when $0 < p \leq 1$.

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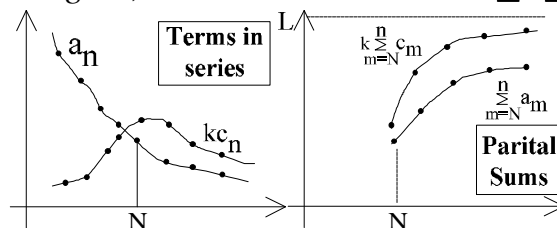
Testing the Series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ for Convergence



For the **power series** $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$, find $1/R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_{n+1}/a_n|$. **Convergent** for $x \in (-R, R)$. Test $x = R$ and $x = -R$ separately.

Series of Positive Terms

(1) **Comparison Test.** *Theorem 1:* If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n$ is *convergent*, and if $a_n \leq kc_n$ for all $n \geq N \geq i$, then $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent. **Proof.** Let $S_n = \sum_{m=N}^n c_m$. Since $\sum_{m=N}^{\infty} c_m$ is *convergent*, $\{S_n\}_{n \geq N}$ has an upper bound K . Then $t_n = \sum_{m=N}^n a_m \leq kc_N + kc_{N+1} + \dots + kc_n = kS_n$, so $\{t_n\}_{n \geq N}$ has upper bound kK . **Hence** $\sum_{m=N}^{\infty} a_m$ is convergent, with *limit* L , say. For $i < N$, $\sum_{m=i}^{\infty}$ is convergent with limit $a_i + \dots + a_{N-1} + L$.



Theorem 2: If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n$ is divergent, and $a_n \geq kd_n$ for all $n \geq N \geq i$, then $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$ is divergent.
Used for **rational** functions; *square roots* of these, etc. (e.g. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3n^2+2}{4n^4-2n+1}$, $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{n-9}{\sqrt{n^3+11}}$).

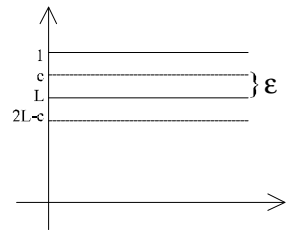
Algorithm: Ignore all but the **highest** degree terms in the *numerator & the denominator*. Write the result as $\sum c/n^p$. Now use the fact that $\sum 1/n^p$ is convergent when $p > 1$ and divergent when $p \in (0, 1]$.

Case $p > 1$: Show that $\sum a_n < \sum 2c/n^p$ for $n > N$. **Case $0 < p \leq 1$:** Show that $\sum a_n > \sum c/2n^p$ for $n > N$. **Example:** $\sum a_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (12n^4/n^3+1) \sim \sum 12/n^2$. Then $12n^4/n^3+1 < 24/n^2$ when $12n^3+4n^2 < 24n^3+24$, or $4n^2 < 12n^3+24$, which is **true** when $n \geq 0$. Hence the series is *convergent*. Example: $\sum a_n = \sum_{n=7}^{\infty} \sec(3\pi/n)/2n$. When $n \geq 7$, $0 < \theta = 3\pi/n < \pi/2$, so $0 < \cos\theta < 1$ and $\sec\theta > 1$. So $\sec(3\pi/n)/2n > 1/2 \cdot (1/n)$; series is divergent.

Exercises: (i) $\sum_{n=5}^{\infty} (5n+18/n^3-100) \sim \sum 5/n^2$. Then $5n+18/n^3-100 < 10/n^2$ when $5n^3+18n^2 < 10n^3-1000$; $18n^2 < 5n^3-1000$ which is **true** for $n > 7$. Hence the series is convergent. (ii) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{1/\sqrt{n^3+1}} \sim n^{1/\sqrt{n^3}} \sim \sum 1/\sqrt{n}$. Then $n^{1/\sqrt{n^3+1}} > 1/2\sqrt{2}$ when $2\sqrt{[(n)(n+1)]} > \sqrt{(n^3+1)}$; $2\sqrt{[(n)(n+1)]} > \sqrt{(n^3+1)}$; $2n(n+1)^2 > n^3+1$; $4n(n^2+2n+1) > n^3+1$; $4n^3+8n^2+4n > n^3+1$, which is **true** for $n \geq 1$.

D'Alembert's Ratio Test

Theorem 3. Let $\sum_{n=i}^{\infty} a_n$ be a S.P.T., and suppose that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_{n+1}/a_n) = L$. Then when $L < 1$, $\sum a_n$ is convergent. When $L = 1$, *no conclusion* (try another test). $L > 1$: $\sum a_n$ is divergent. **Proof** for case $L < 1$: Let $c = 1/2(1+L)$ (mid-point). From the *definition* of a limit, $\exists N$ s.t. $2L-c \leq a_{n+1}/a_n \leq c$ for all $n \geq N \geq i$. Then $a_n = (a_n/a_{n-1}) \cdot (a_{n-1}/a_{n-2}) \cdot \dots \cdot (a_{n+1}/a_N) \leq c^{n-N} a_N$. Since $0 < c < 1$, $a_N \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} c^{n-N} = a_N \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c^m = (a_N/1-c)$. Hence $\sum a_n$ is *convergent* by comparison with $a_N \sum c^m$.



The above is used for series where the **terms** involve 3^n , $(n+s)!$, etc. Note: *rational* functions of n , etc., have limit $a_{n+1}/a_n \rightarrow 1$, so the ratio test gives **no** information (use the *comparison* test instead). **Example:** $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^n/(n^4+3)$. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)^4+3} \right) \left(\frac{n^4+3}{2^n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2^{n+1}}{2^n} \right) \left(\frac{1+(3/n^4)}{(1+(1/n))^4+(3/n^4)} \right) = (2) \left(\frac{1+0}{1+0} \right) = 2$. Since $2 > 1$, the series is divergent (Note: the rational part **always** has limit 1).

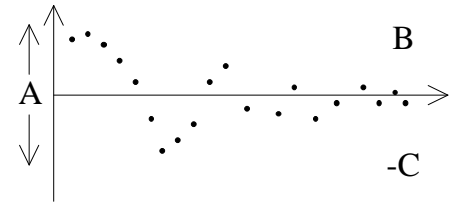
When k is an *odd integer*, we define $k!! = k(k-2)(k-4)\dots 5.3.1. = k \cdot (k-2)!!$, so $(2n-1)!! = (2n-1)(2n-3)\dots 5.3.1 = (2n-1) \cdot (2n-3)!!$ (e.g. $3!!=3$, $5!!=15$, $7!!=105$). $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\{(2n-1)!!\}^2}{(4n-1)!!} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{3^2}{105} + \dots$. **Now** $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\{(2n+1)!!\}^2}{(4n+3)!!} \right] \left[\frac{(4n-1)!!}{\{(2n-1)!!\}^2} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(2n+1) \cdot (2n-1)!!}{(2n-1)!!} \right]^2 \left[\frac{(4n-1)!!}{(4n+3)(4n+1) \cdot (4n-1)!!} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+1)^2}{(4n+3)(4n+1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2+(1/n))^2}{(4+(3/n))(4+(1/n))} = \frac{2^2}{4 \cdot 4} = \frac{1}{4} < 1$ so the series is **convergent**.

Exercise: $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (4n+7/3^n)$. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1}/a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{4(n+1)+7}{3^{n+1}} \right) \left(\frac{3^n}{4n+7} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3^n}{3^{n+1}} \right) \left(\frac{4n+4+7}{4n+7} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(\frac{4+(11/n)}{4+(7/n)} \right) = \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(\frac{4+0}{4+0} \right) = \frac{1}{3}$. **Since** $1/3 > 1$, the series is *divergent*.
Q: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)!(2n)!}{(3n+2)!}$. So $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(n+2)!(2n+2)!}{(3n+5)!} \right] \left[\frac{(3n+2)!}{(n+1)!(2n)!} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(n+2)(n+1)!(2n+2)!}{(3n+5)!} \right] \left[\frac{(3n+2)!}{(n+1)!(2n)!} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(n+1)(2n+1)(2n+1)(2n)!}{(3n+5)!} \right] \left[\frac{(3n+2)!}{(2n)!} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(n+2)(2n+2)(2n+1)(2n+2)!}{(3n+5)(2n+4)(3n+3)(3n+2)!} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(n+2)(2n+2)(2n+1)}{(3n+5)(3n+4)(3n+3)} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(1+(2/n))(2+(2/n))(2+(1/n))}{(3+(5/n))(3+(4/n))(3+(3/n))} \right] = \frac{(1+0)(2+0)(2+0)}{(3+0)(3+0)(3+0)} = \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3} = \frac{4}{27}$. As $4/27 < 1$, the series is *convergent*.

Theorems for Series

If A is **the series** $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$, and B is the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$, then $A+B = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n+b_n)$. Theorem: If A is **convergent** with sum L; B convergent with sum M, then A+B is convergent with *sum* L+M. Proof: A+B has the sequence of partial sums $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 1}$, where $u_n = (a_1+b_1)+(a_2+b_2)+\dots+(a_n+b_n)$. Now $u_n = (a_1+a_2+\dots+a_n) + (b_1+b_2+\dots+b_n) = s_n+t_n$, where $\{s_n\}_{n \geq 1}$; $\{t_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ are sequences of **partial** sums of A & B. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (s_n + t_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = L + M$. Theorem 2: If j & k are *real* numbers, then $jA+kB$ is the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (ja_n+kb_n)$ and it has the **sum** $jL+kM$.

General Series. Given a series $A = a_1+a_2+\dots+a_n+\dots$, consider the SPT $|A| = |a_1|+|a_2|+\dots+|a_n|+\dots$. Proposition: If $|A|$ is **convergent**, then A is convergent. The converse is false, e.g. $A = \sum (-1)^{n+1}/n$ is convergent, but $|A| = \sum 1/n$ is *divergent*.



Proof: Put $b_n = a_n$ when $a_n \geq 0$, and $b_n = 0$ otherwise. Put $c_n = 0$ when $a_n \geq 0$, and $c_n = -a_n$ otherwise. So $b_n, c_n \geq 0$ and $a_n = b_n - c_n$ for all n (*). Put $B = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ and $C = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$, both S.P.T. **And** $0 \leq b_n; c_n \leq |a_n|$ for all n. Hence B and C are both **convergent** by comparison with $|A|$. Put $A = B-C$ by (*); this is *convergent* by Theorem (2).

Terminology: A is called **absolutely** convergent if $|A|$ is convergent. Example: if $A = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n)}{n^2}$, then $|A| = \sum \frac{|\sin(n)|}{n^2}$ is convergent by **comparison** to $\sum 1/n^2$.

Alternating Series

A series whose terms are **alternatively** +ve and -ve can be written as $\pm \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+i} a_n$, with $a_n > 0 = \pm(a_1 - a_{i+1} + a_{i+2} - \dots)$. **Alternative Series Test:** $A = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} a_n$ is convergent provided (1) it is an **alternating** series, with $a_n \geq 0$ for all n; (2) $a_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$; (3) $a_n > a_{n+1}$ for all n.

Example: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \times 1/n$ clearly *satisfies* this test. Proof: Let $\{s_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of partial sums. **Bracket** S_{2n} in 2 different ways: $S_{2n} = (a_1 - a_2) + (a_3 - a_4) + \dots + (a_{2n-1} - a_{2n})$ and $S_{2n} = a_1 - (a_2 - a_3) - (a_4 - a_5) - \dots - (a_{2n-2} - a_{2n-1}) - a_{2n}$. Now, by (3), **every** bracket is +ve. The first expression for S_{2n} shows that $\{S_{2n}\}_{n \geq 1}$ is increasing. The 2nd expression shows that it has upper bound a. Hence $\{S_{2n}\}_{n \geq 1}$ is *convergent* with limit L, say. But $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_{2n} + a_{2n+1}) = L + 0 = L$. Conclusion: S_n has **limit** L.

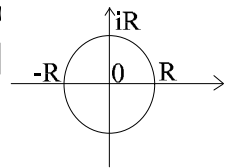
General Example: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \times \frac{p(n)}{q(n)}$. (where p & q are polynomials (or roots of)). Now $\deg(p) \geq \deg(q)$ implies that a_n does not tend to zero, so the series is **divergent**. If $\deg(p) < \deg(q-1)$, the series is *absolutely* convergent. Finally, $0 < \deg(q) - \deg(p) \leq 1$ implies that the series is **convergent**, by the alternating series test; but not *absolutely* convergent. Example: $\sum \frac{(-1)^{n+1} \sqrt{n}}{n+1}$. Here, $\deg(q) - \deg(p) = 1/2$.

Power Series

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n$. (a_i are constants, x is a variable). For any **fixed** x , this is an ordinary series. It is *convergent* when $x = 0$ (to a_n). Otherwise, $1/R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}|$, where the **limit** exists. (We say " $R = \infty$ " when the limit is 0). *Theorem*: Where R exists, the series is convergent for $|x| < R$ and divergent for $|x| > R$. (Don't know what happens when $|x| = R$).

Exercise: $1/_{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n \dots$ When $x = 0$, $1 = 1$. When $x = 1/2$, $2 = 1 + 1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + \dots$ When $x = 1$, $1/_{1-1} \neq$ (or is it equal to?) $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots$ When $x = -2$, $1/3 \neq 1 - 2 + 4 - 8 + 16 - 32 + \dots$ (Divergent and **oscillating**). $1/R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\frac{1}{1}| = 1 \Rightarrow R = 1 \Rightarrow$ cvt when $-1 < x < 1$ and divt when $|x| > 1$. R is called the *radius of convergence*, and the result holds for complex series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n z^n$.

Proof: Put $b_n = |a_n x^n|$, so $\sum b_n$ is a SPT. $b_{n+1}/b_n = |a_{n+1}/a_n| |x|$, which tends to $|x|/R$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. **The ratio test** implies that this is convergent when $|x|/R < 1$ i.e. $|x| < R$; and *divergent* when $|x|/R > 1$ i.e. $|x| > R$. Note: $\sum a_n x^n$ is **absolutely** convergent when $|x| = R$.



Example: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} x^n / n = x - x^2/2 + x^3/3 - (x^4/4) + \dots$ (This is the **Taylor** series for $\log(1+x)$: see later). $1/R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\frac{1}{n+1} / \frac{1}{n}| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{1}{1+(1/n)}) = 1$. 4 cases: when $|x| < 1$, the series is *convergent*. When $|x| > 1$, the series is *convergent*. When $x = +1$, the series is $\sum (-1)^{n+1}/n$, which is **known** to be convergent. When $x = -1$, the series is $\sum 1/n$, which is known to be **divergent**. So the series is *convergent* for $-1 < x \leq 1$ — the *interval of convergence* is $(-1, 1]$. **Case** $z = i$: the series is $i - i^2/2 + i^3/3 - (i^4/4) + (i^5/5) = i + 1/2 - i/3 - i^4/4 + i/5 + 1/6 \dots = (1/2 - 1/4 + 1/6 \dots) + i(1 - 1/3 + 1/5 - 1/7 + \dots)$. Both parts are **convergent** by the alternating series test; so the whole series is *convergent*.

Taylor Series

Let f be a function, **differentiable** as often as necessary. Then f has a *Maclaurin* series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2} x^2 + \dots$ and, at $x = a$, Taylor Series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2}(x-a)^2 + \dots$. The Taylor **polynomial** of order n at $x = a$ is the *translation* of the series when the $(x-a)^k$ ($k > n$) are **deleted**.

Example: $f(x) = \sin(x)$, $a = \pi/4$. $f(\pi/4) = 1/\sqrt{2}$. $f'(x) = \cos(x)$. $f'(\pi/4) = 1/\sqrt{2}$, $f''(x) = -\sin(x)$; $f''(\pi/4) = -1/\sqrt{2}$, $f'''(x) = -\cos(x)$; $f'''(\pi/4) = -1/\sqrt{2}$; $f^{(4)}(x) = \sin(x)$, etc. So, $\sin(x) = 1/\sqrt{2} \{ 1 + (x-\pi/4) - (x-\pi/4)^2/2 - (x-\pi/4)^3/6 + \dots \}$. The **radius** of convergence is $|a_{n+1}/a_n| = |\frac{\pm 1/(n+1)!}{\pm 1/n!}| = 1/n$, which tends to 0 as n tends to ∞ . Hence (" $1/R = 0$ " iff " $R = \infty$ ") the series is **convergent** for all x .

Taylor Series as Polynomial Approximations to Functions

Example: $f(x) = \sin(x)$. The 1st *approximation* at $x = 0$ is $y = x$. The 2nd is $y = x - x^3/6$. The 3rd is $y = x - x^3/6 + (x^5/120)$. The full series is $\sin(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} x^{2n-1} / (2n-1)!$ (" $R = \infty$ "). $f(x) = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots$ **Maple:** `>taylor(f(x), x=a(#terms);` e.g. `>taylor(sin(x), x=Pi/4, 12);` or `>taylor(log(1+x), x=0);`. Note: `taylor` is interchangeable with `series`; Default # of terms is 8, changeable with `> order:= 20`.

Methods of calculating Macaulin Series Expansions of Functions

Let $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n + \dots$ **Method (1):** Use *Taylor's Theorem*: $f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + f''(0)x^2/2! + f'''(0)x^3/3! + \dots + f^{(n-1)}(0)x^{n-1}/(n-1)! + R_n(x)$, where the *Remainder* $R_n(x) = f^{(n)}(c)x^n/n!$ for some $x \in [0, x]$. **Example:** $f(x) = \log(1+x)$. $f(0) = \log(1) = 0$. $f'(x) = 1/(1+x)$. $f'(0) = 1$. $f''(x) = (-1)(1+x)^{-2}$. $f''(0) = -1$. $f'''(x) = 2(1+x)^{-3}$. $f'''(0) = 2$. $f^{(r)}(x) = (-1)^{r-1}(r-1)!(1+x)^{-r}$. $f^{(r)}(0) = (-1)^{r-1}(r-1)!$. **Hence** $\log(1+x) = 0 + (+1)x + (-1)/2!x^2 + 2/3!x^3 + \dots + (-1)^{r-1}(r-1)!x^r/r! + \dots$ Or, $\log(1+x) = x - 1/2x^2 + 1/3x^3 + \dots + [(-1)^{r-1}x^r/r!] + \dots$

The **radius** of convergence of this *infinite* series is given by $1/R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} | -\frac{n+1}{n} | = 1$. Convergence for $x \in (-1, 1)$. **Example:** $e^x = 1 + x + 1/2x^2 + 1/6x^3 + \dots + 1/r!x^r + \dots$ (**Real x**). **Example:** $(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + n(n-1)x^2/2! + n(n-1)(n-2)x^3/3! + \dots + \binom{n}{r}x^r + \dots$ ($x \in (-1, 1)$).

Q: Obtain (i) $f(x) = \sin(x)$, (ii) $f(x) = \cos(x)$. **A:** (i) $y = \sin(x)$ so $y(0) = 0$. $y'(x) = \cos(x)$ so $y'(0) = 1$. $y''(x) = -\sin(x)$ so $y''(0) = 0$. And $y'''(x) = -\cos(x)$ so $y'''(0) = -1$. Now $y^{(4k)}(x) = \sin(x)$, $y^{(4k)}(0) = 0$. And $y^{(4k+1)}(x) = \cos(x)$, $y^{(4k+1)}(0) = 1$. So $\sin(x) = x - x^3/3! + x^5/5! - \dots + (-1)^r x^{2r+1}/(2r+1)! + \dots$ (ii) $y = \cos(x)$ so $y(0) = 1$. $y' = -\sin(x)$, as in (i). So $\cos(x) = 1 - x^2/2! + x^4/4! - \dots + (-1)^r x^{2r}/(2r)!$.

Q: Obtain the series for $1/(1+x)^3$ up to the term in x^4 using the *formula* above. **A:** $1/(1+x)^3 = (1+x)^{-3} = 1 + (-3)x + (-3)(-4)x^2/2! + (-3)(-4)(-5)x^3/3! + (-3)(-4)(-5)(-6)/4!x^4 + \dots = 1 - 3x + 6x^2 - 10x^3 + 15x^4 - \dots = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{-3}{r} x^r (-1)^r$.

Method (2): Algebraic operations with known series. **Example:** $e^x \log(1+x) = (1+x + 1/2x^2 + 1/3x^3 + \dots)(x - 1/2x^2 + 1/3x^3 - 1/4x^4 + \dots) =$ see right. So $e^x \log(1+x) = x + 1/2x^2 + 1/3x^3 + 0x^4 + \dots$ ($x \in (-1, 1)$). **Similarly,** $e^x + \log(1+x) = 1 + 2x + 0x^2 + 1/2x^3 - 5/24x^4 + \dots$ **Q: Obtain** the series for $\{1-x+2x^2/(1+x)^3\}$ up to the term in x^4 . **A:** Now $\{1-x+2x^2/(1+x)^3\} = (1-x+2x^2)(1-2x+6x^2-10x^3+15x^4-\dots) = 1-3x+6x^2-10x^3+15x^4-\dots -x+3x^2-6x^3+10x^4-\dots +2x^2-6x^3+12x^4-\dots = 1-4x+11x^2-22x^3+37x^4-\dots$

$\begin{aligned} &x^{-1/2}x^2 + 1/3x^3 - 1/4x^4 + \dots \\ &+ x^2 - 1/2x^3 + 1/3x^4 - \dots \\ &\quad + 1/2x^3 - 1/4x^4 + \dots \\ &\quad\quad + 1/4x^4 - \dots \end{aligned}$
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Method (3): Assume $f(x) = \sum a_r x^r$ and *equate* coefficients. **Example:** To find the series for $f(x) = \{1+x^2/(1+\log(1+x))\}$, multiply up and use $1+x^2 = (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots)(1+x - 1/2x^2 + 1/3x^3 - \dots) =$ see right. Therefore, **equating** coefficients, $1 = a_0$, $0 = a_0 + a_1$, $1 = -1/2a_0 + a_1 + a_2$; $0 = 1/2a_0 - 1/2a_1 + a_2 + a_3$. These 4 **equations** imply $a_0 = 1$, $a_1 = -1$, $a_2 = 2^{1/2}$, $a_3 = -3^{1/3}$. Thus $\{1+x^2/(1+\log(1+x))\} = 1 - x + 5/2x^2 - 10/3x^3 + \dots$

$\begin{aligned} &a_0 + a_0x + 1/2a_0x^2 + 1/3a_0x^3 - \dots \\ &+ a_1x + a_1x^2 - 1/2a_1x^3 + \dots \\ &\quad + a_2x^2 + a_2x^3 - \dots \\ &\quad\quad + a_3x^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$

Q: Obtain the series for $\tan(x)$ up to the x^5 term using $\tan(x) = a_1x + a_3x^3 + a_5x^5 + \dots$ (odd function) in $\sin(x) = \tan(x).\cos(x)$. **A:** The **above** imply that $x - 1/6x^3 + 1/120x^5 - \dots = \{a_1x + a_3x^3 + a_5x^5 + \dots\} \{1 - 1/2x^2 + 1/24x^4 - \dots\} = a_1x + (a_3 - 1/2a_1)x^3 + (a_5 - 1/2a_3 + 1/24a_1)x^5 + \dots$ These **imply that** $1 = a_1$; $-1/6 = a_3 - 1/2a_1$, and $1/120 = a_5 - 1/2a_3 + 1/24a_1$. So we **have** $a_1 = 1$, $a_3 = -1/6 + 1/2 = 1/3$ and $a_5 = 1/120 + 1/6 - 1/24 = 2/15$. Therefore, $\tan(x) = x + 1/3x^3 + 2/15x^5 + \dots$

Method (4): Differentiation. If $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots$ ($|x| < R$), then $f'(x) = a_1 + 2a_2x + \dots$ ($|x| < R$). This is subject to certain *conditions* on f . Exercise: $e^x \log(1+x) = x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + 0x^4 + \dots$. This implies that $e^x \{\log(1+x) + \frac{1}{1+x}\} = 1 + x + x^2 + 0x^3 + \dots$. **Q:** Obtain the **series** for $\sec^2(x)$ up to the term in x^4 . **A:** Differentiate $\tan(x) = x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{15}x^5 + \dots$ to get $\sec^2(x) = 1 + x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x^4 + \dots$ [Check using $\cos^2(x) = (1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \dots)^2 = 1 - x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^4 + \dots$].

Method (5): Integration. If $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_r x^r + \dots$ ($|x| < R$), then $\int f(x) dx = \text{constant} + a_0x + \frac{1}{2}a_1x^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{(r+1)}a_r x^{r+1} + \dots$ ($|x| < R$). This is subject to certain **conditions** on f , and $f(0)$ determines the constant. Example: $\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - \dots$ ($|x| < 1$). Therefore this *implies* that $\log(1+x) = c + x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \dots$ (as before). At $x = 0$, $\log(1) = 0 = c$.

Q: Obtain the **series** for $\tan^{-1}(x)$ up to the term in x^5 using $\frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \tan^{-1}(x) + \text{constant}$. **A:** Integrate $\frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots$ to get $\tan^{-1}(x) = \text{constant} + x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$. Now $\tan^{-1}(0) = 0$ implies that the *constant* is zero, and so $\tan^{-1}(x) = x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 - \dots$

Method (6): Use of Differential Equations. Example: Let $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = 0$. Set $y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + \dots$, then $y' = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 + 4a_4x^3 + \dots$ and $y'' = 2a_2 + 6a_3x + 12a_4x^2 + \dots$ [Simple Harmonic Motion]. Now $0 = y'' + y$ implies that $a_0 = -2a_2$, $a_1 = -6a_3$, $a_2 = -12a_4$ and $a_r = -(r+2)(r+1)a_{r+2}$. These **all** imply that $a_2 = -\frac{1}{2}a_0$, $a_3 = -\frac{1}{6}a_1$, $a_4 = -\frac{1}{12}a_2 = \frac{1}{24}a_0$; $a_{r+2} = \frac{\pm 1}{(r+2)!} \{a_0 \text{ or } a_1\}$. So $y = a_0 \{1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{4!}x^4 + \dots + \frac{(-1)^r}{(2r)!}x^{2r} + \dots\} + a_1 \{x - \frac{1}{3!}x^3 + \dots + \frac{(-1)^r}{(2r+1)!}x^{2r+1} + \dots\}$.

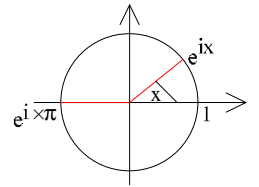
Q: Obtain the **series** for y up to x^6 when $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy$. Check that this is the *series* for the solution $y = Ce^{x^2/2}$ obtained by **separation** of variables. **A:** Here, $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy$. This implies the *following*: $a_1 = 0$, $2a_2 = a_0$, $3a_3 = a_1$, \dots , $a_r = a_{r-2}$. These all imply that $a_1 = 0$, $a_2 = \frac{1}{2}a_0$, $a_3 = \frac{1}{2}a_1 = 0$, $a_4 = \frac{1}{4}a_2 = \frac{1}{8}a_0$; $a_5 = \frac{1}{5}a_3 = 0$; $a_6 = \frac{1}{6}a_4 = \frac{1}{48}a_0$. **Hence** $y = a_0(1 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{8}x^4 + \frac{1}{48}x^6 + \dots) = a_0 \{1 + (\frac{x^2}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}(\frac{x^2}{2})^2 + \frac{1}{3!}(\frac{x^2}{2})^3 + \dots\} = a_0 e^{x^2/2}$.

Method (7): Use Leibnitz's Theorem for $\frac{d^n y}{dx^n}$ when $y = uv$. The **product** rule gives $y' = u'v + uv'$. It also gives $y'' = (u''v + u'v') + (u'v' + uv'') = u''v + 2u'v' + uv''$. In **general**, $y^{(n)} = u^{(n)}v + nu^{(n-1)}v' + {}^nC_2 u^{(n-2)}v'' + \dots + {}^nC_r u^{(n-r)}v^{(r)} + \dots + uv^{(n)}$. **Exercise:** find the series for $(x-1)^3 e^x$. **Put** $x = (x-1)^3$; then $u' = 3(x-1)^2$, $u'' = 6(x-1)$; $u''' = 6$, $u^{(r)} = 0$ for $r > 3$. **And** $v = e^x$, $v^{(r)} = e^x$ for all r . So $y^{(n)} = (x-1)^3 \cdot e^x + n \cdot 3(x-1)^2 e^x + \frac{1}{2}n(n-1) \cdot 6(x-1)e^x + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6} \cdot 6e^x + \text{zero terms}$. Now $y^{(n)}(0) = -1 + 3n - 3n(n-1) + n(n-1)(n-2) = n^3 - 6n^2 + 8n - 1$. **Therefore** $y = -1 + 2x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 + \dots + \frac{(n^3 - 6n^2 + 8n - 1)}{n!} x^n \dots$

Q: Find the **coefficient** a_r in the series expansion $(1+x^2)e^{2x} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r x^r$. **A:** $y = uv = (1+x^2)e^{2x}$. Now $u = (1+x^2)$, $u' = 2x$, $u'' = 2$, $u^{(r)} = 0$ for $r \geq 3$. **And** $v = e^{2x}$, $v' = 2e^{2x}$, $v'' = 4e^{2x}$, $v^{(r)} = 2^r e^{2x}$. **Leibnitz's Theorem:** $y^{(r)} = (1+x^2) \cdot 2^r e^{2x} + r \cdot 2x \cdot 2^{r-1} e^{2x} + \frac{1}{2}r(r-1) \cdot 2 \cdot 2^{r-2} e^{2x} + \text{zero terms}$. $y^{(r)}(0) = 2^r + 0 + r(r-1)2^{r-2}$. **Hence** $(1+x^2)e^{2x} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (4-r+r^2)2^{r-2} x^r$. ($|x| < 1$).

We **know that** $\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \frac{x^6}{720} + \dots$, and that $\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120} - \dots$. What is the *radius* of convergence for $\cos(x)$? Standard formula: $\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_{n+1}/a_n|$. Doesn't exist if *either* a_n or a_{n+1} is zero. Get round this by **putting** $t = x^2$. Then the series is $1 - \frac{t}{2} + \frac{t^2}{24} - \frac{t^3}{720} + \dots$. Then $\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} | \frac{(-1)^{n+1}/(2n+2)!}{(-1)^n/(2n)!} | = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} | \frac{(2n)!}{(2n+2)!} | = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} | \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} | = 0$. So $R = \infty$ i.e. the series converges for all t .

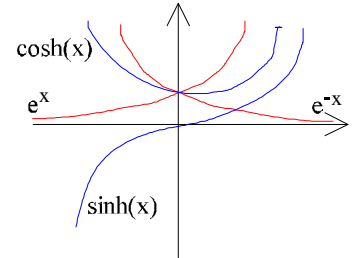
Entertaining Observation: the series for $\cos(x)+i\sin(x)$ is $1+ix-\frac{x^2}{2}-\frac{ix^3}{6}+(\frac{x^4}{24})+(\frac{ix^5}{120}) = 1 + (ix) + [(ix)^2/2] + [(ix)^3/6] + [(ix)^4/24] + [(ix)^5/120] = e^{ix} = \cos(x)+i\sin(x)$. In particular, $e^{i\pi} = -1$.



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Hyperbolic Functions

$\cosh(x) = \frac{1}{2}(e^x+e^{-x})$. $\sinh(x) = \frac{1}{2}(e^x-e^{-x})$. Facts: $\cosh(-x) = \cosh(x)$ (*even*); $\sinh(-x) = -\sinh(x)$ (*odd*). Taylor series: $\cosh(x) = 1+(x^2/2)+(\frac{x^4}{24})+\dots$, $\sinh(x) = x+(\frac{x^3}{6})+(\frac{x^5}{120})+\dots$. $\cosh(x)+\sinh(x) = e^x$. $\cosh(x)-\sinh(x) = e^{-x}$. A *hanging chain* takes the shape of a cosh curve (see right). Derivatives: $\frac{d}{dx}(\cosh(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}[(e^x+e^{-x})/2] = \frac{1}{2}(e^x-e^{-x}) = \sinh(x)$. $\frac{d}{dx}\sinh(x) = \cosh(x)$. $\cosh^2x-\sinh^2x = 1$.



$\cosh(x+y) = \frac{1}{2}[e^{(x+y)}+e^{-(x+y)}] = \frac{1}{2}[e^x e^y + e^{-x} e^{-y}] = \frac{1}{2}[(\cosh(x)+\sinh(x))(\cosh(y)+\sinh(y)) + (\cosh(x)-\sinh(x))(\cosh(y)-\sinh(y))] = \cosh(x)\cosh(y) + \sinh(x)\sinh(y)$, etc. The *similarity* of the formulas follows from $e^x = \cosh(x)+\sinh(x)$ and $e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i\sin(x)$.

Standard Integrals. In $I = \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(x^2-a^2)}}$, Let $x = a\cosh(u)$, so $dx = a\sinh(u)du$. So $I = \int \frac{a\sinh(u)du}{\sqrt{[a(\cosh(u))^2-a^2]}} = \int \frac{a\sinh(u)du}{\sqrt{a^2(\cosh^2(u)-1)}} = \int \frac{a\sinh(u)du}{\sqrt{a^2\sinh^2(u)}} = \int \frac{a\sinh(u)du}{a\sinh(u)} = \int du = u+c = \cosh^{-1}(x/a)$. Similarly for $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(x^2+a^2)}}$ using $x = a\sinh(u)$ to give $\sinh^{-1}(x/a)+c$.

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Multiplying Polynomials

				1	0	2	3	1
				1	0	2	3	1
1	0	2	3	1	0	2	3	1
		2	0	4	6	2		
			3	0	6	9	3	
				1	0	2	3	1
1	0	4	6	6	12	13	6	1

	x^0	x^1	x^2	x^3	x^4	x^5	x^6
$1/1-x$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$1/1-x$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$x^2/1-x$			1	1	1	1	1
$x^4/1-x$					1	1	1
$x^6/1-x$							1
$1/(1-x)(1-x^2)$	1	1	2	2	3	3	4
$\times 1$	1	1	2	2	3	3	4
$\times x^3$				1	1	2	2
$\times x^6$							1
	1	1	2	3	4	5	7
$\times 1$	1	1	2	3	4	5	7
$\times x^4$					1	1	2
	1	1	2	3	4	6	9
$\times 1$	1	1	2	3	4	6	9
$\times x^5$						1	1
	1	1	2	3	5	7	10
$\times 1$	1	1	2	3	5	7	10
$\times x^6$							1
	1	1	2	3	5	7	11

Example shown **on left**: $(x^4+2x^2+3x+1)^2$. Another example:

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-x^n)}$$

This is an *infinite*

product! It is $(1/1-x)(1/1-x^2)(1/1-x^3)\dots$

Problem: Find its **Taylor** series up

to degree six. So we want the

following product:

$$(1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+x^5+x^6+\dots) \times (1+x^2+x^4+x^6+\dots) \times (1+x^3+x^6+\dots) \times (1+x^4+\dots) \times (1+x^5+\dots) \times (1+x^6+\dots) \times (1+\dots) \times (1+\dots) \times (1+\dots) \times \dots$$

Looking at the **table** on the left, we conclude from it that the answer

is as follows: $1 + x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 5x^4 + 7x^5 + 11x^6$. The coefficients of x^n

correspond to the **number** of ways of writing n as an unordered sum of

positive integers = the number of partitions of n . For $n = 5$, we have 5

$$= 4+1 = 3+2 = 2+2+1 = 1+1+1+1+1 = 3+1+1 = 2+1+1+1.$$

2 standard types of *power series*: (1) Either absolutely convergent for $-\mathbf{R} \leq x \leq \mathbf{R}$ and divergent for $x < -\mathbf{R}$ and $\mathbf{R} < x$, or (2) *Absolutely* convergent for $-\mathbf{R} < x < \mathbf{R}$; *divergent* for $x < -\mathbf{R}$ and $\mathbf{R} < x$; *divergent* when $x = \mathbf{R}$ (or $x = -\mathbf{R}$); and *conditionally* convergent when $x = -\mathbf{R}$ (or $x = \mathbf{R}$).

Example 1: $\sum 3^n n^2 x^n / (n+1)^4$. Now $1/R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [3^{n+1} (n+1)^2 / (n+2)^4] \times [(n+1)^4 / 3^n n^2] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3 \times [(1+(1/n))^6 / (1+(2/n))^4] = 3(1+0)^6 / (1+0)^4 = 3$. So $R = 1/3$. Now at $x = 1/3$, $\sum n^2 x^n / (n+1)^4$ is a SPT so it is **convergent** (think of it as $1/n^2$). At $x = -1/3$, we have $\sum (-1)^n n^2 / (n+1)^4$: alternating, so *absolutely* convergent. Conclusion: Type (1).

Example 2: $\sum 3^n n^3 x^n / (n+1)^4$. Here $1/R$ is 3 as before. At $x = 1/3$, series is $\sum n^3 / (n+1)^4$, (SPT — think of it as $1/n$), so **divergent**. At $x = -1/3$, series is $\sum (-1)^n n^3 / (n+1)^4$. This is an *alternating* series $((-1)^n / n)$, so it is *convergent*. Conclusion: Type 2. It is **cvt** on $[-1/3, 1/3)$, *dvt* on $(-\infty, -1/3) \cup [1/3, \infty)$. It is *conditionally* convergent at $-1/3$, and *absolutely* convergent for $(-1/3, 1/3)$.

Assignment 2

Q: Determine the **character** of the following *sequences* (where the sequence is $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 2}$).
 (a) $u_n = (2n^5 + 1) / (1 - n^5)$. (b) $u_n = (1 - n)^4 / (1 + n^2)(1 - 3n)$. (c) $u_n = (-\sin(n\pi))^n$. **A**: (a) $u_n = (2n^5 + 1) / (1 - n^5) = [1 + (1/n^5)] / [(1/n^5) - 1]$ which tends to $^{2+0}/_{0-1} = -2$ as n tends to ∞ .

(b) $u_n = (1 - n)^4 / (1 + n^2)(1 - 3n) = (1 - n) \left(\frac{(1 - n)^3}{((1/n^2) + 1)((1/n) - 3)} \right)$. The **second** bracket has limit $^{(0-1)^3}_{(1)(-3)} = 1/3$ as n tends to ∞ . So u_n behaves like $1/3(1 - n)$ and tends to $-\infty$ as n tends to $+\infty$. (c) $\sin(n\pi) = 0$ for all n . So $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 2} = \{0\}_{n \geq 2}$, which has limit 0.

Q: A **sequence** is defined by $u_1 = 4$, $u_{n+1} = 1/3 u_n + 1$. Prove that $u_n \geq 3/2$ for all n and that $u_{n+1} \leq u_n$ for all n . Explain why these *results* show that the sequence is convergent, and find its limit, L . Prove that $|u_n - L| < 1/3^{n-2}$ for all n . **A**: $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 1} = \{4, 2^{1/3}, 1^{7/9}, 1^{16/27}, 1^{43/81}, \dots\}$. We want to prove that $u_n - 3/2 \geq 0$ for all n . Case $n = 1$: $u_1 - 3/2 = 4 - 3/2 = 5/2 > 0$. **Assume** true for n , then $u_{n+1} - 3/2 = (1/3 u_n + 1) - 3/2 = 1/3(u_n - 3/2) \geq 0$ by *assumption*. So $u_{n+1} - u_n \leq 0$ for all n .

Case $n = 1$: $u_2 - u_1 = 2^{1/3} - 4 = -1^{2/3} \geq 0$. Assume **true** for n . Then $u_{n+1} - u_n = (1/3 u_n + 1) - (1/3 u_{n-1} + 1) = 1/3(u_n - u_{n-1}) \geq 0$ by *assumption*. So $\{u_n\}$ is **decreasing** and has lower **bound** $3/2$, hence the sequence has a *limit*. The limit is given by $L = 1/3 L + 1$; $L = 1^{1/2}$. Now again **consider** case $n = 1$: $4 - 3/2 = 2^{1/2} < 3 = 1/3^{-1}$, so true for $n = 1$. Assume true for **all** n . Then $|u_{n+1} - L| = |1/3 u_n + 1 - 1^{1/2}| = |1/3 u_n - 1/2| = 1/3 |u_n - 3/2| < 1/3 (1/3^{n-2})$ (by *assumption*) = $1/3^{(n+1)-2}$.

Note: **Newton's** method for iteration is $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$. **Q**: Use *partial fractions* to evaluate the partial sum $s_k = \sum_{n=1}^k 1/n^2 + 6n + 5$ (which comes from $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2 + 6n + 5$) and *evaluate* $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s_k$ to determine the sum of the series. **A**: $s_k = \sum_{n=1}^k 1/(n^2 + 6n + 5) = 1/4 \sum_{n=1}^k (1/n+1 - 1/n+5)$ by partial fractions.

Now the above is equal to $1/4 [(1/2 - 1/6) + (1/3 - 1/7) + (1/4 - 1/8) + (1/5 - 1/9) + (1/6 - 1/10) + \dots + \dots + (1/k - 1/k-2) + (1/k - 1/k-1) + (1/k - 1/k) + (1/k - 1/k+1) + (1/k - 1/k+2) + (1/k - 1/k+3) + (1/k - 1/k+4) + (1/k+1 - 1/k+5)] = 1/4 [1/2 + 1/3 + 1/4 + 1/5 - 1/k+2 - 1/k+3 - 1/k+4 - 1/k+5]$. So $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s_k = 1/4 (1/2 + 1/3 + 1/4 + 1/5 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0) = 77/240$.

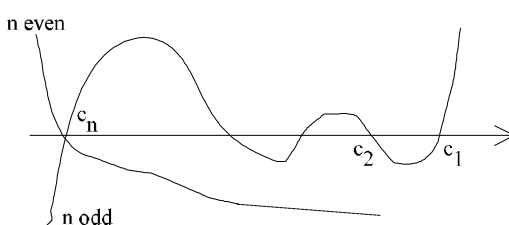
Rearrangements of a Conditionally Convergent Series

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1}/n$ is a **convergent** series, but not *absolutely* convergent. Evaluating partial sums up to the 189th term using Quattro, we find that the **sum** of the series lies in the interval [0.6905, 0.6958]. The series has an *alternating* pattern of signs, +-+--+-. Rearranging the terms to form patterns +-+--+ and +- - - - produces 2 new series which have sums in the **intervals** [1.0358, 1.0437] and [0.4882, 0.5015] respectively.

Polynomial and Rational Functions

An *expression* $P(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$, ($a_n \neq 0, n \geq 0$), where x is an *indeterminate* and the a_i are (real) constants, is called a real *polynomial* in x of degree n with coefficients a_i . The ring $\mathbf{R}[x]$ is the set of all real polynomials in x , with *addition* and *multiplication* defined in the usual way. (we also have $\mathbf{Z}[x], \mathbf{C}[x], \dots$). A polynomial $P(x)$ has a factor $F(x)$ if there is *another* polynomial $G(x)$ satisfying $P(x) = F(x)G(x)$.

Example: $(1-x^n) = (1-x)(1+x+x^2+\dots+x^{n-1})$. A function $p: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, x \rightarrow P(x)$ is a polynomial function. If $P(x)$ has a factor $(c-x)$, then c is a *root* of $P(x)$. A polynomial equation $P(x) = 0$, has the roots of P as its solutions. If $P(x) = (x-c_1)(x-c_2)\dots(x-c_n)$, with $c_1 > c_2 > \dots > c_n$, then the *function* $p: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, x \rightarrow P(x)$ has a *graph* as shown.



Inequalities

Basic properties: (i) $a < b$ iff $a+x < b+x$ for all $x \in \mathbf{R}$. (ii) $a < b$ iff $-a > -b$. More *generally*, $a < b$ iff $ka < kb$ (for all +ve k); $a < b$ iff $ka > kb$ (for all $k < 0$). (iii) $a^2 \geq 0$ for all Real x . (iv) $0 < a < b$ and $0 < x < y$ imply that $0 < ax < by$.

Algorithm for solving the *inequality* $Q(x) \geq R(x)$. [$Q(x)$ & $R(x)$ are rational functions]. (i) Determine when the **denominators** of $Q(x)$ and $R(x)$ are zero. (ii) Make both denominators into exact squares. (iii) *Cross-multiply* and transfer to one side. (iv) Take out common factors and rearrange in the form $P(x) \geq 0$ or $P(x) \leq 0$.

(v) Find the **remaining** factors of $P(x)$: $P(x) = (x-c_1)(x-c_2)\dots(x-c_n)$ (*quadratic* factors with no real roots) such that $x_1 \leq c_2 \leq \dots \leq c_n$. (vi) Write down the *solution* as a union of intervals $[c_i, c_{i+1}]$ or (c_i, c_{i+1}) or $(c_i, c_{i+1}]$ or $[c_i, c_{i+1})$, excluding all the roots of the original *denominators*.

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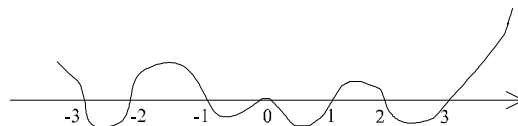
Approximations

Consider S , a set of **functions**, $S: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, which are differentiable *infinitely often* near $x = 0$. We can add functions in S , $f+g: x \rightarrow f(x)+g(x)$; and scalar multiply, $cf: x \rightarrow cf(x)$ ($c \in \mathbf{R}$).

So S is a “vector space” with these operations. There is a special **subset** $m_i \in S$ of polynomial functions, $m_i(x) = x^i$. So a *Maclaurin* expansion expresses f as a linear combination of these m_i . Think of the m_i as forming a **basis**, e.g. $\sin = m_1 - 1/6m_3 + 1/120m_5 - \dots$. **Another** basis: $\{1, x \rightarrow \cos(nx), x \rightarrow \sin(nx) \forall n > 0\}$. The theory *that* shows how to express f in S as a sum of these is called “Fourier Series”. We get equations like $x = \sin(x) - 1/3\sin(3x) + 1/5\sin(5x) - \dots$

Inequalities

Solve the **following** inequalities, giving each solution set as a *union* of intervals. (i) $x^2(x^2-1)(x^2-4)(x^2-9) \geq 0$. Write the factors in order: $(x+3)(x+2)(x+1)x^2(x-1)(x-2)(x-3) \geq 0$. The *idealised* sketch of the graph is as shown on the right. The **lead** term is x^8 , which means that it is +ve for *large* x . The solution set is $(-\infty, -3] \cup [-2, -1] \cup \{0\} \cup [1, 2] \cup [3, \infty)$.



(ii) $x^{2+9}/x^{2-9} \leq x^{+4}/x^{2-4}$. (---(1)) There is a problem with the *denominators* at $x = \pm 2, \pm 3$ (it is not defined). (1) $\Leftrightarrow \frac{(x+9)(x^2-9)}{(x^2-9)^2} \leq \frac{(x+4)(x^2-4)}{(x^2-4)^2} [x^2 \neq 4, 9] \Leftrightarrow (x+9)(x^2-9)(x^2-4)^2 \leq (x+4)(x^2-4)(x^2-9)^2 [x^2 \neq 4, 9] \Leftrightarrow (x+9)(x^2-9)(x^2-4)^2 - (x+4)(x^2-4)(x^2-9)^2 \leq 0 [x^2 \neq 4, 9] \Leftrightarrow (x^2-4)(x^2-9)[(x+9)(x^2-4) - (x+4)(x^2-9)] \leq 0 [x^2 \neq 4, 9] \Leftrightarrow (x^2-4)(x^2-9)[x^3-4x+9x^2-36 - (x^3-9x+4x^2-36)] \leq 0 [x^2 \neq 4, 9] \Leftrightarrow (x^2-4)(x^2-9)(5(x^2+x)) \leq 0 [x^2 \neq 4, 9] \Leftrightarrow 5(x+3)(x+2)(x+1)x(x-2)(x-3) \leq 0 [x^2 \neq 4, 9]$. *Solution* set: $(-3, -2) \cup [-1, 0] \cup (2, 3)$. Note: the solution set does **not** include the points that are not *defined* i.e. $x = \pm 2, \pm 3$.

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Q: Express the **solution** of $x^{+1}/(x-1)^3 \leq (x+2)/(x-2)^3$ as a *union* of intervals. **A:** The Denominators are zero when x is 1 or 2. So these points are **excluded**. So $\Leftrightarrow (x+1)(x-1)/(x-1)^4 \leq (x+2)(x-2)/(x-2)^4 [x \neq 1, 2] \Leftrightarrow (x+1)(x-1)(x-2)^4 \leq (x+2)(x-2)(x-1)^4 [x \neq 1, 2] \Leftrightarrow (x-1)(x-2)[(x+1)(x-2)^3 - (x+2)(x-1)^3] \leq 0 [x \neq 1, 2] \Leftrightarrow \dots \Leftrightarrow (x-1)(x-2)(4x^3-9x^2+x+6) \geq 0 [x \neq 1, 2]$. The **cubic** has 1 real root and 2 complex roots. So $\Leftrightarrow (x+\alpha)(x-1)(x-2)(\text{quadratic with complex roots}) \geq 0$. So our solution set is $x \in [-\alpha, 1) \cup (2, \infty)$.

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Limit Comparison Test

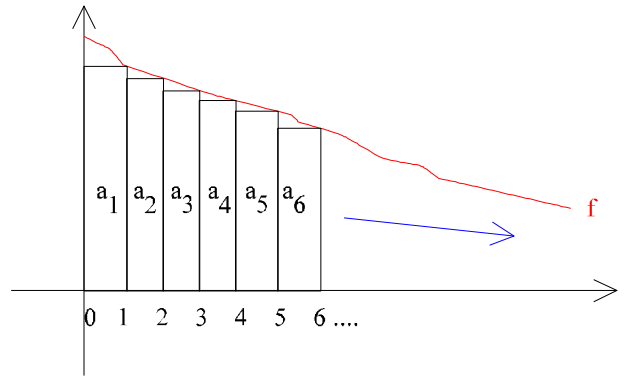
This is a **better** comparison test for a SPT. Consider $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 1/n^{2+1}, \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 1/n^2$ (which is *known to be* convergent), and $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 1/n^{2-1}$. The first series is convergent by comparison with the middle one: $1/n^{2+1} < 1/n^2$ for all $n \geq 2$. Now $\sum 1/n^{2-1}$ is convergent by *comparison* with $\sum 2/n^2$: $2/n^2 - 1/(n^2-1) = n^2-2/n^2(n^2-1) > 0$ for all $n \geq 2$.

Suppose that $\sum a_n$ is to be *investigated*, and that $\sum b_n$ is known to be convergent or divergent. Then if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n/b_n$ exists and is not **zero**, then the two series are both convergent or divergent. Example: $\sum a_n = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 1/n^{2-1}, \sum b_n = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} 1/n^2$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n/b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2/n^{2-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1/(1-1/n^2) = 1/1-0 = 1$, which is non zero. Conclusion: $\sum a_n$ is convergent *since* $\sum b_n$ is.

More **generally**, $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{1}{an^2+bn+c}$ is convergent provided that an^2+bn+c is *not* zero for all $n \geq k$ (because the limit is $1/a$).

Integral Test

Consider the SPT $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$. Here, $a_n = f(n)$, where f is a *real function, positive, continuous, and decreasing* on $[0, \infty)$ (Note: 0 can be replaced by any +ve integer). The series is convergent provided that the area **under** the curve exists i.e. $\int_0^{\infty} f(x)dx$ defined by $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b f(x)dx$ exists.



Example: $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\log n}{n^2}$. The series *diverges* if the limit does not exist. Consider $\int_2^b \frac{\log x}{x^2} dx = \left[\frac{(-1)\log x}{x} \right]_2^b - \int_2^b \frac{(-1)}{x} \frac{1}{x} dx = \left[\frac{(-1)\log x}{x} - \frac{1}{x} \right]_2^b = \frac{-\log b}{b} - \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{2} \log 2 + \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{-1/n}{b} + 0 + \frac{1}{2} \log 2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \log 2 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \log 2 + \frac{1}{2}$. The integral is **finite**, so the series is *convergent*.

Padé Approximations

The **Maclaurin/Taylor** series for $f(x)$ at $x = 0$ provides *polynomial approximations* to f at $x = 0$. The Padé approximations are **rational** functions, whose Taylor expansions agree up to a given degree. Example: e^x is approximately $(2^{+x}/2^{-x})$. Degree of *numerator* + degree of *denominator* = 2, so expect **agreement** up to the x^2 term. Now $(2^{+x}/2^{-x}) = (1+x/2)(1-x/2)^{-1} = (1+x/2)(1+x^2/2+x^3/8) = 1+x+1/2x+1/4x^3+\dots$. And $e^x = 1+x+1/2x^2+1/6x^3$. So we *do* have **agreement** up to the x^2 term.

Method: Take *functions* $P_{m,n} = Q_{m,n}/R_{m,n}$ for $f(x)$, **where** $Q_{m,n}$ is a polynomial in x of degree $\leq m$; $R_{m,n}$ is a *polynomial* in x of degree $\leq n$. The Maclaurin series for $P_{m,n}$ agrees with that for f up to the x^{m+n} **term**. $Q_{m,n+1}(x) = \lambda x Q_{m,n}(x) + \mu Q_{m+1,n}(x)$. And $R_{m,n+1}(x) = \lambda x R_{m,n}(x) + \mu R_{m+1,n}(x)$, with λ and μ chosen *so that* $Q_{m,n+1}$ has **no** x^{n+1} term.

$P_{0,0}$	$P_{1,0}$	$P_{2,0}$	$P_{3,0}$
$P_{0,1}$	$P_{1,1}$	$P_{2,1}$
$P_{0,2}$	$P_{1,2}$	

The **first** row contains elements which are polynomials. The **2nd** row are poly/linear; the **3rd** row are poly/quadratic, etc. For e^x , we have $1/1, 1+x/1, 2+2x+x^2/2, \dots$

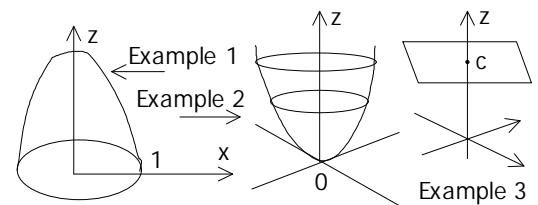
Now $Q_{0,1} = \lambda x Q_{0,0} + \mu Q_{1,0} = \lambda x + \mu(1+x) = \mu + x(\lambda + \mu)$. [We **want** to make $x(\lambda + \mu)$ *zero*]. Further, $R_{0,1} = \lambda x R_{0,0} + \mu R_{1,0} = \lambda x + \mu = \mu + \lambda x$. Choose $\mu = 1$ and $\lambda = -1$ so that $P_{0,1} = 1/1-x$.

Now for $P_{1,1}$ (where $m = 1, n = 0$): $Q_{1,1} = \lambda x(1+x) + \mu(2+2x+x^2) = 2\mu + x(2\mu + \lambda) + x^2(\lambda + \mu)$. [We **want** to make $x^2(\lambda + \mu)$ *zero*]. Further, $R_{1,1} = 2\mu + \lambda x$. Choose $\mu = 1$ and $\lambda = -1$ so that $P_{1,1} = 2^{+x}/2^{-x}$.

Functions of 2 Variables

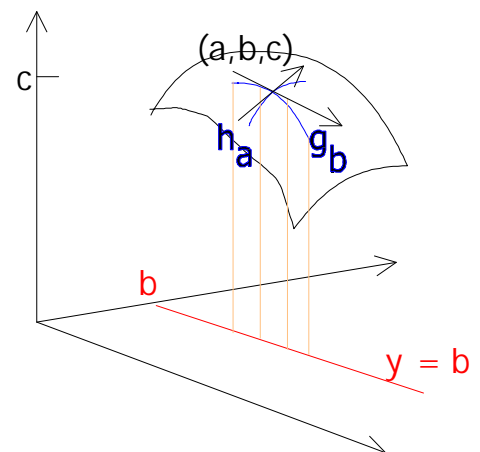
Definition: $\mathbf{R}^2 = \{(x,y) \mid x,y \in \mathbf{R}\}$. Elements of \mathbf{R}^2 are represented by *points* in a plane. $\mathbf{R}^3 = \{(x,y,z) \mid x,y,z \in \mathbf{R}\}$. A function of 2 variables is a *function* f with domain $dom \subseteq \mathbf{R}^2$ and image $im \subseteq \mathbf{R}$. We write $f: (x,y) \mapsto z = f(x,y)$. The graph of f is the set $\{(x,y,z) \in \mathbf{R}^3 \mid z = f(x,y)\}$. Geometrically, we take a *system* of perpendicular co-ordinates in 3 dimensional space, and represent the graph of f by a surface.

Example 1: $f(x,y) = \sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}$. Surface is ε hemisphere, a subset of the sphere $x^2+y^2+z^2 = 1$. $dom_f = \{(x,y) \mid x^2+y^2 \leq 1\}$. $im_f = [0,1]$. **Example 2:** $f(x,y) = x^2+y^2$. Surface is a *paraboloid*. **Example 3:** $f(x,y) = ax+by+c = z$. Surface is a **plane**. **Example 4:** $f(x,y) = \frac{xy}{x+y^2}$. Here, $dom_f = \mathbf{R}^2 \setminus \{\text{parabola } x = -y^2\}$.



Tangent Planes

When $f: \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ has a “smooth” graph near $(a,b,c = f(a,b))$, the graph may be approximated by a plane. To define the plane at (a,b,c) , we need 2 directions. Cut the surface by the plane **parallel** to Oxz to give a *curve* through (a,b,c) . Let $g_b: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}; x \mapsto f(x,b)$, be the 1-variable function obtained by *keeping* y fixed. This has derivative g_b' where $g_b'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h,b) - f(a,b)}{h} = m_1$, say. The graph of g_b has tangent *lines*: $y = b; z - c = m_1(x - a)$ at (a,b,c) . This gives us **one** of the directions we need.



Combining the *derivatives* for each y , we obtain a partial derivative f_x (aD_1f): $\mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}; (x,y) \mapsto g'_y(x)$. When $z = f(x,y)$, we write $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ for $f_x(x,y)$. **Example:** if $z = x^4 + 3x^2y + 2xy^4 + y^7$, then $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 4x^3 + 6xy + 2y^4 + 0$ (Differentiating with **respect** to x , keeping y fixed).

Similarly, cutting the *surface* by a plane parallel to Oyz, we get another curve, h_a , where $h_a: (y) \mapsto f(a,y)$ with tangent line $x = a; z - c = m_2(y - b)$. Derivatives h'_x combine to form $f_y = (aD_2f): \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}; (x,y) \mapsto h'_x(y) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$. In our *example*, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0 + 3x^2 + 2x4y^3 + 7y^6$.

Example

$z = 3x^2 + 4xy + 5y^2$. $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 6x + 4y + 0$. $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0 + 4x + 10y$. These are **both** functions from \mathbf{R}^2 to \mathbf{R} . At a point $(a, b, c = f(a,b))$ on the *surface*, the tangent plane has equation $(z - c) = m_1(x - a) + m_2(y - b)$, where $m_1 = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(a,b)$; $m_2 = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(a,b)$. At $x = 2, y = -1, z = 12 - 8 + 5 = 9$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 8 = m_1$; $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -2 = m_2$. *Tangent* plane: $z - 9 = 8(x - 2) - 2(y + 1)$; $z = 8x - 2y - 9$. When $z = f(x,y)$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = f_x(x,y)$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = f_y(x,y)$.

Higher Derivatives

Define $f_{xx} = (f_x)_x$ and write $f_{xx}(x,y) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$. Similarly $f_{yy} = (f_y)_y = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$; $f_{xy} = (f_x)_y = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$; $f_{yx} = (f_y)_x = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x}$. Note: f_{xy} and f_{yx} are equal to each other for “nice” functions. In our example, $f_{xx} = 6$, $f_{yx} = f_{xy} = 4$, and $f_{yy} = 10$.

Stationary Points

$f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ has a *stationary point* at (a,b,c) if (a) f is differentiable on (a,b) — “tangent plane **well** defined”; (b) $f_x(a,b) = 0 = f_y(a,b)$. So the *tangent plane* is $z = c$. Exercise: Find the 3 stationary points when $f(x,y) = 3x^4 - 6x^2 - 12xy + 2y^2$. So $f_x(x,y) = 12x^3 - 12x - 12y$; $f_y(x,y) = -12x + 4y$. Setting to **zero**, we have $0 = 12(x^3 - x - y)$ and $0 = 4(-3x + y)$. We have 2 *sim. equations* which we solve to get $x = 0$ or 2 or -2 . We get $y = 0$ or 6 or -6 by **back** substitution, and the z values by substitution into the *original equation*. So the three points are $(0,0,0)$, $(2,6,-48)$, $(-2,-6,-48)$.

Testing: $A = f_{xx}(a,b)$; $B = f_{xy}(a,b)$; $C = f_{yy}(a,b)$. If $AC > B^2$ and $A > 0$, then we have a local **min**. If $AC > B^2$ & $A < 0$, then we have a local **max**. If $AC < B^2$ then we have a *saddle point*. If $AC = B^2$ then there is no conclusion. In our example, $f_{xx}(a,b) = 36x^2 - 12$. $f_{xy}(a,b) = -12$. And $f_{yy}(a,b) = 4$. From these we **construct** the following table:

(a,b,c)	A	B	C	AC-B ²	conclusion
0	-12	-12	4	-192	saddle
(2,6,-48)	132	-12	4	+ve	min
(-2,-6,-48)	132	-12	4	+ve	min

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Taylor Series for $f(x,y)$ at $(0,0)$

This should be a **power** series in 2 variables: $f(x,y) = k + (ax+by) + \frac{1}{2}(Ax^2+2Bxy+Cy^2) + \dots$, and should be *convergent* for all (x,y) near $(0,0)$. Then (i) $f(0,0) = k$; (ii) $f_x(x,y) = (a+0) + \frac{1}{2}(2Ax+2By+0) + \dots = a + (Ax+By) + \dots$. So $f_x(0,0) = a$, $f_y(x,y) = b + (Bx+Cy) + \dots$. So $f_y(0,0) = b$. (iii) $f_{xx}(x,y) = A + \dots$; $f_{xy}(x,y) = f_{yx}(x,y) = B + \dots$. And $f_{yy}(x,y) = C + \dots$, etc.

So $f(x,y) = f(0,0) + [f_x(0,0)x + f_y(0,0)y] + \frac{1}{2!}[f_{xx}(0,0)x^2 + 2f_{xy}(0,0)xy + f_{yy}(0,0)y^2] + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{i,k=0; i+j=n} \binom{n!}{i!j!} [\partial^{nf} / \partial x^i \partial y^j](0,0) x^i y^j + \dots$. Use this to **derive** a test for stationary points: if $(0,0,k)$ is a stationary point, then $f_x(0,0,k) = 0 = f_y(0,0,k)$. So the Taylor series is $f(x,y) = k + (0x+0y) + \frac{1}{2}[Ax^2+2Bxy+Cy^2] + \dots$. So the **values** of $f(x,y)-k$ near $(0,0)$ depend on $Q = Ax^2+2Bxy+Cy^2$. If $Q > 0$, then $(0,0,k)$ is a *minimum*. If $Q < 0$, then $(0,0,k)$ is a *maximum*.

If Q takes +ve and -ve values, then $(0,0,k)$ is called a *saddle point*. Suppose that $A \neq 0$. Then $Q = A[x^2 + \frac{2B}{A}xy + \frac{C}{A}y^2] = A[(x + \frac{B}{A}y)^2 + (\frac{AC-B^2}{A^2})y^2]$. So if $A > 0$ and $AC > B^2$, then $Q \geq 0$ implies that we have a **minimum**. If $A < 0$ and $AC > B^2$, then $Q \leq 0$ implies that we have a *maximum*.

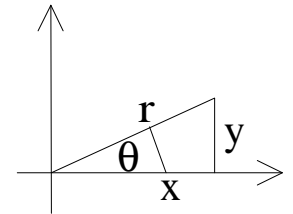
If $AC < B^2$, then (i) $x = B\varepsilon$; $y = -A\varepsilon$ imply that $Q = A[0 + (AC-B^2)\varepsilon^2]$, which has **opposite** sign to A . (ii) $x = \varepsilon$, $y = 0 \Rightarrow Q = A\varepsilon^2$ which has the **same** sign as A . These imply that we have a saddle point. If $A = 0$, $C \neq 0$, use $Q = C[\dots]$. If $A = 0$ and $B \neq 0$, use $Q = Bxy$ which is clearly a **saddle point**.

Differentials

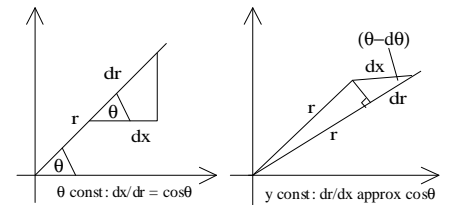
dx, dy are *small* increments in x & y . Suppose that $f: \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is a differentiable function. Define the differential $dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}dy$ so that $(x+dx, y+dy, z+dz)$ is a point on the tangent plane to the *graph* of f at (x,y,z) . In general, dz is not equal to the increment $\Delta z = f(x+dx, y+dy) - f(x,y)$.

Example: $z = x^3 - xy, x = 1, y = -1, z = 2, dx = 0.1, dy = -0.1$. So we have $\Delta z = \{(1.1)^3 - (1.1)(-1.1)\} - 2 = 0.541$. This is the **exact** increment in z . But $dz = (3x^2 - y)dx - xdy = 4dx - dy$. At $(1, -1, 2)$, this is $0.4 + 0.1 = 0.5$. This is the **approximate** change in z . Exercise: Calculate Δz and dz at $(1, -1, 2)$ when $dx = 0.01$ and $dy = -0.01$. So $\Delta z = \{(1.01)^3 - (1.01)(-1.01)\} - \{1^3 - (1)(-1)\} = 0.050401$. And $dz = (3x^2 - y)dx - xdy = 4dx - dy$. At $(1, -1, 2)$, $dz = 0.05$.

Note: Since dx and dy are *arbitrary increments*, whenever there are functions $\lambda, \mu: \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $dz = \lambda dx + \mu dy$, it follows that $\lambda = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\mu = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$. Example: Cartesian to Polar co-ordinates. Let $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$ (x and y functions of r and θ). So $dx = \cos \theta dr - r \sin \theta d\theta$ and $dy = \sin \theta dr + r \cos \theta d\theta$. Solve for $dr, d\theta$: $\cos \theta dx + \sin \theta dy = dr, -\frac{\sin \theta}{r} dx + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} dy = d\theta$. By the *previous note*, when r and θ are considered as functions of x & y , the **partial** derivatives are $\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \cos \theta, \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \sin \theta, \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = -\frac{\sin \theta}{r}, \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{\cos \theta}{r}$.

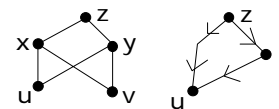


Or, $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$ imply that $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and $\theta = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$. So $\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2x / \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = x/r = \cos \theta$, etc. Note: $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ is not equal to $1/(\frac{\partial x}{\partial z})$. In fact, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} = \cos \theta$. Exercise: Let $x = u^2 + v^2$ and $y = 2uv$. Considering u & v as *functions* of x & y , when x is not equal to $\pm y$, show that $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$. A: $x = u^2 + v^2$ and $y = 2uv$ **imply that** $dx = 2u \cdot du + 2v \cdot dv$ and $dy = 2v \cdot du + 2u \cdot dv$. So $v dx - u dy = 2(v^2 - u^2)dv$, and $u dx + v dy = 2(u^2 + v^2)du$. So $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{u}{2(u^2 + v^2)}$; $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{v}{2(u^2 + v^2)}$.



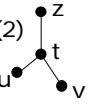
Composition of Functions

Let $z = z(x,y), x = x(u,v), y = y(u,v)$. Then z is a **function** of u and v . Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$. By differentials, $dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}dy = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}(\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}du + \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}dv) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}(\frac{\partial y}{\partial u}du + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}dv) = (\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u})du + (\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v})dv$. Hence $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$. We may represent the *dependency* of the variables by a graph as shown.

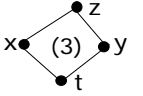


Each term in $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$ corresponds to a **descending** path in the graph from z to u . Each factor in one of these two terms corresponds to an edge in the graph. **Example:** Find $\frac{\partial}{\partial u}(\sin^2(u^3 + v^3) + e^{8uv})$. Put $x = u^3 + v^3, y = 8uv, z = \sin^2 x + e^y$. Then $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = (2 \sin x \cos x) 3u^2 + e^y 8v = 3u^2 \sin(2u^3 + 2v^3) + 8ve^{8uv}$.

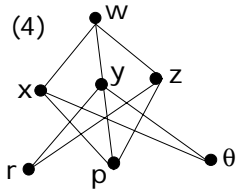
(2) When $z = z(t)$ and $t = t(u,v)$, the graph is as shown. $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial u} = \frac{dz}{dt} \frac{\partial t}{\partial u}$. And $\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{dz}{dt} \frac{\partial t}{\partial v}$. Exercise: Let $z = z(u^2+v^2)$ be an arbitrary function of (u^2+v^2) . Show that $u \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = v \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} (= 2uv \frac{dz}{dt}$ when $t = u^2+v^2$). A: $z = z(u^2+v^2) = z(t)$, where $t = u^2+v^2$. $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{dz}{dt} \frac{\partial t}{\partial u} = 2u \frac{dz}{dt}$. And $\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{dz}{dt} \frac{\partial t}{\partial v} = 2v \frac{dz}{dt}$. Hence $v \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = u \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} (= 2uv \frac{dz}{dt})$.



(3) When $z = z(x,y)$ and $x = x(t); y = y(t)$, the graph is as shown and $\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$.



(4) 3 or more variables: similar rules apply. $W = W(x,y,z)$ has differential $dW = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} dz$. Example: Spherical polar coordinates: $x = r \cos \theta \sin \phi$, $y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$, $z = r \cos \phi$, so $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$. If $W = W(x,y,z)$, then $\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} = \cos \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \cos \phi \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$, etc.



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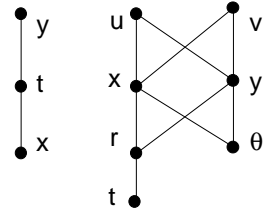
Let $Z = XY$. Cutting with plane $x = c^2$, then $xy = c^2$. Cutting with plane $z = -c^2$, then $xy = -c^2$. $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = y = 0$. $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0$. So there is a point $(0,0,0)$. Now $(A) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = (C) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0$. And $(B) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = 1$. Now $AC - B^2 = -1$. This implies that we have a saddle point.

Composition Rule Example

(1 variable case). Let $y = f(g(x))$. Put $t = g(x)$, $y = f(t)$. How many paths are there in the graph from y to x ? Answer: 1 — with 2 edges.

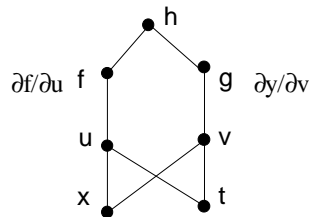
Conclusion: $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial x}$. Now consider 1 variable functions, where $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \frac{dt}{dx}$. Example: $y = \cos(x^3) = \cos t$ ($t = x^3$). $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\sin t \cdot 3x^2 = -3x^2 \sin x^3$.

Example: $u = x^2 - y^2$, $v = 2xy$. $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, $r = 2a(1 - \cos \theta)$, a constant.



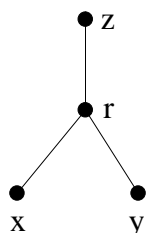
We want $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ (θ constant). How many paths are there from x to 2 ? (DOWNWARD paths). Looking at the diagram above, there are 2 paths, both with 3 edges. So $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} \frac{dr}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \frac{dr}{dt} = (2x \cos \theta + 2x \sin \theta) 2a \sin \theta = 4ax(\sin \theta + \cos \theta) \sin \theta = 4ar \cos \theta (\sin \theta + \cos \theta) \sin \theta = 4ax/r(x+y) \sin \theta$, etc.

Exercise: Let $h = f(x-ct) + g(x+ct)$. (f and g are arbitrary functions; c is a constant). Prove that $c \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial t^2} = 0$. A: We have $h = h(f,g) = f+g$. Further, $f = f(u)$, $g = g(v)$, $u = x-ct$, and $v = x+ct$. Then $\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial g} \frac{\partial g}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = 1 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} (-c) + 1 \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial v} (+c) = c(\frac{\partial g}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial u})$. And $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial g} \frac{\partial g}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 1 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial v} \cdot 1 = \frac{\partial g}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}$. Now $\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\frac{\partial g}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial v} (\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial u} (\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial v^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial u^2}$. And $\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial t^2} = c \{ \frac{\partial}{\partial v} (\frac{\partial g}{\partial v}) \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial u} (\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \} = c \{ \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial v^2} (c) - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial u^2} (-c) \} = c^2 \{ \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial v^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial u^2} \}$.



More Examples

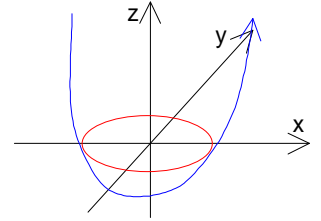
$z = \log r$, $r = x^2 + y^2$. So $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{dz}{dr} \frac{dr}{\partial x} = \frac{2x}{r}$, and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{dz}{dr} \frac{dr}{\partial y} = \frac{2y}{r}$. Thus $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{2x}{r}(x^2 + y^2) = \frac{2x}{r} r = 2$. When $z = f(r)$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{dz}{dr} \cdot 2x$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{dz}{dr} \cdot 2y$, so that $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{dz}{dr} \{ 2x^2 + 2y^2 \} = 2r \frac{dz}{dr}$.



$x = u^3 + 3uv^2$ and $y = v^3 + 3u^2v$. So $dx = 3(u^2 + v^2)du + 6uv.dv$, and $dy = 6uv.du + 3(u^2 + v^2)dv$.
Eliminate du: $6uv(u^2 + v^2)dv = \{(u^2 + v^2)dx - 3(u^2 + v^2)^2 du\} = \{2uvdy - 12u^2v^2 du\}$, so that $(u^2 + v^2)dx - 2uvdy = 2(u^2 - v^2)^2 du$. Now eliminate du: $6uv(u^2 + v^2)du = \{2uvdx - 12u^2v^2 du\} = \{(u^2 + v^2)dy - 3(u^2 + v^2)^2 du\}$. **And** $-2uvdx + (u^2 + v^2)dy = 3(u^2 - v^2)du$. Thus $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = (u^2 + v^2)^{-1/3}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{2uv}{3(u^2 + v^2)^{2/3}}$. **Then** $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{u^2 - 2uv + v^2}{3(u-v)^2(u+v)^2} = \frac{1}{3(u+v)^2}$.

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Consider a curve in \mathbf{R}^2 with equation $\phi(x,y) = 0$, e.g. $3x^2 + 4xy + 5y^2 - 12 = 0$. Differentiate out x: $6x + 4(y + x \frac{dy}{dx}) + 10y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$. $(6x + 4y) + (4x + 10y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$; $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-(3x + 2y)}{2x + 5y}$. At point (1,1), $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{5}{7}$; tangent is $(y-1) = -\frac{5}{7}(x-1)$; $5x + 7y = 12$. Now consider the **function** $z = \phi(x,y)$. The section with the xy plane is $\phi(x,y) = 0$. *Differential*, $dz = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy$. In our *example*, $dz = (6x + 4y)dx + (4x + 10y)dy$.

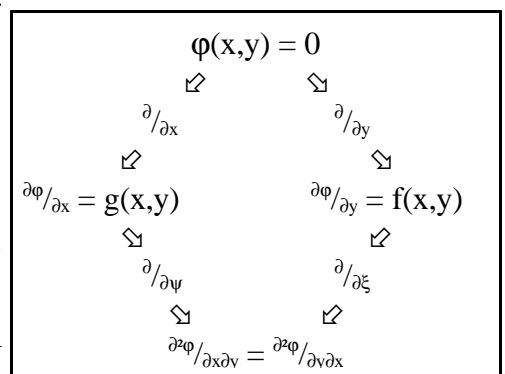


We **force** this to lie in the x-y plane, so that $dz = 0$. This gives $0 = (6x + 4y) + (4x + 10y) \frac{dy}{dx}$ as before. Tangent plane at (1,1,0) is $(z-0) = (6+4)(x-1) + (4+10)(y-1)$; $z = 10x + 14y - 24$, which intersects the x-y plane in the **line** $0 = 5x + 7y - 12$.

Surface in \mathbf{R}^3 , $\phi(x,y,z) = 0$. Example: sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 3 = 0$ (centre (0,0,0), radius $\sqrt{3}$). Consider this as the section of the function $\mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, $W = \phi(x,y,z)$, by the 3-space $W = 0$. *Differentials:* $dW = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz$. If we stay in the 3 space $W = 0$, i.e. force $dW = 0$, **then** $dz = -(\frac{\partial \phi / \partial x}{\partial \phi / \partial z}) dx - (\frac{\partial \phi / \partial y}{\partial \phi / \partial z}) dy$. Note: **Red** = $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and **Blue** = $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$. Note: In \mathbf{R}^2 , $\frac{dy}{dx} = -(\frac{\partial \phi / \partial x}{\partial \phi / \partial y})$.

In our example, $W = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 3$, so $\frac{\partial W}{\partial x} = 2x = 2$ at (1,1,1,0); $\frac{\partial W}{\partial y} = 2y = 2$ at (1,1,1,0); $\frac{\partial W}{\partial z} = 2z = 2$ at (1,1,1,0). The tangent **hyperplane** at (1,1,1,0) is $(W-0) = 2(x-1) + 2(y-1) + 2(z-1)$; $W = 2x + 2y + 2z - 6$. The solution with the 2 space $W = 0$ gives the plane $x + y + z = 3$, which is the *tangent plane* to the sphere at (1,1,1).

Definition: The D.E. $f(x,y) \frac{dy}{dx} + g(x,y) = 0$ is exact if $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}$. *Example:* $(2x + 5y) \frac{dy}{dx} + (3x + 2y) = 0$ is exact because $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2x + 5y) = 2$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(3x + 2y) = 2$. Motivation: shown in the box. And so $dz = 0 = g(x,y)dx + f(x,y)dy$.



Method: if $f(x,y)dy + g(x,y)dx = 0$, then $f(x,y) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$ and $g(x,y) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$ for some unknown ϕ . Solve by integrating *partially:* $\int f(x,y)dy$ and $\int g(x,y)dx$. But **what** is partial integration w.r.t. x? $\int g(x,y)dx$ means: *keep y constant, integrate w.r.t. x*; the *constant* of integration is an *arbitrary* function of y.

Example: $(2x + 5y)dy + (3x + 2y)dx = 0$. Now $\int (2x + 5y)dy = 2xy + \frac{5}{2}y^2 + \alpha(x)$; and $\int (3x + 2y)dx = \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 2xy + \beta(y)$. These two expressions must **both** be $\phi(x,y)$. So we can say that $\phi(x,y) = \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 2xy + \frac{5}{2}y^2 + c = 0$, where we **noticed that** $\alpha(x) = \frac{3}{2}x^2$ and $\beta(y) = \frac{5}{2}y^2$. The **boundary** condition $y = 1$ when $x = 1$ gives $\frac{3}{2} + 5 + \frac{5}{2} + c = 0$; $c = -6$.

Assignment 3

Q: Test for *convergence* the following series: (a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{3-2}/n^{3+3}$; (b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n/4n^{2-3}$; (c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n)!/(n!)^2$; (d) $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \sin(5\pi n^2)/n^2$; (e) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1}/(2n-1)$. **A:** (a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{3-2}/n^{3+3} = 1^{-(2/n^3)}/_{1+(3/n^3)}$, which tends to 1 as n tends to ∞ . So this series is **divergent**. (b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n/4n^{2-3} \sim 1/4n$. So **compare** with $\sum 1/5n$. Now $n/4n^{2-3} - 1/5n = 5n^2 - 4n^2 + 3/5n(4n^2-3) = n^2 + 3/5n(4n^2-3) > 0$. So the series is **divergent** by the comparison test.

(c) Apply the *ratio* test: $(2(n+1))!/(n+1)!^2 \cdot (n!)^2/(2n)! = (2n+1)(2n+1)(2n)!n!n!/(n+1)!^2n!(2n)! = 4(1+(1/n))(1+(1/2n))/(1+(1/n))^2$, which tends to 4 as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (& $4 > 1$). The series diverges by the *ratio* test. (d) $|\sin(5\pi n^2)/n^2| \leq 1/n^2$, so the series is *absolutely* convergent. (e) **Alternating** series: $1/2n-1 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. $(1/2n-1) - (1/2(n+1)-1) = 2n+1-(2n-1)/(4n^2-1) = 2/(4n^2-1) > 0 \forall n > 0$. So the series is *convergent* by the **alternating** series test.

Q: Find the **radius** of convergence and the *interval* of convergence for the following series. For what values of x do the series converge (i) *absolutely*; (ii) *conditionally*: (a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-x)^{n+1}/(2n-1)$; (b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^n/4^n(n^2+1)$; (c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n!(x-4)^n$. **A:** (i) $1/R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2n-1)/(2n+1) = 1$. When $x = 1$, the series is $\sum (-1)^{n+1}/2n-1$, which is convergent by the above. When $x = -1$, the series is $\sum 1/2n-1$, which is divergent by *comparison* with $\sum 1/3^n$. So the series is *cvt* on $(-1,1]$, *absolutely* *cvt* on $(-1,1)$; *conditionally* *cvt* on $\{1\}$.

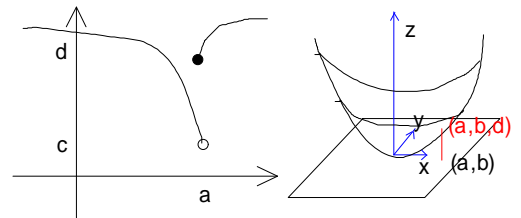
(b) $1/R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [(n+1)/[4^{n+1}((n+1)^2+1)]] \cdot [4^n(n^2+1)/n] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1/4(1+(1/n)/1)(1+(1/n^2)/(1+(1/n)^2+(1/n^2))) = 1/4$. When $x = 3$, the series is $\sum n/n^{2+1}$ — *dvt* by *comparison* with $\sum 1/2n$. When $x = -4$, the series is $\sum (-1)^n n/n^{2+1}$ — *cvt* by *alternating series* test. So the series is **cvt** on $[-4,4)$; *absolutely* *cvt* on $(-4, 4)$; *conditionally* *cvt* on $\{-4\}$. (c) $1/R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)!/n! = \infty$. So $R = 0$ and the series *converges* only at $x = 4$. So the series is *cvt* on $\{4\}$, *absolutely* *cvt* on the empty set; **conditionally** *cvt* on $\{4\}$.

Q: Calculate the **Maclaurin** series for the following functions: (i) $\tan(x) + \log(1+x)$; (ii) $\tan(x) \cdot \log(1+x)$ — as far as the *term* in x^6 . **A:** Knowing $\tan x = x + 1/3x^3 + 2/15x^5 + \dots$, and $\log(1+x) = x - 1/2x^2 + 1/3x^3 - 1/4x^4 + 1/5x^5 - 1/6x^6 + \dots$, (i) adding these polynomial *approximations* gives $\tan x + \log(1+x) = 2x - 1/2x^2 + 2/3x^3 - 1/4x^4 + 1/3x^5 - 1/6x^6 + \dots$ (ii) Similarly, *multiplying* gives $x^2 - 1/2x^3 + 2/3x^4 - 5/12x^5 + 4/9x^6 + \dots$

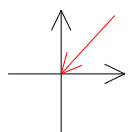
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Limits

Looking at the first picture, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = c$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = d$. There are 2 limits because there are 2 *directions* or *paths* to approach $x = a$. Looking at the **2nd** picture, how many paths are there to approach (a,b) in the x - y plane? Answer: there is an infinity of straight lines; lots of curves.

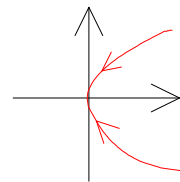


Example: $f(x,y) = xy/x^2+y^2$, $(a,b) = (0,0)$. Let us choose a *few* paths to $(0,0)$. Take the +ve y -axis: $x = 0$; $y = t \geq 0$. On this **path**, $f(x,y) = 0/t^2+t^2 = 0$. And so $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} 0 = 0$. Now take $y = x$ in the +ve *quadrant*: $x = t$, $y = t$. So $f(x,y) = t^2/t^2+t^2 = 1/2$, which tends to $1/2$ as t tends to 0^+ . We already have 2 **different** answers (0 and $1/2$). So we conclude that $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y)$ does **not** exist.



Now consider the **parabola** $y = x^2$ in the +ve *quadrant*: $x = t, y = t^2$. Here, $f(x,y) = t \cdot t^2 / t^2 + t^4 = t / 1 + t^2$, which tends to $0 / 1 + 0 = 0$ as t tends to $0+$. Now **take** $y = mx$: $x = t, y = mt$. Here, $f(x,y) = t \cdot mt / t^2 + m^2 t^2 = t^2 m / t^2 + m^2 t^2 = m / 1 + m^2$ which tends to ...

Definition: $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) = L$ iff $\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} f(x(t), y(t)) = L$ for every **possible** path $x = x(t), y = y(t)$ with $x(t_0) = a; y(t_0) = b$. **Example:** $f(x,y) = (2x^2 + y^4) / (3x^2 + y^4)$ ($\sim 0^2 / 0^2$ so expect **no** limit). Seek 2 paths giving *different* answers. Take $y = mx$: $x = t, y = mt$. So $f(x,y) = (2t^2 + m^4 t^4) / (3t^2 + m^4 t^4) = (2 + m^4 t^2) / (3 + m^4 t^2)$, which tends to $2 + 0 / 3 + 0 = 2/3$ as t tends to 0 . Take the parabola $y^2 = x$: $x = t^2, y = t$. (See picture). So $f(x,y) = (2t^4 + t^4) / (3t^4 + t^4) = 3/4$, which tends to $3/4$ as t tends to 0 .



Assignment 4

(a) Solve the *inequality* $x / 3 - 2x^2 \leq x / 4 - 3x^2$ as a union of intervals. (b) Find the limit L as n tends to ∞ of the *sequence* $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ where $u_n = 2n^2 + 3 / 3n^2 + 2$. Determine an integer N such that $|u_n - L| < 10^{-12}$ for all $n > N$. **A:** (a) $\Leftrightarrow x(3 - 2x) / (3 - 2x^2) \leq x(4 - 3x) / (4 - 3x^2) \dots$ etc., with the previously stated **method**. (b) $u_n = 2n^2 + 3 / 3n^2 + 2 = 2 + (3/n^2) / 3 + (2/n^2) \rightarrow 2 + 0 / 3 + 0 = 2/3 = L$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. $|u_n - L| = |3(2n^2 + 3) - 2(3n^2 + 2) / 3(3n^2 + 2)| = 5 / 3(3n^2 + 2)$. $|u_n - L| < 1/10^{12} \Leftrightarrow 5 \times 10^{12} < 9n^2 + 6$. When $n \geq 10^6, 9n^2 \geq 9 \times 10^{12}$, and this *condition* is satisfied. So **choose** $N = 10^6$.

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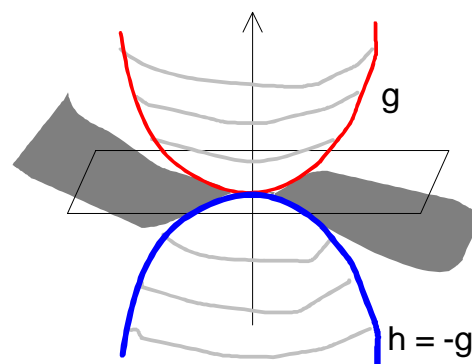
Sandwich Rule

This is used to show that a **limit** does exist. **Definition:** (i) $f: \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is cts at (a,b) if $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) = L$ exists, and $f(a,b) = L$. This is similar to the *1-variable* case, i.e. continuity if left and right hand limits at $x = a$ equals $f(a)$. Also from 1 variable functions, f is cts on S (S is a **subset** of dom_f) if f is cts at every $(x,y) \in S$, and f is cts in its domain.

The Rule: If *functions* $h, g: \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ are cts at (a,b) , and $h(a,b) = g(a,b) = L$, and $h(x,y) \leq f(x,y) \leq g(x,y) \forall (x,y)$ in a *disk* $D = \{(x,y) \mid (x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 < r^2\}$ ($r > 0$), then $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (a,b)} f(x,y) = L$.

Case $(a,b) = (0,0); L = 0$. Note: When $L = 0$, we *usually* choose $h = -g$ and we then have (with $g(x,y) \geq 0$ for all (x,y)) $0 \leq |f(x,y)| \leq g(x,y)$. Some typical *functions* g in this case: $g(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$, or $x^{2n} + y^{2n}$, or $|x| + |y|$, or $|x|^n + |y|^n$, or $(x^2 + y^2)^n$, etc.

Example: $f(x,y) = xy^2 / x^2 + y^2$ ($\sim 0^3 / 0^2 \sim 0$). On a path $y = mx, y = t, x = mt$. Then $f(x,y) = mt^3 / m^2 t^2 + t^2 = (m^2 / 1 + m^2) t \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow 0$. Attempt to use the *sandwich rule*: $|f(x,y)| = |xy^2| / |x^2 + y^2| = |x||y|^2 / |x^2 + y^2| = |x|y^2 / x^2 + y^2 \leq |x|(x^2 + y^2) / (x^2 + y^2) = |x|$ (cts function). **Conclusion:** $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} xy^2 / x^2 + y^2 = 0$ using $g(x,y) = |x|$ and $h(x,y) = -|x|$.



Example: $f(x,y) = (2x^5 + 3y^5) / [(x^2 + y^2)(|x| + |y|)^2] \sim 0^5 / 0^4 \sim 0$. **Expect** $L = 0$. $|f(x,y)| \leq 2|x|^5 + 3|y|^5 / (x^2 + y^2)(|x| + |y|)^2$ by the *triangle inequality*. Now $|x|^5 = |x||x|^2 x^2 \leq |x|(|x| + |y|)^2 (x^2 + y^2)$. And $|y|^5 = |y||y|^2 y^2 \leq |y|(|y| + |x|)^2 (x^2 + y^2)$. So $|f(x,y)| \leq 2|x| + 3|y|$ (cts f^n on RHS). $L = 0$ at $(0,0)$. So we take *this* to be $g(x,y)$ and $h = -g$. **More examples:** $f(x,y) = x^3 + y^3 / x^2 + y^2, x^2 y^2 / (x^4 + 2y^3), xy^3 / (x^2 + y^4), x^3 y / (x^3 + y^4)$.

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Q: Solve the **differential** equation $(2x^2y+5y^6)^{dy/dx} = (7x^2+2xy^2) = 0$. A: First check to see if it is *exact* (i.e. in $Pdx+Qdy = 0$, is $\partial P/\partial y = \partial Q/\partial x$?). So **here** we have $(2x^2y+5y^6)dy + (7x^2+2xy^2)dx = 0$. $\partial Q/\partial x = 4xy$ and $\partial P/\partial y = 4xy$, so it **is** exact. Now compare $\int Pdx$ with $\int Qdy$.

$\int P dx = \int 7x^2+2xy^2 dx = 7x^3/3 + 2y^2x^2/2 + c_1(y)$. And $\int Q dy = \int 2x^2y+5y^6 dy = 2x^2y^2/2 + (5y^7/7) + c_2(x)$. *Comparing*, $c_1(y)$ must be $5y^7/7$ and $c_2(x)$ must be $7x^3/3$. So the **general** solution is $7x^3/3+x^2y^2+(5y^7/7)+C = 0$. To find a *particular* solution, substitute in values. For example, Q: Find the solution such that $y = 1$ when $x = 1$. A: Substituting into the general solution, $7/3+1+5/7+C = 0$; $C = -85/21$.

Q: Locate the *stationary* points of the function $f(x,y) = x^3+2x^2+2xy-y^2-11x+2y+7$, and determine whether each is a **maximum**, **minimum** or **saddle** point. A: *Differentiate* with respect to x giving $3x^2+4x+2y-11 = 0$. With respect to y , we get $2x-2y+2 = 0$. Solving these simultaneously, we get $x = -3$, $y = -2$; and $x = 1$, $y = 2$.

Now differentiate $f(x,y)$ with respect to x (**twice**) to get $6x+4$. With respect to y twice gets us 2 ; and one of *each* gets us -2 . Let our "Disc" be $A*C-B^2$, where $A = 6x+4$; $B = 2$ and $C = -2$. So the Disc = $-12x-12$.

First solution at $(-3,-2)$: substitute into the disc to get 24 ; into A to get -14 . We have a **maximum** because $24 > 0$ and $-14 < 0$. Second solution: $(1,2)$. Substitute into the *disc* to get -24 . This is negative so we have a **saddle point**.

(Now read *Exercise Sheet P and its solutions*).

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SECTION 1 (Compulsory)

- (1) (a) Evaluate (i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(e^x - 1)}{x}$, (ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{5x+1} - 4}{\sqrt{7x+4} - 5}$. **[6 marks]**
- (b) Determine whether the following series are convergent or divergent, stating clearly the results used. (i) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n+3}{(n+1)^3}$, (ii) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(3n+1)2^n}{(2n+1)3^n}$. **[8 marks]**
- (c) Solve the differential equation $(x+y^2)^{dy/dx} + 2(xy+y^3) = 0$ with boundary condition $y = 1$ when $x = 1$. **[6 marks]**

SECTION 2 (Answer 2 out of 4 questions)

- (2) (a) Solve the second-order, linear, recurrence relation $u_0 = -1, u_1 = 0, u_n = 5u_{n-1} - 6u_{n-2} (n \geq 2)$. **[6 marks]**
- (b) A sequence $S = \{u_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is defined by $u_1 = 3, u_n = \sqrt{2 + u_{n-1}} (n \geq 2)$.
Prove that $1 \leq u_n \leq 2$ for all $n \geq 1$ and that S is increasing. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n$. **[9 marks]**
- (3) (a) Solve the following inequality, giving the solution set as a union of intervals:
 $\frac{x^2-3}{x^2-4} \leq \frac{x^2-6}{x^2-9}$. **[8 marks]**
- (b) Find the limit L as $n \rightarrow \infty$ of the sequence $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ when $u_n = \frac{n(3n+1)}{(n+1)(2n+1)}$.
Determine an integer N such that $|u_n - L| < 10^{-10}$ for all $n > N$. **[7 marks]**
- (4) (a) Prove, from first principles, that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is a divergent series. **[5 marks]**
- (b) Using partial fractions, obtain expressions for the k -th partial sums s_k (the sum of terms from $n = 2$ to $n = k$) of the following series, and hence find the sum of each series: (i) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+n}$, (ii) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+n-2}$. **[8 marks]**
- What can you say about the series $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+n-1}$? **[2 marks]**
- (5) Find all the stationary points of the function $f(x, y) = 2x^3 - 3x^2y + 2y^3 - y^2 - 8y$. **[8 marks]**
Classify these points as maxima, minima or saddle points. **[7 marks]**

(Questions done: 1, 3, 5)