

# Theorem

Every monotone, bounded sequence converges.

If a sequence  $a_n$  has  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ , where  $L$  is a real #

eg  $\{a_n\} = \frac{1}{2^n}$   
 $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \dots$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0 \quad \uparrow \text{real \#}$$

so  $\left\{ \frac{1}{2^n} \right\}$  converges

We say a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is bounded if there exist real #s  $L, U$  such that  $L \leq a_n \leq U$  for all  $a_n$ .

eg  $\{a_n\} = \frac{1}{2^n}$   
 $0 \leq a_n \leq 1$

A sequence is monotone if


• it never decreases

or

• it never increases

e.g. Sequence:  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, \dots$   
monotone (never goes down)

Sequence:  $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots$   
monotone (never goes up)

Sequence:  $1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$   
  
not monotone

$$\{a_n\} = \{n\}$$

$$\{a_n\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \right\}$$

$$\{a_n\} = \{(-1)^{n+1}\}$$

example: Jar of 100 pieces of candy.

You never re-fill.

After  $n$  days,  $a_n$  be # of pieces in jar.

$\{a_n\}$  : sequence  
 $a_0 = 100$

- Bounded :  $0 \leq a_n \leq 100$

- Monotone :  $\{a_n\}$  never increases

By theorem:  $\{a_n\}$  converges (we don't know what  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  is, but it  
is a real number)

Possibility: candy is gross

100, 99, 99, 99, 99, 99, 99, ...

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 99$$

Another possibility: candy is OK

100, 80, 80, 80, 20, 20, 20, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ...

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

# Geometric Sequences

Ratio between consecutive terms is constant.  
↓  
always same

↓  
next to each other

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e.g.  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{32}, \dots$

$\frac{1/4}{1/2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

$\frac{1/8}{1/4} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

$\frac{1/16}{1/8} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

$\frac{1/32}{1/16} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

geometric sequence

eg Suppose in 2017, avg size of a hard drive is 500 GB, increases 40% every year.

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 500 \\ a_1 &= (1.4) 500 \\ a_2 &= (1.4)(1.4) 500 \\ a_3 &= (1.4)(1.4)(1.4) 500 \end{aligned}$$

Recursive:

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 500 \\ a_n &= (1.4) a_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Explicit:

$$a_n = 500 (1.4)^n$$

Recall:

$$\begin{aligned} &x + (40\% \text{ of } x) \\ &= x + 0.4x = 1.4x \end{aligned}$$

Geometric Sequences have the form:

$$a_n = r^n a_0 \\ = r(a_{n-1})$$

(ex)  $\{a_n\} = \left\{ \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \right\}$   
Sequence:  $\frac{2}{3}, \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2, \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3, \dots$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

(ex)  $\{a_n\} = \{1.1^n\}$   
 $1.1, (1.1)^2, (1.1)^3, (1.1)^4, \dots$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$$

In general:  
 $a_n = r^n$  :  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |r| < 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } r = 1 \\ \text{DIV} & \text{if } |r| > 1 \end{cases}$

$\{a_n\} = \{1^n\}$   
 $1, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots$

# Sequence of Partial Sums

Given a sequence  $a_n$ ,  
the sequence of partial sums  $S_n$  is:

$$S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$$

(ex)

some  
sequence  
 $a_n$

add first  
n terms

sequence of  
partial  
sums,  $S_n$

$$a_1 = 1/2$$

$$1/2$$

$$1/2 = S_1$$

$$a_2 = 1/4$$

$$1/2 + 1/4 = 3/4$$

$$3/4 = S_2$$

$$a_3 = 1/8$$

$$1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 = 7/8$$

$$7/8 = S_3$$

$$1/16$$

$$1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + 1/16 = 15/16$$

$$15/16 = S_4$$

⋮

$$a_n = 1/2^n$$

$$1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + \dots + 1/2^n = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{2^n} = S_n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 1$$

What is  $S_4 - S_3$  ?

$$\frac{15}{16} - \frac{7}{8} = \frac{15}{16} - \frac{14}{16} = \frac{1}{16} = a_4$$

$$S_4 - S_3 = [\cancel{a_1} + \cancel{a_2} + \cancel{a_3} + a_4] - [\cancel{a_1} + \cancel{a_2} + \cancel{a_3}] = a_4$$

What is  $S_{15} - S_{14}$  ?

$$S_{15} - S_{14} = a_{15}$$

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(ex)  $a_n = \frac{2}{10^n}$ ,

$$S_N = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n$$

$$S_1 = 0.2$$

$$S_2 = 0.22$$

$$S_3 = 0.222$$

⋮

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 0.\overline{22} = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{2}{10} = 0.2$$

$$a_2 = \frac{2}{10^2} = 0.02$$

$$a_3 = \frac{2}{10^3} = 0.002$$

⋮

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

(ex) Suppose  $\{S_N\}$  is the partial sum of  $\{a_n\}$

$$S_N = \frac{1}{2^N}$$

Q: are values  $a_n$  positive or negative?

$S_N$  decreasing, so we must be adding negative #'s

$$S_N - S_{N-1} = a_N$$

$$\text{eg } S_4 - S_3 = a_4 \quad \therefore a_4 = \frac{1}{2^4} - \frac{1}{2^3}$$

$$(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) - (a_1 + a_2 + a_3) = a_4$$

$$S_1 = a_1$$

$$\text{So: } a_1 = S_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

After that, all  $a_n$  negative.



## Geometric Partial Sums

$$\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}: 1, r, r^2, r^3, r^4, \dots$$

$$S_N = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n = (1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^N)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{N+1} &= (1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^N + r^{N+1}) = \boxed{S_N + r^{N+1}} \\ S_{N+1} &= (1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^N + r^{N+1}) \\ &= 1 + r(1 + r + \dots + r^{N-1} + r^N) \\ &= \boxed{1 + rS_N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So: } S_N + r^{N+1} = 1 + rS_N$$

$$S_N - rS_N = 1 - r^{N+1}$$

$$S_N(1-r) = 1 - r^{N+1}$$

$$\boxed{S_N = \frac{1 - r^{N+1}}{1 - r}}$$

(ex)

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{81} = \sum_{n=0}^4 r^n$$

$$= \frac{1-r^5}{1-r} = \frac{1-(1/3)^5}{1-1/3} = \frac{1-\frac{1}{3^5}}{2/3}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^5}\right)$$

(ex)

$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{27} + \frac{2}{81}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27}\right] = \frac{2}{3} \left[ \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^0 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^1 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3}_{\text{formula}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} \right) = \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{1 - \frac{1}{3^4}}{2/3} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{3^4}$$

# Ch. 8.3 Infinite Series

$$\sum_{n=a}^{\infty} a_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\sum_{n=a}^N a_n}_{S_N} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N$$

↑ partial sum

(ex)  $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} = \{(-1)^n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$

1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, ...

So:  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  DIVERGES  
(limit DNE)

$$S_N = \sum_{k=0}^N (-1)^k = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 \dots$$

$$S_0 = 1$$

$$S_1 = 0$$

$$S_2 = 1$$

$$S_3 = 0$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$  DNE

# Geometric Series

$$\sum_{k=0}^N r^k = \frac{1-r^{N+1}}{1-r}$$

partial sum

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} r^k = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1-r^{N+1}}{1-r} \right) = \begin{cases} \text{DIVERGE} & \text{if } |r| \geq 1 \\ \frac{1}{1-r} & \text{if } |r| < 1 \end{cases}$$

(ex)  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k = \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}} = 3$

geometric  $|\frac{2}{3}| < 1$

(ex)  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k = \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k}_{1 + \frac{2}{3} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + \dots} - 1 - \frac{2}{3} = 3 - 1 - \frac{2}{3} = 2 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$

$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + \dots$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(Q4)} \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{10^n}{9^{2n}} &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{10^n}{81^n} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{10}{81}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{10}{81}\right)^n - 1 - \frac{10}{81} \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad \left|\frac{10}{81}\right| < 1 \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{1-\frac{10}{81}}\right) - 1 - \frac{10}{81} = \frac{1}{\frac{71}{81}} - \frac{91}{81} = \boxed{\frac{81}{71} - \frac{91}{81}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(Q4)} \quad \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n+1}}{2^{2n}} &= \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \frac{3 \cdot 3^n}{4^n} = 3 \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{4^n} = 3 \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad \left|\frac{3}{4}\right| < 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 3 \left[ \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^5 + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^6 + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^7 + \dots \right] \\
 &= 3 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^5 \cdot \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= 3 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^5 \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n}_{\text{formula}} = 3 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^5 \frac{1}{1-\frac{3}{4}} \\
 &= \frac{3^6}{4^5} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{4}}\right) = \boxed{\frac{3^6}{4^4}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Usually: it's hard enough to say whether a series converges or diverges.

Note: Suppose  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges (say:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = 10$ )

That means:  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N = 10$   
partial sums

So: for really big  $N$ ,  $S_N \approx 10$

So: for really big  $N$ ,

$$S_N - S_{N-1} \approx 10 - 10 = 0$$

$a_N \approx$  things I'm adding

So: If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges,

then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$