

# Mathematical Analysis 1:

## Tutorial #2

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**Exercise 1.** For each of the following sequences  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of real numbers, compute:

- (i) the first few terms of the sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ;
- (ii) the first few terms of the sequence  $\{\sup_{n \geq k} a_n\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ ;
- (iii) the first few terms of the sequence  $\{\inf_{n \geq k} a_n\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ ;
- (iv)  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ ;
- (v)  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ .

Using your answer to (iv) and (v) above, either compute  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ , or explain why it doesn't exist.

- (a)  $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (b)  $a_n = -\frac{1}{n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (c)  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (d)  $a_n = n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (e)  $a_n = -n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (f)  $a_n = (-1)^n n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (g)  $a_n = (-1)^n + n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (h)  $a_n = (-1)^n + \frac{1}{n}$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $p \in (0, 1)$ . Prove that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  diverges.

**Exercise 3.** (a) Show that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$  converges and find its sum.

**Hint:** Express  $\frac{1}{n(n+1)}$  as a difference of two fractions, and then find a nice formula for the  $k$ -th partial sum of the series.

(b) Using part (a) and the Comparison Test, prove that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges. (You don't need to find the sum of this series. Just prove convergence.)

**Hint:** Note that  $0 < \frac{1}{n(n+1)} < \frac{1}{n^2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and so you cannot apply the Comparison Test to the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  directly. Slightly "edit" one of the two series first, and then apply the test.

(c) Using part (b) and the Comparison Test, prove that for all real numbers  $p \geq 2$ , the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  converges. (You don't need to find the sum of this series. Just prove convergence.)

**Remark:** In fact, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  converges for all real numbers  $p > 1$ . However, you are not asked to prove this.

**Exercise 4.** Show that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{3^n} - \frac{2}{n(n+1)} \right)$  converges, and compute its sum.

**Exercise 5.** (a) Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be sequences of real numbers that coincide except possibly for the first few (finitely many) terms. More precisely, assume that there exists some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $n \geq N$ , then  $a_n = b_n$ . Explain why  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  either both converge or both diverge.

(b) Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Explain why  $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges.

**Exercise 6.** Determine which of the following series converge:

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| (a) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n-\sqrt{n}}$ ;    | (e) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}}$ ; | (i) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+(1/n)}}$ ;                      | (m) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{n}{5}\right)^n$ ; |
| (b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n^2}$ ;         | (f) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+\sin n}{3^n}$ ;   | (j) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n^n}{n!}$ ;                      | (n) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{4n^2+1}$ ;       |
| (c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^2(n)}{n^2+1}$ ; | (g) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n}{3^n}$ ;     | (k) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{3n-1}$ ;                    | (o) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\ln n}$ ;    |
| (d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{n2^n}$ ;        | (h) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$ ;         | (l) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}{n!}$ ; | (p) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{100\sqrt{n}}$ .  |