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Today { 11.6, part III - root test
 (HW due @ 5PM)

Today / Tomorrow: Review of series tests

Consider $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-r} & |r| < 1 \\ \text{divergent} & |r| \geq 1 \end{cases}$
 Geometric series

$$r = \frac{r^1}{r^0} = \frac{r^2}{r^1} = \frac{r^3}{r^2} = \frac{r^4}{r^3} = \dots$$

$$|r| = |r^1| = \sqrt{r^2} = \sqrt[3]{|r|^3} = \sqrt[4]{|r|^4} = \sqrt[5]{|r|^5} = \dots = \sqrt[n]{|r|^n} = \dots$$

Ratio Test

Root Test

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$$

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$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln^n(n)} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\ln n)^n}$$

Ratio Test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$ is complicated!!

Root Test: $a_n = \frac{1}{(\ln n)^n} \Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{(\ln n)^n}} = \frac{1}{\ln n}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln n} = \frac{1}{+\text{big}} \rightarrow \text{O}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln^n n} \text{ converges}$$

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

$$|a_n| = a_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2} \Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \sqrt[n]{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2}} = \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2}\right)^{1/n} \\ = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{(n^2 \cdot \frac{1}{n})} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e > 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2} \text{ diverges}$$

* why? $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n\right)} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n\right)} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}$

$= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{1/n} \rightarrow \ln(1+0) = 0}$

$= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \right\}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{n^2}\right)}$

$= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{-1/n^2}{-1/n^2} \right\}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1} = e$

L'H rule $\frac{d}{dn} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-1}$

$$= e^{(1+0)^{-1}} = e^1 = e$$

on the other hand, if $b_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2}$ then

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|b_n|} = e^{-1} < 1, \text{ so } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2} \text{ converges}$$

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(\ln n)(\sin n)}{n} \right)^n$$

$$|a_n| = \left| \frac{(\ln n)(\sin n)}{n} \right|^n = \left(\frac{\ln n}{n} |\sin n| \right)^n$$

$$\sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \frac{\ln n}{n} |\sin n|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} |\sin n| = ?$$

$$-1 \leq \sin n \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq |\sin n| \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\ln n}{n} \right) 0 \leq \left(\frac{\ln n}{n} \right) |\sin n| \leq \left(\frac{\ln n}{n} \right) 1$$

$$0 \leq \frac{\ln n}{n} |\sin n| \leq \frac{\ln n}{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} |\sin n| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n}{1} = 0$$

$$0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} |\sin n| \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = 0 < 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \left(\frac{(\ln n)(\sin n)}{n} \right)^n \right| \text{ converges}$$

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Failure of the root test

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

$$a_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = 1 + \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = 1 + 0 = 1 \Rightarrow \text{Root test inconclusive}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = e \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \text{ diverges}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{n^2+1}\right)^n \quad a_n = \left(\frac{-1}{n^2+1}\right)^n \Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \frac{1}{n^2+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2+1} = \frac{1}{+\text{big}+1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{n^2+1}\right)^n \text{ converges}$$

Alternate Solution:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{n^2+1}\right)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n^2+1)^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n$$

The Alternating series test says that if:

$$b_1 \geq b_2 \geq b_3 \geq b_4 \geq b_5 \dots \geq 0$$

$$\text{then } \begin{cases} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n \text{ converges } \checkmark \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n \text{ diverges} \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n \text{ diverges}$$

← takes a bit of work

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^2+1}\right)^n = ? \quad \text{Root test was easier...}$$