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Series

A sequence is an ordered list of numbers $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5 + \dots$

The only question is what is the limit

A Series

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5 + (\dots) = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} a_N$$

↑ Problem

Exp

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{30} + \dots$$

← Sequence of Partial Sums

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{5}{6}, \dots$$

$$\sum_{N=1}^{\infty} a_N \quad S_j = \sum_{N=1}^j S_N = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_j$$

$$S_1 = a_1 \quad S_2 = a_1 + a_2 \quad S_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \dots$$

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} S_j = S$$

the sum converges with some S

↓
has a sum

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Geometric Series $\sum_{N=0}^{\infty} aR^N$

$$S_j = \sum_{N=0}^j aR^N = a + aR + aR^2 + aR^3 + \dots + aR^j$$

$$RS_j = R \sum_{N=0}^j aR^N = aR + aR^2 + \dots + aR^{j+1}$$

$$S_j - RS_j = a - aR^{j+1}$$

$$S_j(1 - R) = (a - aR^{j+1}) \quad \text{or}$$

$$S_j = \frac{a - aR^{j+1}}{1 - R}$$

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} S_j = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a - aR^{j+1}}{1 - R}$$

$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a - aR^{j+1}}{1 - R}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{D.V. } R \geq 1 \\ \frac{a}{1-R} \quad R < 1 \end{array} \right\}$

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Exp 1

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

$a = 3$
 $R = \frac{1}{2} < 1$

$$\dots + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{64} + \frac{1}{128} + \frac{1}{256} + \frac{1}{512} + \frac{1}{1024} + \dots$$

$$\frac{a}{1-R} = \frac{3}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = \textcircled{6}$$

Exp 2

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

$a = 2$
 $R = -\frac{2}{3}$ $|R| < 1$

$$\frac{a}{1-R} = \frac{2}{1+\frac{2}{3}} = \textcircled{\frac{6}{5}}$$

Exp 3

$$\sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (7)^N$$

$a = \frac{1}{2}$
 $R = 7$

Div

if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ you don't know whether it converges or not

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Harmonic series

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \dots = S$$

$$\frac{1}{2}S = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{10} + \dots$$

$$S - \frac{1}{2}S = \frac{1}{2}S = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{2}S > \frac{1}{2}S \quad ???$$
$$S > S$$

Harmonic Series Diverge!!!

but it diverges super slowly

Nth term test aka divergent test aka George

$$\sum_{N=1}^{\infty} a_N \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} a_N =$$

$$= 0$$

$$\neq 0$$

Series diverges

EXP 3

$$\sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \frac{2N^2 + 3N + 5}{6N^2 + 2N + 4}$$

diverges

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2N^2 + 3N + 5}{6N^2 + 2N + 4} = \frac{1}{3}$$

EXP 4

$$\sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N(N+1)} \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N(N+1)} = 0$$

If $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} a_N = 0$ you don't know whether it converges or not

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Telescoping

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

Expand then shrink you know the sum
as long as the last term goes to 0