

1. Convergence and Divergence Tests for Series

Test	When to Use	Conclusions
Divergence Test	for any series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$	Diverges if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$.
Integral Test	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ with $a_n \geq 0$ and a_n decreasing	$\int_1^{\infty} f(x)dx$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ both converge/diverge where $f(n) = a_n$.
Comparison Test	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ if $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ converges $\implies \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges $\implies \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges.
Limiting Comparison Test	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n, (a_n > 0)$. Choose $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n, (b_n > 0)$ if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L$ with $0 < L < \infty$	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ both converge/diverge
	if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 0$	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ converges $\implies \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ converges.
	if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \infty$	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges $\implies \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.
Convergent test for alternating Series	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n \quad (a_n > 0)$	converges if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ and a_n is decreasing
Absolute Convergence	for any series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$	If $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n $ converges, then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, (definition of absolutely convergent series.)
Conditional Convergence	for any series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$	if $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n $ diverges but $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ conditionally converges
Ratio Test: Root Test:	For any series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$, Calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right = L$ Calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{ a_n } = L$	there are 3 cases: if $L < 1$, then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n $ converges ; if $L > 1$, then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n $ diverges; if $L = 1$, no conclusion can be made.

2. Important Series to Remember

Series	How do they look	Conclusions
Geometric Series	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$	Converges to $\frac{a}{1-r}$ if $ r < 1$ and diverges if $ r \geq 1$
p -series	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$	Converges if $p > 1$ and diverges if $p \leq 1$

Common Power Series Expansions

Geometric series

The [geometric series](#) and its derivatives have Maclaurin series

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{1-x} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \\ \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^{n-1} \\ \frac{1}{(1-x)^3} &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(n-1)n}{2} x^{n-2}.\end{aligned}$$

All are convergent for $|x| < 1$. These are special cases of the [binomial series](#)

Exponential function

The [exponential function](#) e^x (with base [e](#)) has Maclaurin series

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots.$$

It converges for all x .

Natural logarithm

Main article: [Mercator series](#)

The [natural logarithm](#) (with base [e](#)) has Maclaurin series

$$\begin{aligned}\ln(1-x) &= -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n} = -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \cdots, \\ \ln(1+x) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^n}{n} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \cdots.\end{aligned}$$

They converge for $|x| < 1$. (In addition, the series for $\ln(1-x)$

Trigonometric functions

The usual [trigonometric functions](#) and their inverses have the following Maclaurin series:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} x^{2n+1} &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots &\text{for all } x \\
 \cos x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} x^{2n} &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots &\text{for all } x \\
 \tan x &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2n}(-4)^n (1-4^n)}{(2n)!} x^{2n-1} &= x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} + \dots &\text{for } |x| < \frac{\pi}{2} \\
 \sec x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n E_{2n}}{(2n)!} x^{2n} &= 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{5x^4}{24} + \dots &\text{for } |x| < \frac{\pi}{2} \\
 \arcsin x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{4^n (n!)^2 (2n+1)} x^{2n+1} &= x + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{3x^5}{40} + \dots &\text{for } |x| \leq 1 \\
 \arccos x &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin x \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{4^n (n!)^2 (2n+1)} x^{2n+1} &= \frac{\pi}{2} - x - \frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{3x^5}{40} - \dots &\text{for } |x| \leq 1 \\
 \arctan x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1} x^{2n+1} &= x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots &\text{for } |x| \leq 1, x \neq \pm i
 \end{aligned}$$

Hyperbolic functions

The [hyperbolic functions](#) have Maclaurin series closely related to the series for the corresponding trigonometric functions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sinh x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} &= x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots &\text{for all } x \\
 \cosh x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} &= 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots &\text{for all } x \\
 \tanh x &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2n} 4^n (4^n - 1)}{(2n)!} x^{2n-1} &= x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} - \frac{17x^7}{315} + \dots &\text{for } |x| < \frac{\pi}{2} \\
 \operatorname{arsinh} x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n)!}{4^n (n!)^2 (2n+1)} x^{2n+1} &= x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{3x^5}{40} - \dots &\text{for } |x| \leq 1 \\
 \operatorname{artanh} x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} &= x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots &\text{for } |x| \leq 1, x \neq \pm 1
 \end{aligned}$$

The numbers B_k appearing in the series for $\tanh x$ are the [Bernoulli numbers](#).