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# 1 Integration

## 1.1 Net Change as the Integral of a Rate of Change

Recall the fundamental theorem of calculus:

**Theorem 1.1.** Suppose  $F$  is an antiderivative of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ . Then

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = F(a) - F(b).$$

If we are given the antiderivative first, say  $F = s(x)$ , then  $f$  becomes  $s'(x)$ . The theorem becomes

**Theorem 1.2.**

$$\int_a^b s'(x)dx = s(a) - s(b).$$

**Example 1.1.1.** Water leaks from a tank at a rate of  $2 + 5t$  L/hour, where  $t$  is the number of hours after 9. How much water is lost between 9 and 11 pm?

*Solution.* Let  $s(t)$  be the quantity of water in the tank at time  $t$ . Since  $2 + 5t$  represents the rate the water is leaving, the rate of the change of the water is  $-(2 + 5t)$ . Then

$$s(2) - s(0) = \int_0^2 s'(t) = \int_0^2 -(2 + 5t)dt = \left(2t + \frac{5}{2}t^2\right)\Big|_0^2 = -14.$$

Therefore there is a loss of 14L of water. □

*Remark 1.3.* We sometimes call  $s(2) - s(0)$  the **net change** in  $s(t)$  over the interval  $[0, 2]$ . Since  $s'$  is the rate of the change, we know the net change equals the integral of the rate of change.

**Theorem 1.4. The integral of Velocity.** Let  $v = v(t)$  be a function representing velocity. Then

$$\text{displacement during } [t_1, t_2] = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} v(t)dt, \tag{1}$$

$$\text{distance traveled during } [t_1, t_2] = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |v(t)|dt. \tag{2}$$

**Example 1.1.2.** A particle has velocity  $v(t) = t^2 + t - 2$ . Compute the displacement and the total distance traveled over  $[0, 4]$ .

*Solution.* Compute

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^4 v(t)dt &= \int_0^4 t^2 + t - 2 dt \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3}t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 - 2t\right)\Big|_0^4 = \frac{64}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

So the displacement is  $\frac{64}{3}$ . Next,

$$\int_0^4 |v(t)| dt = \int_0^4 |t^2 + t - 2| dt.$$

Since

$$t^2 + t - 2 = (t + 2)(t - 1)$$

which is positive when  $t > 1$  and otherwise when  $t \in (0, 1)$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^4 |v(t)| dt &= \int_0^1 -(t^2 + t - 2) dt - \int_1^4 (t^2 + t - 2) dt \\ &= -\left(\frac{1}{3}t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 - 2t\right)\Big|_0^1 + \left(\frac{1}{3}t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 - 2t\right)\Big|_1^4 \\ &= \frac{7}{6} + \frac{64}{3} + \frac{7}{6} = \frac{71}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the total distance traveled is  $\frac{71}{3}$ .

□

## 1.2 The Substitution Method

The method is about the change of variable. For example, if we change the variable from  $x$  to  $u$ , then we view  $u = u(x)$  and so by chain rule,

$$du = u'(x) dx.$$

**Theorem 1.5.** *If  $F'(x) = f(x)$ , and  $u$  is a differentiable function, then*

$$\int f(u(x)) u'(x) dx = \int f(u(x)) du(x) = F(u(x)) + C.$$

**Example 1.2.1.** Evaluate  $\int x(x^2 + 9)^5 dx$ .

*Solution.* Let  $u = x^2 + 9$ . Then  $du = 2x dx$  and so  $x dx = \frac{1}{2} du$ . We apply substitution

$$\begin{aligned} \int x(x^2 + 9)^5 dx &= \int (x^2 + 9)^5 x dx \\ &= \int u^5 \frac{1}{2} du = \frac{1}{12} u^6 + C. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 1.2.2.** Evaluate  $\int \cot \theta d\theta$ .

*Solution.* If letting  $u = \sin \theta$ , then  $du = \cos \theta d\theta$ . Since  $\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$ , then

$$\int \cot \theta d\theta = \int \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} d\theta = \int \frac{du}{u} = \ln |u| + C.$$

The answer is  $(\ln |\sin \theta| + C)$ . □

**Example 1.2.3.** Evaluate  $\int \frac{dx}{(1+\sqrt{x})^2}$ .

*Solution.* Let  $u = 1 + \sqrt{x}$ . Then

$$du = d(1 + \sqrt{x}) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx.$$

Since  $\sqrt{x} = u - 1$ , we get  $dx = \frac{1}{2(u-1)} dx$  and so

$$dx = 2(u - 1)du.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{(1 + \sqrt{x})^2} &= \int \frac{2(u - 1)du}{u^2} \\ &= \int \frac{2}{u} - \frac{2}{u^2} du = 2 \ln |u| + \frac{2}{u} + C. \end{aligned}$$

□

The change of variables formula can be applied to definite integrals.

**Theorem 1.6.** Suppose  $F'(x) = f(x)$ .

$$\int_a^b f(u(x))u'(x)dx = \int_{u(a)}^{u(b)} f(u)du = F(u(b)) - F(u(a)).$$

**Example 1.2.4.** Calculate the area under the graph of  $y = \frac{x}{x^2+1}$  over  $[1, 3]$ .

*Solution.* The area equals  $\int_1^3 \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx$ . Let  $u = x^2$  and then

$$du = 2x dx, u(1) = 1, u(3) = 9.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^3 \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_1^9 \frac{du}{u+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln |u+1| \Big|_1^9 = \frac{1}{2} \ln 5. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 1.2.5.** A particle has velocity  $v(t) = \sin^2(t) \cos(t)$ . Compute the displacement and the total distance traveled over  $[0, \pi]$ .

*Solution.* Compute

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi v(t) dt &= \int_0^\pi \sin^2 t \cos t dt = \int_0^\pi \sin^2 t d \sin t \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 t \right) \Big|_0^\pi = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So the displacement is 0. Next,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi |v(t)| dt &= \int_0^\pi |\sin^2 t \cos t| dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 t \cos t dt - \int_{\pi/2}^\pi \sin^2 t \cos t dt. \end{aligned}$$

By symmetry:  $\sin^2 t \cos t = -\sin^2(\pi - t) \cos(\pi - t)$ . Therefore the above

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 t \cos t dt = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 t d \sin t \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \sin^3 t \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{2}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the total distance traveled is  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

□

## 2 Applications of the integral

### 2.1 Area between two curves

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$  be two graphs. The signed area from the graph of  $g(x)$  to graph of  $f(x)$  over interval  $[a, b]$  is

$$\int_a^b f(x) - g(x) dx.$$

The area between the graphs over interval  $[a, b]$  is

$$\int_a^b |f(x) - g(x)| dx.$$

**Example 2.1.1.** Find the area between the graphs of  $f(x) = x^2 - 5x - 7$  and  $g(x) = x - 12$  over  $[-2, 5]$ .

*Solution.* **Step 1. Sketch the region.** (You can skip this step when you are familiar with this type of problems.)

**Step 2. Find out the signs of  $f(x) - g(x)$ .** Since

$$f(x) - g(x) = (x^2 - 5x - 7) - (x - 12) = x^2 - 6x + 5 = (x - 1)(x - 5),$$

$f(x) - g(x) > 0$  for  $x \in (-2, 1)$  and  $< 0$  for  $x \in (1, 5)$ .

**Step 3. Compute the integral.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-2}^5 |f(x) - g(x)| &= \int_{-2}^1 f(x) - g(x) dx + \int_1^5 g(x) - f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-2}^1 x^2 - 6x + 5 dx - \int_1^5 x^2 - 6x + 5 dx \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3}x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x\right)\Big|_{-2}^1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x\right)\Big|_1^5 \\ &= \left(\frac{7}{3} - \frac{(-74)}{3}\right) - \left(\frac{-7}{3} - \frac{25}{3}\right) = \frac{113}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 2.1.2.** Find the area of the region bounded by the graphs of  $y = \frac{8}{x^2}$  (with positive  $x$ ),  $y = 8x$  and  $y = x$ .

*Solution.* Let us find the intersection of graphs. Suppose  $f_1 = \frac{8}{x^2}$ ,  $f_2 = 8x$ ,  $f_3 = x$ . The intersection of  $f_1, f_2$  is given by

$$f_1 = f_2 \implies x = 1.$$

The intersection of  $f_1, f_3$  is

$$f_1 = f_3 \implies x = 2.$$

Finally

$$f_2 = f_3 \implies x = 0.$$

When  $x \in (0, 1)$ ,  $f_1 \geq f_2 \geq f_3$  and when  $x \in (1, 2)$ ,  $f_2 \geq f_1 \geq f_3$ . Therefore the area equals

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^1 f_2 - f_3 dx + \int_1^2 f_1 - f_3 \\ &= \int_0^1 8x - x dx + \int_1^2 \frac{8}{x^2} - x dx \\ &= \int_0^1 7x dx + \int_1^2 \frac{8}{x^2} - x dx \\ &= \left(\frac{7}{2}x^2\right)\Big|_0^1 + \left(-\frac{8}{x} - \frac{x^2}{2}\right)\Big|_1^2 \\ &= \frac{7}{2} + \frac{5}{2} = 6. \end{aligned}$$

□

We can also do integration along  $y$ -axis. Then we need to rewrite the curves as functions of  $y$ .

**Example 2.1.3.** Find the area of the region (in  $\{x > 0, y > 0\}$ ) that is bounded by  $y = x^2$ ,  $y = (x - 2)^2$  and  $x = 0$ .

*Solution.* Let us rewrite the curves as functions of  $y$  in the region  $y \leq 1$  as follows

$$f_1(y) = \sqrt{y}, \quad f_2(y) = 2 - \sqrt{y}.$$

Set  $f_1(y) = 0$ ,  $f_2(y) = 0$  respectively and then we get  $y = 0, 4$ . We find  $y \in (0, 4)$ .

The intersection of the two curves is given by

$$\sqrt{y} = 2 - \sqrt{y} \implies y = 1.$$

For  $y \in (0, 1)$ , the region is given by those point in between the graphs of  $x = 0, x = f_1$ . For  $y \in (1, 4)$ , the region is given by  $x = 0, x = f_2$ . Thus the area equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 f_1(y) - 0 \, dy + \int_1^4 f_2(y) - 0 \, dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \sqrt{y} \, dy + \int_1^4 2 - \sqrt{y} \, dy \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{3}y^{3/2}\right)\Big|_0^1 + \left(2y - \frac{2}{3}y^{3/2}\right)\Big|_1^4 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} + \left(8 - \frac{16}{3} - 2 + \frac{2}{3}\right) \\ &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

□

## 2.2 Volume, Density

Let us compute the volume of a solid body in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Suppose that a solid body extends from height  $y = a$  to  $y = b$ . Let us cut the solid body with a hyperplane  $y = y_0$ , then we get a **horizontal cross section** and we denote the area of the section as  $A(y)$ . Then we have the following formula:

**Theorem 2.2.**

$$\text{The volume of the solid body (given above)} = \int_a^b A(y)dy.$$

**Example 2.2.1. Volume of a Pyramid.** Calculate the volume  $V$  of a pyramid of height 12m whose base is a square of side 4m.

*Solution. Step 1. Find  $A(y)$ .* Consider a horizontal cross section at height  $y$ . It is a square denoted by  $S_y$  and suppose the length of its side is  $s$ . Apply the law of similar triangles to the



triangle given by one side of  $S_y$  and the top point. See Figure 3 on page 367 of the textbook. We find

$$\text{the proportion of the base} = \frac{s}{4} = \frac{12 - y}{y}.$$

This shows that  $s = \frac{1}{3}(12 - y)$  and therefore

$$A(y) = \text{the area of } S_y = s^2 = \frac{1}{9}(12 - y)^2.$$

**Step 2. Compute V.**

$$V = \int_0^{12} A(y)dy = \int_0^{12} \frac{1}{9}(12 - y)^2 dy = -\frac{1}{27}(12 - y)^3 \Big|_0^{12} = 64.$$

□

*Remark 2.3.* Suppose a pyramid of base area  $A$  and height  $h$ , the volume formula is

$$V = \frac{1}{3}Ah.$$

**Example 2.2.2. Volume of a Sphere.** Compute the volume of a sphere of radius  $R$ .

*Solution.* Place the sphere centered at the origin. Let  $A(y)$  denote the area of the horizontal cross section. See Figure 5 on page 367. Then  $y$  is from  $-R$  to  $R$ . For each such  $y$ , the section is a circle with radius  $r$  such that

$$r^2 + y^2 = R^2 \quad \text{and so } r = \sqrt{R^2 - y^2}.$$

Then

$$A(y) = \pi r^2 = \pi(R^2 - y^2).$$

Therefore the volume of the sphere

$$\int_{-R}^R \pi(R^2 - y^2)dy = \pi(R^2 y - \frac{y^3}{3}) \Big|_{-R}^R = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3.$$

□

**Example 2.2.3.** The population of one city and its surrounding suburbs has radial density function  $\rho(r) = 15(1 + r^2)^{-1/2}$ , where  $r$  is the distance from the city center in kilometers and  $\rho$  has units of thousands per square kilometer. How many people live in the ring between 10 and 30 km from the city center?

*Solution.* Knowing the density of population, say  $\rho$ , then the population equals the integration of the density. Suppose  $A$  (in dimension 2) is the region and the the population equals

$$\int_A \rho dx dy.$$

We have the following formula where  $(r, \theta)$  is the polar coordinates in dimension 2:

$$dxdy = r dr d\theta.$$

So the population is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \int_{10}^{30} 15(1+r^2)^{-1/2} r dr \right) d\theta &= 30\pi \int_{10}^{30} \frac{r dr}{(1+r^2)^{1/2}} \\ &= 15\pi \int_{10}^{30} \frac{dr^2}{(1+r^2)^{1/2}} \\ &= 15\pi \int_{100}^{900} \frac{du}{(1+u)^{1/2}} \quad (u = r^2) \\ &= 30\pi(1+u)^{1/2} \Big|_{100}^{900} \\ &= 30\pi(\sqrt{901} - \sqrt{101}). \end{aligned}$$

□

## 2.3 Volumes of Revolution

A **solid of revolution** is a solid obtained by rotating a 2-dimensional region about an axis in 3-dimensional space.

**Theorem 2.4.** *If  $f \geq 0$  on  $[a, b]$ , then the solid obtained by rotating the region under the graph about the  $x$ -axis has volume*

$$V = \pi \int_a^b f(x)^2 dx.$$

**Theorem 2.5.** *If  $f \geq g \geq 0$  on  $[a, b]$ , then the solid obtained by rotating the region between the graphs  $f, g$  about the  $x$ -axis has volume*

$$V = \pi \int_a^b f(x)^2 - g(x)^2 dx.$$

**Example 2.3.1.** *(Region between two curves) Find the volume  $V$  obtained by revolving the region between  $y = x^2 + 4$  and  $y = 2$  about the  $x$ -axis for  $1 \leq x \leq 3$ .*

*Solution.* The volume of the solid given by rotating the region under  $y = x^2 + 4$  is

$$V_1 = \pi \int_1^3 (x^2 + 4)^2 dx.$$

The volume of the solid given by rotating the region under  $y = 2$  is

$$V_2 = \pi \int_1^3 2^2 dx.$$

The volume wanted is the difference of the above two volumes:

$$V = V_1 - V_2 = \pi \int_1^3 (x^2 + 4)^2 - 2^2 dx = \pi \int_1^3 (x^4 + 8x^2 + 12) dx = \frac{2126}{15} \pi.$$

□

In the next example, we calculate a volume of revolution about a vertical line that is parallel to the  $y$ -axis.

**Example 2.3.2.** Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region under the graph of  $f(x) = 9 - x^2$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 3$  about the vertical axis  $x = -2$ .

*Solution.* The solid can be viewed as the difference rotating two graphs about  $x = -2$ . Let us write the inner and outer radii as  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  (note that the center is at  $x = -2$ ). Since  $y = f(x) = 9 - x^2$ , we have  $x = \sqrt{9 - y}$ . Because the center is at  $x = -2$ , then

$$R_1 = \sqrt{9 - y} + 2.$$

Since the region accounts for  $0 \leq x \leq 3$ ,

$$R_2 = 2.$$

When  $0 \leq x \leq 3$ , from the picture of the graphs,  $y$  is from 0 to 9. So the volume

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \pi \int_0^9 R_1^2 - R_2^2 dy = \pi \int_0^9 (9 - y + 4\sqrt{9 - y}) dy \\ &= \pi \left( 9y - \frac{1}{2}y^2 - \frac{8}{3}(9 - y)^{3/2} \right) \Big|_0^9 = \frac{225}{2} \pi. \end{aligned}$$

□

## 3 Techniques of integration

### 3.1 Integration by parts

In this section, we give a formula that often allows us to convert an integral to another.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $u, v$  be (differentiable) functions of  $x$ .

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du.$$

*Proof.* Notice by the product rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}.$$

So after integrating both sides,

$$uv = \int u \frac{dv}{dx} + \int v \frac{du}{dx}.$$

The formula follows by moving the second integral on the right to the other side.

□

**Example 3.1.1.** Evaluate  $\int \ln x dx$ .

*Solution.* View  $x$  as  $v$  and  $\ln x$  as  $u$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int \ln x dx &= (\ln x)x - \int x d \ln x \\ &= x \ln x - \int x \frac{1}{x} dx \\ &= x \ln x - x + C.\end{aligned}$$

□

Sometimes we need to do integration by parts more than once.

**Example 3.1.2.** Evaluate  $\int x^2 \sin x dx$ .

*Solution.* Since  $\sin x dx = d(-\cos x)$ , view  $x^2$  as  $u$  and  $-\cos x$  as  $v$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int x^2 \sin x dx &= \int x^2 d(-\cos x) \\ &= -x^2 \cos x - \int (-\cos x) dx^2 \\ &= -x^2 \cos x + \int 2x \cos x dx.\end{aligned}$$

Let us do integration by parts once again for  $\int 2x \cos x dx$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\int 2x \cos x dx &= \int 2x d \sin x \\ &= 2x \sin x - \int \sin x d(2x) \\ &= 2x \sin x - 2 \int \sin x dx \\ &= 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x + C.\end{aligned}$$

In all we have

$$\int x^2 \sin x dx = -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x + C.$$

□

The definite integral version of the integration by parts:

**Theorem 3.2.**

$$\int_a^b u dv = uv \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b v du.$$

**Example 3.1.3.** Evaluate  $\int_0^\pi e^x \cos x \, dx$ .

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\pi e^x \cos x \, dx &= \int_0^\pi e^x d \sin x \\ &= e^x \sin x \Big|_0^\pi - \int_0^\pi \sin x \, de^x \\ &= - \int_0^\pi e^x \sin x \, dx.\end{aligned}$$

If we do integration by parts once again, we get the above

$$\begin{aligned}&= \int_0^\pi e^x d \cos x \\ &= e^x \cos x \Big|_0^\pi - \int_0^\pi \cos x \, de^x \\ &= -e^\pi - 1 - \int_0^\pi e^x \sin x \, dx.\end{aligned}$$

In all we obtained

$$\int_0^\pi e^x \sin x \, dx = -e^\pi - 1 - \int_0^\pi e^x \sin x \, dx,$$

which implies

$$\int_0^\pi e^x \sin x \, dx = -\frac{1}{2}e^\pi - \frac{1}{2}.$$

□

## 3.2 Polar Coordinates

The rectangular coordinates describe the position of one point on the  $x - y$  plane. For example if a point  $P$  has coordinate  $(x_1, y_1)$ , it means that  $x_1$  is the projection of  $P$  onto the  $x$ -axis and  $y_1$  is the projection of  $P$  onto the  $y$ -axis.

There is another way to describe the position of  $P$ . In polar coordinates, we label it by coordinates  $(r, \theta)$ , meaning that the distance from  $P$  to the origin is  $r (= \overline{OP})$  and the angle between  $\overline{OP}$  and the  $x$ -axis is  $\theta$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Suppose a point has  $(x, y)$  rectangular coordinate and  $(r, \theta)$  polar coordinate. Then polar to rectangular coordinates:

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta,$$

and rectangular to polar

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2, \quad \tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}.$$

Here we do not write  $\theta = \arctan \frac{y}{x}$ . Because by convention, the range of  $\arctan$  is  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . We also remark that  $(r, \theta)$  and  $(r, \theta + 2\pi k)$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  label the same point.

We commonly choose  $r \geq 0$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ . When  $r > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \arctan \frac{y}{x} && \text{if the point lies in the first quadrant,} \\ \theta &= \arctan \frac{y}{x} + \pi && \text{if the point lies in the second or third quadrant,} \\ \theta &= \arctan \frac{y}{x} + 2\pi && \text{if the point lies in the fourth quadrant,} \\ \theta &= \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } \frac{3\pi}{2} && \text{if } x = 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.2.1.** Find the rectangular coordinate of point  $Q$  which has polar coordinate  $(3, \frac{5\pi}{6})$ . Find polar coordinate for the point  $W$  which has a rectangular coordinate  $(3, 2)$ .

*Solution.* Since the polar coordinate of  $Q$  is  $(r, \theta) = (3, \frac{5\pi}{6})$ , so the rectangular coordinate is

$$(x, y) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) = (-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{3}{2}).$$

As for  $W$ , since  $(x, y) = (3, 2)$  lies in the first quadrant, we have

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{13} \approx 3.6, \\ \theta &= \arctan(2/3) \approx 0.588. \end{aligned}$$

So the polar coordinate for  $W$  is  $(\sqrt{13}, \arctan(2/3)) \approx (3.6, 0.588)$ . □

By convention, we allow negative radial coordinates (though not common!). By definition

$$(-r, \theta) \text{ is the reflection of } (r, \theta) \text{ through the origin.}$$

Hence  $(-r, \theta)$  and  $(r, \theta + \pi)$  represent the same point.

**Example 3.2.2.** Find two polar representations of  $P = (-1, 1)$ , one with  $r > 0$  and one with  $r < 0$ .

*Solution.* Let  $(r, \theta)$  be one polar coordinate of  $P$ . Then

$$r^2 = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} = -1.$$

First consider  $r > 0$ , then  $r = \sqrt{2}$ . Since  $P$  is in the second quadrant, the correct angle is

$$\theta = \arctan(-1) + \pi = -\frac{\pi}{4} + \pi = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

If we wish to use the negative radial coordinate  $r = -\sqrt{2}$ , then the angle becomes  $\frac{3\pi}{4} + \pi = \frac{7\pi}{4}$ . Thus

$$P = (\sqrt{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}) \quad \text{or} \quad (-\sqrt{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4}).$$

□

**Example 3.2.3.** Convert the following to an equation in polar coordinates of the form  $r = f(\theta)$ :

1.  $xy = 1$ ;

2. the line whose point closest to the origin is  $P_0 = (d, \alpha)$  in polar coordinate.

*Solution.* For 1, since  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ , we have

$$r^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta = 1.$$

Therefore

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\cos \theta \sin \theta}}.$$

We also need

$$\cos \theta \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta$$

to be positive. Hence

$$\theta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \cup (\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}).$$

Now consider 2. Consider  $P = (r, \theta)$  to be any point on the line. Then  $\triangle OPP_0$  is a right triangle. Therefore

$$\frac{d}{r} = \cos(\theta - \alpha)$$

or

$$r = \frac{d}{\cos(\theta - \alpha)} = d \sec(\theta - \alpha).$$

From the picture,  $\theta$  belongs to  $(-\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha, \frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha)$ . □

**Example 3.2.4.** Convert to rectangular coordinates and identify the curve with polar equation  $r = 2a \cos \theta$  where  $a$  is a positive constant.

*Solution.* Use the relation

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \text{and} \quad x = r \cos \theta.$$

We get

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 2ax/r$$

which gives

$$x^2 + y^2 = 2ax.$$

It can be rewritten into

$$(x - a)^2 + y^2 = a^2.$$

This is the equation of the circle of radius  $a$  and center  $(a, 0)$ . □

### 3.3 Area in Polar Coordinates

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $f$  be a continuous function. The area bounded by a curve in polar form  $r = f(\theta)$  and the rays  $\theta = \alpha$  and  $\theta = \beta$  (with  $\alpha < \beta$ ) is equal to

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} r^2 d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(\theta)^2 d\theta.$$

**Example 3.3.1.** Sketch  $r = \sin 3\theta$  and compute the area of one “petal”.

*Solution.* To sketch the curve, we first graph  $r = \sin 3\theta$  in  $r$  versus  $\theta$  rectangular coordinates (see figure 5 on page 647 of the textbook). By periodicity, we only need to look at  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ . Also since  $r(\theta) = -r(\theta + \pi)$ , we only need to look at  $\theta \in [0, \pi)$ .

We know that  $r$  varies from 0 to 1 and back to 0 as  $\theta$  increases from 0 to  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ . This gives one petal. When  $\theta$  increase from  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  to  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ ,  $r \leq 0$ . We shift the angle by  $\pi$  if we use positive radius. This gives that  $r$  varies from 0 to 1 and back to 0 as  $\theta$  increases from  $\frac{4\pi}{3}$  to  $\frac{5\pi}{3}$ . Lastly when  $\theta$  increases from  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  to  $\pi$ ,  $r$  varies from 0 to 1 and back to 0.

The area is

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/3} (\sin 3\theta)^2 d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/3} \left( \frac{1 - \cos 6\theta}{2} \right) d\theta = \left( \frac{1}{4}\theta - \frac{1}{24} \sin 6\theta \right) \Big|_0^{\pi/3} = \frac{\pi}{12}.$$

□

**Example 3.3.2.** Find the area of the region inside the circle  $r = 2 \cos \theta$  but outside the circle  $r = 1$ .

*Solution.* The two circles intersect at the points where  $2 \cos \theta = 1$ , which gives  $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$  and so  $\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$ .

From the picture (see figure 7 on page 648 of the textbook) that the target region can be viewed as the difference of two “sectors”.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{the area} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/3}^{\pi/3} (2 \cos \theta)^2 d\theta - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/3}^{\pi/3} (1)^2 d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/3}^{\pi/3} 4(\cos \theta)^2 - 1 d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/3}^{\pi/3} 2 \cos(2\theta) + 1 d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (2 \sin \theta + \theta) \Big|_{-\pi/3}^{\pi/3} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\pi}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

□



## 4 Review for Midterm 1

### Velocity and Displacement.

**Example 4.0.1.** Find the distance travelled and displacement from  $t = 1$  to 4 for an object with velocity  $8t - t^2$ .

#### Integration method.

**Example 4.0.2.**

$$\int \cos x \cos(\sin x) dx, \int x 5^x dx, \int_0^2 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2x+5}}.$$

### Area and Volume.

**Example 4.0.3.** Sketch the region enclosed by the curves and compute its area as an integral.

$$y = x\sqrt{x-2}, y = -x\sqrt{x-2}, x = 4.$$

*Solution.* Note by the given expression,  $x \geq 2$ . So  $x$  is from 2 to 4.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{area} &= \int_2^4 x\sqrt{x-2} - (-x\sqrt{x-2}) dx \\ &= 2 \int_2^4 x\sqrt{x-2} dx \end{aligned}$$

Set  $t := \sqrt{x-2}$  and then  $x = t^2 + 2$ ,  $dx = 2t dt$ . The integration

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} (t^2 + 2)t \times 2t dt \\ &= 4 \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} t^4 + 2t^2 dt \\ &= 4 \left( \frac{t^5}{5} + \frac{2t^3}{3} \right) \Big|_0^{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{128}{15} \sqrt{2}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 4.0.4.** Find the volume  $V$  of the solid whose base is the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$  and whose cross sections perpendicular to the  $x$ -axis are triangles whose height and base are equal.

*Solution.* For each hyperplane location  $x = a$ , it intersects with the solid and the cross section is a triangle with bottom side of length  $2y = 2\sqrt{16 - a^2}$ . The height of the triangle is the same with the bottom side.

Therefore, the volume of the solid is

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-4}^4 \frac{1}{2}(2y)^2 dx &= \int_{-4}^4 \frac{1}{2} 2(16 - x^2) dx \\ &= 2 \int_{-4}^4 (16 - x^2) dx \\ &= 512/3.\end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 4.0.5.** A plane inclined at an angle of 45 degree passes through a diameter of the base of a cylinder of radius  $r$ . Find the volume of the region with the cylinder and below the plane (see Figure 23 on page 374 of the textbook).

*Solution.* Let  $h$  be the height. When  $h = 0$ , the cross section is a half disc. When  $h > 0$ , the cross section is the smaller part of the intersection of a disc and a straight line which is  $h$  away from its center. The area of the cross section is the difference of sector of angle  $2 \arccos \frac{h}{r}$  and a triangle:

$$\pi r^2 \frac{2 \arccos(h/r)}{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2} h(2\sqrt{r^2 - h^2}).$$

Therefore the volume

$$\begin{aligned}&\int_0^r r^2 \arccos(h/r) - h\sqrt{r^2 - h^2} dh \\ &= r^3 \int_0^r \arccos(h/r) d(h/r) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^r \sqrt{r^2 - h^2} dh^2 \\ &= r^3 \int_0^1 \arccos x dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{r^2} \sqrt{r^2 - y} dy \\ &= r^3 (x \arccos x - \sqrt{1 - x^2}) \Big|_0^1 + \frac{1}{3} (r^2 - y)^{3/2} \Big|_0^{r^2} \\ &= r^3 - \frac{1}{3} r^3 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} r^3.\end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 4.0.6.** The solid  $S$  (see Figure 24 on page 375 of the textbook) is the intersection of two cylinders of radius  $r$  whose axes are perpendicular.

- The horizontal cross section of each cylinder at distance  $y$  from the central axis is a rectangular strip. Find the strip's width.
- Find the area of the horizontal cross section of  $S$  at distance  $y$ .

(c) Find the volume of  $S$  as a function of  $r$ .

*Solution.* The strip's side is given by the intersection of a disc of radius  $r$  (the base of the cylinder) and a straight line which is  $y$  away from the disc's center. Thus the width is  $2\sqrt{r^2 - y^2}$ .

The horizontal cross section of a cylinder (placed in a way that its bottom is perpendicular to the horizontal plane) is a rectangle. And therefore the horizontal cross section of  $S$  is a square of side length  $2\sqrt{r^2 - y^2}$ . Thus the area is  $4(r^2 - y^2)$ .

With the above information, the volume is

$$\int_{-r}^r 4(r^2 - y^2)dy = 8r^3 - \frac{4}{3}y^3 \Big|_{-r}^r = \frac{16}{3}r^3.$$

□

**Example 4.0.7.** Find the volume of the solid obtained by rotating the region enclosed by the graphs about the given axis.

$$y = 2\sqrt{x}, y = x, \text{ about } x = -20.$$

*Solution.* Let us find the intersection of the two curves by setting  $2\sqrt{x} = x$ . We get the two curves intersect at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 4$ . Rotating the region enclosed by  $y = 2\sqrt{x}$  and  $y = x$  about  $x = -20$  produces a solid whose cross sections are washers with outer radius  $R = y - (-20) = y + 20$  and inner radius  $r = \frac{1}{4}y^2 - (-20) = \frac{1}{4}y^2 + 20$ . The volume of the solid of revolution is

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \pi \int_0^4 \left( (y + 20)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{4}y^2 + 20 \right)^2 \right) dy \\ &= \pi \int_0^4 \left( 0 + 40y - 9y^2 - \frac{1}{16}y^4 \right) dy \\ &= \pi \left( 20y^2 - 3y^3 - \frac{1}{80}y^5 \right) \Big|_0^4 \\ &= \frac{576}{5}\pi. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 4.0.8.** The torus (see Figure 15 on page 384 of the textbook) is obtained by rotating the circle  $(x - a)^2 + y^2 = b^2$  around  $y$ -axis (assume  $a > b > 0$ ). Show that it has volume  $2\pi^2 ab^2$ .

*Solution.* In order to find out the outer and inner radius, we find the distance from the circle to the  $y$ -axis. For each  $y$ , the inner radius equals  $a - \frac{1}{2}s$  where  $s$  is the length of the intersection of the circle and a straight line  $y$  away from its center. While the outer radius is  $a + \frac{1}{2}s$ . Thus the volume

$$V = \pi \int_{-b}^b \left( a + \frac{1}{2}s \right)^2 - \left( a - \frac{1}{2}s \right)^2 dy = 2a\pi \int_{-b}^b s dy.$$

Notice  $\int_{-b}^b s dy$  is exactly the area of a circle of radius  $b$ . Therefore

$$V = 2a\pi \times \pi b^2 = 2\pi^2 ab^2.$$

Alternatively, we can compute  $s = 2\sqrt{b^2 - y^2}$  and do the integration by considering the substitution  $y = b \sin \theta$ . □

**Example 4.0.9** (exercise 20 on textbook page 650). Find the area between  $r = 2 + \sin 2\theta$  and  $r = \sin 2\theta$ .

*Solution.* [Sketch] Think about why the two curves attach at two points in the picture?

$\theta \in (0, \pi/2)$ :

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} (2 + \sin 2\theta)^2 d\theta - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} (\sin 2\theta)^2 d\theta.$$

$\theta \in (\pi/2, \pi)$ :

$$S_2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} (2 + \sin 2\theta)^2 d\theta - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} (\sin 2(\theta + \pi))^2 d\theta.$$

The area =  $2S_1 + 2S_2$ . □

**Example 4.0.10.** Set up, but do not evaluate, the area of the region between the inner and outer loop given by  $r = 2 \cos \theta - 1$ . See Figure 19 on textbook page 650.

*Solution.* What is the graph of  $r(\theta)$ ? Which parts translates to the which parts of the graph? What happens when  $r < 0$ ? This answer is:

$$\int_{\pi/3}^{\pi} (2 \cos \theta - 1)^2 d\theta - \int_0^{\pi/3} (2 \cos \theta - 1)^2 d\theta.$$

Think about why? □

## 5 Supplement

### 5.1 Complex Numbers

**Definition 5.1.** A complex number is a number of the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers and  $i^2 = -1$ . Here  $a$  is called the real part and  $b$  is called the imaginary part.

*Remark 5.2.* A real number is also a complex number (with 0 imaginary part).

Here are some properties: if  $\alpha = a + bi$  and  $\beta = c + di$  are complex numbers, then

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha + \beta &= (a + c) + (b + d)i, \\ \alpha - \beta &= (a - c) + (b - d)i, \\ \alpha\beta &= (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i.\end{aligned}$$

The last property is true, because

$$(a + bi)(c + di) = ac + adi + bci + bdi^2 \quad \text{and} \quad i^2 = -1.$$

**Example 5.1.1.** Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be as the above. What is the real part and the imaginary part of  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ ?

*Solution.* It follows from the direct computation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a+bi}{c+di} &= \left(\frac{a+bi}{c+di}\right) \left(\frac{c-di}{c-di}\right) \\ &= \frac{ac+adi+bci+bdi^2}{c^2+d^2i^2} \\ &= \left(\frac{ac+bd}{c^2+d^2}\right) + \left(\frac{-ad+bc}{c^2+d^2}\right) i.\end{aligned}$$

Thus the real part is  $\frac{ac+bd}{c^2+d^2}$  and the imaginary part is  $\frac{-ad+bc}{c^2+d^2}$ . □

**Definition 5.3.** Let  $\alpha = a + bi$  be a complex number.

- (a) The complex conjugate of  $\alpha$  is the complex number  $\bar{\alpha} = a - bi$ .
- (b) The magnitude of  $\alpha$ , written  $|\alpha|$ , is given by  $|\alpha| = \sqrt{\alpha\bar{\alpha}} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ .
- (c)  $|\alpha|$  is also called the modulus, length or absolute value of  $\alpha$ .

**Theorem 5.4.** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be complex variables. Then,

$$\overline{(\alpha \pm \beta)} = \bar{\alpha} \pm \bar{\beta}, \quad \overline{(\alpha\beta)} = \bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}, \quad \overline{\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)} = \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{\bar{\beta}}.$$

A complex variable  $z = x + iy$  is represented geometrically by a point  $(x, y)$  in the plane. Any point in the plane can be represented in polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$ . Thus, we can write  $z$  as

$$z = r[\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta)].$$

This is called the polar form of  $z$ . Note that  $|z| = r$ . The angle  $\theta$  is called the argument of  $z$ , written  $\theta = \arg(z)$ . It is important to realize that  $\theta = \arg(z)$  is not uniquely determined.

**Theorem 5.5.** Suppose for  $j = 1, 2$ ,

$$z_j = r_j[\cos(\theta_j) + i \sin(\theta_j)].$$

Then

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 [\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)].$$

**Example 5.1.2.** Let  $\alpha = 1 + i$ . By what angle will multiplication by  $\beta = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$  rotate  $\alpha$ ? Compute  $\alpha\beta$ .

*Solution.* Since

$$\beta = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i = \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right),$$

thus multiplication by  $\beta$  produces a rotation by  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ . Also since

$$\alpha = \sqrt{2}\left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right],$$

we obtain

$$\alpha\beta = |\alpha||\beta|\left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{5\pi}{6}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)\right] = \sqrt{2}\left[\cos\left(\frac{13\pi}{12}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{13\pi}{12}\right)\right].$$

□

**Theorem 5.6** (de Moivre's Theorem). *Let  $z = r[\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta)]$  be a complex number in polar form and let  $n$  be an integer. Then,*

$$z^n = r^n[\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)].$$

**Example 5.1.3.** *Compute  $(1 + \sqrt{3}i)^8$  and write the result in standard  $(a + bi)$  form.*

*Solution.* Notice

$$1 + \sqrt{3}i = 2\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) = 2\left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right].$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}(1 + \sqrt{3}i)^8 &= 2^8\left[\cos\left(\frac{8\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{8\pi}{3}\right)\right] \\ &= 256\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) \\ &= -128 + 128\sqrt{3}i.\end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 5.1.4.** *Find the sixth root of  $-64$ .*

*Solution.* Since

$$-64 = 2^6[\cos(\pi + 2k\pi) + i \sin(\pi + 2k\pi)],$$

the 6<sup>th</sup> roots are given by

$$w_k = 2\left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi + 2\pi k}{6}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi + 2\pi k}{6}\right)\right], \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.$$

□

## 5.2 Complex Exponential

### Definition 5.7. Complex Exponential.

$$e^{a+bi} = e^a[\cos b + i \sin b].$$

Why this definition? We are going to provide one answer after learning Taylor series. In particular, we have the well-known Euler's formula:

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta, \quad e^{i\pi} = -1.$$

**Theorem 5.8.** *Let  $z_1, z_2$  be complex numbers. Then*

$$e^{z_1} e^{z_2} = e^{z_1+z_2}.$$

**Example 5.2.1.** *Show*

$$\cos x = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}, \quad \sin x = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}.$$

*Proof.* Notice

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x, \quad e^{-ix} = \cos x - i \sin x.$$

Adding and dividing by 2 gives us  $\cos(x)$  whereas subtracting and dividing by  $2i$  gives us  $\sin(x)$ .  $\square$

This expression can be used to define  $\cos z, \sin z$  for complex  $z$ .

**Example 5.2.2.** *Use Theorem 5.8 to show*

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta) + \cos(\alpha) \sin(\beta).$$

*Proof.* Consider  $e^{i\alpha}, e^{i\beta}$ . Then

$$e^{i(\alpha+\beta)} = e^{i\alpha} e^{i\beta},$$

which implies

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) + i \sin(\alpha + \beta) = (\cos(\alpha) + i \sin(\alpha)) \times (\cos(\beta) + i \sin(\beta)).$$

The RHS of the above equals

$$\cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta + i(\sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta).$$

To have the RHS = the LHS, we need the corresponding real parts equal and imaginary parts equal.

Thus

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta) + \cos(\alpha) \sin(\beta).$$

$\square$

**Remark 5.9.** The proof of example 5.2.2 also implies

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta.$$

If we take  $\alpha = \beta$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2\alpha &= 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha, \\ \cos 2\alpha &= (\cos \alpha)^2 - (\sin \alpha)^2 = 2 \cos^2 \alpha - 1. \end{aligned}$$

### 5.3 Trig integration

#### Complex exponential method.

**Example 5.3.1.** Let us integrate

$$8 \cos(3x) \sin(x).$$

*Solution.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} 8 \cos(3x) \sin(x) &= 8 \left( \frac{e^{3ix} + e^{-3ix}}{2} \right) \left( \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{i} (e^{4ix} + e^{-2ix} - e^{2ix} - e^{-4ix}). \end{aligned}$$

After integration,

$$\begin{aligned} \int 8 \cos(3x) \sin(x) dx &= \int \frac{2}{i} (e^{4ix} + e^{-2ix} - e^{2ix} - e^{-4ix}) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{i} \left( \frac{e^{4ix}}{4i} - \frac{e^{-2ix}}{2i} - \frac{e^{2ix}}{2i} + \frac{e^{-4ix}}{4i} \right) + C \\ &= - \left( \frac{e^{4ix}}{2} + \frac{e^{-4ix}}{2} \right) + e^{-2ix} + e^{2ix} + C \\ &= -\cos(4x) + 2\cos(2x) + C. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 5.3.2.** Let us integrate  $e^{2x} \sin(x)$ .

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{2x} \sin(x) dx &= \frac{1}{2i} \int e^{2x} (e^{ix} - e^{-ix}) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \int e^{(2+i)x} - e^{(2-i)x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \left( \frac{e^{(2+i)x}}{2+i} - \frac{e^{(2-i)x}}{2-i} \right) + C \\ &= -\frac{e^{2x}}{2} \left( \frac{e^{ix}}{1-2i} + \frac{e^{-ix}}{1+2i} \right) + C. \end{aligned}$$

Since the two expressions are conjugate to each other, the above equals,

$$\begin{aligned} &= -e^{2x} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{e^{ix}}{1-2i} \right) + C \\ &= -e^{2x} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{(1+2i)e^{ix}}{5} \right) + C \\ &= -\frac{e^{2x}}{5} (\cos(x) - 2\sin(x)) + C. \end{aligned}$$

□



**Substitution.**

Sometimes doing substitution:

$$u = \sin x, \quad u = \cos x, \quad u = \tan x \quad \text{etc.}$$

helps solving an integration problem.

**Example 5.3.3.** Evaluate

$$\int \tan^3 x \sec^5 x \, dx.$$

*Solution.* Notice

$$\tan^3 x \sec^5 x = \frac{\sin^3 x}{\cos^8 x} = \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\cos^8 x} \sin x.$$

Let  $u = \cos x$  and then  $du = -\sin x \, dx$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^3 x \sec^5 x \, dx &= \int \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\cos^8 x} \sin x \, dx \\ &= - \int \frac{1 - u^2}{u^8} \, du \\ &= - \int u^{-8} - u^{-6} \, du \\ &= \frac{u^{-7}}{7} - \frac{u^{-5}}{5} + C \\ &= \frac{\sec^7 x}{7} - \frac{\sec^5 x}{6} + C. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 5.3.4.** Evaluate

$$\int \tan^2 x \sec^4 x \, dx.$$

*Solution.* Notice

$$\tan^2 x \sec^4 x = \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^6 x}$$

and doing substitution for as in the previous example won't work. Instead, let us consider

$$u = \tan x \quad \text{and then} \quad du = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \, dx.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^2 x \sec^4 x \, dx &= \int \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^4 x} d \tan x \\ &= \int \frac{\sin^2 x (\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)}{\cos^4 x} d \tan x \\ &= \int u^4 + u^2 \, du \\ &= \frac{\tan^5 x}{5} + \frac{\tan^3 x}{3} + C.\end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 5.3.5.** Evaluate

$$(1). \int \tan^3 x \, dx, \quad (2). \int \tan^4 x \, dx.$$

*Solution.* For (1), consider  $u = \sin x$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^3 x \, dx &= \int \frac{\sin^3 x}{\cos^3 x} \frac{1}{\cos x} d \sin x \\ &= \int \frac{\sin^3 x}{(1 - \sin^2 x)^2} d \sin x \\ &= \int \frac{u^3}{(1 - u^2)^2} du.\end{aligned}$$

Then we apply the Partial fraction method (in Section 5.4) to get

$$\frac{u^3}{(1 - u^2)^2} = \frac{u^3}{(u - 1)^2(u + 1)^2} = \frac{1}{2(u + 1)} - \frac{1}{4(u + 1)^2} + \frac{1}{2(u - 1)} + \frac{1}{4(u - 1)^2}.$$

After integration, we get

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{1}{2} \ln |(u - 1)(u + 1)| + \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{u + 1} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{u - 1} + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln |1 - u^2| + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 - u^2} \\ &= -\ln |\sec x| + \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 x + C.\end{aligned}$$

As for (2), we let  $v = \tan x$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^4 x \, dx &= \int \frac{\sin^4 x}{\cos^2 x} d \tan x \\ &= \int \frac{\sin^4 x}{\cos^2 x (\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)} d \tan x \\ &= \int \frac{v^4}{v^2 + 1} dv = \int v^2 - 1 + \frac{1}{v^2 + 1} dv \\ &= \frac{v^3}{3} - v + \arctan v + C. \end{aligned}$$

The integral becomes:

$$\frac{1}{3} \tan^3(x) + x - \tan(x) + C.$$

□

*Remark 5.10.* We can also apply the following formula to [Example 5.3.5](#):

$$\int \tan^n x \, dx = \frac{\tan^{n-1} x}{n-1} - \int \tan^{n-2} x \, dx.$$

Please do it as an exercise.

**Example 5.3.6** (Integral of Secant). *Derive the formula*

$$\int \sec x \, dx = \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C.$$

*Solution.* Let  $u = \tan \frac{x}{2}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} du &= \frac{1}{2 \cos^2(x/2)} dx = \frac{1}{2} (u^2 + 1) dx, \\ \sec x &= \frac{1}{\cos^2(x/2) - \sin^2(x/2)} = \frac{u^2 + 1}{u^2 - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

The integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sec x \, dx &= \int \frac{u^2 + 1}{u^2 - 1} \frac{2}{u^2 + 1} du \\ &= \int \frac{1}{1 - u} + \frac{1}{1 + u} du \\ &= \ln \left| \frac{1 + u}{1 - u} \right| + C. \end{aligned}$$

After transferring from  $\tan(x/2)$  to  $u$ , we can show the formula. I will leave it to you. :) □

## 5.4 Partial fractions

**Theorem 5.11.** [Fundamental Theorem of algebra] A polynomial  $P$  of degree  $n$  is a function of the form

$$P(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$$

where  $a_i$  are complex numbers and  $a_n \neq 0$ . Then  $P(x)$  has  $n$  complex roots (counting multiplicity) and we can factor  $P(x)$  as

$$P(x) = a_n(x - z_1)^{n_1}(x - z_2)^{n_2} \dots (x - z_k)^{n_k},$$

where  $z_k$  are  $k$  distinct complex numbers and  $\sum_i n_i = n$ .

Now we consider a polynomial differentiate another polynomial and we study partial fractions.

**Theorem 5.12.** Suppose that the  $n$  numbers  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  are pairwise distinct and that  $P(x)$  is a polynomial with degree less than  $n$ . Then, there are constants  $C_1, \dots, C_n$  such that

$$\frac{P(x)}{(x - \alpha_1) \dots (x - \alpha_n)} = \frac{C_1}{x - \alpha_1} + \dots + \frac{C_n}{x - \alpha_n}. \quad (3)$$

To determine the constants  $C_1, \dots, C_n$ , we carry out the following steps:

- Multiply both sides of (3) by  $x - \alpha_j$  and then set  $x = \alpha_j$ . The left side will evaluate to a number  $Z_j$ .
- The right side evaluates to  $C_j$ , since the other terms have a factor of  $x - \alpha_j$  which is 0 when  $x = \alpha_j$ . We conclude that  $Z_j = C_j$ .

Now for some illustrations, we consider the following example.

**Example 5.4.1.** Lets expand  $f(x) := \frac{x^2+2}{(x-1)(x+2)(x+3)}$  by partial fractions.

*Solution.* By the theorem,

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2}{(x - 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)} = \frac{C_1}{x - 1} + \frac{C_2}{x + 2} + \frac{C_3}{x + 3}.$$

Multiply by  $x - 1$  to eliminate the pole at  $x = 1$  and get

$$\frac{x^2 + 2}{(x + 2)(x + 3)} = C_1 + \frac{C_2(x - 1)}{x + 2} + \frac{C_3(x - 1)}{x + 3}.$$

Set  $x = 1$  and obtain

$$\frac{1 + 2}{(1 + 2)(1 + 3)} = C_1.$$

Similarly,

$$C_2 = \frac{x^2 + 2}{(x - 1)(x + 3)} \Big|_{x=-2} = -2.$$

and

$$C_3 = \frac{x^2 + 2}{(x - 1)(x + 2)} \Big|_{x=-3} = \frac{11}{4}.$$

We conclude that

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4(x - 1)} - \frac{2}{(x + 2)} + \frac{11}{4(x + 3)}.$$

□

A cultural aside is that the numbers  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  are often called the **residues** of the poles at  $1, -2, -3$ , many of you will see them later in your career under that name. If we wish to find the antiderivatives of  $f$  from this, we immediately get

$$\int f(x)dx = \frac{1}{4} \ln|x - 1| + 2 \ln|x + 2| + \frac{11}{4} \ln|x + 3| + C.$$

### Repeated roots.

When we have repeated root, each factor  $(x - a)^n$  contributes the following sum of terms to the partial fraction decomposition

$$\frac{A_1}{(x - a)} + \frac{A_2}{(x - a)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{(x - a)^n}.$$

Let us apply the method to

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(x - 1)^2(x - 3)}.$$

*Solution.* The partial fraction expansion is of the form

$$f(x) = \frac{A}{(x - 1)^2} + \frac{B}{(x - 1)} + \frac{C}{x - 3}.$$

We can find  $C$  quickly from

$$C = (x - 3)f(x)|_{x=3} = \frac{1}{(3 - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

and  $A$  from

$$A = (x - 1)^2 f(x)|_{x=1} = \frac{1}{1 - 3} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

We get

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{2(x - 1)^2} + \frac{B}{(x - 1)} + \frac{1}{4(x - 3)}.$$

Let us plug in a convenient value of  $x$ , say  $x = 0$  and obtain

$$f(0) = \frac{1}{(-1)^2(-3)} = -\frac{1}{2} - B - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

We get

$$B = -\frac{1}{4}.$$

□

### Quadratic factor.

Irreducible quadratic factors  $(x^2 + ax + b)^N$  contributes the following sum of terms to the partial fraction decomposition

$$\frac{A_1x + B_1}{(x^2 + ax + b)} + \frac{A_2x + B_2}{(x^2 + ax + b)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_Nx + B_N}{(x^2 + ax + b)^N}.$$

**Example 5.4.2.** Evaluate

$$\int \frac{4 - x}{x(x^2 + 2)^2} dx.$$

*Solution.* The partial fraction decomposition has the form

$$\frac{4 - x}{x(x^2 + 2)^2} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 2} + \frac{Dx + E}{(x^2 + 2)^2}.$$

Multiplying both side by  $x$  and then set  $x = 0$ , we get  $A = 1$ .

Then multiplying both side by  $x(x^2 + 2)^2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 4 - x &= (x^2 + 2)^2 + (Bx + C)x(x^2 + 2) + (Dx + E)x \\ &= (1 + B)x^4 + Cx^3 + (4 + 2B + D)x^2 + (2C + E)x. \end{aligned}$$

Now equate the coefficients on the two sides gives

$$B = -1, \quad C = 0, \quad D = -2, \quad E = -1.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{4 - x}{x(x^2 + 2)^2} dx &= \int \frac{dx}{x} - \int \frac{xdx}{x^2 + 2} - \int \frac{2x + 1}{(x^2 + 2)^2} dx \\ &= \ln|x| - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 2) - \int \frac{2x + 1}{(x^2 + 2)^2} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Seeing from example 5.5.2, we have

$$\int \frac{4 - x}{x(x^2 + 2)^2} dx = \ln|x| - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 2) + \frac{1}{4} \frac{4 - x}{x^2 + 2} - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} + C.$$

□

## 5.5 Trig Substitution

In this section, let us use substitution with trigonometric function to integrate functions.

**Example 5.5.1.** Evaluate

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} dx.$$

*Solution.* Set  $x = \sin \theta$  and then

$$dx = \cos \theta d\theta, \quad \sqrt{1-x^2} = \cos \theta.$$

So

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \int \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \cos \theta d\theta = \theta + C = \sin^{-1} x + C.$$

□

**Example 5.5.2.** *Solve*

$$\int \frac{2x+1}{(x^2+2)^2} dx.$$

*Solution.* Note

$$\int \frac{2x+1}{(x^2+2)^2} dx = \int \frac{2x}{(x^2+2)^2} dx + \int \frac{1}{(x^2+2)^2} dx =: A + B.$$

For  $A$ , we have

$$A = \int \frac{d(x^2+2)}{(x^2+2)^2} = -\frac{1}{(x^2+2)}.$$

As for  $B$ , we use the trigonometric substitution

$$x = \sqrt{2} \tan \theta.$$

And then

$$dx = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\cos^2 \theta} d\theta, \quad x^2 + 2 = 2 \tan^2 \theta + 2 = \frac{2}{\cos^2 \theta}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \int \frac{\cos^4 \theta}{4} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\cos^2 \theta} d\theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \int \cos^2 \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} \int (1 + 2 \cos 2\theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} (\theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta) + C \\ &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{x}{x^2+2} + C. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\int \frac{4-x}{x(x^2+2)^2} dx = \frac{1}{4} \frac{x-4}{x^2+2} + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} + C.$$

□

### Summary of trig substitution.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}, & \text{try } x = a \sin \theta & \text{and then } dx = a \cos \theta d\theta, \quad \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} = a \cos \theta; \\ \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}, & \text{try } x = a \tan \theta & \text{and then } dx = a \sec^2 \theta d\theta, \quad \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} = a \sec \theta; \\ \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}, & \text{try } x = a \sec \theta & \text{and then } dx = a \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta, \quad \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} = a \tan \theta. \end{array}$$

Sometimes you might need to do the substitution for more than once.

**Example 5.5.3.** Evaluate

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 2x + 3)^{3/2}}.$$

*Solution.* Since

$$x^2 + 2x + 3 = (x + 1)^2 + 2,$$

let  $u = x + 1$  and we get

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 2x + 3)^{3/2}} = \int \frac{du}{(u^2 + 2)^{3/2}}.$$

Now we set

$$u = \sqrt{2} \tan \theta,$$

and then

$$du = \sqrt{2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta, \quad (x^2 + 2x + 3)^{3/2} = (2 \sec^2 \theta)^{3/2}.$$

The integration becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{du}{(u^2 + 2)^{3/2}} &= \int \frac{\sqrt{2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{(2 \sec^2 \theta)^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2} \int \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta + C. \end{aligned}$$

Use the fact that

$$\sin \theta = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + 1/\tan^2 \theta}}.$$

We get the above

$$= \frac{u}{2\sqrt{u^2 + 2}} + C.$$

Convert to the original  $x$  variable, we obtain

$$\frac{x + 1}{2\sqrt{x^2 + 2x + 3}} + C.$$

□



## 5.6 Improper Integrals

For the first part of section 5.6, I refer students to the lecture notes of Prof. Caroline Moosmüller (see [2-14 note](#)).

We want to consider integrations of a function in unbounded domain, which is often referred to as **improper integrals**.

**Definition 5.13.** Let  $a$  be a real number. The improper integral of  $f$  over  $[a, \infty)$  is defined as the following limit (if it exists):

$$\int_a^{\infty} f(x)dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^R f(x)dx.$$

We say that the improper integral **converges** if the limit exists and it **diverges** if the limit does not exist.

Similarly we can define

$$\int_{-\infty}^a f(x)dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow -\infty} \int_R^a f(x)dx.$$

**Example 5.6.1.** Show that  $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^{1.1}}$  converges and compute its value. Show that  $\int_{100}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x}$  diverges.

In the following theorem, we consider the integration with integrand  $= x^{-p}$  in a unbounded region away from 0.

**Theorem 5.14.** For  $a > 0$ ,

$$\int_a^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^p} = \begin{cases} \frac{a^{1-p}}{p-1} & \text{if } p > 1, \\ \text{diverges} & \text{if } p \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

**Example 5.6.2.** Determine if  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$  converges and, if so, compute its value.

**Example 5.6.3.** Use L'Hopital's rule to calculate  $\int_0^{\infty} xe^{-x} dx$ .

**Example 5.6.4. Escape Velocity.** The earth exerts a gravitational force of magnitude  $F(r) = GM_em/r^2$  on an object of mass  $m$  at distance  $r$  from the center of the earth.

- (a) Find the work required to move the object infinitely far from the earth.
- (b) Calculate the escape velocity  $v_{esc}$  on the earth's surface.

### 5.6.1 Unbounded Functions

An integral over a finite interval for a unbounded integrand is also **improper**.

**Definition 5.15.** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x) = \pm\infty$ , we define

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow b^-} \int_a^R f(x)dx.$$

We say that the improper integral **converges** if the limit exists and that it **diverges** otherwise.

**Example 5.6.5.** Calculate

$$(a). \int_0^9 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}}, \quad (b). \int_0^{1/2} \frac{dx}{x}.$$

**Example 5.6.6.** Calculate  $\int_0^9 \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{2/3}}$ .

In the following theorem, we study the integration with integrand  $= x^{-p}$  in a region containing 0.

**Theorem 5.16.** For  $a > 0$ ,

$$\int_0^a \frac{dx}{x^p} = \begin{cases} \frac{a^{1-p}}{1-p} & \text{if } p < 1, \\ \text{diverges} & \text{if } p \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

### 5.6.2 Comparing Integrals

Sometimes we need to determine whether an improper integral converges or not, without finding its exact value. Then we can do comparison.

**Theorem 5.17.** Assume for  $x > a$ ,  $f(x) \geq g(x) \geq 0$ . We have

if  $\int_a^\infty f(x)dx$  converges, then  $\int_a^\infty g(x)dx$  also converges;

if  $\int_a^\infty g(x)dx$  diverges, then  $\int_a^\infty f(x)dx$  also diverges.

The comparison test is also valid for improper integrals of unbounded functions.

**Example 5.6.7.** Show that  $\int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^3+1}}$  converges.

*Proof.* Let us use the comparison test. To show convergence, we need to construct a simpler and larger function. Looking at the denominator,  $x^3$  is the main ingredient comparing to 1 when  $x$  is large. So consider

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^3+1}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^3}} = x^{-3/2}.$$

Notice

$$\int_1^\infty x^{-3/2} dx \quad \text{converges}$$

and therefore  $\int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^3+1}}$  converges by the comparison test. □

**Example 5.6.8.** Determine whether the following integral converges or not:

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x} + e^{3x}}, \quad \int_0^2 \frac{dx}{x^8 + x^2}.$$

*Solution.* When  $x$  is large  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + e^{3x}}$  behaves like  $\frac{1}{e^{3x}}$  and the integration from 1 to  $\infty$  for the latter function converges:

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{e^{3x}} = \frac{1}{3} e^{-3}.$$

Since

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + e^{3x}} \leq \frac{1}{e^{3x}},$$

comparison test yields the convergence of the first integral.

For the second one, the integral is improper near  $x = 0$ . When  $x = 0$ ,

$$x^8 + x^2 \quad \text{is comparable to} \quad x^2.$$

Notice

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x^2} \quad \text{diverges.}$$

To do comparison, we observe that when  $x \leq 1$

$$x^8 + x^2 \leq 2x^2.$$

Since  $\int_0^1 1/(2x^2) dx$  diverges,

$$\int_0^2 \frac{dx}{x^8 + x^2} \geq \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x^8 + x^2} \geq \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{2x^2} \quad \text{diverges.}$$

□

## 6 Infinite Series

### 6.1 Sequences

By sequence we just mean a sequence of numbers, denoted as  $\{a_n\} = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ .

First let me introduce to you the well-known **Fibonacci Sequence**:

- We define the sequence by taking  $F_1 = 1$ ,  $F_2 = 1$ , and  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  for all  $n \geq 3$ .

Given the first two terms, we can easily find out the first 10 terms one by one:

$$1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, \dots$$

The Fibonacci sequence appears in a surprisingly wide variety of situations, particularly in nature. For instance, the number of spiral arms in a sunflower almost always turns out to be a number from the Fibonacci sequence.

**Recursive Sequence.** Compute the two terms  $a_2, a_3$  for the sequence defined recursively by

$$a_1 = 1, a_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( a_{n-1} + \frac{2}{a_{n-1}} \right).$$

*Solution.*

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2/1) = \frac{3}{2},$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{3/2}\right) = \frac{17}{12}.$$

□

Our main goal is to study convergence of sequences. A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  converges to a limit  $L$ , if  $|a_n - L|$  becomes arbitrarily small when  $n$  is sufficiently large.

**Definition 6.1. (not required)** We say  $\{a_n\}$  converges to a limit  $L$  and write

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L \quad \text{or} \quad a_n \rightarrow L$$

if, for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a number  $M$  such that  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$  for all  $n > M$ .

- If no limit exists, we say that  $\{a_n\}$  diverges.
- If the terms increase without bound, we say that  $\{a_n\}$  diverges to infinity.

**Example 6.1.1.** *The Fibonacci sequence increases without a bound, and so the sequence diverges. The sequence  $a_n := \cos(\frac{n\pi}{2})$  has no limit because*

$$\{a_n\} = \{1, 0, -1, 0, 1, \dots\}.$$

### 6.1.1 Prove convergence

**Example 6.1.2.** *Let  $a_n = \frac{n+4}{n+3}$ . Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 1$ .*

*Proof.* By definition, we need to find, for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , a number  $M$  (which depends on  $\epsilon$ ) such that

$$|a_n - 1| \leq \epsilon \quad \text{for } n \geq M.$$

We have

$$a_n - 1 = \frac{1}{n+3}$$

which can be arbitrarily small when  $n$  is large. Indeed for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , when  $n \geq \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ ,

$$|a_n - 1| = \frac{1}{n+3} \leq \epsilon.$$

This proves the convergence. □

For some sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , we can understand it as a sequence defined by a function:

$$a_n = f(n).$$

**Theorem 6.2.** *If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  exists and equals  $L$ . Then the sequence  $a_n = f(n)$  converges to  $L$ .*

Can you apply this theorem to Example 6.1.2 with  $f(x) = \frac{x+4}{x+3}$ ? Do you have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 1$ ?

**Example 6.1.3.** *Calculate the limit of the sequence  $a_n = \frac{n+\ln n}{n^2}$ .*

*Solution.* Consider the following function

$$f(x) = \frac{x + \ln x}{x^2}.$$

By L'Hopital's rule,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \ln x}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 1/x}{2x} = 0.$$

Therefore the sequence  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

□

## 6.1.2 Geometric sequence

A **geometric sequence** is a sequence of the form

$$a_n = cr^n.$$

The number  $r$  is called the **common ratio**.

**Example 6.1.4.** *Prove that for  $r \geq 0, c > 0$ ,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} cr^n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r \in [0, 1), \\ c & \text{if } r = 1, \\ \infty & \text{if } r \in (1, \infty). \end{cases}$$

The proof follows by considering the function  $f(x) = cr^x$ .

**Theorem 6.3. [Squeeze Theorem].** *Let  $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}, \{c_n\}$  be sequences such that for some  $M$ ,*

$$a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n \quad \text{for } n > M$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = L.$$

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = L.$$

**Example 6.1.5.** Suppose  $c \neq 0$ . Prove

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} cr^n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r \in (-1, 0), \\ \text{diverges} & \text{if } r \leq -1. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Notice

$$-c|r|^n \leq cr^n \leq c|r|^n.$$

It follows from example 6.1.4, when  $r \in (-1, 0)$ , which implies  $|r| < 1$ , we have both  $\{-c|r|^n\}$  and  $\{c|r|^n\}$  converge to 0. Hence  $cr^n \rightarrow 0$ .

When  $r = -1$ , the sequence is an alternating sequence with values  $\{c, -c, c, -c, \dots\}$  which is diverging.

When  $r < -1$ , the sequence also diverges since  $cr^{2n} \rightarrow \infty$  and  $cr^{2n+1} \rightarrow -\infty$ . □

**Example 6.1.6.** Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{R^n}{n!} = 0$  for any  $R$ .

*Proof.* Assume  $R > 0$  and let  $M$  be an integer such that

$$M \leq R < M + 1.$$

We have

$$\frac{R^n}{n!} = \left( \frac{R}{1} \frac{R}{2} \cdots \frac{R}{M} \right) \left( \frac{R}{M+1} \frac{R}{M+2} \cdots \frac{R}{n} \right).$$

Let us call the value in the first bracket  $C$ . It is a constant which is independent of  $n$ . Then we obtain that

$$0 \leq \frac{R^n}{n!} \leq C \frac{R}{n}$$

and the latter  $\rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By Squeeze theorem,  $\frac{R^n}{n!} \rightarrow 0$ . □

Given a converging sequence  $\{a_n\}$  and a function  $f$ , we can form the new sequence  $\{f(a_n)\}$ . When  $f$  is continuous, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = f\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n\right).$$

**Example 6.1.7.** For example given a sequence  $a_n = \frac{3n}{n+e^{-n}}$  which converges to 3. Then for any continuous function  $f$ , we have  $f(a_n) \rightarrow f(3)$ . For example, if  $f = x^2$ , then  $f(a_n) = \left(\frac{3n}{n+e^{-n}}\right)^2$  converges to 9; if  $f = \ln x$ , then  $f(a_n) \rightarrow \ln 3$ .

### 6.1.3 Bounded sequence and Monotonic sequence (not required)

Next, we define the concepts of a bounded sequence and a monotonic sequence, concepts of great importance for understanding convergence.

**Definition 6.4.** A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is

- Bounded from above if there is a number  $M$  such that  $a_n \leq M$  for all  $n$ . The number  $M$  is called an upper bound.

- Bounded from below if there is a number  $m$  such that  $a_n \geq m$  for all  $n$ . The number  $m$  is called a lower bound.

The sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is called bounded if it is bounded from above and below. A sequence that is not bounded is called an unbounded sequence.

**Theorem 6.5.** *Convergent sequences are bounded sequences.*

Divergent sequences can be both bounded or unbounded. Can you give both the examples?

**Definition 6.6.**  $\{a_n\}$  is monotonic if either  $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$  for all  $n$  or  $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$ . We call

- $\{a_n\}$  is (strictly) increasing if  $a_n < a_{n+1}$  for all  $n$ ,
- $\{a_n\}$  is (strictly) decreasing if  $a_n > a_{n+1}$  for all  $n$ ,
- $\{a_n\}$  is non-decreasing if  $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$  for all  $n$ ,
- $\{a_n\}$  is non-increasing if  $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$  for all  $n$ .

**Theorem 6.7.** *Bounded Monotonic Sequences Converge.*

*If  $\{a_n\}$  is increasing and  $a_n \leq M$ , then  $\{a_n\}$  converges and the limit  $\leq M$ .*

*If  $\{a_n\}$  is decreasing and  $a_n \geq m$ , then  $\{a_n\}$  converges and the limit  $\geq m$ .*

**Example 6.1.8.** *Verify that  $a_n = \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}$  is decreasing and bounded from below. What is the limit of  $a_n$ ?*

*Solution.* Let us consider the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x}$ . The function is decreasing because  $f'(x) < 0$  for all  $x > 0$ . So  $a_n = f(n)$  is a decreasing sequence. It is not hard to see that the sequence is bounded below by 0 i.e.  $a_n \geq 0$  for all  $n$ . Therefore by the theorem, the sequence has a limit.

Notice

$$a_n = \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} = \frac{(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}.$$

Therefore  $a_n \rightarrow 0$ . □

**Example 6.1.9.** *Show that the following sequence is bounded and increasing:*

$$a_1 = \sqrt{2}, \quad a_2 = \sqrt{2\sqrt{2}}, \quad a_3 = \sqrt{2\sqrt{2\sqrt{2}}}, \dots$$

*Prove the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  exists and find out the value.*

*Solution. Step 1. Bounded from the above.* We certainly have that  $a_1 < 2$ . Suppose  $a_k < 2$ . Notice

$$a_{k+1} = \sqrt{2\sqrt{a_k}},$$

then

$$a_{k+1} < \sqrt{2\sqrt{2}} \leq 2.$$

Thus the sequence is bounded from the above by 2.

**Step 2. Increasing.**

Since  $a_n$  is positive and  $a_n \leq 2$ , then

$$a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2a_n} < \sqrt{a_n \times a_n} = a_n$$

which implies that the sequence is increasing. From the monotone convergence theorem,  $a_n$  converges and let us suppose the limit equals  $L$ .

**Step 3. Find  $L$ .**

Since  $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2a_n}$ , by passing  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n}$$

which implies that

$$L = \sqrt{2L}.$$

Thus  $L$  can only be 0 or 2. We eliminate  $L = 0$ , because the terms  $a_n$  are positive and they all  $\geq a_1 = \sqrt{2} > 0$ . We must have  $L = 2$ .  $\square$

**Example 6.1.10.** (Very hard!) The Fibonacci sequence  $\{F_n\}$  diverges since it is unbounded. Please show the sequence defined by the ratios  $a_n = \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n}$  converges. The limit is known as the golden ratio.

*Proof.* (Hint) Since  $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$ , dividing by  $F_{n+1}$ , we get

$$a_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{1}{a_n}. \tag{4}$$

Known

$$a_2 = F_3/F_2 = 2 \geq \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} =: c.$$

It can be shown that for all  $n \geq 2$ ,  $a_n \geq c$ . Why?

Next it can be shown that  $a_n$  is decreasing. Why? Therefore  $a_n$  converges. Suppose the limit is  $L$ .

Passing  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on both sides of (4), we get

$$L = 1 + \frac{1}{L}$$

this tells that  $L = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  or  $\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$ . We pick  $L = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} = c$ , because  $a_n \geq c$  for all  $n$ .  $\square$



## 6.2 Infinite Series

Given a sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , in this section we study the sum of  $a_n$ :

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n + \dots$$

This infinite sums is also called **infinite series**.

We define the **partial sums**:

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= a_1, \\ S_2 &= a_1 + a_2, \quad \dots \\ S_n &= a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n, \quad \dots \end{aligned}$$

We use the following notation:

$$\sum_{n=1}^N a_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_N, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots$$

**Definition 6.8.** An infinite series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges to  $S$  if the sequence of its partial sums  $\{S_n\}$  converges to  $S$ .

If the limit does not exist or it is  $\infty$ , we say that the infinite series diverges.

**Example 6.2.1.** Compute

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

*Solution.* Notice

$$\frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} S_N &= \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{N+1} \end{aligned}$$

which converges to 1 as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . So the series equals 1. □

**Theorem 6.9. [Geometric series]** For the geometric series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} cr^n$  with  $r \neq 1$ ,

$$S_N = c + cr + \dots + cr^n = \frac{c(1 - r^{N+1})}{1 - r}.$$

If  $|r| < 1$ , then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} cr^n = \frac{c}{1 - r}.$$

**Example 6.2.2.** Evaluate  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2+3^n}{5^n}$ .

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2+3^n}{5^n} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{5^n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{5^n} \\ &= 2 \frac{1}{1-(1/5)} + \frac{1}{1-(3/5)} = 5.\end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 6.10. [nth Term divergence test]** If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ , then the series  $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges for any  $k$ .

While if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ , the series  $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n$  can be both divergent or convergent.

**Example 6.2.3.** Prove the divergent of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{4n+1}$ .

*Solution.* Notice that  $a_n = (-1)^n \frac{n}{4n+1}$  does not approach a limit. The series diverges by the test. □

**Example 6.2.4.** Prove the divergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ .

*Solution.* Notice the partial sums

$$S_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}.$$

We have  $N$  terms in  $S_N$  and each one  $\geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$ . Therefore

$$S_N \geq N \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} = \sqrt{N}$$

which  $\rightarrow \infty$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . The series diverges. □

### 6.3 Convergence of Series

In this section we consider positive series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  where each  $a_n \geq 0$ .

**Theorem 6.11.** Given a positive series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ , then either

(i) The partial sums  $S_N$  are bounded from the above and then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges. Or

(ii) The partial sums  $S_N$  are unbounded and then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

**Theorem 6.12. [Integral Test]** Suppose  $a_n = f(n) \geq 0$  for some non-increasing, continuous function  $f(x)$ ,  $x \geq 1$ .

(i) If  $\int_1^\infty f(x)dx$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$  converges.

(ii) If  $\int_1^\infty f(x)dx$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$  diverges.

**Example 6.3.1.** Show that  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{n}$  diverges.

*Solution.* Consider  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  and then  $a_n = f(n)$ . Since the integral of  $\int_1^\infty f(x)dx$  diverges, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{n}$  also diverges.  $\square$

**Example 6.3.2.** The infinite series  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{n^p}$  converges if  $p > 1$  and diverges otherwise.

**Example 6.3.3.** Does  $\sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^2}$  converge?

*Solution.* Let us use the integral test for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2}$ . The substitution  $u = \ln x$  yields that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_2^\infty \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx &= \int_{\ln 2}^\infty \frac{du}{u} \quad (\text{here we do the integration from } 2 \text{ to } \infty) \\ &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\ln 2} - \frac{1}{R} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln 2} < \infty.\end{aligned}$$

The integral test shows that  $\sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^2}$  converges.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.13 (Comparison test).** Assume for some  $N > 0$ ,  $b_n \geq a_n \geq 0$  holds for all  $n \geq N$ . Then

(i) If  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty b_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$  converges.

(ii) If  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty b_n$  diverges.

**Theorem 6.14 (Limit Comparison test).** Let  $a_n, b_n$  be non-negative sequences. Assume that there exist  $m, M$  such that

$$m \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} \leq M.$$

(i) If  $\infty > M > m > 0$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$  converges, if and only if,  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty b_n$  converges.

(ii) If  $m = \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty b_n$  converges.

(iii) If  $M = 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty b_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$  converges.

If the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n}$  exists, then in the above we can select

$$m = M = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n}.$$

**Example 6.3.4.** Show that  $\sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{n^2}{n^4 - n - 1}$  converges.

*Solution.* Let us set

$$a_n = \frac{n^2}{n^4 - n - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}.$$

Notice

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^4}{n^4 - n - 1} = 1.$$

Since  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges, therefore by the Limit comparison test,  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^4 - n - 1}$  also converges.  $\square$

**Example 6.3.5.** Does  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n^2-3)^{1/3}}$  converge?

*Solution.* Notice

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{(n^2-3)^{1/3}} \right) / \left( \frac{1}{n^{2/3}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{(1-3n^{-2})^{1/3}} \right) = 1.$$

By the limit comparison test, the divergence of  $\sum \frac{1}{n^{2/3}}$  yields the divergence of  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n^2-3)^{1/3}}$ .  $\square$

## 7 Review for Midterm 2

### Complex numbers and trig integration

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta.$$

$$e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(1+i), \quad e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, \quad e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i \dots$$

We can use this formula to compute trig integration: Example 5.3.1, Example 5.3.2. The idea is to use

$$\cos(cx) = \frac{e^{cix} + e^{-cix}}{2}, \quad \sin(cx) = \frac{e^{cix} - e^{-cix}}{2i}.$$

Substitution is another frequently used method. Recall Example 5.3.5: Evaluate  $\int \tan^3 x \, dx$ .

We are going to use both substitution method and partial fractions.

*Solution.* For (1). consider  $u = \sin x$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^3 x \, dx &= \int \frac{\sin^3 x}{\cos^3 x} \frac{1}{\cos x} d \sin x \\ &= \int \frac{\sin^3 x}{(1 - \sin^2 x)^2} d \sin x \\ &= \int \frac{u^3}{(1 - u^2)^2} du. \end{aligned}$$

Then we apply the Partial fraction method (in Section 5.4) to get

$$\frac{u^3}{(1-u^2)^2} = \frac{u^3}{(u-1)^2(u+1)^2} = \frac{1}{2(u+1)} - \frac{1}{4(u+1)^2} + \frac{1}{2(u-1)} + \frac{1}{4(u-1)^2}.$$

After integration, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \ln |(u-1)(u+1)| + \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{u+1} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{u-1} + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln |1-u^2| + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1-u^2} + C \\ &= -\ln |\sec x| + \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 x + C. \end{aligned}$$

□

The last technique in this part is the trig substitution: Recall

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}, & \quad \text{try } x = a \sin \theta & \quad \text{and then } dx = a \cos \theta d\theta, & \quad \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} = a \cos \theta; \\ \sqrt{a^2 + x^2}, & \quad \text{try } x = a \tan \theta & \quad \text{and then } dx = a \sec^2 \theta d\theta, & \quad \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} = a \sec \theta; \\ \sqrt{x^2 - a^2}, & \quad \text{try } x = a \sec \theta & \quad \text{and then } dx = a \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta, & \quad \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} = a \tan \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Sometimes the integrand is not exactly of the above forms, we might need to do substitution.

**Example 7.0.1.** Evaluate

$$\int \frac{x^2 dx}{x^2 + 2x + 3}.$$

*Solution.* Since

$$x^2 + 2x + 3 = (x+1)^2 + 2,$$

let  $u = x + 1$  and we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^2 dx}{x^2 + 2x + 3} &= \int \frac{(u-1)^2}{u^2 + 2} du \\ &= \int \frac{u^2 - 2u + 1}{u^2 + 2} du \\ &= \int \frac{u^2 + 2}{u^2 + 2} du - \int \frac{2u}{u^2 + 2} du - \int \frac{1}{u^2 + 2} du \\ &=: A_1 + A_2 + A_3. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $A_1 = u + C$ . For  $A_2$ , notice  $2u du = du^2$  and thus we use substitution  $w := u^2$ . For  $A_3$ , we use trig substitution

$$u = \sqrt{2} \tan \theta.$$

Please finish the computations. :)

□

## Improper Integration

**Example 7.0.2.** Compute  $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{2+x^2} dx$ .

*Solution.* Since

$$\frac{1}{2+x^2} \leq \frac{1}{x^2}$$

and

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^2} < \infty,$$

So the original improper integral converges.

Actually we can use trig substitution to find its value: let  $x = \sqrt{2} \tan \theta$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{2+x^2} dx &= \int_{\arctan(1/\sqrt{2})}^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos^2 \theta d \tan \theta}{2} \\ &= \int_{\arctan(1/\sqrt{2})}^{\pi/2} \frac{d\theta}{2} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \arctan(1/\sqrt{2}) \end{aligned}$$

□

Let us solve Example 5.6.3: calculate  $\int_0^\infty x e^{-x} dx$ .

*Solution.* Use integration by parts we get

$$\int_0^R x e^{-x} dx = (-x e^{-x}) \Big|_0^R - \int_0^R e^{-x} dx = 1 - \frac{R+1}{e^R}.$$

Take  $R \rightarrow \infty$  and apply the L'Hopital's rule,

$$\int_0^\infty x e^{-x} dx = 1 - \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{R+1}{e^R} = 1.$$

□

## Sequence and series

**Example 7.0.3.** Determine the limit

$$a_n = \ln \left( \frac{12n+2}{-9+4n} \right).$$

The answer is  $\ln 3$ .

Recall Series:  $\sum_1^\infty a_n$ .

Power series: for  $|r| < 1$ ,

$$\sum_{n=0}^\infty cr^n = c + cr + cr^2 + cr^3 + \dots = \frac{c}{1-r}$$

We can use functions to determine whether a positive series is convergent.  $f$  needs to be positive, decreasing and continuous. See Example 6.3.1- Example 6.3.3

Another method is the comparison test and limit comparison test.

**Example 7.0.4.** Does  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}3^n}$  converge?

*Solution.* For  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}3^n} \leq \frac{1}{3^n}.$$

The larger series  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{3^n}$  converges and therefore the original one converges.  $\square$

## 8 Infinite Series (Continued)

### 8.1 Absolute and Conditional Convergence

In the previous section, we mainly considered positive series. Now let us study the general series.

**Definition 8.1. [Absolute Convergence]** The series  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$  **converges absolutely** if  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty |a_n|$  converges.

**Theorem 8.2. [Absolute Convergence Implies Convergence]** If  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty |a_n|$  converges,  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$  also converges.

**Example 8.1.1.** Verify that  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}$  converges.

*Solution.* Since

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

which is a convergent series, so  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}$  is absolutely convergent. By the theorem,  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}$  is convergent.  $\square$

**Definition 8.3. [Conditional Convergence]** An infinite series  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$  **converges conditionally** if  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$  converges but  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty |a_n|$  diverges.

**Example 8.1.2.** Show  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$  converges conditionally.

*Proof.* It is not hard to see that

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

diverges. To prove the claim, we only need to show the partial sum of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$  converges. Note

$$\begin{aligned} S_{2N} &= \sum_{n=1}^{2N} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \\ &= -\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - \dots - \frac{1}{2N-1} + \frac{1}{2N} \\ &= -\left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) - \dots - \left(\frac{1}{2N-1} - \frac{1}{2N}\right) \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1}{2i-1} - \frac{1}{2i}\right). \end{aligned}$$

So  $\{S_{2N}\}$  (as a sequence) is a decreasing sequence. Since

$$\left| \frac{1}{2i-1} - \frac{1}{2i} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{(2i-1)(2i)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{(2i-1)^2},$$

triangle inequality implies that

$$|S_{2N}| \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{(2i-1)^2} \leq \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

It follows from Theorem 6.7 that  $\{S_{2N}\}$  has a limit. Finally Since the difference of  $S_{2N+1}$  and  $S_{2N}$  converges to 0,  $S_n$  has the same limit as  $\{S_{2N}\}$ .

The convergence of the partial sum implies that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$  converges. □

The previous example gives a series which is similar to the **alternating series**:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} b_n$$

where  $b_n$  are positive and decrease to zero.

**Theorem 8.4. [Alternating Series Test]** Assume that  $\{b_n\}$  is a positive sequence that is decreasing and converges to 0. Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} b_n \quad \text{converges.}$$

**Example 8.1.3.** Show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}}$$

converges conditionally. Furthermore if  $S$  is the sum of the series, then  $0 < S < 1$ .



*Proof.* It is direct to see that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}} \right|$  diverges.

Next the terms  $b_n = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}}$  are positive and decreasing, and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ . By the Alternating series test, the series converges conditionally. Since

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}} = b_1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_{2n} - b_{2n+1}) < b_1,$$

we get  $S < 1$ . Also

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_{2n-1} - b_{2n}) > 0.$$

□

*Remark 8.5.* In general for alternating series converging to  $S$  with partial sums  $S_N$ , we have

$$S_p < S < S_q$$

for any even  $p$  and odd  $q$ .

Also if  $b_n > 0$  for all  $n$ , we have

$$|S - S_N| < b_{N+1}.$$

(Please prove the two claims in this remark.)

**Example 8.1.4.** Consider a conditionally convergent sequence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}$  (why?). If  $S$  represent the sum, show that

$$|S - S_6| < \frac{1}{7}.$$

Next find an  $N$  such that  $S_N$  approximates  $S$  with error less than  $10^{-2}$ .

*Solution.* By the remark

$$|S - S_6| < b_7 = \frac{1}{7}.$$

Also we have

$$|S - S_N| < b_{N+1} = \frac{1}{N+1}.$$

To have error smaller than  $\frac{1}{100}$ , we need  $N \geq 99$ . □

## 8.2 Ratio and Root Tests

Let us present two tests concerning the problem whether a series converges or diverges.

**Theorem 8.6. [Ratio Test]** Assume that the following limit exists:

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

If  $\rho < 1$ , the the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  converges absolutely. If  $\rho > 1$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  diverges. If  $\rho = 1$ , the test is inconclusive.

*Remark 8.7.* Let us compare the test with the geometric series:

$$a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots$$

which converges if  $|r| < 1$  and diverges if  $|r| > 1$ .

**Example 8.2.1.** Prove that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n^2}{2^n}$  converges.

**Example 8.2.2.** Prove that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{10^n}{n!}$  converges.

**Example 8.2.3.** Show  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n!}{10^n}$  diverges.

**Theorem 8.8. [Root Test]** Assume that the following limit exists:  $L := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}$ . If  $L < 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely. If  $L > 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

**Example 8.2.4.** Show that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{2n+3}\right)^n$  converges.

**Example 8.2.5.** Show  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{10^n}{n\sqrt{n}}$  diverges.

*Solution.* Let us use the root test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{10^n}{n\sqrt{n}}\right)^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10}{n^{1/\sqrt{n}}}.$$

Notice by L'Hopital's rule

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1/\sqrt{n}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{\sqrt{n}}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n}{1/(2\sqrt{n})}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}}} = 1.$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} = 10$$

which implies that the series diverges. □

### 8.3 Power Series

By power series we mean

$$a_0 + a_1 r + a_2 r^2 + \dots$$

If we vary the “ $r$ ”, we get a polynomial of infinite degree:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$$

More generally, we consider a power series near point  $x_0$ :

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n = a_0 + a_1 (x - x_0) + a_2 (x - x_0)^2 + \dots$$

These are functions of  $x$ .

#### Shifting the Summation index.

**Example 8.3.1.** Express the series

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2}$$

as a series where the generic term is  $x^k$ .

*Solution.* Set  $k = n - 2$ . Then

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+2)(k+1)a_{k+2} x^k.$$

(This is like doing substitution in the summation index.) □

We say the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - x_0)^n = a_0 + a_1(x - x_0) + a_2(x - x_0)^2 + \dots$$

**converges** at  $x = c$  if  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (c - x_0)^n$  converges. If the limit does not exist, we say the series **diverges** at  $x = c$ . Moreover if

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n (c - x_0)^n|$$

converges, we say the series **converges absolutely** at point  $x = c$ .

There is a surprisingly simple way to describe the set of values  $x$  at which  $f(x)$  converges.

**Theorem 8.9. [Radius of convergence]** The radius of convergence  $r$  is a nonnegative real number or  $\infty$  such that the series converges if  $|x - x_0| < r$ , and diverges if  $|x - x_0| > r$ .

$r$  can be derived through the following formulas:

**Root test.** 
$$r = \frac{1}{\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}},$$

**Ratio test.** when the following limit exists, it satisfies, 
$$r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|.$$

**Example 8.3.2.** Determine the converge set of

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{n+1} x^n.$$

*Solution.* By the ratio test,  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ . Let us check the endpoints. When  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , we get an alternating series, which converges. When  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ , the series diverges. Thus the series converges in  $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$ . □

### Sum of two Power Series.

Given two power series:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n.$$

Then

$$f(x) + g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n) x^n.$$

### Product of two Power Series.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x)g(x) &= (\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n) \times (\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n) \\ &= (a_0 b_0) + (a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0)x + (a_0 b_2 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_0)x^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The general formula is

$$f(x)g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n \quad \text{with } c_n := \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k}. \quad (5)$$

This is called the **Cauchy Product**.

**Theorem 8.10** (Differentiation and Integration). *If*

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

*has a positive radius of convergence  $r$ , then  $f$  is differentiable in the interval  $|x| < r$ :*

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}.$$

*Also  $f$  has antiderivatives in  $|x| < r$ :*

$$\int f(x) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n+1} x^{n+1} + C.$$

*Remark 8.11.* We can replace  $x$  in the above theorem by  $(x - x_0)$ .

If we inductively apply the first part of the theorem, we know that  $f$  is  $n$ th differentiable for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**Example 8.3.3.** Find the power series for  $\frac{1}{1-x}$ .

*Solution.*

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \sum_0^{\infty} x^n. \quad (6)$$

The radius of convergence is 1. □

**Example 8.3.4.** Find a power series for each of the following functions:

$$(a) \frac{1}{1+x^2}, \quad (b) \frac{1}{(x-1)^2}, \quad (c) \arctan x.$$

*Solution.* Replacing  $x$  by  $-x^2$  in (6), we get

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - \dots = \sum_0^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n}. \quad (7)$$

For (b), since  $\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$  is the derivative of  $\frac{1}{1-x}$ , by differentiating (6) twice, we get

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)' = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots = \sum_1^{\infty} n x^{n-1}.$$

For (c), notice

$$\arctan x = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt.$$

Therefore we can integrate the series (7) to get

$$\begin{aligned} \arctan x &= \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt \\ &= \sum_0^\infty \int_0^x (-1)^n t^{2n} dt \\ &= \sum_0^\infty \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

□