

# Exam 2 Review Sheet

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## Sequences

### series types

- Test for Divergence (TFD)
- Geometric
- Telescoping
- Direct Comparison Test (DCT)
- Limit Comparison Test (LCT)
- p-series (not a test)
- Integral
- Alternating
- Root
- Ratio

\* Be careful of the lower bound of the summation

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

## sequence

$$\{ a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots \}$$

convergent?

$$\hookrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$$

## Limit Laws

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n) = A \quad \& \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_n) = B$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n \pm b_n) = A \pm B$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n \cdot b_n) = A \cdot B$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (c \cdot b_n) = c \cdot B \quad (c \text{ is a constant})$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n / b_n) = \frac{A}{B}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)^p = A^p \quad p > 0, a_n > 0$$

$$\ln(n)^9 \ll n^p \ll c^n \ll n! \ll n^n$$

## Squeeze thm

if the limit of the max & min of a sequence are equal, its limit is that #

(ex.)

$$\left\{ \frac{\cos^2 n}{2^n} \right\} \quad 0 \leq \cos^2 n \leq 1$$

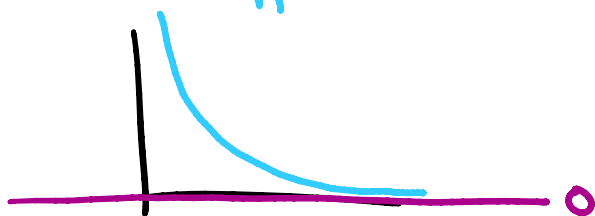
$$\frac{0}{2^n} \leq \frac{\cos^2 n}{2^n} \leq \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 0$$

$$0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos^2 n}{2^n} \leq 0$$

Bounded: is restricted by a number

ex.  $\frac{1}{n^5}$  bounded below by 0



monotonic: moves in only one direction

ex.  $n$  is monotonic



Every bounded monotonic sequence is **convergent**

Recursive sequence

$$a_1 = c \quad a_{n+1} = f(n)$$

convergent?

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

ex. monotonic, decreasing

$$a_1 = 2 \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3-a_n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3-a_n}$$

$\Downarrow$

$$L = \frac{1}{3-L} \Rightarrow (3-L)L = 1$$

$$L^2 - 3L + 1 = 0$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \Rightarrow \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9-4}}{2}$$

~~$\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}$~~ ,  $\boxed{\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}}$

$$0 \leq a_n \leq 2$$

# Series

## Test for divergence (TFD)

$$\text{if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$$

↳ **divergent**

$$\text{if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

↳ you know NOTHING

\* I suggest always doing this first,  
even just a little mental check

## Geometric

$$\sum_{n=c}^{\infty} ar^n = \frac{ar^c}{1-r}$$

$$\text{if } |r| < 1$$

↳ **convergent**

$$\text{if } |r| \geq 1$$

↳ **divergent**

\* look for a number to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term

# Telescoping

$$S_N = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \cdots a_N$$

1. use partial fraction decomposition or log properties to make  $a_n = a_n - a_{n+1}$  or something similar
2. write out sum & cancel
3. Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_N$

(ex.)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2 + 4n + 3} = \frac{-1}{n+3} + \frac{1}{n+1}$

$$\frac{2}{(n+3)(n+1)} = \frac{A}{(n+3)} + \frac{B}{(n+1)}$$

$$\underline{n=-1}$$

$$\frac{2}{2} = B$$

$$B=1$$

$$\underline{n=-3}$$

$$\frac{2}{-2} = A$$

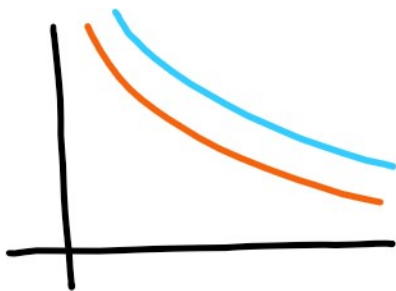
$$A=-1$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_N = a_1 &= \frac{-1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \\ &+ a_2 = \frac{-1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} \\ &+ a_3 = \frac{-1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} \\ &\vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \dots + a_{N-1} = \frac{1}{N+2} + \frac{1}{N} \\
 & + a_N = \frac{1}{N+3} + \frac{1}{N+1} \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{N+2} - \frac{1}{N+3} = \boxed{\frac{5}{6}}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Direct Comparison Test (DCT)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underline{a_n} \quad \Delta \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underline{b_n}$$



$\sum b_n$  conv.?

$0 \leq b_n \leq a_n$

$a_n$  conv.

$\sum a_n$  div.?

$0 \leq b_n \leq a_n$

$b_n$  div.

$\underline{a_n}$  pushes  $\underline{b_n}$  down to conv.

$\underline{b_n}$  pushes  $\underline{a_n}$  up to div.

\* look for a sum similar to something you know

like  $\frac{1}{n-1}$  or  $\frac{1}{n^2+1}$

## Limit Comparison Test

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$      $a_n$  &  $b_n$  are similar

conv.

$$\square \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L > 0$$

$$\square \sum b_n \text{ conv}$$

div.

$$\square \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L > 0$$

$$\square \sum b_n \text{ div.}$$

\* look for similar summations and  $\sin(\frac{1}{n})$  or  $\tan(\frac{1}{n})$

## p-series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$$

conv.

$$\square p > 1$$

div.

$$\square p \leq 1$$

not a real test... some TAs will accept it, others won't



## Integral Test

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

$$a_n = f(n) \geq 0$$

conv.

$$\square \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx \text{ conv}$$

div.

$$\square \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx \text{ div.}$$

\* look for familiar integrals:  
u-sub, IBP n's or  $\ln n$ 's  
↳ can prove p-test

## Alternating Series Test

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

conv.

$$\square 0 < a_{n+1} \leq a_n \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{da_n}{dn} < 0$$

$$\square \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

## conditional conv.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n \text{ conv. but}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ div.}$$

## absolute conv.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n \text{ conv. and}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ conv.}$$

Remainder:

$$|R_N| \leq a_{N+1}$$

\* look for  $(-1)^n$  multiplied by the

entire sum

## Root

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

conv.

$$\square \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} < 1$$

div.

$$\square \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} > 1$$

unknown

$$\square \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = 1$$

$$\sqrt[n]{\ln(n)^9} \quad \& \quad \sqrt[n]{n^p} = 1$$

\* look for something to the  $n^{\text{th}}$  power

Ratio

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

conv.

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

div

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

unknown

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

\* look for  $1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-1)$ ,  $n!$ , or other such functions

Limits to know:

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

$$\tan\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \sim \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \sim \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin \heartsuit}{\heartsuit}\right) = 1$$

$$\ln n \ll n^p \ll c^n \ll n! \ll n^n$$

when you get your exam

write test @ top:

TFD, Geo, Tele, Int.,

DCT, LCT, Alt., Root, Ratio

p-series

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# Examples:

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

Alt.

decreasing

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

$$\frac{da_n}{dn} = \frac{n^2+n - (n-1)(2n+1)}{(n^2+n)^2}$$

$\rightarrow 2n^2 - 2n + n - 1$

$$= \frac{-n^2 + 2n + 1}{(n^2+n)^2}$$

$\uparrow$   
neg  $\rightarrow$  dec.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n-1}{n^2+n} = 0$$

$\nwarrow$  bigger on bottom

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{n^2+n} \quad \text{LCT w/} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad \uparrow \text{div.}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n-1}{n^2+n}}{\frac{n}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{n^2}{n^2+1} = 1$$

div.

conditional convergent

$$\textcircled{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n n!}{(2n+2)!} \quad \text{ratio}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1}}{2^n} \cdot \frac{(n+1)!}{n!} \cdot \frac{(2n+2)!}{(2(n+1)+2)!}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2^n}}{\cancel{2^n}} \cdot \frac{(n+1) \cdot \cancel{n!}}{\cancel{n!}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(2n+2)!}}{(2n+4)(2n+3)\cancel{(2n+2)!}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+2}{(2n+4)(2n+3)} = 0$$

conv.

$$\textcircled{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{3n}{1+8n} \right)^n \quad \text{root}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left( \frac{3n}{1+8n} \right)^n} = \frac{3}{8}$$

conv.

$$\textcircled{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)}{n}$$

$$\text{LCT w/ } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \quad \int \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left. \frac{-1}{3x^3} \right|_1^b$$
$$= 0 - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \text{ conv.}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin \frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{n}} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

conv

$$\textcircled{5} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n!)^n}{n^{4n}} \quad \text{root}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(n!)^n}{n^{4n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{n^4} = \text{DNE}$$

div.

$$\textcircled{6} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{5}{3^{2n}} \quad \text{geo.}$$

$$\frac{5\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\frac{5}{9}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{5}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

conv.