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Analysis 3

Solutions of exercises about numerical series

Solution of exercise 1:

1. We have:

$$\begin{aligned}u_n &= \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \\&= \frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n},\end{aligned}$$

which implies :

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} S_n &= \sum_{k=2}^n \left(\frac{1}{k-1} - \frac{1}{k} \right) \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) = 1.\end{aligned}$$

Hence $\sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n(n-1)}$ converges with sum $S = 1$.

2. Since:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{n^2}{n!} &= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{n}{(n-1)!} \\&= \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{n-1}{(n-1)!} + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \right) \\&= \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(n-2)!} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \\&= 2e,\end{aligned}$$

we then have $\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{n^2}{n!}$ converges with sum $S = 2e$.

3. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\cos(nx)}{2^n} &= \operatorname{Reel} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \left(-\frac{\exp(ix)}{2} \right)^n \right) \\ &= \operatorname{Reel} \left(\frac{2}{2 + \exp(ix)} \right) \\ &= \frac{4 + 2 \cos x}{5 + 4 \cos x}. \end{aligned}$$

we then have $\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\cos(nx)}{2^n}$ converges with sum $S = \frac{4 + 2 \cos x}{5 + 4 \cos x}$.

Solution of exercise 2:

Let us study the nature of the proposed numerical series

1. Since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = 1 \neq 0,$$

the series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} n \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ is divergent.

2. We have

$$\arctan\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \underset{V(+\infty)}{\sim} \frac{1}{n^2},$$

general term of convergent series (Riemann's series with $\alpha = 2 > 1$).

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

3. $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{\alpha^{2n} + \alpha^n + 1}$ ($\alpha \geq 0$). Let $u_n = \frac{\alpha^n}{\alpha^{2n} + \alpha^n + 1}$.

3.1. If $\alpha = 0$, $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} u_n = 0$, the proposed series converges.

3.2. If $\alpha = 1$, $u_n = \frac{1}{3} \not\rightarrow 0$, when $n \rightarrow +\infty$, the series diverges.

3.2. If $\alpha \in]0, 1[$. Consider the geometric series of general term $v_n = \alpha^n$, which is convergent.

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = 1$, the both series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} u_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} v_n$ are therefore the same nature, which shows the convergence of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} u_n$.

3.4. If $\alpha > 1$. Consider the geometric series of the general term $v_n = \left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)^n$ which is convergent.

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = 1$, the both series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} u_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} v_n$ are therefore the same nature, which shows the convergence of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} u_n$.

4. Using the Cauchy's criterion, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\left(\frac{n+a}{n+b} \right)^{n^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\frac{1 + \frac{a}{n}}{1 + \frac{b}{n}} \right)^n \\ &= \exp(a-b). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

4.1. If $a < b$, $\exp(a-b) < 1$, the series is convergent.

4.2. 4.1. If $a > b$, $\exp(a-b) > 1$, the series is divergent

4.3. If $a = b$, $u_n = 1 \not\rightarrow 0$, when $n \rightarrow +\infty$, the proposed series is divergent.

5. We have $\frac{\ln(n)}{n^2+2} < \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2}$, general term of Bertrand's series which is convergent, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2+2}$ is therefore convergent.

6. Let $u_n = \frac{1 \times 3 \times \dots \times (2n-1)}{2 \times 4 \times \dots \times (2n)}$, we then have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2n+1}{2n+2} = 1.$$

According to d'Alembert, we can't conclude. Usig the Raab

Duhamel criterion, we get:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{n}{2n+2} = \frac{1}{2} < 1.$$

Consequently, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1 \times 3 \times \dots \times (2n-1)}{2 \times 4 \times \dots \times (2n)}$ is divergent.

7. Let $u_n = \frac{2^n}{n^2} \sin^{2n}(\theta)$, $\theta \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$.

8. If $x = 2k\pi$, $u_n = \frac{1}{n}$ general term of harmonic series which is divergent.

If $x \neq 2k\pi$. We can write

$$u_n = a_n \times b_n,$$

where $a_n = \exp(inx)$ and $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$.

We then have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right| &= \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \exp(ikx) \right| = \left| \exp(ix) \times \left(\frac{1 - \exp(inx)}{1 - \exp(ix)} \right) \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1 - \exp(inx)}{1 - \exp(ix)} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{2}{1 - \exp(ix)} \right| \\ &= \frac{2}{|1 - \cos x - i \sin x|} \\ &= \frac{2}{2 \left| \sin \frac{x}{2} \right| \times \left| \sin \frac{x}{2} + i \cos \frac{x}{2} \right|} \\ &= \frac{1}{\left| \sin \frac{x}{2} \right|}. \end{aligned}$$

In the other hand, the sequence (b_n) is decreasing and tends towards zero, therefore, according to Abel, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\exp(inx)}{n}$

is convergent

Solution of exercise 3:

1. Consider the numerical series of general term

$$u_n = \frac{\sin n}{n^\theta}.$$

1. 1. Let's show that: if $\theta > 1$, the series is absolutely convergent.

Indeed: If $\theta > 1$, we have $|u_n| \leq \frac{1}{n^\theta}$, general term of convergent series, therefore $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\sin n}{n^\theta}$ is absolutely convergent.

1. 2. If $0 < \theta \leq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |u_n| &= \left| \frac{\sin n}{n^\theta} \right| \geq \frac{\sin^2 n}{n^\theta} \\ &= \frac{1}{2n^\theta} - \frac{\cos(2n)}{2n^\theta} \\ &= v_n. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^\theta}$ diverges and $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\cos(2n)}{n^\theta}$ converges (according to

Abel), the series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} v_n$ is therefore convergent, it follows that $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} u_n$

does not converge absolutely. But the series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} u_n$ converges (

according to Abel), hence $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} u_n$ is semi-convergent.

1. 3. Whereas, if $\theta \leq 0$, the series is divergent.

Indeed, if $\alpha \leq 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n$ does not exist, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} u_n$ is therefore divergent.

2.. Consider the series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{2n-1}{n+1} \right)^{2n} \theta^n$, $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$.

Let $u_n = \left(\frac{2n-1}{n+1} \right)^{2n} \theta^n$. Using the Cauchy's criterion of the series

absolutely convergente, we find:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} |u_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = 4|\theta|.$$

Therefore:

2. 1. If $|\theta| < \frac{1}{4}$, the series is absolutely convergent.
2. 2. If $|\theta| > \frac{1}{4}$, the series is divergent.
2. 3. If $|\theta| = \frac{1}{4}$, the general term can be written as:

$$|u_n| = \left(\frac{2n-1}{2n+2} \right)^{2n} = \left(1 - \frac{3}{2n+2} \right)^{2n},$$

which tends to $\exp(-3) \neq 0$, when $n \rightarrow +\infty$, the series is therefore divergent.

3. Consider the series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\cos(n)}{n^\theta + \cos(n)}$, $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$.

3.1. If $\theta \leq 0$, $\lim u_n$ does not exist, and the series diverges.

3.2. If $\theta > 1$, we have $|u_n| = \left| \frac{\cos(n)}{n^\theta + \cos(n)} \right| \leq \left| \frac{1}{n^\theta} \right|$. Since $\frac{1}{n^\theta}$ is general term of convergent series (Riemann's series with $\theta > 1$), then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\cos(n)}{n^\theta + \cos(n)}$ is absolutely convergent.

3.3. If $0 < \theta \leq 1$. We can write $u_n = \frac{\cos(n)}{n^\theta} \times \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\cos(n)}{n^\theta}}$.

By using the Taylor expansion of the function $x \mapsto \frac{1}{1+x}$ in neighborhood of 0, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} u_n &= \frac{\cos(n)}{n^\theta} \left(1 - \frac{\cos(n)}{n^\theta} + \frac{\cos(n)}{n^\theta} \varepsilon(n) \right) \\ &= \frac{\cos(n)}{n^\theta} - \frac{\cos^2(n)}{n^{2\theta}} + \frac{\cos^2(n)}{n^{2\theta}} \varepsilon(n), \text{ where } \varepsilon(n) \rightarrow 0, \text{ when } n \rightarrow +\infty \end{aligned}$$

We therefore have the sum of two absolutely convergent series

and one convergent series. Therefore, the considered series is convergent.