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BCA Part I

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Topic - Real Analysis

(Convergence of Series)

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1. Sequence of Partial Sums of a Series, Convergence of Series :-

Let $u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n + \dots$ be an infinite series.

$S_n =$ Sum of first n terms

i.e. $S_n = u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n$

then the sequence $\{S_n\}$ is called the sequence of partial sums of the given series.

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = S$ then series is called

Convergent.

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = +\infty$ or $-\infty$ then the series is called divergent.

Oscillatory Series - If $\{S_n\}$ tends to no definite limit - neither finite or infinite - as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then the series is said to oscillate.

We say that the series oscillates finitely or infinitely according as S_n oscillates between finite limits or between $+\infty$ and $-\infty$.

* If an infinite series $\sum u_n$ is convergent, then $u_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This is only necessary condition but is not sufficient.

Ex \Rightarrow Consider the series

$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} + \dots$

Here $u_n = \frac{1}{n}$

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

But the series is divergent.

$$\text{For } \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{4} > \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8} > \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and so on.}$$

$$\therefore 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$

$$> (1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + 1000) \rightarrow \infty$$

and is therefore divergent.

Hence $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$ But the series is not convergent.

Thus we may say

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$ is necessary condition for convergence of a series but not sufficient condition.

Convergence of a Geometric Series \Rightarrow

The Geometric Series

$$1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots \text{ to } \infty$$

is convergent if $|r| < 1$

is divergent if $r > 1$

oscillates if $r \leq -1$

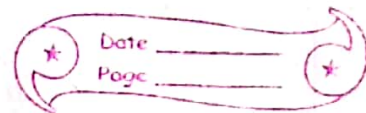
*. Convergence of series of +ve terms

1. A series $\sum u_n$ of positive term is either convergent or divergent.

2. If $\sum u_n$ and $\sum v_n$ are two series

of the Terms, Convergent to sum S and S' respectively, then the series

$$\sum u_n + v_n$$



and $\sum u_n - v_n$ are also convergent to the sums $S + S'$ and $S - S'$ respectively

* A series $\sum u_n$ of the terms converges if and only if there exists a finite number K such that

$$u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n < K \text{ for all } n$$

* If the terms of a convergent series of positive terms are rearranged, the series remains convergent and its sum remains same.

Ex. Auxiliary Series \rightarrow
the infinite series $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$

is (i) convergent if $p > 1$

(ii) divergent if $p \leq 1$

* State and prove Abel's theorem or Pringsheim's theorem -

Statement - If $\sum u_n$ is convergent series of +ve decreasing terms, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n u_n = 0$

Proof \Rightarrow Since $\sum u_n$ is a convergent series of positive decreasing terms

Therefore $U_{n+1} \geq U_{2n}$

$$U_{n+2} \geq U_{2n}$$

$$U_{2n} = U_{2n}$$

On Adding we get-

$$U_{n+1} + U_{n+2} + U_{n+3} + \dots + U_{2n} \geq n U_{2n}$$

Since $\sum U_n$ is convergent, by the General Condition for convergence,

$$U_{n+1} + U_{n+2} + U_{n+3} + \dots + U_{2n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n U_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2n U_n = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Therefore, Abel's Theorem is proved when n is even.

$$\text{Again } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right) = 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Now, } U_{2n+1} \leq U_{2n}$$

$$(2n+1) U_{2n+1} \leq \frac{2n+1}{2n} 2n U_{2n}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2n+1) U_{2n+1} \leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right) (2n U_{2n})$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [(2n+1) U_{2n+1}] \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right) \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2n U_{2n})\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [(2n+1) U_{2n+1}] = 0 \quad \text{from (1) and (2)}$$

* Comparison Test \rightarrow

Form I \rightarrow (i) If $U_n \leq KV_n$, for all values of n , where $n > 0$ and K is a fixed positive number and $\sum V_n$ is convergent, then $\sum U_n$ is also convergent.

(ii) If $U_n \geq KV_n$, for all values of n , where $n > 0$ and K is a fixed positive number and $\sum V_n$ is divergent, then $\sum U_n$ is also divergent.

Form II \rightarrow If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{U_n}{V_n} = l$ finite and non-zero number l , then $\sum U_n$ and $\sum V_n$ are either both convergent or both divergent.

Problem \rightarrow Test for convergence of the series

$$1 + \frac{1+2}{1+2^2} + \frac{1+3}{1+3^2} + \dots + \frac{1+n}{1+n^2} + \dots$$

or

$$\text{Test the convergence of the series } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+n}{1+n^2}$$

Here $U_n = \frac{1+n}{1+n^2}$

Compare the given series $\sum U_n$ with the auxill auxiliary series $\sum V_n$

where $V_n = \frac{1}{1+n^2}$

then $\frac{U_n}{V_n} = \frac{1+n^2}{1+n^2} = \frac{n^2(1+\frac{1}{n^2})}{n^2(1+\frac{1}{n^2})} = \frac{1+\frac{1}{n^2}}{1+\frac{1}{n^2}}$

Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n} + 1}{\frac{1}{n} + 1} = 1 \text{ Which}$$

is finite and $\neq 0$

Hence, by comparison test -

$\sum u_n$ and $\sum v_n$

are either both convergent or both divergent.