

Happy birthday  
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# Theorem 1 (Comparison)

$$f, g: [a, b[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad (b \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\})$$

$0 \leq f(x) \leq g(x) \quad \forall x \in [a, b[$   
( $f, g$  are Riemann-integrable on every  $[a, c], c < b$ )  
 $g$  integrable in general sense  $\Rightarrow f$  integrable in general sense.

Remark. We can weaken

the hypothesis by assuming  
 $0 \leq f(x) \leq g(x) \quad \forall x \in [d, b[$   
for some  $a \leq d \leq b$

Remark Similarly we have

analogous results

$$f, g: ]a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$a \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$$

# Theorem 2 (Asymptotic Comparison)

$$f, g: [a, b[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \begin{matrix} f(x) \geq 0 \\ g(x) \geq 0 \end{matrix}$$

$f = o(g)$  as  $x \rightarrow b^-$   
If  $g$  is int. in gen. sense

then  $f$  is " " " "

Proof  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0$

Case  $b = +\infty$

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists M \text{ s.t. } -\varepsilon \leq \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \leq \varepsilon \\ \forall x > M$$

$$f(x) \leq \varepsilon g(x) \quad \forall x > M$$

$g$  is int.  $\Rightarrow \varepsilon g(x)$  is int. per. sense

$\Rightarrow f(x)$  is int. " "  
by Theorem 1

# Exercise: Study integrability

$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{\log x}{x^3} dx$$

$$\frac{\log x}{x^3} \leq \frac{K}{x^3} \quad \forall x \in [1, +\infty[$$

$$\frac{\log x}{x^3} = o\left(\frac{1}{x^{2.5}}\right) ?$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\log x}{x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{x^{2.5}} \log(x) = 0$$

by Th.2  $\Rightarrow \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{\log(x)}{x^3} dx < +\infty$

I could have chosen  $x^{2.999}$

$$\dots \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{\log(x)}{x^{1000}} dx \rightarrow 0$$

Also we could have chosen  $x^\alpha$ , with  $\alpha < 3$

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Theorem 3 :  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$f, g \geq 0$   $g > 0$  and

$f$  asymptote to  $g$  for  $x \rightarrow b$ .

Then

$f$  is int. in gen sense  $\iff g$  is  
intef in gen sense

$$\left( \text{i.e. } \int_a^b f dx < +\infty \iff \int_a^b g dx \right)$$

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Proof: By hyp.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow b} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L > 0$$

Let us take  $\varepsilon = \frac{L}{2}$

$\exists M$  s.t. for every  $x \geq M$

$$\frac{L}{2} = L - \varepsilon < \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} < L + \varepsilon = \frac{3L}{2}$$

Hence,  $\forall x > M,$

$$f(x) \leq g(x) \cdot \frac{3L}{2}$$

If  $g$  is int. gen. sense

$$\frac{3L}{2} g \text{ " " " "}$$

Apply Theorem 1

$\implies f$  is int. in gen. sense

(We have proved " $\Leftarrow$ ")

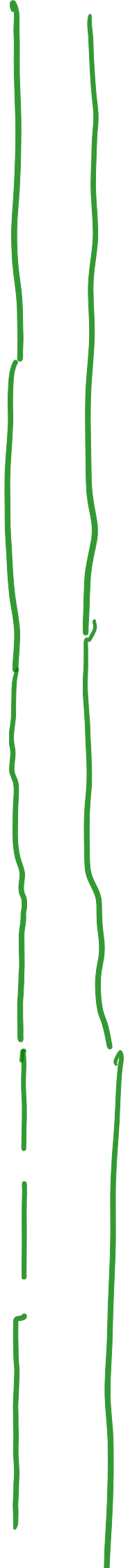
Let us prove " $\Rightarrow$ "

$$\frac{L}{2} g(x) \leq f(x)$$

$\forall x > M,$  by comp. Th. 1

$\frac{L}{2} g(x)$  is int. in gen. sense

$$\implies g(x) = \frac{2}{L} \cdot \frac{L}{2} g(x) \text{ is int. in gen. sense}$$







$$\int_1^{+\infty} \alpha \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \alpha^e \arctan\left(\log\left(1+\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) dx$$

For which  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  do we have absolute integrability?

Idea: - No problems at the extreme  $\perp$ .

- Observe that  $\frac{1}{x} \rightarrow 0+$   
when  $x \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{6x^3} + o\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right)$$

$$\boxed{\arctan\left(\log\left(1+\frac{1}{x}\right)\right)} = \log\left(1+\frac{1}{x}\right) - \frac{\left(\log\left(1+\frac{1}{x}\right)\right)^3}{3} + o\left(\left(\log\left(1+\frac{1}{x}\right)\right)^3\right) = \text{(*)}$$

new  $y=0$

$$\arctan y = y - \frac{2}{6}y^3 + o(y^3)$$

$$\left(\arctan y\right)'_{y=0} = \frac{1}{1+y^2} \Big|_{y=0} = 1$$

$$\left(\arctan y\right)''_{y=0} = \left(\frac{1}{1+y^2}\right)'_{y=0} = -\frac{2y}{(1+y^2)^2} \Big|_{y=0}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\left( \arctan y \right)''' \Big|_{y=0} = \left( -\frac{2y}{(1+y^2)^2} \right)' \Big|_{y=0} =$$

$$= \frac{2(1-y^2) - 2y(\dots)}{(1+y^2)^4} \Big|_{y=0}$$

$$= \frac{-2}{1} = -2$$

$$\textcircled{*} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{3x^3} + o\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) - \frac{1}{3x^3}$$

$$+ o\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) + o\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right)$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx =$$

$$\alpha \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{6x^3} + o\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) \right) -$$

$$- \alpha^2 \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{ex^2} + \right)$$

$$+ o\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right)$$

$$= \int_1^{+\infty} \left( (\alpha - \alpha^2) \frac{1}{x} + \frac{\alpha^2}{2x^2} + \alpha \left( o\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) - \frac{1}{6x^3} \right) - \alpha o\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) \right) dx$$

if  $(\alpha - \alpha^2) \neq 0$

$$\left| \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x} \right|$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(\alpha - \alpha^2) \frac{1}{x} + o\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}} = |\alpha - \alpha^2|$$

Hence, since  $\frac{1}{x}$  is not int. in gen. sense on  $[1, +\infty[$

$$\alpha - \alpha^2 \neq 0$$

$$\alpha(1 - \alpha) \neq 0$$

$$\alpha \neq 1 \quad \alpha \neq 0$$

$$\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1\}$$

the function is NOT integr. in gen. sense.

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$\alpha = 0$  is trivial  $f \equiv 0$

$$\alpha = 1 \quad |f| \sim \frac{1}{2x^2}$$

But  $\frac{1}{2x^2}$  is integrable

on  $[1, +\infty[$ , i.e.  $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2x^2} dx < \infty$

By theorem 3

$\Rightarrow |f|$  is integrable.

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Let us consider

$$(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

for instance

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

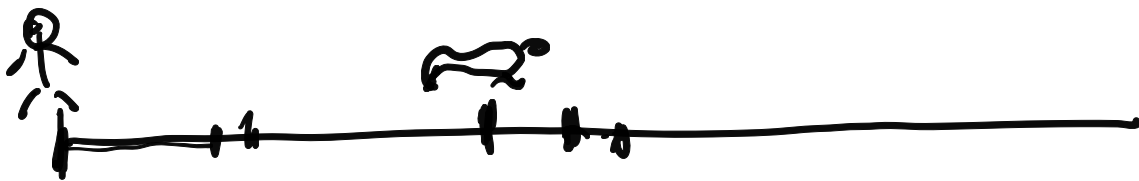
$$a_n = 9^n$$

"Sum"

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_{100} + \dots$$

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Zeno's paradox

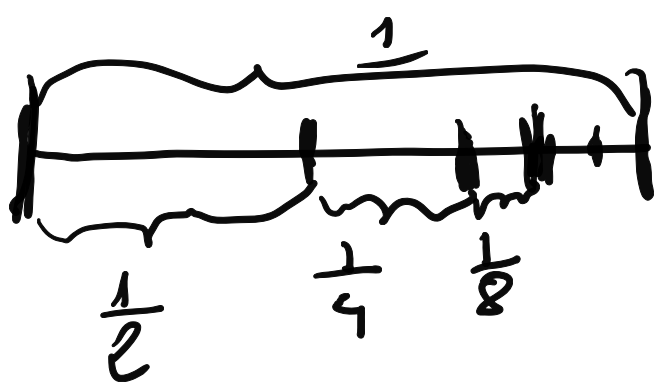


Achilles reaches the turtle  
at time

$$t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + \dots + t_n = +\infty$$

paradox?

No, because the  
sum of infinite terms  
can be finite.



$$S_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$S_3 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2^1}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2^2} \dots a_n = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2^3}$$

Definition. If  $(a_n)$  is

"a sequence, we call  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  
"partial sum until  $k$ "

$$S_k := \sum_{n=1}^k a_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$$

The family of partial sums

$\{S_k, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is called

the **SERIES** associated to  $(a_n)$   
and is denoted by  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$

if  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_k = S \in \mathbb{R}$

we say that "The series

has finite sum  $S$ "

or

"the series converges to  $S$ "

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An example of non convergent series

$$a_n = (-1)^n$$

$$S_1 = -1$$

$$S_2 = a_1 + a_2 = -1 + 1 = 0$$

$$S_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = -1$$

$$S_4 = 0$$

$$S_{2h+1} = 0$$

$$S_{2h} = -1$$

$\Rightarrow S_k$  does not converge

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$$a_n = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \text{ is convergent}$$

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$$a_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{ not convergent.}$$



