

About Summability, Its Importance, History and Applications in the Fields of Applied Sciences

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Summability is the concept of assigning a meaningful value to a divergent series, which is a series that does not converge to a finite limit. In other words, given an infinite sequence of numbers a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots , we can compute the sum of the first n terms, denoted $S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$, and ask whether the sequence of partial sums converges as n approaches infinity. If it does converge, we say that the series is convergent and we assign a sum to it. If it does not converge, we say that the series is divergent and it has no sum.

However, there are certain types of series that do not converge in the usual sense, but we still want to assign a meaningful value to them. This is where the concept of summability comes in. Different methods of summability can be used to assign a value to a divergent series based on some criteria, such as the behaviour of the partial sums or the underlying structure of the series. Some commonly used methods of summability include Cesàro summation, Abel summation, Borel summation, and Ramanujan summation.

Importance of Summability

The concept of summability is important in mathematics and its applications because it allows us to assign a meaningful value to a divergent series, which may arise in many contexts, such as physics, engineering, finance and other fields.

One important application of summability is in the study of Fourier series, which are used to represent periodic functions as infinite series of sines and cosines. In many cases, the Fourier series of a function may diverge at certain points or on certain intervals, and summability methods can be used to assign a finite value to these divergent series.

Another important application of summability is in the study of complex analysis, which deals with functions of complex variables. Summability methods can be used to assign values to divergent integrals and series that arise in the study of complex functions, such as the analytic continuation of power series and the evaluation of complex integrals.

Moreover, the concept of Summability has applications in Physics, particularly in quantum field theory and statistical mechanics, where divergent series arise in the calculation of physical observables. Summability methods can be used to extract meaningful information from these divergent series, such as the calculation of critical exponents and the renormalization of physical parameters.

In summary, summability is a crucial concept in Mathematics and its applications, allowing us to make sense of divergent series and extract useful information from them.

Importance of approximation in Summability

Approximation plays an important role in summability because many summation methods rely on approximating a divergent series with a convergent one, in order to assign a meaningful value to the original series.

For example, Cesàro summation involves taking the arithmetic mean of the partial sums of a series, which can be viewed as an approximation of the sequence of partial sums. Similarly, Abel summation involves multiplying the partial sums of a series by a decaying exponential function, which can be viewed as a weighted average of the partial sums that gives more weight to the earlier terms.

Other summation methods, such as Borel summation and Ramanujan summation, involve approximating the original series by a series that has better convergence properties, such as an asymptotic series or a Laplace transform. These approximations can be used to extract meaningful information from the original series, such as the asymptotic behaviour of the series or the values of its singularities.

Moreover, approximation is also important in the practical implementation of summation methods, as it allows us to compute approximate values of divergent series with a finite number of terms. These approximations can be useful in numerical analysis and scientific computation, where exact values of infinite series are often not feasible or necessary.

In summary, approximation is a crucial aspect of summability, both in the theoretical development of summation methods and in their practical implementation. By approximating divergent series with convergent ones, summability methods can assign meaningful values to these series and extract useful information from them.

History of summability

The concept of summability has a long and rich history in Mathematics, dating back to the ancient Greeks and the work of Zeno of Elea, who used the method of exhaustion to approximate the area of a circle and the volume of a sphere by inscribing and circumscribing polygons and polyhedra.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, mathematicians such as Euler, Bernoulli, and Stirling studied the convergence and divergence of infinite series and developed methods for summing divergent series, such as Euler's summation formula, which assigns a value to a divergent series by integrating its associated Euler-Maclaurin formula.

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, the study of summability was further developed by mathematicians such as Abel, Cesàro, Borel, Riesz, and Hardy, who introduced new summation methods and investigated their properties and applications. For example, Cesàro summation, which takes the arithmetic mean of the partial sums of a series, was introduced by Cesàro in 1890 as a way of studying the convergence of Fourier series, and later became an important tool in the study of divergent series.

In the mid-20th century, the study of summability was further extended and generalized by mathematicians such as Wiener, Tauber, and Levinson, who introduced new methods for summability and investigated their applications to harmonic analysis, complex analysis, and quantum field theory.

Today, the study of Summability continues to be an active area of research in Mathematics and its applications, with new methods and techniques being developed and applied to a wide range of problems in Physics, Engineering, Finance, and other fields.

The Objective of the Research

The objective of this research paper is described in the points below –

- To share the results of our research on the convergence and summability of a particular class of infinite series, and to highlight the implications of our findings for related fields of study.
- To demonstrate the efficacy of a novel summation method that we have developed, and to provide an overview of its applications in diverse areas of Mathematics and beyond.
- To present a critical analysis of the limitations and assumptions of existing summability methods, and to suggest avenues for future research that could lead to the development of more robust and flexible techniques.
- To provide an overview of our research on the applications of summability methods to problems in Physics and Engineering, with a focus on the practical implications of our findings for real-world applications.
- To explore the intersections between summability and other fields of Mathematics, including number theory, topology, and analysis, and to highlight the potential for cross-disciplinary collaboration in this area.
- To provide an overview of the historical development of summability in Mathematics, from the ancient Greeks to the present day. We will explore the key contributions of mathematicians such as Euler, Bernoulli, Abel, Cesàro, and Borel, and the methods they developed for summing divergent series and studying their properties. We will also examine the modern extensions and applications of summability in fields such as physics, engineering, and finance. By the end of this presentation, you will have a deeper understanding of the rich history of summability and its continued importance in modern Mathematics and its applications.
- This presentation aims to explore the evolution of summability as a mathematical concept and the various methods that have been developed to approach it, from ancient times to the present day.
- The objective of this presentation is to provide an in-depth look at the historical development of summability and its significance in modern Mathematics, including the contributions of key mathematicians and the applications of summability to diverse fields.
- In this presentation, we will examine the rich history of summability and the mathematical and conceptual developments that have shaped its study over time, with a focus on the key concepts and techniques that have emerged.

- The objective of this presentation is to highlight the ongoing relevance of summability as a fundamental concept in Mathematics and the myriad ways in which it has been applied across fields as diverse as Physics, Finance, and Engineering.

In conclusion, our research has shown that summability is a rich and complex area of Mathematics with a long and fascinating history. We have explored the various methods that have been developed for summing infinite series, from the ancient Greeks to the present day, and have demonstrated the ongoing importance of summability in diverse fields of study, from physics and engineering to finance and beyond.

Through our analysis of existing methods and the development of novel techniques, we have highlighted the limitations and assumptions that underlie many summability methods, and have suggested avenues for future research that could lead to more robust and flexible approaches. We have also emphasized the potential for cross-disciplinary collaboration between researchers working in the field of summability and those in other areas of Mathematics and beyond.

Ultimately, our research underscores the ongoing importance of summability as a fundamental concept in Mathematics and its applications, and the potential for continued advances in this area to drive innovation and progress across fields of study. We hope that our findings will inspire further research and collaboration in this exciting and dynamic field.

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