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Study Material -

* Conditional and Non-Conditional Convergence $\Rightarrow$

A Convergent Series which is unaffected by any rearrangement of its term is called an unconditionally convergent series. Whereas the series which is thus affected is called conditionally convergent.

Ex: $\rightarrow$ The series

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

is unconditionally convergent -

Since its value is not affected by any rearrangement.

its value is $\frac{2}{3}$

Now Consider the re-arrangement -

$$(1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^4} + \dots) - (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots)$$

which is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} - \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} \\ &= \frac{4}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

The Series

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots$$

is conditionally convergent - since its value can be affected by re-arrangement.

Re-arrangement of terms of an absolutely convergent series —

If the terms of an absolutely convergent series are re-arranged the series remain convergent and its sum is unaltered.

or
The sum of absolutely convergent series is independent of the order of terms.

Proof: $\rightarrow$ Let $\sum u_n$ be the given series and new series after re-arrangement be $\sum u'_n$.
So that every u and u' and every u' and u .

Since the series $\sum u_n$ is absolutely convergent, there can be found a +ve integer m corresponding to a +ve no ϵ however small such that

$$|u_{n+1}| + |u_{n+2}| + \dots + |u_{n+p}| < \epsilon$$

for every $n \geq m$ and for every $p \geq 0$

In particular, we have.

$$|u_{m+1}| + |u_{m+2}| + \dots + |u_{m+p}| < \epsilon \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

for $p \geq 0$

$$\text{Let } S_n = u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n$$

$$S'_n = u'_1 + u'_2 + \dots + u'_n$$

Since $\sum u_n$ is convergent:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n \rightarrow S$$

Now there can be chosen a +ve integer $N \geq m$ so large that for all

values of $n \geq N$, the partial sum S_n and S'_n

have the terms $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$ in common.

Let the terms which are not common to S_n and S'_n be.

$$u_{m+k}, u_{m+p}, \dots, u_{m+r}$$

So that for all values of $n \geq N > m$ we have

$$|S'_n - S_n| = |u_{m+k} \pm u_{m+p} \pm \dots \pm u_{m+r}|$$

$$\leq |u_{m+k}| + |u_{m+p}| + \dots + |u_{m+r}|$$

$$< \epsilon \quad \text{From (1)}$$

$$\text{i.e. } S'_n - S_n \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S'_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = S$$

Hence the series $\sum u'_n$ is convergent and has the same sum as the series $\sum u_n$