

[Helping Series]

$\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$ will be convergent if $p > 1$

& will be divergent if $p \leq 1$

Example $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ will be convergent $\because p=2 > 1$

$\sum \frac{1}{n}$ will be divergent $\because p=1$

$\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \sum \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}$ divergent $\because p=\frac{1}{2} < 1$

[Comparison Test]

If $\sum U_n$ and $\sum V_n$ be two positive term series and if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{U_n}{V_n} = \text{Non-zero finite number}$$

then $\sum U_n$ and $\sum V_n$ both converge or diverge together.

[Method to choose V_n from U_n]

We choose V_n from U_n as

$$V_n = \frac{\text{Highest power of } n \text{ from Numerator of } U_n}{\text{Highest power of } n \text{ from Denominator of } U_n}$$

Example. If $U_n = \frac{n^2 + n}{n^3 + 1}$

Then we take $V_n = \frac{\text{Highest power of } n}{\text{Highest power of } n} = \frac{n^2}{n^3}$

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Steps to solve problem.

Suppose we have to test convergence of $\sum u_n$ then we have to follow

Step 1: Write u_n

Step 2: Choose $u_n = \frac{\text{Highest power of } n \text{ from Numerator}}{\text{Highest power of } n \text{ in Denominator}}$

Step 3: Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \text{Non-zero finite}$

Step 4: $\sum u_n$ and $\sum v_n$ behave alike

Step 5: By helping series check $\sum v_n$ is Convergent or divergent ($p > 1$ or $p \leq 1$)

Step 6: Write answer
If $\sum v_n$ Convergent $\Rightarrow \sum u_n$ will be Convergent

and if $\sum v_n$ divergent $\Rightarrow \sum u_n$ will be divergent

Conclusion: $\sum u_n$ का $\sum v_n$ के साथ u_n question में दिया है उसमें Numerator और Denominator में से highest power लेकर u_n निकालेंगे और $\sum v_n$ का $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n}$ निकालेंगे अगर Non-zero finite आएगा तो $\sum u_n$ और $\sum v_n$ का behavior एक जैसा होगा। u_n के बारे में helping series से पता चलेगा $\sum u_n$ के बारे में पता चलेगा।

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Example

Examine the convergence of the series

$$\sum \frac{\sqrt{n^2-1}}{n^3+1}$$

Solution

Here we have, given series $\sum \frac{\sqrt{n^2-1}}{n^3+1}$
Now let, $u_n = \frac{\sqrt{n^2-1}}{n^3+1}$

Now we choose v_n such that

$$v_n = \frac{\text{Highest power from Numerator of } u_n}{\text{Highest power from Denominator of } u_n} = \frac{n}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$\sqrt{n^2-1}$ में Square root निकालेंगे तो n highest power निकलेगा

So let $v_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^2-1}}{n^3+1} \times \frac{n^2}{1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \sqrt{1-\frac{1}{n^2}}}{n^3(1+\frac{1}{n^3})} \times \frac{n^2}{1} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{\infty}}}{1+\frac{1}{\infty}} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Non-zero finite

$\therefore \sum u_n$ and $\sum v_n$ behave alike

Now By helping series $\sum \frac{1}{n^2} = \sum v_n$ will be Convergent ($\because p=2 > 1$)

\therefore By Comparison test given series $\sum u_n$ will be convergent

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Assignment

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Q.1. Examine the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^2-1}}{2n+1}$$

Ans: Divergent

Q.2. Examine the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2+1}$$

Ans: Convergent

Q.3. Examine the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{n}{2+3n^3}}$$

Ans: Divergent

Q.4. Examine the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^2-1}}{n^3+1}$$

(example of series $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$ is convergent for $p > 1$)

Ans: Convergent