

Exercise 11.3

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

Let $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^3+1}$, so

$$f'(x) = \frac{2x(x^3+1) - x^2(3x^2)}{(x^3+1)^2} = \frac{x(2-x^3)}{(x^3+1)^2}$$

\therefore when $x \geq 2$, $f'(x) < 0$, $f(x)$ is decreasing.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_2^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{x^3+1} dx &= \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{3(x^3+1)} dx \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left. \frac{\ln|x^3+1|}{3} \right|_2^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} \ln \left| \frac{t^3+1}{9} \right| \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \int_2^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{x^3+1} dx$ is divergent

\therefore by integral test, $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3+1}$ is also divergent.

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3+1}$ is also divergent.

22. $\lim_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^2}$

Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2}$, $x \geq 2$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx &= \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\ln x)^2} d \ln x \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{\ln x} \right) \Big|_2^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\ln 2} - \frac{1}{\ln t} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln 2} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is obviously decreasing
 $\therefore \int_2^\infty \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx$ is convergent
 $\therefore \sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^2}$ is also convergent.

23. $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{e^{\frac{1}{n}}}{n^2}$

Let $f(x) = \frac{e^{\frac{1}{x}}}{x^2}$, $x > 0$, and let $t = \frac{1}{x} > 0$, then $f(x)$ can be rewritten as

$$f(t) = t^2 e^t$$

$\therefore f'(t) = (t^2 + 2t)e^t = ((t+1)^2 - 1)e^t > 0$
 $\therefore \forall t \in (0, \infty), f(t)$ is increasing
 $\therefore \forall x \in (0, \infty), f(x)$ is decreasing

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \int_1^\infty \frac{e^{\frac{1}{x}}}{x^2} dx &= \int_1^\infty -e^{\frac{1}{x}} d\frac{1}{x} \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (-e^{\frac{1}{x}}) \Big|_1^t \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (e^1 - e^{\frac{1}{t}}) \\
 &= e - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

which means $\int_1^\infty \frac{e^{\frac{1}{x}}}{x^2}$ is convergent

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{e^{\frac{1}{n}}}{n^2}$ is also convergent

24. $\sum_{n=3}^\infty \frac{n^2}{e^n}$

Let $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{e^x}$, $x \geq 3$, then

$$f'(x) = \frac{2x - x^2}{e^x} = \frac{x(2-x)}{e^x} < 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is decreasing
 $\therefore f(x) > 0$
 \therefore by the monotonic sequence theorem, $f(x)$ is convergent
 $\sum_{n=3}^\infty \frac{n^2}{e^n}$ is also convergent

26. $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{n}{n^4+1}$

Let $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^4+1}$, $x \geq 1$, so

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^4 + 1 - 4x^4}{(x^4 + 1)^2} = \frac{1 - 3x^4}{(x^4 + 1)^2} < 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is decreasing

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_1^\infty \frac{x}{x^4+1} dx &= \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{2(x^4+1)} dx^2 \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left. \frac{\arctan x^2}{2} \right|_1^t \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\arctan t^2 - \frac{\pi}{4}}{2} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \int_1^\infty \frac{x}{x^4+1} dx$ is convergent
 $\therefore \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{n}{n^4+1}$ is also convergent

33. The Riemann zeta-function ζ is defined by

$$\zeta(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^x}$$

and is used in number theory to study the distribution of prime numbers. What is the domain of ζ ?

$\therefore \zeta(x)$ is used to study the distribution of prime numbers
 $\therefore \zeta(x)$ must be integrable
 $\therefore \zeta(x)$ must be convergent
 \therefore by the p -series, $x > 1$
 \therefore the domain of ζ is $(1, \infty)$

Leonhard Euler was able to calculate the exact sum of the p -series with $p = 2$:

$$\zeta(2) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

Use this fact to find the sum of each series.

(a) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{1^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 1$$

$$(b) \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} &= \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \\ &= \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \right) - \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{9} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{49}{36} \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\because \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ is convergent} \\ \therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)^2} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{24} \end{aligned}$$