

Convergence of infinite positive term series -

Comparison Test :

If  $\sum u_n$  &  $\sum v_n$  be two pos term series

and

①  $\sum v_n$  is convergent then  $\sum u_n$  is also convergent

if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = K$  where 'K' is a finite pos no.

②  $\sum v_n$  is divergent then  $\sum u_n$  is also divergent

if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = K'$  where 'K'' is positive (finite) number.

~~In compo~~ To prove the convergence of series 'u<sub>n</sub>' we make a ~~sub~~ <sup>sub</sup> series from u<sub>n</sub> which we called as v<sub>n</sub> and (u<sub>n</sub> ≥ v<sub>n</sub>) then the series is ~~not~~ divergent.

and when (u<sub>n</sub> ≤ v<sub>n</sub>) then the series is convergent.

the convergency of  $v_n$  we use  
series test.

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$$\frac{1}{n^p} = 1 + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \frac{1}{4^p} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^p} + \dots$$

① convergent if  $p > 1$

② divergent if  $p \leq 1$

$$\text{for eg. } \# 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots$$

is a divergent series  
as  $p = 1$  in this case  
using p-series test.

Prove the convergency of the series —

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n-1} + \dots$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2n-1} ; \sum u_n = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots$$

~~Decide  $v_n$  the degree of~~

Decide  $v_n$  according to the degree of 'n'  
in Numerator and denominator

for eg; You have

$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } u_n = \frac{n}{n^2+1} \text{ then } v_n = \frac{n}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n}$$

Coming to the question—

We have series

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n-1} + \dots$$

then  $u_n = \frac{1}{2n-1}$

Let  $v_n = \frac{1}{n}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n-1} \times \frac{n}{1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2n-1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n \left[ 2 - \frac{1}{n} \right]}$$

now, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$= \frac{1}{2-0} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Now, by p-series test we know that the series  $\sum v_n$  is convergent if  $p > 1$  and  $\sum v_n$  is divergent if  $p \leq 1$ .

$\therefore$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \frac{1}{2} \leq 1$$

$\therefore$  the given series is divergent by p-series test. Then by comparison test  $\sum u_n$  is also divergent.

Pls to remember

- \* Comparison test is not applicable on oscillatory series i.e. when the series ~~is~~  $a_n$  is either convergent or divergent. (9)
- \* Using p-series test one can find the convergence of  $v_n$ . (i.e.  $v_n$  is either convergent or divergent.)
- \* If  $v_n$  is convergent,  $u_n$  is also convergent and when  $v_n$  divergent,  $u_n$  is also divergent.
- \* Find  $v_n$  according to the degree of  $u_n$  in the numerator or denominator. (as we have discussed in the # 1.)

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# 2:  $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \frac{3}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + \frac{5}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \dots$

sol:  
nth term of the series

$$u_n = \frac{2n-1}{n(n+1)(n+2)}$$

when  $n=1$

$$\frac{2-1}{1 \cdot (1+1)(1+2)} = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}$$

when  $n=2$

$$\frac{2(2)-1}{2 \cdot (2+1)(2+2)} = \frac{3}{2 \cdot (3) \cdot (4)}$$

and so on...

for  $v_n$ , we have to take  
the highest term out of  $u_n$   
from numerator and denominator.

$$v_n = \frac{n}{n \cdot n \cdot n} = \frac{n}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Now,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \frac{(2n-1)}{n(n+1)(n+2)} \times n^2$

$$= \frac{2n^3 - n^2}{n^3 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)} = \frac{n^2 \left(2 - \frac{1}{n}\right)}{n^3 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)}$$

now as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   
 $= 2$  (which is a finite true no.)

By p-series test —  $\sum v_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  ( $p = 2 > 1$ ) is

convergent.

$\therefore$  by comparison test  
 $\sum u_n$  is also convergent.



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D'Alembert's Ratio Test :

Let  $\sum u_n$  be a series of positive terms with infinite terms. then the series is said to be

① Convergent if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} < 1$

② Divergent if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} > 1$

and the test fails if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = 1.$$

Remark : This test is only applicable when the series is of +ve terms. ~~and~~

Steps :

Remark :  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$  (convergent)

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n > 0$  (Divergent) .

① # Test the convergence of  $1^2 + 2^2 x^2 + 3^2 x^2 + \dots$  where  $x$  is true.

sol<sup>n</sup>

$$u_n = n^2 x^{n-1} \quad \text{--- ①} \quad \text{where } n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\& \quad u_{n+1} = (n+1)^2 x^{(n+1)-1} = (n+1)^2 x^n \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{(n+1)^2 x^n}{n^2 x^{n-1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 x^n}{n^2 (x^{n-1})}$$

now, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$= 1(x)$$

Now, By d'Alembert's Ratio test —  
 $\sum u_n$  is convergent if  $x < 1$  & divergent if  $x > 1$ , if  $\underline{x=1}$  in ①

$$u_n = n^2$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 = \infty$$

at  $n=1$   $u_n$  is divergent.

$\therefore \sum u_n$  is convergent if  $\underline{x < 1}$  and divergent if  $\underline{x \geq 1}$ .

Test the convergence:

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{x}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 4} + \frac{x^4}{4 \cdot 5} + \dots \quad x > 0.$$

Sol: First we find  $u_n$ , the ~~fixed~~  $n^{\text{th}}$  term

is —

$$u_n = \frac{x^n}{n(n+1)}; \quad u_{n+1} = \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)(n+2)} \times \frac{n(n+1)}{x^n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x \frac{n}{(n+2)} = \frac{x \cdot x}{x(1 + \frac{2}{n})}$$

now as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = x.$$

Limit depends upon  $x$ .

Next, by D'Alembert test, the series ~~is~~  $\sum u_n$

$\sum u_n$  is convergent if  $x < 1$  and

$\sum u_n$  is divergent if  $x \geq 1$  and test fails when  $x = 1$ .

$$\therefore u_n = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \quad \text{and} \quad v_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \cdot n^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2(1 + \frac{1}{n})} = 1$$

(finite value)

$\sum v_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  by p-series test  
 $\left[ p = 2 \right]$



and  $\because p = 2 > 1 \therefore$  the series  $\sum u_n$  9  
is convergent ~~and hence  $\sum u_n$  is also~~  
~~convergent~~ using p-series test.  
and by comparison test  $\sum u_n$  is also  
convergent.

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