

Question 1

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^3}, \quad \text{let } f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^3}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^3} dx \quad \text{let } u = \ln(x)$$
$$du = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{u^3} du = -\frac{1}{2u^2} \quad \text{by power rule} = \frac{-1}{2\ln^2 x} + C$$

$$\therefore \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^3} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{-1}{2\ln^2(x)} \right]_2^b$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{-1}{2\ln^2(b)} + \frac{1}{2\ln^2(2)} \right] = 0 + \frac{1}{2\ln^2(2)} = \frac{1}{2\ln^2(2)}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^3} \text{ converges.}$$

Question 2

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

let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln(x)}$

continuous, positive,
decreasing $[2, \infty)$

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln(x)} dx, \text{ let } u = \ln(x), \quad x=2 \quad u = \ln 2$$

$$du = \frac{1}{x} dx \quad x=b \quad u = \ln b$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{1}{x \ln(x)} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln(u) \right]_{\ln(2)}^{\ln(b)} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln(\ln b) - \ln(\ln 2) \right] = \infty$$

\therefore Integral test $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln(n)}$ diverges.

Question 3

a) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 + n}{n^3 - 2} \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{for } [2, \infty)$

$$a_n \left\{ \frac{6}{6} + \frac{12}{25} + \frac{20}{62} + \dots + \frac{n^2 + n}{n^3 - 2} \right\}$$

$$b_n \left\{ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right\}$$

So $\frac{n^2 + n}{n^3 - 2} > \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{for } [2, \infty)$

$$a_n > b_n > 0 \quad \text{for } [2, \infty)$$

$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is a harmonic series that diverges

By comparison theorem, if $\sum b_n$ diverges then $\sum a_n$ diverges.

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

Using limit comparison Test: $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n}$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\frac{n^2 - 1}{n^3 + 2}}{\frac{1}{n}} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 - n^2}{n^3 + 2} = 1 \text{ by l'Hôpital's rule}$$

Since $0 < L < \infty$ and $\sum b_k$ is a harmonic series that diverges, then a_k diverges.

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Question 4

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 + \cos^2 n}{n^3}, \quad -1 \leq \cos(n) \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq \cos^2(n) \leq 1$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{n^2 + \cos^2 n}{n^3} \geq \frac{n^2 + 0}{n^3} = \frac{n^2}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n}$$

 \downarrow a_n

$$a_n \geq b_n > 0$$

 \downarrow b_n

$\sum b_n$ is divergent as $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is a harmonic series

It then follows that $\sum a_n$ is divergent.