

Section 9.4 – Convergence Tests

1. Use Theorem 9.4.3 to find the sum of each series.

a. $\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{4^2}\right) + \cdots + \left(\frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{4^k}\right) + \cdots$

b. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5^k} - \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \right)$

For each given p -series, identify p and determine whether the series converges.

3. (a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3}$

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$

(c) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{-1}}$

(d) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{-2/3}}$

Apply the divergence test and state what it tells you about the series.

5. (a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2 + k + 3}{2k^2 + 1}$

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)^k$

(c) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \cos k\pi$

(d) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!}$

Confirm that the integral test is applicable and use it to determine whether the series converges.

7. (a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5k + 2}$

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + 9k^2}$

Determine whether the series converges.

9. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k + 6}$ (p -series)

11. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k + 5}}$ (p -series)

13. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2k - 1}}$ (integral test)

15. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{\ln(k + 1)}$ (divergence test)

17. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)^{-k}$ (divergence test)

19. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\tan^{-1} k}{1 + k^2}$ (integral test)

21. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$ (divergence test)

23. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 7k^{-1.01}$ (p -series)

Use the integral test to investigate the relationship between the value of p and the convergence of the series.

$$25. \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(\ln k)^p}$$

Use Theorem 9.4.3 to determine whether the series converges or diverges.

$$29. \text{ (a) } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^{k-1} + \frac{1}{k} \right]$$

$$\text{ (b) } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{3k+2} - \frac{1}{k^{3/2}} \right]$$