Math 231 A. Worksheet 10.

1. Recall the fundamental geometric series

$$1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-r} & \text{if } |r| < 1\\ \text{Divergent} & \text{if } |r| \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

Write each of the following series in the form $a(1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots)$. Identify the value of r in each case. Find the sum of the series, or write "Diverges".

a)
$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{64} + \dots$$

b)
$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{24} + \ldots + \frac{1}{768} + \ldots$$

c)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 5(-2)^{n-1}$$

d)
$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2n-1}}{7^n}$$

2. Show that the following series all diverge:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2 + 1}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{n}{n^2+1}}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

3. Given the partial sum $S_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$, find a_n and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$. (It's easy if you know the definitions.)

To use the integral test, you should check that the function f(x) in question is positive and decreasing. Remember that you only need to check whether or not $\int_{1}^{\infty} f(x) dx$ converges or diverges. You do not have to evaluate the integral.

4. Use the integral test to determine if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^4}{e^n}$ converges or diverges.

5. Use the integral test to determine if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^3+1}$ converges or diverges.

6. Use the integral test to determine if $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)}$ converges or diverges.

7. Use the integral test to show that $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^p}$ converges for p > 1. What does problem (6) tell you about what happens when $p \le 1$?