



Determine whether each series converges or diverges. If it converges, state the sum if possible. Explain.

1.  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2k}{(k^2+3)^9}$  Let  $f(x) = \frac{2x}{(x^2+3)^9}$  so this series is  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(k)$ .

Note that  $f(k) > 0$  and  $f'(k) = \frac{2(k^2+3)^9 - 18k(k^2+3)^8}{(k^2+3)^{18}}$   
 $= \frac{2(k^2+3)^8(k^2+3-18k^2)}{(k^2+3)^{18}} = \frac{2(k^2+3)(3-17k^2)}{(k^2+3)^{18}} < 0$ . Thus

The series terms are positive and decrease so the integral test applies:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{2x}{(x^2+3)^9} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b (x^2+3)^{-9} 2x dx \leftarrow \begin{cases} u = x^2+3 \\ du = dx \end{cases}$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{0^2+3}^{b^2+3} u^{-9} du = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{8u^8} \right]_3^{b^2+3} = \frac{1}{8 \cdot 3^8} < \infty$$

The integral converges so the series converges

2.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+9}}$

converges also

$$\hookrightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+9}} = \sqrt{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{k+9}}$$

$$= \sqrt{1} = 1 \neq 0.$$

Therefore the series diverges  
by the divergence test.



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1.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{10}{k^2+9}$  Let  $f(x) = \frac{10}{x^2+9}$  so this series is  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(k)$ .

Note that  $f(x) > 0$  and  $f'(x) = \frac{20x}{(x^2+9)^2} > 0$  so the series terms are positive and the decrease, hence the integral test applies.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{10}{x^2+9} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{10}{x^2+3^2} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{10}{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \right]_1^b$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{10}{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{3}\right) - \frac{10}{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \right) = \frac{10}{3} \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{10}{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$< \infty$ , so the integral converges so the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{10}{k^2+9}$  converges too.

2.  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^k + 3^k}{4^k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2^k}{4^k} + \frac{3^k}{4^k} \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \left(\frac{2}{4}\right)^k + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^k \right)$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^k$$

both are convergent geometric series!

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

$$= 2 + 4 = \boxed{6}$$

series converges to 6