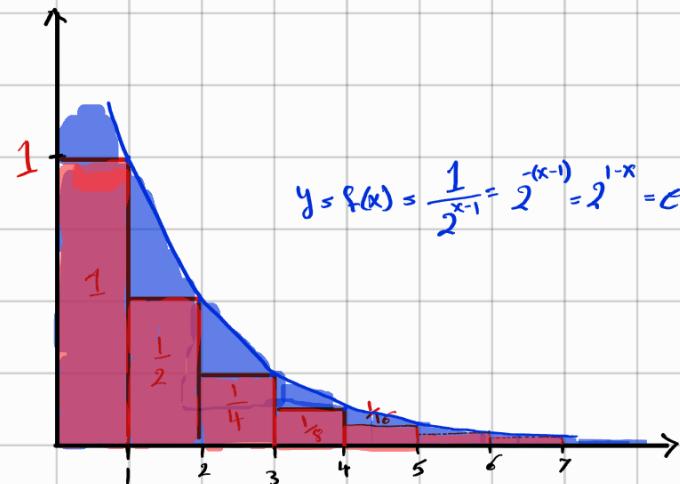


Series:

Example: $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots = 2$



If the blue area (the improper integral) is finite, then the red area is finite as well.

Area under blue curve:

$$\int_0^\infty e^{(1-x)\ln 2} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b e^{(1-x)\ln 2} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{\ln 2} e^{(1-x)\ln 2} \right]_0^b$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty e^{(1-x)\ln 2} dx = \frac{1}{\ln 2} = 2.885$$

The red area is finite & less than $\frac{2}{\ln(2)}$

Another Example

$$\pi = 3.14159 \dots = 3 + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{1000} + \frac{5}{10000} + \dots$$



It is possible to add infinitely many numbers & still obtain a finite sum.

$$(3) \frac{0.5 + 0.5(-1)^{x-1}}{10^{x-1}}$$

is called an infinite series.

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$$

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is a limit process
Infinite Series Limit Process Finite sum

(we check infinite sums, & see what happens to those sums when we let the number of summands go to infinity)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n)$$

Partial sum

If this limit exists (as a number) then the infinite series Converges. Otherwise the series Diverges.

In case the series converges, this limit is called the sum of the series.

It is also written as $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$.

The sum of a Series is the limit of its partial sums.

Back to the introductory example:

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots \quad \text{Partial sums : } S_n = \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2^n}$$

Sequence of summands
List

$$1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{32}, \dots$$

	Summands	Partial sums	
0	1	1	$S_0 = \frac{2-1}{1} = 1$
1	$\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$	$1 + 0.5 = 1.5$	$S_1 = \frac{4-1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$
2	$\frac{1}{4} = 0.25$	$1.5 + 0.25 = 1.75$	$S_2 = \frac{8-1}{4} = \frac{7}{4}$
3	$\frac{1}{8} = 0.125$	$1.75 + 0.125 = 1.875$	\vdots
4	$\frac{1}{16} = 0.0625$	$1.875 + 0.0625 = 1.9375$	$S_4 = \frac{32-1}{16} = \frac{31}{16}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	

Very Useful Table

limit of partial sums:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n \cdot 2^1}{2^n} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 2 - 0 = 2$$

Divergence Test for series:

1, 1, 1, 1, 1, ... sequence

1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + ... series

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0 \Rightarrow$ series may converge
sequence
(summands)

Telescoping series:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 5} + \dots$$

Educated guess: partial sums $S_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$

	Summands	Partial sums
0	$\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$	$\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$
1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
2	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{3}{4}$
3	$\frac{1}{20}$	$\frac{4}{5}$
4	$\frac{1}{30}$	$\frac{5}{6}$
⋮	⋮	⋮
0		

It may converge

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 \cdot n}{1 \cdot n + 1} = \frac{1}{1+0} = 1$$

Limit of the partial sums is the limit of the series.
Thus, if the guess is correct, the series converges.

Let's confirm our guess about the partial sums:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{K} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{K}{K+1}$$

Integration is similar to summation, so we try partial fraction decomposition

$$\frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{A}{n} + \frac{B}{n+1} \implies 1 = A(n+1) + B \cdot n$$

by comparing coefficients: $A=1$, $B=-1$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \quad \text{Telescoping} \downarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{n=1}^{K} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} &= \sum_{n=1}^{K} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) = (\cancel{\frac{1}{1}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{2}}) + (\cancel{\frac{1}{2}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{3}}) + (\cancel{\frac{1}{3}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{4}}) + (\cancel{\frac{1}{4}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{5}}) \dots \\ &\quad + (\cancel{\frac{1}{K}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{K+1}}) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{K+1} = \frac{K+1}{K+1} - \frac{1}{K+1} = \frac{K}{K+1} \end{aligned}$$

Since the educated guess of the partial sums is correct, & its limit is 1, then the series converges.

Geometric Series:

Introductory Example: $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2}}, \underbrace{\cdot \frac{1}{2}}, \underbrace{\cdot \frac{1}{2}}$$

here it's $\frac{1}{2}$

The ratio of neighboring summands is constant: $a_{n+1} = q \cdot a_n$

Definition:

A Geometric series has the form:

$$a + a \cdot q + a \cdot q^2 + a \cdot q^3 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a \cdot q^n$$

Simpler: $a(\underline{1+q+q^2+q^3+\dots})$

Always start with 1 by factoring a

$$1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + \dots$$

n	Summands	Partial sums
	1	1
	q	$1 + q$
	q^2	$1 + q + q^2$
	q^3	$1 + q + q^2 + q^3$
	q^4	$1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4$

⋮
→ 0

To have a chance
to converge

$$|q| < 1$$

$$\therefore -1 < q < 1$$

The geometric series Diverges For $|q| \geq 1$

Because in these cases:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q^n \neq 0$$

Do we get convergence for $|q| < 1$?

Examine the partial sums:

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= 1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + \dots + q^{n-1} + q^n \\ q \cdot S_n &= q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + \dots + q^{n-1} + q^n + q^{n+1} \\ S - q \cdot S_n &= 1 - q^{n+1} \Rightarrow S_n(1-q) = 1 - q^{n+1} \\ \Rightarrow S_n &= \frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{1 - q}, q \neq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Know by Heart

$$\text{Finite Geometric sum: } 1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + \dots + q^n = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{1 - q} & q \neq 1 \\ n+1 & q = 1 \end{cases}$$

With this formula for the partial sums, we get:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{1 - q} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q^{n+1} \xrightarrow{0 \text{ when } |q| < 1}}{1 - q} = \frac{1}{1 - q}$$

By Heart

For Geometric series, IF $|q| < 1 \rightarrow$ then it converges

$$1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - q}, |q| < 1.$$

& Diverges For $|q| \geq 1$

Examples:

(i) First example we took: $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$ is A Geometric series

With $q = \frac{1}{2}$, so it converges to $\frac{1}{1-q} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = 2$

$$(ii) 0.343434\dots = \frac{34}{100} + \frac{34}{10000} + \frac{34}{1000000} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{34}{100} \left(1 + \frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{10000} + \frac{1}{1000000} + \dots\right)$$

$$\text{since } q = \frac{1}{100} < 1, \Rightarrow \frac{34}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{1-q} = \frac{34}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{100}} = \frac{34}{100-1} = \frac{34}{99}$$

$$(iii) 5 - \frac{10}{3} + \frac{20}{9} - \frac{40}{27} + \frac{80}{81} - \frac{160}{243} + \dots$$

$$5 \left(1 - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{9} - \frac{8}{27} + \frac{16}{81} - \frac{32}{243} + \dots\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a \cdot q^n = a \cdot \frac{1}{1-q} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = \frac{5}{1-\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)} = 3$$

$$(iv) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^n \cdot 3^{(1-n)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 4^n \cdot 3^{-n} \cdot 3 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3 \cdot \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3 \cdot \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{4} \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^n, \text{ Geometric series with } a=4 \text{ & } q=\frac{4}{3} > 1$$

⇒ The series Diverges.

Alternating Series:

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \dots$$

Pattern $+ - + - + -$ "Alternating"
or $- + - + - +$

Alternating Harmonic Series

Alternating Series Test:

If the Alternating Series

$$b_1 - b_2 + b_3 - b_4 + b_5 - \dots$$

Satisfies:

- (i) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ (Summands must approach 0) } then it converges
(ii) $b_1 \geq b_2 \geq b_3 \geq b_4 \geq b_5 \geq \dots \geq 0$

Moreover, the partial sums provide upper & lower bounds for the sum.

Example:

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \quad \text{For all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

(But only efficient when x close to 0) Requires Radians!

Let's do $x=1$ ($\approx 60^\circ$)

$$\cos 1 = 1 - \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{4!} - \frac{1}{6!} + \dots \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{720}$$

Summands	Partial sums
1	1
$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$+\frac{1}{24}$	$0.541\bar{6}$
$-\frac{1}{720}$	$0.5402\bar{7}$

Playing around with series:

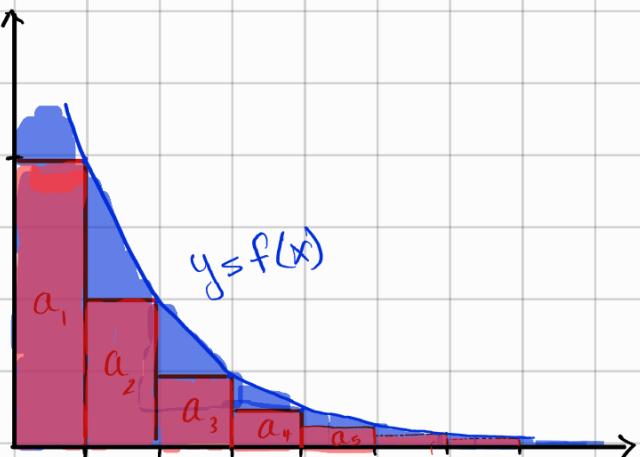
$$\frac{1}{19} = \frac{1}{20} = \frac{5}{100} = 0.05$$

$$\frac{1}{19} = \frac{1}{20-1} = \frac{1}{20(1-\frac{1}{20})} \xrightarrow{\text{geometric series}} \frac{1}{20} \left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{20}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{20}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{20}\right)^3 + \dots\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.05 \left(1 + 0.05 + (0.05)^2 + (0.05)^3 + \dots\right) = 0.05 + 0.0025 + 0.000125 + \dots \\ \approx 0.0526\dots$$

Often we use about three summands to obtain a good approximation.

Integral Test compares series with improper integrals.



Improper integral

$$\int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

non-negative Function, $f(x) \geq 0$

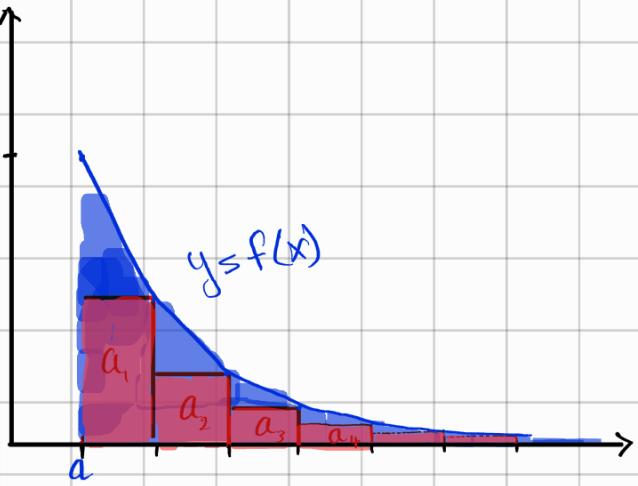
Converges if Area is finite

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

needs non-negative summands, $a_n \geq 0$

Converges if Area is finite

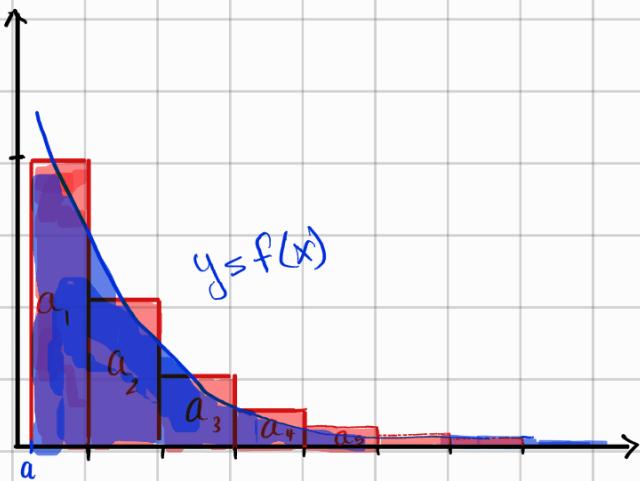
Two possible comparisons



Rectangles are inside the function area from some a on.

If the blue area is finite, then the Red area is finite too.

$$\sum a_n \leq \int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx < \infty$$



Function Area is inside the rectangles From a on.

IF the blue area is infinite, then the red area is infinite too.

$$\sum a_n \geq \int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx = \infty$$

Let's consider P-Series

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

Consider the improper integral:

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x^p} dx \quad \text{if } p \neq 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{1-p} \cdot x^{1-p} \right]_1^b$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{1-p} \left(b^{1-p} - 1^{1-p} \right) \right] = \frac{-1}{1-p} = \frac{1}{p-1}$$

Converges if $p > 1$

0 if $p < 0$

Hence $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ converges if $p > 1$

Case: $p = 1$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln|x| \right]_1^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln|b| = +\infty \quad \text{Diverges}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots \geq \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = \infty$$

We see again why harmonic series diverges!

Case: $0 < p < 1$ (roots)

P-Series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ Diverges for $p < 1$

same reason of the last case
using integral test.

For $p \leq 0$ Test for Divergence applies.

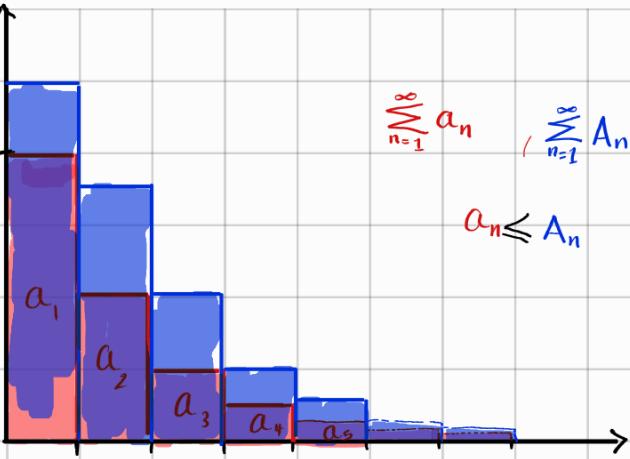
Comparison Test:

Suppose that $\sum a_n$ & $\sum b_n$ are series with positive terms.

(i) If $\sum b_n$ is convergent & $a_n \leq b_n$ for all n , then $\sum a_n$ is also convergent.

sufficient: for all $n \geq N$

(ii) If $\sum b_n$ is divergent & $a_n \geq b_n$ for all n , then $\sum a_n$ is also divergent.



- * If the Blue area is infinite, that doesn't tell us anything about the red area.
- * The same if the red area is finite.

We often use A P-series or A Geometric series for comparison.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$$

Converges if $p > 1$
Diverges if $p \leq 1$

$$1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + \dots$$

Converges to $\frac{1}{1-q}$ if $|q| < 1$
Diverges if $|q| \geq 1$

Example: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2n^2 + 4n + 3}$ (We see some p-series in this formula)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2n^2} = \frac{5}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ which converges.}$$

& we have $\frac{5}{2n^2 + 4n + 3} < \frac{5}{2n^2}$

By comparison, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2n^2 + 4n + 3}$ converges as well.

* $\sum_{K=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln K}{K}$

Summands | Partial Sums

$$\frac{\ln 1}{1} = 0$$

0

$$\frac{\ln 2}{2} = \frac{0.69...}{2}$$

0.34...

$$\frac{\ln 3}{3} = \frac{1.098...}{3}$$

0.712...

$$\frac{\ln 4}{4} = \frac{1.38...}{4}$$

Harmonic Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

Diverges

(also p-series with $p \leq 1$)

$$\frac{1}{K} < \frac{\ln K}{K}$$

For all $K \geq 3$

By comparison, $\sum_{K=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln K}{K}$ diverges as well.

$$* \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n - 1} = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{31} + \dots$$

Geometric series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{2^n}$ since $|r| < 1$ it converges

$$\frac{1}{2^n - 1} \leq \frac{2}{2^n} \text{ for all } n$$

By comparison, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n - 1}$ converges as well

The limit comparison Test

Suppose that $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ are series with positive terms.

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = C$, where C is a finite number & $C > 0$ [i.e. $C \neq 0$]

Then either both series converges or both diverges.

again with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n - 1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$
& $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ which converges.



$$\text{Try } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n - 1} - \frac{2^n}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{2^n - 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n \cdot 1}{2^n(1 - \frac{1}{2^n})} = 1 > 0$$

By limit comparison, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n - 1}$ converges.

$$* \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^2 + 3n}{\sqrt{5 + n^5}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

Consider the dominating terms in numerator and denominator

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^2}{\sqrt{n^5}} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2n^2 \cdot n^{-\frac{5}{2}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \quad P\text{-Series diverges because } p \leq 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^2 + 3n}{\sqrt{5 + n^5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n^5}}{2n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1 + \frac{3}{2n}) \cdot n^{\frac{5}{2}}}{n^{\frac{5}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{5}{n^5} + 1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} = 1$$

By limit comparison test, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^2 + 3n}{\sqrt{5 + n^5}}$ Diverges.

From the book, section 11.2

$$17) 3 - 4 + \frac{16}{3} - \frac{64}{9} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3 \cdot \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)^n$$

Diverges because $\left|-\frac{4}{3}\right| \geq 1$

$$18) \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - 1 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{8} (-2)^n$$

Diverges because $| -2 | \geq 1$

$$19) 10 - 2 + \frac{4}{10} - \frac{8}{100} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 10 \left(-\frac{2}{10}\right)^n = 10 \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \left(-\frac{2}{10}\right)} = \frac{100}{12} = \frac{25}{3}$$

Converges because $\left|-\frac{2}{10}\right| < 1$

$$20) 1 + \frac{4}{10} + \frac{16}{100} + \frac{64}{1000} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{10}\right)^n = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} = \frac{5}{3}$$

Converges because $\left|\frac{4}{10}\right| < 1$

$$21) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 6(0.9)^{n-1} = 6 \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{9}{10}} = 60$$

Converges because $\frac{9}{10} < 1$

$$22) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{10^n}{(-9)^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{10^n}{(-9)^n} \cdot \frac{1}{(-9)^{-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -9 \left(\frac{10}{-9}\right)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-9) \left(-\frac{10}{9}\right) \left(-\frac{10}{9}\right)^{n-1}$$

Diverges because $\left|-\frac{10}{9}\right| \geq 1$

$$23) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^{n-1}}{4^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cancel{(-3)}^1 \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right) \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{7}$$

Converges because $\left|\frac{-3}{4}\right| < 1$

$$24) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2})^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^n = \frac{1}{1 - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{1 - 2} = -(1 + \sqrt{2})$$

Converges because $\left|\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right| < 1$

$$25) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi^n}{3^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^n$$

Diverges because $\left|\frac{\pi}{3}\right| \geq 1$

$$26) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{3^{n-1}} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n} \cdot \frac{e}{3} \left(\frac{e}{3}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{e}{1 - \frac{e}{3}} = \frac{3e}{3 - e}$$

Converges because $\left|\frac{e}{3}\right| < 1$

$$27) \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{15} + \dots \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

Harmonic series diverges

$$28) \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{2}{81} + \frac{1}{243} + \frac{2}{729} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3^{2n-1}} + \frac{2}{3^{2n}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{9^n \cdot (3)^{-1}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{9^n} = 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{9} \right)^{n-1} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{9} \right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{9} \right)^{n-1} + \frac{2}{9} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{9} \right)^n \quad \text{both series are Geometric & converges because } \left| \frac{1}{9} \right| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{9}} + \frac{2}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{9}} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{9^3}{8} + \frac{2}{9} \cdot \frac{9}{8} = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$29) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{3n-1}$$

$$\text{Divergence test: } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n-1}{3n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(1-\frac{1}{n})}{n(3-\frac{1}{n})} = \frac{1}{3} \neq 0$$

This series diverges

$$30) \sum_{K=1}^{\infty} \frac{K(K+2)}{(K+3)^2} \quad (\text{When we have fraction of two polynomials with the same order, it Diverges})$$

Diverges by the Test for Divergence, since $\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} a_K = \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \frac{K^2+2}{K^2+6K+9} = 1 \neq 0$

$$31) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+2^n}{3^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3^n} + \frac{2^n}{3^n} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{n-1} + \frac{2}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n$$

Both Geometric series converges, because $\left| \frac{1}{3} \right|$ and $\left| \frac{2}{3} \right|$ are less than 1

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{2} + 2 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$32) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+3^n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^n$$

Diverges because one of the series is Divergent $\left| \frac{3}{2} \right| \geq 1$

$$33) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt[n]{2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

Diverges by Test for Divergence,

since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 2^0 = 1 \neq 0$

$$34) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[(0.8)^{n-1} - (0.3)^n \right] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{5} \right)^{n-1} - \frac{3}{10} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{10} \right)^{n-1}$$

Sum of two Convergent Geometric series

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-\frac{4}{5}} - \frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{3}{10}} = 5 - \frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{10}{7} = \frac{32}{7}$$

$$35) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln \left(\frac{n^2+1}{2n^2+1} \right)$$

Diverges by the Test of divergence,

$$\text{since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(\frac{n^2(1+\frac{1}{n^2})}{n^2(2+\frac{1}{n^2})} \right) = \ln \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \neq 0$$

$$36) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+(\frac{2}{3})^n}$$

Diverges by the Test for Divergence,

$$\text{Since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1+(\frac{2}{3})^n} = \frac{1}{1+0} = 1 \neq 0$$

$$37) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right)^k$$

A Divergent Geometric series, since $|\frac{\pi}{3}| \geq 1$

$$38) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\cos 1)^k = \cos(1) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\cos 1)^{k-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{\cos 1}{1 - \frac{1}{\cos 1}} = \frac{(\cos 1)^2}{\cos(1)-1}$$

$$39) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \arctan(n)$$

Diverges by the Test for Divergence, since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \arctan(n) = \frac{\pi}{2} \neq 0$

$$40) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{5^n} + \frac{2}{n} \right) = \frac{3}{5} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5} \right)^{n-1} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

Diverges because one of the summed series is a Divergent Harmonic series.

$$41) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{e^n} + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \right) = \frac{1}{e} \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{e} \right)^{n-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$$

check example 7, or telescoping series $\rightarrow \frac{n}{n+1}$

Sum of 2 Convergent series, Geometric series with $a = \frac{1}{e}$ & $|q| = |\frac{1}{e}| < 1$, and Telescoping Series.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{e} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{e}} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = \frac{e \cdot 1}{e(e-1)} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{1(n+\frac{1}{e})} = \frac{e}{(e-1)} + 1$$

$$42) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n^2} = \frac{2.7183...}{1} + \frac{7.39}{4} + \frac{20.08...}{8} + \frac{54.6}{16} + \dots$$

It is very clear that e^n is growing much faster than n^2

\therefore The series diverges by Divergence Test,

$$\text{since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^n}{n^2} = \infty \neq 0$$

$$43) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2-1}$$

$$\frac{2}{n^2-1} = \frac{2}{(n-1)(n+1)} = \frac{A}{(n-1)} + \frac{B}{(n+1)}$$

$$2 = A(n+1) + B(n-1)$$

$$A=1, B=-1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=2}^K \frac{2}{n^2-1} = \sum_{n=2}^K \left(\frac{1}{(n-1)} - \frac{1}{(n+1)} \right) = \left(\frac{1}{1} - \cancel{\frac{1}{3}} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \cancel{\frac{1}{4}} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{3}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{5}} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{4}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{6}} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{5}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{7}} \right) + \dots + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{K-1}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{K+1}} \right) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{K-1} - \frac{1}{K+1} = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{(K^2-1)}$$

$$S_K = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{K^2-1}$$

$$\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} S_K = \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{as } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2-1} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$44) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln \frac{n}{n+1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\ln(n) - \ln(n+1))$$

$$\text{Partial sum } S_K = \sum_{n=1}^K (\ln(n) - \ln(n+1)) = (\ln(1) - \ln(2)) + (\ln(2) - \ln(3)) + (\ln(3) - \ln(4)) + \dots + (\ln(K) - \ln(K+1))$$

$$S_K = \ln(1) - \ln(K+1)$$

$$\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} S_K = \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \ln(1) - \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \ln(K+1) = 1 - \infty = -\infty$$

The series Diverges

$$45) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n(n+3)} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{n(n+3)} = \frac{A}{n} + \frac{B}{n+3} \Rightarrow 3 = A(n+3) + B \cdot n$$

$$\text{By comparing Coefficients } A=1, B=-1$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n(n+3)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+3} \right) \Rightarrow \text{Partial sums } S_K = \sum_{n=1}^K \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+3} \right) = \left(\frac{1}{1} - \cancel{\frac{1}{4}} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \cancel{\frac{1}{5}} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \cancel{\frac{1}{6}} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{4}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{7}} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{5}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{8}} \right) + \dots + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{K-1}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{K+3}} \right) \\ S_K = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{K+3} = \frac{11}{6} + \frac{1}{K+3}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n(n+3)} = \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} S_K = \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{11}{6} + \frac{1}{K+3} \right) = \frac{11}{6} \quad \text{converges}$$

$$46) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\cos\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{1}{(n+1)^2}\right) \right) = (\cos(1) - \cos(\frac{1}{4})) + (\cos(\frac{1}{4}) - \cos(\frac{1}{9})) + \dots$$

$$S_K = \sum_{n=1}^K \left(\cos\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{1}{(n+1)^2}\right) \right) = (\cos(1) - \cos(\frac{1}{4})) + (\cancel{\cos(\frac{1}{4})} - \cancel{\cos(\frac{1}{9})}) + (\cancel{\cos(\frac{1}{9})} - \cancel{\cos(\frac{1}{16})}) + \dots$$

$$+ (\cos(\frac{1}{K^2}) - \cos(\frac{1}{(K+1)^2})) = \cos 1 - \cos(\frac{1}{(K+1)^2})$$

$$\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} S_K = \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \left(\cos 1 - \cos\left(\frac{1}{(K+1)^2}\right) \right) = \cos 1 - \cos\left(\frac{1}{\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} (K+1)^2}\right) = \cos 1 - \cos 0 = \cos 1 - 1 = -0.4597$$

\therefore The Telescoping series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\cos\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{1}{(n+1)^2}\right) \right)$ converges to -0.4597

$$47) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (e^{\frac{1}{n}} - e^{\frac{1}{n+1}})$$

$$S_K = \sum_{n=1}^K (e^{\frac{1}{n}} - e^{\frac{1}{n+1}}) = (e^{\frac{1}{1}} - e^{\frac{1}{2}}) + (e^{\frac{1}{2}} - e^{\frac{1}{3}}) + (e^{\frac{1}{3}} - e^{\frac{1}{4}}) + \dots + (e^{\frac{1}{K}} - e^{\frac{1}{K+1}}) = e - e^{\frac{1}{K+1}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (e^{\frac{1}{n}} - e^{\frac{1}{n+1}}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (e - e^{\frac{1}{n+1}}) = e - e^0 = e - 1 \approx 1.7183$$

This telescoping series converges to 1.7183

$$48) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 - n}, \quad \frac{1}{n^3 - n} = \frac{1}{n(n^2 - 1)} = \frac{1}{n(n-1)(n+1)} = \frac{A}{n} + \frac{B}{(n+1)} + \frac{C}{(n-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A(n+1)(n-1) + B \cdot n(n-1) + C \cdot n(n+1)$$

By comparing coefficients $A = -1$, $B = \frac{1}{2}$, $C = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n^3 - n} = \frac{-1}{n} + \frac{1}{2(n+1)} + \frac{1}{2(n-1)}, \quad -\frac{1}{n} = -\frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{2n}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^K \left(\frac{1}{n^3 - n} \right) = \sum_{n=2}^K \left(-\frac{1}{2n} + \frac{1}{2(n+1)} - \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{1}{2(n-1)} \right) = \left(-\frac{1}{4} + \cancel{\frac{1}{6}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{4}} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{6}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{8}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{6}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{4}} \right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{10}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{12}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{8}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{6}} \right) + \dots + \left(-\frac{1}{2K} + \frac{1}{2(K+1)} - \cancel{\frac{1}{2K}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{2(K-1)}} \right) = -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2K} + \frac{1}{2(K+1)}$$

$$S_K = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{K-1}{2K(K+1)} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2K(K+1)}$$

The series converges to $\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} S_K = \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2K(K+1)} \right) = \frac{1}{4}$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^3 - n} \right) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = S$$

2 Remainder Estimate for the Integral Test Suppose $f(k) = a_k$, where f is a continuous, positive, decreasing function for $x \geq n$ and $\sum a_n$ is convergent. If $R_n = s - S_n$, then

$$\int_{n+1}^{\infty} f(x) dx \leq R_n \leq \int_n^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

$$\text{since } R_n = S - S_n$$

$$\int_{n+1}^{\infty} f(x) dx \leq S - S_n \leq \int_n^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

$$\therefore S_n + \int_{n+1}^{\infty} f(x) dx \leq S \leq S_n + \int_n^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

Section 11.3 from the book,

$$3) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n)^{-\frac{1}{5}}$$

$f(x) = x^{-\frac{1}{5}}$ is a continuous, positive, & decreasing function on $[1, \infty)$, then integral test applies.

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t x^{-\frac{1}{5}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{5}{4} x^{\frac{4}{5}} \right]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{5}{4} t^{\frac{4}{5}} - \frac{5}{4} \right] = \infty$$

since $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ diverges, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{n}}$ diverges as well

also because it's a p-series with $p = -\frac{1}{5} \leq 1$.

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

, The function $f(x) = \frac{1}{(2x+1)^3}$ is continuous, positive, & decreasing on $[1, \infty)$, then integral test applies.

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t (2n+1)^{-3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{-1}{2} (2n+1)^2 \right]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{-1}{4(2t+1)^2} + \frac{1}{4(2+1)^2} \right] = \frac{1}{4(9)} = \frac{1}{36}$$

Since the improper integral is convergent, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{(2n+1)^3} \right)$ is also convergent by integral test.

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

, the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2+1}$ is continuous, positive, & decreasing on $[1, \infty)$ then integral test applies.

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2+1| \right]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln|t^2+1| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|2| \right] = \infty$$

Since the improper integral is divergent, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2+1}$ diverges also by the integral test.

8) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 \cdot e^{-n^3}$, The function $f(x) = x^2 e^{-x^3}$ is continuous, positive, decreasing, then integral test applies

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t x^2 e^{-x^3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{3} e^{-x^3} \right]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{3} e^{-t^3} + \frac{1}{3e} \right] = 0 + \frac{1}{3e} \approx 0.1226 \dots$$

Since the improper integral is convergent, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 \cdot e^{-n^3}$ is also convergent by integral test.

9) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\sqrt{2}}}$ P-series with $p \leq 1 \implies$ The series diverges

10) same answer

$$11) 1 + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{64} + \frac{1}{125} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \text{ Convergent p-series, because } p > 1$$

$$12) 1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{5\sqrt{5}} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.5}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$$

Convergent p-series with $p = \frac{3}{2} > 1$

$$13) 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1}$$

The function $f(x) = \frac{1}{2x-1}$ is continuous, positive, & decreasing on for $x \in [1, \infty)$, then integral test applies

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{2x-1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln|2x-1| \right]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln|2t-1| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|2-1| \right] = \infty - 0 = \infty$$

Since the improper integral diverges, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1}$ diverges as well by integral test

$$14) \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{14} + \frac{1}{17} + \dots = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3n-1} \text{ Same as the previous, diverges.}$$

$$15) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^2+4}}{n^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n^2} + \frac{4}{n^2} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Sum of two convergent p-series, first with $p = \frac{3}{2} > 1$, & second with $p = 2 > 1$

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^2+4}}{n^2}$ is convergent

$$16) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3+1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n, \text{ very close to } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{ which is a divergent p-series with } p = 1$$

$$\text{limit comparison: } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3+1} \cdot \frac{n^3}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 \cdot 1}{n^2(1+\frac{1}{n^3})} = 1$$

by limit comparison test, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3+1}$ diverges

19) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^3}$, $f(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{x^3}$ is continuous, positive, & decrease function on $x \in [2, \infty)$, thus integral test applies.

$$\int_2^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^t \frac{\ln(x)}{x^3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{2} x^{-2} \cdot \ln(x) - \frac{1}{4} x^{-2} \right]_2^t$$

u = $\ln(x)$ $dv = x^{-3} dx$
 $du = \frac{1}{x}$ $v = -\frac{1}{2} x^{-2}$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{\ln(t)}{2t^2} - \frac{1}{4t^2} + \frac{1}{4} \right] = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{-1}{4t^2} (\ln(t) + 1) + \frac{1}{4} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{16}$$

Since the improper integral converges, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^3}$ is convergent.

20) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 6n + 13}$, very similar to the convergent p-series with $p=2 > 1$

$$\frac{1}{n^2} > \frac{1}{n^2 + 6n + 13}$$

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

By Comparison Test, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 6n + 13}$ is convergent as well.

21) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln(n)}$, $f(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln(x)}$ is a continuous, positive, decreasing function on $x \in [2, \infty)$, then integral test applies.

$$\int_2^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^t \frac{1}{x \ln(x)} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln(\ln(x)) \right]_2^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(\ln(t)) - \ln(\ln(2))] = \infty$$

since the improper integral is divergent, then the series $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln(n)}$ is Divergent as well, by integral test.

$$22) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln(n))^2}$$

Same as 21, but convergent because $\int_2^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{\ln(t)} - \frac{1}{\ln(2)} \right] = -\frac{1}{\ln(2)}$

23) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{x_n}}{n^2}$, $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x^2}$ is a continuous, positive, decreasing function on $[1, \infty)$, then integral test applies.

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{e^x}{x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-e^{-x} \right]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-e^{-t} + e^{-1} \right] = e^{-1} - e^{-t} = e^{-1}$$

since the improper integral converges, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{x_n}}{n^2}$ converges as well by integral test.

24) $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{e^n}$, $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{e^x}$ is a continuous, positive, & decreasing function on $[3, \infty)$, thus integral test applies.

$$\int_3^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_3^t \frac{x^2}{e^x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-x^2 e^{-x} - 2x e^{-x} - 2e^{-x} \right]_3^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-e^{-x} (x^2 + 2x + 2) \right]_3^t$$

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$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-e^{-t} (t^2 + 2t + 2) + e^{-3} ((3)^2 + 2(3) + 2) \right] =$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} u & & dv \\ x^2 & + & e^{-x} \\ 2x & - & e^{-x} \\ 2 & + & e^{-x} \\ 0 & & -e^{-x} \end{array}$$

since improper integral converges, the series $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{e^n}$ converges as well by integral test.

$$25) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + n^3} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3(1+\frac{1}{n})}$$

Very close to the convergent p-series with $p=3 > 1$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{n^3} \geq \frac{1}{n^3(1+\frac{1}{n})} \text{ for all } n$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$$

By comparison test, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+n^3}$ converges.

$$26) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^4+1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

, using limit comparison test with the convergent p-series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^4+1} \cdot \frac{n^3}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^4 \cdot 1}{n^4(1+\frac{1}{n^4})} = 1$$

Both series converges

By limit comparison Test, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^4+1}$ converges

Section 11.4 from the book:

The Comparison Test Suppose that $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ are series with positive terms.

- (i) If $\sum b_n$ is convergent and $a_n \leq b_n$ for all n , then $\sum a_n$ is also convergent.
- (ii) If $\sum b_n$ is divergent and $a_n \geq b_n$ for all n , then $\sum a_n$ is also divergent.

The Limit Comparison Test Suppose that $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ are series with positive terms. If

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = c$$

where c is a finite number and $c > 0$, then either both series converge or both diverge.

$$3) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2n^3+1}$$

$$\frac{n}{2n^3+1} < \frac{n}{2n^3} = \frac{1}{2n^2} < \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ for all } n \geq 1,$$

thus $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2n^3+1}$ is convergent by comparison with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$, which converges

because it's a p-series with $P=2 > 1$

$$4) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{n^4-1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{n^3}{n^4-1} > \frac{n^3}{n^4} = \frac{1}{n} \text{ for all } n \geq 2, \text{ so } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{n^4-1} \text{ is divergent by comparison with } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}, \text{ which also diverges because it's a harmonic series.}$$

$$5) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n \cdot \sqrt{n}}, \quad \text{since } \frac{n+1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} > \frac{n}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} \text{ for all } n \geq 1, \text{ so } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n \cdot \sqrt{n}} \text{ is divergent}$$

by comparison with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}}$, which diverges because it's a p-series with $P = \frac{1}{2} \leq 1$

$$6) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}}, \quad \text{since } \frac{n-1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}} < \frac{n}{n^2 \sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \text{ for all } n \geq 1, \text{ so } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}} \text{ converges by comparison}$$

with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$, which converges because it's a p-series with $P = \frac{3}{2} > 1$

$$7) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{9^n}{3+10^n}, \quad \text{since } \frac{9^n}{3+10^n} < \frac{9^n}{10^n} = \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^n \text{ for all } n \geq 1, \text{ so } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{9^n}{3+10^n} \text{ converges by comparison with}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^n$ which also converges because it's a geometric series with $|q| = \frac{9}{10} < 1$

$$8) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{6^n}{5^n - 1}, \quad \text{since } \frac{6^n}{5^n - 1} > \frac{6^n}{5^n} = \left(\frac{6}{5}\right)^n \text{ for all } n \geq 1, \text{ thus } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{6^n}{5^n - 1} \text{ diverges by comparison}$$

with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{6}{5}\right)^n$ which also diverges because it's a geometric series with $|q| = \frac{6}{5} \geq 1$

$$9) \sum_{K=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln K}{K}, \quad \text{since } \frac{\ln K}{K} > \frac{1}{K} \text{ for all } K \geq 3, \text{ so } \sum_{K=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(K)}{K} \text{ diverges by comparison}$$

with $\sum_{K=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{K}$ which diverges because it's a harmonic series.

$$10) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{K \sin^2 K}{1+K^3}, \quad \text{since } \sin^2 K \leq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{K \cdot \sin^2 K}{1+K^3} \leq \frac{K}{1+K^3} = \frac{1}{K^2} \text{ for all } K \geq 1, \text{ so } \sum_{K=1}^{\infty} \frac{K \cdot \sin^2 K}{1+K^3} \text{ diverges by}$$

comparison with $\sum_{K=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{K^2}$ which converges because it's a p-series with $P = 2 > 1$



$$11) \sum_{K=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{K}}{\sqrt{K^3 + 4K + 3}}, \quad \text{since } \frac{\sqrt[3]{K}}{\sqrt{K^3 + 4K + 3}} < \frac{\sqrt[3]{K}}{\sqrt{K^3}} = \frac{1}{K^{\frac{1}{2}}} \text{ for all } K \geq 1, \text{ so } \sum_{K=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{K}}{\sqrt{K^3 + 4K + 3}} \text{ converges by}$$

comparison with $\sum_{K=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{K^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ which converges because it's a p-series with $P = \frac{1}{2} > 1$

$$13) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\arctan(n)}{n^{1.2}}, \quad \text{since } \frac{\arctan(n)}{n^{1.2}} \leq \frac{\pi/2}{n^{1.2}} \text{ for all } n \geq 1, \text{ so } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\arctan(n)}{n^{1.2}} \text{ converges by comparison}$$

with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.2}}$ which converges because it's a p-series with $P = 1.2 > 1$

$$14) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n-1} \text{ diverges like number ④, } P = \frac{1}{2} \leq 1$$

$$15) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^{n+1}}{3^n - 2}, \quad \frac{4^{n+1}}{3^n - 2} \geq \frac{4^{n+1}}{3^n} = \frac{16}{3} \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{n-1} \text{ for all } n \geq 1, \text{ so } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^{n+1}}{3^n - 2} \text{ diverges by comparison test with } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{n-1} \text{ which diverges because it's a geometric series with } |q| = \frac{4}{3} \geq 1$$

$$16) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3n^4 + 1}} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3n^4 + 1}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3} \cdot n^{\frac{4}{3}}} \text{ for all } n \geq 1, \text{ so } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3n^4 + 1}} \text{ Converges by comparison Test}$$

with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{4}{3}}}$ which also converges because it's a p-series where $p = \frac{4}{3} > 1$

$$17) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1}} \quad \text{using limit comparison test where } a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1}} \text{ & } b_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1}} \cdot \frac{n}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \cdot 1}{\cancel{n} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n^2}}} = 1 > 0, \text{ since } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{ diverges as a harmonic series}$$

So does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1}}$!

$$18) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+3} \text{ diverges as 17}$$

$$19) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+4^n}{1+3^n} \quad \text{using limit comparison Test with } a_n = \frac{1+4^n}{1+3^n} \text{ & } b_n = \frac{4^n}{3^n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+4^n}{1+3^n} \cdot \frac{3^n}{4^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{4^n}(1+\cancel{4^n})}{\cancel{3^n}(1+\cancel{3^n})} \cdot \frac{\cancel{3^n}}{\cancel{4^n}} = 1 > 0, \text{ since } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{ diverges because}$$

it's a geometric series with $|q| = \frac{4}{3} \geq 1$, so does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+4^n}{1+3^n}$

(We could use also divergence Test easily.)

$$20) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+4^n}{n+6^n} \quad \text{using limit comparison test with } a_n = \frac{n+4^n}{n+6^n} \text{ & } b_n = \frac{4^n}{6^n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{n}(1+\cancel{4^n})}{\cancel{6^n}(1+\cancel{6^n})} \cdot \frac{\cancel{6^n}}{\cancel{4^n}} = \frac{0+1}{0+1} = 1 > 0, \text{ since } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{ converges because it's a geometric}$$

series with $|q| = \frac{4}{6} < 1$, so does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+4^n}{n+6^n}$

$$21) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+2}}{2n^2+n+1}$$

using limit comparison test with $a_n = \frac{\sqrt{n+2}}{2n^2+n+1}$ & $b_n = \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+2}}{2n^2+n+1} \cdot \frac{n^{3/2}}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{\sqrt{1+\frac{2}{n}}}}{\cancel{n^2}(2+\frac{1}{n}+\frac{1}{n^2})} \cdot \cancel{n^{3/2}} = \frac{\sqrt{1+0}}{2+0+0} = \frac{1}{2} > 0$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ is a convergent p-series with $p = \frac{3}{2} > 1$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+2}}{2n^2+n+1}$ is also convergent.



$$22) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+2}{(n+1)^3}$$

using limit comparison test where $a_n = \frac{n+2}{(n+1)^3} = \frac{n+2}{n^3+3n^2+3n+1}$ & $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{n}(1+\frac{2}{n})}{\cancel{n}(\frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{3}{n^2} + \frac{3}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^2})} \cdot \frac{1 \cdot n^2}{1} = \frac{1+0}{1+0+0+0} = 1 > 0$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges as a p-series with $p = 2 > 1$

so does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+2}{(n+1)^2}$

$$23) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5+2n}{(1+n^2)^2}$$

using limit comparison test with $a_n = \frac{5+2n}{(1+n^2)^2}$ & $b_n = \frac{1}{n^3}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(\frac{5}{n}+2)}{n^3(\frac{1}{n^2}+1)^2} \cdot \frac{n^3}{1} = \frac{0+2}{(0+1)^2} = 2 > 0$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges as a p-series with $p = 3 > 1$

so does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5+2n}{(1+n^2)^2}$

$$24) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2-5n}{n^3+n+1}$$

Diverges by limit comparison test with $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$

$$25) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^4+1}}{n^3+n^2}$$

using limit comparison test with $a_n = \frac{\sqrt{n^4+1}}{n^3+n^2}$ & $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^4+1}}{n^3+n^2} \cdot \frac{n}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{n}\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n^4}}}{\cancel{n^2}(1+\frac{1}{n})} \cdot \cancel{n} = \frac{\sqrt{1+0}}{1+0} = 1 > 0$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges as a harmonic series

so does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^4+1}}{n^3+n^2}$

$$26) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n^2-1}}$$

Converges by limit comparison test with $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$

$$27) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 e^{-n}$$

using limit comparison test with $a_n = \left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 e^{-n}$ & $b_n = \frac{1}{e^n}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^2}{\cancel{e}^n} \cdot \frac{\cancel{e}^n}{1} = (1+0)^2 = 1 > 0$$

Since $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n$ converges because it's a geometric series with $|q| = \frac{1}{e} < 1$

so does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 e^{-n}$

$$28) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n}$$

Diverges by limit comparison test with $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$

29) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$ Clearly $n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(3)(2) \geq 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdots 2 \cdot 2 = 2^{n-1}$

so $\frac{1}{n!} \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$ for all $n \geq 1$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$ is a convergent geometric series ($|r| = \frac{1}{2} < 1$),

thus $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$ is also convergent by comparison test.

30) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$, $\frac{n!}{n^n} \leq \frac{19^{n-1}}{20^n}$ for $n \geq 20$, so $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$ converges by comparison Test

31) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(\frac{1}{n})$ using limit comparison Test with $a_n = \sin(\frac{1}{n})$ & $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(\frac{1}{n})}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 > 0$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ is a divergent harmonic series
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(\frac{1}{n})$ is also divergent.

32) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\frac{1}{n}}}$ using limit comparison Test with $a_n = \frac{1}{n^{1+\frac{1}{n}}}$ & $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \cdot n^{\frac{1}{n}}} \cdot \frac{n}{1} = \frac{1}{n^0} = 1 > 0$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ is a divergent harmonic series
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\frac{1}{n}}}$ is also divergent.

Section 11.5 from the book:

Alternating Series Test If the alternating series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} b_n = b_1 - b_2 + b_3 - b_4 + b_5 - b_6 + \dots \quad b_n > 0$$

satisfies

(i) $b_{n+1} \leq b_n$ for all n

(ii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$

then the series is convergent.

$$8) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^3+2}} , f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^3+2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1 \cdot \sqrt{x^3+2} - \frac{3}{2}x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^3+2}}}{(\sqrt{x^3+2})^2} = \frac{\sqrt{x^3+2} - \frac{3}{2}x^3}{(x^3+2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \quad 2 - \frac{1}{2}x^3 < 0 \rightarrow \text{when } f(x) \text{ is decreasing}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot b_n \quad x^3 > 4 \Rightarrow x > \sqrt[3]{4} \approx 1.6$$

$f(x)$ decreasing on the interval $(\sqrt[3]{4}, \infty)$

(i) $b_{n+1} < b_n$ for all $n > \sqrt[3]{4}$

(ii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \cdot 1}{n^3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n^3}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n^3}}} < 0$

Since both conditions are satisfied, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^3+2}}$
is convergent by Alternating Series Test.

II) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{n^2}{n^3+4} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \cdot b_n$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^3+4} , f'(x) = \frac{2x(x^3+4) - 3x^2 \cdot x^2}{(x^3+4)^2} = \frac{8x - x^4}{(x^3+4)^2} = \frac{x(8-x^3)}{(x^3+4)^2}$$

$f(x)$ is decreasing when $8-x^3 < 0$
 $\therefore x > \sqrt[3]{8} = 2$

(i) $\therefore b_{n+1} < b_n$ for all $n > 2$

$f(x)$ is decreasing in the interval $(2, \infty)$

(ii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3+4} = 0$

since (i) & (ii) are satisfied, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{n^2}{n^3+4}$ is convergent by Alternating Series Test.