

Homework 19: Ratio and Root Tests

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$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[2 \left(\frac{3}{5} \right)^k + 3 \left(\frac{4}{9} \right)^k \right] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2 \left(\frac{3}{5} \right)^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 3 \left(\frac{4}{9} \right)^k = \frac{\frac{6}{5}}{1 - \frac{3}{5}} + \frac{12}{9} = 3 + \frac{108}{45} = \frac{27}{5}$$

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$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{5}{6} \right)^k + \frac{3}{5} \left(\frac{7}{9} \right)^k \right] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{5}{6} \right)^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{5} \left(\frac{7}{9} \right)^k = \frac{\frac{5}{18}}{1 - \frac{5}{6}} + \frac{\frac{21}{45}}{1 - \frac{7}{9}} = \frac{30}{18} + \frac{42}{50} = \frac{188}{75}$$

15. Does $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k}{2k+1}$ converge according to the Divergence Test?

No. The limit of the summed term is $\frac{1}{2}$, not 0.

18. How about $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^2}{2^k}$?

Yep! Applying L'Hopital's Rule multiple times gives us $\frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 2^{1-x}}{\ln^2 2}$. This goes to 0.

19. How about $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1000+k}$?

Should work. The summed term goes to 0.

20. How about $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^3}{k^3+1}$?

Nope. The 1 in the denominator goes away and the limit is 1, not 0.

24. Does $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{\sqrt{k^2+4}}$ converge according to the Integral Test?

Some u-substitution shows us that the integral of the summed term grows with k. Therefore this series doesn't converge.

25. How about $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k e^{-2k^2}$?

This is another u-substitution problem. The e cancels out nicely and we're left with a definite integral of $\frac{1}{4}$, so that works!

26. How about $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{k+10}}$?

We can expand it, but the integral grows with k, meaning this series doesn't converge.