

Q2. Solved example 6 on p. 624 of the text. (It's important to mention that the natural logs have to be combined before letting  $b \rightarrow \infty$ ; it's initially in the  $\infty - \infty$  form.)

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{x+3}{(x-1)(x^2+1)} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{x+3}{(x-1)(x^2+1)} dx$$
$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \left( \frac{2}{x-1} - \frac{2x+1}{x^2+1} \right) dx \quad \text{Partial fractions}$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[ 2 \ln(x-1) - \ln(x^2+1) - \tan^{-1} x \right]_2^b$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln \frac{(x-1)^2}{x^2+1} - \tan^{-1} x \right]_2^b \quad \text{Combine the logarithms.}$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{(b-1)^2}{b^2+1} \right) - \tan^{-1} b \right] - \ln \left( \frac{1}{5} \right) + \tan^{-1} 2$$

$$= 0 - \frac{\pi}{2} + \ln 5 + \tan^{-1} 2 \approx 1.1458$$

Q 5. (a)  $\int_1^2 \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^p} = \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} \int_a^2 \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^p}.$

Case  $p \neq 1$ : Let  $\ln x = t$ .

Then  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} \int_a^2 \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^p} = \begin{cases} \frac{(\ln(2))^{1-p}}{1-p}, & \text{if } p < 1 \\ \infty, & \text{if } p > 1. \end{cases}$

Case  $p = 1$ :  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} \int_a^2 \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)}$   
 $= \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} [\ln |\ln(x)|]_a^2$   
 $= \infty.$

Hence the integral converges when  $p < 1$  & diverges for  $p \geq 1$ .

(b) converges for  $p > 1$  & diverges for  $p \leq 1$ .

Q 6.  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{2x dx}{x^2+1} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \frac{2x dx}{x^2+1}$

Let  $x^2+1 = t$  so that  $2x dx = dt$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^{b^2+1} \frac{dt}{t} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\ln|t|]_1^{b^2+1} \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln(b^2+1) = \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{2x dx}{x^2+1}$  diverges.

$$\text{Since } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2x dx}{x^2+1} = \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{2x dx}{x^2+1} + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{2x dx}{x^2+1},$$

$\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{2x}{x^2+1} dx$  also diverges.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{But } \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-b}^b \frac{2x dx}{x^2+1} &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \int_{-b}^0 \frac{2x dx}{1+x^2} + \int_0^b \frac{2x dx}{1+x^2} \right\} \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ [\ln|t|]_{b^2+1}^1 + [\ln|t|]_1^{b^2+1} \right\} \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (0) = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Q7.

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t - \sin t}$$

$$\text{Let } f(t) = \frac{1}{t}, \quad g(t) = \frac{1}{t - \sin t}$$

Since  $\sin t > 0$  for  $0 < a \leq 1$ ,  
 $t - \sin t < t$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{t} < \frac{1}{t - \sin t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^1 \frac{1}{t} dt < \int_a^1 \frac{dt}{t - \sin t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^1 \frac{1}{t} dt \leq \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^1 \frac{dt}{t - \sin t}.$$

But  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^1 \frac{1}{t} dt$  diverges,

so  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^1 \frac{dt}{t - \sin t} = \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t - \sin t}$  diverges too.

## MA 103 Tutorial 5 (SVC)

Q 1] Theorem 6 tells that a nondecreasing seq. of real numbers converges iff it is bounded from above.

Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a non-increasing sequence that is bounded from below, that is  $\exists m \in \mathbb{R} \exists m \leq a_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $\{-a_n\}$  is a non-decreasing seq. bdd. from above, hence converges to  $L$ , say.

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = -L$ .

If  $\{a_n\}$  is a non-increasing seq., not bounded below, then for any  $M \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $N$  depending on  $M$ )  $\exists \forall n > N$ ,  
 $a_n < -M$

This, along with the fact that  $a_{n+1} \leq a_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  (in particular, for  $n > N$ ) implies that  $\{a_n\}$  diverges.

Q2 (a) To show

$$\ln(n+1) \leq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \leq 1 + \ln(n).$$

Proof:  $\ln(n+1) = \int_1^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx$

$$= \int_1^n \frac{1}{x} dx + \int_n^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\leq \log n + \frac{1}{n} \quad (\because n \leq x \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \leq \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow \int_n^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx \leq \frac{1}{n})$$

Applying inductively, we see that

$$\ln(n+1) \leq \log(n-1) + \frac{1}{n-1} + \frac{1}{n}$$

$\vdots$

$$\leq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\ln(n+1) \leq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Also, from (1),

$$\ln(n+1) \geq \log n + \frac{1}{n+1} \quad (\because x \leq n+1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \geq \frac{1}{n+1} \Rightarrow \int_n^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx \geq \frac{1}{n+1})$$

$$\geq \log(n-1) + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$\vdots$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1}$$

Replacing  $n$  by  $n-1$ , we have

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \leq \ln(n)} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

From (2) & (3),

$$\boxed{\ln(n+1) \leq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \leq 1 + \ln(n)} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Another proof. From Fig. 11.8 (a) &  $f(x) = 1/x$ ,  
 $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} > \int_1^{n+1} \frac{dx}{x} = \ln(n+1). \quad \text{--- (5)}$

Also, from Fig. 11.8 (b) &  $f(x) = 1/x$ ,  
 $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} < \int_1^n \frac{dx}{x} = \ln(n)$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} < 1 + \ln(n) \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

From (5) & (6),  $\ln(n+1) < 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} < 1 + \ln(n)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \ln(n+1) - \ln(n) < 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \ln(n) \leq 1 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Also, it's clear that  $0 < \ln(n+1) - \ln(n)$  for  $n \geq 1$ .  
(or take  $f(x) = \ln(x+1) - \ln(x)$ , & show  $f'(x) < 0$  on  $[1, \infty)$ ).  
Hence the sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , where

$$a_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \ln(n), \text{ is bounded from}$$

both below & above.

$$\textcircled{b} \text{ Now } \int_n^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| \Big|_n^{n+1} = \ln(n+1) - \ln(n)$$

But on  $(n, n+1)$ ,  $x < n+1$  implies

$$\frac{1}{n+1} < \frac{1}{x}, \text{ and hence } \int_n^{n+1} \frac{1}{n+1} dx < \int_n^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n+1} < \int_n^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln(n+1) - \ln(n).$$

--- (4)

Claim:  $\{a_n\}$  is a decreasing sequence.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } a_n - a_{n+1} &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \ln(n)\right) - \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1} - \ln(n+1)\right) \\ &= \left(\ln(n+1) - \ln(n)\right) - \frac{1}{n+1} \\ &> 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\{a_n\}$  is a decreasing seq. bounded from below. Hence by Q1], it converges.

Q3] (a) Consider  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{1} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} y \left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{1}{y}\right)\right) = 0.$  (Note: it's important that the students convert the limit problem on discrete variable  $n$  to a continuous var.  $n$  to a continuous var.)

In particular,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) = 0.$

(b)  $a_n = \left(\frac{x^n}{2n+1}\right)^{1/n}, x > 0$  x or y before using L'Hôpital's rule.

Thus  $a_n = \frac{x}{(2n+1)^{1/n}}$

$\Rightarrow \ln(a_n) = \ln(x) - \frac{1}{n} \ln(2n+1)$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(a_n) = \ln(x) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(2n+1)}{n}.$

Now consider  $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(2y+1)}{y}$  ( $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$  form)



$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{2y+1}{1}} = 0.$$

Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(2n+1)}{n} = 0$  as well,

and so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(a_n) = \ln(x) - 0$

Since  $e^x$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

$$a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln(a_n)} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(a_n)} = e^{\ln(x)} = x.$$

$$\textcircled{c} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sinh(\ln(n)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\ln(n)} - e^{-\ln(n)}}{2}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n - \frac{1}{n}}{2} = +\infty.$$

So  $\{\sinh(\ln(n))\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges.

Q4] Using  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a-b}{1+ab}\right) = \tan^{-1}(a) - \tan^{-1}(b)$ , we get

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

$$\text{Now } S_k = \sum_{n=1}^k (\tan^{-1}(n) - \tan^{-1}(n+1))$$

$$= \tan^{-1}(1) - \tan^{-1}(k+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{n^2+n+1}\right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s_k$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} - \tan^{-1}(\infty) = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{2} = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

Q5. Note that

$$L_1 = 3$$

$$L_2 = 3\left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) = 3 \cdot \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{2-1}$$

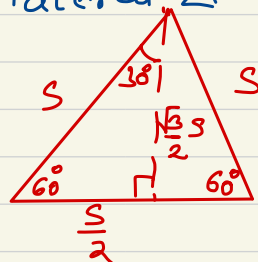
$$L_3 = \frac{16}{3} = 3\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{3-1}$$

In general,  $L_n = 3\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{n-1}$

Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n = \infty$  ( $\because \frac{4}{3} > 1$ )

However, since the area of the equilateral  $\Delta$  of side 's' is  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} s^2$ ,

(Note that  
Area  
 $= \frac{1}{2} \cdot s \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot s$   
 $= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} s^2$ )



We see that

$$A_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}, \quad A_2 = A_1 + 3 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$

$$A_3 = A_2 + 3 \cdot (4) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3^2}\right)^2$$

$$A_4 = A_3 + 3(4^2) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \left(\frac{1}{3^3}\right)^2$$

⋮

$$A_n = A_{n-1} + 3(4^{n-2}) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \left(\frac{1}{3^{n-1}}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow A_n = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} + \sum_{k=2}^n 3 \cdot 4^{k-2} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \left(\frac{1}{3^{k-1}}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} + \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{64} \sum_{k=2}^n \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^k$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} + \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{64} \cdot \frac{4}{9} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^k$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{16} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^k$$

Now let  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{16} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^k$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{16} \cdot \frac{4/9}{1-4/9} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{16} \cdot \frac{4}{5}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{3}{5}\right) = \frac{8}{5} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{5},$$

which is finite.

# Divergence of the harmonic series

## **THEOREM 6**    **The Nondecreasing Sequence Theorem**

A nondecreasing sequence of real numbers converges if and only if it is bounded from above. If a nondecreasing sequence converges, it converges to its least upper bound.

### **Corollary of Theorem 6**

A series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  of nonnegative terms converges if and only if its partial sums are bounded from above.

Example    Divergence of harmonic series

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots \\ &\geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\right)}_{=\frac{1}{2}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}\right)}_{=\frac{1}{2}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots\right)}_{\substack{\text{8 terms} \\ =\frac{1}{2}}} + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

If  $n = 2^k$ , then  $S_n > \frac{k}{2} \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_{2^k}$  is unbounded

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