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**Assignment:** HW-5 [Sections 10.1, 10.2 & 10.3]

Use the Integral Test to determine if the series shown below converges or diverges. Be sure to check that the conditions of the Integral Test are satisfied.

$$\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{8}{k(\ln k)^2}$$

Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of positive terms. Suppose that  $a_n = f(n)$ , where  $f$  is a continuous, positive, decreasing function of  $x$

for all  $x \geq N$  ( $N$  a positive integer). Then the series  $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$  and the integral  $\int_N^{\infty} f(x)dx$  both converge or both diverge.

Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{8}{x \ln^2 x}$ . Notice that this function is continuous, positive, and decreasing for  $x \geq 3$ .

Find the improper integral.

$$\int_3^{\infty} \frac{8}{x \ln^2 x} dx$$

First, find the indefinite integral.

$$\int \frac{8}{x \ln^2 x} dx$$

Make the substitution  $u = \ln x$ ,  $du = \frac{dx}{x}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{8}{x \ln^2 x} dx &= \int \frac{8}{u^2} du \\ &= -\frac{8}{u} + C && \text{Find the integral in terms of } u. \\ &= -\frac{8}{\ln x} + C && \text{Replace } u \text{ with } \ln x. \end{aligned}$$

Calculate the improper integral.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_3^{\infty} \frac{8}{x \ln^2 x} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_3^b \frac{8}{x \ln^2 x} dx \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{8}{\ln x} \right]_3^b \end{aligned}$$

Simplify.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{8}{\ln x} \right]_3^b &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{8}{\ln b} + \frac{8}{\ln 3} \right) && \text{Use the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.} \\ &= 0 + \frac{8}{\ln 3} && \text{Find the limit.} \\ &= \frac{8}{\ln 3} && \text{Add.} \end{aligned}$$

The improper integral is convergent.

Hence, the infinite series is convergent.