

Recitation #17: The Ratio and Root Tests and Comparison Tests

Group work:

Problem 1 Determine if the following series converge or diverge.

(a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(7n+1)^2 \cdot 2^n}{5^n}$

(b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$, where $a_{n+1} = \frac{2n+5}{3n-1} \cdot a_n$ and $a_1 = 1$.

(c) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{3n^2 + 1}$

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

(e) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k!)^3}{(3k)!}$

Problem 2 How many terms are needed to estimate $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + 1}$ to within 10^{-4} ?

What is the estimate for the sum of the series?