MATHEMATICS-I

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Lecture 10

Infinite series

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Discuss the convergence of the following:

(a). $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1-n}{3n-n^2}$, (b). $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n^{10}}$, (c). $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+2}\right)^{n^2}$.

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- **Examples:** $\displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^n}{n}, \ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}(-4/3)^n, \ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}(-1)^n\sqrt{n}.$

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3. $a_n \to 0$ *as* $n \to \infty$.

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2. What can you say about the converges of $\displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}(-1)^n \left(\frac{2+n}{8n}\right)$?

Thank you