

p-series For which values of $p > 0$ is the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ convergent? Use integral test.

Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^p}$, then f is continuous, positive, and decreasing.

By integral test, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \sim \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$.

We know that $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$ is convergent iff $p > 1$. Thus, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ is convergent iff $p > 1$.

other Is $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n}$ convergent? It's positive, decreasing, continuous for $x \geq 2$.

By integral test, $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n} \sim \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx$. We can find the antiderivative for this function.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\int_2^b \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx \right] = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln \ln x \Big|_2^b \right] \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\ln \ln b - \ln \ln 2] = \infty \end{aligned}$$

So by the integral test, the series diverges.