Does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverge, converge absolutely, or converge conditionally?

- Solution. The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is the harmonic series, thus diverges.
- Solution. Since p=1, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges by the *p*-series test.
- Solution. The function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ is continuous, positive, and decreasing on $[1, \infty)$ and $f(n) = a_n$.

Consider the integral $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} dx$. This is an improper integral:

$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{t \to \infty} \int_{1}^{t} \frac{1}{x} dx$$
$$= \lim_{t \to \infty} (\ln|t| - \ln|1|)$$
$$= \lim_{t \to \infty} (\ln|t| - 0)$$
$$= \infty$$

Since the integral $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} dx$ diverges, the series $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{n}$ diverges.