

## Lecture 26: March 9, 2016

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## 26.1 Comparison Test

**Theorem 26.1** Suppose that  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  are series with positive terms and  $a_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n$ .

1. If  $\sum b_n$  converges, then  $\sum a_n$  converges
2. If  $\sum b_n$  diverges, then  $\sum a_n$  diverges

**Notes :** In order to use this test, we have to first guess if the series converges or diverges

## 26.2 The Limit Comparison Test (LCT)

**Theorem 26.2** Consider  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$ . Suppose  $a_n > 0$  and  $b_n > 0$  for all  $n$ .

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L$ , where  $L$  is a finite number and  $L > 0$ , then either both series converge or both diverge

**End of Lecture Notes**  
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