

Recap:

• Is $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ convergent or divergent?

* Geometric series: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(r)^{\text{power of } n}$

• If $|r| < 1$, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(r)^{\text{power of } n} = \frac{\text{First term}}{1-r}$

• If $|r| \geq 1$, divergent

* $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent

* Telescoping & sequence of partial sums.

• Divergence test:

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ is divergent

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ then THERE IS WORK TO DO

If $a > 0$ $\int_a^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$ is $\begin{cases} \text{CV when } p > 1 \\ \text{DV when } p \leq 1 \end{cases}$

question: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ $\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{is CV if } p > 1 \\ \rightarrow \text{is DV if } p \leq 1 \end{cases}$
p-series

CHAPTER 8. SEQUENCES & INFINITE SERIES

Section 8.3. The Integral and Comparison Tests.

- **Theorem.** Suppose that f is a continuous, positive function and decreasing on $[1, \infty)$. Let $a_n = f(n)$. Then the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ is convergent if and only if } \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx \text{ is convergent.}$$

This means:

1. If $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ is convergent then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent.
2. If $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ is divergent then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is divergent.

- **Consequence.**

Recall from section 6.6 that $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$ is convergent if $p > 1$ and divergent if $p \leq 1$. Therefore, by the Integral Test, we can conclude that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \text{ is convergent if } p > 1 \text{ and divergent if } p \leq 1$$



Series of the form $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ are called p -series.

- **Exercise:** Determine whether the series is convergent or divergent.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{e^n}$$

① Divergence test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{e^n} = 0$ (sad face)

② Integral test: let $f(x) = \frac{x}{e^x} = x e^{-x}$ for $x \geq 1$
 f is continuous, $f(x) > 0$ on $[1, \infty)$

$$f'(x) = e^{-x} - x e^{-x} = e^{-x} (1 - x) \leq 0 \text{ for } x \geq 1$$

f is decreasing on $[1, \infty)$

$$\int_1^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t x e^{-x} dx$$

$$\int_1^t x e^{-x} dx = -x e^{-x} \Big|_1^t + \int_1^t e^{-x} dx = -t e^{-t} + e^{-1} - e^{-t} + e^{-1} = 2e^{-1} - t e^{-t} - e^{-t}$$

IBP $u = x \quad dv = e^{-x} dx$
 $du = dx \quad v = -e^{-x}$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (2e^{-1} - \underbrace{t e^{-t}}_0 - \underbrace{e^{-t}}_0) = 2e^{-1}$$

Conclusion: $\int_1^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx$ is convergent

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n e^{-n} \text{ is convergent}$$

very complicated

- **The Comparison Test.** Suppose that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ are series with *positive* terms.

- (a) If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ is convergent and $a_n \leq b_n$ for all n , then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is also convergent.
- (b) If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ is divergent and $a_n \geq b_n$ for all n , then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is also divergent.

- Exercises: Determine whether the series diverges or converges.

1. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^3+4}$ (guess: As $n \rightarrow \infty$ $\frac{2}{n^3+4} \sim \frac{2}{n^3}$. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$ is convergent)

For $n \geq 1$, $\frac{2}{n^3+4} \leq \frac{2}{n^3}$. Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$ is convergent, by the comparison test $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^3+4}$ is convergent.

2. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n-\sqrt{n}}$ (Guess: as $n \rightarrow \infty$ $\frac{1}{n-\sqrt{n}} \sim \frac{1}{n}$, $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent)

For $n \geq 2$, $n-\sqrt{n} \leq n \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n-\sqrt{n}} \geq \frac{1}{n}$. Since $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent, by the comparison test, $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n-\sqrt{n}}$ is divergent.

3. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$ a_n $b_n = ?$

$$n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdots n \geq 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \overbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdots 2}^{2^{n-1}} \cdots 2$$

For $n \geq 1$ $n! \geq 2^{n-1} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n!} \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$. Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$ $r = \frac{1}{2}$

is convergent, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$ is convergent.

4. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1}$ a_n ("Guess" As $n \rightarrow \infty$ $\frac{1}{n+1} \sim \frac{1}{n}$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent)

For $n \geq 1$ $\frac{1}{n+1} < \frac{1}{n}$. The Comparison test is inconclusive.

? test series.

- **The Limit Comparison Test.** Suppose that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ are series with positive terms. If

1. (a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = c > 0$, then either both series diverge or both series converge.

(b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 0$, and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ is convergent, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is also convergent.

→ (c) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \infty$, and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ is divergent, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is also divergent.

We can now do Exercise (3).

- Exercises. Determine whether the series diverges or converges .

1. $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 - 4}$ (Guess: as $n \rightarrow \infty \frac{1}{n^2 - 4} \sim \frac{1}{n^2}$, $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ is convergent)

Limit comparison test with $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n^2 - 4}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 4} = 1 > 0$$

$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 - 4}$ is convergent.

2. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^2 + 7n}{3^n(n^2 + 5n - 1)}$ (Guess: As $n \rightarrow \infty \frac{2n^2 + 7n}{3^n(n^2 + 5n - 1)} \sim \frac{2}{3^n} = 2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$)

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$, convergent geometric series ($|r| = \frac{1}{3} < 1$) $b_n = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n = \frac{1}{3^n}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2n^2 + 7n}{3^n(n^2 + 5n - 1)}}{\frac{1}{3^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n(2n^2 + 7n)}{3^n(n^2 + 5n - 1)} = 2 > 0$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^2 + 7n}{3^n(n^2 + 5n - 1)}$$

is convergent.

Additional Examples: Test the series for convergence or divergence. Show all steps that lead to your answer.

1. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1 + \sin n}{10^n}$ (Guess: $n \rightarrow \infty \quad \frac{1 + \sin n}{10^n} \approx \frac{\text{number}}{10^n}$, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^n$ convergent)

Comparison test:

For $n \geq 0$ $\frac{1 + \sin n}{10^n} \leq \frac{2}{10^n} = 2 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^n$. Since $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^n$ is convergent
 $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1 + \sin n}{10^n}$ is convergent

2. $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n}$ Divergence test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} = 0$ no conclusion

For $n \geq 3$ $\frac{\ln n}{n} \geq \frac{1}{n}$. $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent. Therefore by the comparison test $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n}$ is divergent.

Limit comparison test: $a_n = \frac{\ln n}{n}$, $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\ln n}{n}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln n = \infty$. Since $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent,
 $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n}$ is divergent