

Series of real numbers - 2nd part

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$$u_n = \frac{n+7}{\sqrt{n^2+7}}$$

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$$b) \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}} \quad u_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}}$$

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We shall apply the comparison criterion.

$$\text{Let } y_m = \frac{1}{m}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{y_m} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n!}}}{\frac{1}{m}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[m]{\frac{m}{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\frac{m+1}{m})^{m+1}}{(\frac{m+1}{m})^m} \cdot \frac{m}{m+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{m+1}{m}\right)^m = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)^m = e \neq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow u_n \sim y_m \Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} \text{ is DIVERGENT}$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n + 3^n}{5^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n \left(\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n + 1\right)}{5^n} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{the series must be further investigated}$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{2^n + 3^n}{5^n} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \left(\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n + \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^n\right)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2^n < 3^n \\ 3^n \leqslant 3^m \\ 5^m > 2^m \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow 2^n + 3^n < 2 \cdot 3^n \Rightarrow \frac{2^n + 3^n}{5^n} < 2 \cdot \left(\frac{3^n}{5^n}\right) \xrightarrow{\text{convergent}} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{2^n + 3^n}{5^n} \text{ is CONVERGENT}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 3^n &\geq 3^m \\ 5^n &> 3^m \end{aligned} \Rightarrow 3^n + 5^n > 2 \cdot 3^n \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3^n + 5^n} < \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3^n} \Rightarrow \frac{2^n}{3^n + 5^n} < \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n$$

Choose $\alpha := \frac{1}{2}$ and $y_n = \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n$, y_n convergent $\Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{2^n}{3^n + 5^n}$ is CONVERGENT

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$$\begin{aligned} 2n-1 &\geq n \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2n-1} \leq \frac{1}{n} \\ \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} &\text{ is divergent} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{2n-1} \text{ is DIVERGENT}$$

$$b) \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} \quad u_n = \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2n-1 &\geq n \Rightarrow (2n-1)^2 \geq n^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \\ \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^2} &\text{ is convergent} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} \text{ is CONVERGENT}$$

$$c) \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4n^2-1}} \quad u_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4n^2-1}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4n^2-1}} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{4n^2-1} &< \sqrt{4n^2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{4n^2-1}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{4n^2}} = \frac{1}{2n} \\ \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{2n} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} \text{ is divergent} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4n^2-1}} \text{ is DIVERGENT}$$

$$d) \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\sqrt{n^2+n}}{\sqrt[3]{n^5-n}} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\sqrt[6]{(n^2+n)^3}}{\sqrt[6]{(n^5-n)^2}} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \sqrt[6]{\frac{(n^2+n)^3}{(n^5-n)^2}} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \sqrt[6]{\frac{n^6(n+1)^3}{n^6(n-1)^2(n-1)^2(n+1)^2}} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \sqrt[6]{\frac{n(n+1)}{(n+1)^2(n-1)^2}}$$

$$x_n = \sqrt[6]{\frac{n(n+1)}{(n-1)^2(n+1)^2}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} =$$

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a) $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{100^n}{n!}$, $x_n = \frac{100^n}{n!}$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{100^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{100^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{100}{n+1} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{100^n}{n!}$ is CONVERGENT according to D'Alembert's criterion.

b) $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{2^n n!}{n^n}$, $x_n = \frac{2^n n!}{n^n}$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1} \cdot (n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{2^n n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 \cdot n^n}{(n+1)^n} = 2 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n = (1^\infty) = 2 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1} - 1\right)^n = 2 \cdot e^{-1} = \frac{2}{e} < 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{2^n n!}{n^n}$ is CONVERGENT.

c) $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{3^n n!}{n^n}$, $x_n = \frac{3^n n!}{n^n}$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{n+1} \cdot (n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{3^n n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3 \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n = \frac{3}{e} > 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{3^n n!}{n^n}$ is DIVERGENT.

d) $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(n!)^2}{2^n n^n}$, $x_n = \frac{(n!)^2}{2^n n^n}$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)!^2}{2^{n+1} (n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n n^n}{(n!)^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{2^{(n+1)-n} n^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{2^{(n+1-n)(n+1)}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{2^{2n+1}} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^2 = 0 < 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} x_n$ is CONVERGENT.

e) $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^2}{(2+\frac{1}{n})^n} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^2}{(2(n+1))^n} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^{n+2}}{(2(n+1))^n}$, $x_n = \frac{n^2}{(2+\frac{1}{n})^n} = \frac{n^{n+2}}{(2n+1)^n}$

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$$x_n = \left(\frac{a}{n}\right)^n \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^{\frac{n+1}{n}}}{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n}}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{a^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{n+1} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n = \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{n+1}$$

If $a \in (0, 1)$: $x_n = \frac{1}{n^n}$, $a_n = n^n$

$(a_n)_n$ decreasing $\Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} x_n \cdot a_n$ is CONVERGENT

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

If $a = 1$: $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^n} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^n$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{n \ln \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-n \ln n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{n \ln n} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{n \ln n} < \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^n < \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{n-1} \Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} x_n$$
 is CONVERGENT

f) $\sum_{n \geq 1} \left(\frac{n^2+n+1}{n^2} \cdot a\right)^n$, $x_n = \left(\frac{n^2+n+1}{n^2} \cdot a\right)^n$, $a > 0$

If $a < 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} \left(\frac{n^2+n+1}{n^2} \cdot a\right)^n$ is DIVERGENT

If $a > 0 \Rightarrow$ If $a > 1$: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = +\infty \Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} x_n$ is DIVERGENT

$$\text{If } \alpha = 1 : \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} u_m = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^2+n+1}{n^2} \right)^n = e^{\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)}{n^2}} = e^1 > 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} u_m \text{ is DIVERGENT}$$

$$\text{If } \alpha \in (0, 1) : \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} u_m = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^2+n+1}{n^2} \right)^n \cdot n^\alpha = e \cdot 0 = 0$$

We shall denote $\alpha = \frac{1}{b}$, $b > 1$

$$u_m = \left(\frac{n^2+n+1}{n^2} \right)^n \cdot \left(\frac{1}{b} \right)^n < \underbrace{\frac{e}{b^{m-1}}} \text{ converges}$$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} u_m \text{ is CONVERGENT}$