



ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS - I

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1) Test the convergence of the series : $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+3}$, using Cauchy's integral test.

Soln: Here n^{th} term, $a_n = \frac{1}{2n+3} = f(n)$

$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{2x+3}$. For $x \geq 1$, $f(x) \geq 0$ and $f(x)$ is a monotonically decreasing function. Hence, Cauchy's integral test is applicable.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } I_n &= \int_1^n f(x) dx = \int_1^n \frac{dx}{2x+3} = \left[\frac{1}{2} \log(2x+3) \right]_1^n \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\log(2n+3) - \log 5] \quad \therefore \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} [\log(2n+3) - \log 5] = \infty$$

$\therefore \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ diverges and, hence, by Integral test,

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is a divergent series.

$$2) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \sqrt{n^2-1}} ; \quad a_n = \frac{1}{n \sqrt{n^2-1}} = f(n) , \text{ valid for } n \geq 2$$

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For $x > 2$, $f(x)$ is +ve and decreasing.

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$$\int_2^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \quad \text{converges or}$$

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$$\text{Let } I_n = \int_2^n f(x) dx = \int_2^n \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}} = \sec^{-1}(x) \Big|_2^n = \sec^{-1}n - \sec^{-1}2$$

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$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{6}, \text{ finite quantity.}$$

∴ By integral test, $\sum a_n$ is convergent.

$$3) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot e^{-n^2} = \sum f(n) \quad ; \quad f(x) = x \cdot e^{-x^2}$$

For $x > 1$, $f(x)$ is positive and decreasing function.

∴ By Cauchy's integral test, $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ & $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converge or diverge together.

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$$\text{Let } I_n = \int_1^n f(x) dx = \int_1^n x e^{-x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int_1^n e^{-x^2} (-2x) dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{-n^2} e^t dt, \quad \text{Here } t = -x^2.$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[e^t \right]_{-1}^{-n^2} = -\frac{1}{2} \left[e^{-n^2} - e^{-1} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{e} - e^{-n^2} \right)$$

$$\therefore \int_1^\infty f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^n f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{e} - e^{-n^2} \right]$$

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