

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \quad \text{conv. / div. ?}$$

Direct Comparison Test (D.C.T.)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \rightarrow \text{conv/div ???}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \quad \text{conv/div } \checkmark$$

D.C.T.

$$a_n < b_n$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{ conv.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ converges.}$$

$$a_n > b_n$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{ divergent.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ diverges.}$$

By D.C.T.

$$! \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \Rightarrow ?$$

$$a_n > b_n \text{ and } \sum b_n \text{ conv.} \rightarrow \text{D.C.T. doesn't work!}$$

$$a_n < b_n \text{ and } \sum b_n \text{ div.} \rightarrow \text{D.C.T. doesn't work!}$$

geometric

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} \quad |r| < 1 \text{ conv.}$$

$$|r| \geq 1 \text{ div.}$$

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n + 1}$ conv. / div.?

$$\frac{1}{2^n + 1} < \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \rightarrow r = \frac{1}{2} < 1$$

conv. geometric series.

\Rightarrow By D.C.T, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n + 1}$ also converges.

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n - 1}$

$$\frac{1}{2^n - 1} > \frac{1}{2^n}$$

conv. geometric series

\Rightarrow D.C.T. does not work.

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^3 + 2n^2 + 3}$ conv. / div.?

$$\frac{n}{n^3 + 2n^2 + 3} < \frac{n}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

\Rightarrow By D.C.T. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ also converges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \rightarrow p=2 > 1$$

convergent p-series.

$$n=1 \quad n^3 + 2n^2 + 3$$

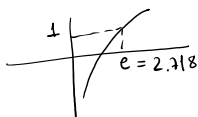


$$\sin(n), \cos(n) < 1$$

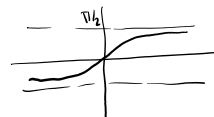
$$0 < \sin^2(n), \cos^2(n) < 1$$

$$\sin^2(n), \cos^2(n) < 1$$

$$\ln(n) > 1 \quad (n \geq 3)$$



$$\arctan(n) < \pi/2$$



Ex

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n + n} \quad \text{conv. / div?}$$

$$b_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{3^n}$$

$$b_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\frac{1}{3^n + n} < \frac{1}{3^n} \rightarrow r = \frac{1}{3} < 1 \quad \text{convergent geometric series}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{By D.C.T.} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n + n} \text{ also converges}$$

(if we use $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$ for comparison ;

$$\frac{1}{3^n + n} < \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad p = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \quad \text{divergent p-series.}$$

D.C.T. does not work.

Ex

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^2 n}{3^n + n} \quad \text{con. / div.}$$

$$\cos^2 n < 1$$

$$\frac{\cos^2 n}{3^n + n} < \frac{1}{3^n + n} < \frac{1}{3^n} \rightarrow r = \frac{1}{3} < 1 \quad \text{convergent geometric series}$$

Converges by D.C.T.

Ex

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n} \quad \text{con. / div?}$$

$$\ln(n) > 1 \quad n \geq 3$$

$$\frac{\ln(n)}{n} > \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow \text{harmonic series} \rightarrow \text{divergent}$$

diverges by D.C.T.

Ex

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1 + \cos^2(n)$$

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 + \cos^2(n)}{\sqrt{n}}$ conv./div. ?

$$0 < \cos^2(n)$$

$$1 < 1 + \cos^2(n)$$

Reminder:

p-series

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

$p \leq 1$ divergent

$p > 1$ conv.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \quad \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right) < \left(\frac{1 + \cos^2(n)}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$p = \frac{1}{2} < 1$ divergent p-series.

By D.C.T.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 + \cos^2(n)}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ also diverges.}$$

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$ conv./div. ?

$$\frac{1}{n!} =$$

$$\frac{1}{n(n-1)\dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

n times

$$<$$

$$\frac{1}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \dots 2}$$

n times

$$= \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2} < 1$$

Convergent geometric series

\Rightarrow By D.C.T, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$ also converges.

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n \cdot \sin^2(n)}{1 + n^3}$

$$\sin^2(n) < 1$$

$$n \cdot \sin^2(n) < n$$

$$\frac{n \cdot \sin^2(n)}{1 + n^3} <$$

$$\frac{n}{1 + n^3} < \frac{n}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$p = 2 > 1$
convergent p-series

By D.C.T, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n \sin^2(n)}{1 + n^3}$ also converges.

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{n^2 \cdot \sqrt{n}}$ conv./div. ?

$$\frac{n-1}{n^2 \cdot \sqrt{n}} < \frac{n}{n^2 \sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{n \sqrt{n}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$$

$p = \frac{3}{2} > 1$
convergent p-series

By D.C.T. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}}$ also converges.

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\arctan(n)}{n}$ conv./div. ?

$$\arctan(n) < \pi/2$$

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\arctan(n)}{n^{1.2}}$ conv./div.?

$\arctan(n) < \pi/2$

By D.C.T., $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\arctan(n)}{n^{1.2}}$ also converges.

$\frac{\arctan(n)}{n^{1.2}} < \frac{\pi/2}{n^{1.2}} \rightarrow \text{conv.}$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.2}}$ $p=1.2 > 1$
convergent
p-series

Limit Comparison Test

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ conv./div. ???

b_n

L.C.T.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \begin{cases} > 0, \\ = 0 \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{ conv.} \\ = \infty \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{ divergent} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ conv. / div.}$

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n - 1}$ conv./div.?

$b_n = \frac{1}{2^n}$ $r = \frac{1}{2} < 1$
conv. geometric series

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

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n - 1} \cdot \frac{2^n}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{2^n - 1}$

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

By L.C.T. $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n - 1}$ also converges.

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+4^n}{1+3^n}$ conv./div.

D.C.T. does not work.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+4^n}{1+3^n} \cdot \frac{3^n}{4^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+4^n}{4^n} \cdot \frac{3^n}{1+3^n}$

$$n \rightarrow \infty \quad b_n$$

$$n \rightarrow \infty \quad 1+3^n$$

$$4^n$$

$$n \rightarrow \infty \quad 4^n$$

$$b_n = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^n = \frac{4^n}{3^n} \rightarrow r = \frac{4}{3} \rightarrow \text{divergent geometric series.}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\left(1 + \frac{1}{4^n}\right)}_{1+0} \cdot \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{1}{1+3^n}\right)}_{1-0} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1 > 0$$

By L.C.T., $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+4^n}{1+3^n}$ also diverges.

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^3 - 3n^2 + 5n - 7}$ $b_n = \frac{n}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n^{3-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{5}{2}}$ $p = \frac{5}{2} > 1$ convergent p-series.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^3 - 3n^2 + 5n - 7} \cdot \frac{n^3}{n^3} = 1 > 0 \Rightarrow \text{By L.C.T., } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ also converges.}$$

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^2 + 3n - 5}{9n^7 - 5n^3 + 6n^2 - 4}$ conv./div.? $b_n = \frac{2n^2}{9n^7} \leftarrow \frac{1}{n^5}$ $p = 5 > 1$ convergent p-series

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^2 + 3n - 5}{9n^7 - 5n^3 + 6n^2 - 4} \cdot \frac{9n^7}{2n^2} = 1 > 0 \Rightarrow \sum a_n \text{ converges by L.C.T.}$$

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3 - 5n + 1}{3n^4 + 2n - 7}$ conv./div.? $b_n = \frac{n^3}{3n^4} \rightarrow \text{divergent}$ $\frac{n^3}{n^4} = \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow \text{harmonic series divergent.}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 - 5n + 1}{3n^4 + 2n - 7} \cdot \frac{3n^4}{n^3} = 1 > 0 \Rightarrow \sum a_n \text{ is divergent by L.C.T.}$$

Ex $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right)$ conv./div.? $b_n = \frac{1}{n^3} \rightarrow p = 3 > 1$ convergent p-series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^s$$

L.C.T.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n}$$

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

$$\frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)}{\frac{1}{n^2}}$$

$$= 1$$

$$> 0$$

convergent p-series

By L.C.T., $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$ also converges.

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

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow \text{div.}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{e^n}\right) \rightarrow r = \frac{1}{e} < 1 \text{ Convergent geometric series}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \rightarrow p = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \text{ divergent p-series}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^n \sqrt{n}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n}}{1} = 0$$

LCT does not work

$$b_n = \frac{1}{e^n} \rightarrow \text{convergent}$$

LCT ✓

By LCT

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^n \sqrt{n}} \cdot \frac{e^n}{1} = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n \sqrt{n}} \text{ also converges.}$$