



A. Show that any seq. of positive real numbers either has a subsequence that converges, or else a subseq. that diverges to  $\infty$ .

- Let  $a_n$  be a seq. of positive real numbers.

Need to prove:

a)  $a_n$  has a subseq. that converge

b)  $a_n$  has a subseq. that diverge to  $\infty$

Proof of a) Suppose that  $a_n$  is bounded. Then

there exists  $\exists$  real number  $M > 0$  s.t.  $a_n \leq M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In that case, the seq.  $a_n$  is bounded of positive real numbers.  $\exists$  With this, by Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem,  $a_n$  has a convergent subseq.  $a_{n_k}$ . This concludes that the subseq.  $(a_{n_k})$  converges. (in this case).

BW Thm: every bounded seq. has a convergent subsequence  
- (from Tutorials)

Proof of b) Suppose that  $a_n$  is unbounded. Then

$\exists$  subseq.  $a_{n_k}$  of  $a_n$  s.t.  $a_{n_k} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

This concludes that the subseq.  $(a_{n_k})$  diverges to  $\infty$  (in this case).

B. for each of the following series, determine whether the series converges or diverges. (Sum from 1 to  $\infty$ )  
For those that converge, find the value that they

converge to.

$$i) \sum (4^n + 2^n) / 3^n \quad a_n = \frac{4^n + 2^n}{3^n}$$

By applying ratio test, we have

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\frac{4^{n+1}}{3^{n+1}} + \frac{2^{n+1}}{3^{n+1}}}{\frac{4^n}{3^n} + \frac{2^n}{3^n}} = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} = 2 > 1 \Rightarrow \text{diverges}$$

$$ii) \sum \sin^n(3)$$

The seq.  $\sin^n(3)$  converges to  $\frac{1}{1 - \sin(3)}$  because

$$\sum r^n = \frac{1}{1-r} \text{ if } |r| < 1 \text{ and } \sin 3 = 0.14$$

$$iii) \sum 1/(n^2 + 2n) \quad \text{we conclude that } \frac{1}{n^2 + 2n} < \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Since  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges, by direct comparison test we have that  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2 + 2n}$  also converges, to 1.

$$iv) \sum (\sqrt{n+2} - \sqrt{n}) \quad \Rightarrow \text{first we rationalise:}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{n+2} - \sqrt{n} = \frac{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}} = \frac{n+2-n}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}} \quad \text{From this we have}$$

$$2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}} = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}} = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{n}}{n}}{\frac{\sqrt{n+2}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n}}} = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\frac{2}{n}} + 1} = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  we have  $0 < 1 < \infty$ , ~~so they converge both~~  $\sum (\sqrt{n+2} - \sqrt{n})$  is equiconvergent to  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ , so they converge both.

C. For each of the following series, determine whether the series converges, diverges to  $\pm\infty$ , or diverges, not to  $\pm\infty$ . Don't try to find what the series converge to.

i)  $\sum \sin^2(3n+2)/(2n^2-3)$ ,  $a_n = \sin^2(3n+2)/(2n^2-3)$

we define  $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$ , and it converges, so we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{3n+2}{2n^2-3}}{\frac{1}{n^2} \left( \frac{3n+2}{2n^2-3} \right)^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2(9n^2+12n+4)}{4n^4-12n^2+9} = \frac{9}{4} \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

that means that  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  have the same nature, and  $\sum a_n$  is convergent,

ii)  $\sum 1/(n-2\pi)$ ,  $a_n = 1/(n-2\pi) > 1/n = b_n$ , and  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  is divergent

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n-2\pi}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n-2\pi} = 1 \in \mathbb{R}^+ \Rightarrow \text{this means that}$$

$\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  have same nature, and this shows that

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\sum a_n \text{ is divergent}}$$

iii)  $\sum (n+1)/(n^3+2)$ ,  $a_n = n+1/(n^3+2)$  and  $b_n = n/n^3$ , or  $1/n^2$

$\Rightarrow \sum b_n$  is convergent (because  $\alpha=2>1$ ), and we have

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n+1}{n^3+2}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3+n^2}{n^3+2} = 1 \in \mathbb{R}^+ \Rightarrow \text{this means}$$

that  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  have same nature, and this shows that

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\sum a_n \text{ converges}}$$





0. Determine whether each of the following series are absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent.

i)  $\sum (-2)^n / (n+2)!$   $\Rightarrow \sum \left| \frac{(-2)^n}{(n+2)!} \right| = \sum \frac{2^n}{(n+2)!} \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{2^n}{(n+2)!}$

by applying ratio test we get because we can't go any further, we apply another ratio test:

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+3)!}}{\frac{2^n}{(n+2)!}} = \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+3)2^n} = \frac{2}{n+3}$$

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{2^{n+1}}{2^n} = \frac{2(n+2)}{n+3} = \frac{2n+4}{n+3}$$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+4}{n+3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 + \frac{4}{n}}{1 + \frac{3}{n}} = \frac{2}{1} = 2 > 1$ , which means  $\sum a_n = +\infty$

The seq. is divergent

ii)  $\sum (-3)^n / (3n^2 + 6^n)$ : First we use comparison test, we get:

$$|a_n| = \left| \frac{(-3)^n}{3n^2 + 6^n} \right| = \frac{3^n}{3n^2 + 6^n} \text{ for } 3n^2 + 6^n > 6^n \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3n^2 + 6^n} < \frac{1}{6^n} \Rightarrow \frac{3^n}{3n^2 + 6^n} < \frac{3^n}{6^n}$$

$$b_n = \frac{3^n}{6^n} = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n$$

Now we use ratio test (from Tutorials), and get

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}}{\frac{1}{2^n}} = \frac{1}{2} < 1, \text{ which means the seq. is convergent}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Since  $b_n$  is convergent,  $|a_n|$  absolutely converges by comparison test.

iii)  $\sum (-4)^n / (4^n \sqrt{2n+1}) \sim \sum \frac{(-1)^n 4^n}{4^n \sqrt{2n+1}} = \sum \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$

with absolute value, we have  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}} \sim \sum b_n \Rightarrow b_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

we now compute  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{2n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{n}{2n+1}} = \sqrt{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n(2 + \frac{1}{n})}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \in \mathbb{R}$

now we can see that  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  have same nature, which means they are divergent.

$$\sum \frac{(-1)^n 4^n}{4^n \sqrt{2n+1}} = \sum \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}} \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}} = 0, \text{ and } a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+3}} < a_n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  from there we conclude that  $\sum (-1)^n a_n$  is divergent



E. Show that if  $a_n = 5n^3 - 14n^2 + 7n - 3$ , then  $a_n = O(n^3)$

$\exists \alpha > 0$  and  $\exists \beta > 0$ ,  $\exists N$  s.t.  $\forall n > N$

$$\alpha n^3 \leq 5n^3 - 14n^2 + 7n - 3 \leq \beta n^3$$

$$1 \cdot n^3 \leq 5n^3 - 14n^2 + 7n - 3 \leq 5n^3 + 14n^2 + 7n^2 + 3n^2 = 29n^3$$

that is equivalent with  $0 \leq 4n^3 - 14n^2 + 7n - 3$

from what we get  $14n^2 - 7n + 3 \leq 4n^3$

Now we show that  $\exists N > 10$  and  $\forall n > N$ , it holds.

$\exists \alpha = 1$  and  $\exists \beta = 29$

$\exists N = 10 \frac{1}{n} > N$

$$\alpha \cdot \beta n \leq a_n \leq \beta \cdot \beta n$$