

Problem 1 Fall 2011-14 Which of the following series converge?

$$(1) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^3} \rightarrow \text{Integral Test}$$

* the function is:

1) continuous on $[2, \infty)$

2) positive on $[2, \infty)$ [for no input value will you get a negative output]

3) decreasing: $f'(n) = \frac{\frac{n^3}{n} - \ln(n)3n^2}{n^6} = \frac{n^2(1-3\ln(n))}{n^6} = \frac{1-3\ln(n)}{n^4}$

$$\rightarrow f'(n) < 0 \text{ for all inputs } [2, \infty)$$

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^3} dx$$

∞ integration by parts

$$u = \ln x$$

$$du = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$dv = \frac{1}{x^3} dx$$

$$v = -\frac{1}{2x^2}$$

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^3} dx = \ln(x) \left(-\frac{1}{2x^2}\right) - \int -\frac{1}{2x^2} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx$$

$$= -\frac{\ln(x)}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{x^3} dx \Bigg|_2^{\infty}$$

$$= -\frac{\ln(x)}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2}x^{-2}\right) \Bigg|_2^{\infty}$$

$$= -\frac{\ln x}{2x^2} - \frac{1}{4x^2} \Bigg|_2^{\infty}$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{\ln a}{2a^2} - \frac{1}{4a^2} \right) - \left[-\frac{\ln 2}{8} - \frac{1}{16} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{a}}{\frac{4a^2}{1}} - \left[-\frac{\ln 2}{8} - \frac{1}{16} \right]$$

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^3} dx = -\frac{\ln 2}{8} + \frac{1}{16}$$

Because the integral converges (1) converges according to integral test

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$$(II) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (n!)^2}{(2n)!} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!}$$

Given a series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L$

- then ① if $L < 1$, the series converges abs.
 ② if $L = 1$, the test is inconclusive
 ③ if $L > 1$, series diverges

* RATIO TEST

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

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{(n+1)^2 \cancel{(n!)^2}}{(2n+2)(2n+1) \cancel{(2n)!}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(2n)!}}{\cancel{(n!)^2}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{4n^2 + 6n + 2} \right|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{4n^2 + 6n + 2} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1 + \frac{2}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}}{4 + \frac{6}{n} + \frac{2}{n^2}} \right| = \frac{1}{4} = L$$

Because $L < 1$, (II)

converges absolutely

According to the RATIO test

$$(III) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n n^n}{n!} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{n!}$$

* RATIO TEST

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)^{(n+1)}}{(n+1)!} = \frac{(n+1)(n+1)^n}{(n+1)n!}, \quad a_n = \frac{n^n}{n!}$$

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{(n+1)^n}{n!} \cdot \frac{n!}{n^n} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{(n+1)^n}{n^n} \right|$$

$$= \left| \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \right|$$

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

* series rule: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x$

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so when $a > 1$, the series diverges ← this means (III) cannot be absolutely convergent

Problem 1 continued

$$(II) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{\ln(n)} \rightarrow \text{* n-th term test} \quad \text{* l'Hopital's}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3}{\ln(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^2}{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3n^3 \rightarrow \infty$$

Because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3}{\ln(n)}$ goes to infinity ($\neq 0$), (II) diverges
 According to nth term test

$$(III) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n} \rightarrow \text{* root test}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n}{2^n} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{n}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{so } \boxed{(III) \text{ converges}}$$

According to root test

$$(IV) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{1/n} \rightarrow \text{* n-th term test}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{1/n} = e^{1/\infty} = e^0 = 1$$

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because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{1/n} \neq 0$ (IV) diverges
 according to nth term test.

(I) and (III) converge

(B)

Problem 2 Spring 2010-15

Determine if the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)}$ converges or diverges. If it converges, find the sum.

• Using direct comparison test we compare: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)}$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n}$

$$a_i = \frac{1}{2n-1}$$

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

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

• Using p-test we know $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n}$ diverges because $p \leq 1$.

• Because $\frac{1}{2n-1} > \frac{1}{2n}$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1}$ must also diverge.

According to the theorem that states:

Let f and g be continuous on $[a', \infty)$ with $0 \leq f(x) \leq g(x)$ for all $x \geq a'$. Then

① $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{2x-1} dx$ diverges if $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{2x} dx$ diverges
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 which it does

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1}$ diverges by the direct comparison test.

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Problem 3 Spring 2010-16

The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{n!}$

Ratio Test

Given a series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$, if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L$, then

- ① if $L < 1$, the series converges absolutely
- ② if $L = 1$, the test is inconclusive
- ③ if $L > 1$, the series diverges

$$a_n = \frac{n^n}{n!} \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)^{(n+1)}}{(n+1)!} = \frac{\cancel{(n+1)} (n+1)^n}{\cancel{(n+1)} n!}$$

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{(n+1)^n}{\cancel{n!}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{n!}}{n^n} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{(n+1)^n}{n^n} \right|$$

$$= \left| \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n \right|$$

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

* series rule: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^n = e^x$

Because $e > 1$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{n!}$ diverges by the Ratio test

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Problem 4 Spring 2010-17

The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(n+3)2^{2n}}{3^{n+100}}$

The Ratio Test states:

Given a series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$, if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L$.

then 1) if $L < 1$, the series converges absolutely

2) if $L = 1$, the test is inconclusive.

3) if $L > 1$ the series diverges.

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^n (n+3) 2^{2n}}{3^{n+100}}$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{(-1)^{(n+1)} (n+4) 2^{2(n+1)}}{3^{n+101}}$$

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (n+4) 2^{2n+2}}{3^{n+101}} \cdot \frac{3^{n+100}}{(-1)^n (n+3) 2^{2n}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{(-1)(n+4) 2^2}{3^1 (n+3)} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{4(n+4)}{3(n+3)} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{4n+16}{3n+9} \right|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n+16}{3n+9} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{n}} \right) \frac{(4n+16)}{(3n+9)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 + \frac{16}{n}}{3 + \frac{9}{n}} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$\frac{4}{3} > 1$

Because $\frac{4}{3} > L$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(n+3)(2^{2n})}{3^{n+100}}$ diverges by the ratio test

(c)

Problem 5

 Fall 2007-13

Determine if the series is convergent or divergent. If it is convergent, find its sum.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n + 4^n}{7^n}$$

The series can be separated into two parts as follows:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n + 4^n}{7^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{7}\right)^n$$

→ using the rules of geometric series for $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^n$:

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ term} = a = \frac{3}{7}, \quad r = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\text{Series sum} = S = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{3}{7}}{1 - \frac{3}{7}} = \frac{\frac{3}{7}}{\frac{4}{7}} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{so } S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^n = \frac{3}{4}$$

→ using the rules of geometric series for $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{7}\right)^n$:

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ term} = a = \frac{4}{7}, \quad r = \frac{4}{7}$$

$$\text{Series sum} = S = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{4}{7}}{1 - \frac{4}{7}} = \frac{\frac{4}{7}}{\frac{3}{7}} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\text{so } S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{7}\right)^n = \frac{4}{3}$$

thus,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n + 4^n}{7^n} = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{9}{12} + \frac{16}{12} = \frac{25}{12}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n + 4^n}{7^n} = \frac{25}{12}$$

using the geometric series (e)

Problem 6 Fall 2007-14

How many of the following series converge?

① $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{n+2}$ $\rightarrow$ limit comparison test
 • comparison with: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/2}$
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n}$ diverges by the p-test

• then using limit comp test we find:

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

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{2}{n} \rightarrow 0}{1 + \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} \rightarrow 0} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}{\frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{n+2}} = 1$ and 1 is a finite positive constant

and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ diverges by the p-test, **① diverges** by the limit comparison test

② $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n + n^2}{3^n + n^3}$ $\rightarrow$ we can disregard n^2 and n^3 by intuition as they are insignificant

thus we examine:

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

this series $\downarrow$ is convergent by geometric series

② is convergent

Problem 6 (cont.)

③ $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2+3}{(n+4)^2} \rightarrow$ * nth term test $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2+3}{(n+4)^2} \xrightarrow{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}$ * l'Hopital's $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{2(n+4)(1)} \xrightarrow{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}$ * l'Hopital's $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{2} = 1$

Because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2+3}{(n+4)^2} = 1 (\neq 0)$, by the nth term test **③ diverges**

④ $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2} \rightarrow$ * integral test
 * the function is
 1) continuous on $[2, \infty)$
 2) positive on $[2, \infty)$ [for no input value will you get a negative output]
 3) decreasing: $f'(n) = \frac{\frac{n^2}{n} - \ln(n)2n}{n^4} = \frac{1-2\ln(n)}{n^3}$
 $\rightarrow f'(n) < 0$ for all inputs $[2, \infty)$

$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^2} dx$ * integration by parts
 $u = \ln x \quad dv = \frac{1}{x^2} dx$
 $du = \frac{1}{x} dx \quad v = -\frac{1}{x}$

$= \ln(x) \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) - \int_2^{\infty} -\frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx$

$= -\frac{\ln x}{x} + \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$

$= -\frac{\ln x}{x} - \frac{1}{x} \Big|_2^{\infty}$

$= \left[\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\ln a}{a} - \frac{1}{a} \right] - \left[-\frac{\ln 2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right]$
 * l'Hopital's = 0

$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^2} dx = \frac{\ln 2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ * according to the integral test **④ converges**

⑤ $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{\ln(n)} \rightarrow$ * nth term test $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{\ln(n)} \xrightarrow{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}$ * l'Hopital's $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2n^2 \xrightarrow{\infty}$

Because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{\ln(n)}$ goes to infinity ($\neq 0$), **⑤ diverges** According to the nth term test.

Both ② and ④ converge, so the answer is **C**

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Which statement is true of the following series?

• (i) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - \dots$ converges conditionally

• (ii) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (n!)^2}{(2n)!} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{20} - \dots$

• (iii) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^n}{n!} = 1 - 2 + \frac{9}{2} - \dots$

(i) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1}$ diverges according to the integral and p-tests
→ this means it cannot be absolutely convergent

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} =$$

alternating series test $b_i = \frac{1}{n+1}$

-if the alternating series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ satisfies:

① $b_{n+1} \leq b_n$ for all i :

$$\frac{1}{(n+1)+1} \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \quad \checkmark \text{ true}$$

② $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_i = 0$
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} = 0 \quad \checkmark \text{ true}$

so $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1}$ converges → these facts mean that (i) conditionally converges

according to the alternating series test.

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Problem 7 continued Fall 2007-15

(III) continued

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^n}{n!}$$

* alternating series test $a_n = (-1)^n b_n$

condition 1 (for convergence)

① $b_{n+1} \leq b_n$ for all n

$$b_n = \frac{n^n}{n!}$$

$$b_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)^{(n+1)}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$b_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)(n+1)^n}{(n+1)n!}$$

so

$b_n < b_{n+1}$ which does NOT follow condition ①

meaning the series does NOT converge by the alternating series test

in addition to previous information found,

(III) diverges due to the ratio and alt. series tests

(i) conditionally converges

(ii) converges absolutely

(iii) diverges

a

#14. $\sum \frac{\ln n}{n^3} \sim \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ converge. $p=2$.

[B]

$\sum \frac{n^2}{\ln n}$ diverge. n -th term test

$\sum \frac{n}{2^n}$ ratio test $r = \frac{1}{2} < 1$. converge.

$\sum e^{\frac{1}{n}}$ n -th term test $\rightarrow 1$. diverge.

#15. $\sum \frac{1}{2n-1} > \sum \frac{1}{2n} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\sum \frac{1}{n} \right)$ diverge $p=1$

[F]

#16. $\sum \frac{n^n}{n!}$ n -th term test. $\geq \sum 1$. diverge.

[B]

#17. $\sum \frac{(-1)^n (n+3) 2^{2n}}{3^{n+100}} \sim \left(\frac{4}{3} \right)^n$ $r > 1$. diverge.
ratio test.

[C]

#13. $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{3^n + 4^n}{7^n} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \left(\frac{3}{7} \right)^n + \sum_{n \geq 1} \left(\frac{4}{7} \right)^n = \frac{\frac{3}{7}}{1 - \frac{3}{7}} + \frac{\frac{4}{7}}{1 - \frac{4}{7}} = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{25}{12}$

[E]

#14. $\sum_n \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{n+2} \sim \sum \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} = \sum \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ diverge. $p = \frac{1}{2}$.

[C]

$\sum \frac{2^n + n^2}{3^n + n^3} \sim \sum \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n$ ratio test. $r = \frac{2}{3} < 1$, converge.

#14 - continued:

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^2 + 3}{(n+4)^2} \sim \sum \frac{n^2 + 3}{n^2 + 8n + 16} \sim \sum \frac{n^2}{n^2} = \sum 1 \text{ diverge .}$$

n -th term test.

$$\sum \frac{\ln n}{n^2} < \sum \frac{n^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n^2} = \sum \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \text{ converge } p = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\sum \frac{n^2}{\ln n} > \sum n \text{ diverge . } n\text{-th term test.}$$

#15. $\sum_{n \geq 1} (-1)^{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1}$ converge by alternating series test

A $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n+1}$ diverge by p -test $p=1$

so (I) is conditional convergent.

$$\sum \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!} \text{ ratio test } \gamma = \frac{1}{4} < 1. \text{ Convergent }$$

so (II) just converge absolutely.

$$\sum \frac{(-1)^n n^n}{n!} \text{ } n\text{-th term test. } \frac{n^n}{n!} > 1.$$

so (III) diverge anyway

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