

Lecture: 04/03 Calculus lecture

Solutions to quiz #17.

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

(a) Integral test. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 \ln x} > 0$, continuous, decr. on $(2, +\infty)$.

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 \ln x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^t \frac{1}{x^2 \ln x} dx < \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^t \frac{2}{x^2} dx$$
$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left. -\frac{2}{x} \right|_2^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{2}{t} + 1 \right) = 1. \quad \frac{1}{\ln x} \leq \frac{1}{\ln 2} < 2$$

Series converges.

(b) $3 - \frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{5^2} - \dots = a + ar + \dots$ is geom.
with $a = 3$, $r = -\frac{1}{5}$ Series converges to

$$\frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{3}{1+\frac{1}{5}} = \frac{5}{2}.$$

(c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n+1000}$ Divergence test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n+1000} =$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(1+\frac{1}{n})}{n(1+\frac{1000}{n})} = 1 \neq 0. \quad \underline{\text{Series diverges}}$$

Homework questions.



Sec. 9.4. Comparison of series (continued)

Limit comparison test (theorem 8.13):

Suppose $a_n > 0$ and $b_n > 0$ for all n and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_n}{b_n} \right) = L > 0$ ($L \neq \infty$). Then the two series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ either both converge or both diverge.

Idea: If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_n}{b_n} \right) = L > 0$, then sequences (a_n) and (b_n) have similar behavior as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Q1: What do you think happens if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_n}{b_n} \right) = 0$?

Q2: What do you think happens if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_n}{b_n} \right) = \infty$?

Ex 1: a) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 - 7n + 6}$ compare to $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n^3 - 7n + 6}}{\frac{1}{n^3}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3}{n^3 - 7n + 6} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3}{n^3 \left(1 - \frac{7}{n^2} + \frac{6}{n^3} \right)}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{1} = 1 = L > 0$$

$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 - 7n + 6}$ converges by Limit comparison test.

↑
Converges
p-series
 $p = 3 > 1$.

b) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n^4-3)^{1/3}}$ compare with a_n \uparrow converges

$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{4/3}}$
 p-series b_n
 $p = 4/3 > 1$
 converges.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{4/3}}{(n^4-3)^{1/3}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{4/3}}{[n^4(1-3/n^4)]^{1/3}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(1-3/n^4)^{1/3}} = \frac{1}{1} \quad L > 0$$

c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n} + n^{1/3}}{n+3}$ compare with \uparrow diverges.

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n}$
 $= \sum \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}$
 $p = 1/2 < 1$
 diverges.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n} + n^{1/3}}{n+3} \quad \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{1/2} (n^{1/2} + n^{1/3})}{n+3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{1/2} n^{1/2} (1 + n^{1/6})}{n(1+3/n)} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

If $a_n =$ ratio of two polynomials
 $\sum b_n =$ p-series.

Ex 2 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n + e^n}{3^n + n^2}$ compare $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{3^n}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n + e^n}{3^n + n^2} / \frac{e^n}{3^n}$ *converges.*

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n (2^n + e^n)}{e^n (3^n + n^2)} =$

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n \cdot e^n \left(\left(\frac{2}{e}\right)^n + 1 \right)}{e^n \cdot 3^n \left(1 + \frac{n^2}{3^n} \right)} = 1.$

geom.
 $r = e/3 < 1$
converges.

L'Hop.

Ex 3. a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n + 4^n}{3^n + 5^n}$ compare to $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^n}{5^n}$

converges.

b) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n} + 7}{n^{3/2}(\ln n + 16)}$ compare to $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^{3/2}(\ln n)}$

$\sum \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^p} = \begin{cases} \text{conv. } p > 1 \\ \text{div } p \leq 1 \end{cases}$
 diverges \uparrow integral test

c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(1/n)}{n}$ compare to $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1/n}{n} = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \Leftrightarrow x \rightarrow 0$ $\sin x \approx x$
 conv.

Random series.

a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n-1}}{n}$ limit comparison with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n}$
 diverges

b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n + 2} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n}$
 conv. \uparrow direct comparison or limit comparison
 conv.

c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$ ← geom.
↑ conv. $r = -\frac{2}{3}$
 $|r| = \frac{2}{3} < 1$.

