

Lecture: Calculus II lecture on 04/07/20.

Solutions to quiz 19.

Apply limit comparison test

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

1a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n+5}}{n - \sqrt{n+5}} \right)^n = a_n^n$  will compare to  $b_n^n$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n+5}}{n - \sqrt{n+5}} \right) / \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n} \cdot \sqrt{n(1+5/n)}}{n(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + 5/n)} = \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n} \cdot \sqrt{n} \cdot \sqrt{1+5/n}}{n(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + 5/n)} = \frac{1}{1} = 1 > 0$$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  diverges as a p-series with  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ ,

so does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+5}}{n - \sqrt{n+5}}$

b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n - 2^n}{3^n + 4^n}$  will compare to  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{4^n}$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{3^n - 2^n}{3^n + 4^n} \right) / \left( \frac{3^n}{4^n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^n \cdot (3^n (1 - (\frac{2}{3})^n))}{3^n \cdot (4^n ((\frac{3}{4})^n + 1))}$$

$$= 1 > 0.$$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$  is geom. with  $r = \frac{3}{4}$ , it converges.

Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n - 2^n}{3^n + 4^n}$  also converges

## Homework questions.

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

Direct comparison

Integral test  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} dx$

$$\frac{1}{n} < \frac{\ln n}{n}, \quad n > 3$$

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty \Rightarrow \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} = \infty \quad \uparrow \text{diverges.}$$

# 6  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} n}{3n+2}$   $a_n$  diverges by divergence test.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} \cdot n}{n(3 + \frac{2}{n})}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{3} = \text{DNE}$$

## Sec. 9.5. Alternating series (continued).

Recall Alternating Series test: Suppose in  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n$  or in  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} b_n$  all  $b_n$ 's are positive,  $b_n$ 's are decreasing and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ . Then series converges.

Note: In order to apply the test one needs to check

- $b_n \geq 0$  for all  $n$
- $b_{n+1} \leq b_n$  for all  $n$
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$

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- Alternating Series test is a test of convergence. So the only possible answers for this test are: series converges or the test is not applicable (need to apply some other test).

## Absolute and conditional convergence.

Ex: Consider the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n}{n^2} = \frac{\sin 1}{1^2} + \frac{\sin 2}{2^2} + \frac{\sin 3}{3^2} + \dots$$

$\sin 1 \approx .84$ ,  $\sin 2 \approx .91$ ,  $\sin 3 \approx .14$ ,  $\sin 4 \approx -.76$ ,  $\sin 5 \approx -.96$

This series has positive and negative terms, but it is not an alternating series, since the signs do not follow  $+, -, +, - \dots$  pattern.

. All the tests we know so far fail to apply:  
 this series is not alternating; it has infinitely many negative and positive terms, so direct/limit comparison tests also fail to apply.

. On the other hand, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\sin n|}{n^2}$  has non-neg. terms. Apply Direct comparison test.

$$0 \leq \frac{|\sin n|}{n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2}, \quad \sum \frac{|\sin n|}{n^2} < \sum \frac{1}{n^2} \leftarrow \text{converges p-series } p=2>1.$$

Absolute convergence test. If the series  $\sum |a_n|$  converges, then the series  $\sum a_n$  also converges.

Ex: So the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\sin n|}{n^2}$  converges

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\sin n|}{n^2}$  converges.

Explanation of absolute convergence test. Suppose  $\sum |a_n|$  converges.

Write  $a_n = \underline{a_n} + \underline{|a_n|} - \underline{|a_n|}$ .  
 $|5+15|=20$   
 $|5+1-5|=0$

Observe that  $0 \leq a_n + |a_n| \leq 2|a_n|$ , so the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + |a_n|)$  converges by Direct comparison test.

Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + |a_n|) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  also converges as a difference of two convergent series.

- A series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is called absolutely convergent if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges (then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  also converges)
- If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, but the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is called conditionally convergent.

Examples: Is each series below convergent or divergent?  
For convergent series, decide absolute/conditional convergence.

1. 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n} = b_n$$
 ← alternating series  

$$= -1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \dots$$
  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$   
 converges by alt. series test

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| (-1)^n \frac{1}{n} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \leftarrow \text{diverges.}$$

$$|(-1)^n| = |\pm 1| = 1.$$

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{n}$  converges conditionally.

2. 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n^2} \leftarrow \text{converges by Alt. series test.}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| (-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ converges}$$

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}$  converges absolutely.

$$3. +1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{32} + \dots$$

also  
 conv.  
 absolutely

Not alternating. Not geometric.

$a + ar + ar^2 + \dots$

Use absolute convergence test:

$$(1 + |\frac{1}{2}| + |-|\frac{1}{4}| + |\frac{1}{8}| + |\frac{1}{16}| + |-|\frac{1}{32}| + \dots)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} + \dots$$

↑  
geometric,  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ , so it converges.

So the original series also converges,  
because of abs. conv. test.

4.

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

Can't apply alt  
series test

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \frac{\ln n}{\ln n + 1} = \text{DNE}$$

diverges by divergence test.  
(not absolutely or conditionally convergent)

5.

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

$\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}$

Algebra:  $(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) = \frac{(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})}{(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})}$

Apply alt. series test:  $b_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} > 0$ ,

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

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}$  converges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| (-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}$$

compare to  $\sum \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}$

↑  
diverges.

Apply limit comparison test.

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

diverges.

Original series converges conditionally.



