

7.1 – Required Practice

#1. Write out the first 4 terms of the sequence defined by $a_n = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{n}{n+1}$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, -\frac{4}{5} \right\}$$

#2. $a_n = \frac{5n^2 + 3n}{2n^2 - n + 4}$

$$\left\{ \text{converges to } \frac{10}{4} \right\}$$

#3. $a_n = \frac{n!}{(n+1)!}$

$$\left\{ \text{converges to } 0 \right\}$$

#4. List the first 4 terms of the sequence:

$$a_n = 1 - (0.2)^n$$

$$\left\{ 0.8, 0.96, 0.992, 0.9984 \right\}$$

#5. Find an expression for the nth term:

$$\left\{ 1, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{9}, -\frac{8}{27}, \dots \right\}$$

$$a_n = (-1)^n \frac{2^n}{3^n} \quad (n \text{ starts at } 0)$$

or

$$a_n = (-1)^{n-1} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1} \quad (n \text{ starts at } 1)$$

#6. Determine if the sequence converges and if so find the limiting value:

$$a_n = \frac{3+5n^2}{n+n^2}$$

converges to 5

$$a_n = \frac{n!}{2^n}$$

diverges

#7. Determine if the sequence is monotonic, bounded, and if it converges:

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

The sequence is monotonic and bounded, and therefore converges.

Write the first 5 terms of the sequence:

#8. $a_n = 4n - 3$

1, 5, 9, 13, 17

#9. $a_n = (-1)^{n+1} \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)$

$2, -1, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{5}$

#10. Write the next two apparent terms

of the sequence: 2, 5, 8, 11, ...

14, 17

#11. Simplify: $\frac{(2n-1)!}{(2n+1)!}$

$\frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n)}$

#12. Find the limit (if possible) of the sequence: $a_n = \frac{3n+1}{5n-2}$

$\frac{3}{5}$

Determine the convergence or divergence of the sequence with the given nth term. If the sequence converges, find its limit:

#13. $a_n = \frac{5}{n+2}$

converges to 0

#14. $a_n = (-1)^n \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)$

diverges

#15. $a_n = \frac{(n+1)!}{n!}$

diverges

#16. $a_n = \frac{\sin(n)}{n}$

converges to 0

#17. Determine whether the sequence is monotonic and whether it is bounded.

$$a_n = 4 - \frac{1}{n}$$

monotonic and bounded

#18. Find an expression for the nth term:

$$\frac{1}{(2)(3)}, \frac{2}{(3)(4)}, \frac{3}{(4)(5)}, \frac{4}{(5)(6)}, \dots$$

$$a_n = \frac{n}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

7.2 – Required Practice

Examples: Determine if the series converges and if so to what sum.

#1. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n$

#2. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n$

#3. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3(1.1)^n$

converges
to $\frac{3}{1-(\frac{1}{4})} = 4$

converges
to $\frac{(\frac{3}{4})}{1-(\frac{1}{4})} = 1$

diverges

#4. Write the repeating decimal as a geometric series and as a ratio of two integers: $0.\overline{36}$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 0.36\left(\frac{1}{100}\right)^n = \frac{36}{99}$$

Determine if the series converges and if so to what sum.

#5. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{2n-1}$

#6. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$

diverges
by the n^{th} term test

none of our tools
work on this one
(stay tuned... more to come...)

Examples

Determine if the series converges and if so to what sum.

$$\#7. -2 + \frac{5}{2} - \frac{25}{8} + \frac{125}{32} - \dots$$

This geometric series **diverges**

$$\#8. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln\left(\frac{n}{2n+5}\right)$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln\left(\frac{n}{2n+5}\right)$ diverges
by the n^{th} term test

Determine if the series converges and if so to what sum.

$$\#9. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{1+n^2}}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{1+n^2}}$ **diverges**
by the n^{th} term test

Find the values of x for which the series converges, and find the sum of the series for those values of x .

$$\#10. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{3^n}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{3^n}$ converges
for $-3 < x < 3$

Find the sequence of partial sums $S_1, S_2, S_3,$ and $S_4.$

#11. $1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25} + \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= 1 \\ S_2 &= \frac{5}{4} \\ S_3 &= \frac{49}{36} \\ S_4 &= \frac{205}{144} \end{aligned}$$

#12. $3 - \frac{9}{2} + \frac{27}{4} - \frac{81}{8} + \frac{243}{16} - \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= 3 \\ S_2 &= -\frac{3}{2} \\ S_3 &= \frac{21}{4} \\ S_4 &= -\frac{39}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Verify that the infinite series diverges:

#13. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^n$

diverges
(geometric)

#14. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2+1}$

diverges
(by nth term test)

Verify that the infinite series converges:

#15. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^n$ converges by Geometric series w/ $|r| < 1$

#16. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$ converges to 1

- Not Geometric,
- n^{th} term test inconclusive
- but can find a pattern in the partial sums and evaluate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$

#17. Find the sum of the convergent series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n$$

$$S = \frac{(-\frac{1}{5})}{1 - (\frac{1}{5})} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

#18. Write the repeating decimal as a geometric series and write the sum of the series as a fraction:

$$0.\overline{81} = \boxed{\frac{81}{99}}$$

Determine if the series is convergent or divergent:

#19. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{1000}$

diverges (geometric)

#20. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\ln(n)}$

diverges by nth term test

#21. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-n}$

converges (geometric)

(nth term test $\neq 0$, inconclusive)

7.3 – Required Practice

Use the Integral Test to determine if the series converges or diverges:

#1. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2+1}$ diverges by the integral test

#2. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+1}$ converges by the integral test

Use the Integral Test to determine if the series converges or diverges:

#3. $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+1}$ converges by the integral test

Determine if the series converges or diverges:

#4. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$

diverges

by the p-series test

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

converges

by the p-series test

Determine if the series converges or diverges:

$$\#6. \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n}$$

diverges

by the integral test

$$\#7. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

diverges

by the p-series test

(integral test
can be used too)

$$\#8. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3n+1}$$

diverges

by the integral test

Confirm that the integral test applies, then use it to determine if the series converges or diverges.

#9. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+3}$

← (must be done to use integral test, even if the problem doesn't state it) **

diverges by the integral test

** look at notes or extra packet problems
to see required format for show conditions & work
for full credit **

#10. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-n}$

converges by the integral test

Confirm that the integral test applies, then use it to determine if the series converges or diverges.

#11. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2}$ converges by the integral test

#12. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n}{2n^2 + 1}$ diverges by the integral test

Explain why the integral test does not apply to the series.

$$\#13. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$$

Not all a_n are positive

$$\#14. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 + \sin(n)}{n}$$

f is not always decreasing

Use the p-series test to determine the convergence or divergence of the series.

$$\#15. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$$

converges

by p-series test

$$\#16. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/4}}$$

diverges

by p-series test

$$\#17. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.03}}$$

converges

by p-series test

7.4 – Required Practice

#1. Example: Determine if the following series converges or diverges: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{2^n - 1}$

Diverges by Direct Comparison Test
with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{2^n}$

#2. Example: Determine if the following series converges or diverges: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3n^2 - 4n + 5}$

Converges by Limit Comparison Test
with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$

#3. Example: Determine if the following series converges or diverges: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$

diverges by Limit Comparison Test
with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$

#4. Example: Determine if the following series converges or diverges: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2 + \sqrt{n}}$

(use limit comparison test)

diverges by Limit Comparison Test
with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

Determine if the following series converge or diverge

#5. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 - 1}$

converges by Limit Comparison Test w/ $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$

(wrong side for direct — does not work)

#6. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2+3^n}$ converges by Direct Comparison Test w/ $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{3^n}$

$$\#7. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4+3^n}{2^n}$$

diverges

by Direct Comparison Test

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

$$\#9. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4+3^n}{2^n} \text{ (use Limit comparison)}$$

diverges

by Limit Comparison Test

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

$$\#8. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^5+4}}$$

converges

by Direct Comparison Test

$$\text{w/ } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^5}}$$

Use the Direct Comparison Test to determine the convergence or divergence of the series.

$$\#10. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1}$$

diverges

by Direct Comparison Test with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n}$

$$\#11. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}-1}$$

diverges

by Direct Comparison Test with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

$$\#12. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4\sqrt[3]{n}-1}$$

diverges

by Direct Comparison Test with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4\sqrt[3]{n}}$

Use the Limit Comparison Test to determine the convergence or divergence of the series.

#13. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2+1}$

diverges

by Limit Comparison Test with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$

#14. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}}$

diverges

by Limit Comparison Test with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2}}$

#15. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n+1}{5^n+1}$

converges

by Limit Comparison Test with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{5^n}$

#16. Which test (nth-Term, Geometric, p-Series, Integral, Direct Comparison, or Limit Comparison) would you use to determine the convergence of the series? (Don't actually perform the test, just state which test is best...each test must be used at least once.)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{n}}{n} \quad \boxed{p\text{-series}}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5 \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)^n \quad \boxed{\text{Geometric}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n + 1} \quad \boxed{\text{Direct Comparison}} \quad \text{w/ } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n} \\ \text{(or Limit)}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \frac{1}{n^3 - 8} \quad \boxed{\text{Limit Comparison}} \quad \text{w/ } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \quad \text{(direct won't work)}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n}{3n-2} \quad \boxed{\text{nth term test}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n^2+1)^2} \quad \boxed{\text{Integral test}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n(n+3)} \quad \boxed{\text{Direct Comparison}} \quad \text{w/ } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n^2} \\ \text{(or Limit)}$$

7.5 – Required Practice

Determine the convergence or divergence of the series.

#1. Example: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{2^{n-1}}$

Converges by the Alternating Series Test

** Look at the examples in the notes
or extra practice packet to see

how to format all the required supporting work ~~xxx~~

#2. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{n^2}{n^2+4}$ Diverges

by the n^{th} term test

(cannot use Alternating Series Test)

Determine the convergence or divergence of the series.

#3. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\ln(n)}{n}$

converges

by the Alternating Series Test

#4. $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{4} - \frac{3}{5} + \frac{4}{6} - \frac{5}{7} + \dots$

diverges

by the n th term test

(Alt. series test does not apply)

Determine the convergence or divergence of the series.

#5.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n(n+4)}$$

Telescoping series converges (to the sum $\frac{25}{12}$)

#6.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

converges

by the Alternating Series Test

Determine the convergence or divergence of the series.

#7. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{3^n}$ converges
by the Alternating Series Test

#8. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{5n-1}{4n+1}$ diverges
by the n^{th} term test

#9. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{\ln(n)}{n}$ converges
by the Alternating Series Test

Determine the convergence or divergence of the series.

#10. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ converges
by the Alternating Series Test

#11. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{n+1}{\ln(n+1)}$ diverges
by the n th term test

#12. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}\right)$ diverges

by the n th term test

(term values oscillate between -1 and $+1$)

Determine the convergence or divergence of the series.

#13. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!}$ converges
by the Alternating Series test

#14. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+2}$ converges
by the Alternating Series Test

#15. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{6}{n(n+2)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{n} - \frac{3}{n+2} \right)$ (by partial fraction expansion)

Telescoping Series converges

(to the sum $\frac{9}{2}$)

7.6 – Required Practice

Determine whether the series converges absolutely or conditionally, or diverges.

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

#2. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+3}$ converges conditionally

*** As always with this unit, take a close look at all the supporting work required in notes or extra packet ***

$$\#3. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (2n+3)}{n+10} \quad \boxed{\text{diverges}}$$

(by nth term test)

Determine whether the series converges absolutely, conditionally, or diverges.

$$\#4. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{2^n} \quad \boxed{\text{converges absolutely}}$$

Determine whether the series converges absolutely, conditionally, or diverges.

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

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

Determine whether the series converges absolutely, conditionally, or diverges.

$$7. \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{n^3 - 5}$$

Converges absolutely

7.7 – Required Practice

Determine whether the series converges absolutely, conditionally, or diverges.

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

converges absolutely

by the Ratio Test

#2. $a_1 = 2, a_{n+1} = \frac{5n+1}{4n+3} a_n$

2, 2, 2.13333333, 2.357894....

diverges

by the Ratio Test

Determine whether the series converges absolutely, conditionally, or diverges.

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

① Ratio Test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\left(\frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{(n+1)+1} \right)}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1} \right)} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)\sqrt{n+1}}{(n+2)\sqrt{n}} \right|$$

$$= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

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

$$= (1) \sqrt{1}$$

$$= 1$$

(inconclusive)

② check $\sum |a_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1}$

Limit Comparison with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{1/2}}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}$

p-series, $p = 1/2$, diverge

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1} \right)}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} \right)}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = 1 \text{ (finite, positive, series are "linked")}$$

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1}$ also diverges by Limit Comparison Test

③ Alternating Series Test on $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1} = 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} = \infty$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1) = \infty$ (L'Hopital's Rule)

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{2}n^{-1/2}}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} = 0 \checkmark$$

$a_{n+1} \leq a_n$ $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x+1} = \frac{x^{1/2}}{x+1}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x+1)(\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}) - x^{1/2}(1)}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{x+1}{2(x+1)^2} - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x+1} = \frac{x+1}{2(x+1)^2} - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x+1} \left(\frac{2\sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{x}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{x+1-2x}{2\sqrt{x}(x+1)^2} = \frac{-x+1}{2\sqrt{x}(x+1)^2} < 0 \text{ for } x > 1$$

decreasing, so $a_{n+1} \leq a_n \checkmark$

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1}$ converges by Alternating Series Test

④ since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1}$ diverges, but $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1}$ converges,

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1}$ is conditionally convergent

Determine whether the series converges absolutely, conditionally, or diverges.

$$\#4. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2n}}{n^n}$$

converges absolutely

by the Root Test

$$\#5. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2n}{n+1} \right)^n$$

diverges

by the Root Test

Simplify the expression fully.

$$\#6. \frac{n5^{n+2}}{5^{n+1}} = \boxed{5n}$$

$$\#7. \frac{(n+1)!}{(n-2)!} = \boxed{(n+1)(n)(n-1)}$$

Use the Ratio Test to determine the convergence or divergence of the series.

$$\#8. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n} \quad \boxed{\text{converges}}$$

by the Ratio Test

$$\#9. \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{3^n} \quad \boxed{\text{diverges}}$$

by the Ratio Test

$$\#10. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{9^n}{n^5} \quad \boxed{\text{diverges}}$$

by the Ratio Test

$$\#11. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{n^5} \quad \boxed{\text{diverges}}$$

by the Ratio Test

Use the Ratio Test to determine the convergence or divergence of the series.

#12.
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2^{4n}}{(2n+1)!}$$

converges absolutely

by the Ratio Test

#13.
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5^n}{2^n + 1}$$

diverges

by the Ratio Test

Use the Root Test to determine the convergence or divergence of the series.

#14. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{2n+1} \right)^n$

converges
by the Root Test

#15. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(\ln(n))^n}$

converges
by the Root Test

#16. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2^{\sqrt{n}} + 1)^n$

diverges
by the Root Test

#17. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-3n}$

converges
by the Root Test

7.8 - Required Practice

#1. Example: Approximate the sum of the series by its first six terms:

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

$$\frac{91}{144} - \frac{1}{5040} < S < \frac{91}{144} + \frac{1}{5040}$$

$$0.631746 < S < 0.632143$$

#2. Example: Determine the number of terms required to approximate the sum of the series with an error of less than 0.001:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n^4}$$

include $N=5$ terms

#3. How many terms of the series do we need to approximate the sum to an error of < 0.002 ?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{4^n}$$

include $N=5$ terms

Approximate the sum of the series using the first 6 terms.

$$\#4. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5(-1)^n}{n!} \approx \boxed{\frac{-455}{144}}$$

$$\#5. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n^3} \approx \boxed{1.76867}$$

How many terms are required to approximate the series with an error of less than 0.001?

$$\#6. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^3}$$

include $N=10$ terms

Unit 7 Part 1 Test Review

Determine whether the series diverges or converges (you must show work to justify using a valid and identify the test).

#1) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2n^3+1}{n^3-1} \right)^n$ (root test)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{2n^3+1}{n^3-1} \right)^n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^3+1}{n^3-1} = 2 > 1$$

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2n^3+1}{n^3-1} \right)^n$ diverges
by the root test

#2) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8^n}{5^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{8}{5} \right)^n$

Geometric, w/ $|r| = \left| \frac{8}{5} \right| > 1$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8^n}{5^n}$ diverges
by Geometric Series Test

#3) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{4^n - 1}$ (Limit Comparison)

w/ $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{4^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^n$
Geometric, w/ $|r| = \left| \frac{3}{4} \right| < 1$
converges

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{3^n}{4^n - 1} \right)}{\left(\frac{3^n}{4^n} \right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^n}{4^n - 1} = 1$$

(don't need to show L'Hopital, but could)

finite, positive, so series "linked"

\therefore Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{4^n}$ converges

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{4^n - 1}$ also converges
by Limit Comparison Test

(Direct compare doesn't work)

#4) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\ln(n)}$ (nth term)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\ln(n)} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n = \infty \quad \left(\frac{\infty}{\infty} \right) \text{ Utp}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(n) = \infty$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{n} \right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n = \infty \neq 0$$

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\ln(n)}$ diverges
by nth term test

Determine whether the series diverges or converges (you must show work to justify using a valid and identify the test).

#5) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{3^n}$ (ratio test)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)!}{3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{3^n}{n!} \right|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)n! \cdot 3^n}{3 \cdot 3^n n!} \right|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n+1}{3} \right| = \infty$$

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{3^n}$ diverges
by the ratio test

#6) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n + 1}$ (Direct Comparison)

compare w/ $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n$
geometric w/ $|r| = \frac{1}{5} < 1$

$$\frac{1}{5^{n+1}} < \frac{1}{5^n}$$

converges

(correct side)

\therefore Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n}$ converges

and $\frac{1}{5^{n+1}} < \frac{1}{5^n}$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^{n+1}}$ also converges
by the Direct Comparison Test

#7) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n}{2n^2 + 1}$ (integral test)

\checkmark a_n positive for $n \geq 1$

\checkmark $f(x) = \frac{4x}{2x^2 + 1}$ continuous for $x \geq 1$

$$\checkmark f'(x) = \frac{(2x^2 + 1)(4) - 4x(4x)}{(2x^2 + 1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{8x^2 + 4 - 16x^2}{(2x^2 + 1)^2} = \frac{-8x^2 + 4}{(2x^2 + 1)^2} < 0 \text{ for } x \geq 1$$

decreasing \checkmark

\therefore integral test applies:

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{4x}{2x^2 + 1} dx \quad u = 2x^2 + 1 \quad du = 4x dx$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_3^b \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln|u| \right]_3^b$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln|b| - \ln(3) = \infty$$

Integral diverges,

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n}{2n^2 + 1}$ diverges
by Integral Test

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

p-series, w/ $p=2$

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

by p-series test

Determine whether the series diverges or converges (you must show work to justify using a valid and identify the test).

#9) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^3}{n^3+4}$ (nth term)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^3}{n^3+4} = 2 \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^3}{n^3+4} \text{ diverges}$$

by nth term test

#10) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{5n-1}{4n+1}$ (nth term test)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n-1}{4n+1} = \frac{5}{4} \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{5n-1}{4n+1} \text{ diverges}$$

by nth term test

(don't need to do conditional vs absolute unless problem specifically asks for it)

#11) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5 \frac{2^n}{3^n}$

Geometric

$$\text{w/ } |r| = \left| \frac{2}{3} \right| < 1$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5 \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n \text{ converges}$$

by Geometric Series Test



#12) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2}\right)$ (write out some terms)

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{2}\right) + \dots$$

$$(1) + (-1) + (1) + (-1) + \dots$$

oscillating

$$\text{so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2}\right) \text{ diverges}$$

by nth term test

Determine whether the series diverges or converges (you must show work to justify using a valid and identify the test).

#13) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1^n}{5^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n$

Geometric
w/ $|r| = \left|\frac{1}{5}\right| < 1$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n}$ converges
by Geometric Series Test

#14) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1}$ (Direct (or Limit) Comparison)

w/ $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ p-series w/ $p=1$ diverges

$\frac{1}{2n} < \frac{1}{2n-1}$
→ correct side for direct

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n}$ diverges
and $\frac{1}{2n} < \frac{1}{2n-1}$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1}$ also diverges
by Direct Comparison Test

#15) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2}$ (Integral test)

✓ a_n positive for $n > 1$

✓ $f(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{x^2}$ continuous for $x > 1$

✓ $f'(x) = \frac{x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} - \ln(x) \cdot (2x)}{(x^2)^2}$
 $= \frac{x - 2x \ln(x)}{x^4} = \frac{x(1 - 2 \ln(x))}{x^4} < 0$ for $x > 1$

(decreasing)

∴ Integral test applies

$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^2} dx$ by parts: $u = \ln x \quad dv = x^{-2} dx$
 $du = \frac{1}{x} dx \quad v = -\frac{1}{x}$

$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [uv - \int v du]_1^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{x} \ln x + \int x^{-2} dx\right]_1^b$

$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{\ln b}{b} - \frac{1}{b}\right] - \left[-\frac{\ln 1}{1} - \frac{1}{1}\right]$

$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{b}$

$[0 - 0] + \ln(1) + 1$

Integral converges

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2}$ converges
by Integral Test

#16) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2+1}$ (Limit Comparison)

w/ $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ p-series w/ $p=1$ diverges

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n}{n^2+1}}{\frac{n}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2+1} = 1$
finite, positive (series "linked")

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

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2+1}$ also diverges
by Limit Comparison Test

Determine whether the series diverges or converges (you must show work to justify using a valid and identify the test).

$$\#17) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-2)^n \quad (\text{nth term test})$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-2)^n \neq 0$$

$$(-2) + (4) + (-8) + (16) \dots$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-2)^n \text{ diverges} \\ \text{by the } n^{\text{th}} \text{ term test}$$

$$\#18) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5n^4}{n^4 + n^2 + 7} \quad (\text{nth term test})$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n^4}{n^4 + n^2 + 7} = 5 \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5n^4}{n^4 + n^2 + 7} \text{ diverges} \\ \text{by the } n^{\text{th}} \text{ term test}$$

$$\#19) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{9^n}{n^5} \quad (\text{ratio test})$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{9^{n+1}}{(n+1)^5} \cdot \frac{n^5}{9^n} \right|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{9 \cdot 9^n n^5}{(n+1)^5 9^n} \right|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{9n^5}{(n+1)^5} \right|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{9n^5}{n^5 + \dots} \right| = 9 > 1$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{9^n}{5^n} \text{ diverges} \\ \text{by the Ratio Test}$$

$$\#20) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{n^{0.4}} = 5 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{0.4}}$$

p-series
w/ $p = 0.4$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{n^{0.4}} \text{ diverges} \\ \text{by p-series Test}$$

Determine whether the series diverges or converges (you must show work to justify using a valid and identify the test).

#21) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{2n+1}\right)^n$ (root test)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{n}{2n+1}\right)^n}$$

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

∴ $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{2n+1}\right)^n$ converges
by the Root Test

#22) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{3^n}$ (alternating series test)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3^n} = 0 \checkmark$$

$$a_{n+1} \leq a_n \checkmark$$

$$\frac{1}{3^{n+1}} < \frac{1}{3^n} \checkmark$$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ and $a_{n+1} \leq a_n$

the alternating series

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{3^n}$ converges
by the Alternating Series Test

Determine whether the series converges absolutely, conditionally, or diverges:

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

check $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$ (ratio test)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\left(\frac{1}{(n+1)!}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{n!}\right)} \right|$$

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{n+1} \right| = 0 < 1$$

∴ $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$ converges
(by Ratio Test)

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$ converges,

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

Determine whether the series converges absolutely, conditionally, or diverges:

$$\#24) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\text{check } \sum |a_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

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

p-series

with $p = 1/2$

diverges

now, alternating series test:

$$\cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0 \checkmark$$

$$\cdot a_{n+1} \leq a_n$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \checkmark$$

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

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ diverges, but $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ converges,

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

$$\#25) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2}$$

$$\text{check } \sum |a_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2}$$

(nth term test)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2}$$

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

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2}$ diverges
by nth term test

Now, alternating series test:

$$\cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2} = 1 \neq 0$$

(Alternating Series Test
does not apply)

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2} \text{ diverges}$$

by nth term test

#26) Determine the minimum number of terms required to approximate the sum of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{2n^3 - 1} \text{ with an error of less than } 0.0005.$$

$$|\text{error}| < |\text{1st neglected term}|$$

$$|(N+1) \text{ term}| < 0.0005$$

$$\frac{1}{2(N+1)^3 - 1} < 0.0005$$

$$2(N+1)^3 - 1 > 2000$$

$$2(N+1)^3 > 2001$$

$$(N+1)^3 > \frac{2001}{2}$$

$$N+1 > \sqrt[3]{\frac{2001}{2}}$$

$$N > \sqrt[3]{\frac{2001}{2}} - 1 = 9.001666389 \uparrow$$

include $N = 10$ terms