

Lecture 11

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1.

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{15} + \cdots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3n} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

so it diverges (by p -test).

2.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+2^n}{3^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n\right) - 1 + \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n\right) - 1 = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{3}} - 2 = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{1} - 2 = \frac{5}{2}$$

using $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n = \frac{a}{1-r}$ for $|r| < 1$.

3.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^k$$

diverges since $|\frac{\pi}{3}| > 1$ since $3 < \pi$.

4.

$$\begin{aligned} 1.53\overline{42} &= 1.53 + 0.00\overline{42} = 1.53 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 0.0042 \left(\frac{1}{100}\right)^{n-1} \\ &= \frac{153}{100} + \frac{42}{10000} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{100}} \\ &= \frac{153}{100} + \frac{42}{10000} \cdot \frac{100}{99} \\ &= \frac{153 \cdot 99 + 42}{100 \cdot 99} \\ &= \frac{5063}{3300} \end{aligned}$$

5. For what value of x does this converge, and to what

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-2)^n}{3^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x-2}{3}\right)^n$$

We know that this converges iff $|\frac{x-2}{3}| < 1$ iff $|x-2| < 3$ iff $-1 < x < 5$.

When it converges, it converges to $\frac{1}{1-\frac{x-2}{3}} = \frac{3}{5-x}$.

6. Using integral test, since the function is positive, decreasing and continuous

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+2n} \approx \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+2x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln |1+2x| \right]_0^t = \infty$$

so it diverges.

Alternatively, using comparison test

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+2n} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+2n} \geq 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3n} = 1 + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

diverges.

7. Using integral test, since the function is positive, decreasing and continuous

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^3} \approx \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{\ln x}{x^3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\ln x}{-3x^2} \right]_1^t - \int_1^t \frac{1}{-2x^3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\ln x}{-2x^2} - \frac{1}{4x^2} \right]_1^t = \frac{1}{4}$$

by integration by parts $u = \ln x$, $du = \frac{1}{x}$, $v = \frac{1}{-2x^2}$, $dv = \frac{1}{x^3}$

Alternatively, using comparison test

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^3} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^3} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

since $\ln n < n$ for all $n \geq 1$ (because $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}$ so $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x \leq 1$ for all $x \geq 1$ and $\ln 1 = 0 < 1$). So it converges by p -test.

8. Using integral test, since the function is positive, decreasing and continuous

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + n^3} &\approx \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 + x^3} dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2(x+1)} dx \\ &= \int_1^{\infty} -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x+1} dx \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\ln|x| + \frac{1}{-x} + \ln|x+1| \right]_1^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln \left| \frac{x+1}{x} \right| + \frac{1}{-x} \right]_1^t = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, using comparison test

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

converges by p -test.