

## Quiz 11 - 8.4

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  Q: Does the series converge? Yes/No  
(Evaluating the series is hard.)

Convergence Tests:

① Divergence test: If  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k \neq 0$ ,  $\sum_1^{\infty} a_k$  diverges

② Integral test: if  $a_k = f(k)$  where (i)  $f$  is decreasing (ii) continuous (iii) positive, then

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  diverges or converges with  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ .

③  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a \cdot r^k \rightarrow$  converges if  $|r| < 1$   
diverges if  $|r| \geq 1$ .

$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \rightarrow$  converges if  $p > 1$   
diverges if  $0 < p \leq 1$   
( $p > 0$ )

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## 8.5 Ratio, Root, Comparison Tests.

① Comparison Test

If  $\sum a_k, \sum b_k$  have positive terms  
then 1) if  $0 < a_k \leq b_k$  for all  $k$  and  $\sum b_k$   
converges then  $\sum a_k$  converges.

2) if  $0 < b_k \leq a_k$  for all  $k$  and  $\sum b_k$  diverges  
then  $\sum a_k$  diverges. |

e.g.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^3+1}$

Think:  $\frac{k}{k^3+1} \sim \frac{k}{k^3} = \frac{1}{k^2}$   
if  $k$  large.

So we want

$$\frac{k}{k^3+1} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$k^3 \stackrel{?}{\leq} k^3+1 \quad \checkmark$$

So verified.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \text{ converges } (2 > 1)$$

Since  $\frac{k}{k^3+1} \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$  all  $k$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^3+1} \text{ converges since}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \text{ converges.}$$

e.g.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k^3+1}}$

$$\sqrt{\frac{k}{k^3+1}} \sim \sqrt{\frac{1}{k^2}} = \frac{1}{k}$$

Want:

$$\frac{1}{k} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k^3+1}}$$

$$\frac{1}{k^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{k}{k^3+1}$$

$$k^3+1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} k^3$$

$$1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \quad \underline{\underline{\text{NO}}}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \text{ diverges so we}$$

suspect  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k^3+1}}$  diverges

Try:  $\frac{1}{2k} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k^3+1}}$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$$

diverges.

$$\frac{1}{4k^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{k}{k^3+1}$$

$$\frac{k^3+1}{-k^3} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{4k^3}{-k^3}$$

$$1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 3k^3 \checkmark$$

verified

Since  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k}$  diverges  
 so does  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k^3+1}}$

e.g.  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{[k \ln(k)]^2} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 (\ln k)^2}$

Want:

$$\frac{1}{k^2 (\ln k)^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$k^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} k^2 (\ln k)^2$$

$$1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} (\ln k)^2$$

$$1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \ln k$$

true if  $k \geq 3$

verified

Think:  $\frac{1}{k^2 (\ln k)^2}$  goes to 0

faster than  $\frac{1}{k^2}$  and

$\sum \frac{1}{k^2}$  converges. So

suspect  $\sum \frac{1}{k^2 (\ln k)^2}$  converges.

Since  $\sum \frac{1}{k^2}$  converges  
 so does  $\sum \frac{1}{k^2 (\ln k)^2}$

e.g 30)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{.0001}{k+4} = .0001 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k+4}$

Just look at  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k+4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{k+4} \sim \frac{1}{k}$

want  $\frac{1}{k} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{1}{k+4}$  NO

suspect  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k+1}$

How about  $\frac{1}{2k} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{1}{k+4}$

diverges because  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$  diverges.

$$k+4 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 2k$$

$$4 \stackrel{?}{\leq} k \checkmark$$

verified for  $k \geq 4$ .

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k+4}$  diverges since  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k}$  diverges.

34)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^k - 2^k}$

$$\frac{1}{3^k - 2^k} \sim \frac{1}{3^k} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^k$$

want  $\frac{1}{3^k - 2^k} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{1}{3^k}$  NO

suspect  $\sum \frac{1}{3^k - 2^k}$  conv.

since  $\sum \frac{1}{3^k}$  conv.

Try!  $\frac{1}{2(3^k - 2^k)} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{1}{3^k}$

$$2^{k+1} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 3^k \checkmark \text{ VERIFIED.}$$

$$3^k \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \cdot 3^k - 2^{k+1} \quad (k+1) \ln(2) \leq k \ln(3)$$

$$0 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3^k - 2^{k+1} \quad 4 \ln 2 \leq k(\ln 3 + \ln 2) \checkmark$$

So  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2(3^k - 2^k)}$  converges since  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^k}$  converges.

So  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^k - 2^k}$  converges.

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$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^k - 2^k}$$

$$\frac{1}{3^k - 2^k} = \frac{1}{2^k \left( \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^k - 1 \right)}$$

want:

comp to  $\frac{1}{2^k}$

~~$\frac{1}{3^k - 2^k}$~~   $\frac{1}{3^k - 2^k} = \frac{1}{2^k \left( \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^k - 1 \right)} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{1}{2^k}$

$$2^k \stackrel{?}{\leq} 2^k \left( \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^k - 1 \right)$$

$$1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^k - 1$$

$$2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^k$$

✓ verified  
if  $k \geq 2$ .

## ② Limit Comparison Test.

$\sum a_k, \sum b_k$  positive terms.

Suppose  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} = L$

1) If  $0 < L < \infty$  then  $\sum a_k$  and  $\sum b_k$  converge or diverge together

2) If  $L = 0$  then  $a_k \rightarrow 0$  faster than  $b_k$  so if  $\sum b_k$  converges, so does  $\sum a_k$

3) If  $L = \infty$  then  $b_k \rightarrow 0$  faster than  $a_k$  so if  $\sum b_k$  diverges so does  $\sum a_k$ .

e.g.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^3+1} \quad \frac{k}{k^3+1} \sim \frac{1}{k^2}$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{k}{k^3+1}}{\frac{1}{k^2}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^3}{k^3+1} = 1$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^3+1} \text{ converges.}$$

e.g.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k^3+1}}$        $\sqrt{\frac{k}{k^3+1}} \sim \frac{1}{k}$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{k}{k^3+1}}}{\frac{1}{k}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{k}{k^3+1}}{\frac{1}{k^2}}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{k^3}{k^3+1}} = 1$$

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k^3+1}}$  diverges with  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$

e.g.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^k - 2^k}$        $\frac{1}{3^k - 2^k} \sim \frac{1}{3^k} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^k$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{3^k - 2^k}}{\frac{1}{3^k}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^k}{3^k - 2^k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k} = 1$$

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^k - 2^k}$  converges with  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^k$