

Tests on Series § section (9-2, 9-3, 9-4)

(i) Integral Test § $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ series is positive and decreasing

ie $a_k > a_{k+1} > a_{k+2}$

then take $a_k = f(k)$ make a_k a function of x and integrate

$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx \rightarrow$ converges then $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ also converges

(ii) Ordinary Comparison § we have to series $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$

and $a_n \leq b_n$. (a) if $\sum b_n$ converges then $\sum a_n$ converges ^{too}

$\therefore \sum b_n$ is greater than $\sum a_n$.

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~~(b) $a_n \leq b_n$~~

$a_n \leq b_n$. (b) if $\sum a_n$ is diverging then $\sum b_n$ is also diverging \because the smaller ^(a_n) diverges than bigger ^(b_n) should diverge too.

but if $\sum a_n$ is converging then we cannot say anything about $\sum b_n$.

(iii) Limit Comparison Test: we got two series

$\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$. $\sum a_n$ is given in the question

and $\sum b_n$ is a series similar to $\sum a_n$ but we know if it diverges or converges.

then find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L$

then if $0 < L < \infty$ is a finite number, but $\neq 0$

then $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ converge and diverge together!

ie. if $\sum b_n$ converges $\dots \sum a_n$ also converges.

if $\sum b_n$ diverges $\dots \sum a_n$ also diverges.

if $L = 0$ then test is inconclusive!

(iv) Ratio Test: $\sum a_n$ is a positive terms series. ~~Use another test then~~

then
$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$$

(a) $\rho < 1$ converges

(b) $\rho > 1$ or ∞ series diverges

(c) $\rho = 1$ test is inconclusive!

ex: $\sum a_n = \sum \frac{1}{2^n}$

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

$$\rho = \frac{\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}}{\frac{1}{2^n}} = \frac{1}{2} < 1.$$

$\frac{1}{2^n}$ converges!