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1. Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  such that  $a_n > 0$ , and  $S_n$  = the  $n$ -th partial sum of the series.

Complete each statement.

(6 points) (i) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n) = \frac{1}{3}$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n) = 0$

because

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n) = \frac{1}{3}$  means that the series converges to the sum  $\frac{1}{3}$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)$  MUST = 0

(6 points) (ii) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n) = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n) =$  does not exist

because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n) \neq 0$  means the series MUST diverge.

(6 points) (iii) The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{|2 \cos(n)+3|}{n^5+2} \right)$  *converges*      *diverges*  
(choose one)

because we can use the Basic Comparison Test with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5}{n^5} \right)$ .

$a_n = \left( \frac{|2 \cos(n)+3|}{n^5+2} \right) \leq \frac{5}{n^5+2} \leq \frac{5}{n^5} = b_n$        $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5}{n^5} \right)$  is a convergent p-series with  $p = 5 > 1$

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2. Answer each question for the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{6}{n(n+2)} \right)$ .

(6 points) (i) Use the Limit Comparison Test to determine whether the series converges or diverges. You must show supporting work.

*converges*      *diverges*  
(choose one)

$$a_n = \frac{6}{n(n+2)} \approx \frac{6}{n^2} = b_n \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{6}{n^2} \right) \text{ is a convergent p-series with } p = 2 > 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{6}{n(n+2)} \right) \left( \frac{n^2}{6} \right) \rightarrow \frac{6n^2}{6n^2} = 1 > 0 \text{ and finite}$$

(6 points) (ii) Determine the value of the partial sum  $S_5$ . You must show supporting work.

$$S_5 = \frac{6}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{6}{2 \cdot 4} + \frac{6}{3 \cdot 5} + \frac{6}{4 \cdot 6} + \frac{6}{5 \cdot 7} = 2 + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{6}{35}$$

(6 points) (iii) Determine the total sum of the series, if it exists. You must show supporting work.

$$S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{3}{1} + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{n+1} - \frac{3}{n+2} \right) \rightarrow 3 + \frac{3}{2} - 0 - 0 = \boxed{3 + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{9}{2}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{6}{n(n+2)} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{3}{n} - \frac{3}{n+2} \right) = \left( \frac{3}{1} - \frac{3}{3} \right) + \left( \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \right) + \left( \frac{3}{3} - \frac{3}{5} \right) + \left( \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{6} \right) + \dots$$

$$\frac{6}{n(n+2)} = \frac{A}{n} + \frac{B}{n+2}$$

when  $n = 0$ :  $6 = A(2) + B(0) \Rightarrow A = 3$

when  $n = -2$ :  $6 = A(0) + B(-2) \Rightarrow B = -3$

$$6 = A(n+2) + B(n)$$

$$S_1 = \left( \frac{3}{1} - \frac{3}{3} \right) \quad S_2 = \left( \frac{3}{1} - \frac{3}{3} \right) + \left( \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \right)$$

$$S_3 = \left( \frac{3}{1} - \frac{3}{3} \right) + \left( \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \right) + \left( \frac{3}{3} - \frac{3}{5} \right) = \frac{3}{1} + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{5}$$

$$S_4 = \frac{3}{1} + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{5} + \left( \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{6} \right) = \frac{3}{1} + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{5} - \frac{3}{6}$$

$$S_n = \frac{3}{1} + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{n+1} - \frac{3}{n+2}$$

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(6 points) 3. Choose the best answer.

The series  $\frac{\pi}{1} - \frac{\pi}{\sqrt[4]{2}} + \frac{\pi}{\sqrt[4]{3}} - \frac{\pi}{\sqrt[4]{4}} + \dots = \pi \sum_1^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left( \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} \right)$

converges conditionally

A

converges absolutely

B

diverges

C

because we have an alternating p-series with  $p = \frac{1}{4} < 1$ .

4. Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5^n}{7^n - 3^n} \right)$ . Determine whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE.

(4 points) (i)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5^n}{7^n - 3^n} \right)$  converges by the Basic Comparison Test with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5^n}{7^n} \right)$

$$a_n = \frac{5^n}{7^n - 3^n} > \frac{5^n}{7^n} = b_n$$

$$\sum_1^{\infty} b_n = \underbrace{\sum_1^{\infty} \left( \frac{5}{7} \right)^n}_{\text{convergent geometric with } r = \frac{5}{7}}$$

TRUE FALSE  
(choose one)

Convergence by the Basic Comparison Test requires  $a_n \leq b_n$ , with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  convergent.

because

But we have  $a_n > b_n$ , i.e.,  $\frac{5^n}{7^n - 3^n} > \frac{5^n}{7^n}$  since  $7^n - 3^n < 7^n$ .

(4 points) (ii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5^n}{7^n - 3^n} \right)$  diverges by the Basic Comparison Test with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5^n}{7^n} \right)$ .

TRUE FALSE  
(choose one)

Divergence by the Basic Comparison Test requires  $a_n \geq b_n$ , with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  divergent.

because

But we have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \underbrace{\sum_1^{\infty} \left( \frac{5}{7} \right)^n}_{\text{convergent geometric with } r = \frac{5}{7}}$

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5. Choose the best answer for each question.

(4 points) (i) The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{6}{n}\right)^{5n}$

converges conditionally  
A

converges absolutely  
B

diverges  
C

because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{6}{n}\right)^{5n} \rightarrow e^{30} \neq 0$

(4 points) (ii) The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(-2)^{10}}{n^{\pi} + \sqrt{n}}\right) \approx 2^{10} \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2^{10}}{n^{\pi}}\right)$

converges conditionally  
A

converges absolutely  
B

diverges  
C

because it behaves like a p-series with  $p = \pi > 1$ .

**PART 2** -----

(6 points) 1. Determine whether the given sequence converges or diverges. If it converges find the limit. You must show supporting work.

$$\left(\frac{1+\rho}{1}\right)^5, \left(\frac{2+\rho}{2}\right)^{10}, \left(\frac{3+\rho}{3}\right)^{15}, \left(\frac{4+\rho}{4}\right)^{20}, \dots$$

We have the sequence  $\left\{ \left(\frac{n+\pi}{n}\right)^{5n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$   $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+\pi}{n}\right)^{5n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{n}\right)^{5n} \rightarrow e^{5\pi}$

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*converges* *diverges*  
*with limit =*  $e^{5\pi}$

(choose one)

(6 points) 2. Use the Ratio Test to determine whether the series converges or diverges. You must show supporting work.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{3^n}{5^{n+1}(n+4)} \right)$$

*converges* *diverges*  
 (choose one)

because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right) = \frac{3}{5} < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{3^{n+1}}{5^{n+2}(n+5)} \right) \left( \frac{5^{n+1}(n+4)}{3^n} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{5^{n+1}}{5^{n+2}} \right) \left( \frac{3^{n+1}}{3^n} \right) \left( \frac{n+4}{n+5} \right) \rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{5} \right) (3) (1) = \frac{3}{5} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

(6 points) 3. Determine whether the series is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent. You must show supporting work.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \frac{\sqrt{n^6+9n+5}}{n^4+1} \right) \approx \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \frac{\sqrt{n^6}}{n^4} \right) \approx \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

*absolutely convergent* *conditionally convergent* *divergent*  
 (choose one)

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because it acts like the alternating harmonic series

4. Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{x^n}{10^n} \right)$ .

(6 points) (i) Determine the sum of the series when  $x = 5$ .

You must show supporting work.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5^n}{10^n} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5}{10} \right)^n \quad \text{geometric series with } r = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{sum} = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = 1$$

(6 points) (ii) Determine all values of  $x$  for which the series converges.

You must show supporting work.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{x^n}{10^n} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{x}{10} \right)^n \quad \text{geometric series with } r = \frac{x}{10}$$

The series converges provided that  $|r| < 1$ .

$$\left| \frac{x}{10} \right| < 1 \Rightarrow -1 < \frac{x}{10} < 1 \Rightarrow -10 < x < 10$$

5. Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  such that  $a_n > 0$  and  $b_n > 0$ .

(6 points) (i) If the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges, then the sequence  $\{a_n\}_1^{\infty}$  MUST diverge also.

TRUE FALSE  
(choose one)

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because for example,  $\sum_1^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$  diverges, but  $\left\{\frac{1}{n}\right\}_1^{\infty}$  converges to 0.

(6 points) (ii) If the sequence  $\{a_n\}_1^{\infty}$  converges, then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  MUST converge also.

TRUE FALSE  
(choose one)

because for example,  $\left\{\frac{1}{n}\right\}_1^{\infty}$  converges to 0, but  $\sum_1^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$  diverges.

**BONUS**

(4 points) Give SPECIFIC examples of series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$

so that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  both diverge, but  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cdot b_n)$  converges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{n}\right] \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{n^{1/2}}\right]$$

divergent harmonic series                      divergent p-series  
 $p = \frac{1}{2} < 1$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cdot b_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^{3/2}}\right)$$

convergent p-series  
 $p = \frac{3}{2} > 1$