

## §11.2 (SERIES)

## §11.3 (SERIES WITH POSITIVE TERMS) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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### CONVERGENCE TESTS FOR SERIES

- **The divergence test:** If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.
- A series that looks like  $a_n = cr^n$  is called **geometric**.
  - (a) If  $|r| \geq 1$ , then it diverges.
  - (b) If  $|r| < 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} cr^n = \frac{cr^k}{1-r}$
- **The integral test:** Assume that  $a_n = f(n)$  for  $n \geq M$ .
  - (a) If  $\int_M^{\infty} f(x) dx$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.
  - (b) If  $\int_M^{\infty} f(x) dx$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.
- **The comparison test:**
  - (a) If  $a_n \leq b_n$ , and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.
  - (b) If  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  diverges.
- **Limit comparison test:** Let  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  be sequences with positive terms. Let  $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n}$ .
  - (a) If  $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow L > 0$ , then  $\sum a_n$  converges if and only if  $\sum b_n$  converges.
  - (b) If  $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow 0$  and  $\sum a_n$  converges, then  $\sum b_n$  converges.
  - (c) If  $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\sum b_n$  converges, then  $\sum a_n$  converges.

## PROBLEMS

(1) Determine the limit of the series or show that the series diverges.

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

$$(b) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^n$$

$$(c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}.$$

$$(d) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n-1)}$$

$$(e) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2+1}}$$

$$(f) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{9^n + 2^n}{5^n}$$

$$(g) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(\pi n)$$

$$(h) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos \frac{1}{n}$$

(i)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^4 - 1}$  (Limit Comparison Test)

(j)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} + 2^n}$  (Comparison Test)

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

(2) Give a counterexample to show that each of the following statements is false.

(a) If the general term  $a_n$  tends to zero, then  $\sum a_n$  converges.

(b) The  $N$ th partial sum of the infinite series defined by  $\{a_n\}$  is equal to  $a_N$ .

(c) If  $a_n \rightarrow L$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = L$ .

(3) Determine a reduced fraction that is equal to  $0.217217217217\dots$

(4) Let  $b_n = \frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n}$ .

(a) Show that  $\ln b_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \ln \frac{k}{n}$ .

(b) Show that  $\ln b_n$  converges to  $\int_0^1 \ln x \, dx$ . Use this to compute  $\lim b_n$ .