

### 11.3 homework Integral Test; p-series

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3.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/5}}$  The function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{x}} = x^{-1/5}$  is continuous, positive, and

decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ , so the Integral Test applies.

$$\int_1^{\infty} x^{-1/5} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t x^{-1/5} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{5}{4} x^{4/5} \right]_1^t = \frac{5}{4} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ t^{4/5} - 1 \right] = \infty. \quad \boxed{\text{Divergent}}$$

5.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^3}$   $f(x) = \frac{1}{(2x+1)^3}$  is continuous, positive, and decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ , so the Integral Test applies.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2x+1)^3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t (2x+1)^{-3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{4(2x+1)^2} \right]_1^t = -\frac{1}{4} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{(2t+1)^2} - \frac{1}{9} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int (2x+1)^{-3} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int u^{-3} du = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{u^{-2}}{-2} = -\frac{1}{4u^2} = -\frac{1}{4(2x+1)^2} = -\frac{1}{4} \left[ -\frac{1}{9} \right] = \frac{1}{36}. \quad \boxed{\text{Convergent}}$$

$u = 2x+1$   
 $du = 2dx$

Note on #3:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/5}}$  is a p-series with  $p = 1/5 < 1$ , so it is **Divergent**.

If you see that it is a p-series, you don't need to do the Integral Test.

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  converges if  $p > 1$  and diverges if  $p \leq 1$  ← p-series

7.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n e^{-n}$   $f(x) = x e^{-x}$  Check that it is decreasing:  
 $f'(x) = -x e^{-x} + e^{-x} = e^{-x}(1-x) = \frac{1-x}{e^x} < 0 \iff 1-x < 0$   
 $\iff 1 < x$   
 $\iff x > 1.$

The function is continuous and positive, and it is decreasing on  $(1, \infty)$ , so it is o.k. to use the Integral Test. [Note: as long as the function is ultimately decreasing for all  $x$  greater than some #, you can use the integral test (it doesn't have to decrease on  $[1, \infty)$ , just on  $(c, \infty)$  for  $x > c$ ].

$$\int_1^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -e^{-x}(x+1) \right]_1^t = -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{t+1}{e^t} - \frac{2}{e} \right] = -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t+1}{e^t} + \frac{2}{e}$$

$u = x \quad v = -e^{-x}$   
 $du = dx \quad dv = e^{-x} dx$

$$\int x e^{-x} = -x e^{-x} + \int e^{-x} dx = -x e^{-x} - e^{-x} = -e^{-x}(x+1)$$

$\stackrel{\text{H}}{=} -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^t} + \frac{2}{e}$

$= 0 + \frac{2}{e} = \frac{2}{e}. \quad \boxed{\text{Converges}}$

9.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^{0.85}} = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{0.85}}$  ← This is a  $p$ -series with  $p = 0.85 < 1$ , so it is divergent. A constant multiple of a divergent series is also divergent, so **Divergent**.

11.  $1 + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{64} + \frac{1}{125} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$   $p$ -series,  $p = 3 > 1 \Rightarrow$  **Convergent**

13.  $1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1}$   $f(x) = \frac{1}{2x-1}$  continuous, positive, and decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ .

Integral Test:  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{2x-1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{2x-1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln(2x-1) \right]_1^t = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(2t-1) - 0] = \infty$ . **Divergent**

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{2x-1} dx \stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u} du = \frac{1}{2} \ln|2x-1|$$

$u = 2x-1, du = 2dx$

15.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5-2\sqrt{n}}{n^3} = 5 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{5}{2}}}$ . By Theorem 11.2.8, constant multiples of convergent series also converge, and sums and differences of convergent series also converge.  $\therefore$  **Convergent**

↑ Convergent  $p$ -series ( $p = 3 > 1$ )      ↑ Convergent  $p$ -series ( $p = \frac{5}{2} > 1$ )

17.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+4}$   $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+4}$  is continuous, positive, and decreasing on  $[1, \infty) \Rightarrow$  use Integral Test.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2+4} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x^2+4} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right]_1^t = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \tan^{-1} \infty - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \right] = \text{a constant. } \therefore \text{Convergent}$$

19.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^3}$   $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x^3}$   $f'(x) = \frac{x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{x} - \ln x \cdot 3x^2}{x^6} = \frac{x^2 - 3x^2 \ln x}{x^6} = \frac{1 - 3 \ln x}{x^4} < 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$1 - 3 \ln x < 0 \Leftrightarrow 1 < 3 \ln x \Leftrightarrow 3 \ln x > 1 \Leftrightarrow \ln x > \frac{1}{3} \Leftrightarrow x > e^{\frac{1}{3}}$ , so  $f$  is ultimately decreasing.

Since  $f$  is continuous, positive, and decreasing on  $(e^{\frac{1}{3}}, \infty)$ , the Integral Test applies.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{-\ln x}{2x^2} - \frac{1}{4x^2} \right]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( \frac{-\ln t}{2t^2} - \frac{1}{4t^2} \right) - \left( 0 - \frac{1}{4} \right) \right] \text{ continued next page...}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u = \ln x & \quad v = \frac{x^{-2}}{-2} = -\frac{1}{2x^2} \\ du = \frac{1}{x} dx & \quad dv = \frac{1}{x^3} dx \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \int \ln x \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} dx = -\frac{\ln x}{2x^2} + \int \frac{1}{2} x^{-3} dx = -\frac{\ln x}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^{-2}}{-2} = -\frac{\ln x}{2x^2} - \frac{1}{4x^2}$$

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$$= \left[ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\ln t}{2t^2} \right] + \frac{1}{4} \stackrel{H}{=} \left[ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\frac{1}{t}}{4t} \right] + \frac{1}{4} = \left[ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{4t^2} \right] + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}. \text{ The series is } \boxed{\text{convergent}}.$$

21.  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n}$   $f(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln x}$  is continuous, positive and decreasing on  $[2, \infty)$ , so the Integral Test applies.

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^t \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln(\ln x) \right]_2^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln(\ln t) - \ln(\ln 2) \right]$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \int \frac{1}{u} du = \ln|u| = \ln|\ln x| = \ln \infty - \ln(\ln 2) = \infty. \quad \boxed{\text{Divergent}}$$

$$u = \ln x, du = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$23. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{n}}}{n^2} \quad f(x) = \frac{e^{\frac{1}{x}}}{x^2} \quad f'(x) = \frac{x \cdot e^{\frac{1}{x}} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right) - e^{\frac{1}{x}} \cdot 2x}{x^4} = \frac{-e^{\frac{1}{x}} - 2xe^{\frac{1}{x}}}{x^4}$$

$$= \frac{-e^{\frac{1}{x}}(1+2x)}{x^4}. \text{ Notice the negative sign, so } f'(x) < 0 \text{ whenever } 1+2x > 0 \Leftrightarrow 2x > -1 \Leftrightarrow x > -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Since  $f(x)$  is continuous, positive, and decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ , the Integral Test applies.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{x}}}{x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{e^{\frac{1}{x}}}{x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -e^{\frac{1}{x}} \right]_1^t = -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ e^{\frac{1}{t}} - e^1 \right]$$

$$\int -\frac{e^{\frac{1}{x}}}{x^2} dx = -\int e^u du = -e^u = -e^{\frac{1}{x}} = -\left[ e^0 - e \right] = -[1 - e] = e - 1. \quad \boxed{\text{Convergent}}$$

$$u = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$du = -\frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

25.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3+n}$   $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3+x}$  is continuous, positive, and decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ , so the Integral Test applies.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^3+x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x(x^2+1)} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln x - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1) \right]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln t - \frac{1}{2} \ln(t^2+1) - \left(0 - \frac{1}{2} \ln 2\right) \right]$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x(x^2+1)} dx = \int \left( \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1} \right) dx = \int \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{x^2+1} \right) dx = \left( \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left[ \frac{t}{(t^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right] \right) + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$

$$1 = A(x^2+1) + (Bx+C)x$$

$$1 = Ax^2 + A + Bx^2 + Cx$$

$$1 = (A+B)x^2 + Cx + A$$

$$\boxed{A=1} \quad A+B=0 \quad \boxed{C=0}$$

$$\boxed{B=-1}$$

$$= \ln|x| - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x}{x^2+1} dx$$

$$u = x^2+1$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

$$= \ln(x) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1)$$

$$\stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left[ \frac{t}{(t^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right]} \cdot \frac{(t^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} - t \cdot \frac{1}{2}(t^2+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{t^2+1}$$

$+\frac{1}{2} \ln 2$   
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$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(t^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{t} \cdot \frac{[(t^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} - t^2(t^2+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}]}{t^2+1} + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^2+1 - t^2}{t(t^2+1)} + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t(t^2+1)} + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln 2. \quad \boxed{\text{Convergent}}$$

\*A shorter way without having to use L'Hospital's

Rule:

$$\left( \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left[ \frac{t}{(t^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right] \right) + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left[ \frac{t}{\sqrt{t^2+1}} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{t}{t} \right)}{\frac{\sqrt{t^2+1}}{\sqrt{t^2}}} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{t^2}}} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$

$$= \ln 1 + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 = \frac{1}{2} \ln 2. \quad \boxed{\text{Convergent}}$$