

Math 10560, Worksheet 8
March 28th, 2023

Total: 20 pts.

1. Determine whether the following series are convergent or divergent, and explain why.

(a) (2 pts)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3 + 2n^2 + 10}{n^5 + n^3 + \ln n}$$

Solution: We have $\frac{n^3+2n^2+10}{n^5+n^3+\ln n} \leq \frac{n^3+2n^2+10}{n^5}$. Hence,

$$\frac{n^3 + 2n^2 + 10}{n^5 + n^3 + \ln n} \leq \frac{n^3 + 2n^2 + 10}{n^5} = \frac{n^3}{n^5} + \frac{2n^2}{n^5} + \frac{10}{n^5} = \frac{1}{n^2} + 2\frac{1}{n^3} + 10\frac{1}{n^5}.$$

Recall the p -series test: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} < \infty$ for all $p > 1$.

Therefore, it follows from the comparison test.

Rubric: 1 pt for the inequality $\frac{n^3+2n^2+10}{n^5+n^3+\ln n} \leq \frac{n^3+2n^2+10}{n^5}$ and 1 pt for the conclusion.

(b) (2 pts)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^e} + \frac{2 \cdot 4^n}{11^n}$$

Solution: First, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^e} + \frac{2 \cdot 4^n}{11^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^e} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^n}{11^n}$.

Notice that $e > 1$, so $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^e} < \infty$. On the other hand, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^n}{11^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^n$ is a geometric series, so it converges. Therefore, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^e} + \frac{2 \cdot 4^n}{11^n} < \infty$.

Rubric: 1 pt for $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^e} < \infty$ and 1 pt for $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 \cdot 4^n}{11^n} < \infty$.

(c) (2 pts)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{1/2}}{n^{1/2} - n^{1/4}}$$

Solution: Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{1/2}}{n^{1/2} - n^{1/4}} = 1$, the series diverges.

Rubric: 1 pt for computing the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{1/2}}{n^{1/2} - n^{1/4}} = 1$ and 1 pt for the conclusion.

(d) (2 pts)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2(2023 \cdot n)}{n^2}$$

Solution: Since $\sin^2 x \leq 1$, $\frac{\sin^2(2023 \cdot n)}{n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$, and it follows from comparison test.

Rubric: 1 pt for the inequality $\frac{\sin^2(2023 \cdot n)}{n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$ and 1 pt for the conclusion.

2. (4 pts) Show that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^3}$ converges. (*Hint:* Show that $\ln n < n$ for n large.)

Solution: First, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} = 0$, so for n very large, $\frac{\ln n}{n}$ is a very small number, in particular, $\ln n < n$ for n large. Another way to see this is to consider the function $f(x) = \ln x - x$, $x \in [1, \infty)$. $f'(x) = 1/x - 1 \leq 0$ for $x \geq 1$, and $f(1) = -1 < 0$, so f is negative on $[1, \infty)$, that is, $\ln x < x$ for all $x \geq 1$.

Now, $\frac{\ln n}{n^3} \leq \frac{n}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n^2}$, and it follows from comparison test.

Rubric: 3 pts for showing that $\ln n \leq n$, and 1 pt for the comparison test.

3. (4 pts) Consider the following sequences:

$$(I) \quad \left\{ (-1)^n \frac{n^3 + 1}{5n^3 + n^2 + 2} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \quad (II) \quad \left\{ \frac{\ln n}{2^n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \quad (III) \quad \left\{ \sin(1/n) \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

Determine which ones converge and find the limit if the sequence converges.

Solution: (I) diverges for $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3+1}{5n^3+n^2+2} = \frac{1}{5}$. For (II), we use L'Hopital's rule:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{2^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n}{2^n \ln 2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln 2 \cdot n \cdot 2^n} = 0.$$

Finally, (III) converges to 0 since \sin is a continuous function.

Rubric: 1 pt for computing $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3+1}{5n^3+n^2+2} = \frac{1}{5}$, 1 pt for the conclusion of (I), 1 pt for (II) and 1 pt for (III).

4. (4 pts) Consider the following improper integrals:

$$(I) \quad \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^5} dx \quad (II) \quad \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx \quad (III) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

Determine which ones converge and find the value if the integral converges.

Solution: (I) converges and the integral is equal to $1/4$. Both of (II) and (III) diverges. For (III), we write

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx,$$

and $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx$ diverges.

Rubric: 1 pt for (I), 1 pt for (II). For (III), 1 pt for beaking the integral into 2 parts and 1 pt for the conclusion.