

Lab quiz 8

1. If possible find the sum of the $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1-2^n}{3^{n+1}}$

- (A) $\frac{1}{2}$
- (B) $-\frac{1}{2}$
- (C) 3
- (D) $\frac{3}{2}$
- (E) Divergent

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1-2^n}{3^{n+1}} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1-2^n}{3^n \cdot 3} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^0}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} - \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^0}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{1}{\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - 1 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

2. The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n^6)}{3n}$ is :

- (A) Convergent
- (B) Divergent

Solution:

Method 1

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n^6)}{3n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{6\ln(n)}{3n} = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n} \geq 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

Now $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent by p -series test as $p=1$. Hence, by basic divergence test

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n^6)}{3n}$ is divergent.

Method 2

$a_n = \frac{\ln(n^6)}{3n}$ is (i) continuous as the numerator and denominator are continuous, (ii) positive as numerator and denominator are positive for all $n \geq 1$ and (iii) decreasing (convince yourself!!!) so we can apply integral test.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln(x^6)}{3x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{6\ln(x)}{3x} dx = 2 \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{\ln(x)}{x} dx$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\ln(x)}{x} dx &= \int u du \quad (u = \ln x \implies du = \frac{dx}{x}) \\ &= \frac{u^2}{2} + c = \frac{(\ln(n))^2}{2} + c \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{\ln(x)}{x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left. \frac{(\ln(n))^2}{2} \right|_1^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln(b))^2}{2} - \frac{(\ln(1))^2}{2} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln(b))^2}{2} = \text{DNE}$

As the integral diverges therefore by integral test the series is divergent.

3. The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n+2}{n+1}\right)^n$ is :

- (A) Convergent
- (B) Divergent

Solution:

(Check if you apply root test the result will be inconclusive)

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+2}{n+1}\right)^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1+1}{n+1}\right)^n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^n \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)^{m-1}\end{aligned}$$

(Let $m = n + 1 \implies n = m - 1$. And if $n \rightarrow \infty$ then $m \rightarrow \infty$)

$$\begin{aligned}&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)^m \cdot \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)^{-1} \\ &= e \cdot (1 + 0)^{-1} \\ &= e \not\rightarrow 0\end{aligned}$$

As the limit of the sequence does not go to 0 the series is divergent by basic divergence test.

4. The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7n^{3/2}+2n}{3n^{5/2}+\sqrt{n}}$ is:

- (A) Convergent
- (B) Divergent

Solution:

Method 1:

Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7n^{3/2}+2n}{3n^{5/2}+\sqrt{n}}$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$. (We get by $n^{\frac{3}{2}-\frac{5}{2}} = n^{-1}$)

Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7n^{5/2}+2n^2}{3n^{5/2}+\sqrt{n}} = \frac{7}{3} > 0$.

Now $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent by p -series test as $p=1$. Hence by limit comparison test the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is divergent.

Method 2:

Convince yourself about each step of the inequality. We can increase a fraction if we increase the numerator or decrease the denominator.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7n^{3/2} + 2n}{3n^{5/2} + \sqrt{n}} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7n^{3/2} + 2n}{3n^{5/2}} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7n^{3/2} + 2n^{3/2}}{3n^{5/2}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5n^{3/2}}{3n^{5/2}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{3n}$$

Now $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{3n}$ is divergent by p -series test as $p=1$.

Hence the series is divergent by basic divergence test.

5. The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{5/n}$ is:

- (A) Convergent
- (B) Divergent

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{5/n} (\infty^0 \text{ form}) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln(n^{5/n})} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{5}{n} \ln(n)} \\ &= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 \ln(n)}{n}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n} (\frac{\infty}{\infty} \text{ form, L'Hospital}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dn} \ln(n)}{\frac{d}{dn} (n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \cdot 1} = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{5/n} = e^{5 \cdot 0} = e^0 = 1 \neq 0$$

As the limit of the sequence does not go to zero the series is divergent by basic divergence test.