

11.4 Comparison test

Test I: Suppose  $\sum a_n$  &  $\sum b_n$  are series of positive terms.  
and  $a_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n$ .

i) if  $\sum b_n$  is convergent,  $\sum a_n$  is convergent.

ii) if  $\sum a_n$  is divergent,  $\sum b_n$  is divergent.

Test II: Suppose  $\sum a_n$  &  $\sum b_n$  are series of positive terms. and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = c, \text{ a finite number.}$$

Then, either both series converge or diverge.

Exm -

$$\sum \frac{1}{n^{10}+4}$$

$$\frac{1}{n^{10}+4} \leq \frac{1}{n^{10}}$$

$\sum \frac{1}{n^{10}}$  converges by p-test.  $\sum \frac{1}{n^{10}+4}$  converges by

Comparison test.

$$\frac{3 + \cos^2(n)}{n^2} \leq \frac{4}{n^2}$$

So,  $\sum \frac{3 + \cos^2(n)}{n^2}$  convergent.

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$$\# \quad \frac{n}{n^3-7} = \frac{1}{n^2-7/n} \leq \frac{1}{n^2-n/2} \leq \frac{2}{n^2} \quad \frac{a_n}{1/n^2} \rightarrow l.$$

$$\text{since, } 7/n \leq n/2 \quad \text{for } n \geq 3$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 7/n \geq n^2 - n/2$$

So,  $\sum \frac{n}{n^3-7}$  convergent by comparison test.

$$\# \quad a_n = \frac{3n^2}{n^3+5} \approx \frac{3/n}{1+5/n^3} \approx \frac{3}{n}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^3}{n^3+5} = 3.$$

By comparison test (limit test),  $\sum \frac{3n^2}{n^3+5}$  diverges.

$$\# \quad a_n = \frac{5n^2+7n+5}{9n^{10}+2n+3}$$

$$\text{Let, } b_n = \frac{1}{n^8}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(5n^2+7n+5)n^8}{9n^{10}+2n+3} = \frac{5}{9}.$$

So,  $\sum a_n$  convergent as  $\sum b_n$  is convergent.

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#  $\frac{a_n}{x^n} \rightarrow l$  then,  $\sum a_n$  &  $\sum x^n$  converge or diverge together.  $(|x| < 1$  convergent)

$$a_n = \frac{4^n + n^7 + 4}{17^{2n} + 5^n + 6}$$

$$b_n = \left(\frac{4}{17^2}\right)^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^n + n^7 + 4}{17^{2n} + 5^n + 6} \cdot \frac{17^{2n}}{4^n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{n^7}{4^n} + \frac{4}{4^n}}{1 + \frac{5^n}{17^{2n}} + \frac{6}{17^{2n}}} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

and  $\frac{4}{17^2} < 1$  so, convergent.

$$\# \sum \frac{(n+1)(7^2+1)^n}{7^{2n}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)(7^2+1)^n}{7^{2n}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1) \left(1 + \frac{1}{7^2}\right)^n = \infty \end{aligned}$$

So, divergent.

$$\# \sum \frac{1}{n(\sqrt{5n-1})}$$

$$b_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{3/2}}{n\sqrt{5n-1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{n}{5n-1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$\sum b_n$  convergent, so convergent.

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$$\sum \frac{n+4}{n^2 4^n} = \sum \frac{n}{n^2 4^n} + \sum \frac{4}{n^2 4^n} \quad \text{convergent}$$
$$\leq \sum \frac{1}{4^n} \quad \text{convergent.}$$

$$\sum \tan\left(\frac{1}{6n}\right) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tan\left(\frac{1}{6n}\right)}{\frac{1}{6n}} = 1.$$

So,  $\sum \tan\left(\frac{1}{6n}\right)$  diverges.

$$\# \quad \sum \frac{4n^4 + n^2 - 4n}{9n^{12} - 7n^{10} + 4} \sim \sum \frac{1}{n^{12-4}} = \sum \frac{1}{n^8}$$

$$\# \quad \sum \frac{5n^5 + 6n^8}{748n^{13} + 9n^5 + 7} \sim \sum \frac{1}{n^{13-8}} = \sum \frac{1}{n^5}$$

$$\# \quad \sum \frac{3n}{3n-1} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n}{3n-1} = 1 \neq 0.$$

$$\# \quad \sum \frac{1}{n!} \quad n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 1 \geq n(n-1) \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n!} \leq \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$$

So,  $\sum \frac{1}{n!}$  convergent.