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TWA – 7

Topic: (Infinite Series: Comparison, Ratio, Root & Integral Tests)

Q-1: p-Series & Integral Test

Answer:

(a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.2}}$

1. This is a p-series of the form $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$.
2. Here, $p = 1.2$.
3. A p-series converges if $p > 1$ and diverges if $p \leq 1$.
4. Since $1.2 > 1$,
5. **Conclusion:** The series converges.

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

1. Use the Integral Test. Define $f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^3}$. This function is positive, continuous, and decreasing for $x \geq 2$.
2. Evaluate the improper integral:

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^3} dx$$

3. Use substitution: Let $u = \ln x$, so $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$.
 - When $x = 2$, $u = \ln 2$.
 - When $x \rightarrow \infty$, $u \rightarrow \infty$.
4. The integral becomes:

$$\int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} u^{-3} du$$

5. Find the antiderivative:

$$\int u^{-3} du = \frac{u^{-2}}{-2} = -\frac{1}{2u^2}$$

6. Evaluate the limit:

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{2u^2} \right]_{\ln}^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{2b^2} + \frac{1}{2(\ln 2)^2} \right) = 0 + \frac{1}{2(\ln 2)^2}$$

7. Since the improper integral converges to a finite value,

8. **Conclusion:** The series converges.

(c) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} \ln n}$

1. Use the Integral Test. Define $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} \ln x}$. This function is positive, continuous, and decreasing for $x \geq 2$.

2. Evaluate the improper integral:

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} \ln x} dx$$

3. Consider the behavior. For large x , $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x} \ln x} > \frac{1}{x}$.
A more formal integral test is needed.

4. Use substitution: Let $u = \ln x$, so $x = e^u$ and $dx = e^u du$. Also, $\sqrt{x} = e^{u/2}$.

○ When $x = 2$, $u = \ln 2$.

○ When $x \rightarrow \infty$, $u \rightarrow \infty$.

5. The integral becomes:

$$\int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{u/2} \cdot u} \cdot e^u du = \int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \frac{e^{u/2}}{u} du = \int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \frac{e^{u/2}}{u} du$$

6. For $u \geq \ln 2$, we have $\frac{e^{u/2}}{u} \geq \frac{1}{u}$. Since $\int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{u} du$ diverges, by the Comparison Theorem for integrals, the larger integral $\int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \frac{e^{u/2}}{u} du$ also diverges.

7. **Conclusion:** The series diverges.

Q2. Direct Comparison & Limit Comparison Tests

Answer:

$$(a) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5n+3}{n^3+4}$$

1. For large n , the dominant terms are $5n$ in the numerator and n^3 in the denominator.
2. $a_n = \frac{5n+3}{n^3+4} \approx \frac{5n}{n^3} = \frac{5}{n^2}$
3. Use the Limit Comparison Test with $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$.
4. Compute the limit:

$$\begin{aligned} L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{5n+3}{n^3+4}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(5n+3)n^2}{n^3+4} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n^3+3n^2}{n^3+4} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 + \frac{3}{n}}{1 + \frac{4}{n^3}} \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

5. Since $0 < L < \infty$ and $\sum b_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ is a convergent p-series ($p = 2 > 1$),
6. **Conclusion:** The series $\sum a_n$ converges.

$$(b) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n} + \sin n}{n^{3/2}}$$

1. Simplify the general term:

$$a_n = \frac{\sqrt{n} + \sin n}{n^{3/2}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^{3/2}} + \frac{\sin n}{n^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\sin n}{n^{3/2}}$$

2. Consider the series $\sum \frac{1}{n}$ and $\sum \frac{\sin n}{n^{3/2}}$.
3. The series $\sum \frac{1}{n}$ diverges (harmonic series).
The series $\sum \frac{\sin n}{n^{3/2}}$ converges by the Comparison Test because $|\frac{\sin n}{n^{3/2}}| \leq \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$, and $\sum \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ is a convergent p-series ($p = 1.5 > 1$).
4. The sum of a convergent series and a divergent series is divergent.
5. **Conclusion:** The series $\sum a_n$ diverges.

$$(c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^3+3}{7n^3-9n+4}$$

1. For large n , the dominant terms are $2n^3$ in the numerator and $7n^3$ in the denominator.
2. $a_n = \frac{2n^3+3}{7n^3-9n+4} \approx \frac{2n^3}{7n^3} = \frac{2}{7}$
3. Apply the nth-Term Test for Divergence:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^3 + 3}{7n^3 - 9n + 4} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 + \frac{3}{n^3}}{7 - \frac{9}{n^2} + \frac{4}{n^3}} = \frac{2}{7} \neq 0$$

4. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$,
5. **Conclusion:** The series diverges.

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

1. For $n \geq 2$, we know $\ln(n+1) < n$. (A stronger, but simpler bound is that $\ln(n+1) < n^p$ for any $p > 0$ for large n . A standard bound is $\ln(n+1) < n^{1/2}$ for large n).
2. Let's use $\ln(n+1) < n^{1/2}$ for $n \geq 1$.
3. Then,

$$a_n = \frac{\ln(n+1)}{n^2} < \frac{n^{1/2}}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$$

4. The series $\sum \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ is a convergent p-series ($p = 1.5 > 1$).
5. By the Direct Comparison Test, since $0 \leq a_n \leq \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ for all $n \geq 2$,
6. **Conclusion:** The series $\sum a_n$ converges.

Q3. Ratio Test

Answer:

$$(a) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{4^n}$$

1. Let $a_n = \frac{n!}{4^n}$.
2. Form the ratio $|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}|$:

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\frac{(n+1)!}{4^{n+1}}}{\frac{n!}{4^n}} = \frac{(n+1)!}{n!} \cdot \frac{4^n}{4^{n+1}} = (n+1) \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$

3. Take the limit:

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{4} = \infty$$

4. Since $L = \infty > 1$,
5. **Conclusion:** The series diverges.

(b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n!}$

1. Let $a_n = \frac{3^n}{n!}$.
2. Form the ratio $|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}|$:

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\frac{3^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{3^n}{n!}} = \frac{3^{n+1}}{3^n} \cdot \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{n+1}$$

3. Take the limit:

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{n+1} = 0$$

4. Since $L = 0 < 1$,
5. **Conclusion:** The series converges.

(c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{n^{2n}}$

1. Let $a_n = \frac{(2n)!}{n^{2n}}$.
2. Form the ratio $|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}|$:
3. Simplify the first term and recognize the limit for the second:

$$\frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)}{(n+1)^2} = \frac{4n^2 + 6n + 2}{n^2 + 2n + 1} \rightarrow 4 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{2n} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{2n} \rightarrow (e^{-1})^2 = e^{-2} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

4. Therefore, the limit is:

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = 4 \cdot e^{-2} = \frac{4}{e^2}$$

5. Since $\frac{4}{e^2} \approx 0.54 < 1$,

6. **Conclusion:** The series converges.

Q4. Root Test

Answer:

(a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+5}\right)^n$

1. Let $a_n = \left(\frac{n}{n+5}\right)^n$.

2. Take the n th root:

$$\sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{n}{n+5}\right)^n} = \frac{n}{n+5}$$

3. Take the limit:

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+5} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{5}{n}} = 1$$

4. Since $L = 1$, the Root Test is inconclusive.

5. Check the n th-Term Test:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+5}\right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{5}{n+5}\right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{5}{n+5}\right)^{n+5} \frac{n}{n+5} \\ &= (e^{-5})^1 = e^{-5} \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

6. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$,

7. **Conclusion:** The series diverges.

$$(b) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n$$

1. Let $a_n = \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n$.

2. Take the n th root:

$$\sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \sqrt[n]{\left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n} = 1 + \frac{2}{n}$$

3. Take the limit:

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right) = 1$$

4. The Root Test is inconclusive.

5. Check the n th-Term Test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n = e^2 \neq 0$$

6. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$,

7. **Conclusion:** The series diverges.

$$(c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(3 + \sin n)^n}$$

1. Let $a_n = \frac{n}{(3 + \sin n)^n}$.

2. Take the n th root:

$$\sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \sqrt[n]{\frac{n}{(3 + \sin n)^n}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{n}}{3 + \sin n}$$

3. We know $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$.

Also, since $-1 \leq \sin n \leq 1$, we have $2 \leq 3 + \sin n \leq 4$.

4. Therefore, we can bound the limit:

$$\frac{\sqrt[n]{n}}{4} \leq \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} \leq \frac{\sqrt[n]{n}}{2}$$

Taking the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\frac{1}{4} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

5. Since the limit L satisfies $L \leq \frac{1}{2} < 1$,

6. **Conclusion:** The series converges.

Q5. Alternating Series & Absolute Convergence

Answer:

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

1. **Absolute Convergence:** Consider the absolute series $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n}$.

2. Use the Integral Test with $f(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln x}$.

3. $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx$. Let $u = \ln x$, $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$.

4. $\int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{u} du = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\ln u]_{\ln 2}^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (\ln b - \ln(\ln 2)) = \infty$.

5. The integral diverges, so the absolute series diverges. The series is **not absolutely convergent**.

6. **Conditional Convergence:** Check the Alternating Series Test (AST).

○ The series is alternating: $b_n = \frac{1}{n \ln n}$.

○ $b_n > 0$ for $n \geq 2$.

○ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n} = 0$.

○ Check if b_n is decreasing. Consider $f(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln x}$. $f'(x) = -\frac{\ln x + 1}{(x \ln x)^2} < 0$ for $x > 1$. So b_n is decreasing.

7. All conditions of the AST are satisfied.

8. **Conclusion:** The series converges conditionally.

(b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\ln n}{n^{3/2}}$

1. **Absolute Convergence:** Consider the absolute series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^{3/2}}$.
2. We use the Comparison Test. As shown in Q2(d), $\frac{\ln n}{n^{3/2}} < \frac{1}{n^{5/4}}$ for large n (since any power n^p grows faster than $\ln n$).
More formally, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n/n^{3/2}}{1/n^{5/4}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^{1/4}} = 0$.
Since $\sum \frac{1}{n^{5/4}}$ converges (p-series, $p=1.25 > 1$), the Limit Comparison Test implies $\sum \frac{\ln n}{n^{3/2}}$ converges.
3. Since the absolute series converges,
4. **Conclusion:** The series converges absolutely.

(c) **Create one alternating series that converges conditionally but not absolutely.**

1. The standard example is the Alternating Harmonic Series.
2. Series: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n}$.
3. **Absolute Convergence:** The absolute series is $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$, the harmonic series, which diverges.
4. **Conditional Convergence:** It satisfies the Alternating Series Test:
 - $b_n = \frac{1}{n} > 0$
 - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$
 - $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$ is decreasing.
5. Therefore, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n}$ converges conditionally.

Q6. Mixed Problems

Answer:

(a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n^3}$

1. The term has exponential growth in the numerator (2^n) and polynomial growth in the denominator (n^3).

2. Use the Ratio Test. Let $a_n = \frac{2^n}{n^3}$.

$$3. \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)^3}}{\frac{2^n}{n^3}} = 2 \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^3.$$

$$4. L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = 2 \cdot 1^3 = 2.$$

5. Since $L = 2 > 1$,

6. **Conclusion:** The series diverges.

(b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^4}{5^n}$

1. The term has polynomial growth in the numerator (n^4) and exponential decay in the denominator (5^n).

2. Use the Ratio Test. Let $a_n = \frac{n^4}{5^n}$.

$$3. \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\frac{(n+1)^4}{5^{n+1}}}{\frac{n^4}{5^n}} = \frac{1}{5} \cdot \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^4.$$

$$4. L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{1}{5} \cdot 1^4 = \frac{1}{5}.$$

5. Since $L = \frac{1}{5} < 1$,

6. **Conclusion:** The series converges.

(c) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)(\ln(\ln n))}$

1. Use the Integral Test. Define $f(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln x \ln(\ln x)}$. This function is positive, continuous, and decreasing for $x > e$.

2. Evaluate the improper integral:

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x \ln(\ln x)} dx$$

3. Use substitution: Let $u = \ln(\ln x)$. Then $du = \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx$.

- When $x = 2$, $u = \ln(\ln 2)$.
- When $x \rightarrow \infty$, $u \rightarrow \infty$.

4. The integral becomes:

$$\int_{\ln(\ln 2)}^{\infty} \frac{1}{u} du$$

5. This is a divergent integral (it is the harmonic integral).
6. **Conclusion:** The series diverges.
