

# Warmup!!

Find the sums of the convergent series below:

$$1) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5 \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)^n = \frac{5}{1 + \frac{2}{5}} = \frac{25}{7}$$

$$2) \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} -2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} -\frac{27}{32} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n = \frac{-\frac{27}{32}}{1 - \frac{3}{4}} = -\frac{27}{8}$$

$$3) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{5} \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n+2} = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{3}{5} \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} -\frac{8}{45} \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = \frac{-\frac{8}{45}}{1 + \frac{2}{3}} = -\frac{8}{75}$$

$$4) \frac{5}{2} - \frac{15}{14} + \frac{45}{98} - \frac{135}{686} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2} \left(-\frac{3}{7}\right)^n = \frac{\frac{5}{2}}{1 + \frac{3}{7}} = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$5) \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 - n} = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \cancel{\frac{1}{3}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{4}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{4}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{5}} + \dots = \frac{1}{2} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{2}$$

## 9-3: Integral Test and P-Test for Convergence!

At the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- use the Integral test to determine convergence of series
- Recognize a p-series and determine convergence

## The Integral Test!

If  $f$  is positive, continuous, and decreasing for  $x \geq 1$  and  $a_n = f(n)$ , then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \quad \text{and} \quad \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

either BOTH CONVERGE or BOTH DIVERGE

ex) Determine the convergence/divergence of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 1}$$

$f(x)$  is positive ✓

$f(x)$  is continuous ✓

$f(x)$  is decreasing ✓

(if this is not obvious, use  $f'$  to check)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{\cancel{n^2} + 1} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} dx \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (\arctan b - \arctan 1) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

You try! Use the integral test to determine the convergence or divergence of each series

$$1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{3n+5}$$

f is positive

f is continuous

f is decreasing

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{2}{3x+5} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{3} (\ln |3b+5| - \ln |8|) = \infty$$

so the series diverges

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

f is positive, continuous and decreasing

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{\ln x}{x^3} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{1}{4x^2} - \frac{\ln x}{2x^2} \Big|_1^b \right)$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{1}{4b^2} - \frac{\ln b}{2b^2} + \frac{1}{4} \right) = 0 - 0 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

so the series converges

$$3) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos n}{e^n}$$

f is positive, co... hmmm, is f positive? hmmm, nope. Integral test does not apply.

## P-Series Convergence Test!

The p-series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} = \frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \dots$$

converges if  $p > 1$

diverges if  $0 < p \leq 1$

Determine if the following series converge or diverge.

$$1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n^{\frac{5}{3}}} \quad p = 5/3 > 1 \text{ so the series converges}$$

$$2) 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{9}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{16}} + \dots$$

$p = 2/3 < 1$  so the series diverges

Can you put it all together?

Determine convergence or divergence of the following series.

$$1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n^2-1}}$$

This one can't be determined yet with the tests that we know (integral test does not apply because  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 1$ )

$$2) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n^{0.95}}$$

diverges  $\rightarrow$  p-test,  $p \leq 1$

$$3) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1.075)^n$$

diverges  $\rightarrow$  geometric sequence with  $r > 1$

$$4) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{n^3} \right)$$

converges  $\rightarrow$  p-test  
(converge  $\pm$  converge = converge)

$$5) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \ln n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln n = \infty$$

diverges based on  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test

## Quiz 9.2

1) (NC) Express the repeating decimal,  $.383131\overline{31}$  as a geometric series and then as a fraction of 2 integers

2) (NC) Determine the convergence or divergence of each of the following series. Justify your answers. If the series converges, find the sum.

$$a) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5}{2^n} - \frac{1}{3^n} \right)$$

$$c) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n - 1}{3^n}$$

$$b) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 5}{4^n}$$

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

3) (C) Upon graduation from college you receive two job offers. One, with a starting salary of \$28,000 on which you will receive a 5.2% raise every year. The second, with a starting salary of \$44,000 on which you will receive a 3.7% raise every year. After 45 years, by how much more will the total earned salary of one differ from the other? (Use geometric series to solve.)



## What have we learned?

- Can I apply the integral test to determine convergence?
- Can I apply the p-test to determine convergence?
- Can I apply all of the other tests I've learned (nth term, geometric series) and know which test to apply to determine convergence?

