

Selected Problems taken from Homework from Notes Sec 11.2 parts 1,2

We have learned two tests for testing convergence/divergence of a SERIES:

- **Geometric Series Test:** a geometric series is convergent if and only if the ratio is between -1 and 1.
- **Divergence Test:** if the sequence does not converge to 0, the series diverges.
- **Harmonic Series Test:** the harmonic series diverges.

1. (Pick one) Determine whether the **geometric series** is convergent or divergent. If it is convergent, find its sum.

a. $2 + 0.5 + 0.125 + 0.03125 + \dots$ Ratio = $1/4$. Sum is $2(4/3) = 8/3$.

b. $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-\pi)^k e^{-k}$ Ratio = $-\pi/e < -1$, thus this geometric series is **divergent**.

c. $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{2^{3k+1}}{3^{2k-1}}$ Ratio = $8/9$. Sum is $6(64/81)(9) = 6(64/9) = 128/3$.

2. Consider the infinite series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ln\left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right)$.

a. Determine whether the sequence $\{a_n\}$ is convergent or divergent. **Convergent to 0.**

b. Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent or divergent (if possible).

Determine whether we can apply one of the three tests we've learned.

- Can we apply the Geometric Series Test? **No.**
- Is the Divergence Test conclusive? **No.**
- Can we apply the Harmonic Series Test? **No.**

3. Let $a_n = \frac{n}{2n+1}$

a. Determine whether the sequence $\{a_n\}$ is convergent or divergent. **Convergent to $1/2$.**

b. Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent or divergent (if possible).

- Can we apply the Geometric Series Test? **No.**
- Is the Divergence Test conclusive? **Yes. By the Divergence Test, the series diverges.**
- Can we apply the Harmonic Series Test? **No.**

4. (Pick one) Attempt to determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent or divergent

using some of the three tests we've learned (possibly none of them works). If it is convergent (geometric series), find its sum.

a. $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{15} + \dots = 1/3 (1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + 1/4 + 1/5 + \dots)$ is divergent by the Harmonic Series Test.

b. $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{2}{81} + \frac{1}{243} + \frac{2}{729} + \dots = 1/3 \sum (1/9)^k + 2/9 \sum (1/9)^k = 3/8 + 2/8.$

c. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+2)}{(n+3)^2}$ **Divergent by the Divergence Test since the sequence converges to 1.**

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5. (Pick one) Attempt to determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent or divergent using some of the three tests we've learned (possibly none of them works). If it is convergent (geometric series), find its sum. You can use Desmos/ WolframAlpha to plot your sequence.
- d. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n + 3^n}{5^n} = 2/3 + 3/2 = 13/6.$
- e. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt[n]{2}$ **Divergent by the Divergence Test since the sequence converges to 1.**
- f. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln\left(\frac{n+1}{2n+1}\right)$ **Divergent by the Divergence Test since the sequence converges to a nonzero number.**
6. (Do at least one) Attempt to determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent or divergent using some of three tests we've learned (possibly none of them works). If it is convergent (geometric series), find its sum. You can use Desmos/ WolframAlpha to plot your sequence.
- a. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n}$ **Divergent by the Divergence Test since the sequence converges to 1.**
- b. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\cos 1)^n = \cos(1) / [1 - \cos(1)]$
- c. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \arctan n$ **Divergent by the Divergence Test since the sequence converges to pi/2.**
7. (Pick one) Attempt to determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent or divergent using the geometric series test or divergence test (possibly none of them works). If it is convergent (geometric series), find its sum.
- d. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{5^n} + \frac{2}{n}\right)$ **Since sum $(3/5^n)$ is equal to a number, but sum $1/n$ is the harmonic series (which is divergent), the entire sum is divergent.**
- e. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n^2}$ **Divergent by the Divergence Test since the sequence doesn't converge to 0 (in fact, the sequence diverges).**
- f. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ **Divergent by the Divergence Test since the sequence converges to 1.**
- g. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{5}{n(n+1)} - (-1)^n \frac{3}{2^n} \right]$ **None of the three tests can be applied.**