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Math 1152Q: Fall 2018  
Week 8 Sample Quiz**Sec 11.3 Integral Test, p-series and Estimates of Sum**

1. (Concept) Suppose  $f$  is a continuous, positive, and decreasing function on  $[1, \infty)$ . Suppose  $a_k = f(k)$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

(a) Draw pictures for illustrating the quantities of each of the following.

$$\int_1^6 f(x) \, dx \qquad \sum_{k=2}^6 a_k \qquad \sum_{k=1}^5 a_k$$

- (b) Then rank the three quantities in increasing order.  
(c) What are the conditions needed to apply the Integral Test ?

**Solution:** On pages 1-2 of [https://egunawan.github.io/fall18/lecture\\_notes\\_f18/f18\\_week7\\_day2\\_notes11\\_3part1.pdf](https://egunawan.github.io/fall18/lecture_notes_f18/f18_week7_day2_notes11_3part1.pdf). See also Sec 11.3 Exercise 2 page 725

2. (Integral Test) Determine whether  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^5}$  converges or diverges.

a. Explain why the integral test can be applied.

**Solution:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^5}$ . Then  $f(x)$  is continuous and positive on for  $x \geq 2$ . It is also decreasing on  $[2, \infty)$  since  $x(\ln x)^5$  is a product of increasing functions on  $[2, \infty)$ . Thus we can use the integral test.

b. Let  $b > 2$ . Evaluate  $\int_2^b \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^5}$ .

**Solution:** Use u-substitution  $u = \ln(x)$ .

c. Evaluate  $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^5}$ .

**Solution:** Use u-substitution  $u = \ln(x)$ .

d. Apply the integral test to determine whether  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^5}$  converges or diverges.

**Solution:** Since  $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^5}$  converges by part (c), we conclude by the integral test that  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^5}$  also converges.

3. (Integral test and estimates of sums) Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{3^n}$ .

a. Verify that the integral test *can* be used to decide if this series converges.

**Solution:**

Let  $f(x) = x/3^x$ . We will show that  $f(x)$  is positive, continuous, and decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ .

This function is positive and continuous for  $x \geq 1$  since  $x$  is a polynomial,  $3^x$  is an exponential function, and  $3^x$  is never 0 on  $[1, \infty)$ .

To show that  $f(x)$  is decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ , compute  $f'(x) = \frac{1 - x \ln 3}{3^x}$ , which implies  $f'(x) < 0$  for  $x > \frac{1}{\ln 3}$ .

Since  $\ln 3 > \ln e = 1$ , we have  $\frac{1}{\ln 3} < 1$ , so  $f'(x) < 0$  for  $x \leq 1$ . This justifies the use of the integral test on

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{3^n}.$$

- b. Apply the Integral Test (or another test if you prefer) to prove that this series converges.

**Solution:** compute  $\int \frac{x}{3^x} dx$ , try integration by parts:

either  $u = x$  and  $dv = dx/3^x = 3^{-x} dx$  or  $u = dx/3^x = 3^{-x}$  and  $dv = x dx$ .

You should get

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{x}{3^x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{b}{3^b \ln 3} - \frac{1}{3^b (\ln 3)^2} + \frac{1}{3 \ln 3} + \frac{1}{3 (\ln 3)^2} \right).$$

Since  $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} b/3^b = 0$  by L'Hospital's Rule and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1/3^b = 0$ ,

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{x}{3^x} dx = \frac{1}{3 \ln 3} + \frac{1}{3 (\ln 3)^2}.$$

Since  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{x}{3^x} dx$  converges, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{3^n}$  also converges by the Integral Test.

- c. Determine an explicit upper bound for the remainder  $R_N$  when estimating the series by the  $N$ th partial sum. Your answer will depend on  $N$ .

**Solution:** The  $N$ th remainder  $R_N$  is at most  $\int_N^{\infty} \frac{x}{3^x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_N^b \frac{x}{3^x} dx = \frac{N \ln 3 + 1}{3^N (\ln 3)^2}$ .

See Week 8 day 1 notes

[https://egunawan.github.io/fall18/lecture\\_notes\\_f18/f18\\_week8\\_day1\\_hw11\\_3.pdf](https://egunawan.github.io/fall18/lecture_notes_f18/f18_week8_day1_hw11_3.pdf)

- d. Find an  $N$  for which the upper bound on  $R_N$  in part (c) is less than 0.2, and then compute the  $N$ th partial sum  $s_N$  to 5 digits after the decimal point.

**Solution:** See Week 8 day 1 notes

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4. (Integral Test from 11.3 WebAssign)

- (a) Find the values of  $p$  for which the integral  $\int_e^{\infty} \frac{6}{x(\ln x)^p} dx$  converges. Evaluate the integral for these values of  $p$ .

(Hint: Your work should look like Example 4 on pg 530. Check the three cases, when  $p = 1$ , when  $p < 1$ , and when  $p > 1$ .)

**Solution:** Answer:  $p > 1$  converges. Otherwise, diverges.

- (b) Evaluate the integral  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{3}{x^6} dx$ . Are the conditions for the Integral Test satisfied? If so, use the Integral Test to determine whether the series  $\sum_1^{\infty} \frac{3}{n^6}$  is convergent or divergent.

**Solution:** Answer:  $= \frac{3}{5}$

- (c) Evaluate the integral  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4x+2)^3} dx$ . Are the conditions for the Integral Test satisfied? If so, use the Integral Test to determine whether the series  $\sum_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n+2)^3}$  is convergent or divergent.

**Solution:** Answer:  $= \frac{1}{288}$

- (d) Evaluate the integral  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+9}} dx$ . Are the conditions for the Integral Test satisfied? If so, use the Integral Test to determine whether the series  $\sum_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+9}}$  is convergent or divergent.

**Solution:** Answer:  $\text{divergent}$

- (e) Evaluate the integral

$$\int_1^{\infty} x e^{-9x} dx$$

Are the conditions for the Integral Test satisfied? If so, use the Integral Test to determine whether the series  $\sum_1^{\infty} \frac{n}{e^{9n}}$  is convergent or divergent.

**Solution:** Answer:  $\frac{10}{81}e^9$

- (f) The following statement is false: "If  $a_n = f(n)$  where  $f(x)$  is continuous, positive, and decreasing for  $x \geq 1$ , and  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  converges then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ ."

Give a counterexample by coming up with a continuous, positive, and decreasing  $f(x)$  on  $[1, \infty)$  and computing both  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  (where  $a_n := f(n)$ ) and  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ , showing that they are not equal.

(Hint: you know how to compute precisely the sum of any convergent geometric series).

**Solution:** Counterexample: Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2^x}$ . The sum of the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n}$  is  $\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = 2$  (think the infinite mathematicians joke), so  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 2 - 1 = 1$ , while  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{2^x} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2^x(-\ln 2)} \Big|_1^b \right) = \frac{1}{2 \ln 2} \neq 1$ .

5. (Section 11.3 True/False)

- (a) For each statement, determine whether it's true or false and give a brief justification:

- i. The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges by the  $p$ -series test.

ii. The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  diverges by the  $p$ -series test.

iii.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$

iv. The exact sum of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  is an open question.

v.  $\int_5^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \frac{1}{5}$

vi.  $\int_5^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = 5$

(Answers: see Sec 11.3, page 722)

(b) Is the following statement true or false? Justify.

Suppose  $f(x)$  is a continuous function defined on  $[5, \infty)$ . If  $f(x)$  is not bounded on  $[5, \infty)$ , we cannot apply the integral test using  $\int_5^{\infty} f(x) dx$ .

**Solution:** Answer to 5(b) is True. Justification: If  $g(x)$  is positive and decreasing on  $[5, \infty)$ , then it is bounded (for example, bounded below by 0 and bounded above by  $g(5)$ ). The contrapositive of this statement is: If  $g(x)$  is not bounded, then it is not positive or not decreasing. Since  $g(x)$  does not meet at least one of the criteria for applying the integral test using  $\int_5^{\infty} g(x) dx$ , we cannot apply the integral test using  $\int_5^{\infty} g(x) dx$ .

6. (Sec 11.3 p-series and shifting indices)

(Note: the symbol  $\zeta$  is the lower-case Greek letter which is pronounced "zeta" in English).

The *Riemann zeta-function*  $\zeta$  is defined by

$$\zeta(x) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^x}.$$

It is used in number theory to study the distribution of prime numbers.

(a) What is the domain of the function  $\zeta$ ? (That is, for what values of  $x$  is this function defined?)

(Hint: go to Sec 11.3, page 722)

**Solution:** Answer: The domain of the function is the set of  $x$  such that the series is convergent, that is, when  $x > 1$ , so the domain of  $\zeta$  is  $(1, \infty)$ .

(b) Euler computed  $\zeta(2)$  to be  $\frac{\pi^2}{6}$ . (See page 720, sec 11.3). Use this fact to find the sum of each series below. Hint: Given a convergent series, you can multiply out a constant, and subtract terms as needed.

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

**Solution:**  $\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{1}{2^2} - 1 = \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{5}{2}$  and

$$\frac{1}{25} \frac{\pi^2}{6} \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{\pi^2}{6} - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \left( \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} \right) = \pi^2/6 - \frac{49}{36}$$