

# Mixed Up Series Examples Answer Key

this handout helps figure out Approach

Question: Converge OR, Diverge?

1.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2+n+1}{n^3+n^2+n+1} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  Divergent p-Series  $p=1$

LCT Limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^2+n+1}{n^3+n^2+n+1}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3+n^2+n}{n^3+n^2+n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}}{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^3}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

Finite  
Non-Zero

$\Rightarrow$  Original Series also Diverges by the Limit Comparison Test

2.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 n}{n^8+5} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^8}$  Convergent p-Series  $p=8 > 1$

Bound Terms

$$\frac{\sin^2 n}{n^8+5} \leq \frac{1}{n^8+5} \leq \frac{1}{n^8}$$

$\Rightarrow$

Original Series also Converges by the Comparison Test

Note: LCT not helpful here

3.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^8} \xrightarrow{\text{A.S.}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^8}$  the Absolute Series Convergent p-Series  $p=8 > 1$

Option 1: ACT

$\Rightarrow$  Original Series Converges by the Absolute Convergence Test

OR// Option 2: AST

1.  $b_n = \frac{1}{n^8} > 0$

2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^8} = 0$

3. Terms Decreasing

$$b_{n+1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)^8} \leq \frac{1}{n^8} = b_n$$

Series Converges by the Alternating Series Test

$$4. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e}{n^e} + \frac{1}{e^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e}{n^e} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n}$$

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

Constant Multiple  
of a Convergent  
p-series  $p=e > 1$   
is Convergent

make conclusion

Convergent by G.S.T. b/c  
 $|r| = \frac{1}{e} < 1$

Finally, the Sum of two Convergent Series  
is Convergent

Note: We don't find the Sum since we can't find the Sum of the  
p-Series even though we can find the Geometric Series Sum.

$$5. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^4+5} \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^4} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \quad \text{Convergent p-Series } p=2 > 1$$

Bound Terms

$$\frac{n^2}{n^4+5} \leq \frac{n^2}{n^4} \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$\Rightarrow$

Original Series also Converges  
by the Comparison Test

Note: Limit Comparison Test also works

$$6. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 4^n}{5^{n+1}} = -\frac{4}{5^2} + \frac{4^2}{5^3} - \frac{4^3}{5^4} + \dots$$

$$a = -\frac{4}{5^2} = -\frac{4}{25}$$

$$r = -\frac{4}{5}$$

Converges by the Geometric Series Test

because  $|r| = \left| -\frac{4}{5} \right| = \frac{4}{5} < 1$

Note: No Sum asked here, but the formula is  $\text{Sum} = \frac{a}{1-r}$

$$7. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^4 + 5$$

Diverges by  $n^{\text{th}}$  Term Divergence Test

because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^4 + 5 = \infty \neq 0$

$$8. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n+1}}$$

1.  $b_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} > 0$

2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} = 0$

3. Terms Decreasing

$$b_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + 1} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} = b_n$$

Series Converges by the Alternating Series Test

**Note:** Absolute Convergence Test isn't helpful since the Absolute Series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}$  will Diverge by the LCT

$$9. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^4 + 5}{n^4 + 2}$$

Diverges by the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Term Divergence Test **nTDI**  
because

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^4 + 5}{n^4 + 2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{5}{n^4}}{1 + \frac{2}{n^4}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1 \neq 0$$

**Note:** Limit Comparison Test with  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  also works, but not it's a bit longer and you get to the same limit

$$10. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)}{n^3 + n^2 + n + 1} \rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n^3 + n^2 + n + 1} \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^3} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \quad \text{Convergent p-Series } p=2 > 1$$

LCT Limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n+1}{n^3 + n^2 + n + 1}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 + n}{n^3 + n^2 + n + 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{n^2}}{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^3}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1 \quad \text{Finite Non-zero}$$

$\Rightarrow$  the Absolute Series also Converges by the Limit Comparison Test

$\Rightarrow$  the Original Series Converges by the Absolute Convergence Test

**Note:** Alternating Series Test also works, but it may be messy to show terms decreasing

$$11. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{2n}} = \frac{1}{e^2} + \frac{1}{e^4} + \frac{1}{e^6} + \dots$$

$$a = \frac{1}{e^2}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{e^2}$$

Converges by Geometric Series Test because

$$|r| = \frac{1}{e^2} < 1$$

Note: Ratio Test will work. will get  $L = \frac{1}{e^2} < 1$

$$12. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{6}{n^6} + \frac{1}{6^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{6}{n^6} + \frac{1}{6^n}$$

$$= 6 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^6} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6^n}$$

Constant Multiple

of Convergent p-Series

$p=6 > 1$  is Convergent

Convergent Geometric Series

$$|r| = \frac{1}{6} < 1$$

Sum of Two Convergent Series is Convergent

$$13. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln 9}{n^9} = \ln 9 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^9}$$

Constant Multiple of a Convergent p-Series

$p=9 > 1$  is Convergent

$$14. \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^9}{\ln n}$$

Diverges by  $n^{\text{th}}$  Term Divergence Test because

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^9}{\ln n} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^9}{\ln x} \stackrel{\infty/\infty}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{9x^8}{\frac{1}{x}} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 9x^9 = \infty \neq 0$$

$$15. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^9}$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^9} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \ln x \cdot x^{-9} dx \stackrel{\text{IBP}}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{\ln x}{8x^8} \Big|_1^t + \frac{1}{8} \int_1^t x^{-9} dx \right]$$

Improper Type I

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln x & dv &= x^{-9} dx \\ du &= \frac{1}{x} dx & v &= \frac{x^{-8}}{-8} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{\ln x}{8x^8} \Big|_1^t - \frac{1}{64x^8} \Big|_1^t \right]$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{\ln t}{8t^8} + \frac{\ln 1}{8} - \frac{1}{64t^8} + \frac{1}{64} \right]$$

Continue



$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{64t^7}}{64t^7} + \frac{1}{64} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1 + \frac{1}{64t^8}}{64t^8} + \frac{1}{64} = \frac{1}{64} \quad \text{Integral Converges}$$

Finite

**Note:** The Improper Integral is not equal to the Series Value, they only share the same Convergence behavior

Series Converges by the Integral Test

16.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^3 + n^2 + n + 1$

Diverges by the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Term Divergence Test

because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^3 + n^2 + n + 1 = \infty \neq 0$

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{1}{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = 0 < 1 \quad \text{(Absolutely) Converges by the Ratio Test.}$$

Note: Since the original series is already the Absolute Series then Absolute Convergence is the Same as Convergence here.

18.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{5}{n^2}\right)^{n^2}$  Diverges by nTDT because

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{5}{n^2}\right)^{n^2} &= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(\left(1 + \frac{5}{n^2}\right)^{n^2}\right)} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 \ln\left(1 + \frac{5}{x^2}\right)} \\ &= e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{5}{x^2}\right)}{\frac{1}{x^2}}} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{-10}{x^3}}{-2x^{-3}}} = e^5 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

flip

19.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^6 + 3}{n^7} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^6}{n^7} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  Divergent (Harmonic) p-Series  $p=1$

Bound Terms

$$\frac{n^6 + 3}{n^7} \geq \frac{n^6}{n^7} = \frac{1}{n}$$

⇒ Original Series also

Diverges by the Comparison Test

**Note:** Limit Comparison Test also works here.

20.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 9$  Diverges by nTDT because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 9 = 9 \neq 0$

OR Diverges by GST with  $|r|=1$   
 $9 + 9 + 9 + \dots$

21.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{8^n}$  Converges by GST with  $|r| = \left| -\frac{1}{8} \right| = \frac{1}{8} < 1$

OR Ratio Test works too

22.  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots = - \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots \right) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$

Constant Multiple of Divergent p-Series  $p=1$  is Divergent

23.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{\ln n}$  Diverges by nTDT because

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^n}{\ln n} \stackrel{\infty}{\sim} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{\ln x} \stackrel{\infty}{\sim} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x e^x = \infty \neq 0$$

Note: Ratio Test also works here. Will get  $L = e > 1 \Rightarrow$  Diverges

24.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \arctan\left(\frac{n^7+1}{n^7+7}\right)$  Diverges by nTDT because

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \arctan\left(\frac{n^7+1}{n^7+7}\right) \stackrel{\frac{1}{n^7}}{\sim} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \arctan\left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{n^7}}{1 + \frac{7}{n^7}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} \neq 0$$

Question: Absolutely Converge, Conditionally Converge or Diverge?

A.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n^3+9}{n^9+3} \xrightarrow{\text{A.S.}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3+9}{n^9+3} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{n^9} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^6}$  Convergent p-Series  $p=6 > 1$

Note: never have to study the original series

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^3+9}{n^9+3}}{\frac{1}{n^6}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^9 + 9n^6}{n^9 + 3} \cdot \frac{1}{n^9} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{9}{n^3}}{1 + \frac{3}{n^9}} = 1 \text{ Finite Non-zero}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Absolute Series also Converges by Limit Comparison Test

$\Rightarrow$  Original Series is Absolutely Convergent by Definition

Recall: to determine if a series is Absolutely Convergent, we must check if the Absolute Series is Convergent, by definition

$$B. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (3n)! \ln n}{(n!)^2 e^{4n} n^n n^6}$$

Ratio Test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(-1)^{n+1} (3(n+1))! \ln(n+1)}{((n+1)!)^2 e^{4(n+1)} (n+1)^{n+1} (n+1)^6}}{\frac{(-1)^n (3n)! \ln n}{(n!)^2 e^{4n} n^n n^6}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(3n+3)(3n+2)(3n+1)(3n)!}{(3n)!} \cdot \frac{\ln(n+1)}{\ln n} \cdot \frac{(n!)^2}{((n+1)!)^2} \cdot \frac{e^{4n}}{e^{4n+4}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^6}{(n+1)^6}$$

(n+1)^2 (n!)^2 e^4 e^4 (n+1)^n (n+1)

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3(n+1)}{n+1} \left( \frac{3n+2}{n+1} \right) \left( \frac{3n+1}{n+1} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{e^4} \cdot \left( \frac{n^n}{(n+1)^n} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{n}} \right)^6$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{e^5} \cdot \left( \frac{3+\frac{2}{n}}{1+\frac{1}{n}} \right) \left( \frac{3+\frac{1}{n}}{1+\frac{1}{n}} \right) = \frac{27}{e^5} < 1$$

Converges Absolutely by the Ratio Test

$$e \approx 2.7 \Rightarrow e^5 > 32$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n+1)}{\ln n} \stackrel{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x+1)}{\ln x} \stackrel{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x+1}}{\frac{1}{x}} \stackrel{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{x+1} \stackrel{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

C.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \frac{n+1}{n^2} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{A.S.}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n^2} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  Diverges p-Series (Harmonic)  $p=1$

1.  $b_n = \frac{n+1}{n^2} > 0$

2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n^2} \stackrel{\frac{1}{n^2}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} = 0$

or split

3. Terms Decreasing

$f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^2}$  has

$f'(x) = \frac{x^2(1) - (x+1)(2x)}{x^4} = \frac{x^2 - 2x^2 - 2x}{x^4} = \frac{-x^2 - 2x}{x^4} < 0$

Bound Terms

$\frac{n+1}{n^2} \geq \frac{n}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n}$

Absolute Series also Diverges by Comparison Test

Original Series

Converges by Alternating Series Test

Finally, Original Series is Conditionally Convergent by Definition

D.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+1)! n^n \cdot \pi^n}{(n!)^3 2^{3n}}$

Ratio Test

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (2(n+1)+1)! (n+1)^{n+1} \pi^{n+1}}{((n+1)!)^3 2^{3(n+1)}} \cdot \frac{(n!)^3 2^{3n}}{(-1)^n (2n+1)! n^n \pi^n} \right|$  re partner

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+3)(2n+2)(2n+1)!}{(2n+1)!} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^n (n+1)}{n^n} \cdot \frac{\pi^{n+1}}{\pi^n} \cdot \frac{(n!)^3}{((n+1)!)^3} \cdot \frac{2^{3n}}{2^{3n+3}}$

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2n+3}{n+1} \right) \left( \frac{2n+2}{n+1} \right) \left( \frac{n+1}{n+1} \right) \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{(n+1)^n}{n^n} \cdot \frac{1}{8}$

$\pi \approx 3.14$   
 $e \approx 2.71$

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi \cdot e \cdot \left( 2 + \frac{3}{n} \right)}{8 \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)} = \frac{4\pi e}{8} = \frac{\pi e}{2} > 1$

Diverges by Ratio Test

E.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \frac{n^4 + 3n + 8}{n^9 + 5} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{A.S.}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^4 + 3n + 8}{n^9 + 5} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^4}{n^9} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^5}$  Converges p-Series  $p=5 > 1$

LCT limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^4 + 3n + 8}{n^9 + 5}}{\frac{1}{n^5}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^9 + 3n^6 + 8n^5}{n^9 + 5} \cdot \frac{1}{n^9} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{3}{n^3} + \frac{8}{n^4}}{1 + \frac{5}{n^9}} = 1$$

Finite  
Non-Zero

Note: never have to study the original series

$\Rightarrow$  Absolute Series also Converges by Limit Comparison Test

$\Rightarrow$  original Series is

**Absolutely Convergent** by Definition

F.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{8n+3} \xrightarrow{\text{A.S.}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{8n+3} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  Diverges p-Series  $p=1$

LCT limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{8n+3}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{8n+3} \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{8 + \frac{3}{n}} = \frac{1}{8}$$

Finite  
Non-Zero

1.  $b_n = \frac{1}{8n+3} > 0$

2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{8n+3} = 0$

show why?

3. Terms Decreasing  $\leftarrow$  label

$$b_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3(n+1)+8} = \frac{1}{3n+11} \leq \frac{1}{3n+8} = b_n$$

label all clearly

Original Series

Converges by

Alternating Series

Test

$\Rightarrow$  Absolute Series also

Diverges by

Limit Comparison Test

Finally, Original Series

**Conditionally Convergent** by Definition

Note: A Series being labelled Conditionally Convergent requires two details

1. Absolute Series is Divergent but / and

2. Original Series is Convergent.