Math 121

Answer Key

1. Find the **sum** of the following series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{6^{n+1}}{5^{3n-1}}$

 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \ 6^{n+1}}{5^{3n-1}} = -\frac{6^2}{5^2} + \frac{6^3}{5^5} - \frac{6^4}{5^8} + \dots$ Here we have a Geometric series with $a = -\frac{36}{25}$ and $r = -\frac{6}{5^3} = -\frac{6}{125}$. Note, it does converge since $|r| = \left| -\frac{6}{125} \right| = \frac{6}{125} < 1$. As a result, the sum is given by $\text{SUM} = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{-\frac{36}{25}}{1-\left(-\frac{6}{125}\right)} = \frac{-\frac{36}{25}}{\frac{131}{125}} = -\frac{36}{25} \cdot \frac{125}{131} = -\frac{180}{131}$

2. Use the **Integral Test** to **determine** and **state** whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^2}$ Converges or Diverges. Justify all of your work. You can skip the 3 preconditions.

Check the improper integral

$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^{2}} dx = \lim_{t \to \infty} \int_{1}^{t} (\ln x) x^{-2} dx \stackrel{\text{IBP}}{=} \lim_{t \to \infty} -\frac{\ln x}{x} \Big|_{1}^{t} + \int_{1}^{t} x^{-2} dx$$
$$= \lim_{t \to \infty} -\frac{\ln x}{x} \Big|_{1}^{t} - \frac{1}{x} \Big|_{1}^{t} = \lim_{t \to \infty} -\frac{\ln t}{t} \stackrel{\infty}{\longrightarrow} + \frac{\ln t}{1} \stackrel{1}{-} \left(\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{t} \right)$$
$$\stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{t \to \infty} -\frac{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)}{1} + 0 - 0 + 1 = 1$$

The improper integral Converges, and therefore the original series Converges by the Integral Test.

IBP:

 $u = \ln x \qquad dv = x^{-2}dx$ $du = \frac{1}{x}dx \quad v = -\frac{1}{x}$

Note: it was not required to check the 3 pre-conditions here, but if you did, they would be as follows:

Consider the related function $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x^2}$ with

- 1. f(x) continuous for all x > 0
- 2. f(x) positive for x > 1

3.
$$f(x)$$
 decreasing because $f'(x) = \frac{x^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \ln x(2x)}{\left(x^2\right)^2} = \frac{1 - 2\ln x}{x^3} < 0$ when $x > e^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

3. Consider the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 4n + 7}$

Use two Different methods, namely the Integral Test (no pre-Condition check needed) and the Comparison Test, to prove that this series Converges.

First, the Integral test:

Check the improper integral

$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{2} + 4x + 7} dx = \lim_{t \to \infty} \int_{1}^{t} \frac{1}{x^{2} + 4x + 7} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \to \infty} \int_{1}^{t} \frac{1}{(x + 2)^{2} + 3} dx \quad \text{Complete the Square}$$

$$= \lim_{t \to \infty} \int_{3}^{t+2} \frac{1}{u^{2} + 3} du$$

$$= \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan\left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \Big|_{3}^{t+2}$$

$$= \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left[\arctan\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^{\infty} - \arctan\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^{\overline{3}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{3\pi}{6} - \frac{2\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{u = x + 2}{du = dx}$$

$$x = 1 \Rightarrow u = 3$$

$$x = t \Rightarrow u = t + 2$$

The improper integral Converges, and therefore the original series

Converges by the Integral Test.

Second, the Comparison Test:

 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 4n + 7} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ which is a Convergent } p \text{-series with } p = 2 > 1$ Bound Terms: $\frac{1}{n^2 + 4n + 7} < \frac{1}{n^2}$

Therefore, the Original Series Converges by the Comparison Test

Note: The Limit Comparison Test also works here as a third option.

In each case determine whether the given series **Converges**, or **Diverges**. Name any Convergence Test(s) you use, and justify all of your work.

4.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{6} + 7 \quad \text{Diverges by } n^{th} \text{ term Divergence Test} \text{ because } \lim_{n \to \infty} n^{6} + 7 = \infty \neq 0$$

5.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{6} + 7}{n^{6} + 1} \quad \text{Diverges by } n^{th} \text{ term Divergence Test} \text{ because}$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n^{6} + 7}{n^{6} + 1} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n^{6} + 7}{n^{6} + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{n^{6}}{1}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{7}{n^{6}}}{1 + \frac{1}{n^{6}}} = 1 \neq 0$$

6.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{6} + 1} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{6}} \text{ which is a Convergent } p \text{ series with } p = 6 > 1.$$

Bound Terms:
$$\frac{1}{n^{6} + 1} < \frac{1}{n^{6}}$$

Therefore, the Original Series Converges by the Comparison Test

Note: Limit Comparison Test will also work here.

7.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^6 + 7}{n^7 + 1} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^6}{n^7} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$
 which is the Divergent Harmonic *p*-series with $p = 1$
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$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\frac{n^6 + 7}{n^7 + 1}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n^7 + 7n}{n^7 + 1} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{n^7}}{\frac{1}{n^7}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{7}{n^6}}{\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n^7}}} = 1 \text{ which is Finite and Non-Zero.}$$

They share the same behavior.

Therefore, the Original Series is also Divergent by the Limit Comparison Test.

8. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+6}{n^7+1} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^7} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^6}$ which is a Convergent *p*-series with p = 6 > 1

Study the Comparison Limit:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\frac{n+6}{n^7+1}}{\frac{1}{n^6}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n^7+6n^6}{n^7+1} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{n^7}}{\frac{1}{n^7}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1+\frac{6}{n^7}}{\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{n^7}}} = 1 \text{ which is Finite and Non-Zero.}$$

They share the same behavior.

Therefore, the Original Series is also Convergent by the Limit Comparison Test

Spend some time comparing and contrasting problems 8 and 9. They are structurally very similar Limit Comparison Tests, with one converging and one diverging. Remember, that if the Comparison stacked limit is Finite and Non-Zero, it does not automatically mean *Converge*. Instead, it means the Original Series *shares the same convergence behavior* as the Comparison Series. *They do the same thing!* That is, the Original and Comparison Series either both Converge or both Diverge.

9.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{n^6} + \frac{5^n}{6^n} \stackrel{\text{split}}{=} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{n^6} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5^n}{6^n} = 5\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^6} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^n$$

The first series is Convergent because a Constant Multiple of a Convergent *p*-Series with p = 6 > 1 is convergent.

The second series is Convergent Geometric Series with $|r| = \left|\frac{5}{6}\right| = \frac{5}{6} < 1$

Finally, the Original Series is Convergent as the Sum of Two Convergent series

10.
$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^6}{\ln n}$$
 Diverges by n^{th} term Divergence Test because

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n^6}{\ln n}^{\frac{\infty}{\infty}} = \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{x^6}{\ln x}^{\frac{\infty}{\infty}} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{6x^5}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \to \infty} 6x^6 = \infty \neq 0$$

11.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln 6}{n^6} = \ln 6 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^6}$$

is Convergent because a constant multiple of a Convergent *p*-series with p = 6 > 1 is Convergent.

12.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6^{2n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{6^2}\right)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{36}\right)^n$$
is a Convergent Geometric series with $|r| = \left|\frac{1}{36}\right| = \frac{1}{36} < 1.$

Note: once we gain the Ratio Test in class, you can use the Ratio test here too.

13.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{6}{\pi}\right)^n$$
 is a Divergent Geometric series with $|r| = \left|\frac{6}{\pi}\right| = \frac{6}{\pi} > 1$.

Note: once we gain the Ratio Test in class, you can use the Ratio test here too.

14.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi}{6}$$
 Diverges by n^{th} term Divergence Test because $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{6} \neq 0$

Note: The given series is also Divergent by the Geometric Series Test since $|r| = 1 \ge 1$.

15.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi}{6^n} = \pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6^n} \text{ is a Convergent Geometric series} \text{ with } |r| = \left|\frac{1}{6}\right| = \frac{1}{6} < 1.$$

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16.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \arctan(6n)$$
 Diverges by n^{th} term Divergence Test because
 $\lim_{n \to \infty} \arctan(6\pi) \stackrel{\infty}{=} \frac{\pi}{2} \neq 0$

17.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 n}{n^6 + 1} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^6 + 1} \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^6}$$
 which is a Convergent *p*-series with $p = 6 > 1$.

Bound Terms: $\frac{\sin^2 n}{n^6 + 1} < \frac{1}{n^6 + 1} < \frac{1}{n^6}$

Therefore, the Original Series Converges by the Comparison Test

18.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{2}{n^6}\right)^{n^6}$$
Diverges by n^{th} term Divergence Test because
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1 - \frac{2}{n^6}\right)^{n^{61^{\infty}}} = \lim_{x \to \infty} \left(1 - \frac{2}{x^6}\right)^{x^6} = e^{\lim_{x \to \infty} \ln\left(\left(1 - \frac{2}{x^6}\right)^{x^6}\right)}$$

$$= e^{\lim_{x \to \infty} x^6 \ln\left(1 - \frac{2}{x^6}\right)} \stackrel{\text{so} \cdot 0}{=} e^{\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{\ln\left(1 - \frac{2}{x^6}\right)^{\frac{6}{9}}}{\frac{1}{x^6}}}$$

$$\lim_{u \to \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{x^6}} \left(\frac{\frac{6}{x^7}}{\frac{1}{x^7}}\right)}{-\frac{6}{x^7}} = e^{\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{x^6}} \left(\sum_{x \to \infty} 2\right)}$$

$$= e^{(1)(-2)} = e^{-2} \neq 0$$