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Direct. The Comparison Tests

The Comparison Test: (D.C.T.T.) Suppose $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ are series with positive terms.

- a) If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ is convergent and $a_n \leq b_n$ for all n , then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is also convergent.
- b) If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ is divergent and $a_n \geq b_n$ for all n , then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is also divergent.

$$\sum \text{small} \leq \sum \text{big}.$$

- a) $\sum \text{big}$ is convergent $\Rightarrow \sum \text{small}$ is convergent
- b) $\sum \text{small}$ is divergent $\Rightarrow \sum \text{big}$ is divergent.

Note: $\uparrow$ for convergence $\Rightarrow$ Construct bigger
 $\downarrow$ for divergence $\Rightarrow$ Construct smaller

a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7n^2 + 5n^3 + 4 \cdot 1}{\sqrt{n^{12} + 5n + 4}} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7n^3 + 5n^3 + 4n^3}{\sqrt{n^{12}}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16n^3}{n^6} = 16 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$

Dominant Terms: $\frac{n^3}{\sqrt{n^{12}}} = \frac{n^3}{n^6} = \frac{1}{n^3} \Rightarrow$ Convergent $\Rightarrow$ Construct bigger.
 $p = 3 > 1 \Rightarrow$ is convergent by P-Test.

$\therefore$ by D.C.T.T. $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is also convergent.

b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n^3 + 5n + 8}{\sqrt{n^8 + 5n + 12}} \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{\sqrt{n^8 + 5n^8 + 12n^8}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{\sqrt{18n^8}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{n^4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}.$

Dominant terms: $\frac{n^3}{\sqrt{n^8}} = \frac{n^3}{n^4} = \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow$ divergent $\Rightarrow$ construct smaller.
 $p = 1 \Rightarrow$ divergent by P-Test.

$\therefore$ by D.C.T.T. $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ is also divergent.

$$c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 \ominus \sin(7n+\pi)}{n^5 \oplus 3n \oplus 5} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 + n^2}{n^5} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^2}{n^5} = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p=3 > 1 \\ \text{convergent} \\ \text{by } p\text{-Test.} \end{array} \right.$$

Dominant terms: $\frac{n^2}{n^5} = \frac{1}{n^3} \rightarrow \text{convergent} \Rightarrow \text{Construct bigger.}$

$\therefore$ by D.C.T.T. $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ is also convergent.

$$d) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 + 4^n + 4}{n^5 \cdot 4^{n+1}} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^n + 4^n + 4 \cdot 4^n}{n^5 \cdot 4^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{6 \cdot 4^n}{n^5 \cdot 4^n \cdot 4} = \frac{3}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^5} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p=5 > 1 \\ \text{convergent by} \\ p\text{-Test.} \end{array} \right.$$

Dominant terms: $\frac{4^n}{n^5 \cdot 4^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{4n^5} \rightarrow \text{convergent} \Rightarrow \text{Construct bigger.}$

$\therefore$ by D.C.T.T. $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ is also convergent.

$$e) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^2 + 3\cos^2(n) + 4}{\sqrt{n^5 + 5n + 7 \cdot 1}} \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{\sqrt{n^5 + 5n^5 + 7n^5}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{\sqrt{13n^5}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{5}{2}-2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Dominant terms: $\frac{n^2}{\sqrt{n^5}} = \frac{n^2}{n^{\frac{5}{2}}} = \frac{1}{n^{\frac{5}{2}-2}} = \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} < 1 \rightarrow \text{divergent} \rightarrow \text{Construct smaller}$

$p = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{divergent by} \\ p\text{-Test.} \end{array} \right.$

$\therefore$ by D.C.T.T. $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ is also divergent.

The Limit Comparison Test:

L.C.T.T.

Suppose that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ are series with positive terms. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = c$ where c is a finite number and $c > 0$, then either both series converge or both diverge.

Suppose $a_n > 0$ and $b_n > 0$ for all $n \geq N$

1. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \underline{c > 0} \Rightarrow$ both converge or both diverge.
2. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \underline{0}$ and $\sum b_n$ converges, then $\sum a_n$ converges
3. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \underline{\infty}$ and $\sum b_n$ diverges, then $\sum a_n$ diverges

When $+$ & $-$ signs mixed in the problems.

Ex: Test for convergence

a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7n^3 - n + 4}{\sqrt{49n^{10} - 9n + 4}} = a_n$ ✓

let $b_n = \underline{\text{dominant terms}} = \frac{n^3}{\sqrt{n^{10}}} = \frac{n^3}{n^5} = \frac{1}{n^2} = b_n$

Consider $c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{7n^3 - n + 4}{\sqrt{49n^{10} - 9n + 4}} \cdot \frac{n^2}{1} \right] = \frac{7}{\sqrt{49}} = 1$

and $\sum b_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ { $p=2 > 1$ convergent by p-Test.

$\therefore$ by L.C.T.T. $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ is also convergent.

b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7n^4 - n + 4}{\sqrt{2n^4 + 5n - 2}} \stackrel{\text{let}}{=} a_n.$

Consider $b_n = \text{dominant terms} = \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^4}} = \frac{n}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n}$

Consider $c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7n - n + 4}{\sqrt{2n^4 + 5n - 2}} \cdot \frac{n}{1} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} > 0.$

$\sum b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent by p-Test.

$\therefore$ by L.C.T.T. $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ is also divergent.

c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n - 1} \stackrel{\text{let}}{=} a_n$

$b_n = \text{dominant terms of } a_n = \frac{1}{2^n} = b_n$

Consider $c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2^n - 1} \cdot \frac{2^n}{1} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2^n}{2^n - 1} \div \frac{2^n}{2^n} \right) =$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2^n}} = 1 > 0$

$\sum b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = \sum \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \rightarrow r = \frac{1}{2} < 1$
 $\Rightarrow$ is convergent by G.S.

$\therefore$ by L.C.T.T. $\sum a_n$ is convergent

d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n2^n}$

1d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7}{n(2n-1)} = a_n$

$b_n = \frac{7}{n^2}$

$c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7}{n(2n-1)} \cdot \frac{n^2}{1} =$

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7n}{2n^2 - n} = \frac{1}{2} > 0$

$\sum b_n = \sum \frac{7}{n^2}$ is conv.
 $\therefore$ by L.C.T.T. $\sum a_n$ is convergent

$$d) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n \cdot 2^n} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+n}{n \cdot 2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n}{n \cdot 2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$$

Dominant term: $\frac{n}{n \cdot 2^n} = \frac{1}{2^n} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \rightarrow \text{Convergent} \Rightarrow \text{Construct bigger.}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a=1 \\ r=\left|\frac{1}{2}\right| < 1 \end{array} \right.$$

is convergent by G.S.

$\therefore$ By D.C.T.T. $\sum a_n$ is also convergent.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^n = e^x$$

or 1

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

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2n+1}{2n-3} \right)^{3n-4}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{2n+1}{2n-3} \div \frac{2n}{2n} \right]^{3n-4}$$

$$= \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right)^n}{\left(1 - \frac{3}{2n}\right)^n} \right]^3 \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{2n-3} \right]^{-4}$$

$$= \left[\frac{e^{1/2}}{e^{-3/2}} \right]^3 (1)^{-4}$$

$$= (e^2)^3 = \boxed{e^6}$$

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