

Packet E: Positive Series - Integral Test (corresponds to Section 9.4)

II. Integral Test. Let f be a continuous, positive, nonincreasing function on the interval $[1, \infty)$ and suppose $a_k = f(k)$ for all positive integers k .

Then the infinite series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$$

converges if and only if the improper integral

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

converges.

The series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ and the improper integral $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ converge or diverge together.

III. p -Series Test. The series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^p} = 1 + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \frac{1}{4^p} + \cdots$$

where p is a constant, is called a **p -series**.

- a) If $p > 1$, the p -series converges.
- b) If $p \leq 1$, the p -series diverges.

IV. n th-Term for Divergence.

- a) If the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ converges, then $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$.
- b) If $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k \neq 0$ or does not exist, then the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ diverges.

Use the Integral Test test to decide about the convergence or divergence of the series

1.
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k+2}$$

2.
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{1+k^2}$$

3.
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+2}}$$

4.
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{1+k^2}$$

5.
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10k+3}$$

6.
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{e^k}$$

7.
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4+3k)^{3/2}}$$

8.
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2}{1+k^3}$$

9.
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ke^{-k^2}$$

10.
$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(\ln k)^2}$$

Use any test developed so far to decide about the convergence or divergence of the series. Give a reason for your conclusion.

11.
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2+1}{k^2+5}$$

12.
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{\pi}\right)^k$$

$$13. \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^k + \frac{k-1}{2k+1} \right]$$

$$14. \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{1}{2^k} \right)$$

$$15. \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin \left(\frac{k\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$16. \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \sin \frac{1}{k}$$

$$17. \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 e^{-k}$$

$$18. \quad \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k-1} \right)$$

19. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\tan^{-1} k}{1+k^2}$

20. $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+4k^2}$

21. For what values of p does $\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} 1/[n(\ln n)^p]$ converge?

22. Does $\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} 1/[n \cdot \ln n \cdot \ln(\ln n)]$ converge or diverge?