

# Mathematical Analysis 1: Tutorial #3

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**Exercise 5 of Tutorial 2.** (a) Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be sequences of real numbers that coincide except possibly for the first few (finitely many) terms. More precisely, assume that there exists some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $n \geq N$ , then  $a_n = b_n$ . Explain why  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  either both converge or both diverge.

(b) Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Explain why  $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges.

**Exercise 6 of Tutorial 2.** Determine which of the following series converge:

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| (a) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n-\sqrt{n}}$ ;    | (e) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}}$ ; | (i) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+(1/n)}}$ ;                      | (m) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{n}{5}\right)^n$ ; |
| (b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n^2}$ ;         | (f) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+\sin n}{3^n}$ ;   | (j) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n^n}{n!}$ ;                      | (n) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{4n^2+1}$ ;       |
| (c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^2(n)}{n^2+1}$ ; | (g) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n}{3^n}$ ;     | (k) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{3n-1}$ ;                    | (o) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\ln n}$ ;    |
| (d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{n2^n}$ ;        | (h) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$ ;         | (l) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}{n!}$ ; | (p) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{100\sqrt{n}}$ .  |

**Exercise 1.** Determine which of the following series converge. For those series that converge, determine if they converge absolutely or conditionally.

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| (a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 e^{-n^2}$ ;       | (f) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-5)^n}{(2n)!}$ ;       | (k) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(-5)^n}{7^n}$ ;                 | (p) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^5+1}{n^6+1}$ ;              |
| (b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{n^2+1}$ ;  | (g) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{5^n}{n^5}$ ;     | (l) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7^n}{n \cdot 5^n}$ ;             | (q) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)^n}{n^{2n}}$ ;            |
| (c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+n+1}$ ;  | (h) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{n}{n^2+1}$ ; | (m) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{2^{1+2n}}$ ;                | (r) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{n^2}$ ; |
| (d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n n^2}{n!}$ ; | (i) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(4n)}{4^n}$ ;       | (n) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1-n^2}{1+2n^2}\right)^n$ ; | (s) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt[3]{2}-1)^n$ ;                |
| (e) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{2^n}$ ;    | (j) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{6-n}$ ;       | (o) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n2^n}}{n!}$ ;              | (t) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+n \sin^2 n}$ .           |

**Exercise 2.** Prove the following variant of the Comparison Test.

**The Comparison Test (stronger version).** Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be sequences of real numbers, and assume that there exists some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $n \geq N$ , then  $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$ . Then:

- (a) if the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges, then so does the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ ;  
(b) if the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges, then so does the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ .

**Warning:** Note that part (a) gives us no information about the relationship between the sums of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ . This is because of the first  $N$  terms of the two sequences: the first  $N$  terms have no effect on convergence/divergence of a series, but if the series does converge, they do affect the value of the sum.

**Exercise 3.** Prove the following theorem (which we can think of as a variant of the Comparison Test, or alternatively, as a kind of “Squeeze Theorem” for series).

**Theorem.** Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , and  $\{c_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be sequences of real numbers such that

$$a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then the following hold:

- (a) if the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$  converge, then so does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ , and in this case,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n;$$

- (b) if the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$  converge absolutely, then so does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ .

**(Hint:** For both parts, you will need to use the Comparison Test in a convenient way. For (b), start by explaining why  $|b_n| \leq \max\{|a_n|, |c_n|\} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .)