

p-Series: (Packet Key)

1. converges if $p > 1$
2. diverges if $0 < p < 1$
3. diverges if $p = 1$ (harmonic series)

A. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$$

$$p = \frac{3}{2} > 1$$

\therefore converges

B. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/3}}$$

$$p = \frac{1}{3} < 1$$

\therefore diverges

C. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{n}}$

$$p = \frac{1}{4} < 1$$

\therefore diverges

D. Not a p-series!
(Either geo or integral)

Geo: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^n$ $r = \frac{1}{e} < 1$

\therefore converges

Integral:

$$\int_1^{\infty} e^{-x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b e^{-x} dx$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (-e^{-x} \Big|_1^b)$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (-e^{-b} - (-e^{-1}))$$
$$= \frac{1}{e}$$

\therefore converges

E. Either Telescopic or Integral :

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{x^2-1} = \frac{1}{(x+1)(x-1)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1}$$

$$1 = A(x-1) + B(x+1)$$

$$x=1: 1 = 2B \quad B = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x=-1: 1 = -2A \quad A = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{x^2-1} = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{x+1} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{x-1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right)$$

Telescopic :

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}\right) \right.$$

$$+ \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6}\right)$$

$$\left. + \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7}\right) + \dots \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

\therefore converges to $\frac{3}{4}$

Integral : f is continuous, positive, and decreasing

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x-1} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x+1} dx$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_2^b \frac{1}{x-1} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_2^b \frac{1}{x+1} dx$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \ln|x-1| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x+1| \Big|_2^b$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{x-1}{x+1} \right| \Big|_2^b$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{b-1}{b+1} \right| - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{1}{3} \right|$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1}{3} = \frac{\ln 3}{2}$$

\therefore converges

$$F. \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{[\ln(\ln n)] [n(\ln n)]}$$

Integral Test: f is continuous, positive, and decreasing

$$\int_3^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln(\ln x) \cdot x \ln x} dx$$

$$u = \ln(\ln x)$$
$$du = \frac{1}{\ln x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx = \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_3^b \frac{1}{\ln(\ln x) \cdot x \ln x} dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{u} du = \ln|u| = \ln|\ln(\ln x)|$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln|\ln(\ln x)| \Big|_3^b$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln|\ln(\ln b)| - \ln|\ln(\ln 3)|$$

\therefore series diverges