

**My Office Hours:** M & W 2:30–4:00, Tu 2:00–3:30, & F 1:30–2:30 or by appointment. **Math**

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Website: <http://math.hws.edu/~mitchell/Math131F15/index.html>.

*Test Monday at 7:40 am*

Practice materials online. Review Labs. Extra TA's Sunday with the Math Intern.

☛ *Practice.* Review all of Section 8.5 on the ratio, root, and comparison tests. Begin reading Section 8.6 on Alternating Series.

*Hand In Monday after Thanksgiving*

Justify your answers with an argument. When using comparison, be sure you explain why the series you are comparing to converges or diverges.

1. Root Test: Page 648 #20 and #22.

2. Determine whether these series converge using comparisons:

$$(a) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + 8k + 12} \quad (b) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{4k + \sqrt{k}}$$

(c) Before we knew the limit comparison test, how would you have done part (a)?

Knowing more stuff makes life easier

*Eight Tests*

1. **Ratio Test.** Assume that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a series with **positive** terms and let  $r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$ .

1. If  $r < 1$ , then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

2. If  $r > 1$  or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} > \infty$ , then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

3. If  $r = 1$ , then the test is inconclusive. The series may converge or diverge.

2. **Root Test.** Assume that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a series with **positive** terms and let  $r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n}$ .

1. If  $r < 1$ , then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

2. If  $r > 1$  or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} > \infty$ , then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

3. If  $r = 1$ , then the test is inconclusive. The series may converge or diverge.

3. **Limit Comparison Test.** Assume that  $a_n > 0$  and  $b_n > 0$  for all  $n$  (or at least all  $n \geq k$ ) and that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L$ .

(1) If  $0 < L < \infty$  (i.e.,  $L$  is a positive, finite number), then either  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  both converge or both diverge.

(2) If  $L = 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

(3) If  $L = \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

**4. Direct Comparison Test.** Assume  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  are series with positive terms.

(a) If  $0 < a_n \leq b_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges. (If the bigger series converges, so does the smaller series.)

(b) If  $0 < b_n \leq a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges. (If the smaller series diverges, so does the bigger series.)

**5. The Geometric Series Test.**

(a) If  $|r| < 1$ , then the geometric series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$  converges to  $\frac{a}{1-r}$ .

(b) If  $|r| \geq 1$ , then the geometric series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$  diverges.

**6. The  $n$ th term test for Divergence.** If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges. (If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ , this test is useless.)

**7. The Integral Test.** If  $f(x)$  is a **positive, continuous, and decreasing** for  $x \geq 1$  and  $f(n) = a_n$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  either both converge or both diverge.

**8. The  $p$ -series Test.** The  $p$ -series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{converges if } p > 1 \\ \text{diverges if } p \leq 1. \end{array} \right.$

**99. ANSWERS to Lab 12 Review:**

(a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5 \cdot n!}{2^n}$ . **ARGUMENT:** Factorial: Ratio test. The terms are positive.  $r =$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 \cdot (n+1)!}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n}{5 \cdot n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{2} = \infty > 1. \text{ Since } r > 1 \text{ by the ratio test the series diverges.}$$

(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{1+4n^2}$ . **ARGUMENT:** Integral test: Note that  $f(x) = \frac{2}{1+4x^2}$  is certainly positive and continuous; it is also decreasing because as  $x$  increases, the denominator increases, but the numerator stays the same making the function values smaller. Or use the derivative:  $f'(x) = \frac{-16x}{(1+4x^2)^2} < 0$  on  $[1, \infty)$ . Aside  $u^2 = 4x^2$ , so  $u = 2x$ ,  $du = 2 dx$ . Then  $\int \frac{2}{1+4x^2} dx = \int \frac{1}{1+u^2} du = \arctan u = \arctan(2x)$ . So

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{1+4x^2} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \arctan 2x \Big|_1^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\arctan 2b - \arctan 2] = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan 2.$$

So the integral converges. So  $\sum \frac{2}{1+4n^2}$  also converges by the integral test.

(c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \arctan(n)$ . **ARGUMENT:** The Divergence ( $n$ th) term test.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2 \arctan(n) = 2(\pi/2) = \pi \neq 0$ . So the series diverges by the  $n$ th term test.

(d)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{n^6}}$ . **ARGUMENT:**  $p$ -series test: Since  $p = \frac{6}{5} > 1$ , the series converges by the  $p$ -series test.

(e)  $4 - \frac{8}{9} + \frac{16}{81} - \frac{32}{729} + \dots$ . **ARGUMENT:** Geometric  $a = 4$  and we can get  $r$  by dividing the next term by the one before it:  $r = \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{-\frac{8}{9}}{4} = \frac{-2}{9}$ . So the sum is  $\frac{4}{1+\frac{2}{9}} = \frac{36}{11}$ .