

1. (10 Points) Determine if the following sequence converges or diverges. If it converges, find the value it converges to and if it diverges show why.

$$\{e^{2n/(n+2)}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{2n/(n+2)} = e^2$$

2. (15 Points) Determine if the following series converges or diverges. If it converges, find the value it converges to and if it diverges show why.

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

Solution:

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

The first is geometric with $a = \frac{1}{e}$ and $r = \frac{1}{e}$, so the sum is $\frac{1}{e-1}$. The second is telescoping with sum 1. So the sum of the original series is $1 + \frac{1}{e-1} = \frac{e}{e-1}$.

3. (15 Points) Use the integral test to determine if the following series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n e^{-n}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t x e^{-x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (-x e^{-x} - e^{-x}) \Big|_1^t && \text{(Parts)} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (-t e^{-t} - e^{-t}) - (-2e^{-1}) = \frac{2}{e} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the series converges.

4. (10 Points) Use comparison or limit comparison to determine if the following series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n \sin^2(n)}{1 + n^3}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{n \sin^2(n)}{1 + n^3} \leq \frac{n}{1 + n^3} \leq \frac{n}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges, p series with $p > 1$, the original series converges.

5. **Extra Credit** (5 Points) Show that the following sequence converges and find the limit of the sequence.

$$\left\{ \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}, \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}}, \dots \right\}$$

Solution: To show that this sequence does converge note that $a_1 = \sqrt{2}$ and $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + a_n}$. So $a_2 = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}} > \sqrt{2} = a_1$. By induction, assume that $a_n > a_{n-1}$, then $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + a_n} > \sqrt{2 + a_{n-1}} = a_n$, so the sequence is monotonically increasing. The sequence is also bounded above by 3 (or anything larger). Note that $a_1 = \sqrt{2} < 3$ and by induction if $a_n < 3$ then $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + a_n} < \sqrt{2 + 3} = \sqrt{5} < 3$. So by the Monotonic Sequence Theorem the limit exists.

Since the sequence converges, let x represent the limiting value. Then $x = \sqrt{2 + x}$. So $x^2 = 2 + x$, giving $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$. The solutions to this equation are $x = 2$ and $x = -1$. Since all the terms are positive the only viable solution is 2.