

• Version (2)

1) (6-points) Show that the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+7n+12}$ is convergent and find its sum.

(Hint: You may use telescoping sums).

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n^2+7n+12} = \frac{1}{(n+3)(n+4)} = \frac{1}{n+3} - \frac{1}{n+4}, \quad n \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6}\right) + \dots \\ &\quad + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{n+2} - \frac{1}{n+3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{n+3} - \frac{1}{n+4}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{n+4} = \text{the } n\text{th term of the sequence of partial sums of the given series.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{n+4}\right) = \frac{1}{3}$$

Conclusion The given series converges and has the sum $\frac{1}{3}$.

2) (4-points) Test the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{32n^2+14n}}$ for convergence or divergence.

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{32n^2+14n}} \quad \text{and let } b_n = \frac{1}{n^{2/5}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{n^2}}$$

and use Limit Comparison test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[5]{n^2}}{\sqrt[5]{32n^2+14n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{32 + \frac{14}{n^2}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} > 0 \quad \text{and since } \sum \frac{1}{n^{2/5}} \text{ is a divergent } p\text{-series}$$

($p = \frac{2}{5}$) \Rightarrow The given series diverges by the limit comparison test.

- 3) (6-points) Find the set of all x for which the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (3x+2)^{n+1}$ converges. Then find its sum for these values of x .

The first few terms of the series: $(3x+2) - (3x+2)^2 + (3x+2)^3 - \dots$

which shows that it is a geometric series with:

First term = $a = 3x+2$ and common ratio $r = -(3x+2)$.

\Rightarrow It converges for all $|r| = |3x+2| < 1 \Rightarrow$

$$-1 < 3x+2 < 1 \Rightarrow -3 < 3x < -1 \Rightarrow \boxed{-1 < x < -\frac{1}{3}}$$

The sum = $\frac{a}{1-r}$, $|r| < 1$

$$\Rightarrow \text{The sum} = \frac{3x+2}{1+3x+2} = \frac{3x+2}{3x+3}, \quad -1 < x < -\frac{1}{3}$$

- 4) (4-points) Test the series $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10+7^{n-1}}$ for convergence or divergence.

$$\frac{1}{10+7^{n-1}} < \frac{1}{7^{n-1}}$$

And since $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{7^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{7^2} + \frac{1}{7^3} + \dots$ is

a convergent geometric series ($|r| = \frac{1}{7} < 1$)

\Rightarrow The given series converges by the direct comparison test.

- 1) (6-points) Show that the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+5n+6}$ is convergent and find its sum.
 (Hint: You may use telescoping sums).

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n^2+5n+6} = \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+3)} = \frac{1}{n+2} - \frac{1}{n+3} \quad ; n \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow S_n &= a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5}\right) + \\ &\quad \dots + \left(\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{n+2} - \frac{1}{n+3}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n+3} = \text{the } n\text{th term of the sequence of} \\ &\quad \text{partial sums of the given series.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n+3}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Conclusion: The given series converges and has the sum $\frac{1}{2}$.

- 2) (4-points) Test the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{8n^2+16n}}$ for convergence or divergence.

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{8n^2+16n}} \text{ and let } b_n = \frac{1}{n^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n^2}}$$

and use the limit comparison test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{n^2}}{\sqrt[3]{8n^2+16n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{8 + \frac{16}{n}}} = \frac{1}{2} > 0$$

and since $\sum \frac{1}{n^{2/3}}$ is a divergent p -series ($p = \frac{2}{3}$)

\Rightarrow the given series converges by the limit comparison test.

- 3) (6-points) Find the set of all x for which the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (2x+3)^{n+1}$ converges. Then find its sum for these values of x .

The first few terms of the series: $(2x+3) - (2x+3)^2 + (2x+3)^3 - \dots$
which show that it is a geometric series with:

First term $= a = 2x+3$ and common ratio $r = -(2x+3)$

\Rightarrow it converges for all $|r| = |2x+3| < 1 \Rightarrow$

$$-1 < 2x+3 < 1 \Rightarrow -4 < 2x < -2 \Rightarrow \boxed{-2 < x < -1}$$

$$\text{The sum} = \frac{a}{1-r}, \quad |r| < 1$$

$$\text{The sum} = \frac{2x+3}{1+2x+3} = \frac{2x+3}{2x+4}, \quad -2 < x < -1$$

- 4) (4-points) Test the series $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2+5^{n-1}}$ for convergence or divergence.

$$\frac{1}{2+5^{n-1}} < \frac{1}{5^{n-1}}$$

$$\text{And since } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{5^3} + \dots$$

is a convergent geometric series with $|r| = \frac{1}{5} < 1$

\Rightarrow the given series converges by the direct comparison test.