

1) In (A) and (B) Test the series for convergence or divergence. If it is convergent, find its sum.

(A) (5 points) $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{2n+1} - \sqrt{2n-1}}{\sqrt{4n^2-1}}$

$$= \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{2n+1} - \sqrt{2n-1}}{\sqrt{2n-1} \sqrt{2n+1}}$$

$$= \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2n-1}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$S_m = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} \right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2m-1}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m+1}} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$S_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m+1}}$$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} S_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

\Rightarrow The series is convergent and has the sum $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$.

2) (5 points) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{2^{3n+1}}{11^{n+1}}$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \left(\frac{2}{11} \right) \left(\frac{2^{3n}}{11^n} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \left(\frac{2}{11} \right) \left(\frac{8}{11} \right)^{n-1}$$

which is a geometric series with

$$\text{Common ratio} = -\frac{8}{11}$$

$$\left| -\frac{8}{11} \right| < 1 \Rightarrow$$

The series is convergent and has the sum

$$= \frac{\text{The first Term}}{1 - \text{Common Ratio}}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{2}{11} \right) \left(\frac{8}{11} \right)}{1 - \left(-\frac{8}{11} \right)} = \frac{16}{11^2 + 88}$$

$$= \frac{16}{121 + 88} = \frac{16}{209}$$

3)(5 points) Verify that the integral test is applicable to the following series. Then use it to test the series for convergence or divergence.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+4n+5}$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+4x+5}, x \geq 1$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is positive and continuous for all $x \geq 1$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-(2x+4)}{(x^2+4x+5)^2} < 0 \Rightarrow$$

f is decreasing for all $x \geq 1$

\Rightarrow The integral test is applicable

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2+4x+5} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{1+(x+2)^2} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\tan^{-1}(x+2) \right]_1^t$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}(t+2) - \tan^{-1}3$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1}3 \Rightarrow \text{The series is convergent.}$$

4)(5 points) Use the direct or the limit comparison test to determine whether the following series is convergent or divergence'

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2+n+3}{\sqrt[3]{n^7+5n+8}}$$

$$a_n = \frac{n^2+n+3}{\sqrt[3]{n^7+5n+8}}$$

$$\text{Compare with } b_n = \frac{n^2}{n^{7/3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n = \frac{1}{n^{1/3}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{2/3} + n^{1/3} + 3n^{1/3}}{(n^7+5n+8)^{1/3}}$$

$$= 1 > 0$$

But $\sum \frac{1}{n^{1/3}}$ is a divergent

p-series ($p = \frac{1}{3} < 1$)

\Rightarrow The given series is divergent by the limit comparison test.