

Section 6.5 - Direct Comparison Test and Limit Comparison Test (Examples)

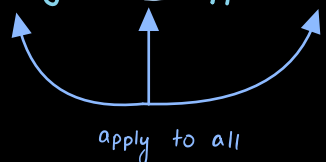
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Direct Comparison Test

$$\sum 0 < \sum a_n < \sum b_n \quad (\text{will be positive eventually})$$



Direct Comparison Test CASE I

• $0 < \sum a_n < \sum b_n \rightarrow$ if $\sum b_n$ converges, then $\sum a_n$, the original smaller series must converge as well

Direct Comparison Test CASE II

OR

• $0 < \sum b_n < \sum a_n \rightarrow$ if $\sum b_n$ diverges then $\sum a_n$, the original smaller series must diverge as well

$a_n > 0, \sum a_n$ converges?
 $\sum 0 < \sum a_n < \sum b_n$
 $\Rightarrow 0 < \sum a_n < \sum b_n$
 If the larger series $\sum b_n$ converges then the original smaller series $\sum a_n$ converge

• $\sum 0 < \sum b_n < \sum a_n$
 $\Rightarrow 0 < \sum b_n < \sum a_n$
 If the smaller series constructed $\sum b_n$ diverges, then the original larger series $\sum a_n$ diverges



$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n^2 - 3}{n^2 \cdot 5^n} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} 2 \text{ terms} \\ \text{One term, 2 factors} \end{matrix} \quad (\text{terms are separated by } + \text{ or } -)$$

* drop less significant *

$$0 < \sum \frac{4n^2 - 3}{n^2 \cdot 5^n} < \sum \frac{4n^2}{n^2 \cdot 5^n}$$

$$0 < \sum \frac{4n^2 - 3}{n^2 \cdot 5^n} < \sum \frac{4}{5^n}$$

$$\parallel \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 4 \left(\frac{1}{5} \right)^n$$

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tail of convergent geometric series (since starts @ 1 instead of zero)

Do sum starting from where it is positive, so if this was positive @ 2 start from 2 instead of 1

Hence we can conclude $\frac{4n^2 - 3}{n^2 \cdot 5^n}$ converges by the **direct comparison test**

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$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n^2 - 3}{n^2 \cdot 5^n}$
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n^2 - 3}{n^2 \cdot 5^n} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n^2}{n^2 \cdot 5^n}$
 $\Rightarrow 0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n^2 - 3}{n^2 \cdot 5^n} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{5^n}$
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 4 \left(\frac{1}{5} \right)^n$
 Tail of convergent geometric series ($|r| < \frac{1}{5}$)
 Hence $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n^2 - 3}{n^2 \cdot 5^n}$ converges by the Direct Comparison Test.



$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3 * \sqrt[4]{n-1}} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{n-1}}$$

if n=1 would be ∞ since zero in denominator

$$\sum 0 < \sum \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{n}} < \sum \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{n-1}}$$

$$\sum 0 < \frac{1}{3} \sum \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} < \frac{1}{3} \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{n-1}}$$

* Divergent p Series where $p = 1/4$, Column #4 *

Hence $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3 \cdot \sqrt[4]{n-1}}$ diverges
by the direct comparison test

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#6.5.1(e) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3 \cdot \sqrt[4]{n-1}} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{n-1}}$
 $\sum 0 < \frac{1}{3} \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{n}} < \frac{1}{3} \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{n-1}}$
 $\Rightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{3} \sum \frac{1}{n^{1/4}} < \frac{1}{3} \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{n-1}}$
 Divergent p-series
 (w/ $p = 1/4$) (p-series test)

Hence $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3 \cdot \sqrt[4]{n-1}}$ diverges
by the Direct Comparison Test



$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{3^n - 5}$$

$$0 < \sum \frac{2}{3^n} < \sum \frac{2}{3^n - 5}$$

eventually (for $n=2, 3, \dots$)

$$\rightarrow 0 < \sum 2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n < \sum \frac{2}{3^n - 5}$$

\therefore Convergent geometric series

Hence $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3 \cdot \sqrt[4]{n-1}}$ diverges
by the Direct Comparison Test
 #6.5.1(e) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2}{3^n - 5}$
 $\sum 0 < \sum \frac{2}{3^n} < \sum \frac{2}{3^n - 5}$
 eventually
 (for $n=2, 3, \dots$)
 $\Rightarrow 0 < \sum 2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n < \sum \frac{2}{3^n - 5}$
 Convergent Geometric
 Series (with $r = 1/3$)



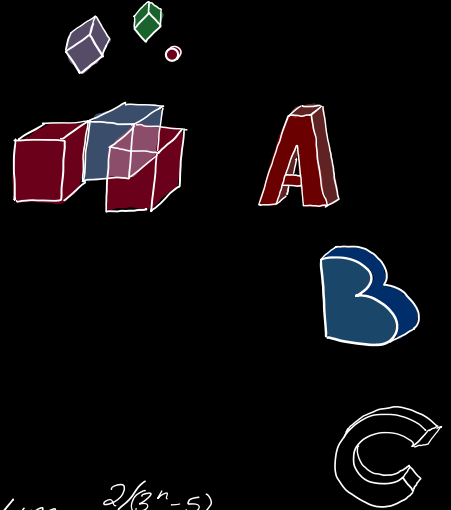
From direct Comparison Test

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Limit Comparison Test

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{3^n - 5}$$

$$0 < \sum \frac{2}{3^n} < \sum \frac{2}{3^n - 5}$$

b_n a_n

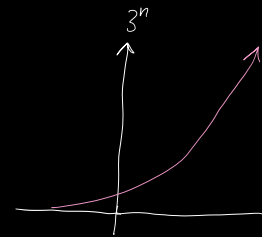
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2(3^n - 5)}{2(3^n)}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{3^n - 5} * \frac{3^n}{2}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n}{3^n - 5} \quad \left[\frac{\infty}{\infty} \text{ Form} \right]$$

$$\overset{L'H}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n * \ln 3}{3^n * \ln 3}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1 \quad (= L) \quad 0 < 1 < \infty$$



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

geometric series with $r = 1/3$;
geometric series test

Hence, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{3^n - 5}$ Converges by Limit Comparison test

6.5.1.F

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

$$0 < \sum \frac{n^2}{n^3+1} < \sum \frac{n^2}{n^3}$$

$$0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3+1} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

P Series, $p=1$, Column 4, harmonic Series, diverges

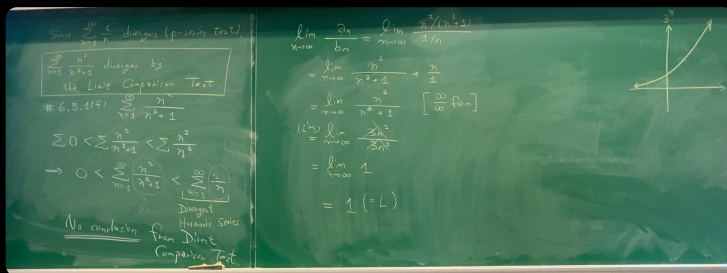
No Conclusion from Direct Comparison Test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2/(n^3-1)}{1/n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3+1} \cdot \frac{n}{1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3}{n^3+1} = \frac{\infty}{\infty} \text{ form}$$

$$\stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^2}{3n^2}$$



$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1 (=L)$ if finite, and greater than zero, can apply limit comparison test

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges (p-series test)

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3+1}$ diverges by the limit comparison test