

# Series V

Dose  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln(k)}$  converge or diverge

if it diverges we need

$$\frac{1}{\ln(k)} > \frac{1}{k} \text{ (something that diverges)}$$

$$k > \ln(k) \text{ past some point } (k \geq 2)$$

$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$  diverges by the p test since  $p=1 \leq 1$

so  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln(k)}$  diverges too by the comparison test

Ex: Dose  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\arctan(n)}{1+n^2}$  converges or diverges?

Using limit comparison test: What dominates?

$$\frac{\arctan(n)}{1+n^2} < \frac{\pi/2}{n^2} \text{ since } 1+n^2 > n^2 \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

but  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi/2}{n^2} = \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges by the p-test since  $p=2 > 1$ ,

so  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\arctan(n)}{1+n^2}$  converges by the comparison test

Using the limit comparison test  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n^2}}{\frac{\arctan(n)}{1+n^2}}$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2+1}{n^2 \arctan(n)}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2+1}{n^2 \arctan(n)} \cdot \left( \frac{\frac{1}{n^2}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{n^2} \rightarrow 0}{\arctan(n) \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{1+0}{\pi/2} = \frac{2}{\pi} > 0$$

So the limit comparison test says

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\arctan(n)}{1+n^2} \text{ converges if } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ does}$$

## Recall: The Generalized P-test

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k n^k + a_{k-1} n^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 n + a_0}{b_l n^l + b_{l-1} n^{l-1} + \dots + b_1 n + b_0} \quad (\text{where } a_k \neq 0 \text{ \& } b_l \neq 0)$$

converges if  $p = l - k > 1$  and diverges if  $p = l - k \leq 1$

Proof: Using the P-test and the limit comparison test

We'll compare the given series to  $\frac{1}{n^p} = \frac{1}{n^{l-k}} = \frac{n^k}{n^l}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k n^k + a_{k-1} n^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 n + a_0}{b_l n^l + b_{l-1} n^{l-1} + \dots + b_1 n + b_0} \cdot \frac{1}{n^p}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{\cancel{l-k}} \cdot (a_k n^k + a_{k-1} n^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 n + a_0)}{b_l n^l + b_{l-1} n^{l-1} + \dots + b_1 n + b_0}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k n^l + \dots + a_1 n^{l-k+1} + a_0 n^{l-k}}{b_l n^l + \dots + b_1 n + b_0} \cdot \frac{1/n^l}{1/n^l}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k + \frac{a_{k-1}}{n} + \dots + \frac{a_0}{n^k} = 0}{b_l + \frac{b_{l-1}}{n} + \dots + \frac{b_0}{n^l} = 0} = \frac{a_k}{b_l} \neq 0$$

$\therefore \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k n^k + a_{k-1} n^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 n + a_0}{b_l n^l + b_{l-1} n^{l-1} + \dots + b_1 n + b_0}$  converges or diverges exactly as

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  does ie as  $p = l - k > 1$  (converges) or

$p = l - k \leq 1$  (diverges)