

# Honors Calculus, Math 1450. Assignment 8, Solutions.

$$(1) \quad (a) \sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{3})^n} = \frac{\frac{1}{(\sqrt{3})^2}}{1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}-1} = \frac{\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{3}+1)}{3(\sqrt{3}-1)(\sqrt{3}+1)} = \frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$\left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_0 r^n = \frac{a_0}{1-r} \text{ for } |r| < 1 \right)$$

(b) Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x-1|^n$ , Using root test, we have

if  $\sqrt[n]{|x-1|^n} < 1$  then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x-1|^n$  converges

$$\text{so } \sqrt[n]{|x-1|^n} = |x-1| < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < x < 2$$

as  $x=0$   
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |-1|^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1$  div.  
 & as  $x=2$   
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |1|^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1$  div.

(2) By geometric series, we have  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_0 r^n = \frac{a_0}{1-r}$  for  $|r| < 1$ .

Given  $|x| < 1$  we have  $|x^2| < 1$ . Let  $r = -x^2$ ,  $a_0 = 1$ , then

$$\frac{1}{1-(-x^2)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 1 \cdot (-x^2)^n = 1 + (-x^2) + (-x^2)^2 + (-x^2)^3 + \dots + (-x^2)^n + \dots$$

$$= 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots + (-1)^n x^{2n} + \dots$$

$$\text{For } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{2n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4} (-1)^n \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{2n} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{2n}$$

$$\text{So, now } x = \frac{1}{4}, \text{ and } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{2n+1} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{16}{15} = \frac{4}{15}$$

(3) (a) Given  $\sum_{n>1} \frac{\ln(n)}{n}$ . By integral test, since  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a^2}{2}\right)_1^a$  diverges.

Thus  $\sum_{n>1} \frac{\ln(n)}{n}$  diverges.

(b) Given  $\sum_{n>1} \frac{3n(n-1)}{n^2+1}$ , By divergent test,

since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n(n-1)}{n^2+1} = 3 \neq 0$ , thus  $\sum_{n>1} \frac{3n(n-1)}{n^2+1}$  diverges

(c) Given  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(\pi j)}{j^2}$ , since  $\cos(\pi j) = (-1)^j$  for  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(\pi j)}{j^2} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{j^2}$ . By alternating series test,

since  $\frac{1}{j^2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $\frac{1}{j^2} > \frac{1}{(j+1)^2}$  ( $b_n > b_{n+1}$ ). Then  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j}{j^2}$  converges. (or check abs. convergent by stwe.)

(d) Given  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2+1}$ . let  $a_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2+1}$  and  $b_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2}$

since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2+1}}{\frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2}} = 1 > 0$ . and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$

converges by p-series test, so by limit comparison test,

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n^2+1}$  converges.

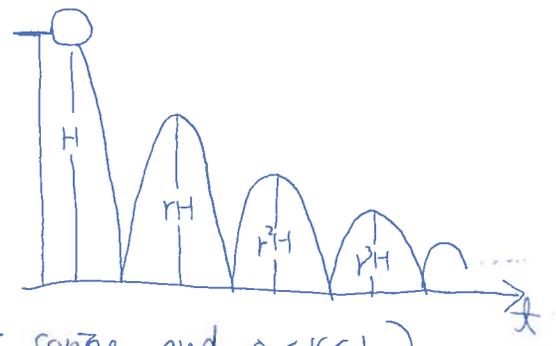
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$$(a) \text{ distance} = H + 2rH + 2r^2H + 2r^3H + \dots$$

$$= H + 2H(r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots)$$

$$= H + 2H \cdot \frac{r}{1-r} \quad (\text{by geometric series and } 0 < r < 1)$$



$$\therefore = H \left[ 1 + \frac{2r}{1-r} \right] = H \cdot \frac{1+r}{1-r}$$

(b) since the falling distance  $h = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$ , then  $t = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$ .

Then, by (a), the total time is  $\sqrt{\frac{2H}{g}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{2H}{g}}r + 2\sqrt{\frac{2H}{g}}r^2 + \dots$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2H}{g}} \left[ 1 + 2\sqrt{r} + 2\sqrt{r^2} + 2\sqrt{r^3} + \dots \right] = \sqrt{\frac{2H}{g}} \left[ 1 + 2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{r}}{1-\sqrt{r}} \right] = \sqrt{\frac{2H}{g}} \cdot \frac{1+\sqrt{r}}{1-\sqrt{r}}$$

(c) since  $\frac{dx}{dt^2} = -g \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = -gt + v_0 \Rightarrow x = -g\frac{t^2}{2} + v_0t + x_0$

and

$$v = +gt \quad \text{where } t = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$$

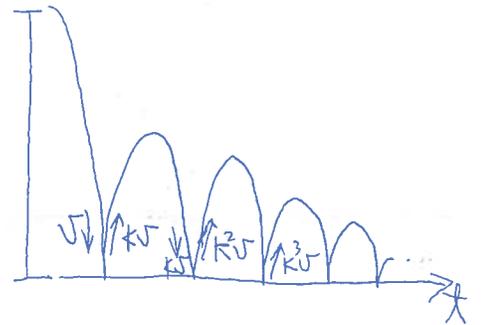
$$rH = kv^2 - g\frac{1}{2}t^2 \quad \text{where } t = \sqrt{\frac{2rH}{g}}$$

$$\Rightarrow rH = k \cdot g \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2H}{g}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2rH}{g}} - g \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2rH}{g}$$

$$= k \cdot 2H\sqrt{r} - rH$$

$$\Rightarrow 2rH = 2Hk\sqrt{r} \Rightarrow \sqrt{r} = k$$

By (b), the total time is  $\sqrt{\frac{2H}{g}} \frac{1+k}{1-k}$ .



(4) (b) Given  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln(n)}$ . By integral test, since

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x \ln(x)} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{a \rightarrow 1} (\ln(\ln x)) \Big|_a^b \text{ diverges, then } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln(n)} \text{ diverges,}$$

(c) Given  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln(n)^2}$ . By integral test, since

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x \ln(x)^2} = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x \cdot 2 \ln(x)} = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x \ln(x)} \text{ diverges, then } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln(n)^2} \text{ diverges}$$

(5) (a) Given  $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2-7}$ . Let  $a_n = \frac{1}{n^2-7}$ ,  $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2-7} = 1 > 0$

and  $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges by p-series, then by <sup>limit</sup> comparison test,

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2-7} \text{ converges}$$

(b) Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^4+2}$ . Let  $a_n = \frac{n}{n^4+2}$ ,  $b_n = \frac{1}{n^3}$ . (or  $0 < \frac{n}{n^4+2} \leq \frac{1}{n^3}$  then use direct comparison)

$$\text{since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n}{n^4+2}}{\frac{1}{n^3}} = 1 > 0, \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \text{ converges}$$

by p-series test, then by limit comparison test.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^4+2} \text{ converges.}$$

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(c) Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{e^n}$ . Let  $a_n = \frac{n^2}{e^n}$ , since, by ratio test,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{e^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{e^n}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{e} < 1.$$

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{e^n}$  converges.

(d) Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n+3}}{3^{n+1}}$ . By comparison test, since

$$0 < \frac{2^{n+3}}{3^{n+1}} < \frac{2^{n+3}}{3^n} < \frac{2^{n+2^n}}{3^n} = 2 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \text{ converges } \left(\frac{2}{3} < 1\right).$$

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

(e) Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n^3+n)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ . Let  $a_n = \frac{n}{(n^3+n)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ . By  $\lim$  comparison test,

$$\therefore \text{let } b_n = \frac{n}{(n^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{(n^3+n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot \frac{(n^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n} = 1 > 0$$

and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  diverges (by p-series), then

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

(f) Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n}$ . Let  $a_n = \frac{e^n}{n}$ ,  $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$ . By limit comparison test,

$$\text{since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{e^n}{n}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^n = \infty > 0 \text{ and}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges, Thus  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n}$  diverges.

