

1.
$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m\sqrt{1+m^2}}$$

This is on the supplement to PS 11, so I will not put the full solutions here.

I found that this is a convergent series; one set of upper and lower bounds is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m\sqrt{1+m^2}} \leq 2,$$

although I could improve the lower bound quite a bit by using a better choice for a partial sum.

$$2. \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{(k^2 + 1)^2}$$

Again, this is on the supplement to PS 11, so I will not include the full solution.

I found that this is a convergent series whose value lies in the interval

$$\frac{1}{4} \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{(k^2 + 1)^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$3. \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{100 + 5j}$$

- ▶ **Is this a series I know?** Neither geometric nor p-series, so no.

Notice: it's close to $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5j}$, which diverges. Intuition tells me that given series will also diverge, but need to convince myself and others.

- ▶ **j th term test:** The j th term test is inconclusive.
- ▶ **Comparison Test vs Integral Test?**

Beware the direction of comparison: $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{100 + 5j} \leq \frac{1}{5} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j} = \infty$.

Not useful.

Find a more useful comparison? Integral test?

Can integrate the corresponding integral, *and* the integral test provides an easy way to deal with the approximation as well \Rightarrow use the integral test.

3. $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{100 + 5j}$ (continued)

- **Integral test:** Determine the convergence/divergence of the associated integral $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{100 + 5x} dx$.

Let $u = 100 + 5x$, so $\frac{1}{5} du = dx$.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{100 + 5x} dx = \frac{1}{5} \int_{105}^{\infty} \frac{1}{u} du, \text{ which diverges.}$$

Thus $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{100 + 5j}$ diverges by the Integral Test.

3. $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{100 + 5j}$ (continued)

- ▶ **Since the series diverges, find N so $S_N \geq 1000$:**

That is, find N so that $\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{100 + 5j} \geq 1000$.

I don't know any general expression for this partial sum.

Can I switch over to an integral?

In the supplement to PS 10, we are showing that

$$\int_1^{n+1} a(x) dx \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \text{ for continuous, non-negative, decreasing } a(x).$$

Since $a(x) = \frac{1}{100 + 5x}$ is continuous non-negative and decreasing, I therefore know

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{100 + 5j} \geq \int_1^{N+1} \frac{1}{100 + 5x} dx.$$

Thus, if we find N so the integral is larger than 1000, the partial sum will also be.

$$3. \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{100 + 5j} \text{ (continued)}$$

- ▶ **Since the series diverges, find N so $S_N \geq 1000$:**

Using $u = 100 + 5x$, $\frac{1}{5} du = dx$, $x = 1 \Rightarrow u = 105$,
 $x = N + 1 \Rightarrow u = 100 + 5(N + 1)$,

$$\int_1^{N+1} \frac{1}{100 + 5x} dx \geq 1000$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \int_{105}^{100+5(N+1)} \frac{1}{u} du \geq 1000$$

$$\ln(100 + 5(N + 1)) - \ln(105) \geq 5000$$

$$\ln(100 + 5(N + 1)) \geq 5000 + \ln(105)$$

$$100 + 5(N + 1) \geq e^{5000 + \ln(105)} = e^{5000} e^{\ln(105)}$$

$$100 + 5(N + 1) \geq 105e^{5000}$$

$$N + 1 \geq \frac{105e^{5000} - 100}{5} = 21e^{5000} - 20$$

$$N \geq 21e^{5000} - 21 \approx 6.23 \times 10^{2172}$$

4.
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^6 + 17}$$

- ▶ **Is this a series I know?** Neither geometric nor p-series, so no.

Notice: close to $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^5}$, which converges. Intuition says this series will converge, but must convince ourselves.

- ▶ **kth term test:** Inconclusive.
- ▶ **Comparison Test vs Integral Test?**

Don't particularly care to integrate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{x^6 + 17} dx$, so try the **comparison test**

$$4. \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^6 + 17}$$

► **Comparison Test:**

$$k^6 + 17 \geq k^6 \Rightarrow \frac{k}{k^6 + 17} \leq \frac{k}{k^6} = \frac{1}{k^5} \text{ for all } k \geq 1$$

Be careful! $\frac{k}{k^6 + 17}$ is defined for $k = 0$, but $\frac{1}{k^5}$ is not.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^6 + 17} &= \frac{0}{0^6 + 17} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^6 + 17} \leq \frac{0}{0^6 + 17} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^5} \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^6 + 17} \leq 0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^5}. \end{aligned}$$

(Thus you have a_0 trailing along with you, but in this case it's 0.)

Because the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^5}$ is a p-series with $p = 5 > 1$, this series converges, and so our original series converges as well, by the comparison test.

$$4. \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^6 + 17}$$

- **Finding N so S_N approximates S to within 10^{-6} :**

I need to find N so that $R_N = \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^6 + 17} \leq 10^{-6}$.

If I can find N so that the larger remainder $\sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^5} \leq 10^{-6}$, then I'll be done.

Unfortunately, our comparison series is not geometric.

Bring the integral test into it, giving a string of inequalities:

$$\underbrace{\sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^6 + 17}}_{R_N} \leq \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^5} \leq \int_N^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^5} dx.$$

If I can find N so that the integral is less than 10^{-6} , then of course my original R_N will be as well.

$$4. \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^6 + 17}$$

- **Finding N so S_N approximates S to within 10^{-6} :** (continued)

$$\int_N^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^5} dx \leq 10^{-6} \Rightarrow \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{4}x^{-4} \Big|_N^R \leq 10^{-6} \Rightarrow 0 + \frac{1}{4N^4} \leq 10^{-6}$$
$$4N^4 \geq 10^6 \Rightarrow N^4 \geq \frac{10^6}{4} \Rightarrow N \geq (250000)^{1/4} \Rightarrow N \geq 22.4$$

Thus S_{23} is within 10^{-6} of $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^6 + 17}$.

Using Maple, I therefore can say that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^6 + 17} = 0.08582562924 \pm 10^{-6}.$$

5.
$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(m)}{m^3}$$

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The series converges, and we can show that $S = S_{1,000,000} \pm 10^{-6}$.