

# Keys to Quiz5

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1. Choose **ANY ONE** of the two below.(2 points)

• Which one is zero? (Please Circle.)

A.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{(\ln n)^4}$    B.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{100n^3}{e^{n/2}}$    C.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{2^n}$    D.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^n}{n!}$

Ans: B.

As for the speeds of going to infinity:  $(\ln n)^p \ll (n)^q \ll a^n (a > 1) \ll n! \ll n^n$

• When does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  converge? (Circle one.)

A.  $p \geq 0$    B.  $p < 0$    C.  $p \geq 1$    D.  $p > 1$

Ans: D. Integral Test.

2. 1). Find the limit of **ANY ONE** of the two from Homework 5. (2 pts)

$$a_n = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/(\ln n)} \qquad a_n = \sqrt[n]{n^2}$$

Ans: You can choose any one to do.

$$\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/(\ln n)} = e^{\ln\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/(\ln n)}} = e^{\frac{1}{\ln n}(-\ln n)} = e^{-1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n^2} = 1, \text{ because } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1.$$

2). Find the **sum** of the Geometric Series from Homework 5:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2^{n+1}}{5^n}\right) \text{ (3 pts)(Pay attention to the sub-index)}$$

Ans: Pay attention to the subindex. It's from 0, so the first term is 2. The ratio is obviously 2/5. The answer is  $2/(1 - 2/5) = 10/3$

Use the Integral Test to decide when the series from Homework 5 converges:

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^p} \text{ (3 pts)}$$

Ans: No matter what p is, the terms decrease **eventually**, and the terms are all positive. You can use the integral test.

Use another variable to do the integral please!

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^p} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^p} dx$$

When  $p = 1$ , it's  $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln(\ln(x)) \Big|_{\ln 2}^{\ln b}$ , so it diverges.

When  $p \neq 1$ , letting  $u = \ln x$ , it's

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^p} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} u^{-p} du = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1-p} u^{1-p} \Big|_{\ln 2}^{\ln b}$$

If we want it to converge, the term  $(\ln b)^{1-p}$  must be cancelled. Hence,  $1 - p < 0$ , namely  $p > 1$ . We conclude that the series converges if and only if  $p > 1$

(Bonus) Choose **ANY ONE** of the three below. (3pts)

- Does  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} \ln n}$  converge or not? (2 pts)

Ans: Diverges. I have said that for the speed of going to infinity, the natural log is much slower than the power of n. We could expect **eventually**  $\sqrt{n} \ln n$  is smaller than  $\sqrt{n} n^{1/4} = n^{3/4}$ , or equivalently  $\sqrt{n} \ln n < n^{3/4}$  eventually. The latter is a p-series with  $p = 3/4$ , which diverges, so the former diverges.

You can justify this rigorously by using the limit comparison test by using the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n} \ln n}{n^{3/4}}$

How about  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p \ln n}$  ( $0 < p \leq 1$ )? (1 pt)

Similar argument goes to this. When  $p < 1$ , we have  $(p+1)/2$  between p and 1.  $n^p \ln n < n^{(p+1)/2}$  eventually. Use the limit comparison test to justify this rigorously by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/(n^{(p+1)/2})}{1/(n^p \ln n)} = 0$ .  $\sum \frac{1}{n^{(p+1)/2}}$  diverges. It diverges. When  $p=1$ , use the integral test.

- Does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln n)^2}{n^3}$  converge or not? (2 pts)

Ans: We know the natural log is slower than the power as go to infinity. So  $(\ln n)^2/n \rightarrow 0$ . However,  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges. Hence, the original series converges.

How about  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln n)^q}{n^p}$  ( $p > 1, q > 1$ )? (1 pt)

Ans: Similar argument goes to this.  $(\ln n)^q/n^{(p-1)/2} \rightarrow 0$  and  $\sum \frac{1}{n^{(p+1)/2}}$  converges. Hence  $\sum \frac{(\ln n)^q}{n^p} = \sum \frac{(\ln n)^q}{n^{p+1/2} n^{(p-1)/2}}$  converges.

- Does  $\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^3} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} + \frac{1}{(2k)^3} + \dots$  converge? (1 pt)

Ans: Converges. It's smaller than p-series when  $p=2$ .

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin n}{n}$  (1 pt)

Ans: Sandwich theorem says it's 0 because  $-1/n \leq a_n \leq 1/n$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(1/n)}{1/n}$  (1 pt)

Ans: 1. Using the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$  or using L'H here.