

1. Does  $\sum_{n=8}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}-1}$  converge or diverge?

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}-1} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}} \quad (\text{for } n \geq 8)$$

Since  $\sum_{n=8}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}}$  diverges (p-series with  $p = \frac{1}{3}$ ),

$\sum_{n=8}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}-1}$  also **diverges** by comparison.

2. Does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{3+4^n}$  converge or diverge?

$$\frac{2^n}{3+4^n} \leq \frac{2^n}{4^n} = \left(\frac{2}{4}\right)^n = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \quad (\text{for } n \geq 1)$$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$  converges (geometric series with  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ ),

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{3+4^n}$  also **converges** by comparison.

3. Does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+3}{n^4-n^3+2n}$  converge or diverge?

Think:  $\frac{n+3}{n^4-n^3+2n} \sim \frac{n}{n^4} = \frac{1}{n^3}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{n+3}{n^4-n^3+2n}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^4+3n^3}{n^4-n^3+2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+\frac{3}{n}}{1-\frac{1}{n}+\frac{2}{n^2}} = 1$$

By LCT, since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$  converges (p-series with  $p=3$ ),

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+3}{n^4-n^3+2n}$  also **converges**.

Case 1



**Challenge:** Does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+2+3+\dots+n}$  converge or diverge?

Challenge: 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+2+\dots+n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2+n}$$

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Converges by comparison to  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2}$

Q: What is the word that everybody always says wrong?