

D' Alembert's { Ratio test }

B.Sc. Part II (H) Paper III. Convergence contd.

$$\sum \frac{U_n}{U_{n+1}} > 1 \rightarrow \sum U_n \text{ is convergent.}$$

$$\leq 1 \Rightarrow \sum U_n \text{ is divergent}$$

Q7 Test the convergence of

$$1 + \frac{2^p}{2} + \frac{3^p}{3} + \frac{4^p}{4} + \dots$$

Soln The given series

$$= 1 + \frac{2^p}{2} + \frac{3^p}{3} + \frac{4^p}{4} + \dots$$

$$\text{Here, } U_n = \frac{n^p}{n} \Rightarrow U_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)^p}{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{U_n}{U_{n+1}} = \frac{\frac{n^p}{n} \times \frac{n+1}{(n+1)^p}}{\frac{(n+1)^p}{n+1}} = \frac{(n+1)n}{n \cdot (n+1)^p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{U_n}{U_{n+1}} = \frac{(n+1)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{U_n}{U_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n+1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^p} \right] = \infty > 1$$

\Rightarrow The given series is convergent.

Q] Discuss the convergence of $1^2 + 2^2 x + 3^2 n^2 + 4^2 n^3 + \dots$

Soln,

The given series

$$= 1^2 x^0 + 2^2 x^1 + 3^2 x^2 + 4^2 x^3 + \dots + n^2 x^n + \dots$$

Let the general term of the above series be U_n .

$$\therefore U_n = n^2 x^{n-1} \Rightarrow U_{n+1} = (n+1)^2 x^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{U_n}{U_{n+1}} = \frac{n^2 x^{n-1}}{(n+1)^2 x^n} = \frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^2} \times \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{U_n}{U_{n+1}} = \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^2} \right] \times \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x}$$

If $\frac{1}{x} > 1$ i.e. $x < 1$ then $\sum U_n$ is convergent.

If $\frac{1}{x} < 1$ i.e. $x > 1$ then $\sum U_n$ is divergent.

If $\frac{1}{x} = 1$ then the series becomes

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots$$

$$= \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Here $p = -2$

So, the series is divergent when $x = 1$.

Q Test the convergence of

$$\frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} x + \frac{1}{5^p} x^2 + \dots + \frac{x^n}{(2n+1)^p} + \dots$$

Soln The given series

$$= \frac{1}{1^p} x^0 + \frac{1}{3^p} x + \frac{1}{5^p} x^2 + \dots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{(2n-1)^p} + \frac{x^n}{(2n+1)^p} + \dots$$

Let $U_n =$ n^{th} term of the above series

$$\Rightarrow U_n = \frac{x^{n-1}}{(2n-1)^p} \Rightarrow U_{n+1} = \frac{x^n}{(2n+1)^p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{U_n}{U_{n+1}} = \frac{x^{n-1}}{(2n-1)^p} \times \frac{(2n+1)^p}{x^n} = \frac{1}{x} \times \left(\frac{2n+1}{2n-1} \right)^p = \frac{1}{x} \left[\frac{2 + \frac{1}{n}}{2 - \frac{1}{n}} \right]^p$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{U_n}{U_{n+1}} = \frac{1}{x} \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{2 + \frac{1}{n}}{2 - \frac{1}{n}} \right]^p$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{U_n}{U_{n+1}} = \frac{1}{x} \times 1^p = \frac{1}{x}$$

If $\frac{1}{x} > 1$ i.e. $x < 1$ then $\sum U_n$ is cgt.

If $\frac{1}{x} < 1$ i.e. $x > 1$ then $\sum U_n$ is dgt.

If $\frac{1}{x} = 1$ then this test fails.

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So, the given series

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \frac{1}{5^p} + \dots \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \frac{1}{4^p} + \dots \right) - \left(\frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{4^p} + \dots \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{2^p} + \dots \right) - \frac{1}{2^p} \left(\frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{2^p} + \dots \right) \\ &= \frac{\cancel{\left(\frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{2^p} + \dots \right)}}{2} = \left(\frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \dots \right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^p} \right) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^p} \right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \sum \frac{1}{n^p}$ is cgt if $p > 1$
and it is dgt if $p \leq 1$.

Hence, the series in question is cgt if $p > 1$
and dgt if $p \leq 1$.

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