

SERIOUS SERIES' PROBLEMS – HINTS

Below are just HINTS, without the needed justifications.

Recall that often there is more than one way to determine the behavior of a series.

abs. conv. – absolutely convergent

cond. conv. – conditionally convergent

divg. – divergent

AST – Alternating Series Test

CT – Comparison Test

LCT – Limit Comparison Test

- (1) divg. – p -series with $p = \frac{1}{2}$
- (2) cond. conv. – AST & p -series with $p = \frac{1}{2}$
- (3) cond. conv. – AST & CT to $\frac{1}{n+1}$
- (4) abs. conv. – LCT to $\frac{1}{n^2}$
- (5) abs. conv. – ratio test $\rho = 0$
- (6) abs. conv. – ratio test $\rho = 0$
- (7) abs. conv. – integral test
- (8) divg. – n^{th} -term test for divergence
- (9) abs. conv. – root test $\rho = 0$
- (10) abs. conv. – LCT to $\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$
- (11) abs. conv. – CT to $\frac{1}{(3n-2)^n}$ & do the root test to $\frac{1}{(3n-2)^n}$
- (12) abs. conv. – CT to $\frac{2}{n^2}$. note that $|\arctan n| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.
- (13) abs. conv. – CT to $\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$. note that
 $\ln(n!) = \ln(1 \cdot 2 \cdots n) = \ln 1 + \ln 2 + \dots + \ln n \leq n \ln n$
and so for big n

$$\frac{\ln(n!)}{n^3} \leq \frac{n \ln n}{n^3} = \frac{\ln n}{n^2} \leq \frac{n^{\frac{1}{2}}}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$
- (14) abs. conv. – ratio test $\rho = 0$
- (15) divg. – n^{th} -term test for divergence. note that

$$\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n = \left[\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n\right]^{-1} = \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n\right]^{-1} \rightarrow [e^1]^{-1} = e^{-1} \neq 0.$$