

1. Determine whether the series converges or diverges. Explain your answer.

$$(a) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5}{2^k} + \frac{5}{k^2} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{2^k} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{k^2} = 5 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^k + 5 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Geometric series with  $r = \frac{1}{2} < 1$ .  
Converges

p-series with  $p = 2 > 1$ .  
Converges

As the sum of two convergent series, the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5}{2^k} + \frac{5}{k^2} \right) \text{ converges}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^2 + 1}{2k^2 - k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^2 + 1}{2k^2 - k} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{k^2}}{\frac{1}{k^2}} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{k^2}}{2 - \frac{1}{k}} = \frac{1 + 0}{2 + 0} = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

The series diverges by the divergence test

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$$(a) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{2}{k}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{k}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{k^{1/2}} = \sqrt{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{1/2}}$$

Divergent  $p$ -series.

$\uparrow$   
 $p$ -series  
 with  $p = \frac{1}{2} < 1$   
 Diverges

$$(b) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{k}+1}{k^2} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt{k}}{k^2} + \frac{1}{k^2} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k^{1/2}}{k^2} + \frac{1}{k^2} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{k^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{k^2} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{3/2}} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $p$ -series  
 $p = 3/2 > 1$   
 Converges!

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 $p$ -series  
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 Converges

As the sum of two convergent  $p$ -series, this series converges.

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$$(a) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{2k}{k+1}}^3$$

Let's try the divergence test.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{2k}{k+1}}^3 = \sqrt{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2k}{k+1}}^3 \\ &= \sqrt{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{1+0}}^3 = \sqrt{2}^3 = 2\sqrt{2} \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the series diverges by the divergence test.

$$(b) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k e^{-k^2}$$

Let's try the integral test.  $a_k = k e^{-k^2}$  is positive and  $D_x [x e^{-x^2}] = e^{-x^2} + x e^{-x^2} (-2x)$

$= e^{-x^2} (1 - 2x)$  and this is negative on  $[1, \infty)$

so  $x e^{-x^2}$  decreases. Thus the integral test applies.

$$\int_1^{\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^{\infty} e^{-x^2} (-2x) dx =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [e^{-x^2}]_1^b = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{e^{b^2}} - \frac{1}{e^{1^2}} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left( 0 - \frac{1}{e} \right)$$

$= \frac{1}{2e}$ . Because the integral converges, the series converges by the integral test.

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$$(a) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{1/k}$$

Let's try the divergence test.

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k^{1/k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln(k^{1/k})} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{1}{k} \ln(k)}$$

form  $\infty^0$

$$= e^{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(k)}{k}}$$

form  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

$$= e^{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/k}{1}} = e^0 = 1 \neq 0$$

Therefore the series diverges by the divergence test.

$$(b) \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(k)}{k}$$

$$D_x \left[ \frac{\ln(k)}{k} \right] = \frac{\frac{1}{k} k - \ln(k) \cdot 1}{k^2} = \frac{1 - \ln(k)}{k^2} \leftarrow \text{negative for } k > e!$$

So  $\frac{\ln(k)}{k}$  is positive and decreasing on  $[3, \infty)$

so the integral test applies.

$$\int_3^{\infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x} dx = \int_3^{\infty} \ln(x) \frac{1}{x} dx \leftarrow \begin{cases} u = \ln(x) \\ du = \frac{1}{x} dx \end{cases}$$

$$= \int_{\ln(3)}^{\infty} u du = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{u^2}{2} \right]_{\ln(3)}^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{b^2}{2} - \frac{\ln^2(3)}{2} \right)$$

=  $\boxed{\infty}$  Therefore series diverges (by integral test).