

1. (5 points) Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of positive terms. The review notes describe 6 distinct convergence tests for the infinite series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ . Name 5 of them.
- Divergence Test
  - Ratio Test
  - Root Test
  - Direct Comparison Test
  - Limit Comparison Test
  - Cauchy Condensation Test (not the Cauchy Comparison Test)
2. (10 points) *Carefully* choose one of the convergence tests from the list above and describe it completely. *Don't forget to include additional hypotheses if necessary.*

**Solution:**

See [www.math.msu.edu/~hensh/courses/320/summer15/handouts/ConvTests-2up.pdf](http://www.math.msu.edu/~hensh/courses/320/summer15/handouts/ConvTests-2up.pdf).

3. (10 points) Decide whether each of the following series converge or diverge. *Justify your claim.*

(a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(1/n)}{n^2}$

**Solution:**

We claim the series converges. To see this, let  $b_n = 1/n^2$  and note that  $\sum b_n < \infty$  since this is a  $p$ -series with  $p = 2 > 1$ . Now  $0 < \cos x \leq 1$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ , so that

$$a_n = \frac{\cos(1/n)}{n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2} = b_n \quad (1)$$

And the result now follows by the Direct Comparison Test. Note that we could also use the Limit Comparison Test. A few comments are in order.

- It is useless to conclude that  $\frac{\cos(1/n)}{n^2}$  converges. In fact, it converges to zero, but that tells us nothing. We *are* interested in the convergence (or divergence) of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(1/n)}{n^2}$ .
- To be precise in (1), we appeal to the order properties of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Specifically, since  $1/n^2 > 0$  property **O5** yields

$$0 < \cos(1/n) \leq 1 \implies 0 < \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot \cos(1/n) \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot 1$$

(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ , where  $a_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n = 1$ .

**Solution:**

We claim that the series diverges. To see this let  $b_n = 1/n$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n = 1 < \infty$$

So by the Limit Comparison Test, the series  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  both converge or they both diverge. But the latter is the well-known harmonic series, which is known to diverge. It is worth noting that the given limit condition guarantees that  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . *Can you prove this?*