

## ■ Integral Test:

• Ex: Converge or diverge?

•  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ne^{-n^2}$  Note the following:  $ne^{-n^2} > 0$  for  $n \geq 1$  (eventually)

→ It's not obvious if it's decreasing or increasing.

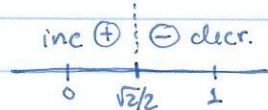
$$f(x) = xe^{-x^2}$$

$$f'(x) = e^{-x^2} + xe^{-x^2}(-2x)$$

$$= e^{-x^2} - 2x^2e^{-x^2}$$

$$= e^{-x^2}(1 - 2x^2) = 0$$

$$1 - 2x^2 = 0$$



$$\frac{1}{2} = x^2 \rightarrow \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \text{ (negat. is out of domain)}$$

So, it's eventually decreasing.

Then we can do integral test!

$$\rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} xe^{-x^2} dx \quad \begin{array}{l} u = -x^2 \\ du = -2x dx \\ dx = \frac{du}{-2x} \end{array}$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b xe^u \frac{du}{-2x} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{-1}{2} \right) \int_0^b e^u du = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [e^{-x^2}]_0^b \right]$$

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

So, by Integral test,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ne^{-n^2}$  also converges.

• **FACT:**  $p > 0$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$$

Notice  $\frac{1}{n^p} > 0$  and it decreases. Then we can do Integral Test:

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \begin{cases} \text{converges if } p > 1 \\ \text{diverges if } 0 < p \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

So, the series will converge if  $p > 1$ , and diverge if  $p \leq 1$ .

## ■ Comparison Test / Limit Comparison Test:

⊕ Comparison Test:

Given two series  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  with  $a_n, b_n \geq 0$  for all  $n$  (eventually).

Further, assume  $a_n > b_n$ :

1. If  $\sum a_n$  converges, then  $\sum b_n$  converges too.
2. If  $\sum b_n$  diverges, then  $\sum a_n$  diverges as well.

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n + n} \rightarrow \text{Note } \frac{1}{3^n + n} > 0 \text{ always.}$$

We're going to guess it'll converge. Then we need a larger convergent series.

$$\text{Notice that } \frac{1}{3^n + n} < \frac{1}{3^n}$$

Where  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n}$  looks a lot like a geometric series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n \text{ where } \left|\frac{1}{3}\right| < 1, \text{ then it converges!} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - (1/3)} = \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Then, by Comparison test,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n + n}$  converges!

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2 - \cos^2(n)} \rightarrow \text{Note that } \frac{n}{n^2 - \cos^2(n)} > 0, \text{ then we can do it.}$$

We're going to guess it'll diverge. Let's find a smaller divergent.