

THE EXAMPLE OF USING THE LIMIT COMPARISON TEST PRESENTED IN CLASS.

EXAMPLE: Is $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n+3}{\sqrt{n^5+n^3+1}}$ = $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ COND?

Soln: For the comparison series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$, what should b_n be?

$$b_n = \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^5}} = \frac{n}{n^{5/2}} = \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$$

THE FIRST JUSTIFICATION (REQUIRED)

" $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ is a p-series with $p = \frac{3}{2} > 1$, so $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ is convergent."

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{4n+3}{\sqrt{n^5+n^3+1}} \right) \left(\frac{n^{3/2}}{1} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n(4 + \frac{3}{n})}{\sqrt{n^5} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^5}}} \right) \left(\frac{n^{3/2}}{1} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{5/2} (4 + \frac{3}{n})}{n^{5/2} \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^5}} \right)} = 4.$$

This equals 1.

THE SECOND JUSTIFICATION (REQ'D).

" Because $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ is convergent,

and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{4n+3}{\sqrt{n^5+n^3+1}} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{n^{3/2}} \right)} = 4$ and 4 is a

finite non-zero number, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n+3}{\sqrt{n^5+n^3+1}}$ is

convergent by the Limit Comparison Test."