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## 12.7 Solutions

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1.  $\frac{1}{n+3^n} < \frac{1}{3^n} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$  is a convergent geometric series [ $|r| = \frac{1}{3} < 1$ ], so  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+3^n}$  converges by the Comparison Test.
3.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+2} = 1$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{n+2}$  does not exist. Thus, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{n+2}$  diverges by the Test for Divergence.
5.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^2 2^n}{(-5)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{(-5)^n}{n^2 2^{n-1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2(n+1)^2}{5n^2} = \frac{2}{5} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 = \frac{2}{5}(1) = \frac{2}{5} < 1$ , so the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 2^{n-1}}{(-5)^n}$  converges by the Ratio Test.
7. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}}$ . Then  $f$  is positive, continuous, and decreasing on  $[2, \infty)$ , so we can apply the Integral Test.
- Since  $\int \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx \left[ \begin{array}{l} u = \ln x, \\ du = dx/x \end{array} \right] = \int u^{-1/2} du = 2u^{1/2} + C = 2\sqrt{\ln x} + C$ , we find
- $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^t \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [2\sqrt{\ln x}]_2^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (2\sqrt{\ln t} - 2\sqrt{\ln 2}) = \infty$ . Since the integral diverges, the given series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$  diverges.
9.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 e^{-k} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2}{e^k}$ . Using the Ratio Test, we get
- $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(k+1)^2}{e^{k+1}} \cdot \frac{e^k}{k^2} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( \frac{k+1}{k} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{e} \right] = 1^2 \cdot \frac{1}{e} = \frac{1}{e} < 1$ , so the series converges.
11.  $b_n = \frac{1}{n \ln n} > 0$  for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\{b_n\}$  is decreasing, and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ , so the given series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n \ln n}$  converges by the Alternating Series Test.
13.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{3^{n+1}(n+1)^2}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{3^n n^2} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3(n+1)^2}{(n+1)n^2} = 3 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n^2} = 0 < 1$ , so the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n n^2}{n!}$  converges by the Ratio Test.
15.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)!}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8 \cdots (3n+2)[3(n+1)+2]} \cdot \frac{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8 \cdots (3n+2)}{n!} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{3n+5} = \frac{1}{3} < 1$ , so the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 8 \cdots (3n+2)}$  converges by the Ratio Test.
17.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{1/n} = 2^0 = 1$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n 2^{1/n}$  does not exist and the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n 2^{1/n}$  diverges by the Test for Divergence.

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19. Let  $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}}$ . Then  $f'(x) = \frac{2 - \ln x}{2x^{3/2}} < 0$  when  $\ln x > 2$  or  $x > e^2$ , so  $\frac{\ln n}{\sqrt{n}}$  is decreasing for  $n > e^2$ .

By l'Hospital's Rule,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{\sqrt{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n}{1/(2\sqrt{n})} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$ , so the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\ln n}{\sqrt{n}}$  converges by the

Alternating Series Test.

21.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^{2n}}{n^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{n}\right)^n \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{n} = 0 < 1$ , so the given series is absolutely convergent by the Root Test.

23. Using the Limit Comparison Test with  $a_n = \tan\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$  and  $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tan(1/n)}{1/n} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(1/x)}{1/x} \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec^2(1/x) \cdot (-1/x^2)}{-1/x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sec^2(1/x) = 1^2 = 1 > 0. \text{ Since}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is the divergent harmonic series,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is also divergent.

25. Use the Ratio Test.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)! \cdot e^{n^2}}{e^{(n+1)^2} \cdot n!} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)n! \cdot e^{n^2}}{e^{n^2+2n+1}n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{e^{2n+1}} = 0 < 1$ , so  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{e^{n^2}}$

converges.

27.  $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{\ln x}{x} - \frac{1}{x} \right]_1^t$  [using integration by parts]  $\stackrel{H}{=} 1$ . So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^2}$  converges by the Integral Test, and since

$\frac{k \ln k}{(k+1)^3} < \frac{k \ln k}{k^3} = \frac{\ln k}{k^2}$ , the given series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k \ln k}{(k+1)^3}$  converges by the Comparison Test.

29.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{\cosh n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n$ . Now  $b_n = \frac{1}{\cosh n} > 0$ ,  $\{b_n\}$  is decreasing, and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ , so the series converges by the Alternating Series Test.

Or: Write  $\frac{1}{\cosh n} = \frac{2}{e^n + e^{-n}} < \frac{2}{e^n}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n}$  is a convergent geometric series, so  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\cosh n}$  is convergent by the

Comparison Test. So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{\cosh n}$  is absolutely convergent and therefore convergent.

31.  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5^k}{3^k + 4^k} = [\text{divide by } 4^k] \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(5/4)^k}{(3/4)^k + 1} = \infty$  since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^k = 0$  and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^k = \infty$ .

Thus,  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{5^k}{3^k + 4^k}$  diverges by the Test for Divergence.

33. Let  $a_n = \frac{\sin(1/n)}{\sqrt{n}}$  and  $b_n = \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}}$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(1/n)}{1/n} = 1 > 0$ , so  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(1/n)}{\sqrt{n}}$  converges by limit

comparison with the convergent  $p$ -series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$  [ $p = 3/2 > 1$ ].