- Topic: LCT, Series
- Homework for Wednesday: Watch videos 13.10 13.17.
- Homework for Friday: Watch videos 13.18, 13.19, and 14.1 14.4

# Does the following improper integral converge or diverge?

$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}(x+2)} dx$$

## Convergent or divergent?



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# What is wrong with this calculation? Fix it

#### Claim:

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \ln \frac{n}{n+1} = \ln 2$$

#### "Justification"

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \ln \frac{n}{n+1} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [\ln n - \ln(n+1)]$$
  
= 
$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \ln(n) - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \ln(n+1)$$
  
= 
$$(\ln 2 + \ln 3 + \ln 4 + \dots) - (\ln 3 + \ln 4 + \dots)$$
  
= 
$$\ln 2$$



Hint: Compute the first few partial sums.

#### A telescopic series

I want to calculate the value of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 2n}$ .

• Find a formula for the *k*-th partial sum  $S_k = \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{1}{n^2 + 2n}$ . *Hint:* Write  $\frac{1}{n^2 + 2n} = \frac{A}{n} + \frac{B}{n+2}$ 

Output the definition of series, compute the value of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 2n}$$

Challenge: Compute 
$$S = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3-5n}{n^3-n}$$
.

Calculate the value of the following series:

• 
$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{81} + \dots$$
  
•  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} - \dots$   
•  $\frac{3}{2} - \frac{9}{4} + \frac{27}{8} - \frac{81}{16} + \dots$   
•  $1 + \frac{1}{2^{0.5}} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^{1.5}} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^{2.5}} + \dots$   
•  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{3^n}{2^{2n+1}}$   
•  $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} x^n$ 

## True or False – Series

Let 
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$$
 be a series. Let  $\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be its partial-sum sequence.  
• IF the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent, THEN  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a_n > 100$   
• IF the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent, THEN  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $S_n > 100$   
• IF the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges  
THEN the series  $\sum_{n=100}^{\infty} a_n$  converges to a smaller number.  
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#### True or False – Series

- Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series. Let  $\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be its partial-sum sequence.
  - So IF the sequence  $\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is bounded and eventually monotonic, THEN the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent.
  - IF the sequence  $\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is increasing, THEN  $\forall n \ge 0, a_n > 0$ .

• IF 
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = 0$$
, THEN the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent.

3 IF the series 
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$$
 is convergent, THEN  $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = 0$ .

# True or False – The Necessary Condition

• IF 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = 0$$
, THEN  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent.  
• IF  $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \neq 0$ , THEN  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent.  
• IF  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent THEN  $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = 0$ .  
• IF  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent THEN  $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \neq 0$ .

#### True or False – Series



# Suppose $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ converges and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n \neq 0$ , what can you say about $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_n}$ ?