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Mathematics Tutorial Ia (calculus)

Homework 13

Exercise 1 Prove the following statement (the ration test):

Let $\{a_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence with positive terms only. Assume that there exists $c \in (0,1)$ and $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\frac{a_{j+1}}{a_j} \leq c \qquad \forall j \geq N.$$

Then the corresponding series $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$ is convergent.

Exercise 2 1) Show that the series with generic term $a_j = \frac{j}{3^j}$ is convergent, in other terms show that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j}{3^j} < \infty.$$

2) Show that the series with generic term $a_j = (-1)^j \frac{j^3}{3^j}$ is absolutely convergent.

Exercise 3 For $f:[1,\infty)\to\mathbb{R}_+$ decreasing, prove the following statement (the integral test): The series $f(1)+f(2)+f(3)+\ldots$ is convergent if and only if $\lim_{M\to\infty}\int_1^M f(x)\,\mathrm{d}x$ is convergent, or in a more simple form show that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f(j) < \infty \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \int_{1}^{\infty} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x < \infty.$$

Exercise 4 For any $\varepsilon > 0$ show that the series with generic term $a_j = j^{-1-\varepsilon}$ is convergent.