

# 11.3/11.4: TESTS FOR CONV./DIV. OF POSITIVE-TERM SERIES

all terms  $a_n > 0$  "eventually" (i.e.,  $\forall n \geq \text{some } N$ )  
(There's a point of no return after which the terms are always "+")

11.3

## ① S Test

Why are we starting w/2 instead of 1?  
0

Ex (#8) Does  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^2}$  conv. or div.?

$$\frac{1}{2(\ln 2)^2} + \frac{1}{2(\ln 3)^2} + \dots$$

Does this have a sum?

① Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2}$ .

② For  $x \geq 2$ , verify  $f$  is...

(a) "+" valued [eventually]

$$\frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} > 0 \quad \checkmark$$

(b) cont.  $\checkmark$

(c) decreasing ( $\downarrow$ ) [eventually]

$$f'(x) = - \frac{D_x [x(\ln x)^2]}{[x(\ln x)^2]^2}$$

Use Product Rule } Quotient Rule or Reciprocal Rule (p.114)  
 $(\frac{1}{q})' = -\frac{q'}{q^2}$

$$= - \frac{(1)(\ln x)^2 + (x)(2 \ln x \cdot \frac{1}{x})}{x^2 (\ln x)^4}$$

(Maybe easier to analyze)

Factor out  $\ln x$  in num, den, cancel.

$$= - \frac{\ln x + 2}{x^2 (\ln x)^3}$$

$$< 0 \quad \checkmark$$

(ln=0 / ln x) }  $\ln x > 0$  for  $x \geq 2$ )

Concept to smooth string  
Interpolating func.  
Domain = cont. set of real #'s  
We'll formalize later (term selection)

Swok. requires  $f(x) > 0$  for  $x \geq 2$  (proof assumes this)  
S Test can be easily modified:  
 $f(x) > 0$  or  $x \geq M$   
Same for " $\downarrow$ "

Don't have to explain  $\rightarrow$  see L11-10F

We're going to find  $f'(x)$  and show it's what? no

Quot. or Recip. Rule  
 $\ln(1) = 0$

(If any of these fails, you can't apply the S Test.)

hypothesis

$\ln(\text{what}) = 0$

Rule:

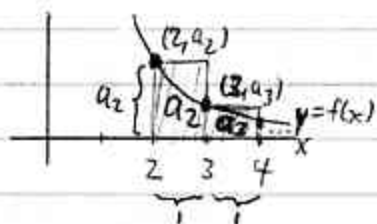
③ If  $\int_2^{\infty} f(x) dx$  conv.  $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n$  conv.

$s \rightarrow \infty$ ?

div.  $\Rightarrow$  div.

Idea

Circumscribed  
rects.



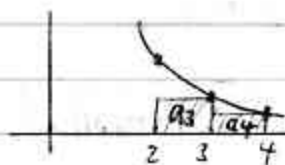
(like a Left-Hand Riemann Sum)

If little bro  
can't conv.  
then soorway,  
neither can  
big bro.

$\int$  div.  $\Rightarrow \sum$  div. (Areas of rects. have no sum.)

little bro div.  $\Rightarrow$  big bro div.

Inscribed  
rects.



(like a Right-Hand Riemann Sum)

$\int$  conv.  $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} a_n$  conv.  $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n$  conv.

big bro conv.  $\Rightarrow$  little bro conv.

throw in  $a_2$   
(doesn't change  
conv. vs. div.)

Does  $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx$  conv. or div.?

$\int \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx = \dots = -\frac{1}{\ln x} + C$

If see  $\ln x$ ,  $\frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow$

$u = \ln x$   
 $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$  }  $\int$  Test  
best?

Are we going to have to split the S?  
Four still important!

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^t \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx$$

cont. on  $(2, \infty)$   
(we've done this) already.

$$\stackrel{FTC}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{\ln x} \right]_2^t$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{1}{\ln t} - \left[ -\frac{1}{\ln 2} \right] \right)$$

$\downarrow \ln t \rightarrow \infty$   
0

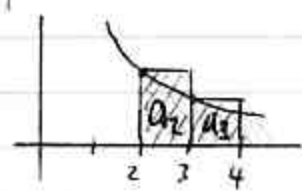
$$= \frac{1}{\ln 2} \quad \text{NOT } S!!$$

$\approx 1.4427$

← actually an underestimate!

$\Rightarrow \int$  conv.

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \text{ conv.}$$



$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n = \text{sum of areas of rects.}$   
 $> \frac{1}{\ln 2}$

$\approx 2.1097$

Up to 11  
Also  $\rightarrow$   
11.2 r/f  
Construct little  
b/c  $\epsilon$  that  
div.

Ex 1 (p. 546) Harmonic series div.

Ex  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n-2.5} a_n$

$f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2.5}$  (There's a problem w/ this interpolating func.)



f "u", cont.,  $\downarrow$   
on  $(3, \infty) \Rightarrow$  can use I Test there

OK to have even "cont. eventually" provided you restrict your analysis to  $\int_3^{\infty}$ . throw in other terms later. if  $f$  divergent at 2  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$ ,  $a_2$  undef.

Can show  $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} a_n$  div. (Better: BCT from 11.3 ©)

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  div.  
throw in  $a_1, a_2$

Up to 11

What's  $S_3$ ?

Ex Approx.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  by  $S_3$ , perform error analysis

conv.  
by  $\int$  Test  
(later:  $p$ -series Test)

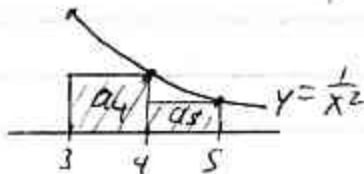
What are the first 3 terms?

$$S = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25} + \dots$$

$$S_3 \approx 1.3611$$

$$\text{error} = \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} (> 0)$$

Like Riemann sum



Start  $S$  at 3  
<, not  $\leq$ ;  
 $f \searrow$  func  
Always gaps

$$\text{error} < \int_3^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

upper bound on error

Better (thinner/shorter) intervals if  $S_{10}, S_{100}, \dots$

$$\Rightarrow 1.3611 < S < 1.3611 + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1.3611 < S < 1.6944$$

lower bound for  $S$       upper bound for  $S$

Turns out  $S = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \approx 1.6449$

Euler (WOW!)

in

$S_k \nearrow$  but  $S_{\infty} \searrow$   
eventually, get 4-dec place accuracy

Range game up to 11  
Ahlboms 190, ROST 69  
Furter  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ , Complex Analysis  
 $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$  if even (not for odd)  
Euler

Note (What if we use  $S_4$  instead of  $S_3$ ?)

$$S_3: 1.3611 < S < 1.6944$$

$$\downarrow + \frac{1}{16}$$

$$S_4: 1.4236 < S < 1.6736$$

contained w/in  $S_3$ -based interval  $1.3611 < S < 1.6944$

BUT -  $\frac{1}{34}$  since error bound  $\int_3^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx \rightarrow S_3 \rightarrow S_4$   
NET relative to 1.6944  $\left\{ \frac{1}{34} \right\} + \frac{1}{16} \left\} - \frac{1}{12} = -\frac{1}{48}$

We really subst. from 1.6944

## ⓑ p-Series Test

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \quad (p > 0)$$

conv.  $\Leftrightarrow p > 1$   
 div.  $\Leftrightarrow p \leq 1$

### Proof by J Test

Not proven by J Test  $\rightarrow$   
 $f(x) \nearrow$

Note  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\frac{1}{n^2}}_{\infty}$  div. by  $n^{\text{th}}$ -Term Test

Exs  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ :  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots$  (div)

(The harmonic series is the "smallest" p-series that div.)

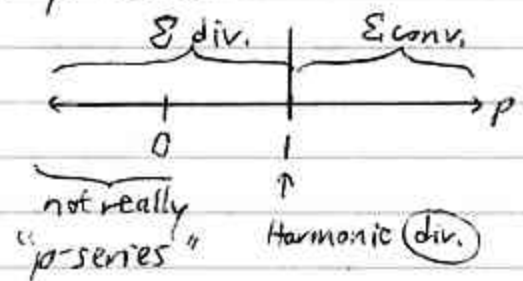
$p = 1$ :  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots$  (div)

$p = 1 + \epsilon \Rightarrow$  conv.  
 $(\epsilon > 0)$

$p = 1.1$ :  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.1}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2^{1.1}} + \frac{1}{3^{1.1}} + \dots$  (conv.)

$p = 2$ :  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots$  (conv.)

### Line of p-series:



## © Basic Comparison Tests (BCT)

Like when you were young makes noises.

$\sum b_n$  "big brother" dominates

$\sum a_n$  "little brother"

Assume for all  $n \geq$  some  $N$ ,  
(eventually, past some pt. of no return)

$$a_n \leq b_n$$

$$a_n, b_n > 0$$

Otherwise, in magnitude,  $a_n$  dominant

(a) If  $\sum b_n$  conv.  $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$  conv.  
(big bro fits  $\Rightarrow$  so does little bro)

(b) If  $\sum a_n$  div.  $\Rightarrow \sum b_n$  div.  
(little bro too big  $\Rightarrow$  so is big bro)

Ex Does  $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\ln n + 7^n}$  conv. or div.?  
 ~~$\int_3^{\infty} \frac{4}{\ln x + 7^x} dx$  yuk!~~

Try to compare this to a geom. series or a p-series (easy to analyze).

We know  $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{4}{7^n} = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} 4\left(\frac{1}{7}\right)^n$  conv.

Geom. series  
 $|r| = \frac{1}{7} < 1$

incl error analyst Stewart 734

(14 em)

You could compare to a  $\sum$  where you need  $\int$  test, but work!

What kind of  $\sum$  is  $\sum \frac{4}{7^n}$ ?

Not pen is bare

$\sum \frac{4}{2n}$  div.  
 $\frac{4}{2n} > \frac{4}{n}$  div.

but  $\frac{4}{2n} > \frac{4}{2n+7^n}$  div.  
wrong way!

Everything's "+"

$$\frac{4}{\underbrace{\ln n}_{>0} + 7^n} \leq \frac{4}{7^n} \quad (\text{for } n \geq 3)$$

Big bro.  $\Sigma$  conv.  $\Rightarrow$

So does little bro.  $\Sigma$

BCT  $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\ln n + 7^n} \boxed{\text{conv.}}$

What if  
Up to 17

WARNING If big bro.  $\Sigma$  div.  $\Rightarrow$  can't use BCT  
If little bro.  $\Sigma$  conv.  $\Rightarrow$

Stewart  
732

Ex  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} \leftarrow a_n$

Sec  $\ln n, \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow$   
 $\ln(\text{what}) = 1$

$\int$  Test OK:  $\int_3^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} dx$   
 $f(x)$

- Hypotheses are satisfied for  $x \geq 3$ :
- (a)  $f(x) > 0$  for  $x > 1$  ( $\ln 1 = 0$ )
  - (b)  $f$  cont. for  $x > 0$
  - (c)  $f'(x) = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2}$  ( $\ln e = 1$ )  
 $< 0$  for  $x > e \approx 2.7$   
 $\Rightarrow f \downarrow$  there

Turns out  $\int_3^{\infty} f(x) dx$  div.

$\int$  test  $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} a_n$  div.  
 $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \boxed{\text{div.}}$

Up to 17

BCT quicker:

Everything's "+" for  $n > 1$ , or  $n \geq 2$  ( $\ln 1 = 0$ )

$$\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{\ln n}{n} \quad \text{holds for } n \geq 3 \quad (\ln e = 1)$$

$\Sigma$  can be sloppy  
ignore

little bro  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  div.  $\xrightarrow{\text{BCT}}$  big bro  $\sum \frac{\ln n}{n} \boxed{\text{div.}}$

factorial (See Ch. 10 Notes on Gamma Func.)  
Review  $n!$

$$\begin{aligned}
 0! &= 1 \leftarrow \text{(by definition; convenient for series, } \binom{n}{k} \text{ combinations, Binomial Thm, etc.)} \\
 1! &= 1 \\
 2! &= (2)(1) = 2 \\
 3! &= (3)(2)(1) = 6 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \cdot 2 \\ \cdot 4 \end{array} \right\} \\
 4! &= 4(3!) = 24 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \cdot 2 \\ \cdot 5 \end{array} \right\} \\
 5! &= 120 \\
 \vdots & \\
 n! &= n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots(1), \quad n \text{ is a natural \#}
 \end{aligned}$$

Consistent w/ gamma func.

Ex (#20)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$  (You'd use the Ratio Test - 11.4)

What's your intuition?  
 Remem. blowing up

We guess it conv.  
 Compare to an easy conv.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ .

dominates  $\approx$  know about induction.  
 If you know mathematical induction, BCT much more powerful! otherwise, pick a better test!

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \frac{1}{5!} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{120} + \dots$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25} + \dots$$

Can ignore 1st few terms

for  $n \geq 4$ ,  
 $\frac{1}{n!} \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$

Big bro  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  conv.

$\Rightarrow$  Little bro  $\sum \frac{1}{n!}$  conv.

Ask me if you can assume! For something like this, convince me this is true! Otherwise, your use of BCT is suspect! Here, you can use mathematical induction. Possible to do HW, ex, what. Basis Step ( $n=4$ )

$$\frac{1}{4!} \leq \frac{1}{4^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{24} \leq \frac{1}{16} \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive Step

Let  $k \geq 4$  (k int.)

Assume  $\frac{1}{k!} \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$  (\*)

(i.e.,  $k! \geq k^2$ )

Show  $\frac{1}{(k+1)!} \leq \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}$

(i.e.,  $(k+1)! \geq (k+1)^2$ )

$$(k+1)! = (k+1) \cdot k!$$

$$\geq (k+1) \cdot k^2 \text{ by (*)}$$

$$\geq (k+1)(k+1)$$

$$= (k+1)^2$$

Let  $(k^2 \geq k+1)$  for  $k \geq 4$   
 I believe this  $\uparrow$ ; can use.

Note  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \dots = e$   
 $n=0$  not 1  
 We'll show in 11.7

We'll see in 11.7

Up to 19

True for  $k \geq 2$ ,  
 but  $\frac{1}{2!} > \frac{1}{2^2}$



## ① Limit Comparison Test (LCT)

Why?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \quad \text{Try BCT:}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (\text{Everything's "+" , same num., smaller denom.} \Rightarrow \text{this is bigger, overall.})$$

is larger or smaller?

↑ Big  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  div. (p-series,  $p = \frac{1}{2} \leq 1$ )  
ⓧ (BCT fails.)

Frustrating!  
So close!

How can we easily compare  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}$ ,  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ ?

### LCT Idea

Every term matters for sum!  
BCT wouldn't work, but...  
Num. of  $a_n$ :  
 $7 - (\frac{1}{10})^n$   
In the long run, what's happening?

compare  $\sum a_n = \frac{6.9}{2} + \frac{6.99}{4} + \frac{6.999}{8} + \dots$  (conv.) w/sum=?  
to  $\sum b_n = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$  conv. w/sum  $1$  (=1)  
Note:  $\frac{7}{2} + \frac{7}{4} + \frac{7}{8} + \dots$  conv. w/sum  $7$  (=7)  
 $a_n$  terms  $\rightarrow 7 \cdot b_n$  terms  
 $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow 7$

We don't need  $a_n, b_n > 0$  (smaller proof earlier)  
or  $c > 0$ . Div. has no prob.  
 $\sum a_n \approx \sum c \cdot b_n$   
If  $\lim = 0$ , situation more complicated  
look at 51, 52  
 $\lim = 0$   
 $\sum D C \Rightarrow \sum N C$   
 $\lim = \infty$   
 $\sum D 0 \Rightarrow \sum N 0$   
(Pf Idea: 52)  
 $\exists M: \forall k > M,$   
 $\frac{a_k}{b_k} > 1$   
 $\Rightarrow a_k > b_k$   
(51):  $\frac{a_k}{b_k} < 1$

### LCT

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = c$  (non-0 real # like 7, say)  
 $\Rightarrow \sum a_n, \sum b_n$  both conv. or both div.  
(Book assumes "+" term series, so it says " $c > 0$ ." implies non-0, real #)

Given  $\sum a_n$ , how pick  $\sum b_n$ ?

$$a_n = \frac{\text{---}}{\text{---}} \quad \begin{cases} \text{Take dominant terms,} \\ \text{Make constant factors = 1} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n$$

(old)

$$\text{Ex } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}$$

Who cares if the limit is 7 or  $\frac{1}{2}$ ? well, tell me the limit, anyway, though. 0, as messed up, anyway. Order matters if you exploit #51, 52

Let  $a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}$   $b_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  } can switch

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1}} \left( \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \div \sqrt{n} \\ \leftarrow \div \sqrt{n} \end{array} \right) \text{ (How to Ace p. 40 Typos! \sqrt{n+1})}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}$$

$$= 1 > 0, \text{ real } \checkmark$$

( $a_n$  terms  $\rightarrow$   $b_n$  terms)

We know  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  div. (p-series,  $p = \frac{1}{2} \leq 1$ )  
 $\sqrt{n} = n^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \text{ div.}$$

Like 31  $\frac{3^n}{2^n}$  unassigned

Ex  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n+1}{n+2^n}$

$a_n = \frac{3^n}{2^n} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n$

orange shirt  
 green pants  
 vt. green  
 orange  
 Change pants!  
 (mult. commut.)

exp's like  
 poly's butt

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n+1}{n+2^n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n+1}{n+2^n} \cdot \frac{2^n}{2^n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n+1}{3^n} \cdot \frac{2^n}{n+2^n} \left( \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \div 2^n \\ \leftarrow \div 2^n \end{array} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{3^n}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\frac{n}{2^n} + 1}\right) \\ &= 1 > 0, \text{ real} \end{aligned}$$

We know  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{3}{2})^n$  div. (Geom. series,  $r = \frac{3}{2} > 1$ )  
 $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n+1}}{n+2^n}$  div.

Ex  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7}{\sqrt[3]{(4n^2+1)(n^3+5)}} \leftarrow \sqrt[3]{4n^5 + \dots}$   
=  $a_n$  ( $> 0$ )  
dominant, ignore 4  
 $\sqrt[3]{n^5} = n^{5/3}$

$b_n = \frac{1}{n^{5/3}}$  ( $> 0$ )

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7}{\sqrt[3]{(4n^2+1)(n^3+5)}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7n^{5/3}}{\sqrt[3]{(4n^2+1)(n^3+5)}}$   
 $\frac{1}{n^{5/3}}$

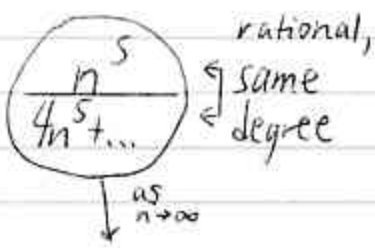
$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7(\sqrt[3]{n^5})}{\sqrt[3]{(4n^2+1)(n^3+5)}}$

Doesn't work for BCT!

11.4  
In 11.5, they pull out  $\rightarrow$  (lower order terms) are best

"Dominant term analysis":

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 7 \left( \frac{\sqrt[3]{n^5}}{\sqrt[3]{4n^5 + \dots}} \right)$



ratio of leading coeffs =  $\frac{1}{4}$

More precisely,

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 7 \left( \frac{\sqrt[3]{n^5} \leftarrow \div n^5}{\sqrt[3]{(4n^2+1)(n^3+5)} \leftarrow \div n^5} \right)$

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 7 \left( \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{\left(\frac{4n^2+1}{n^2}\right)\left(\frac{n^3+5}{n^3}\right)}} \right)$

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 7 \left( \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{\left(4 + \frac{1}{n^2}\right)\left(1 + \frac{5}{n^3}\right)}} \right)$

Don't worry  
about  
rationalizing

$$= 7 \left( \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{4}} \right)$$

$> 0, \text{ real}$

We know  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-\frac{5}{3}}$  conv. (p-series,  $p = \frac{5}{3} > 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ conv.}$$