

620-295 Real Analysis with Applications

Assignment 3: Due 5pm on 4 September

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Due 5pm on 4 September in the appropriate assignment box on the ground floor of Richard Berry.

1. Define the following and give an example for each:
 - (a) cardinality,
 - (b) finite,
 - (c) infinite,
 - (d) countable,
 - (e) uncountable.
2. Prove that $\text{Card}(\mathbb{Z}_{>0}) \neq \text{Card}(\mathbb{R})$.
3. Define the following and give an example for each:
 - (a) sequence,
 - (b) converges (for a sequence),
 - (c) diverges (for a sequence),
 - (d) limit (of a sequence),
 - (e) sup (of a sequence),
 - (f) inf (of a sequence),
 - (g) lim sup (of a sequence),
 - (h) lim inf (of a sequence),
 - (i) bounded (for a sequence),
 - (j) increasing (for a sequence),
 - (k) decreasing (for a sequence),
 - (l) monotone (for a sequence),
 - (m) Cauchy sequence.
4. Give an example of a sequence (a_n) such that none of $\inf a_n$, $\liminf a_n$, $\limsup a_n$, and $\sup a_n$ are equal.
5. Find the power series expansions and the radius of convergence of e^x , $\log(1 + x)$, $\frac{1}{1-x}$, $(1 + x)^{1/2}$, $\arctan x$, and $\sinh x$.
6. Let $r \in \mathbb{R}$ with $0 < r < 1$. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^n$, and explain why this limit is important to everyone with a credit card.

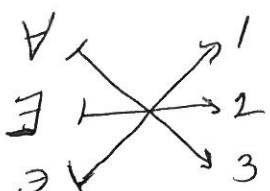
11) (a) Let S and T be sets.

The sets S and T have the same cardinality if there exists a bijection $f: S \rightarrow T$.

Example: If $S = \{\forall, \exists, \ni\}$ and $T = \{1, 2, 3\}$

then $\text{Card}(S) = \text{Card}(T)$ since

$$S \rightarrow T$$



is a bijection.

(b) A set S is finite if there exists $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that $\text{Card}(S) = \text{Card}(\{1, 2, \dots, n\})$ or $S = \emptyset$.

Example $S = \{\forall, \exists, \ni\}$ is finite since $\text{Card}(S) = \text{Card}(\{1, 2, 3\})$.

(c) A set S is infinite if S is not finite.

Example $\mathbb{Z}_{>0} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ is infinite.

(d) A set S is countable if

$S = \emptyset$ or S is finite or $\text{Card}(S) = \text{Card}(\mathbb{Z}_{>0})$.

Example $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \text{ with } b \neq 0 \right\}$ with

$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ if $ad = bc$ is a countable set.

(e) A set S is uncountable if it is not countable.

Example The set of real numbers, \mathbb{R} , is uncountable.

(2) To show: $\text{Card}(\mathbb{Z}_{>0}) \neq \text{Card}(\mathbb{R})$

To show: There does not exist a bijection $f: \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Proof by contradiction.

Assume $f: \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bijection.

Let $f(j) = a_{j_0} \cdot a_{j_1} a_{j_2} a_{j_3} \dots$ so that

$$f(1) = a_{j_0} \cdot a_{j_1} a_{j_2} a_{j_3} \dots$$

$$f(2) = a_{j_0} \cdot a_{j_1} a_{j_2} a_{j_3} \dots$$

$$f(3) = a_{j_0} \cdot a_{j_1} a_{j_2} a_{j_3} \dots, \text{ etc.}$$

Let $s = 0.s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4 \dots$ be such that

$$s_1 \neq a_{j_1}, s_2 \neq a_{j_2}, s_3 \neq a_{j_3}, \dots$$

Then $s \neq f(j)$ for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$.

$\therefore s$ is an element of \mathbb{R} such that there does not exist $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ with $f(j) = s$.

$\therefore f: \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is not surjective.

This is a contradiction to the assumption that f is a bijection.

\therefore there does not exist a bijection $f: \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

$\therefore \text{Card}(\mathbb{Z}_{>0}) \neq \text{Card}(\mathbb{R})$. //

(3) (a) Let X be a metric space.

A sequence in X is a function $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow X$
 $n \mapsto a_n$.

(b) A sequence (a_n) converges if there exists $l \in X$ such that if $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, then there exists $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ such that if $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and $n > N$ then $d(a_n, l) < \epsilon$.

(c) A sequence (a_n) diverges if it does not converge.

Examples of (a), (b), (c):

(a) and (b): $X = \mathbb{R}$, $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$ converges to 0.

(a) and (c): $X = \mathbb{R}$, $a_n = (-1)^n$ diverges.

(d) Let (a_n) be a sequence in X . The limit of (a_n) is $l \in X$ such that (a_n) converges to l .

Example: If $X = \mathbb{R}$ and $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$ then (a_n) has limit 0.

(e) Let (a_n) be a sequence in \mathbb{R} .

The supremum of (a_n) is

$$\sup a_n = \sup \{a_1, a_2, \dots\},$$

the least upper bound of the set $\{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$.

f) Let (a_n) be a sequence on \mathbb{R} .

The infimum of (a_n) is

$$\inf a_n = \inf \{a_1, a_2, \dots\},$$

the greatest lower bound of the set $\{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$.

g) Let (a_n) be a sequence on \mathbb{R} .

The upper limit of (a_n) is

$$\limsup a_n = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup \{a_k, a_{k+1}, \dots\}.$$

h) Let (a_n) be a sequence on \mathbb{R} .

The lower limit of (a_n) is

$$\liminf a_n = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \inf \{a_k, a_{k+1}, \dots\}.$$

Examples of $\sup a_n$, $\inf a_n$, $\limsup a_n$, $\liminf a_n$ are given in problem 4 below.

i) Let (a_n) be a sequence in a metric space X .

The sequence (a_n) is bounded if there exists $p \in X$ and $M \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that

$$\text{if } n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0} \text{ then } d(a_n, p) < M.$$

Examples: $X = \mathbb{R}$, $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$ is bounded.

$X = \mathbb{R}$, $a_n = n$ is not bounded.

(j) Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence in \mathbb{R} .

The sequence $\{a_n\}$ is increasing if it satisfies:
if $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ then $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$

(k) The sequence $\{a_n\}$ is decreasing if it satisfies:
if $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ then $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$.

(l) The sequence $\{a_n\}$ is monotone if it is
increasing or decreasing.

(m) Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence in a metric space X .

The sequence $\{a_n\}$ is Cauchy if it satisfies:
if $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then there exists $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ such
that if $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and $m > N$ and $n > N$
then $d(a_m, a_n) < \epsilon$.

Examples: $X = \mathbb{R}$, $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$ is decreasing

$X = \mathbb{R}$, $a_n = -\frac{1}{n}$ is increasing.

In $X = \mathbb{R}$ a sequence is Cauchy if and only if
it is convergent, so

$a_n = \frac{1}{n}$ is Cauchy and $a_n = (-1)^n$ is not.

(4) Let $a_n = (-1)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$.

Then $a_1 = (-1)(1+1) = -2$,

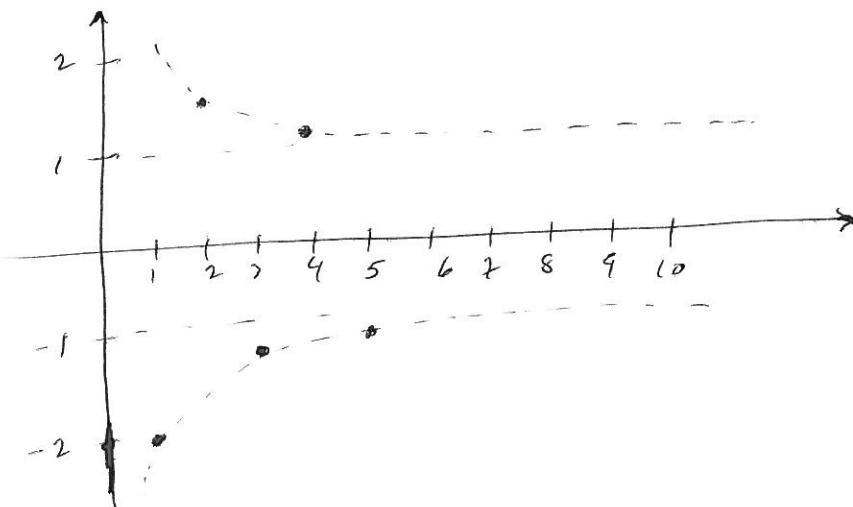
$$a_2 = (1 + \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{3}{2},$$

$$a_3 = -(1 + \frac{1}{3}) = -\frac{4}{3},$$

$$a_4 = (1 + \frac{1}{4}) = \frac{5}{4}, \text{ etc}$$

Then $\sup a_n = \frac{3}{2}$, $\inf a_n = -2$,

$\limsup a_n = 1$ and $\liminf a_n = -1$.



(5) (a) Since $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$ and $e^0 = 1$

$$\frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{d^k}{dx^k} e^x \right) \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{1}{k!} e^x \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{1}{k!} e^0 = \frac{1}{k!},$$

and, by Taylor's theorem,

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2!} x^2 + \frac{1}{3!} x^3 + \frac{1}{4!} x^4 + \dots$$

Let $r \in R_{\geq 0}$. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{r^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{r^n}{n!}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{r}{n+1} \right| = 0$$

So, by the ratio test,

$$1 + r + \frac{1}{2!} r^2 + \frac{1}{3!} r^3 + \dots \text{ converges,}$$

$$\text{since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{r^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{r^n}{n!}} \right| < 1.$$

$$\text{So } C = \{ r \in R_{\geq 0} \mid \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{r^n}{n!} \text{ converges} \} = R_{\geq 0}.$$

The radius of convergence of e^x is $\sup C$
 $= \sup R_{\geq 0}$ which does not exist since
 C has no upper bound.

$$(b) \text{ Since } \frac{d}{dx} \log(1+x) = \frac{1}{1+x}, \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{1+x} \right) = (-1) \frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{d^k}{dx^k} \log(1+x) = (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1}{(1+x)^k} (k-1)!$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{d^k}{dx^k} \log(1+x) \right) \right|_{x=0} &= \frac{(k-1)!}{k!} (-1)^{k-1} \left. \frac{1}{(1+x)^k} \right|_{x=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{k} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1}{1} = (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1}{k}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \log(1+x) &= x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 - \dots \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{x^k}{k}. \end{aligned}$$

If $r=1$ then

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots = \log(1/2) \text{ converges}$$

and

$$1 + |\frac{1}{2}| + |\frac{1}{3}| + |\frac{1}{4}| + \dots = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots \text{ diverges.}$$

$\therefore 1 \in C$ and $1 \notin A$, where

$$A = \{r \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mid \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| (-1)^{k-1} \frac{r^k}{k} \right| \text{ converges}\}, \text{ and}$$

$$C = \{r \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mid \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^k}{k} \text{ converges}\}.$$

$\therefore [0, 1] \subseteq A \subseteq C$ and $[0, 1] = C$.

So the radius of convergence of $\log(1+x)$ is $\sup C = 1$.

$$(a) \frac{1}{1-x} = 1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+x^5+\dots$$

since

$$\begin{aligned}(1-x)(1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots) &= (1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+\dots) \\ &\quad -x-x^2-x^3-x^4-\dots \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$1 = \frac{x-1}{x-1}, \quad 1+x = \frac{x^2-1}{x-1}, \quad 1+x+x^2 = \frac{1-x^3}{1-x}$$

$$\text{and } 1+x+x^2+\dots+x^{k-1} = \frac{1-x^k}{1-x},$$

so that, if $r \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ then

$$1+r+r^2+r^3+\dots = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1-r^k}{1-r}$$

So

$$1+r+r^2+r^3+\dots = \begin{cases} \frac{1-0}{1-r}, & \text{if } r < 1 \\ \text{diverges, if } r \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So } C = \{r \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mid 1+r+r^2+r^3+\dots \text{ converges}\}$$

$$= [0, 1).$$

So the radius of convergence of $\frac{1}{1-x}$ is

$$\sup C = \sup [0, 1] = 1.$$

(d) Since $\frac{d}{dx} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}(1+x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$,

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(1+x)^{-\frac{3}{2}},$$

$$\frac{d^3}{dx^3} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)(1+x)^{-\frac{5}{2}},$$

$$\frac{d^4}{dx^4} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-5}{2}\right)(1+x)^{-\frac{7}{2}}, \dots$$

then $\frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k}{dx^k} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-3)}{k! 2^k} (1+x)^{-(2k-1)/2}$.

and $\left| \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{d^k}{dx^k} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right|_{x=0} = (-1)^{k-1} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-3)}{2^k (1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots k)}$

$$\therefore (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2^2}x^2 + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2^3}x^3 - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2^4}x^4 + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{2^5}x^5 - \dots$$

Let $r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{k+1} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k+1)-3}{2^{k+1} 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (k+1)}}{(-1)^k \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-3)}{2^k 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots k}} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| (-1)r \frac{2(k+1)-3}{2 \cdot (k+1)} \right| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| (-1)r \frac{2k-1}{2k+2} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} r \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2k}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{2}{2k}\right)} = r. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore 1 + \frac{1}{2}r - \frac{1}{2^2}r^2 + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2^3}r^3 - \dots$ converges if $r < 1$

and diverges if $r > 1$. (by the ratio test).

\therefore the radius of convergence of $(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is 1.

$$(e) \text{ Since } \frac{1}{1-x} = 1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+x^5+\dots,$$

$$\frac{1}{1+x} = 1-x+x^2-x^3+x^4-x^5+\dots$$

$$\frac{1}{1+x^2} = 1-x^2+x^4-x^6+x^8-x^{10}+\dots$$

and

$$\arctan x = \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots + C$$

where C is a constant.

Since $\arctan 0 = 0$, the constant $C = 0$ and

$$\arctan x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \frac{x^9}{9} - \dots$$

Let $r \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(-1)^{k+1} r^{2(k+1)-1}}{2(k+1)-1}}{\frac{(-1)^{k-1} r^{2k-1}}{2k-1}} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| (-1) \frac{r^{2k+1}/(2k-1)}{r^{2k-1}/(2k+1)} \right| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| (-1) r^2 \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2k}}{1 + \frac{1}{2k}} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{r^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2k}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2k}\right)} = r^2 \end{aligned}$$

So $r - \frac{r^3}{3} + \frac{r^5}{5} - \frac{r^7}{7} + \frac{r^9}{9} - \dots$ converges if $r^2 \leq 1$

and diverges if $r^2 > 1$.

If $r = 1$ then $1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots = \arctan 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

So $C = \{r \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mid r - \frac{r^3}{3} + \frac{r^5}{5} - \frac{r^7}{7} + \frac{r^9}{9} - \dots \text{ converges}\}$

$$= \{r \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mid r^2 \leq 1\} = [0, 1]$$

So the radius of convergence of $\arctan x$ is 1.

$$(f) \quad \sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{\left(1+x+\frac{x^2}{2!}+\frac{x^3}{3!}+\frac{x^4}{4!}+\dots\right)}{2} - \frac{\left(-1-x+\frac{x^2}{2!}-\frac{x^3}{3!}+\frac{x^4}{4!}-\dots\right)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2x + 2\frac{x^3}{3!} + 2\frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots}{2} = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$$

If $r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{r^{2(k+1)-1}}{(2k+1-1)!}}{\frac{r^{2k-1}}{(2k-1)!}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{r^{2k+1}(2k-1)!}{r^{2k-1}(2k+1)!}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{r^2}{2k \cdot 2k+1} = 0.$$

So $r + \frac{r^3}{3!} + \frac{r^5}{5!} + \dots$ converges for all $r \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

so the radius of convergence of $\sinh x$
does not exist (or is "infinity").

(6) Let $r \in \mathbb{R}$ with $0 < r < 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\log \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^n} \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{n \log \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{r \cdot \frac{\log \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)}{\frac{r}{n}}} \\&= e^r, \text{ since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)}{\frac{r}{n}} = 1\end{aligned}$$

(this will be justified below).

The limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^n$ is the amount owed on a loan of \$1 at interest rate r after 1 year if the interest is compounded continuously.

More generally, if

L_0 is the initial loan amount,

T is the time (in years) of the loan,

r is the interest rate,

then

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_0 \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nT}$ is the amount owed

(after T years) if the interest is compounded continuously.

Assume $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $0 < r < 1$.

To show: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(1 + \frac{r}{n})}{r/n} = 1$.

To show: If $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ then there exists $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that if $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $n > N$ then

$$\left| \frac{\log(1 + \frac{r}{n})}{r/n} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon$$

Assume $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.

Let $N > \frac{2r}{\varepsilon}$. Assume $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $n > N$.

To show: $\left| \frac{\log(1 + \frac{r}{n})}{r/n} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\log(1 + \frac{r}{n})}{r/n} - 1 \right| &= \left| \frac{\frac{r}{n} - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{r}{n})^2 + \frac{1}{3}(\frac{r}{n})^3 - \dots}{r/n} - 1 \right| \\ &= \left| \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{r}{n}) + \frac{1}{3}(\frac{r}{n})^2 - \dots \right) - 1 \right| \\ &= \left| -\frac{1}{2}(\frac{r}{n}) + \frac{1}{3}(\frac{r}{n})^2 - \dots \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{1}{2}(\frac{r}{n}) \right| + \frac{1}{3} \left| (\frac{r}{n})^2 \right| + \left| \frac{1}{4}(\frac{r}{n})^3 \right| + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\frac{r}{n}) + \frac{1}{3}(\frac{r}{n})^2 + \frac{1}{4}(\frac{r}{n})^3 + \dots \\ &< \frac{r}{n} + (\frac{r}{n})^2 + (\frac{r}{n})^3 + \dots = \frac{r}{n} \left(1 + \frac{r}{n} + (\frac{r}{n})^2 + \dots \right) \\ &= \frac{r}{n} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{r}{n}} \right) < \frac{r}{n} \cdot 2 < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(1 + \frac{r}{n})}{r/n} = 1.$$

$$(7) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}}_{\geq \frac{1}{2}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}}_{\geq \frac{1}{2}} + \dots$$

which is unbounded.

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges.

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2}}_{< \frac{1}{2}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{6^2} + \frac{1}{7^2}}_{< \frac{1}{2}} + \dots \\ &< 1 + \frac{2}{2^2} + \frac{4}{4^2} + \frac{8}{8^2} + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 2.\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ is a monotone increasing sequence bounded by 2.

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges.

$$(8) \text{ Since } 1 = \frac{1-r}{1-r}, \quad 1+r = \frac{1-r^2}{1-r}, \quad 1+r+r^2 = \frac{1-r^3}{1-r},$$

and

$$1+r+\cdots+r^{k-1} = \frac{1-r^k}{1-r},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n &= r + r^2 + r^3 + \cdots \\ &= -1 + (1+r+r^2+r^3+\cdots) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(-1 + \frac{1-r^k}{1-r} \right)$$

$$= \begin{cases} -1 + \frac{1}{1-r}, & \text{if } |r| < 1 \\ \text{diverges,} & \text{if } |r| \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n = -1 + \frac{1}{1-r} = \frac{r-1+1}{1-r} = \frac{r}{1-r}, \text{ if } |r| < 1.$$

and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n$ diverges if $|r| \geq 1$.