



## **GATE SCIENCE - MATHEMATICS**

### **SAMPLE THEORY**

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## 1. SEQUENCE

A sequence in a set S is a function whose domain is the set N of natural numbers and whose range is a subset of S. A sequence whose range is a subset of R is called a real sequence.

$$S_n = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n$$

$$S_1 = u_1$$

$$S_2 = u_1 + u_2$$

$$S_3 = u_1 + u_2 + u_3$$

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$$S_n = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n \rightarrow \text{series}$$

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### Sequence

**Bounded Sequence:** A sequence is said to be bounded if and only if its range is bounded. Thus a sequence  $S_n$  is bounded if there exists

$$k \leq S_n \leq K, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow S_n \in [k, K]$$

The l. u. b (Supremum) and the g.l.b (infimum) of the range of a bounded sequence may be referred as its g.l.b and l.u.b respectively.

## 2. LIMITS INFERIOR AND SUPERIOR

From the definition of limit, it follows that the limiting behavior of any sequence  $\{a_n\}$  of real numbers, depends only on sets of the form  $\{a_n : n \geq m\}$ , i.e.,  $\{a_m, a_{m+1}, a_{m+2}, \dots\}$ . In this regard we make the following definition.

**Definition:** Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers (not necessarily bounded). We define

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \sup_n \inf \{a_n, a_{n+1}, a_{n+2}, \dots\}$$

And 
$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \inf_n \sup \{a_n, a_{n+1}, a_{n+2}, \dots\}$$

As the limit inferior and limit superior respectively of the sequence  $\{a_n\}$ .

Limit inferior and limit superior of  $\{a_n\}$  is denoted by  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  and  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  or simply by  $\underline{\lim} a_n$  and  $\overline{\lim} a_n$  respectively.

We use the following notations for the sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\underline{A}_n = \inf \{a_n, a_{n+1}, a_{n+2}, \dots\},$$

And  $\bar{A}_n = \sup \{a_n, a_{n+1}, a_{n+2}, \dots\}.$

Therefore, we have

$$\underline{\lim} a_n = \sup_n \underline{A}_n$$

And  $\bar{\lim} a_n = \inf_n \bar{A}_n$

Now  $\{a_{n+1}, a_{n+2}, \dots\} \subseteq \{a_n, a_{n+1}, a_{n+2}, \dots\}$ , Therefore by taking infimum and supremum respectively, it follows that

$$\underline{A}_{n+1} \geq \underline{A}_n \text{ And } \bar{A}_{n+1} \leq \bar{A}_n$$

This is true for each  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ .

The above inequalities show that the associated sequences  $\{\underline{A}_n\}$  and  $\{\bar{A}_n\}$  monotonically increase and decrease respectively with  $n$ .

**Remark:** It should be noted that both limits inferior and superior exist uniquely (finite or infinite) for all real sequences.

**Theorem:** If  $\{a_n\}$  is any sequence, then

$$\underline{\lim} (-a_n) = -\bar{\lim} a_n, \text{ and } \bar{\lim} (-a_n) = -\underline{\lim} a_n.$$

Let  $b_n = -a_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{B}_n &= \inf \{b_n, b_{n+1}, \dots\} \\ &= -\sup \{a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots\} = -\bar{A}_n \end{aligned}$$

And so

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\lim} (-a_n) &= \underline{\lim} b_n = \sup (\underline{B}_1, \underline{B}_2, \dots) \\ &= \sup \{-\bar{A}_1, -\bar{A}_2, \dots\} \\ &= -\inf \{\bar{A}_1, \bar{A}_2, \dots\} \\ &= -\inf \bar{A}_n = -\bar{\lim} a_n. \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\bar{\lim} a_n = \bar{\lim} (-(-a_n)) = -\underline{\lim} (-a_n).$$

**Theorem:** If  $\{a_n\}$  is any sequence, then

$$\underline{\lim} a_n = -\infty \text{ if and only if } \{a_n\} \text{ is not bounded below,}$$

And  $\bar{\lim} a_n = +\infty$  if and only if  $\{a_n\}$  is not bounded above.

Let  $\underline{A}_n = \inf \{a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots\}$ ,

And  $\bar{A}_n = \sup \{a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbf{N}$

By definition we have

$$\underline{\lim} a_n = -\infty \Leftrightarrow \sup \{\underline{A}_1, \underline{A}_2, \dots\} = -\infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{A}_n = -\infty, \quad \forall n \in \mathbf{N}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \inf \{a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots\} = -\infty, \quad \forall n \in \mathbf{N}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \{a_n\} \text{ is not bounded below:}$$

The proof for limit superior is similar.

**Corollary:** If  $\{a_n\}$  is any sequence, then

$$(i) -\infty < \underline{\lim} a_n \leq +\infty \text{ iff } \{a_n\} \text{ is bounded below.}$$

and

$$(ii) -\infty \leq \bar{\lim} a_n < +\infty \text{ iff } \{a_n\} \text{ is bounded above.}$$

For bounded sequences, we have the following useful criteria for limits inferior and superior respectively.

### Limit points of a sequence.

A number  $\xi$  is said to be a limit point of a sequence  $S_n$  if given any nbd of  $\xi$ ,  $S_n$  belongs to the same for an infinite number of values of  $n$ .

Now  $\{S_{n+1}, S_{n+2}, S_{n+3}, \dots\} \subseteq \{S_n, S_{n+1}, S_{n+2}, \dots\}$ , therefore by taking infimum and supremum respectively, it follows that  $\underline{A}_{n+1} \geq \underline{A}_n$  and  $\bar{A}_{n+1} \leq \bar{A}_n$  for each  $n \in \mathbf{N}$

**Remark:** Both limits inferior and superior exist uniquely (finite or infinite) for all real sequence.

**Theorem:** If  $\{S_n\}$  is any sequence, then

$$\inf S_n \leq \underline{\lim} S_n \leq \sup S_n$$

If  $\{S_n\}$  is any sequence, then

$$\underline{\lim} \{-S_n\} = -\bar{\lim} S_n$$

$$\text{And } -\bar{\lim} \{-S_n\} = \underline{\lim} S_n$$

### 3. SOME IMPORTANT PROPERTIES OF ALGEBRA OF SEQUENCES

1. If  $\{a_n\}$  is a bounded sequence such that  $a_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , then

$$(i) \underline{\lim} \left( \frac{1}{a_n} \right) = \frac{1}{\bar{\lim} a_n}, \text{ if } \bar{\lim} a_n > 0$$

$$(ii) \lim \left( \frac{1}{a_n} \right) = \frac{1}{\lim a_n}, \text{ if } \lim a_n > 0$$

2. If  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  are bounded sequence,  $a_n \geq 0, b_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$(i) \lim \left( \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right) \geq \frac{\lim a_n}{\lim b_n}, \text{ if } \lim b_n > 0$$

$$(ii) \lim \left( \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right) \leq \frac{\lim a_n}{\lim b_n}, \text{ if } \lim b_n > 0$$

## 4. SOME IMPORTANT SEQUENCE TESTS

### 1. Cauchy's root test

Let  $\sum u_n$  be +ve term series and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{u_n\}^{1/n} = \ell$$

Then the series is

(i) Cgt if  $\ell < 1$

(ii) Dgt if  $\ell > 1$

(iii) No firm decision is possible if  $\ell = 1$

### 2. Raabe's test

Let  $\sum u_n$  be a +ve term series and

$$\lim n \left\{ \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right\} = \ell$$

then the series is

(i) Cgt if  $\ell > 1$

(ii) Dgt if  $\ell < 1$

(iii) No firm decision is possible if  $\ell = 1$

### 3. Logarithmic Test:

If  $\sum u_n$  is +ve terms series such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( n \log \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} \right) = \ell$$

Then the series

(i) cgt if  $\ell > 1$

(ii) dgt if  $\ell < 1$

#### 4. Absolute convergent

A series  $\sum u_n$  is said to be absolutely cgt if the positive term series  $\sum |u_n|$  formed by the moduli of the terms of the series is convergent.

#### 5. Conditional convergent

A series is said to be conditionally convergent if it is convergent without being absolutely convergent.

**Theorem:** Every absolute convergent series is convergent.

**Note. (i)** If  $\sum u_n$  is cgt without being absolutely cgt. I.e. if  $\sum u_n$  is conditionally cgt then each of the +ve term series  $\sum g(n)$  and  $\sum h(n)$  diverges to infinity which follows from

$$g(n) = \frac{1}{2} [|u_n| + u_n]$$

$$h(n) = \frac{1}{2} [|u_n| - u_n]$$

(ii) It should be noted that there are no comparison tests for the cgt of conditionally cgt series.

#### Alternating series

A series whose terms are alternately +ve and -ve is called an alternating series

#### 6. Leibnitz's test

Let  $u$  be a sequence such that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

(i)  $u_n \geq 0$

(ii)  $u_{n+1} \leq u_n$

(iii)  $\lim u = 0$

Then alternating series  $u(1) - u(2) + u(3) - u(4) + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} u(n) \dots$  is cgt.

#### 7. Abel's Test

If  $a_n$  is a positive, monotonic decreasing function and if  $\sum u_n$  is convergent series, then the series  $\sum u_n a_n$  is also convergent.

## Uniform convergence

### Point wise Convergence of Sequence of Functions

**Definition:** A sequence of functions  $\{f_n\}$  defined on  $[a, b]$  is said to be point-wise convergent to a function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ , if

to each  $\epsilon > 0$  to each  $x \in [a, b]$ , there exists a positive integer  $m$  (depending on  $\epsilon$  and the point  $x$ ) such that

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon \quad \forall n > m \text{ and } \forall x \in [a, b].$$

The function  $f$  is called the point-wise limit of the sequence  $\{f_n\}$ . We write  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$ .

## 5. FOURIER SERIES

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$$

Where  $(0 < x < 2\pi)$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx$$

And  $b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx$

And for  $(-\pi < x < \pi)$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx$$

And  $b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx$

Where  $f(x)$  is an odd function;  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_n = 0$  where  $f(x)$  is an even function;  $b_n = 0$ .

Fourier series in the interval  $(0 < x < 2l)$  is

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

Where  $a_0 = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^{2l} f(x) dx$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^{2l} f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

And  $b_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^{2l} f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$

In the interval  $(-l < x < l)$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^{+l} f(x) dx, a_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^{+l} f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

And  $b_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^{+l} f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$

**Note:** When  $f(x)$  is an odd function,  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_n = 0$  when  $f(x)$  is an even function,  $b_n = 0$ .

### Half-Range series ( $0 < x < \pi$ )

A function  $f(x)$  defined in the interval  $0 < x < \pi$  has two distinct half-range series.

(i) The half-range cosine series is

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum a_n \cos nx$$

Where  $a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx$  and  $a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx$

(ii) The half range sine series is,

$$f(x) = \sum b_n \sin nx$$

Where  $b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx$ .

### Half-Range Series ( $0 < x < l$ )

A function  $f(x)$  defined in the interval  $(0 < x < l)$  and having two distinct half-range series.

(i) The half range cosine series is,

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

Where  $a_0 = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) dx$

And  $a_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$



(ii) The half-range sine series is,

$$f(x) = \sum b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

$$\text{Where } b_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

### Complex form of Fourier Series

$$f(x) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_m e^{imx}$$

$$\text{Where } c_m = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-imx} dx$$

$$c_0 = \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} f(x) dx \text{ and}$$

$$C_{-m} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} f(x) e^{imx} dx.$$

### Parseval's Identity

For Fourier series,

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}, 0 < x < 2l$$

The Parseval's identity is

$$\frac{1}{2l} \int_0^{2l} [f(x)]^2 dx = \frac{a_0^2}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2)$$

### FOURIER INTEGRAL

The Fourier series of periodic function  $f(x)$  on the interval  $(-l, +l)$  is given by

$$f(x) = a_0 + \frac{n\pi x}{l} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Where } a_0 = \frac{1}{2l} \int_{-l}^{+l} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2l} \int_{-l}^{+l} f(t) dt$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^{+l} f(t) \cos \frac{n\pi t}{l} dt$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^{+l} f(t) \sin \frac{n\pi t}{l} dt$$

Then

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} du \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) \cos u(x-t) dt$$

This is a form of Fourier Integral.

## SOME PROBLEMS

1. The set of all positive values of  $a$  for which the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) \right)^a$  converges, is
- (A)  $\left( 0, \frac{1}{3} \right]$       (B)  $\left( 0, \frac{1}{3} \right)$       (C)  $\left[ \frac{1}{3}, \infty \right)$       (D)  $\left( \frac{1}{3}, \infty \right)$

2. Match the following

Series (X)	Domain of convergence (Y)
A. $\sum \frac{x^n}{n^3}$	(i) $[0, 2]$
B. $\sum (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$	(ii) $[-2 - e, -2 + e]$
C. $\sum \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} (x-1)^n$	(iii) $[-1, 1]$
D. $\sum \frac{n!(x+2)^n}{n^n}$	(iv) $] -1, 1[$

  

	A	B	C	D
(A)	(iv)	(iii)	(ii)	(i)
(B)	(iv)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)
(C)	(iii)	(iv)	(i)	(ii)
(D)	(i)	(ii)	(iv)	(iii)

3. The series

$$1^p + \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^p + \left( \frac{1.3}{2.4} \right)^p + \left( \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6} \right)^p + \dots \text{ is -}$$

- (A) Convergent, if  $p \geq 2$  divergent, if  $p < 2$   
 (B) Convergent, if  $p > 2$  and divergent, if  $p \leq 2$   
 (C) Convergent, if  $p \leq 2$  and divergent, if  $p > 2$   
 (D) Convergent, if  $p < 2$  and divergent, if  $p \geq 2$

4. For the improper integral  $\int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx$  which one of the following is true ?
- (A) if  $\alpha < 0$ , convergent and if  $\alpha = 0$ , divergent  
 (B) if  $\alpha \geq 0$ , Convergent and if  $\alpha < 0$ , divergent  
 (C) if  $\alpha > 0$ , convergent and if  $\alpha \leq 0$ , divergent  
 (D) If  $\alpha > 0$ , divergent and if  $\alpha \leq 0$ , convergent
5. Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  be functions on  $A$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  and Let  $c$  be a cluster point of  $A$  if  $L_k = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f_k$  for  $k = 1, \dots, n$ . Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)]^c$
- (A)  $L$                                       (B)  $L_k, k \in \mathbb{N}$                                       (C)  $L^n$                                       (D) 1

**ANSWER KEY :- 1. (D), 2. (B), 3. (B), 4. (C), 5. (C)**

**1. (D) Use the following results:**

(1) Let  $\sum a_n$  &  $\sum b_n$  be two positive term series

(i) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \ell$ ,  $\ell$  being a finite non-zero constant, then  $\sum a_n$  &  $\sum b_n$  both converge or diverge together.

(ii) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 0$  &  $\sum b_n$  converges, then  $\sum a_n$  also converges.

(2) The series  $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$  converges if  $p > 1$  & diverges if  $p \leq 1$ . We compare the given series with the

series  $\sum \frac{1}{n^{ap}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{n} - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{n}\right)^a}{\frac{1}{n^{ap}}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3n^3} - \frac{1}{5n^5} + \dots\right)^a}{\frac{1}{n^{pa}}} \left[ \because \frac{1}{n} - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n} - \left[\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{3n^3} + \dots\right] \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3n^3} - \frac{1}{5n^5} + \dots \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^p}{3n^3} - \frac{n^p}{5n^5} + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

For this limit to be zero or some other finite number

$$3 - p \geq 0 \quad \text{i.e. } p \leq 3$$

& for the series  $\sum \frac{1}{n^{ap}}$  to be convergent,  $ap > 1$

$$\Rightarrow a > \frac{1}{p} \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a > \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in \left(\frac{1}{3}, \infty\right) \therefore \text{Ans. is (D)}$$

2. (B) (i)  $\sum \frac{x^n}{n^3}$

$$\therefore a_n = \frac{1}{n^3}; a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)^3}$$

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^3 = 1$$

So the domain of  $a_n$  is  $]-1, 1[ \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$

For  $x = 1$  the given power series is

Which is convergent.

For  $x = -1$  the given power series is

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

Which is convergent, by Leibnitz's test.

$\therefore$  Ans. is (iv)

(ii)  $\sum (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+3}{2n+1} = 1$$

The interval of convergence  $[-1, 1]$

for  $x = 1$ , the series becomes

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \dots \text{ Which is convergent by Leibnitz's test}$$

For  $x = -1$  the series becomes  $-1 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \dots$

Which is again convergent.

Hence the exact interval of convergence is  $[-1, 1]$ .  $\therefore$  **Ans.** is (iii)

$$(iii) R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n}{n-1} \right| = 1$$

Since the given power series is about the point  $x = 1$  the interval of convergence is

$$-1 + 1 < x < 1 + 1 = 0 < x < 2$$

for  $x = +2$ , the given series  $\sum \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$  which is convergent by Leibnitz's test.

Hence the exact interval of convergence is  $[0, 2]$ .  $\therefore$  **Ans.** is (i)

$$(iv) \sum \frac{n!(x+2)^n}{n^n}$$

The given power series is about the point  $x = 2$

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{n^n} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n = e$$

$\therefore$  **Ans.** is (ii)

The interval of convergence is  $[-2 - e, -2 + e]$ ,

**3. (B)** Neglecting the first term

$$u_n = \left( \frac{1.3.5 \dots (2n-1)}{2.4.6 \dots 2n} \right)^p$$

$$\text{and } u_{n+1} = \left( \frac{1.3.5 \dots (2n-1)(2n+1)}{2.4.6 \dots (2n)(2n+2)} \right)^p$$

$$\therefore \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \left( \frac{2n+2}{2n+1} \right)^p = \frac{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^p}{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{2n} \right)^p}$$

$$\text{or, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^p}{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{2n} \right)^p} = 1$$

$\therefore$  Ratio test fails.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \log \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} &= \log \left\{ \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^p}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right)^p} \right\} \\ &= p \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) - p \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right) \\ &= p \left[ \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2n^2} + \frac{1}{3n^3} - \dots\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{8n^2} + \frac{1}{24n^3} - \dots\right) \right] \\ &= p \left[ \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2n^2}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{8n^2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3n^3} - \frac{1}{24n^3}\right) + \dots \right] \\ &= p \left[ \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{3}{8n^2} + \frac{7}{24n^3} + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \log \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{8n} + \frac{7}{24n^2} + \dots \right) \\ &= \frac{p}{2} \end{aligned}$$

From Logarithmic test.

The series is convergent, if  $\frac{1}{2}p > 1$ , i.e.,  $p > 2$

The series is divergent, if  $\frac{1}{2}p < 1$ , i.e.,  $p < 2$

The test fails, if  $\frac{1}{2}p = 1$  i.e.,  $p = 2$

$$\text{Now } n \log \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{8n} + \frac{7}{24n^2} + \dots \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or, } \left\{ n \log \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right\} &= \left\{ \left( 1 - \frac{3}{4n} + \frac{7}{12n^2} + \dots \right) - 1 \right\} \\ &= -\frac{3}{4n} + \frac{7}{12n^2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or, } \left\{ n \log \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right\} \log n$$

$$= -\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{\log n}{n} + \frac{7}{12} \times \frac{\log n}{n^2} + \dots$$

$$\text{or, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{\log n}{n} + \frac{7}{12} \times \frac{\log n}{n^2} \dots \right)$$

Hence by higher logarithmic test the given series is divergent, if  $p = 2$ .

Hence the given series is convergent when  $p > 2$  and divergent when  $p \leq 2$ .

The correct answer is (2).

4. (C)  $\int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx,$

When  $\alpha > 1$ , the given integral is a proper integral and hence it is convergent. When  $\alpha < 1$ , the integrand becomes infinite at  $x = 0$ .

$$\text{Now } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^\mu \cdot x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{\mu+\alpha-1} e^{-x} = 1$$

$$\text{if } \mu + \alpha - 1 = 0, \text{ i.e., } \mu = 1 - \alpha$$

We then have  $0 < \mu < 1$  when  $0 < \alpha < 1$

and  $\mu \geq 1$  where  $\alpha \leq 0$ .

It follows by  $\mu$ -test that the integral is convergent when  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and divergent when  $\alpha \leq 0$ .

And we have proved above that the integral is convergent when  $\alpha \geq 1$ . Consequently the given integral is convergent if  $\alpha > 0$  and divergent if  $\alpha \leq 0$ .

5. (C) if  $L_k = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f_k$

then it follows from a by known result which is called an Induction argument that

$$L_1 + L_2 + \dots + L_n = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n),$$

and

$$L_1 \cdot L_2 \dots L_n = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f_1 \cdot f_2 \dots f_n).$$

In particular, we deduce that if  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$L^n = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x))^n.$$