

3. Determine whether each of the following series converges or diverges.

a. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\ln n)^{2016}}$

$$c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(\ln n)^{2016}}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{(\ln n)^{2016}} = \infty \quad \text{by "useful limits"}$$

and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ (harmonic series) diverges

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\ln n)^{2016}}$ diverges by the Limit Comparison Test.

b. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4031}{2016} - n^{1/n} \right)^n$

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left(\frac{4031}{2016} - n^{1/n} \right)^n \right|^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{4031}{2016} - n^{1/n} \right) = \frac{4031}{2016} - 1 = \frac{2015}{2016} \quad \text{by "useful limits"}$$

$L = \frac{2015}{2016} < 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4031}{2016} - n^{1/n} \right)^n$ converges by the n^{th} Root Test.

c. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2016^{1/n} - 1)$

$$c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2016^{1/n} - 1}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2016^{1/x} - 1}{\frac{1}{x}} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2016^{1/x} \cdot \ln(2016) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right)}{-\frac{1}{x^2}} = \ln(2016) \quad \checkmark$$

and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ (harmonic series) diverges

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2016^{1/n} - 1)$ diverges by the Limit Comparison Test.