

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

a. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \right)^2$

$$0 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} < 1 \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} 0 < \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \right)^2 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \text{ for } n \geq 1 \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \right) \text{ converges by } \underline{Q2} \text{ Part a} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \right)^2 \text{ converges by DCT.}$$

b. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}}$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} = \frac{\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n} \cdot \sqrt{n+1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} \cdot \sqrt{n+1} \cdot (\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})}$$

$$c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}}}{\frac{1}{n^{3/4}}} = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \cdot \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}} + 1 \right)} \right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+0} \cdot (\sqrt{1+0} + 1)} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Since $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} > 0$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/4}}$ diverges (p-series with $p = \frac{3}{4} \leq 1$),

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}} \text{ diverges by LCT.}$$