

Lesson 21

Section 11.3

The Integral Test

Exam 2: Thursday, March 9.

8:00 - 9:00 PM Elliott

Lesson 9 to 21

With the exception of Lesson 15

(No Trapezoid, Simpson's Rule, etc
No Table of Integrals).

The integral test

We study the convergence
of series of the type

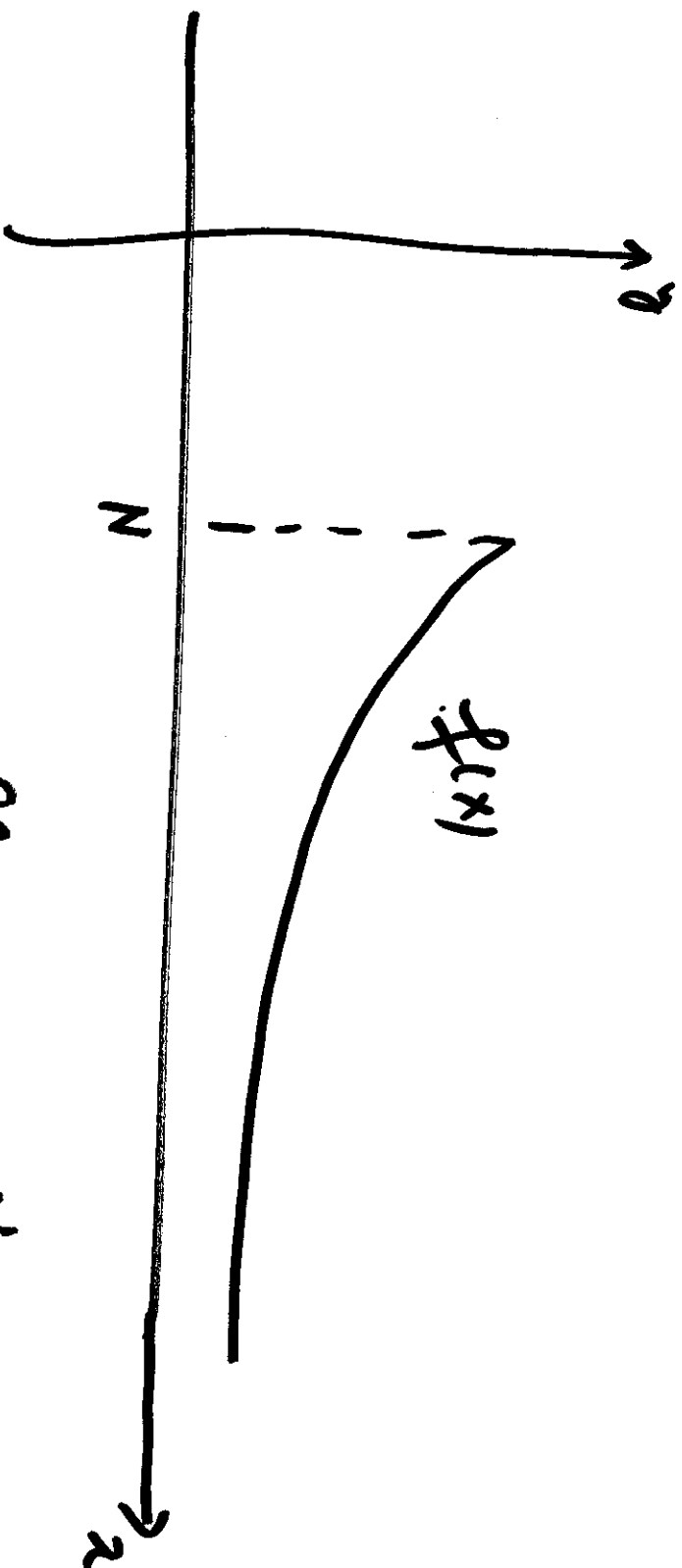
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)$$

$f(x)$ is a function.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Ex:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} f(n) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

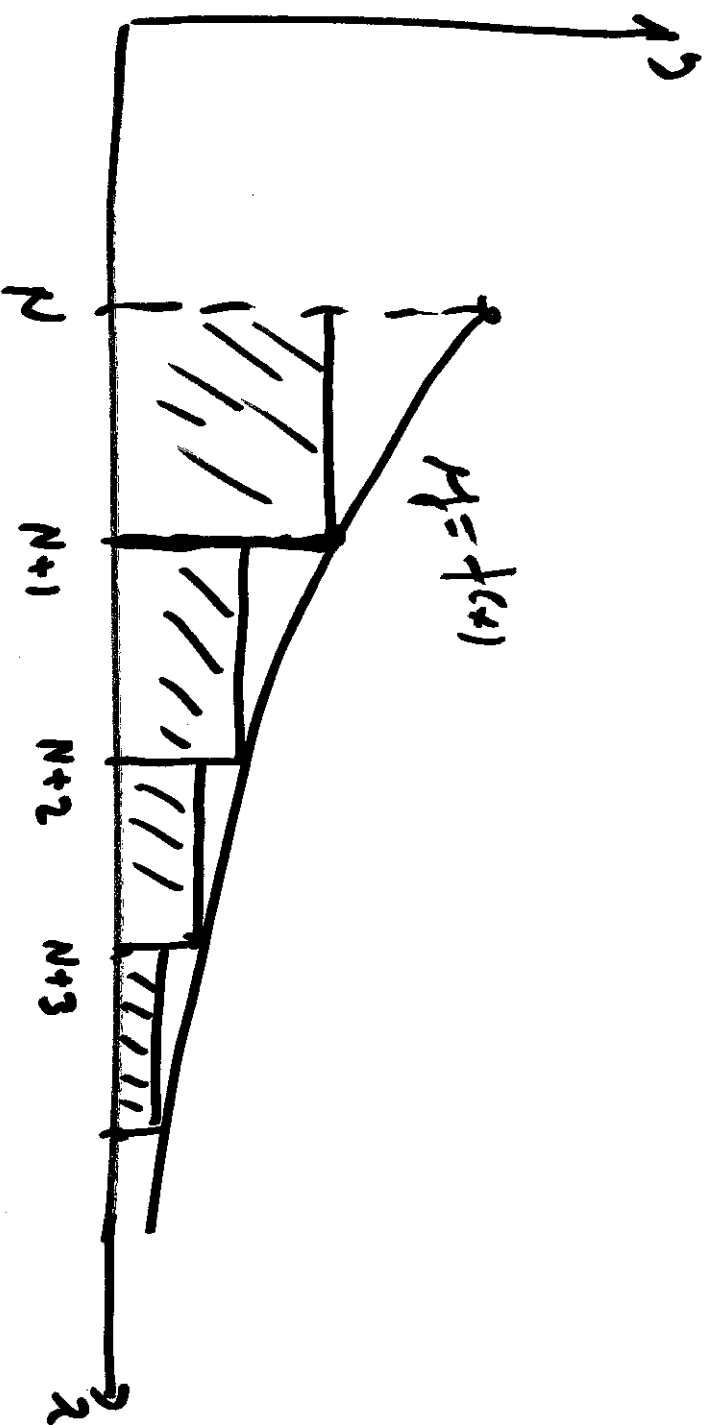


For all $x \geq N$

(i) $f(x) > 0$

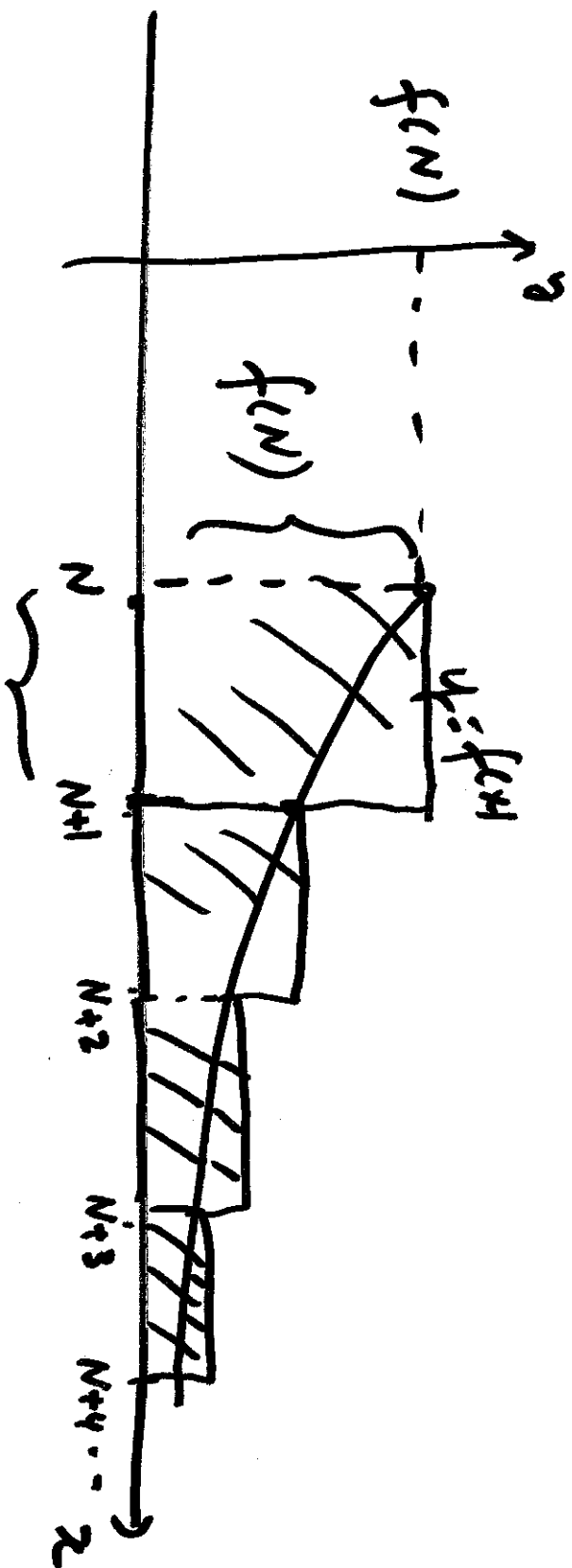
(ii) $f(x)$ is decreasing

(iii) $f(x)$ is continuous.



$$f(N+1) + f(N+2) + f(N+3) + f(N+4) + \dots \leq \int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

$$0 \leq \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} f(n) \leq \int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx.$$



$$f(N) + f(N+1) + f(N+2) + \dots \geq \int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

$$\left\{ \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} f(n) \geq \int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx \right\}$$

If $f(x)$ satisfies (i), (ii) and (iii)

and if

$$\int_N^\infty f(x) dx \text{ converges}$$

$$\text{then } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n) \text{ converges}$$

$$\text{If } \int_N^\infty f(x) dx \text{ diverges.}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n) \text{ diverges.}$$

Examples:

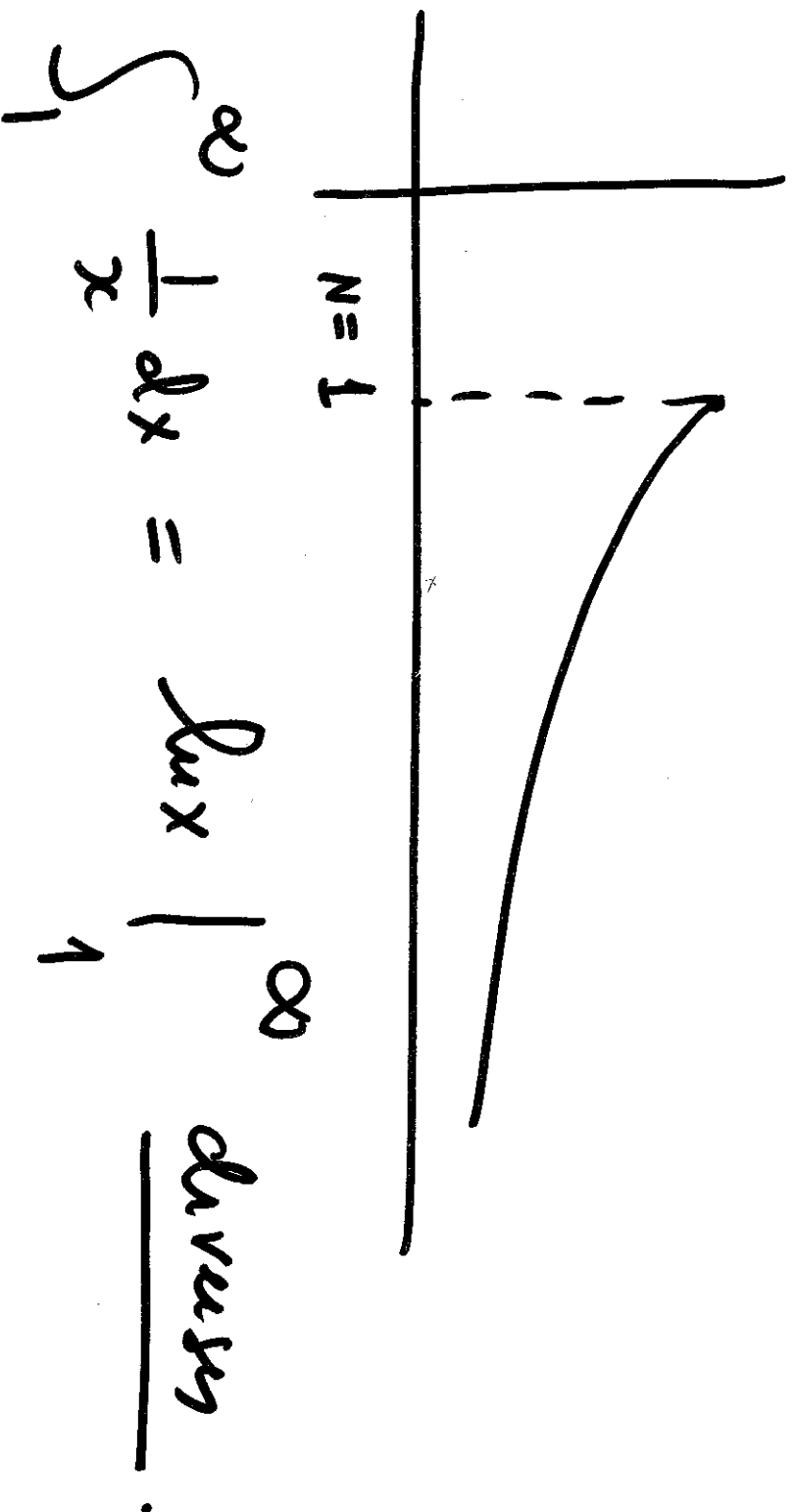
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

$$\frac{1}{n}$$

Diverges.

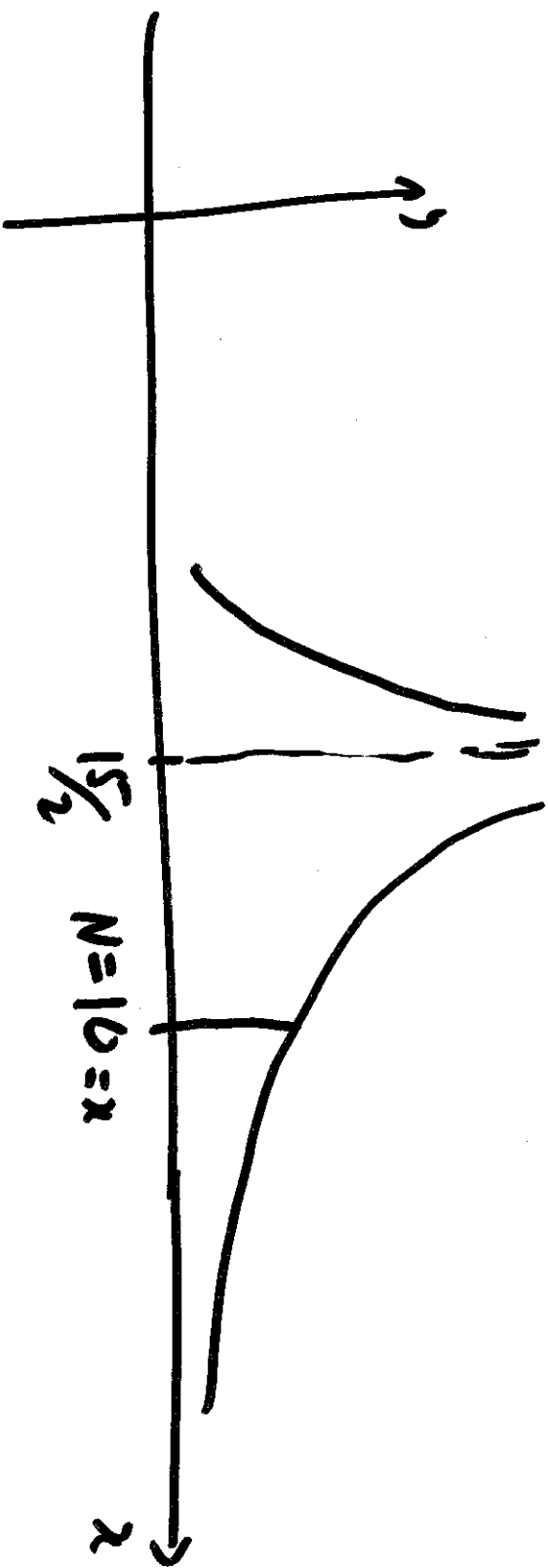
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} ;$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)$$



$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n - \frac{15}{2})^2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(x - \frac{15}{2})^2}$$



$$\int_{10}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x - \frac{15}{2})^2} dx \quad x - \frac{15}{2} = u$$

$$= \int_{5/2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{u^2} du = -u^{-1} \Big|_{5/2}^{\infty} = \frac{2}{5}$$

Converges.

The integral test then says here

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n - \frac{15}{2})^2} \quad \text{converges.}$$

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

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x (\ln x)^2}; \quad x \geq 2$$

(i) $f(x) \rightarrow 0$

(ii) Is $f(x)$ decreasing? Yes

(iii) $f(x)$ is continuous, Yes

$$f(x) = x^{-1} (\ln x)^{-2} \quad \underline{x > 2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= -x^{-2} (\ln x)^{-2} - 2x^{-1} (\ln x)^{-3} x^{-1} \\ &= -x^{-2} (\ln x)^{-2} - 2x^{-2} (\ln x)^{-3} \quad \underline{< 0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx, \quad u = \ln x$$

$$du = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$= \int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \frac{du}{u^2} = -\frac{1}{u} \Big|_{\ln 2}^{\infty} = (\ln 2)^{-1}$$

Converges.

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

Converges!

P-Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}, \quad \underline{p > 0}$$

$$p = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,$$

Converges if $p > 1$

$$p = 0.2, 0.5, 0.003$$

Diverges if $p \leq 1$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^p} \quad x \geq 1$$

$$f(x) = x^{-p} \quad ; \quad f'(x) = -p x^{-p-1} < 0$$

We already saw test when $p=1$, thus diverges.

$p \neq 1$:

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \int_1^{\infty} x^{-p} dx$$

$$= \left. \frac{x^{1-p}}{1-p} \right|_1^{\infty}$$

When $p < 1$, $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$ diverges

$p > 1$, $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$ converges

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^p}$$

Converges if $p > 1$
 diverges if $p \leq 1$

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^p} dx$$

$$= \int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \frac{du}{u^p}$$

$$u = \ln x$$

$$du = \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

$$\frac{1}{n^{0.989}}$$

$$p = 0.989 < 1$$

Diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

$$\frac{1}{n^{1.003}}$$

$$p = 1.003 > 1$$

Converges.

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty}$$

$$\frac{1}{n(\ln n)^{0.8}}$$

Diverges

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty}$$

$$\frac{1}{n(\ln n)^{1.5}}$$

Converges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-n}$$

Converges.

$$f(x) = e^{-x}$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x} \Big|_1^{\infty} = 1/e$$

Diverges.

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

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2+1}$$

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx = \int_2^{\infty} \frac{du}{2u} \cdot \text{Div}$$

$$u = x^2 + 1$$

$$du = 2x dx$$