

Determine whether the following series is convergent or divergent

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{\ln(n)}}$$

Consider the following:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{\ln(n)}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}, \text{ which diverges}$$

$e < 3$ , which means there must be some value  $k > 1$ , such that

$$e < e^k < 3$$

$$\frac{1}{e} > \frac{1}{e^k} > \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{e^{\ln(n)}} > \frac{1}{(e^k)^{\ln(n)}} > \frac{1}{3^{\ln(n)}}, \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

$$\text{So, consider } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(e^k)^{\ln(n)}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{k \ln(n)}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{\ln(n^k)}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^k}$$

Because  $k > 1$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^k}$  converges by the  $p$ -test

$$\text{Thus, because } \frac{1}{(e^k)^{\ln(n)}} > \frac{1}{3^{\ln(n)}},$$

$\frac{1}{3^{\ln(n)}}$  also converges by the direct comparison test