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## Integral Test

Series:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  when  $a_n = f(n) \ge 0$  and f(n) is continuous, positive and decreasing

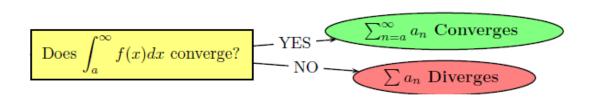
## Condition of Convergence: $\int_{1}^{\infty} f(x)dx \text{ converges}$

## Condition of Divergence: $\int_{1}^{\infty} f(x) dx \text{ diverges}$

\* Remainder:  $0 < R_N \le \int_N^\infty f(x) dx$ 

## INTEGRAL TEST

Does 
$$a_n = f(n)$$
,  $f(x)$  is continuous, positive & decreasing on YES  $[a, \infty)$ ?



Integral Test: If f(x) is a positive, continuous, and decreasing function on  $[1,\infty)$  and let  $a_n=f(n)$ . Then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$  will converge if the improper integral  $\int\limits_1^\infty f(x)\,dx$  converges. If the improper integral  $\int\limits_1^\infty f(x)\,dx$  diverges, then the infinite series  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a_n$  diverges.