

Quiz #2. Answer key below.

Determine the series is convergent or divergent?

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

2. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \sin(\frac{n\pi}{4})}{n^2 + 1}$

3. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n}$. Hint: Can use Ratio Test.

4. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin(\frac{1}{n})$. Hint: Limit comparison test with $b_n := \frac{1}{n^2}$ and use

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin t}{t} = 1.$$

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1.
$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n} + 1}{n^3 - \sqrt{n} + 1}.$$

Use the limit comparison test (LCT).

Let $a_n = \frac{\sqrt{n} + 1}{n^3 - \sqrt{n} + 1}$ and $b_n = \frac{1}{n^{5/2}}.$

Note that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 1$ and $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n$ is convergent (p-series with

$p = 5/2 > 1$). Thus, $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n$ is also convergent.

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$$2. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right)}{n^2 + 1}$$

Use limit comparison test and comparison test.

$$\text{Note that } \left| \frac{(-1)^n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right)}{n^2 + 1} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n^2 + 1}.$$

On the other hand, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 1}$ is convergent by using the

limit comparison test with the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$.

Therefore, the original series is absolutely convergent.

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3. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n}.$

One can use the ratio test.

Let $a_n = \frac{n}{2^n}$. We have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)}{n} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} < 1.$$

By the Ratio Test, the given series is absolutely convergent.

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4. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right).$

Use the limit comparison test.

Let $a_n = \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ and $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}.$

Note that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1.$ It implies that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)}{\frac{1}{n}} = 1.$

In addition, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ is convergent (p-series with $p = 2$).

As a result, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is also convergent.