

MA 162 QUIZ 7

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You have **15 minutes** to complete this quiz. Each correct answer will award you **five points**. Show your work **neatly** and you will receive **one to three points** depending on your level of correctness.

Problem 7.1. Which of these series diverge by the quick test for divergence?

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| (A) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(1/n)$ | (B) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/(5-e^{-n})$ | (C) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln(n)/(n+7)$ |
| (D) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln(n)/n$ | (E) none of these | |

Solution. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin(1/n) &= \sin(0) = 0, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{5 - e^{-n}} &= \frac{1}{5}, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n + 7} &= 0, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n} &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

so $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/(5 - e^{-n})$ although the other sequences need not converge (and in fact do not). \diamond

Problem 7.2. Which of the following statements are true?

- A. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$, then $\sum_n a_n$ converges.
 - B. The ratio test can be used to determine whether $\sum_n 1/n^3$ converges.
 - C. If $\sum_n a_n$ is divergent, then $\sum_n |a_n|$ is divergent.
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| (A) C only | (B) A only | (C) A and B only | (D) B and C only |
| | | | (E) none of them |

Solution. A need not be true since $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$, but $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n = \infty$.

B is not true since, by the ratio test,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3}{(n+1)^3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-3} = 1,$$

which is inconclusive.

C is true since, by direct comparison, $a_n \leq |a_n|$ so if $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges so does $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} |a_n|$. \diamond

Problem 7.3. Which of the following series converge?

$$\text{I. } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n!}$$

$$\text{II. } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2(n)}{n + n^{3/2}}$$

$$\text{III. } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{2/3}}$$

- (A) I only (B) II only (C) I and II only (D) none of them
 (E) all of them

Solution. I converges by the ratio test since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \frac{n!}{e^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e}{n+1} = 0.$$

II converges since

$$\frac{\sin^2(n)}{n + n^{3/2}} \leq \frac{1}{n + n^{3/2}} < \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$$

and the last of these comes from the p -series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ with $p = 3/2 > 1$.

III converges by the alternating series test since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{2/3}} = 0,$$

and

$$\frac{1}{(n+1)^{2/3}} < \frac{1}{n^{2/3}}.$$

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