

Quiz 3

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Show all work needed to reach your answers.

High: 20
Median: 19
Low: 15

(5 points each) For each series, please state what type it is (harmonic, alternating, geometric, etc.), whether it converges or diverges (circle one), and if possible to which limit L it converges.

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

Alternating Series ✓

Notice that $n < n+1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{n+1} < \frac{1}{n}$. Then since $\sin \frac{1}{n}$ is increasing for $0 < \frac{1}{n} < \frac{\pi}{2}$, $\sin\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) < \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, by the Leibniz Alternating Series Test, this series converges.

converges diverges

$$-\sin(1) < L < 0$$

$L =$ _____

2. $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{4}{27} + \frac{8}{81} + \dots + \frac{2^{n-1}}{3^n} + \dots$

Geometric Series

$a = \frac{1}{3}, r = \frac{2}{3}$

Since $r < 1$

$$L = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{3}} = 1$$

converges diverges

$L = 1$

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

This is the negative of the harmonic series.

converges diverges

$L = \text{DNE}$

4. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt[n]{2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{1/n}$

This series is not geometric.

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{1/n} = 2^0 = 1$, by the n th term test, this series diverges.

converges diverges

$L = \text{DNE}$