

Quiz 3

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Show all work needed to reach your answers.

High: 20
Median: 18
Low: 11

(5 points each) For each series, please name the series (harmonic, alternating, geometric) and/or the test needed to determine convergence, explain why it converges or diverges (circle one), and if possible to which limit L it converges.

1. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} n}{\ln n}$ This is an alternating series, but $a_n = \frac{n}{\ln n} \rightarrow +\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (by L'Hôpital or by noting that n grows faster than $\ln n$). So by the Leibniz alternating series test, this series diverges.

converges diverges

$L = \underline{\text{DNE}}$

2. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^n$ This is an alternating geometric series, with $a=1$ and $r = -\frac{e}{\pi}$. Since $-1 < r < 1$, this series converges to $L = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1+\frac{e}{\pi}}$

converges diverges

$L = \underline{\frac{\pi}{\pi+e}}$

3. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n [1 - n \sin(1/n)]$ This is an alternating series with $a_n = [1 - n \sin(1/n)]$. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sin(1/n) = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$. By differentiating, one can show that a_n is decreasing. So by the Leibniz alternating series test, this series converges.

converges diverges

L is messy to compute.

4. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+2^n}{3^n}$ This is the sum of two convergent geometric series.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = \frac{1/3}{1-1/3} + \frac{2/3}{1-2/3} = \frac{1}{2} + 2 = \frac{5}{2}$$

Here $a=1/3$ and $r=1/3$ | Now $a=2/3$ and $r=2/3$

converges diverges

$L = \underline{5/2}$