

MATH 120 2020-2 Friday 10:40- 12:30 - Quiz 2

Duration: ~ 15 min.

1. Write your NAME, SURNAME, ID and SECTION.

2. Upload your solutions to Gradescope as a SINGLE JPG or PDF PAGE.

Question:Determine whether or not the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \sin(n)$ is convergent.Let $a_n = \sin\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \cdot \sin(n)$. It is not positive.So, consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$. Then,

$$0 \leq |a_n| \leq \left| \sin\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \right| = \sin\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$$

as $0 < \frac{1}{n^2} < 1 < \frac{\pi}{2}$
for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ Consider the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$.Let $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$. Then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(m)}{m} = 1 \neq 0 \quad L'H$$

say $m = \frac{1}{n^2}$

By L.C.T, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$ is convergent as $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ is so by p-test. $\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ is conv. by Comparison test.Hence, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is (absolutely) convergent.Some remarks for the common mistakes!

⊙ $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \sin(n)$ is not an alternating series as $a_{n+1} \cdot a_n = (-1)^{2n+1} \cdot \sin(n) \cdot \sin(n+1)$

may not be negative for each $n \geq 1$. (though it has the factor $(-1)^n$.)

⊙ $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ with $a_n \geq 0$ for all n (or ultimately)

Then, you CAN use the following test!

- Comparison / Limit Comp. Tests
- Ratio / Root Tests
- Integral Test

But, for n^{th} term test, no need to check the sign of a_n for each n .

$$\odot -\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

But, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\frac{1}{n}$ diverges to $-\infty$ although $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ diverges to $+\infty$.

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ is convergent by p-test ($2 > 1$)

Here, Comparison Test does not work!!

as both $-\frac{1}{n}$ & $\frac{1}{n^2}$ are not POSITIVE (or ultimately)

Also, $\frac{1}{n}$ is convergent $\forall n$. But, its series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent.