

**Math 1B Quiz 9 SOLUTIONS**

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You have 20 minutes to complete this quiz. You must show your work.

Determine whether each of the following series are **absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent**. Be sure to clearly **state which tests** you are using.

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

$\frac{n}{n^2+1}$  is decreasing and has a limit of 0, so by the Alternating Series Test, this series converges.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2+1} = 1$  and  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  diverges, so by the limit comparison test,  $\sum \left| \frac{n(-1)^n}{n^2+1} \right|$  diverges.

Thus, the series is conditionally convergent.

2. (3 pts)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n + \cos n^2}{n^3}$

$\left| \frac{\sin n + \cos n^2}{n^3} \right| \leq \frac{2}{n^3}$  and  $\sum \frac{2}{n^3}$  is a convergent p-series, so by the comparison test,  $\sum \left| \frac{\sin n + \cos n^2}{n^3} \right|$

converges and thus  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n + \cos n^2}{n^3}$  is absolutely convergent.

3. (3 pts)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^2 e^n}$

$$\lim \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim \left| \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^2 e^{n+1}} \frac{n^2 e^n}{n!} \right| = \lim \left| \frac{(n+1)n^2}{(n+1)^2 e} \right| = \infty$$

so by the ratio test, this series diverges.