

# Math 107, Fall 2012, Quiz # 2a

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Section 1 (Tue, Thu, & Fr 12:30-13:20)

Section 2 (Tue, Thu, & Fr 14:30-15:20)

Problem 1 (10 points) Determine whether the following series are absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent:

(i)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{\ln(n)}$

(ii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(4n)}{4^n}$

i)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{\ln(n)}$  is an alternating series.

As  $\ln(n+1) > \ln(n) \forall n \geq 2$ ,  $\frac{1}{\ln(n+1)} < \frac{1}{\ln(n)}$ . So  $\left\{ \frac{1}{\ln(n)} \right\}$  is decreasing. And

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln(n)} = 0$ . Hence, by Alternating Series Test,  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{\ln(n)}$  converges.

Now,  $\ln(n) < n$  so  $\frac{1}{\ln(n)} > \frac{1}{n}$ , and since  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is divergent,  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln(n)}$  diverges

by Comparison test.

Thus,  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{\ln(n)}$  is conditionally convergent.

ii)  $\left| \frac{\sin(4n)}{4^n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{4^n}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^n}$  converges since it's a geometric series and  $\frac{1}{4} < 1$ .

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(4n)}{4^n}$  converges absolutely by Comparison test.

Problem 2 (10 points)

2.a) (3 points) What is an alternating series. Under which conditions does an alternating series converge?

An alternating series is a series whose terms are alternately positive and negative.  
If the alternating series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} b_n$  satisfies

i)  $b_{n+1} \leq b_n \quad \forall n \geq 1$   
ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$

then the series converges.

2.b) (7 points) For what values of  $p$  is the following series convergent?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+p}$$

Let  $b_n = \frac{1}{n+p}$ . Then

i)  $\frac{1}{n+1+p} < \frac{1}{n+p} \quad \forall n \geq 1$  and for all  $p \geq 0$

ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+p} = 0$  for all  $p \geq 0$ .

So the series converges (by Alternating Series test) for all  $p \geq 0$ .

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Problem 1 (3 points) What can you say about the series  $\sum a_n$  in each of the following cases?

(i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 0$

Since  $0 < 1$ ,  $\sum a_n$  converges by Ratio Test

(ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 0.9$

Since  $0.9 < 1$ ,  $\sum a_n$  converges by Ratio Test

(iii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$

Ratio test is inconclusive. We cannot say anything about convergence or divergence of  $\sum a_n$

Problem 2 (7 points) For which positive integers  $k$  is the following series convergent?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n!)^2}{(kn)!}$$

Use the Ratio test:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{((n+1)!)^2}{(k(n+1))!}}{\frac{(n!)^2}{(kn)!}} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2 \cdot (kn)!}{(kn+k)!} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{(kn+k)(kn+k-1) \cdots (kn+1)} = \end{aligned}$$

For  $k=1$ ;  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1) = \infty$

For  $k=2$ ;  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{(2n+2)(2n+1)} = \frac{1}{2} < 1$

For  $k \geq 3$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 0 < 1$

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n!)^2}{(kn)!}$  converges for  $k \geq 2$  by Ratio Test.

Problem 3 (10 points) Show that if  $a_n > 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n \neq 0$ , then  $\sum a_n$  is divergent.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{\frac{1}{n}}$$

So apply the Limit Comparison test with  $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$ .

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{\frac{1}{n}} > 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges (p-series with  $p=1$ ),  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent.

by Limit Comparison test.

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## Problem 1 (10 points)

1.a) (3 points) Give the definition of the alternating series. Under which conditions does an alternating series converge?

An alternating series is a series whose terms are alternately positive and negative.  
If the alternating series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} b_n$  satisfies (i)  $b_{n+1} \leq b_n \forall n \geq 1$ , (ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ , then the series converges.

1.b) (7 points) Prove that if  $a_n \geq 0$  and  $\sum a_n$  converges, then  $\sum a_n^2$  also converges.

Since  $\sum a_n$  converges,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ . So for  $\epsilon = 1$ , there exists  $N$  such that  $|a_n - 0| < 1$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

$\Rightarrow 0 \leq a_n < 1$  for all  $n \geq N$

$\Rightarrow 0 \leq a_n^2 < a_n$  for all  $n \geq N$

So since  $\sum a_n$  converges,  $\sum a_n^2$  converges by Comparison test.

Problem 2 (10 points) Test the following series for convergence or divergence:

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

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt[n]{n}}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\ln(n+4)}$  is an alternating series with  $b_n = \frac{1}{\ln(n+4)}$

i) Since for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\ln(n+3) > \ln(n+2)$ ,  $b_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\ln(n+5)} < \frac{1}{\ln(n+4)} = b_n \forall n \geq 1$ . So  $b_n$  is decreasing

ii) As  $0 < \frac{1}{\ln(n+4)} < \frac{1}{n+4}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln(n+4)} = 0$  by Squeeze Thm.

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\ln(n+4)}$  converges by Alternating series test.

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt[n]{n}}$  is alternating series test with  $b_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}}$

i) Since for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\sqrt[n+1]{n+1} > \sqrt[n]{n}$ ,  $b_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[n+1]{n+1}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}} = b_n$ . So  $b_n$  is decreasing

ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}} = 0$

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt[n]{n}}$  converges by Alternating series test

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Problem 1 (10 points) Determine whether the following series are absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent.

(i)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n)}{n!}$

(ii)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\ln(n)}$

i)  $\frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n)}{n!} = \frac{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \cdot n}{n!} = \frac{2^n \cdot n!}{n!} = 2^n$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot 2n}{n!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^n$

As  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n = \infty$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot 2n}{n!}$  diverges by Test for Divergence.

ii)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\ln(n)}$  is an alternating series with  $b_n = \frac{1}{\ln(n)}$

As  $\ln(n+1) > \ln(n)$  for all  $n \geq 2$ ,  $b_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)} < \frac{1}{\ln(n)} = b_n \forall n \geq 2$ . So  $b_n$  is decreasing.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln(n)} = 0$ .

So by Alternating Series Test,  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\ln(n)}$  converges.

Now, as  $\ln(n) < n$  for all  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\frac{1}{\ln(n)} > \frac{1}{n}$ . As  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges (p-series with  $p=1$ ),  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln(n)}$  diverges by Comparison Test.

Hence  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\ln(n)}$  is conditionally convergent.

Problem 2 (10 points) Show that the series is convergent. How many terms of the series do we need to add in order to find sum to the indicated accuracy?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} n 2^{-n} \quad (|\text{error}| < 0.01)$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} n 2^{-n}$  is an alternating series with  $b_n = \frac{n}{2^n}$ .

(i)  $\{b_n\}$  is decreasing for  $n \geq 2$  since

$$\left(\frac{x}{2^x}\right)' = \frac{1 \cdot 2^x - x \cdot 2^x \ln 2}{2^{2x}} = \frac{2^x(1 - x \ln 2)}{2^{2x}} < 0 \quad \text{for } 1 - x \ln 2 < 0 \Rightarrow x > \frac{1}{\ln 2}$$

$$(ii) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2^n} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n \ln 2} = 0$$

Thus, by Alternating Series Test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} n 2^{-n}$  converges.

Now, by Alternating Series Estimation Thm, we have

$$|R_n| \leq b_{n+1}$$

So it's enough to find  $n$  s.t.  $b_{n+1} < 0.01$ .

$$\text{Notice that } b_{10} = \frac{10}{2^{10}} = \frac{10}{1024} < 0.01.$$

$$\Rightarrow |R_9| < 0.01.$$

So we need to add 9 terms of the series.



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Problem 1 (8 points) Prove that if  $a_n \geq 0$  and  $\sum a_n$  converges, then  $\sum a_n^2$  also converges.

Since  $\sum a_n$  converges,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ . So for  $\epsilon = 1$ , there exists  $N$  such that  $|a_n - 0| < 1$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

$\Rightarrow 0 < a_n < 1$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

$\Rightarrow 0 < a_n^2 < a_n$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

So since  $\sum a_n$  converges,  $\sum a_n^2$  converges by Comparison Test.

Problem 2 (12 points) Determine whether the following series converge or diverge:

(i)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}}$

(ii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{1/n}}{n}$

(iii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt[n]{n}}$

i)  $a_n = \frac{n-1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}} = \frac{n-1}{n^{5/2}} < \frac{n}{n^{5/2}} = \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} = b_n \quad \forall n \geq 1$

As  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$  converges (p-series with  $p=3/2 > 1$ ),  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}}$  converges by Comparison Test

ii) Apply the limit comparison test with  $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{e^{1/n}}{n}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{1/n} = 1 > 0$  }  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} a_n = 1/n, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1/n = 0 \text{ and } f(x) = e^x \text{ is cont. at } 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{1/n} = f(0) = 1 \end{array} \right]$

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges (p-series with  $p=1$ ),  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{1/n}}{n}$  diverges by Limit Comp Test

iii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt[n]{n}}$  is an alternating series with  $b_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}}$

As  $\sqrt[n+1]{n+1} > \sqrt[n]{n}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $b_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[n+1]{n+1}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}} = b_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . So

$b_n$  is decreasing

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}} = 0$

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt[n]{n}}$  converges by Alternating Series Test.

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Problem 1 (10 points) Test the series for convergence or divergence:

(i)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{10^n}$

(ii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(4n)}{4^n}$

i)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{10^n}$  is an alternating series with  $b_n = \frac{n}{10^n}$

$b_n$  is decreasing for  $n \geq 1$ , since  $\left(\frac{x}{10^x}\right)' = \frac{x \cdot 10^{-x} - x^2 10^{-x} \ln(10)}{(10^x)^2} = \frac{10^{-x}(1-x \ln(10))}{(10^x)^2} < 0$

for  $1 - x \ln(10) < 0$ , i.e.,  $x > \frac{1}{\ln(10)} \approx 0.43$

And  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{10^n} \stackrel{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{10^n \ln(10)} = 0$

So the series converges by Alternating series test.

ii) Apply Comparison Test with  $b_n = \frac{1}{4^n}$

$\left| \frac{\sin(4n)}{4^n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{4^n}$  as  $|\sin(4n)| \leq 1 \forall n \geq 1$ .

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^n}$  converges (geometric series with  $\frac{1}{4} < 1$ ),  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\sin(4n)|}{4^n}$  converges

As absolute convergence of a series implies convergence of a series,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(4n)}{4^n}$

is convergent.

Problem 2 (10 points) Show that if  $a_n > 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n a_n \neq 0$ , then  $\sum a_n$  is divergent.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{\frac{1}{n}}$$

So apply Limit Comparison test with  $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{\frac{1}{n}} > 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges (p-series with  $p=1$ ),

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent by Limit Comparison Test.