

4. [8 points] Determine whether the following series converge or diverge.
Fully justify your answer. Show all work and include any convergence tests used.

a. [4 points] $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sin(\frac{1}{n})}$

Circle one: Converges

Diverges

Justification:

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$, so $\sin(\frac{1}{n}) \rightarrow \sin(0) = 0$
which means $\frac{1}{\sin(\frac{1}{n})}$ does not approach 0.
Since the terms of the series do not approach 0,
the series diverges

b. [4 points] $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n^2 + 3^n}$

Circle one:

Converges

Diverges

Justification:

Ratio test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2 + 3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^2 + 3^n}{2^n} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1}}{2^n} \cdot \frac{n^2 + 3^n}{(n+1)^2 + 3^{n+1}} = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 3^n}{(n+1)^2 + 3^{n+1}}$$

The exponentials dominate the polynomials, so
that's $2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n}{3^{n+1}} = \frac{2}{3}$, which is less than 1.

So converges by the ratio test.