

4. [11 points]

- a. [6 points] Determine whether the following series converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges, and give a complete argument justifying your answer.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

Converges absolutely

Converges conditionally

Diverges

Justification:

Solution: This series converges by the alternating series test, which applies, since $\sin(\frac{1}{n})$ is a positive decreasing sequence that converges to zero.

It does not converge absolutely since for $n \geq 1$

$$\frac{1}{2n} \leq \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right).$$

We know the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n}$ diverges by p -test with $p = 1$. Then by the comparison test,

$$\text{so must } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |(-1)^n \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)|.$$

Alternatively, we can use the Limit Comparison Test. Since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(1/n)}{1/n} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(1/x)}{1/x} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(y)}{y} = 1 < \infty,$$

we know that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ must either both converge or both diverge. Since

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is the harmonic series, which we know diverges, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ must diverge as well.

- b. [5 points] Compute the value of the following improper integral. **Show all your work using correct notation.** Evaluation of integrals must be done **without a calculator.**

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2} dx$$

Solution:

First we change to limit notation, then use u -substitution with $u = 1 + e^x$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2} dx \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{1}{u^2} du \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left. -\frac{1}{u} \right|_2^b \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{b} - \frac{-1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, first compute the antiderivative using u -substitution.

$$\int \frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2} dx = \int \frac{1}{u^2} du = -\frac{1}{u} = -\frac{1}{1+e^x}.$$

Thus,

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left. -\frac{1}{1+e^x} \right|_0^b = \frac{1}{2}.$$