

5. [9 points] Determine whether each of the following series converges or diverges. Fully justify your answer, including carefully showing all work for any computations. Include any convergence tests used.

a. [4 points] $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3 - \sin(n^4)}{n^2}$

Circle one:

 Converges Diverges

Justification:

$$-1 \leq \sin(n^4) \leq 1$$

$$\text{So } 2 \leq 3 - \sin(n^4) \leq 4$$

$$\text{So } \frac{2}{n^2} \leq \frac{3 - \sin(n^4)}{n^2} \leq \frac{4}{n^2}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n^2} \text{ converges by the p-test (} p=2 \text{)}$$

So since $\frac{3 - \sin(n^4)}{n^2}$ is positive, $\sum \frac{3 - \sin(n^4)}{n^2}$ converges by comparison.

b. [5 points] $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$

Circle one:

 Converges Diverges

Integral test:

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } w &= \ln x \\ dw &= \frac{1}{x} dx \\ x=2 &\Rightarrow w = \ln 2 \\ x=b &\Rightarrow w = \ln b \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} \frac{1}{\sqrt{w}} dw = \int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w^{1/2}} dw$$

which diverges by the p-test ($p = \frac{1}{2}$).

So since $\frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$ is positive and decreasing,

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}} \text{ diverges by the integral test.}$$