

Series worksheet.

Decide convergence/divergence. If convergent, is it absolute or conditional? Show your work and state any tests you use.

1. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k2^k}$ converges by comparison test w/ geometric series $\sum \frac{1}{2^k}$, since $\frac{1}{k2^k} < \frac{1}{2^k}$. $|\frac{1}{k2^k}| = \frac{1}{k2^k}$ so absolute
2. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{1+\sqrt{n}}$ converges by alt. series test: $\frac{1}{1+\sqrt{n}} > 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + 1} = 0$
conditional by limit comparison test w/ $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$, since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1+\sqrt{n}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{1+\sqrt{n}} = 1$.
3. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2+2n+1}$ converges by limit comparison test w/ $\sum \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\ln(n)}{n^2+2n+1}}{\frac{1}{n^{3/2}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^{3/2} + 2n^{1/2} + 1} = 0$
absolute since $|\frac{\ln(n)}{n^2+2n+1}| = \frac{\ln(n)}{n^2+2n+1}$. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^{3/2}} = 0$
4. $\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(-1)^j}{j} \left(\frac{1}{\ln(j)} \right)^{3/2} \right)$ absolute convergence by integral test: $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln(x))^{3/2}} dx = \int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \frac{du}{u^{3/2}}$ converges.
5. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{1+100^{-k}}$ diverges by $n^{\frac{1}{p}}$ test $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{1+100^{-k}}$ does not exist.
6. $\sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \frac{10n^4 + 13n^3 - 1490n^2 - n - 1}{231n^6 - n^4 - 32n - 21}$ converges absolutely by limit comparison test: for n very large, terms are positive and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{10}{231}$.
7. $\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{k!(2k)!}{(3k)!}$ ratio test: $\frac{(k+1)!(2k+2)!}{(3k+3)!} \cdot \frac{(3k)!}{k!(2k)!} = \frac{(k+1)(2k+2)(2k+1)}{(3k+3)(3k+2)(3k+1)} \rightarrow \frac{4}{27} < 1$
so converges absolutely
8. $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2j-1)}{j!}$ ratio test: $\frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2j-1)(2j+1)}{(j+1)!} \cdot \frac{j!}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2j-1)} = \frac{2j+1}{j+1} \rightarrow 2 > 1$
9. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^k}{3^{(k^2)}}$ root test: $\sqrt[k]{\left(\frac{k^k}{3^{(k^2)}} \right)} = \sqrt[k]{\left(\frac{k}{3^k} \right)^k} = \frac{k}{3^k} \rightarrow 0 < 1$ so converges
10. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt{n} - \sqrt{n-1})^n$ root test: $\sqrt[n]{(\sqrt{n} - \sqrt{n-1})^n} = \sqrt{n} - \sqrt{n-1} = \frac{(\sqrt{n} - \sqrt{n-1})(\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n-1})}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n-1}} = \frac{n - (n-1)}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n-1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n-1}} \rightarrow 0 < 1$
converges