

MATH 31B: Week 8

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Question 1. Use the definition of series to find the value of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2 - 1}$ if it converges. Hint: partial fractions.

Question 2. Which of the following inequalities can be used to study the convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + \sqrt{n}}$?

$$\frac{1}{n^2 + \sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{n^2 + \sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Explain and then determine whether the series converges or not.

Question 3. Use the limit comparison test to determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^3 + 3n}{n^6 + n^5 + \sqrt{n}}$ converges or diverges.

Question 4. Determine whether the following series converge or diverge.

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

(b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n2^n}$

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

(d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n! + 4^n}$

(e) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^3}$