

3) Determine whether the following series are absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent. State clearly the name and the conditions of the test you are using.

a) $\sum_{n=10}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^2 n}{1+n^2}$

$$0 \leq \frac{\cos^2 n}{1+n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=10}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ converges } (p=2 > 1)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{C.T.}} \sum_{n=10}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^2 n}{1+n^2} \text{ converges absolutely.}$$

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

Let's consider the series of absolute values, $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$.

The fcn. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}}$, $x \in [2, \infty)$ is cont., positive, and decreasing (why?) on $[2, \infty)$ so we use the Integral Test:

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} 2(\sqrt{\ln b} - \sqrt{\ln 2}) = \infty$$

Thus, $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{\ln x}}$ diverges and so, by the Integral Test, the series of absolute values $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$ diverges.

On the other hand, the given series is alternating and $u_n = \frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$ is positive, nonincreasing, and $u_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. So the series $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$ is convergent by the Alternating Series Test.

Series Test.

Hence, $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$ is conditionally convergent.