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Clicker Questions

Clicker Question 1

Types of convergence

The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(3^n)}{3^n}$
is ...

We can rule out ...

C and **D**: conv. always
 \implies *one* of absolutely
conv. or conditionally
conv., but *never both*

E: absolutely conv.
always \implies conv.

- A. ... both absolutely convergent and convergent, but not conditionally convergent.
- B. ... both conditionally convergent and convergent, but not absolutely convergent.
- C. ... convergent, but neither absolutely convergent nor conditionally convergent.
- D. ... absolutely convergent and conditionally convergent and convergent.
- E. ... both absolutely convergent and conditionally convergent, but not convergent.

Clicker Question 2

The limit in the Ratio Test

If you apply the Ratio Test to the series

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{(n-1)!}{2^{n(n-1)}},$$

what is $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|}$?

- A. ∞
- B. 1
- C. 0
- D. 1/2
- E. none of the above

(and so the series converges)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n! / 2^{(n+1)n}}{(n-1)! / 2^{n(n-1)}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{(n-1)!} \frac{2^{n^2-n}}{2^{n^2+n}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \frac{1}{2^{(n^2+n)-(n^2-n)}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \frac{1}{2^{2n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4^n} = 0. \end{aligned}$$