

Quiz 10 — October 27, 2010 – Section 10 – 11:15 – 12:05

Does the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n^n}{n!}$ converge? **Justify your answer very thoroughly.**

Answer. Let a_n be the n^{th} individual term of this series. That is $a_n = (-1)^n \frac{n^n}{n!}$. We see that $|a_n| = \frac{n^n}{n!} = \frac{n}{n} \frac{n}{n-1} \frac{n}{n-2} \cdots \frac{n}{2} \frac{n}{1} \geq 1$. Thus, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$. The Individual Term Test for Divergence tells us that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n^n}{n!}$ diverges.