

1. Determine if the following series converge or diverge. If the series converges, also compute the sum.  
You must show all of your work and support your conclusions.

(a) (7 points)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{3^{n+1}}$

**Solution:**

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{3^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$$

So by the Geometric Series Test and since  $r = 2/3$  this converges. And it converges to:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1/6}{1 - 2/3} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

(b) (7 points)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$

**Solution:**

Using the integral test we note that

1. Positive: Since  $n \geq 2$  we know  $n > 0$  and  $\sqrt{\ln n} > 0$  so  $\frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}} > 0$ .

2. Continuous: Since  $n \geq 2$  and notably perhaps  $n \neq 0$  and  $n > 1$  we know that  $\frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$  is continuous on this domain

3. Decreasing: Since  $n\sqrt{\ln n}$  is an increasing function,  $\frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$  is decreasing

So the hypotheses of the integral test are satisfied. Moreover:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx &= \int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} 2\sqrt{u} \Big|_{\ln 2}^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} 2\sqrt{t} - 2\sqrt{\ln 2} \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \quad (\text{DIVERGES})$$

and so since the improper integral diverges our series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$  also  $\boxed{\text{diverges}}$ .

2. Determine if the following series converge or diverge. You must show all of your work and justify your use of any series convergence tests.

(a) (7 points)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{3^n}$

**Solution:**

Consider the ratio test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^3}{3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{3^n}{n^3} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^3}{n^3} \cdot \frac{3^n}{3^{n+1}} \right| = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Since this limit  $L < 1$  by the ratio test the series must converge.

(b) (7 points)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^4+1}}{n^2+n^3}$

**Solution:**

Consider the LCT with  $b_n = \frac{\sqrt{n^4}}{n^3} = \frac{n^2}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^4+1}}{n^2+n^3} \cdot \frac{n^3}{\sqrt{n^4}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^4+1}}{\sqrt{n^4}} \cdot \frac{n^3}{n^2+n^3} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{n^4+1}{n^4}} \cdot \frac{n^3}{n^3+n^2} = \sqrt{1} \cdot 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

By the LCT since  $\sum b_n = \sum \frac{1}{n}$  diverges by the p-series test, our series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^4+1}}{n^2+n^3}$  must also

diverge.

3. (7 points) Find the open interval of convergence for the power series  $\sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \frac{(2x+3)^n}{n^2-2}$ .  
 (You do not have to test the end points for convergence.)

**Solution:** Use the ratio test

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(2x+3)^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2-2} \cdot \frac{n^2-2}{(2x+3)^n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(2x+3)^{n+1}}{(2x+3)^n} \cdot \frac{n^2-2}{(n+1)^2-2} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |2x+3| \cdot \frac{n^2-2}{n^2+2n-1} \\ &= |2x+3| \cdot (1) \end{aligned}$$

By the ratio test this will converge if  $|2x+3| < 1$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} -1 &< 2x+3 < 1 \\ -4 &< 2x < -2 \\ -2 &< x < -1 \end{aligned}$$

Giving us the open interval of convergence  $\boxed{(-2, -1)}$ .

4. (7 points) Find the Taylor polynomial of degree 3 for  $f(x) = \cos(2\sqrt{x})$  centered at  $a = 0$ .

**Solution:** Using the Maclaurin expansion for  $\cos u$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \cos u &\approx 1 - \frac{u^2}{2!} + \frac{u^4}{4!} - \frac{u^6}{6!} \\ \cos(2\sqrt{x}) &\approx 1 - \frac{(2\sqrt{x})^2}{2!} + \frac{(2\sqrt{x})^4}{4!} - \frac{(2\sqrt{x})^6}{6!} \\ &\approx \boxed{1 - \frac{2^2}{2!}x + \frac{2^4}{4!}x^2 - \frac{2^6}{6!}x^3} \\ &\approx \boxed{1 - 2x + \frac{2}{3}x^2 - \frac{4}{45}x^3} \end{aligned}$$

5. (7 points) Find the Maclaurin series (Taylor series centered at  $a = 0$ ) representation of  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1 + 2x^4}$ . Express your answer in sigma notation.

**Solution:**

Let  $u = -2x^4$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{1 + 2x^4} &= x \left( \frac{1}{1 - u} \right) = x \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u^n \right) = x \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2x^4)^n \right) \\ &= x \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2)^n x^{4n} \right) \\ &= \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-2)^n \cdot x^{4n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

6. (7 points) Evaluate the indefinite integral  $\int \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x} dx$  as a power series.

Express your answer in sigma notation and state the radius of convergence of the series.

**Solution:** If you have memorized the power series expansion for  $\tan^{-1}(x)$  from the notes/book you may use it, otherwise you need to integrate

$$\int \frac{dx}{1 + x^2} = \int \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^2)^n \right) dx = \int \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n} \right) dx$$

to find the series expansion for  $\tan^{-1}(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1}(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n + 1} \cdot x^{2n+1} \\ \frac{\tan^{-1}(x)}{x} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n + 1} \cdot x^{2n} \\ \int \frac{\tan^{-1}(x)}{x} dx &= \int \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n + 1} \cdot x^{2n} \right) dx \\ &= \boxed{\left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n + 1)^2} \cdot x^{2n+1} \right] + C} \end{aligned}$$

Since the radius of convergence is  $\boxed{R = 1}$  (same as for  $\frac{1}{1 - u}$ )

**Multiple Choice.** Circle the best answer. No work needed. No partial credit available.

7. (4 points) Which statement is true about the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}(-1)^n}{\ln(n)+1}$ ?

A. The **alternating series test** shows that the series converges.

**B. The  $n^{\text{th}}$ -term test shows that the series diverges.**

C. The **ratio test** shows that the series converges.

D. The **integral test** shows that the series diverges.

E. None of the above are true.

8. (4 points) Find the limit of the **sequence**  $a_n$  where the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term is given by  $a_n = \frac{\tan^{-1} n}{\sqrt[2n]{n}}$ .

**A.  $\pi/2$**

B.  $\pi/4$

C. 1

D. 0

E. The sequence diverges

9. (4 points) Determine whether the following series are absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent:

$$(1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n}{n^{3/2} + 1} \quad \text{and} \quad (2) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2 \ln n}$$

A. (1) is absolutely convergent; (2) is divergent.

B. (1) is conditionally convergent; (2) is divergent.

**C. (1) is absolutely convergent; (2) is conditionally convergent.**

D. (1) is divergent; (2) is conditionally convergent.

E. Both (1) and (2) are conditionally convergent.

10. (4 points) The Taylor series of the function  $f(x)$ , centered at  $a = 1$ , is given by  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 - 1}{n!} (x - 1)^n$ .

What is the value of the third derivative  $f'''(1)$ ?

A. 0

B.  $4/3$

C.  $3/2$

D. 8

E. 3

11. (4 points) The first 3 nonzero terms of the Taylor series, centered at  $a = 0$ , for  $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{1 - x^2}$  are

A.  $x^3 - x^5 + x^7$

B.  $x^3 + x^5 + x^7$

C.  $\frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{7!}$

D.  $1 + x^2 + x^3$

E.  $\frac{x^3}{3!} - \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{7!}$

12. (4 points) For which values of  $x$  does the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{nx}$  converge?

A.  $x < 1$

B.  $-1 < x < 1$

C.  $0 < x < 1$

D.  $-1 < x < 0$

E.  $x < 0$

13. (4 points) Which statement is true about the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{\ln(n)}}{n^{3/2}}$ ?

- A. By the ratio test, the series converges.
- B. By the ratio test, the series diverges.
- C. The ratio test is inconclusive for this series, but the series diverges by another test.
- D. The ratio test is inconclusive for this series, but the series converges by another test.
- E. None of the above are true.

14. (4 points) What is the radius of convergence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2x-1)^n}{5^n \sqrt{n}}$ ?

- A. 0
- B. 5
- C. 2
- D. 5/2
- E.  $\infty$

15. (4 points) Suppose that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x-3)^n$  converges at  $x = 6$  and diverges at  $x = -2$ .

Which of the following statements must also be true?

- A. The power series also converges at  $x = 5$ .
- B. The power series also converges at  $x = 0$ .
- C. The power series also diverges at  $x = 7$ .
- D. The power series converges at  $x = 6$  only.
- E. None of the above.

**More Challenging Questions.** Choose only the correct answer.

16. (4 points) Which statement about the series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)}$  is true?
- A. It converges by the integral test.
- B. It diverges by a comparison to the divergent series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ .
- C. It converges by a comparison to the convergent series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ .
- D. It diverges by the  $p$ -series test with  $p = 1$ .
- E. None of the above.

Answer the True/False Questions

17. (4 points) Suppose  $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is a convergent sequence with limit  $A$ .

- The series  $\sum (-1)^n a_n$  always converges. **T**   **F**

**Solution:** FALSE. One such case is  $a_n = 1$  with  $A = 1$

- The series  $\sum (a_n - A)$  always converges. **T**   **F**

**Solution:** FALSE. One such case is  $a_n = 1/n$  with  $A = 0$

18. (3 points)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} = \frac{1}{e}$  **T**   **F**

**Solution:** TRUE. From power series expansion of  $e^x$  with  $x = -1$

19. (3 points)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x + \frac{1}{6}x^3}{x^5} = \frac{1}{24}$  **T**   **F**

**Solution:** FALSE. From power series expansion of  $\sin(x)$  the limit should be  $1/5! = 1/120$ . Also could use L'Hopitals rule 5 times to get the same result.