

- $\frac{10}{\text{marks}}$  1. If  $a_n = (-1)^n \frac{n}{n+1}$ , is  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  monotonic? Is it bounded? Explain.

Since  $a_n > 0$  for  $n$  even and  
 $a_n < 0$  for  $n$  odd the sequence  
is not monotonic.

Observe that  $|a_n| = \frac{n}{n+1} < 1$

So  $-1 < a_n < 1$  and  $\{a_n\}$   
is bounded.

- 5 marks 2. Let  $a_n = \frac{1}{2^n}$ . Use the formal  $\epsilon, N$  definition to show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .

$$\text{Given } \epsilon > 0, \text{ let } N \geq \max \left\{ -\frac{\ln \epsilon}{\ln 2}, 1 \right\}.$$

$$\text{Then } n > N \Rightarrow n > -\frac{\ln \epsilon}{\ln 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow n \ln 2 > \ln \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^n > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2^n} < \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{2^n} - 0 \right| < \epsilon.$$

QED

- 5 marks 3. Use the Squeeze Theorem to determine  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n + \ln n}{n^2 + (-1)^n}$ .

Since  $n > \ln n$  for  $n > 0$

$$0 < \frac{n + \ln n}{n^2 + (-1)^n} < \frac{2n}{n^2 - 1} \text{ for } n > 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{n^2 - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{x^2 - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2x}{x^2}}{\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2}{x}}{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}} = \frac{0}{1 - 0} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  by the Squeeze Theorem

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n + \ln n}{n^2 + (-1)^n} = 0$$

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- (a) Give example of a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ , but the series diverges.

The harmonic series,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$

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- (b) Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series with only positive terms, and let  $S_N = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n$  be the partial sum of the first  $N$  terms of the series (i.e., the partial sum of order  $N$ ). Prove that if  $S_N < 5 - \sin(N^2)$ , then the series  $\sum a_n$  converges.

Since  $a_n > 0$  the sequence  $\{S_N\}_{N=1}^{\infty}$

is increasing. Since  $S_N < 5 - \sin(N^2) \leq 6$

$\{S_N\}_{N=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded above. By the

Monotone Convergence Theorem  $\{S_N\}$  converges

and, by definition, this implies

$\sum a_n$  converges.

5. Determine if each of the following series is convergent or divergent. Be clear about any test for convergence/divergence you apply.

5 marks

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

Ratio Test

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

The series diverges

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(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n - 1}$  The series is convergent

This is example 3 (11.4 p.729)

6. Determine if each of the following series converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges. Be clear about any test for convergence/divergence you apply.

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(a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{1 + \ln n}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{1 + \ln n}$  is not zero

because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{1 + \ln n} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{1 + \ln x} \stackrel{\infty/\infty}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x'}{(1 + \ln x)'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{0 + \frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x = \infty$

$\Rightarrow$  the series diverges by the Test for Divergence

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(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(\ln n)^2}{n}$   $b_n = \frac{(\ln n)^2}{n} > 0$  for all  $n$   
alternating series

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln n)^2}{n} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln x)^2}{x} \stackrel{\infty/\infty}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln x)^2}'}{x'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2(\ln x) \cdot \frac{1}{x}}{1} \stackrel{\infty/\infty}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 2 \frac{(\ln x)'}{x'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 2 \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{1} = 0$

$b_n = f(n)$  for  $f(x) = \frac{(\ln x)^2}{x}$   $f'(x) = \frac{2(\ln x) \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot x - (\ln x)^2}{x^2} = \frac{\ln x(2 - \ln x)}{x^2} < 0$   
for  $2 - \ln x < 0$   $\ln x > 2$   
 $x > e^2$

$\Rightarrow b_{n+1} \leq b_n$  for sufficiently large  $n$

$\stackrel{AST}{\Rightarrow}$  the series converges

Now we ask if the series is absolutely convergent. One way to tell is to use the comparison theorem.

If  $n > e$  then  $\ln n > 1$

$$\Rightarrow (\ln n)^2 > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(\ln n)^2}{n} > \frac{1}{n} > 0$$

The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges (harmonic series), and so by the comparison theorem  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln n)^2}{n}$  diverges.

It follows that the given series converges conditionally.

10 marks 7. Use the power series representation of  $\frac{1}{1-x}$  to evaluate  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$ .

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad \text{for } |x| < 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^{n-1} \quad \text{for } |x| < 1$$

$\frac{1}{3}$  lies within the radius of convergence.

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1} &= \left. \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right) \right|_{x=\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\left(1-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2} = \frac{9}{4} \end{aligned}$$



- 10 marks 8. Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n \sqrt{n}} (x-1)^n$ , what is the interval of convergence of the series?

Ratio Test :

$$\left| \frac{(x-1)^{n+1}}{2^{n+1} \sqrt{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n \sqrt{n}}{(x-1)^n} \right| = \frac{|x-1|}{2} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x-1|}{2}$$

$$\frac{|x-1|}{2} < 1 \Rightarrow |x-1| < 2 \text{ so } R=2$$

Check Endpts :

$$x=3 \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{2^n \sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \text{ diverges}$$

(it's a p-series with  $p \leq 1$ )

$$x=-1 \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \quad b_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} n+1 &> n \\ \therefore \sqrt{n+1} &> \sqrt{n} \\ \therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} &< \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \\ \therefore b_{n+1} &< b_n \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \text{converges by Alternating Series Test.}$$

Interval of Convergence is  $[-1, 3)$

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- (a) Evaluate  $\int e^{-x^2} dx$  as a power series centred at the origin. Write the first three nonzero terms of the series.

$$e^{-x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^2)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{n!}$$

for all  $x$  (see part b).

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{-x^2} dx &= \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{n!} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int x^{2n} dx \\ &= C + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)} = C + x - \frac{x^3}{3} \dots \end{aligned}$$

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- (b) Determine the interval of convergence of the power series found in Part (a) above.

Ratio test applied to  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{n!}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{2n+2}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{(-1)^n x^{2n}} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{n+1} = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

It follows that the radius of convergence  
is  $R = \infty$

and  $(-\infty, \infty)$  is the interval of convergence.