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#### Question 1

(a) We will first prove  $\sup_{m\geq n}(a_m+b_m)\leq \sup_{m\geq n}a_m+\sup_{m\geq n}b_n$ . Let  $\sup_{m\geq n}a_m=L$  and  $\sup_{m\geq n}b_m=M$ . By definition, for all  $m\geq n$ , we have  $a_m\leq L$  and  $b_m\leq M$ , which implies  $a_m+b_m\leq L+M$  for all  $m\geq n$ , hence proving the claim.

By the property of limits, we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{m > n} (a_m + b_m) \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{m > n} a_m + \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{m > n} b_n$$

hence proving the required inequality.

(b) Let  $a_n = \sin n$  and  $b_n = -\sin n$ . Then  $\limsup_{n \to \infty} (a_n + b_n) = 0$ , while  $\limsup_{n \to \infty} a_n = \limsup_{n \to \infty} b_n = 1$ . In this case, we have strict inequality.

### Question 2

(a) We will first prove that g'(0) exists implies g'(0) = 0. Suppose g'(0) exists, but  $g'(0) \neq 0$ . WLOG, suppose g'(0) > 0. Then there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$g(x) > 0, \quad \forall x \in (0, \delta)$$

$$g(x) < 0, \quad \forall x \in (-\delta, 0)$$

However, by definition,  $g(x) \equiv |f(x)| \ge 0$  for all x. Hence, we have a contradiction. We conclude that g'(0) = 0.

Now, by definition of derivative,

$$g'(0) = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{g(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{|f(x)|}{x} = 0$$

Moreover, when x > 0, we have the following inequality:

$$-\frac{|f(x)|}{x} \le \frac{f(x)}{x} \le \frac{|f(x)|}{x}$$

The direction of above inequality is reversed when x < 0. Hence, by Squeeze Lemma,

$$f'(0) = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x)}{x} = 0$$

proving the statement.

(b) Suppose f'(0) exists.

One direction has been proven, i.e. if g'(0) exists then by part (i), f'(0) = 0 and g'(0) = 0. We will prove the other direction.

Now, if f'(0) = 0, then by definition of derivative, given any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$ , such that for all x such that  $0 < |x| < \delta$ ,  $\left| \frac{f(x)}{x} \right| < \varepsilon$ .

Moreover, we have for all x such that  $0 < |x| < \delta$ ,

$$\left| \frac{|f(x)|}{x} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{f(x)}{x} \right| < \varepsilon$$

hence, proving that

$$g'(0) = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{g(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{|f(x)|}{x} = 0$$

by definition.

### Question 3

(a) We will first show that f is Riemann-integrable in [0,1], by showing that f is continuous in [0,1]. Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , take  $\delta = \varepsilon^2$ , then for all  $|x - y| < \delta$ ,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \le \sqrt{|y - x|} < \sqrt{\delta} = \varepsilon$$

as required.

Now, we can apply the Riemann sum expression for f(x).

Take the equal-spaced partition of f (with norm  $\frac{1}{n}$ ), with the right end-point of each partition interval as the sample point. Then since f is integrable, and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$ , by the Theorem on Convergence of Riemann Sums,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) \frac{1}{n} = \int_{0}^{1} f(x) dx$$

as required.

#### Question 4

(a) By Taylor Expansion, we have

$$\sin y = \sin 0 + \frac{\cos c}{1!}y$$

for some c between 0 and y.

As  $|\cos c| \le 1$ , we have  $|\sin y| \le |y|$  for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, we have  $\left|\sin \frac{x^p}{n^p}\right| \le \left|\frac{x^p}{n^p}\right|$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

To prove convergence of the required series, we will use Weierstrass M-test. Note that if p > 1,

$$\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{x^p}{n^p} \right| = |x^p| \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$$

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converges for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  by the *p*-series test.

Hence,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{x^p}{n^p}$  converges uniformly on [-r, r] for any r > 0 by Weierstrass M-test.

### (b) By Taylor Expansion, we have

$$\sin y = \sin 0 + \frac{\cos 0}{1!}y - \frac{\sin c}{2!}y^2$$

for some c between 0 and y.

As  $-1 \le \sin c \le 1$ , we have  $\sin y \ge y - \frac{1}{2}y^2$  for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Therefore, we have

$$\sin\frac{x^p}{n^p} \ge \frac{x^p}{n^p} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{x^{2p}}{n^{2p}}$$

Now, we will show that the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{x^p}{n^p} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^{2p}}{n^{2p}} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^p \left( \frac{1}{n^p} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^p}{n^{2p}} \right)$$

diverges for any  $x \neq 0$ .

Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^p} - \frac{k}{n^{2p}} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^p - k}{n^{2p}}$ , where  $k = \frac{1}{2}x^p$ .

Let 
$$a_n = \frac{n^p - k}{n^{2p}}$$
 and  $b_n = \frac{1}{n^p}$ 

If  $p \in (0,1]$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} 1 - \frac{k}{n^p} = 1 > 0$$

Clearly, if p = 0, the series diverges

Moreover, if  $p \in [0, 1]$ , the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  diverges by p-series test.

Hence, by Limit Comparison Test, if  $p \in [0,1]$ , the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{x^p}{n^p}$  is divergent at any  $x \neq 0$ .

## Question 5

(a) Let 
$$f_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{x}{\sqrt{n}}$$
.

Clearly,  $f_n(x)$  are differentiable for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Moreover,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(1)$  converges. This is because (by Question 4)

$$\left| \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right| \le \left| \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} \right|$$

and the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right|$  converges by the *p*-series test.

Therefore,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(1)$  converges by Comparison Test.

Furthermore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f'_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \cos \frac{x}{\sqrt{n}}$$

converges uniformly. This is because

$$\left| \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \cos \frac{x}{\sqrt{n}} \right| \le \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$  converges by *p*-series test.

Hence, the convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f'_n$  follows by Weierstrass M-test.

In this case, we have f(x) is uniformly convergent on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f'_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \cos \frac{x}{\sqrt{n}}$  as required.

#### Question 6

(a) For x = 0,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos \sqrt{n}x}{\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  diverges. Furthermore, since cosine is even, it suffices to consider x > 0. Let x > 0 be given. Now, we note that  $\cos \sqrt{n}x \ge \frac{1}{2}$  whenever

$$2k\pi - \frac{\pi}{3} \le \sqrt{n}x \le 2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{3},$$

that is,

$$\left(\frac{(6k-1)\pi}{3x}\right)^2 \le n \le \left(\frac{(6k+1)\pi}{3x}\right)^2.$$

Let  $l_k = \left(\frac{(6k-1)\pi}{3x}\right)^2$ ,  $L_k = \left(\frac{(6k+1)\pi}{3x}\right)^2$ ,  $I_k = [l_k, L_k]$  and  $\ell_k = L_k - l_k = \frac{8k\pi^2}{3x^2}$ . Since  $\ell_k \to \infty$  as  $k \to \infty$ , we deduce that  $\exists N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $I_k \cap \mathbb{N} \neq \emptyset$  for every  $k \ge N_1$ . In addition, let  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$ ,  $\lceil \cdot \rceil$  and  $\#I_k$  denote the floor function, ceiling function and number of integers in  $I_k$  respectively. Then  $\#I_k = \lfloor L_k \rfloor - \lceil l_k \rceil + 1 > L_k - l_k - 1 = \ell_k - 1$ . Now, for every  $k \ge N_1$ ,

$$\left| \sum_{n \in I_k} \frac{\cos \sqrt{n}x}{\sqrt{n}} \right| \ge \sum_{n \in I_k} \frac{\cos \sqrt{n}x}{\sqrt{n}} \ge \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \in I_k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \ge \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \in I_k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_k}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\#I_k}{\sqrt{L_k}} > \frac{1}{2} \frac{\ell_k - 1}{\sqrt{L_k}}$$

Now,  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_k}} = 0$  and

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\ell_k}{\sqrt{L_k}} = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{8k\pi^2}{3x^2} \cdot \frac{3x}{(6k+1)\pi} = \frac{4\pi}{3x}.$$

Hence,  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{\ell_k-1}{\sqrt{L_k}} = \frac{4\pi}{3x}$ . Thus  $\exists N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\left|\frac{\ell_k-1}{\sqrt{L_k}} - \frac{4\pi}{3x}\right| < \frac{2\pi}{3x}$  whenever  $k \geq N_2$ . Therefore, for every  $k \geq \max(N_1, N_2)$ , we have

$$\left| \sum_{n \in I_k} \frac{\cos \sqrt{n}x}{\sqrt{n}} \right| > \frac{\pi}{3x}.$$

In conclusion,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos \sqrt{n}x}{\sqrt{n}}$  fails the Cauchy Criterion and thus diverges.

(b) For 
$$x = 0$$
,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \sqrt{n}x}{n} = 0$ .

Furthermore, since sine is an odd function, we have  $-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \sqrt{n}x}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin (-\sqrt{n}x)}{n}$ , hence it

suffices to consider the case where x > 0.

Let x > 0 be given and let  $y_n = \sqrt{n}x$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [y_n, y_{n+1})$  forms a partition on  $[x, \infty)$ . Moreover,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} y_{n+1} - y_n = 0$  and  $x^2 = y_{n+1}^2 - y_n^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \sqrt{n}x}{n} = x^2 \frac{\sin y_n}{y_n^2} = (y_{n+1} + y_n) \frac{\sin y_n}{y_n^2} (y_{n+1} - y_n).$$

Since  $\lim_{n\to\infty} y_{n+1} - y_n = 0$ , heuristically  $y_{n+1} \approx y_n$  for large n. Hence, the tail sum of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \sqrt{n}x}{n}$  is the Riemann sum of  $\int_I \frac{2\sin y}{y} dy$  over some appropriate interval I.

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Since  $\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin t}{t} dt$  converges, we conclude that  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\sin \sqrt{n}x}{n}$  converges.