

**MA1521 Homework 6**  
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Q1. (a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos^2 \frac{1}{n}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos^2 \frac{1}{n} = 1$$

$\therefore$  By nth term test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos^2 \frac{1}{n}$  diverges. ■

(b)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^{r+1}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^{r+1}} dx &= \int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{u^{r+1}} du && (\text{Sub } u = \ln x \implies dx = x du) \\ &= -\frac{1}{r} [u^{-r}]_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \\ &= -\frac{1}{r} [0 - (\ln 2)^{-r}] \\ &= \frac{1}{r(\ln 2)^r} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  By integral test,  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^{r+1}}$  is convergent. ■

(c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin^{2n} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^{2n} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right) &\approx \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)^{2n} && (\text{For large } n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $0 \leq \sin^{2n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$ , and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  is a convergent p-series, then by comparison test,

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin^{2n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  is convergent. ■

(d)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{c}{\sqrt{d+n^2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dn} \left( \frac{c}{\sqrt{d+n^2}} \right) &= -\frac{c \cdot n}{(d+n^2)^{3/2}} \\ &< 0, \text{ for all } n \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c}{\sqrt{d+n^2}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c}{n} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  by alternating series test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{c}{\sqrt{d+n^2}}$  is convergent. ■

$$(e) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3 + \sin n}{n^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -1 &\leq \sin n \leq 1 \\ 2 &\leq 3 + \sin n \leq 4 \\ \frac{2}{n^3} &\leq \frac{3 + \sin n}{n^3} \leq \frac{4}{n^3} \end{aligned}$$

Since both  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^3}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n^3}$  are convergent p-series, then by comparison test,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3 + \sin n}{n^3} \text{ is convergent.} \quad \blacksquare$$

$$(f) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{1+3n}(n+1)}{n^2 5^{1+n}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{2^{1+3n+3}(n+2)}{(n+1)^2 5^{2+n}}}{\frac{2^{1+3n}(n+1)}{n^2 5^{1+n}}} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2^3 \cdot n^2(n+2)}{5(n+1)^3} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2^3(n^3 + \dots)}{5(n^3 + \dots)} \right| \\ &= \frac{8}{5} \\ &> 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  by ratio test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{1+3n}(n+1)}{n^2 5^{1+n}}$  is divergent.  $\blacksquare$

Q2. (a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(2x+3)^n}{n}$

For the power series to be convergent:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(-1)^{n+1}(2x+3)^{n+1}}{n+1}}{\frac{(-1)^n(2x+3)^n}{n}} \right| < 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| - (2x+3) \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} \right| < 1$$

$$| - (2x+3) | < 1$$

$$|2x+3| < 1$$

$$-1 < 2x+3 < 1$$

$$-2 < x < -1$$

At  $x = -1$ :

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

which is the divergent harmonic series

At  $x = -2$ :

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

which is the convergent alternating harmonic series

$\therefore$  radius of convergence is  $\frac{1}{2}$  and interval of convergence is  $(-2, -1]$  ■

(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (nx)^{n/5}$

By ratio test:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{((n+1)x)^{n+1/5}}{(nx)^{n/5}} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^{n+1/5}}{n^{n/5}} \cdot x^{1/5} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{n/5} \cdot (n+1)^{1/5} \cdot x^{1/5} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |e^{1/5} \cdot (n+1)^{1/5} \cdot x^{1/5}| \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  radius of convergence is 0 ■

Q3.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(-1)^n x^{2n}$

For the power series to be convergent:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}(-1)^{n+1} x^{2n+2}}{a_n(-1)^n x^{2n}} \right| &< 1 \\ \frac{1}{5} |x|^2 &< 1 \\ |x|^2 &< 5 \\ |x| &< \sqrt{5}\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  radius of convergence is  $\sqrt{5}$  ■

Q4. (a)  $\frac{x}{1-x}$  at  $x=0$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x}{1-x} &= x \cdot \frac{1}{1-x} \\ &= x \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{n+1} \quad \blacksquare\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\frac{1}{x^2}$  at  $x=1$

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{1}{x^2} \\ f'(x) &= -\frac{2}{x^3} \\ f''(x) &= \frac{6}{x^4} \\ f'''(x) &= -\frac{24}{x^5} \\ \frac{1}{x^2} &= 1 + \left(-\frac{2}{(1)^3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{1!}\right)(x-1) + \left(\frac{6}{1^4}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2!}\right)(x-1)^2 + \dots \\ &= 1 - 2(x-1) + 3(x-1)^2 - 4(x-1)^3 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n+1)(x-1)^n \quad \blacksquare\end{aligned}$$

(c)  $\frac{x}{1+x}$  at  $x=-2$

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{x}{1+x} \\ f'(x) &= \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} \\ f''(x) &= \frac{-2}{(1+x)^3} \\ \frac{x}{1+x} &= 2\left(\frac{1}{0!}\right)(x+2)^0 + 1\left(\frac{1}{1!}\right)(x+2)^1 + (2)\left(\frac{1}{2!}\right)(x+2)^2 + \dots \\ &= 2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x+2)^n \quad \blacksquare\end{aligned}$$

Q5. Given  $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}xe^x &= x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \\&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n!} \\\int_0^1 xe^x dx &= \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+2}}{(n+2)n!} \right]_0^1 \\[xe^x - e^x]_0^1 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+2)n!} \\1 &= S \\\therefore S &= 1 \quad \blacksquare\end{aligned}$$