

Infinite Series

Question Bank

1. Test the convergence of the following series

(a) $\frac{1}{3} + \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^3 + \cdots + \left(\frac{n}{2n+1}\right)^n + \cdots$ 5

(b) $\frac{2!}{3} + \frac{3!}{3^2} + \frac{4!}{3^3} + \cdots$ 6

(c) $\sum \frac{1}{(1+n)^2}$ 5

(d) $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3}x + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 x^2 + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^3 x^3 + \cdots + \infty$ 6

(e) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\log n)^n}$ 5

(f) $\frac{2}{1} + \frac{2.5}{1.5} + \frac{2.5.8}{1.5.9} + \frac{2.5.8.11}{1.5.9.13} + \cdots$ 6

(g) $\sum \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} x^n$ 8

2. Obtain the solution of Bessel's differential equation in the form

$y = A J_n(x) + B J_{-n}(x)$ 8

3. Prove that $J_n(-x) = (-1)^n J_n(x)$ 6

4. Prove that $J_n'(x) = \frac{1}{2} [J_{n-1}(x) - J_{n+1}(x)]$ 5

5. Show that $J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x$ and $J_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x$ 6

6. Show that $4J_n'' = J_{n-2} - 2J_n + J_{n+2}$ 5

7. Obtain the series solution of Legendre's differential equation in the form

$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k (2n-2k)!}{2^n k! (n-k)! (n-2k)!} x^{n-2k}$ 8

8. Prove that $1 + x + x^2 = \frac{2}{3} P_0(x) + P_1(x) - \frac{2}{3} P_2(x)$ 6

9. Prove that $P_n(x) = P_{n+1}'(x) - 2x P_n'(x) + P_{n-1}'(x)$ 6

10. Express $J_6(x)$ in terms of $J_0(x)$ and $J_1(x)$ 8

11. Express $J_{7/2}(x)$ in terms of sine and cosine terms 8

12. Show that $J_0'(x) = -J_1(x)$ and $\frac{d}{dx}(xJ_1) = xJ_0$ 6

13. Show that $(1-x^2)P_{n-1}' = n(xP_{n-1} - P_n)$ 5

14. Obtain Rodrigue's formula 8

15. Test the convergence of the following series

(a) $1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots$ 5

(b) $\sum \frac{n! 2^n}{n^n}$ 6

(c) $1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{3^2} + \frac{x^3}{4^3} + \dots \quad (x > 0)$ 5

(d) $\sum \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2}$ 6

(e) $x + \frac{2^2 x^2}{2!} + \frac{3^3 x^3}{3!} + \frac{4^4 x^4}{4!} + \dots$ 8

(f) $\sum \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{n^3+1}} x^n \quad x > 0$ 8

(g) $\sum \frac{1}{n!}$ 5

16. Prove that $2nJ_n(x) = x[J_{n+1}(x) + J_{n-1}(x)]$ 6

17. If α and β are distinct roots of $J_n(\alpha x) = 0$ then prove that

$$\int_0^a x J_n(\alpha x) J_n(\beta x) dx = 0 \quad 8$$

18. Prove that $\frac{d}{dx}[x^n J_n(x)] = x^n J_{n-1}(x)$ 6

19. Show that $8J_n''(x) = J_{n-3} - 3J_{n-1} + 3J_{n+1} - J_{n+3}$ 6

20. Express $J_5(x)$ in terms of $J_0(x)$ and $J_1(x)$ 5

21. Prove that $\frac{d}{dx}[x J_n(x) J_{n+1}(x)] = x[J_n^2(x) - J_{n+1}^2(x)]$ 6

22. Show that $J_{1/2}'(x) J_{-1/2}(x) - J_{-1/2}'(x) J_{1/2}(x) = \frac{2}{\pi x}$ 8

23. Prove that $(2n+1)x P_n(x) = (n+1) P_{n+1}(x) + n P_{n-1}(x)$ 6
24. Prove that $n P_n(x) = x P_n'(x) - P_{n-1}'(x)$ 6
25. Express $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 - x^2 + 5x - 2$ in terms of Legendre polynomials 6
26. Express $4x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x + 8$ in terms of Legendre polynomials 5
27. Show that $(1 - x^2)p_n'(x) = n[p_{n-1}(x) - xp_n(x)]$ 8
28. Obtain the Legendre polynomial $P_4(x)$ from Rodrigue's formula 6