

SIKKIM MANIPAL UNIVERSITY
II Semester BCA Degree Examination
Mathematics II
MA 1204 / BCA 201 [13 – 18] [Credit: 4]

Time: 3 hrs

Max Marks: 100

Note: Answer any **FIVE** questions selecting at least TWO from each UNIT. Any missing or mis-printed data may be assumed suitably.

UNIT I

1. (a) If $y = e^{a \sin^{-1} x}$, prove that $(1 - x^2)y_{n+2} - (2n + 1)xy_{n+1} - (n^2 + a^2)y_n = 0$ (7)
(b) Find the equations of tangent and normal to the curve $y^2 = 4ax$ at $(a, -2a)$ (8)
(c) Verify Rolles' theorem for $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 8$ on $[-1, 3]$. (5)
2. (a) Find the radius of curvature of the Folium $x^2 + y^2 = 3axy$ at the point $(\frac{3a}{2}, \frac{3a}{2})$. (10)
(b) If $u = \log(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$, prove that $x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z} = y \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z \partial x} = z \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$. (10)
3. (a) Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{x}$. (10)
(b) Solve $(x\sqrt{1 - x^2y^2} - y) dy + (x + y\sqrt{1 - x^2y^2}) dx = 0$ (10)
4. (a) State Euler's theorem for function of two variables. (3)
(b) Verify Euler's theorem for $u = x^2yz - 4y^2z^2 + 2xz^3$. (7)
(c) Find the stationary points of $x^3 + y^3 - 3axy$, $a > 0$. (10)

UNIT II

5. (a) If $3A - B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $A + B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$, find A and B . (5)
(b) Solve the following system using Gaussian elimination method. (8)
$$x + 2y + z = 1; \quad x - y + z = 0; \quad -x + z = 2.$$

(c) Find the rank of the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ using elementary row transformations. (7)
6. (a) Check whether, the following system of equations solvable or not. If yes, solve using Crammar's rule. (10)
$$x + y + z = 0; \quad x - y - z = 1; \quad 2x + y + 2z = -1$$

(b) Find the inverse the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ using Gauss-Jordan method. (10)

7. (a) Describe comparison test for testing the convergence of series of real numbers with an example. (4)

(b) Test the convergence of the series $\frac{2!}{3} + \frac{3!}{3^2} + \frac{4!}{3^3} + \dots$ using an appropriate test. (8)

(c) Check for what value of x the series $x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$ converges. (8)

8. (a) Find the value of $f(1.02)$ for $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ using the Taylor Series expansion upto 4 decimal places correction. (10)

(b) Test the following series for absolute or conditional convergence. (10)

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \dots$$

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Solutions

Note: Only the sketch of the solutions are given and the detailed solution is assumed to be done by students.

1(a)

$$y = e^{a \sin^{-1} x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = \frac{a}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} e^{a \sin^{-1} x}$$

$$= \frac{ay}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

— [1]

$$\Rightarrow (1-x^2) y_1^2 = a^2 y^2$$

Diff. w.r.to x , we get,

$$-2xy_1^2 + (1-x^2) \cdot 2y_1 y_2 = a^2 \cdot 2y \cdot y_1 \quad - [2]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(1-x^2) y_2 - x y_1 - a^2 y = 0}$$

Now by Leibnitz's Rule, we get,

$$y_{n+2} (1-x^2) + n C_1 y_{n+1} (-2x) + n C_2 y_n (-2)$$

$$- (y_{n+1} x + n C_1 y_n) - a^2 y_n = 0 \quad - [2]$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{n+2} (1-x^2) - y_{n+1} 2nx - n(n-1) y_n - (y_{n+1} x + n y_n) - a^2 y_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(1-x^2) y_{n+2} - (2n+1)x y_{n+1} - (n^2 + a^2) y_n = 0} \quad - [2]$$

1(b)

$$y^2 = 4ax$$

Diff. w.r.t. to x , we get

$$2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 4a$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{y}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2a}{y}}$$

— [1]

\therefore Slope of the tangent is,

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(a, -2a)} = \frac{2a}{-2a} = -1$$

— [1]

And the tangent passes through $(a, -2a)$

Therefore,

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \text{ gives,}$$

$$y + 2a = (-1)(x - a)$$

$$y + 2a = -x + a$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x + y + a = 0}$$

→ [3]

Slope of the normal

$$\text{as } \frac{-1}{\text{slope of tangent}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y + 2a = 1(x - a)$$

$$\boxed{-x + y + 3a = 0} \text{ — [3]}$$

is the eqn of normal.

1(c)

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 8 \quad \text{on } [-1, 3]$$

Since $f(x)$ is a polynomial

(i) f is continuous on $[-1, 3]$

(ii) f is differentiable on $(-1, 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad f(a) &= f(-1) = (-1)^2 - 2(-1) - 8 \\ &= 1 + 2 - 8 = -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(b) &= f(3) = 3^2 - 2(3) - 8 \\ &= 9 - 6 - 8 \\ &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

- [3]

$$\text{So, } f(a) = f(b).$$

Suppose Rolle's thm true then

$$f'(c) = 0 \quad \text{for some } c \in (-1, 3).$$

- [2]

That is,

$$2x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 \quad \text{and } 1 \in (-1, 3).$$

Hence Rolle's thm is verified.

2(a)

$$\text{Radius of Curvature} = \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}}{\left|\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right|}$$

Given that $x^2 + y^2 = 3axy$

Diff. w.r. to x ,
 $2x + 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 3a \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \cdot 1\right)$

$$2x + 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} - 3ax \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 3ay \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3ay - 2x}{2y - 3ax}}$$

— [3]

Diff ① w.r. to x again,

$$2 + 2y \cdot \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 - 3ax \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3a \frac{dy}{dx} = 3a \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{6a \frac{dy}{dx} - 2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 - 2}{2y - 3ax}}$$

— [3]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\left(\frac{3a}{2}, \frac{3a}{2}\right)} &= \frac{3a \cdot \frac{3a}{2} - 2 \cdot \frac{3a}{2}}{2 \cdot \frac{3a}{2} - 3a \cdot \frac{3a}{2}} \\ &= \frac{3a}{2} \cdot \frac{(3a - 2)}{3a(2 - 3a)} = -1 \end{aligned}$$

— [1]

$$\text{and } \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{\left(\frac{3a}{2}, \frac{3a}{2}\right)} = \frac{6a(-1) - 2(-1)^2 - 2}{2 \cdot \frac{3a}{2} - 3a \cdot \frac{3a}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{-6a - 4}{\frac{3a}{2}(2 - 3a)} \\ &= \frac{-2(3a + 2)}{2 - 3a} \times \frac{2}{3a} \end{aligned}$$

— [1]

$$= \frac{-4}{3a} \times \frac{2 + 3a}{2 - 3a} \times \frac{2}{3a}$$

$$\therefore \text{Radius of Curvature} = \frac{\left[1 + (-1)^2\right]^{3/2}}{\frac{-4}{3a} \times \frac{(2 + 3a)}{(2 - 3a)}}$$

$$= \frac{2^{3/2} \cdot 3a(2 - 3a)}{-4(2 + 3a)}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2} \times 3a}{-4} \times \frac{2 - 3a}{2 + 3a} \times \frac{2 - 3a}{2 - 3a}$$

$$\boxed{R = \frac{3a(2 - 3a)}{(4 - 9a^2)\sqrt{2}}}$$

— [2]

2(b)

$$u = \log(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

$$[3] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{then } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \times 2x \quad \left| \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{-4xyz}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2} \right. \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \quad \left| \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{-4xy}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2} \right. \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{2z}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \quad \left| \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z} = \frac{-4yz}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2} \right. \end{array} \right\} - [1]$$

Therefore,

$$y \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{-4xyz}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \rightarrow (1) \quad - [1]$$

$$x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z} = \frac{-4xyz}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \rightarrow (2) \quad - [1]$$

$$yz \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{-4xyz}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \rightarrow (3) \quad - [1]$$

from (1), (2) and (3),

$$\boxed{x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z} = y \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} = z \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}} \quad - [1]$$

3(a)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{x}$$

Substitute $y = ux$.

Then $\frac{dy}{dx} = u + x \frac{du}{dx}$ gives [3]

$$x \frac{du}{dx} = \sqrt{1 + u^2}. \quad [4]$$

To solve this, we get

$$\frac{du}{\sqrt{1 + u^2}} = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

Now integrating on both sides, we get,

$$\sinh^{-1} u = c + \log x \implies u = \sinh(c + \log x)$$

Hence the solution is [3]

$$y = x \sinh(c + \log x)$$

3(b)

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$$(x\sqrt{1-x^2y^2} - y)dy + (x + y\sqrt{1-x^2y^2})dx = 0$$

$$P = x + y\sqrt{1-x^2y^2} \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \sqrt{1-x^2y^2} - \frac{x^2y^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2y^2}}$$

$$Q = x\sqrt{1-x^2y^2} - y \quad \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \sqrt{1-x^2y^2} - \frac{x^2y^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2y^2}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}} \quad \therefore \text{Given diff. eqn is exact.} \quad \rightarrow [3]$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = P$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = Q$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \int P dx$$

$$= \int (x + y\sqrt{1-x^2y^2}) dx$$

$$= \frac{x^2}{2} + y^2 \int \sqrt{\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2 - x^2} dx$$

$$u = \frac{x^2}{2} + y^2 \left\{ \frac{x}{2y} \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{y^2} - x^2} + \frac{1}{2y^2} \sin^{-1}(xy) \right\} + \phi(y)$$

$$\boxed{u = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{xy^2}{2} \sqrt{1-x^2y^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1}(xy) + \phi(y)}$$

$\hookrightarrow [3]$

Diff. w.r.to y partially,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \cancel{\frac{\partial P}{\partial y}} + x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{xy^2}{2} \sqrt{1-x^2y^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1}(xy) \right) + \phi'(y)$$

Now Comparing with 'Q' we get,

$$\boxed{\phi(y) = \sin^{-1}(xy)} \quad \rightarrow [2]$$

Hence, the soln is,

$$\boxed{x^2 - y^2 + xy\sqrt{1-x^2y^2} + \sin^{-1}(xy) = C}$$

$\hookrightarrow [2]$

4(a)

If u is a homogeneous function of two variable x and y ~~on the~~ of degree n , then

$$\boxed{x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = nu.}$$

— [3]

4(b)

$$u = x^2 y z - 4 y^2 z^2 + 2 x z^3$$

Replacing x, y, z by xt, yt and zt respectively.

$$u = t^4 (x^2 y z - 4 y^2 z^2 + 2 x z^3) \quad \text{— [2]}$$

Therefore u is homogeneous of degree 4.

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2xy z + 2z^3$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -8yz^2 + x^2 z$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = x^2 y - 8y^2 z + 6xz^2$$

— [2]

$$\begin{aligned} x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} &= x(2xy z + 2z^3) \\ &\quad + y(-8yz^2 + x^2 z) \\ &\quad + z(x^2 y - 8y^2 z + 6xz^2) \quad \text{— [1]} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2x^2 y z + 2x z^3 - 8y^2 z^2 + x^2 y z + x^2 y z - 8y^2 z^2 + 6x z^3$$

$$= 4x^2 y z + 8x z^3 - 16y^2 z^2$$

$$= 4(x^2 y z + 2x z^3 - 4y^2 z^2)$$

$$= 4u.$$

— [2]

Hence, Euler's theorem is verified.

4(c)

$$f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3axy$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 3x^2 - 3ay \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} - [4]$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3y^2 - 3ax$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow 3x^2 - 3ay = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = ay$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{x^2}{a}} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} - [1]$$

- [1]

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow 3y^2 - 3ax = 0$$

$$3\left(\frac{x^2}{a}\right)^2 - 3ax = 0 \quad (\text{from } \textcircled{1})$$

$$3x^4 - 3a^2x = 0$$

$$x(x^3 - a^3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ (or) } x = a.$$

- [2]

Therefore the stationary points are,

$$\boxed{(0, 0) \text{ and } (a, a) \text{ from } \textcircled{1})} - [2] \quad a^3 \neq 0$$

5(a)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{3}{4} & 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

[3]

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{7}{4} & -1 \\ -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{7}{4} & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

[2]

5(b)

The given system can be written as

[2]

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \quad X \quad = \quad b$$

Therefore, $[A \ b] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$

Row reduced echelon form of $[A \ b]$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

[3]

So, the system can be re-written as

[1]

$$x + 5z = 5; \quad y + 4z = 5; \quad 6z = 7.$$

Hence the solution is

[2]

$$x = -\frac{5}{6}; \quad y = \frac{1}{3}; \quad z = \frac{7}{6}$$

5(c)

The echelon form of the given matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

[5]

Hence the rank is 3

[2]

6(a) The given system can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad [1]$$
$$A \quad X = b$$

Now $\Delta = \det(A) = -2$. Hence the system is solvable. [2]

The solution by Crammer rule is

$$x = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta}; \quad y = \frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta}; \quad z = \frac{\Delta_3}{\Delta}$$

where Δ_i is the determinant of the matrix obtained by replacing the i th column of A by b .

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \quad [2]$$

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \quad [2]$$

$$\Delta_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \quad [2]$$

Hence,

$$x = \frac{-1}{-2} = \frac{1}{2}; \quad y = \frac{-2}{-2} = 1; \quad z = \frac{3}{-2} \quad [1]$$

$$6(b) \quad \left[A \mid I \right] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad [2]$$

Using row operations,

$$\left[A \mid I \right] \simeq \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad [7]$$

$$\text{Hence, } A^{-1} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{4}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad [1]$$

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n$ be series of positive terms and

$$7(a) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = l, \text{ a finite} \quad [4]$$

then both the series converge or diverge together.

$$7(b) \quad u_n = \frac{(n+1)!}{3^n} \quad [3]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+2)!}{3^{n+1}} \times \frac{3^n}{(n+1)!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+2}{3} = \infty > 1 \quad [3]$$

Therefore, by Ratio test, the given series diverges [2]

7(c) The given series can be written as

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

and

$$u_n = \frac{x^n}{n}$$

[2]

(i) The given series is an alternating series

[1]

$$(ii) u_n - u_{n+1} = \frac{x^n}{n} - \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} = \frac{x^n[(n+1) - nx]}{n(n+1)} > 0 \text{ if } 0 < x < 1.$$

[2]

$$(iii) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n} = 0 \text{ if } -1 < x < 1.$$

[2]

Hence by Liebnitz's test the given series converges if $0 < x < 1$.

[1]

8(a) Taylor series expansion of $f(x)$ around $x = a$ is given by

$$f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots$$

[2]

Expanding $f(x)$ using taylor series around $x = 1$:

Note that $(1.2 - 1) = 0.2$ and $0.2^6 \simeq 0$ (correct to 4 decimal places). So, we find until 5th degree.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sqrt{x} & f(1) &= 1 \\ f'(x) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} & f'(1) &= \frac{1}{2} \\ f''(x) &= -\frac{1}{4x^{\frac{3}{2}}} & f''(1) &= -\frac{1}{4} \\ f'''(x) &= \frac{3}{8x^{\frac{5}{2}}} & f'''(1) &= \frac{3}{8} \\ f^{iv}(x) &= -\frac{15}{16x^{\frac{7}{2}}} & f^{iv}(1) &= -\frac{15}{16} \\ f^v(x) &= \frac{105}{32x^{\frac{9}{2}}} & f^v(1) &= \frac{105}{32} \end{aligned}$$

[4]

Therefore, we get,

$$f(x) = \frac{7}{256} (x-1)^5 - \frac{5}{128} (x-1)^4 + \frac{1}{16} (x-1)^3 - \frac{1}{8} (x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2}$$

[2]

Hence, $f(1.2) = 1.0954$

[2]

8(b) The given series can be written as

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

and

$$u_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

[2]

(i) The given series is an alternating series

[1]

$$(ii) u_n - u_{n+1} = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} > 0$$

[2]

$$(iii) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

[1]

Hence by Liebnitz's test the given series converges.

[1]

Also, it is clear that the absolute series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges.

[2]

Hence the given series conditionally converges.

[1]