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MATH 153, SECTION 59 (VIPUL NAIK)

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THAT YOU PERSONALLY ENDORSE.**

For these questions, we denote by  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  the space of functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  that are *infinitely* differentiable *everywhere* in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

We denote by  $C^k(\mathbb{R})$  the space of functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  that are at least  $k$  times continuously differentiable on all of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Note that for  $k \geq l$ ,  $C^k(\mathbb{R})$  is a subspace of  $C^l(\mathbb{R})$ . Further,  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  is the intersection of  $C^k(\mathbb{R})$  for all  $k$ .

We say that a function  $f$  is (locally) analytic about  $c$  if the Taylor series of  $f$  about  $c$  converges to  $f$  on some open interval about  $c$ . We say that  $f$  is *globally analytic* if the Taylor series of  $f$  about 0 converges to  $f$  everywhere on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

It turns out that if a function is globally analytic, then it is analytic not only about 0 but about any other point. In particular, globally analytic functions are in  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ .

- (1) Recall that if  $f$  is a function defined and continuous around  $c$  with the property that  $f(c) = 0$ , the order of the zero of  $f$  at  $c$  is defined as the least upper bound of the set of real  $\beta$  for which  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} |f(x)|/|x - c|^\beta = 0$ . If  $f$  is in  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , what can we conclude about the orders of zeros of  $f$ ?  
*Two years ago: 11/26 correct*
- (A) The order of any zero of  $f$  must be between 0 and 1.  
(B) The order of any zero of  $f$  must be between 1 and 2.  
(C) The order of any zero of  $f$ , if finite, must be a positive integer.  
(D) The order of any zero of  $f$  must be exactly 1.  
(E) The order of any zero of  $f$  must be  $\infty$ .

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- (2) For the function  $f(x) := x^2 + x^{4/3} + x + 1$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ , what can we say about the Taylor polynomials about 0? *Two years ago: 8/26 correct*
- (A) No Taylor polynomial is defined for  $f$ .  
(B)  $P_0(f)(x) = 1$ ,  $P_n(f)$  is not defined for  $n > 0$ .  
(C)  $P_0(f)(x) = 1$ ,  $P_1(f)(x) = 1 + x$ ,  $P_n(f)$  is not defined for  $n > 1$ .  
(D)  $P_0(f)(x) = 1$ ,  $P_1(f)(x) = 1 + x$ ,  $P_2(f) = f$ , and  $P_n(f)$  is not defined for  $n > 2$ .  
(E)  $P_0(f)(x) = 1$ ,  $P_1(f)(x) = 1 + x$ ,  $P_2(f) = f$ , and  $P_n(f) = f$  for all  $n > 2$ .

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- (3) Consider the function  $F(x, p) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n/n^p$ . For fixed  $p$ , this is a power series in  $x$ . What can we say about the interval of convergence of this power series about  $x = 0$ , in terms of  $p$  for  $p \in (0, \infty)$ ?  
*Two years ago: 4/26 correct*
- (A) The interval of convergence is  $(-1, 1)$  for  $0 < p \leq 1$  and  $[-1, 1]$  for  $p > 1$ .  
(B) The interval of convergence is  $(-1, 1)$  for  $0 < p < 1$  and  $[-1, 1]$  for  $p \geq 1$ .  
(C) The interval of convergence is  $[-1, 1)$  for  $0 < p \leq 1$  and  $[-1, 1]$  for  $p > 1$ .  
(D) The interval of convergence is  $(-1, 1]$  for  $0 < p < 1$  and  $[-1, 1]$  for  $p \geq 1$ .  
(E) The interval of convergence is  $(-1, 1)$  for  $0 < p \leq 1$  and  $[-1, 1)$  for  $p > 1$ .

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- (4) Which of the following functions of  $x$  has a power series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^{4k}/(4k)!$ ? *Two years ago: 9/26 correct*

(A)  $(\sin x + \sinh x)/2$   
 (B)  $(\sin x - \sinh x)/2$   
 (C)  $(\sinh x - \sin x)/2$   
 (D)  $(\cosh x + \cos x)/2$   
 (E)  $(\cosh x - \cos x)/2$

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- (5) What is the sum  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^{2k}/k!$ ? Note that the denominator is  $k!$  and *not*  $(2k)!$ . *Two years ago: 12/26 correct*

(A)  $\cos x$   
 (B)  $\sin x$   
 (C)  $\cos(x^2)$   
 (D)  $\cosh(x^2)$   
 (E)  $\exp(-x^2)$

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- (6) Define an operator  $R$  from the set of power series about 0 to the set  $[0, \infty]$  (nonnegative real numbers along with  $+\infty$ ) that sends a power series  $a = \sum a_k x^k$  to the radius of convergence of the power series about 0. For two power series  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $a + b$  is the sum of the power series. What can we say about  $R(a + b)$  given  $R(a)$  and  $R(b)$ ?

(A)  $R(a + b) = \max\{R(a), R(b)\}$  in all cases.  
 (B)  $R(a + b) = \min\{R(a), R(b)\}$  in all cases.  
 (C)  $R(a + b) = \max\{R(a), R(b)\}$  if  $R(a) \neq R(b)$ . If  $R(a) = R(b)$ , then  $R(a + b)$  could be any number greater than or equal to  $\max\{R(a), R(b)\}$ .  
 (D)  $R(a + b) = \max\{R(a), R(b)\}$  if  $R(a) \neq R(b)$ . If  $R(a) = R(b)$ , then  $R(a + b)$  could be any number less than or equal to  $\max\{R(a), R(b)\}$ .  
 (E)  $R(a + b) = \min\{R(a), R(b)\}$  if  $R(a) \neq R(b)$ . If  $R(a) = R(b)$ , then  $R(a + b)$  could be any number greater than or equal to  $\min\{R(a), R(b)\}$ .

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- (7) Which of the following is/are true? *Two years ago: 5/26 correct*

(A) If we start with any function in  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and take the Taylor series about 0, the Taylor series converges everywhere on  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
 (B) If we start with any function in  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and take the Taylor series about 0, the Taylor series converges to the original function on its interval of convergence (which may not be all of  $\mathbb{R}$ ).  
 (C) If we start with a power series about 0 that converges everywhere in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then the function it converges to is in  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and its Taylor series about 0 equals the original power series.  
 (D) All of the above.  
 (E) None of the above.

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- (8) Consider the function  $f(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k/2^{k^2}$ . The power series converges everywhere, so  $f$  is a globally analytic function. What is the best description of the manner in which  $f$  grows as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ? *Two years ago: 12/26 correct*

(A)  $f$  grows polynomially in  $x$ .  
 (B)  $f$  grows faster than any polynomial function but slower than any exponential function of  $x$  (i.e., any function of the form  $x \mapsto e^{mx}$ ,  $m > 0$ ).  
 (C)  $f$  grows like an exponential function of  $x$ , i.e., it can be sandwiched between two exponentially growing functions of  $x$ .

- (D)  $f$  grows faster than any exponential function but slower than any doubly exponential function of  $x$ . Here, doubly exponential means something of the form  $e^{ae^{bx}}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are both positive.
- (E)  $f$  grows like a doubly exponential function of  $x$ . Here, doubly exponential means something of the form  $e^{ae^{bx}}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are both positive.

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- (9) Consider the function  $f(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k / (k!)^2$ . The power series converges everywhere, so the function is globally analytic. What pair of functions bounds  $f$  from above and below for  $x > 0$ ? *Two years ago: 12/26 correct*
- (A)  $\exp(x)$  from below and  $\cosh(2x)$  from above.
- (B)  $\exp(x)$  from below and  $\cosh(x^2)$  from above.
- (C)  $\exp(x/2)$  from below and  $\exp(x)$  from above.
- (D)  $\cosh(\sqrt{x})$  from below and  $\exp(x)$  from above.
- (E)  $\cosh(2x)$  from below and  $\cosh(x^2)$  from above.

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- (10) Consider the function  $f(x) := \max\{0, x\}$ . What can we say about the Taylor series of  $f$  at various points?
- (A) The Taylor series of  $f$  at any point is the zero series.
- (B) The Taylor series of  $f$  at any point simplifies to  $x$ .
- (C) The Taylor series of  $f$  at any point other than zero converges to  $f$  globally. However, the Taylor series is not defined at 0.
- (D) The Taylor series of  $f$  at any point is either the zero series or simplifies to  $x$ .
- (E) The Taylor series of  $f$  at any point other than the point 0 is either the zero series or simplifies to  $x$ . However, the Taylor series is not defined at 0.

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