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MA1020 Series & Matrices
Assignment-1 Series

1. Show the following:

(a) $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} = 0.$ (b) $\lim_{n\to\infty} n^{1/n} = 1.$ (c) $\lim_{n\to\infty} x^n = 0$ for $|x| < 1.$

(d) $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{n^p}{x^n} = 0$ for $x > 1.$ (e) $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0$ (f) $\lim_{n\to\infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x$

2. Prove the following:
   (a) It is not possible that a series converges to a real number ℓ and also diverges to $-\infty$.
   (b) It is not possible that a series diverges to ∞ and also to $-\infty$.
3. Prove the following:
   (a) If both the series $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ converge, then the series $\sum(a_n+b_n)$, $\sum(a_n-b_n)$ and $\sum ka_n$ converge; where k is any real number.
   (b) If $\sum a_n$ converges and $\sum b_n$ diverges to $\pm\infty$, then $\sum(a_n+b_n)$ diverges to $\pm\infty$, and $\sum(a_n-b_n)$ diverges to $\mp\infty$.
   (c) If $\sum a_n$ diverges to $\pm\infty$, and $k > 0$, then $\sum ka_n$ diverges to $\pm\infty$.
   (d) If $\sum a_n$ diverges to $\pm\infty$, and $k < 0$, then $\sum ka_n$ diverges to $\mp\infty$.
4. Give examples for the following:
   (a) $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ both diverge, but $\sum(a_n + b_n)$ converges to a nonzero number.
   (b) $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ both diverge, and $\sum(a_n + b_n)$ diverges to ∞.
   (c) $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ both diverge, and $\sum(a_n + b_n)$ diverges to $-\infty$.
5. Show that the sequence $1,\ 1.1,\ 1.1011,\ 1.10110111,\ 1.1011011101111\ldots$ converges.
6. Compute the sum of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n - 4}{6^n}$.
7. Determine whether the following series converge:

   (a) $\sum \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$ (b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-n}{3n+1}$ (c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^{3/2}}$ (d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 + n\ln n}{1 + n^2}$
8. Test for convergence the series $\frac{1}{3} + (\frac{2}{3})^2 + (\frac{3}{7})^3 + \cdots + (\frac{n}{2n+1})^n + \cdots$.
9. Is the integral $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2}\, dx$ convergent?
10. Is the area under the curve $y = (\ln x)/x^2$ for $1 \le x < \infty$ finite?
11. Evaluate (a) $\int_0^3 \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{2/3}}$ (b) $\int_0^3 \frac{dx}{x-1}$
12. Show that $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x^p}\, dx$ converges for all $p > 0$.
13. Show that $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x^p}\, dx$ converges for $0 < p \le 1$.
14. Show that the series $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^{\alpha}}$ converges for $\alpha > 1$ and diverges to ∞ for $\alpha \le 1$.
15. Does the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^n (n!)^2}{(2n)!}$ converge?
16. Does the series $1 - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{25} + \frac{1}{49} - \cdots$ converge?
17. Let (a_n) be a sequence of positive terms. Show that if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{1+a_n}$ converges, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges.
18. Let (a_n) be a sequence of positive decreasing terms. Show that if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, then the sequence (na_n) converges to 0.