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## Math 1152 Summer 2022 Practice Midterm 2

**Due: 11:59pm, July 5, 2022**

### Before Starting

- Complete Problems 1 and 2.
- Choose another 2 of the following problems to complete in addition to problems 1 and 2. You will not receive additional credit for completing additional problems beyond these two.
- This exam should reflect your work only and is not a group assignment.
- This exam is open-notes.
- This exam is due at **11:59pm, Tuesday July 5.**
- Full work must be shown for all problems you submit.
- Fill in the circles below corresponding to the 2 additional problems you choose to have graded. Problems 1 and 2 have already been filled in for you.

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I am submitting for grading:

- ☒ Question 1
- ☒ Question 2
- ☐ Question 3
- ☐ Question 4
- ☐ Question 5
- ☐ Question 6
- ☐ Question 7
- ☐ Question 8

**Question 1.**

Let  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  be sequences and suppose that the series  $\sum (-1)^n b_n$  converges and that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 1.$$

Does  $\sum a_n$  converge? Explore this question to the full extent that you can; are there variations on the conditions given that make it true or false? Give examples illustrating your reasoning.

**Question 2.**

Consider the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{4/3}}.$$

Find an upper bound for this series by thinking about one of our convergence tests. Do not directly use any results about tails of series in your solution.

**Question 3.**

Consider the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{(n!)^3}{(3n)!}.$$

a. Determine whether  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

b. By considering just the tail

$$t_N = \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$$

for very large  $N$ , and comparing this to a more familiar series, we can get a bound on the size of the  $t_N$  and so control the rate of convergence.

For large  $N$ , what is the bound we obtain on  $|t_N|$ ?

**Question 4.**

- a. Find an estimate for the tail of the series

$$\sum \frac{2^n}{n!}.$$

- b. Should we expect that the actual rate of convergence is faster than this?  
If so, see if it is possible to improve on the rate in part (a).

**Question 5.**

- a. Find a bound for the tail of the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^5}$ .

What is the difference between the upper and lower bound of your approximation for  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^5}$  when  $n = 1000$ ?

**Question 6.**

- a. Show that the sequence  $(a_n)$  given by

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n^{2/\log(n)}}$$

gives a series  $\sum a_n$  which satisfies the conditions of the Integral Test.

- b. Explain why the Integral Test is not a good choice for determining convergence of the series  $\sum a_n$ .

- c. Recall our derivation of the Integral Test. Instead of bounding the area of rectangles by an integral, try considering new rectangles with base lengths of  $2^n$ . Can you use this to write down a new series which bounds the old one?