



Question 1 (Absolute Convergence).

- (a) [5 pts] Give the definition of an *absolutely convergent* series.

A series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is called absolutely convergent iff the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ converges.

For parts (b) – (e), suppose that

- $y \neq 0$;
- $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n y^n$ converges;
- $|x| < |y|$.

- (b) [5 pts] Show that $(a_n y^n)$ is bounded.

[In other words: Show that $\exists K$ such that $|a_n y^n| < K \forall n$.]

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n y^n$ converges $\implies a_n y^n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (by the Divergence Test) $\implies (a_n y^n)$ is convergent. By a theorem from the course, every convergent sequence is bounded. Therefore $(a_n y^n)$ is bounded.

- (c) [5 pts] Show that

$$|a_n x^n| \leq K \left(\frac{|x|}{|y|} \right)^n$$

for some constant K .

Suppose $|a_n y^n| < K \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, since $y \neq 0$,

$$|a_n x^n| = \left| a_n y^n \frac{x^n}{y^n} \right| = |a_n y^n| \frac{|x|^n}{|y|^n} \leq K \left(\frac{|x|}{|y|} \right)^n.$$

- (d) [5 pts] Let $b_n = \left(\frac{|x|}{|y|} \right)^n$. Show that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ converges.

If $x = 0$, then $b_n = 0 \forall n$ so $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ converges.

If $0 < |x| < |y|$, then $\frac{|x|}{|y|} < 1$. So

$$\frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} = \frac{\left(\frac{|x|}{|y|} \right)^{n+1}}{\left(\frac{|x|}{|y|} \right)^n} = \frac{|x|}{|y|} \rightarrow \frac{|x|}{|y|} < 1$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. By the Ratio Test, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ converges.

- (e) [5 pts] Show that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ is absolutely convergent.

Since $0 \leq |a_n x^n| \leq K \left(\frac{|x|}{|y|} \right)^n$, it follows by the Comparison Test, and by part (d), that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n x^n|$ converges. So $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ is absolutely convergent.

Question 2 (Sequences). Define a sequence of real numbers (a_n) by

$$a_1 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 7a_{n+1} = a_n^2 + 12. \quad (1)$$

- (a) [7 pts] Show that $0 \leq a_n \leq 3$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

[HINT: Use proof by induction.].

Since $0 \leq a_1 = 1 \leq 3$, the statement is true for $n = 1$ [1]. Suppose that it is true for $n = k$. Then $0 \leq a_k \leq 3$ [1]. So $7a_{k+1} = a_k^2 + 12 \leq 3^2 + 12 = 21 \implies a_{k+1} \leq 3$ [2] and $7a_{k+1} = a_k^2 + 12 \geq 0^2 + 12 \geq 0 \implies a_{k+1} \geq 0$ [2]. By the principle of mathematical induction, it follows that $0 \leq a_n \leq 3 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ [1].

- (b) [6 pts] Show that $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

First note that $a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{1}{7}(a_n^2 + 12) - a_n = \frac{1}{7}(a_n^2 - 7a_n + 12) = \frac{1}{7}(a_n - 3)(a_n - 4)$ [2]. Since $0 \leq a_n \leq 3$, $(a_n - 3) \leq 0$ and $(a_n - 4) \leq 0$ [2]. Therefore $a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{1}{7}(a_n - 3)(a_n - 4) \geq 0$. So $a_{n+1} \geq a_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ [2].

- (c) [6 pts] Show that (a_n) is a convergent sequence.

By a theorem from the course, “every increasing sequence which is bounded above is convergent”. In part (a), I proved that (a_n) is bounded above. In part (b), I proved that (a_n) is increasing. Therefore (a_n) is convergent.

- (d) [6 pts] Calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$.

Let $a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$. Then $7a \leftarrow 7a_{n+1} = a_n^2 + 12 \rightarrow a^2 + 12$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ [2]. So $0 = a^2 - 7a + 12 = (a - 3)(a - 4)$. So $a = 3$ or $a = 4$ [2]. Finally, since $a_n \leq 3 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, we must have that $a = 3$ [2].

Question 3 (Power Series).

- (a) [5 pts] Let $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ be a power series. Give the definition of the *radius of convergence* of $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$.

If $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ converges $\forall |x| < R$ and diverges $\forall |x| > R$, then R is called the radius of convergence of $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$.

Consider the power series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n+2}. \quad (2)$$

- (b) [7 pts] Find the radius of convergence of (2).

For this power series, $a_n = \frac{1}{n+2}$ and

$$\left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \frac{n+3}{n+2} = \frac{1 + \frac{3}{n}}{1 + \frac{2}{n}} \rightarrow \frac{1+0}{1+0} = 1$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$ [4]. By a theorem from the course [1], the radius of convergence of (2) is $R = 1$ [2].

- (c) [1 pts] What is the open interval of convergence of (2)?

$(-1, 1)$

Let R be the radius of convergence of (2), that you calculated in part (b).

- (d) [6 pts] If $x = R$, does (2) converge or diverge?

If $x = R = 1$, then (2) is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1^n}{n+2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

which diverges because $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges.

- (e) [6 pts] If $x = -R$, does (2) converge or diverge?

If $x = -R = -1$, then (2) is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+2} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$$

which converges by the Alternating Series Test.

(d) & (e): 2 pts for “converges/diverges”. 4pts for proof.

Question 4 (Taylor Series). Let $f(x) = \sin x$.

- (a) [7 pts] Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \neq 0$ and let c be between 0 and x [so either $0 < c < x$, or $x < c < 0$]. Let

$$R_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(c) x^n}{n!}$$

where $f^{(n)} = \frac{d^n f}{dx^n}$.

Show that $R_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Since $f^{(n)}(x) = \sin x$ or $\cos x$ or $-\sin x$ or $-\cos x$ for all n , it follows that $|f^{(n)}(x)| \leq 1$ $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ [2].

Therefore

$$0 \leq |R_n| \leq \frac{|x|^2}{n!} \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$ $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ [3]. It follows by the Sandwich Rule [2] that $R_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (b) [18 pts] Calculate the Taylor Series for $f(x) = \sin x$, centred at 0.

Since

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \begin{cases} \sin x & n = 0, 4, 8, 12, \dots \\ \cos x & n = 1, 5, 9, 13, \dots \\ -\sin x & n = 2, 6, 10, 14, \dots \\ -\cos x & n = 3, 7, 11, 15, \dots \end{cases}$$

we have that

$$f^{(n)}(0) = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ is even} \\ 1 & n = 1, 5, 9, 13, \dots \\ -1 & n = 3, 7, 11, 15, \dots \end{cases} \quad \boxed{6}.$$

Therefore (by part (a)), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x = f(x) &= f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)x^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(0)x^3}{3!} + \frac{f^{(4)}(0)x^4}{4!} + \dots \quad \boxed{6} \\ &= 0 + x + \frac{0x^2}{2!} + \frac{(-1)x^3}{3!} + \frac{0x^4}{4!} + \frac{1x^5}{5!} + \dots \\ &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} - \dots \quad \boxed{6} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{1+2k}}{(1+2k)!} \quad \boxed{\text{optional}}. \end{aligned}$$

Question 5 (Series). Decide if each of the following series converges or diverges. Justify (explain) your answers.

(a) [9 pts] $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2}$.

(b) [8 pts] $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n}{n^2}$.

(c) [8 pts] $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^2}{n^3+1}$.

2 pts for “converges/diverges” without justification.

2 pts for saying which test is being used (as long as there is some proof given).

Remaining 4/5 pts for accuracy of proof.

[You may use any theorem/lemma/test/example/etc. from the course, but you must say which one you are using.]

(a) Let $a_n = \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2}$. Then

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(2n+2)!}{((n+1)!)^2} \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!} = \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)}{(n+1)(n+1)} = \frac{(2+\frac{2}{n})(2+\frac{1}{n})}{(1+\frac{1}{n})(1+\frac{1}{n})} \rightarrow \frac{(2+0)(2+0)}{(1+0)(1+0)} = 4 > 1$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. It follows that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2}$ diverges by the Ratio Test.

(b) Since $0 \leq \left| \frac{\sin n}{n^2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \forall n$, and since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges, it follows by the Comparison Test that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n}{n^2}$ converges.

(c) Since

$$a_n = \frac{n^2}{n^3+1} = \frac{1}{n+\frac{1}{n^2}} \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, since (a_n) is decreasing, and since $a_n > 0 \forall n$, it follows by the Alternating Series Test that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^2}{n^3+1}$ converges.