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Key

PICK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Please indicate which 2 problems you do NOT want me to grade by putting an X through each of them, otherwise I will grade the first problem worked on:

Show all work clearly and in order. Please box your answers.

1. Using the formula, set up a table and find the first FOUR nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-3x} = (1-3x)^{-1}.$$

n	$f^{(n)}(x)$	$f^{(n)}(0)$	$\frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$
0	$(1-3x)^{-1}$	1	$\frac{1}{0!} = 1$
1	$(-1)(1-3x)^{-2}(-3)$	$(-1)(-3) = 3$	$\frac{3}{1!} = 3$
2	$(-1)(-2)(1-3x)^{-3}(-3)(-3)$	$1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3^2$	$\frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3^2}{2!} = 3^2$
3	$(-1)(-2)(-3)(1-3x)^{-4}(-3)(-3)(-3)$	$1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3^3$	$\frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3^3}{3!} = 3^3$

$$1 + 3x + 9x^2 + 27x^3 + \dots$$

or $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 3^k x^k$

2. Using the formula, set up a table and find the first THREE nonzero terms of the Taylor series about $x_0 = 1$ for

$$f(x) = \tan^{-1}(x).$$

n	$f^{(n)}(x)$	$f^{(n)}(1)$	$\frac{f^{(n)}(1)}{n!}$
0	$\tan^{-1}(x)$	$\tan^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\frac{\pi}{4}}{0!} = \frac{\pi}{4}$
1	$\frac{1}{1+x^2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1!} = \frac{1}{2}$
2	$\frac{-2x}{(1+x^2)^2}$	$\frac{-2}{4} = -\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{2!} = -\frac{1}{4}$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2}(x-1) - \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^2 + \dots$$

3. Determine whether the series is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent.

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

SOL:

Try Ratio Test for Absolute convergence:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)}{(n+1)^2+1} \cdot \frac{(n^2+1)}{n (-1)^{n-1}} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)(n^2+1)}{((n^2+2n+1)+1)n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 + n^2 + n + 1}{n^3 + 2n^2 + 2n} \\ &= 1 \quad \text{NO INFO! (try another test for absolute convergence.)} \end{aligned}$$

Look at $\sum |a_n|$:

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

↗ looks like limit comparison will work.

$$a_n = \frac{n}{n^2+1} \quad b_n = \frac{n}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n^2+1} \right) \left(\frac{n}{1} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2+1} = 1$$

↗ finite and positive!

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges (harmonic series)

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2+1}$ also diverges.

so the original series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{n}{n^2+1}$ diverges absolutely

Now test the original series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{n}{n^2+1}$. This is alternating, so let's try the alternating series test:

(a) Show $\left\{ \frac{n}{n^2+1} \right\}$ is decreasing: $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2+1} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{x^2+1-2x^2}{(x^2+1)^2}$
 $= \frac{1-x^2}{(x^2+1)^2} < 0$ ($\neq x=1$) ✓

(b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n}{1+1/n} = \frac{0}{1+0} = 0$ ✓

So original series conditionally converges