

(8pts)**Problem 1.**

Consider the sequence  $a_n$  given by

$$\frac{2}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{6}{6}, \frac{8}{7}, \dots$$

(a) Find a formula for  $a_n$ .

(b) Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$

**Solution**

(a)

$$a_n = \frac{2n}{3+n}. \quad (4\text{pts})$$

(b)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{3+n} = 2 \quad (4\text{pts})$$

(9pts)**Problem 2.**

Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ .

1.  $a_n = n \sin \frac{1}{n}$

2.  $a_n = \frac{n2^n + 1}{n^3 + 4}$

3.  $a_n = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + 1} - 1}{\frac{1}{n}}$

**Solution**

1.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sin \frac{1}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin \frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{n}} = 1. \quad (\mathbf{3pts})$$

2.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n2^n + 1}{n^3 + 4} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{n^2} = \infty. \quad (\mathbf{3pts})$$

3.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + 1} - 1}{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{1}{2} \quad (\mathbf{3pts})$$

(10pts)**Problem 3.**

Determine the sum of the series

$$1. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{4n^2 - 1} \qquad 2. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right)^{n-1}$$

**Solution**

1. This is a telescoping series.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{4n^2 - 1} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2n+1} \right) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2n+1} \right) = 1 \quad \textbf{(5pts)} \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right)^{n-1} \text{ is a geometric series with } a = 2 \text{ and common ratio } r = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\left| -\frac{2}{3} \right| < 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right)^{n-1} = \frac{2}{1 - \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right)} = \frac{6}{5}.$$

(20pts)**Problem 4.**

Determine convergence or divergence of the series. Justify your answer by applying the appropriate test.

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n} & 2. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2n+1}{3n+1} \right)^n \\ 3. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n e^{-n^2} & 4. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n^4} \end{array}$$

**Solution**

1.

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \frac{n^n}{n!} = \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} \rightarrow e^{-1} \approx 0.36788 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  (absolutely) converges via the Ratio Test since  $\rho = e^{-1} < 1$ . (5pts)

2.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left( \frac{2n+1}{3n+1} \right)^n \right|^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2n+1}{3n+1} \right) = \frac{2}{3} < 1.$$

Hence, the series converges by the root test. (5pts)

3.

$$n e^{-n^2} = f(n) \quad \text{where } f(x) = x e^{-x^2} \text{ is continuous positive and decreasing on } [1, \infty).$$

The convergence of the series is determined by the convergence of the improper integral

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^{\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx \\ & \int_1^{\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t x e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} e^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the series converges by the integral test. (5pts)

4.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^n}{n^4} = \infty \neq 0.$$

Hence, the series diverges by the divergent series test. (5pts)

(8pts)**Problem 5.**

Using the Integral Test Remainder Estimate for the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}$  to find that the smallest number of terms needed to ensure that the sum is accurate to within 0.005.

**Solution**

$$\frac{1}{n^4} = f(n) \quad \text{where } f(x) = \frac{1}{x^4}, \quad \text{positive, continuous and decreasing on } [1, \infty).$$

Using the remainder estimate formula, we get

$$\begin{aligned} R_n &\leq \int_n^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_n^t x^{-4} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3n^3} \quad \text{(4pts)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3n^3} &< \frac{5}{1000} \Rightarrow n > \sqrt[3]{\frac{1000}{15}} = 4.0548 \\ n &\geq 5 \quad \text{(4pts)} \end{aligned}$$

(10pts)**Problem 6.**

(a) The geometric Series

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

(a) Converges to  $\frac{1}{e-3}$

(b) Converges to  $\frac{1}{3-e}$

(c) Converges to  $\frac{1}{e-3}$

(d) Diverges to  $+\infty$

(e) Diverges to  $-\infty$

Correct answer is (b)    **(5pts)**

(b)

The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n+1}}$

(a) converges conditionally

(b) converges absolutely

(c) diverges

(d) converges as a geometric series

(e) converges as a  $p$ -series with  $p = \frac{1}{2}$

Correct answer is (a)    **(5pts)**

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(10pts)**Problem 7.**

(a)

How many terms of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2}$  do we need to add so that  $|\text{error}| < 0.0001$

(a) 100

(b) 98

(c) 96

(d) 94

(e) 92

Correct answer is (a) (5pts)

(b)

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

(a) 0

(b) -1

(c) 1

(d)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

(e) 0.5

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \pi^n}{(2n)!} = \cos \pi = -1$$

Correct answer is (b) (5pts)

(15pts)**Problem 8.**

Determine the radius and the interval of convergence of the power series:

$$1. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n \left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right)^n}{n2^n} \qquad 2. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \qquad 3. \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^n x^n$$

**Solution**

1.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n \left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right)^n}{n2^n}$ , center is  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

Let  $a_n = (-1)^n \frac{(3x-1)^n}{n2^n}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (3x-1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n2^n}{(-1)^n (3x-1)^n} \right| \\ &= \frac{n}{2(n+1)} |3x-1| \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} |3x-1| \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ regardless of the value of } x. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $\frac{1}{2}|3x-1| < 1$ , then this power series converges *absolutely* (and hence converges) by the Ratio Test. Since

$$\frac{1}{2}|3x-1| < 1 \iff \left|x - \frac{1}{3}\right| < \frac{2}{3} \iff -\frac{2}{3} < x - \frac{1}{3} < \frac{2}{3} \iff -\frac{1}{3} < x < 1,$$

this means that the radius of convergence is  $R = \frac{2}{3}$ .

(2pts)

As for the interval of convergence, we need to check the end points of the interval  $-\frac{1}{3} < x < 1$ . If  $x = -\frac{1}{3}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(-2)^n}{n2^n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(-1)^n 2^n}{n2^n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{2n} \frac{1}{n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \end{aligned}$$

This is the harmonic series. Hence, it diverges. Hence,  $x = -\frac{1}{3}$  cannot be included in the



interval of convergence. On the other hand, if  $x = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2^n}{n2^n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n} \\ &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n}, \end{aligned}$$

which is a negative of the alternating harmonic series. Hence it converges (to  $-\ln 2$ ). Hence,  $x = 1$  must be included in the interval of convergence.

Therefore, the interval of convergence is  $-\frac{1}{3} < x \leq 1$ , or  $x \in \left(-\frac{1}{3}, 1\right]$ .

(3pts)

2.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ , center is 0.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{n+1} = 0.$$

Hence, the radius of convergence is  $R = \infty$  and the interval of convergence is  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

3.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^n x^n$  center is 0.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^{n+1} x^{n+1}}{n^n x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{n^n} \right| |x| = \infty.$$

Hence, the radius of convergence is  $R = 0$  and the interval of convergence is  $[0, 0] = \{0\}$ .

(10pts)**Problem 9.**

(a)

Using the definition of Taylor series, the first three nonzero terms of the series for  $f(x) = \sin x$  centered at  $a = \frac{\pi}{6}$  is

(a)  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \frac{1}{4} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2$

(b)  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2$

(c)  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \frac{1}{8} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2$

(d)  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2$

(e)  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \frac{1}{8} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2$

Correct answer is (a). **(5pts)**

(b)

The Maclaurin Series for the function

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{3-x}$$

is

(a)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+2}}{3^{n+1}}, |x| < 3$

(b)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{3^{n-1}}, |x| < 3$

(c)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{3^n}, |x| < 3$

(d)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{3^{n+1}}, |x| < 3$

(e)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{n+1}}{3^{n+1}}$

Correct answer is (a) **(5pts)**.