

Calculus (II) Problems

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1. Differential Equations

Question 1.1

Does there exist a differentiable function $f(x, y, y')$ s.t. $y = \sin x$ and $y = x - \frac{1}{6}x^3$ are solutions to the differential equation $y'' = f(x, y, y')$?

Solution: Let $y' = p$. Then

$$\frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ f(x, y, p) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Choose $y(0) = 0, p(0) = 1$, by the uniqueness of the solution, the answer is no. \square

Question 1.2 (Hard)

Prove that

$$x''(t) + x(t) + \arctan x(t) = 2 \sin t$$

has no nontrivial solution of period 2π .

Proof: Hint. Multiply the equation by $\sin t$ and integrate.

Assume there exists a solution $x(t)$ of period 2π . Then

$$x'' \sin t + x \sin t + \arctan x \sin t = 2 \sin^2 t.$$

Integrate by parts,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} x'' \sin t \, dt &= x' \sin t \Big|_0^{2\pi} (= 0) - \int_0^{2\pi} x' \cos t \, dt \\ &= - \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin t \, dt - x \cos t \Big|_0^{2\pi} (= 0) \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{2\pi} \arctan x \sin t \, dt &= \int_0^{2\pi} 2 \sin^2 t \, dt = 2\pi \\
&= \left(\int_0^\pi + \int_\pi^{2\pi} \right) \arctan x \sin t \, dt \\
&< \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^\pi \sin t \, dt - \frac{\pi}{2} \int_\pi^{2\pi} \sin t \, dt = \pi,
\end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. □

2. Series

2.1. 1

Question 2.1.1 1

Evaluate the following series:

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\arctan \frac{1}{n^2 + n + 1} &= \arctan \frac{(n+1) - n}{1 + n(n+1)} = \arctan(n+1) - \arctan n, \\
S_n &= \arctan(n+1) - \arctan 1, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \arctan \frac{1}{n^2 + n + 1} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Question 2.1.2 2

Let $a_n > 0$, and $\{a_n - a_{n+1}\}$ be a strictly decreasing sequence. Show that if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a_{n+1}} - \frac{1}{a_n} \right) = +\infty.$$

Proof: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, so $a_n \rightarrow 0$. Then $a_n - a_{n+1} \rightarrow 0$, so

$$a_n - a_{n+1} > 0, a_n > a_{n+1}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_n^2 &= \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} (a_k^2 - a_{k+1}^2) = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} (a_k - a_{k+1})(a_k + a_{k+1}) \\
&< (a_n - a_{n+1}) \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} (a_k + a_{k+1}).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{a_{n+1}} - \frac{1}{a_n} \right) = \frac{a_n - a_{n+1}}{a_n a_{n+1}} > \frac{a_n - a_{n+1}}{a_n^2} > \frac{1}{\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k + a_{k+1}} \rightarrow +\infty.$$

□

Question 2.1.3 3

Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ be a divergent series of positive terms. Show that

(1) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{1+a_n}$ diverges, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a_n}{1+n^2 a_n} \right)$ converges.

(2) study the convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{1+a_n^2}$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{1+n a_n}$.

Solution: $\frac{a_n}{1+n^2 a_n} \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{1+n^2 a_n}$ converges.

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges, there are two possibilities:

(i) a_n is bounded by M , then $\frac{a_n}{1+a_n} > \frac{a_n}{1+M} > 0$, $\frac{a_n}{1+a_n^2} > \frac{a_n}{1+M^2} > 0$, so

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

(ii) a_n is unbounded, then there exists a subsequence $a_{n_k} \rightarrow +\infty$. Then the subsequence $\frac{a_{n_k}}{1+a_{n_k}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{a_{n_k}}+1} \rightarrow \infty$, so $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{1+a_n}$ diverges.

As for $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{1+a_n^2}$, we only have : when $a_n \rightarrow +\infty$, $\frac{a_n}{1+a_n^2} \sim \frac{1}{a_n}$, the convergence is uncertain.

Example:

$$a_n = \begin{cases} n, & n = 2k-1 \\ 0, & n = 2k \end{cases} \text{ (diverges), } a_n = \begin{cases} n, & n = 2^k \\ 0, & n \neq 2^k \end{cases} \text{ (converges).}$$

□

Question 2.1.4 4

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\alpha} \ln^{\beta} n (\ln n^{\gamma} \ln n)}.$$

Question 2.1.5 5

Let $0 < a_n < 1$. Prove that if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln(1 - a_n)$ converges.

Proof: View as function $f(x) = \ln(1 - x)$. Then

$$f(x) - f(0) = f'(\theta x)x = \frac{x}{1-\theta x} \leq \frac{x}{1-x}, 0 < \theta < 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(1 - a_n) \leq \frac{a_n}{1 - a_n}.$$

Convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ implies $a_n \rightarrow 0$. Then $\exists N, \forall n > N, 1 - a_n > \frac{1}{2}$. So

$$\ln(1 - a_n) < 2a_n, n > N.$$

Which means $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln(1 - a_n)$ converges.

□

Question 2.1.6 7

Show that $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\ln n)^{\ln n}}$ converges.

Proof:

□

Question 2.1.7 8

If $I = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is series of positive terms, show that $J = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{a_n a_{n+1}}$ converges, and the opposite is not necessarily true.

Proof: Counterexample:

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 2k - 1 \\ \frac{1}{n^4}, & n = 2k \end{cases}$$

Then $J = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges, but I obviously diverges.

□

Question 2.1.8 9

Discuss the convergence of the series

$$a_n = \left(\frac{\sqrt{n + \sqrt{n + \sqrt{n}}} - \sqrt{n}}{n} \right)^p,$$

$$b_n = \left(1 - \sqrt[3]{\frac{n-1}{n+1}} \right)^p \quad (p > 0).$$

Solution: Asymptotically,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n + \sqrt{n + \sqrt{n}}} &= \sqrt{n} \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{n + \sqrt{n}}}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{n} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{n + \sqrt{n}}}{n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \right) \\ &= \sqrt{n} + \frac{1}{2} + o\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right). \\ a_n &= \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2} + o\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)}{n} \right)^p = \frac{1}{(2n)^p} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^{p+1}}\right). \text{(Needs Recheck)} \end{aligned}$$

So $p > 1$ for convergence.

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt[3]{\frac{n-1}{n+1}} &= \left(1 - \frac{2}{n+1}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
&\sim 1 - \frac{2}{3n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), \\
b_n &= \left(1 - 1 + \frac{2}{3n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)^p = \left(\frac{2}{3n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)^p = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{3n}{2}\right)^p} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^p}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

□

3. Improper Integrals

Question 3.1

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^4} dx.$$

Solution: $t := \frac{1}{1+x^4}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 t^{-\frac{1}{4}} (1-t)^{-\frac{3}{4}} dt \\
&= \frac{1}{4} B\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}{\Gamma(1)} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 3.1

$f(x)$ is monotone decreasing on $[0, +\infty)$, $f(x) \geq 0$, if

$$\int_0^{+\infty} f(x) dx$$

converges, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x f(x) = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x \ln x f(x) = 0.$$

Proof: By Cauchy's criterion, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists N , for any $n > N$, we choose $\frac{x}{2} > N$,

$$\varepsilon > \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^x f(t) dt \geq f(x) \frac{x}{2} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x f(x) = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon &> \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) \, dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} x f(x) \, d \ln x \\
&\geq \left(\min_{x_1 \leq x \leq x_2} x f(x) \right) \int_{x_1}^{x_2} d \ln x = 0 \\
&\text{Choose } x_1 = \sqrt{x}, x_2 = x. \\
&= \frac{1}{2} x f(x) \ln x.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Question 3.2

Let $f(x)$ be monotone decreasing on $[1, +\infty)$, $f(x) \geq 0$, $f(x) \rightarrow 0$. Show that if

$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{f^{p-1}(x)}{x^{\frac{1}{p}}} \, dx \quad (p > 1)$$

converges, then

$$\int_1^{+\infty} f^p(x) \, dx$$

converges.

Proof: Note all the integrand are positive, so we can apply the comparison test.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty}$$

□

Question 3.3

Let $f(x) \geq 0$ be monotone increasing on $[0, +\infty)$, and $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) \, dt$; $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{F(x)} = 1$. Show that

$$I = \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{f(x)} \, dx \quad \text{and} \quad J = \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{x}{F(x)} \, dx$$

both converge or both diverge.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{x}{2} f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) &\leq \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^x f(t) \, dt \leq F(x) \leq x f(x) \\
\Rightarrow 2 \frac{x}{2F(2x)} &\leq \frac{1}{f(x)} \leq \frac{x}{F(x)}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Question 3.4

Integrate

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{1}{a^2 \sin^2 x + b^2 \cos^2 x} dx.$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{1}{ab} \int_0^\pi \frac{\frac{a}{b} d(\tan x)}{\left(\frac{a}{b} \tan x\right)^2 + 1} dx \\ \text{Let } t &= \frac{a}{b} \tan x, \\ &= \frac{1}{ab} \left(\int_0^{+\infty} + \int_{-\infty}^0 \right) \frac{1}{t^2 + 1} dt = \frac{\pi}{ab}. \end{aligned}$$

Note 3.1

There's a singularity at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, so we split the integral into two parts.

□

Lemma 3.1

Question 3.5

Integrate

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\ln x}{1 - x^2} dx.$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^1 \ln x \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^{2k} dx \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 x^{2k} \ln x dx \\ &= - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} = -\frac{\pi^2}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Question 3.6

$$I = \int_0^1 x^\alpha \ln^\beta x \, dx$$

When is I convergent?

Solution: The singularities are 0, 1. We consider

$$I_1 = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^\alpha \ln^\beta x \, dx, I_2 = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 x^\alpha \ln^\beta x \, dx.$$

For I_1 , use $\int_0^1 x^\gamma \, dx$. By a ratio test,

$$\frac{x^\alpha \ln^\beta x}{x^{\alpha-\varepsilon}} = x^\varepsilon \ln^\beta x \rightarrow 0, x \rightarrow 0.$$

(We need the $\varepsilon > 0$ to ensure the convergence of the ratio).

Note that $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{x^{\varepsilon-\alpha}} \, dx$ converges iff $\varepsilon - \alpha < 1 \Rightarrow \alpha > -1$.

For I_2 ,

$$x^\alpha \ln^\beta x \sim \frac{x^\alpha}{(1-x)^{-\beta}}, \text{ because} \\ \ln x = \ln(1 - (1-x)) \sim 1-x (x \rightarrow 1^-).$$

So I_2 converges iff $\beta > -1$. □

4. Fourier Series

Question 4.1

$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx)$, show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n}, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n}$$

both converge.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{n} \right| &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n^2 + \frac{1}{n^2}}{2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\|f\|^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) < +\infty. (\text{Bessel}) \end{aligned}$$

□