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Midterm Exam 2

No book, notes, electronics, calculator, or internet access. 100 points possible. 70 minutes maximum.

1. Compute and simplify the improper integrals, or show they diverge. Use correct limit notation.

$$(a) (5 \text{ pts}) \int_0^\infty \frac{x^2 dx}{1+x^3} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{x^2 dx}{1+x^3} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^{1+t^3} \frac{du/3}{u}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} (\ln t - \ln 1) = +\infty$$

diverge

$$(b) (5 \text{ pts}) \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt[4]{x}} = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^1 x^{-1/4} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\frac{4}{3} x^{3/4} \right]_a^1$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} (1 - a^{3/4}) = \frac{4}{3} (1 - 0) = \frac{4}{3}$$

Converges

2. (5 pts) Does the following series converge or diverge? Show your work, including naming any test you use. (Hint. Previous problem? Or another test?)

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

by integral test:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{1+x^3}$$

$$f(n) = a_n = \frac{n^2}{1+n^3}$$

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^2}{1+x^3} dx \text{ diverges}$$

\therefore series

diverges

3. Do the following series converge or diverge? Show your work, including naming any test you use.

(a) (5 pts) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+2}{4^n}$

[root or limit comparison work]

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n+2}{4^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{n+2}}{4} = \frac{1}{4} < 1$$

\therefore converges

(b) (5 pts) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 3^n}{4^n}$

geometric with $r = -\frac{3}{4}$ so $|r| < 1$

So converges

(c) (5 pts) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\ln n}$

by AST: $b_n = \frac{1}{\ln n} \geq 0$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$$

b_n decreasing

\therefore converges

$$(d) (5 \text{ pts}) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$$

ratio test

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}}}{\frac{n!}{n^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1) n^n}{(n+1)^{n+1}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(1+\frac{1}{n})^n} = \frac{1}{e} < 1 \quad \therefore \underline{\text{Converges}}$$

$$(e) (5 \text{ pts}) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\cos n)^2}{n^2}$$

comparison test

$$(\cos n)^2 \leq 1$$

$$\text{so } a_n \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \quad \text{and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ converges (p=2)}$$

∴ Converges

4. (5 pts) For one of the five series in problem 3, it is possible to compute the value of the infinite series. Which one? Explain why, and compute the value.

(b) : geometric with $a=1$, $r=-\frac{3}{4}$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 3^n}{4^n} = \frac{1}{1 - (-\frac{3}{4})} = \frac{1}{\frac{7}{4}} = \frac{4}{7}$$

5. Consider the infinite series $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots$

(a) (5 pts) Write the series using sigma (Σ) notation.

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

(b) (5 pts) Compute and simplify S_4 , the partial sum of the first four terms.

$$S_4 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{12 - 6 + 4 - 3}{12} = \boxed{\frac{7}{12}}$$

6. (5 pts) Does the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^3}$ converge absolutely, conditionally, or neither (diverge)? Show your work and circle one answer.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \quad \text{converges (p=3)}$$

CONVERGES
ABSOLUTELY

CONVERGES
CONDITIONALLY

DIVERGES

7. By any method, write a power series for the following functions. Show your work.

(a) (5 pts) $\frac{1}{1+2x}$

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

↑ geometric

$$= \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n 2^n x^n}$$

(b) (7 pts) $\arctan x$

(Hint. Integrate a series derived from the geometric series.)

$$\arctan x = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt = \int_0^x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-t^2)^n dt$$

↑ geometric: $\frac{1}{1+t^2} = \frac{1}{1-(-t^2)}$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \int_0^x t^{2n} dt$$

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

8. Find the interval of convergence of the following power series.

(a) (7 pts) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n2^n}$

root test:

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left| \frac{x^n}{n2^n} \right|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{\sqrt[n]{n \cdot 2}}$$

$$= \frac{|x|}{2} < 1 \quad \therefore \text{converges on } -2 < x < 2$$

$x = -2$:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \quad \text{converges (AST)}$$

$x = +2$:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{diverges (harmonic)}$$

$$\therefore I = [-2, 2]$$

(b) (5 pts) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n-1)! x^n$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n! |x|^{n+1}}{(n-1)! |x|^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n |x|$$

$$= +\infty \quad \text{if } x \neq 0$$

so

$$I = [0, 0]$$

(converges only at $x=0$)

9. (9 pts) Find the Taylor series of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ at basepoint $a = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1} & f(a) &= 2^{-1} \\
 f'(x) &= -x^{-2} & \vdots & \\
 f''(x) &= +2x^{-3} & f^{(n)}(a) &= (-1)^n n! 2^{-(n+1)} \\
 f'''(x) &= -3 \cdot 2x^{-4} & \uparrow & \text{any } n \\
 &\vdots \\
 f^{(n)}(x) &= (-1)^n n! x^{-(n+1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n! 2^{-(n+1)}}{n!} (x-2)^n$
 $= \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n+1}} (x-2)^n}$

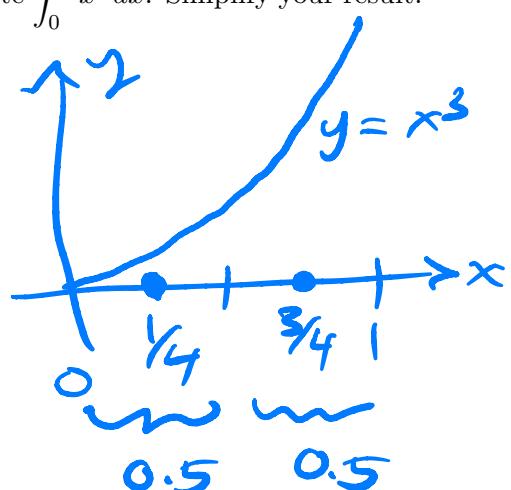
10. (7 pts) Use the midpoint rule with $n = 2$ subintervals to estimate $\int_0^1 x^3 dx$. Simplify your result.

$$\int_0^1 x^3 dx \approx M_2$$

$$M_2 = 0.5 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3$$

$$+ 0.5 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1+27}{64} \right) = \frac{28}{128} = \boxed{\frac{7}{32}}$$



vs. exact: $\int_0^1 x^3 dx = 1/4$

Extra Credit. (3 pts) Recall the famous Maclaurin series $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$. Suppose I put $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ in this power series. In fact, suppose I compute the 10th partial sum $S_{10} = \sum_{n=0}^{10} \frac{(-1/2)^n}{n!}$. I observe, using Matlab, that it gives more than 10 digits of accuracy in approximating $e^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$. Explain why, using a known fact about remainders.

$$e^{-1/2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1/2)^n}{n!} \text{ is alternating}$$

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$$|R_{10}| = |e^{-1/2} - S_{10}| \leq b_{11} = \frac{1}{2^{11} \cdot 11!}$$

$$b_n = \frac{(1/2)^n}{n!}$$

↗ 7 copies of at least 10

but $2^{11} \cdot 11! = \overbrace{11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5}^{\text{7 copies of at least } 10} \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2^6$

note each "0" is at least 10, and $4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2^6 \geq 10^3$

so $2^{11} \cdot 11! \geq 10^{10}$ so $b_{11} \leq 10^{-10}$

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$$4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2^6$$

$$= 12 \cdot 128 \geq 10^3$$

So 10 digit accuracy!