

Test 3

This test is graded out of 45 marks. No books, notes, graphing calculators or cell phones are allowed. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work. If you need more space for your answer use the back of the page.

Question 1. (5 marks) Determine whether the sequence converges or diverges. If it converges, find the limit.

$$\{\ln(3) - \ln(2), \ln(5) - \ln(3), \ln(7) - \ln(4), \ln(9) - \ln(5), \dots\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \ln(2n+1) - \ln(n+1) \\ &= \ln\left(\frac{2n+1}{n+1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$= \ln(2)$$

\therefore the sequence converges to $\ln(2)$

Question 2. (5 marks) Determine whether the series is convergent or divergent. If it is convergent, find its sum.

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{-1}{(n-1)(n-2)}$$

$$\frac{-1}{(n-1)(n-2)} = \frac{A}{n-1} + \frac{B}{n-2}$$

$$-1 = A(n-2) + B(n-1)$$

Let $n=1$

$$-1 = A(1-2) + B(1-1)$$

$$1 = A$$

Let $n=2$

$$-1 = A(2-2) + B(2-1)$$

$$-1 = B$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{-1}{(n-1)(n-2)} = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n-2} \right]$$

Let's look at the partial sum

$$S_n = a_3 + a_4 + a_5 + \dots + a_{n-2} + a_{n-1} + a_n$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{\cancel{3-1}} - \frac{1}{3-2} \right] + \left[\frac{1}{\cancel{4-1}} - \frac{1}{\cancel{4-2}} \right] + \left[\frac{1}{5-1} - \frac{1}{\cancel{5-2}} \right] + \dots +$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{\cancel{n-2-1}} - \frac{1}{n-2-2} \right] + \left[\frac{1}{\cancel{n-1-1}} - \frac{1}{\cancel{n-1-2}} \right] + \left[\frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n-2} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{n-1}$$

$$S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -1 + \frac{1}{n-1}$$

$$= -1$$

Question 3. (5 marks) Determine whether the series is convergent or divergent. If it is convergent, find its sum.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n+2} - 3^{n-1}}{4^{n+1}}$$

Let's compute the sum of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n+2}}{4^{n+1}}$ if it converges

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n+2}}{4^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^2 2^n}{4 4^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{4}\right)^n - a_0 = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} - 1$$

converges since $|r| = \frac{1}{2} < 1$

$$= 2 - 1 = 1$$

Let's compute the sum of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n-1}}{4^{n+1}}$ if it converges

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{-1} 3^n}{4 4^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n - a_0 = \frac{1/12}{1-\frac{3}{4}} - \frac{1}{12}$$

converges since $|r| = \frac{3}{4} < 1$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{12}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n+2} - 3^{n-1}}{4^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n+2}}{4^{n+1}} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n-1}}{4^{n+1}}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}$$

Question 4. (5 marks) Determine whether the series is absolutely convergent, or conditionally convergent, or divergent.

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

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(n+1)! 5^{n+1} (-1)^{n+1}}{(2(n+1))!}}{\frac{n! 5^n (-1)^n}{(2n)!}} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)! 5^{n+1} (-1)^{n+1}}{(2n+2)!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{n! 5^n (-1)^n} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n! (n+1) 5^n 5 (2n)!}{(2n)! (2n+1)(2n+2) n! 5^n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5(n+1)}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} \\ &= 0 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore the series is absolutely convergent by the ratio test.

Question 5. (5 marks) Determine whether the series is absolutely convergent, or conditionally convergent, or divergent.

$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n \ln n}$ Lets determine if the series is abs. conv.

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n \ln n} \right| = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n} \quad \text{Lets apply the integral test}$$

Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln x}$

- $f(x)$ is positive for $x \geq 2$.
- $f(x)$ is continuous for $x \geq 2$.
- Is $f(x)$ decreasing for $x \geq 2$? \checkmark

$$f'(x) = \frac{-1}{(x \ln x)^2} \left(\ln x + \frac{1}{x} \right) < 0$$

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln x \\ du &= \frac{1}{x} dx \\ u(b) &= \ln b \\ u(2) &= \ln 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln|u| \right]_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln b - \ln \ln 2 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore does not converge by integral test
 \therefore not abs. conv.

Let's determine if the series is cond. conv.

Let's apply the Alternating series test.

(i) $b_{n+1} < b_n$ where $b_n = \frac{1}{n \ln n}$ is true since $f'(x) < 0$

(ii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n} = 0$

\therefore converges by the alternating series test
 \therefore conditionally convergent.

Question 6. (5 marks) Determine whether the series is convergent or divergent.

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 2n}{2^n}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{a_n}$

Note that the series is positive.

$$a_n = \frac{\sin^2 2n}{2^n} \leq \frac{1}{2^n} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = b_n$$

$\sum b_n$ is convergent since geometric series
where $|r| = \frac{1}{2} < 1$

$\therefore \sum a_n$ is convergent by: comparison test
since $\sum b_n$ is convergent and $a_n \leq b_n$

Question 7. (5 marks) Determine whether the series is convergent or divergent.

$$\sum_{n=20}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1-2n+n^2}{n^2+9n+1001} \right)^{\pi}}_{a_n}$$

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

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1-2n+n^2}{n^2+9n+1001} \right)^{\pi}$$

$$= 1^{\pi}$$

$$= 1 \neq 0$$

\therefore diverges by the n^{th} term divergence test

Question 8. (5 marks) Find the radius of convergence and interval of convergence of the series.

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \underbrace{(-1)^n \frac{(x+1)^n}{n 4^n \ln n}}_{a_n(x)}$$

Let's find the radius of convergence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}(x)}{a_n(x)} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x+1)^{n+1}}{(n+1) 4^{n+1} \ln(n+1)} \cdot \frac{n 4^n \ln n}{(-1)^n (x+1)^n} \right|$$

So

$$\frac{|x+1|}{4} < 1$$

$$|x+1| < 4 = R$$

$$\therefore R = 4$$

and the series converges for value

$$-4 < x+1 < 4$$

$$-5 < x < 3$$

Let's verify the endpoint for convergence

$$\text{Let } x = 3$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (3+1)^n}{n 4^n \ln n} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n \ln n} \quad \text{converges by Q.5}$$

$$\text{Let } x = -5$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (-5+1)^n}{n 4^n \ln n} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (-1)^n 4^n}{n 4^n \ln n} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n} \quad \text{diverges by Q.5}$$

\therefore the interval of convergence is $[-5, 3]$

Question 9. (5 marks) Find the Taylor series for $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ centered at $x = 9$. Assume that f has a power series expansion. Do not show that $R_n \rightarrow 0$.

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)(x-a)^2}{2!} + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)(x-a)^n}{n!}$$

$$f(x) = x^{-1/2}$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{2} x^{-3/2}$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) x^{-5/2}$$

$$f'''(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) x^{-7/2}$$

⋮

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \frac{(-1)^n 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1) x^{-\frac{(2n+1)}{2}}}{2^n}$$

$$f(9) = 9^{-1/2} = 3^{-1}$$

$$f'(9) = -\frac{1}{2} 9^{-3/2} = -\frac{1}{2} 3^{-3}$$

$$f''(9) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) (9)^{-5/2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) 3^{-5}$$

$$f'''(9) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) 9^{-7/2} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) 3^{-7}$$

⋮

$$f^{(n)}(9) = \frac{(-1)^n 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1) 3^{-(2n+1)}}{2^n}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1) 3^{-(2n+1)}}{2^n} \cdot \frac{(x-9)^n}{n!} + \frac{1}{3}$$

Bonus Question. (3 marks) Prove: If $\sum a_n$ is convergent then $\sum 1/a_n$ is divergent.

If $\sum a_n$ is convergent we have shown in class that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

Let $\sum b_n$ where $b_n = \frac{1}{a_n}$, let's apply the n^{th} term divergence test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a_n} \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{since} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

$\therefore \sum b_n$ diverges by the n^{th} term divergence test.