

Books, watches, notes or cell phones are not allowed. The only calculators allowed are the Sharp EL-531\*\*. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work.

**Question 1.** (5 marks) Determine whether the series is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent.

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left| \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2} \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \quad \text{i.f. } 1^{\infty}$$

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

$$\ln y = \ln \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x \right)$$

$$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$$

$$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) \quad \text{i.f. } \infty \cdot 0$$

$$\ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}} \quad \text{i.f. } \frac{0}{0}$$

$$\ln y \stackrel{H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2} \cdot \frac{-1}{x^2}}{\frac{-1}{x^2}}$$

$$\ln y = 1$$

$$y = e > 1 \quad \infty \text{ diverges by the root test.}$$

**Question 2.** (5 marks) For which positive integers  $k$  is the following series convergent?

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{((n+1)!)^2}{(k(n+1))!}}{\frac{(n!)^2}{(kn)!}} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{((n+1)!)^2}{(kn+k)!} \cdot \frac{(kn)!}{(n!)^2}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{(n!)^2} (n+1)^2}{\cancel{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot kn} (kn+1) \dots (kn+k)} \cdot \frac{(kn)!}{(n!)^2}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{(kn+1)(kn+2) \dots (kn+k)}$$

if  $k=1$  then

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{n+1} = \infty > 1 \quad \infty \text{ diverges by ratio test}$$

if  $k=2$  then

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} = \frac{1}{4} < 1 \quad \infty \text{ converges by ratio test}$$

if  $n \geq 3$  then  $\text{deg}(\text{denom.}) > \text{deg}(\text{num.})$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{(kn+1)(kn+2) \dots (kn+k)} = 0 < 1 \quad \infty \text{ converges by ratio test.}$$

**Question 3.** (5 marks) Determine whether the series is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent.

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

lets determine if the series is abs. conv.

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

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

- $f(x)$  is positive on  $[2, \infty)$
- $f(x)$  is continuous on  $(2, \infty)$
- $f'(x) = \frac{-1}{(x \ln x)^2} (\ln x + x \frac{1}{x}) < 0$  on  $[2, \infty)$   $\Rightarrow$
- $\therefore$  decreasing.

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx \quad \begin{array}{l} u = \ln x \\ du = \frac{1}{x} dx \end{array}$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} \frac{1}{u} du \quad \begin{array}{l} u(b) = \ln b \\ u(2) = \ln 2 \end{array}$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln |u| \right]_{\ln 2}^{\ln b}$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln \ln b - \ln \ln 2 \quad \text{diverges}$$

$\therefore$  by integral test  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n}$  diverges

$\therefore$  not abs. conv.

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n \text{ where } b_n = \frac{1}{n \ln n} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1) b_{n+1} \leq b_n \text{ by } \forall \\ 2) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0 \end{array}$$

$\therefore$  conv. by alt. series test  
 $\therefore$  conditionally convergent.

**Bonus Question.**<sup>1</sup> (3 marks) The Cantor ternary set  $\mathcal{C}$  is created by iteratively deleting the open interval middle third from a set of line segments. One starts by deleting the open middle third  $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$  from the interval  $[0, 1]$ , leaving two line segments:  $[0, \frac{1}{3}] \cup [\frac{2}{3}, 1]$ . Next, the open middle third of each of these remaining segments is deleted, leaving four line segments:  $[0, \frac{1}{9}] \cup [\frac{2}{9}, \frac{1}{3}] \cup [\frac{2}{3}, \frac{7}{9}] \cup [\frac{8}{9}, 1]$ . The Cantor ternary set contains all points in the interval  $[0, 1]$  that are not deleted at any step in this ad infinitum. Compute the length of the deleted intervals.

<sup>1</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cantor\\_set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cantor_set)