

Calculus II - Exam 3 - Spring 2013

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Directions: Justify all answers/solutions. Calculators, notes and texts are not permitted. The point value of each problem is indicated in brackets. When you use a particular theorem or test, please give the name of the result you are using. Good luck!

1. [4] Define what it means for a sequence to be **bounded**.

A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is bounded above if there is a number M such that $a_n \leq M \quad \forall n \geq 1$.

A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is bounded below if there is a number m such that $m \leq a_n \quad \forall n \geq 1$.

If the sequence $\{a_n\}$ is bounded above and below, then it is bounded.

2. [6] Determine whether the given sequence is increasing, decreasing, or not monotonic. Is the sequence bounded? Justify your answers!

$$a_n = \frac{1}{5^n}$$

The sequence is decreasing since $\frac{1}{5^{n+1}} \leq \frac{1}{5^n}$ for all $n \geq 1$.

The sequence is bounded since $0 \leq \frac{1}{5^n} \leq 1 \quad \forall n \geq 1$.

Therefore by the Monotonic Sequence Theorem this sequence is **convergent**.

Total
90 points

All further questions are [10] points each.

3. Determine whether the series is convergent. If it is convergent find its sum.

(i) $1 + 0.4 + 0.16 + 0.064 + \dots$

This is a geometric series (assumingly) with first term $a=1$ and common ratio $r=0.4$. Thus, we know that as $|r| < 1$, the sum

$$\text{is } \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-0.4} = \frac{1}{0.6} = \frac{10}{6} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$(ii) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-6)^{n-1}}{5^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-6}{5}\right)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{5}$$

This too is a geometric series. However, as $r = \frac{-6}{5}$ is larger than 1 in absolute value, we know the series diverges.

4. Determine whether the series is convergent or divergent.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7n - n^{1/3}}{n^5}$$

let us write this as $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7n}{n^5} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{1/3}}{n^5}$

$$= 7 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{14/3}}$$

As $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{14/3}}$ are convergent p -series, the given series

is convergent.

5. Use the integral test to determine if the following ~~sequence~~^{series} converges or diverges.

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

By the Integral Test, the behavior of $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2-1}$ is the same as $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx$, so we compute this integral.

To find an antiderivative, we ~~do~~ find a partial fraction decomposition.

$$\frac{1}{x^2-1} = \frac{1}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 1 &= A(x-1) + B(x+1) \\ \text{when } x=1 & \quad B = \frac{1}{2} \\ x=-1 & \quad A = -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln|x-1| - \ln|x+1| \right]_2^b \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left| \frac{x-1}{x+1} \right|_2^b = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(\frac{b-1}{b+1} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (-\ln \frac{1}{3}) = \frac{\ln 3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

As this integral converges,
the series converges.

6. Test the series for convergence.

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

We use the Alternating Series Test, as $b_n = \frac{2n}{4n^2 + 1} > 0$ for all

n so the terms of the series truly alternate.

(1) We show the terms are decreasing by showing that the first derivative of the function $f(x) = \frac{2x}{4x^2 + 1}$ is negative

for x big enough.

$$f'(x) = \frac{(4x^2 + 1) \cdot 2 - 2x \cdot 8x}{(4x^2 + 1)^2} \quad \text{by the quotient rule.}$$

This is negative when the numerator is negative, i.e. when

$$8x^2 + 2 - 16x^2 < 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -8x^2 + 2 < 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{4} < x^2$$

So $f(x)$ is decreasing on $(\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$.

Thus the terms are decreasing.

(2) Now we show the terms go to zero:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{4n^2 + 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2}{n}}{4 + \frac{1}{n^2}} = 0.$$

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Thus the given series is convergent by the Alternating Series Test.

7. Test for absolute convergence.

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

We use the ratio test.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(-3)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{(-3)^n}{n!}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{n+1}}{3^n} \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{n+1} = 0.$$

Thus as $0 < 1$, the ratio test says that the series must converge absolutely.

8. Find the radius of convergence and interval of convergence.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n 3^n}$$

Let $a_n = \frac{x^n}{n 3^n}$. Then

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{\frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1) 3^{n+1}}}{\frac{x^n}{n 3^n}} \right| = \left| \frac{x}{3} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} \right| \rightarrow \left| \frac{x}{3} \right| \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus, by the Ratio Test the given series converges if $\left| \frac{x}{3} \right| < 1$ and diverges if $\left| \frac{x}{3} \right| > 1$. Thus it converges if $-3 < x < 3$ and diverges if $x < -3$ or $x > 3$. We now test for convergence at $x = 3$ and $x = -3$.

At $x = 3$, the series is $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n 3^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$, which

we recognize as the divergent harmonic series.

At $x = -3$ the series is $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n}{n 3^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$, which

we recognize as the convergent alternating harmonic series.

Thus the radius of convergence is 3 and the interval of convergence is $[-3, 3)$.

9. Find a power series representation for the function.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+9x^2}$$

If we rewrite $f(x)$ as $\frac{1}{1-(-9x^2)}$, then we recognize

this as the sum of a geometric series with $a=1$ and $r=-9x^2$.

Thus, we must have $|-9x^2| < 1$, that is $9x^2 < 1$, or

$$x^2 < \frac{1}{9} \quad \text{or} \quad |x| < \frac{1}{3}.$$

And the representation is $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-9x^2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n 9^n x^{2n}$

$$= 1 - 9x^2 + 81x^4 - 729x^6 + \dots$$

10. Find the Taylor series for $f(x)$ (assuming that it has one) centered at the value $a = 2$

$$f(x) = \ln(x)$$

We use the method of Taylor.

$f(x)$ and its derivatives

$$f(x) = \ln x$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

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

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

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{-3 \cdot 2}{x^4}$$

$\vdots$

$$f^{(n)}(x) = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)!}{x^n}$$

these evaluated at $a=2$

$$f(2) = \ln 2$$

$$f'(2) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f''(2) = \frac{-1}{4}$$

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

$$f^{(4)}(2) = \frac{-3 \cdot 2}{2^4}$$

$\vdots$

$$f^{(n)}(2) = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)!}{2^n}$$

the coefficients

$$c_0 = \frac{\ln 2}{0!}$$

$$c_1 = \frac{1/2}{1!}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{-1/4}{2!}$$

$$c_3 = \frac{2}{2^3 \cdot 3!}$$

$\vdots$

$\vdots$

$$c_n = \frac{(-1)^{n-1} (n-1)!}{2^n \cdot n!}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{2^n \cdot n}$$

Thus, the Taylor series is $\ln 2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{2^n \cdot n} (x-2)^n$