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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 pts) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2 dx}{1+x^3} =$

(b) (5 pts) $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt[4]{x}} =$

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?)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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.

CONVERGES
ABSOLUTELY

CONVERGES
CONDITIONALLY

DIVERGES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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Summary of Convergence Tests

Series or Test	Conclusions	Comments
Divergence Test For any series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$, evaluate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$.	If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$, the test is inconclusive.	This test cannot prove convergence of a series.
	If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$, the series diverges.	
Geometric Series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1}$	If $ r < 1$, the series converges to $a/(1-r)$.	Any geometric series can be reindexed to be written in the form $a + ar + ar^2 + \dots$, where a is the initial term and r is the ratio.
	If $ r \geq 1$, the series diverges.	
p-Series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$	If $p > 1$, the series converges.	For $p = 1$, we have the harmonic series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n$.
	If $p \leq 1$, the series diverges.	
Comparison Test For $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ with nonnegative terms, compare with a known series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$.	If $a_n \leq b_n$ for all $n \geq N$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges.	Typically used for a series similar to a geometric or p -series. It can sometimes be difficult to find an appropriate series.
	If $a_n \geq b_n$ for all $n \geq N$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.	
Limit Comparison Test For $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ with positive terms, compare with a series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ by evaluating $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n}$.	If L is a real number and $L \neq 0$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ both converge or both diverge.	Typically used for a series similar to a geometric or p -series. Often easier to apply than the comparison test.

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	If $L = 0$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges.	
	If $L = \infty$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.	
Integral Test If there exists a positive, continuous, decreasing function f such that $a_n = f(n)$ for all $n \geq N$, evaluate $\int_N^{\infty} f(x)dx$.	$\int_N^{\infty} f(x)dx$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ both converge or both diverge.	Limited to those series for which the corresponding function f can be easily integrated.
Alternating Series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} b_n$ or $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n$	If $b_{n+1} \leq b_n$ for all $n \geq 1$ and $b_n \rightarrow 0$, then the series converges.	Only applies to alternating series.
Ratio Test For any series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ with nonzero terms, let $\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right $.	If $0 \leq \rho < 1$, the series converges absolutely. If $\rho > 1$ or $\rho = \infty$, the series diverges. If $\rho = 1$, the test is inconclusive.	Often used for series involving factorials or exponentials.
Root Test For any series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$, let $\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{ a_n }$.	If $0 \leq \rho < 1$, the series converges absolutely. If $\rho > 1$ or $\rho = \infty$, the series diverges.	Often used for series where $ a_n = b_n^n$.
	If $\rho = 1$, the test is inconclusive.	