

1. Determine whether the following series converge or diverge. Show all work to justify your answers.

(a) (8 points)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3n^2 - 5}{n^4 - n^2 + 1}$

**Solution:** Using Limit Comparison Test with the convergent  $p$ -series  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^2 - 5}{n^4 - n^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{n^2}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^4 - 5n^2}{n^4 - n^2 + 1} = 3 < \infty$$

Thus by Limit Comparison Test, the given series also converges

(b) (8 points)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt[n]{n}$

**Solution:** This series diverges by divergence test, since

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\frac{1}{n}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln n^{\frac{1}{n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{\ln n}{n}} = \exp\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n}\right) \\ &\stackrel{L'H}{=} \exp\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n}\right) = e^0 = 1 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. Determine whether the following series converge or diverge. Show all work to justify your answers.

(a) (8 points)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln(n)}$

**Solution:** We can use the integral test, since  $\frac{1}{x \ln x}$  is continuous, positive, and decreasing on the interval  $x > 2$ . Using  $u = \ln x$ ,

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \int \frac{1}{u} du = \ln |u| = \ln |\ln x| \Big|_2^{\infty} = \infty$$

Thus by the integral test, the series diverges

(b) (8 points)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{(n+1)^n}$

**Solution:** By the root test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{3}{n+1}\right)^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{n+1} = 0 < 1$$

the series converges

3. (a) (5 points) Show the following series converges

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{3n+5}$$

**Solution:** To use the Alternating Series Test, we check that  $b_n = \frac{1}{3n+5}$  satisfies the conditions:

- Decreasing ( $b_{n+1} < b_n$ ):  $\frac{1}{3(n+1)+5} < \frac{1}{3n+5}$  ✓
- $b_n \rightarrow 0$ :  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3n+5} = 0$  ✓

Thus by the Alternating Series Test, this series converges.

- (b) (6 points) Find the minimum  $M$  that guarantees

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{3n+5} - \sum_{n=1}^M \frac{(-1)^n}{3n+5} \right| < 0.01$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3(M+1)+5} &< \frac{1}{100} \implies 100 < 3(M+1)+5 \\ &\implies \frac{95}{3} < M+1 \\ &\implies M > \frac{92}{3} = 30.\bar{6} \end{aligned}$$

So  $M = 31$  suffices.

4. Determine whether the following series converge conditionally, converge absolutely, or diverge. Justify your answer.

(a) (8 points)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cos(n)}{2^n}$

**Solution:** Since  $\frac{|\cos(n)|}{2^n} < \frac{1}{2^n}$  and  $\sum \frac{1}{2^n}$  converges (geometric series with  $r = \frac{1}{2} < 1$ ),  $\sum \frac{|\cos(n)|}{2^n}$  converges by direct comparison test. Thus the given series converges absolutely

(b) (8 points)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{n+1}$

**Solution:** Note that

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

so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{n+1} \quad \text{DNE}$$

Thus by the divergence test, the series diverges

5. Determine for which values of  $x$  the following power series converge.

(a) (8 points)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5x^2}{(n+5)n!}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{5x^{n+1}}{(n+6)(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{(n+5)n!}{5x^n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| x \frac{n+5}{(n+6)(n+1)} \right| \\ &= |x| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+5}{(n+6)(n+1)} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the power series converges for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

(b) (8 points)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2(x-1)^n}{3^n}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^2(x-1)^{n+1}}{3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{3^n}{n^2(x-1)^n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \cdot \frac{x-1}{3} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{3} |x-1| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} |x-1| < 1 \implies |x-1| < 3 \end{aligned}$$

At  $x = 4$ :  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2$  diverges

At  $x = -2$ :  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n n^2$  diverges

Thus the power series converges for  $x \in (-2, 4)$

6. (a) (8 points) Find the power series for the function  $f(x) = \frac{2}{1+x^3}$ . Determine the interval of convergence of the series.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{1-x} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad (|x| < 1) \\ \frac{2}{1+x^3} &= \frac{2}{1-(-x^3)} = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^3)^n \quad (|-x^3| < 1 \implies |x| < 1) \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{3n} \quad (|x| < 1)\end{aligned}$$

The interval of convergence of this series is  $\boxed{(-1, 1)}$

- (b) (8 points) Consider the power series  $g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n}$ . Find the power series for  $\int \frac{g(x)}{x} dx$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{g(x)}{x} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1}}{n} \\ \int \frac{g(x)}{x} dx &= \boxed{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n^2}}\end{aligned}$$

7. (9 points) Find the degree three Taylor polynomial of

$$f(x) = \ln(1 - x)$$

centered at  $x = 0$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \ln(1 - x) & f(0) &= 0 \\ f'(x) &= -\frac{1}{1 - x} & f'(0) &= -1 \\ f''(x) &= -(1 - x)^{-2} & f''(0) &= -2 \\ f'''(x) &= 2(1 - x)^{-3} & f'''(0) &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$T_3(x) = 0 + (-1)x + \left(\frac{-2}{2!}\right)x^2 + \left(\frac{6}{3!}\right)x^3 = \boxed{-x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + x^3}$$