

**MATH 349**  
**Midterm Handout-Solution**

1. Determine if the indicated sequence is bounded, monotonic, and convergent

a)  $a_n = \frac{\ln(n+3)}{n+3}$                       b)  $b_n = \frac{n^n}{n!}$ .

**For a)**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \text{"}\infty\text{" } L'H.R. = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x+3}}{1} = \text{"}\frac{1}{\infty}\text{"} = 0$$

so the sequence is convergent and thus bounded.

For monotonicity, define  $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{x} \cdot x - \ln x}{x^2} = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2} < 0 \text{ for } \ln x > 1, x > e,$$

thus the sequence is decreasing for  $x = n + 3 \geq 3, n \geq 1$

and an lower bound is 0, an upper bound is  $a_1 = \frac{\ln 4}{4}$ .

**For b)**

$$b_n = \frac{n^n}{n!} = \frac{n \cdot n \cdot \dots \cdot n}{n(n-1)\dots 2 \cdot 1} > n \text{ so } \lim b_n = +\infty$$

it is possible to investigate the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$  by Ratio test

$$0 < \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} = \frac{(n+1)n!}{(n+1)(n+1)^n} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n!} = \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n \rightarrow e^{-1} < 1,$$

so the series is convergent and  $\lim c_n = 0$ .

Since  $b_n = \frac{1}{c_n}$  and  $b_n > 0, \lim b_n = +\infty$ , so the sequence is divergent.

ALSO

from above  $\frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} = \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n > 1$ , so the sequence is increasing,

there is NO upper bound and a lower bound is 0.

2. Determine whether the indicated series is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent or divergent.

**For a)**  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\arctan k}{1+k^2}$

Since  $\frac{\pi}{4} = \arctan 1 \leq \arctan k < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , so  $0 < \frac{\arctan k}{1+k^2} < \frac{\text{const}}{k^2}$ ,

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$  is convergent p-series,  $p = 2 > 1$ ,

so By Comp. Test  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\arctan k}{1+k^2}$  is convergent.

**For b)**

First abs.convergence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \right) = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots =$   
 $= 1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} = 1 - 0 = 1$  (It is a telescoping series.)

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \right)$  is absolutely convergent .

**For c)**  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 e^{-k}$  convergent by Ratio test

$$0 < \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(k+1)^2 e^{-k-1}}{k^2 e^{-k}} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)^2 e^{-1} \rightarrow \frac{1}{e} < 1$$

**For d)**  $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n^2 - 2n)\sqrt{n}}$  is abs.convergent

since  $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n^2 - 2n)\sqrt{n}} \sim \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{5}{2}}}$  which is a p-series where  $p = \frac{5}{2} > 1$

to show the equivalence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n^2 - 2n)\sqrt{n}}}{\frac{1}{n^{\frac{5}{2}}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{\frac{5}{2}}}{n^{\frac{5}{2}} - 2n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \cdot \frac{n^{-\frac{5}{2}}}{n^{-\frac{5}{2}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 - 2n^{-1}} = 1 \neq 0 \text{ (not } \infty)$$

3. Find the interval of convergence if

(a)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{\sqrt{k}} (x-1)^k$       b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n} x^n$  (only abs.convergence)

**For a)**

$$\left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right| = \frac{2^{k+1}}{\sqrt{k+1}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{k}}{2^k} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{k+1}} \cdot 2 \rightarrow 2, R = \frac{1}{2}$$

and the series is abs.convergent on  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right)$

For the ends  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{2}$  we get  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$  or  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$

the second one is divergent since  $p = \frac{1}{2} < 1$ , but the first one is cond.convergent since the sequence  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \searrow 0$

Together the series is convergent on  $\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right)$

**For b)**

we investigate  $\frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} = \frac{(n+1)n!}{(n+1)(n+1)^n} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n!} = \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^n \rightarrow e^{-1}, R = e$

and the series is abs.convergent on  $(-e, e)$ . The ends are difficult, Sterling formula!

4. **For a)**  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln 2)^k}{k!}$  we know that  $e^s = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{s^n}{n!}$  for any  $s$ .

So  $e^s - 1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{s^n}{n!}$  and for  $s = \ln 2$  we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln 2)^k}{k!} = e^{\ln 2} - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1.$$

**For b)**  $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n(n+1)}$  we need to know the sum of  $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{(x)^n}{(n+1)}$  for  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{and } \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(n+1)} = \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)} = \frac{1}{x} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x}{1} \right]$$

and since we know that  $\ln(1-x) = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)}$

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(n+1)} = -\frac{1}{x} \ln(1-x) - \frac{x^2}{3} - \frac{x}{2} - 1 \text{ and finally for } x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n(n+1)} = 2 \ln \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 = 2 \ln \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1-3+12}{12} = 2 \ln \frac{3}{2} - \frac{5}{6}.$$

5. (a) Determine if the indicated sequence is bounded, alternating or convergent

$$a_n = \frac{2 - (-1)^n}{n^2 - 2n} \text{ for } n \geq 3$$

Since

$$0 < \frac{1}{n(n-2)} \leq a_n \leq \frac{3}{n(n-2)} < 1 \text{ positive terms, not alternating, bounded}$$

and convergent to 0 by Squeeze Theorem.

(b) Is the sequence  $c_n = \frac{3^n}{3^n - 2^n}$  convergent or monotonic?

$$c_n = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n} \rightarrow 1 \text{ since } \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \rightarrow 0$$

also the geometric sequence  $\left\{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n\right\}$  is decreasing

so bottom of  $c_n$  is positive and increasing

finally  $c_n$  is positive and decreasing. Since the limit of  $c_n$  is NOT

zero the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$  is divergent.

6. Find the Taylor series for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+3)x}$  around the center  $x_0 = -1$ , particularly the coefficient  $a_6$ .

For what values of  $x$  is the representation valid?

USE Partial fraction first

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{(x+3)x} &= \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{-1}{x+3} + \frac{1}{x} \right] = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{-1}{(x+1)+2} + \frac{1}{(x+1)-1} \right] = \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{-1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1+\frac{x+1}{2}} - \frac{1}{1-(x+1)} \right] = \\
&\text{( using } \frac{1}{1+r} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-r)^n \text{ for } r = \frac{x+1}{2} \text{ and } \frac{1}{1-r} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n \text{ for } r = x+1 \text{ )} \\
&= -\frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \frac{x+1}{2} \right)^n - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x+1)^n = \frac{-1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n+1}} + 1 \right] (x+1)^n \\
&\text{for } -1 < \frac{x+1}{2} < 1 \quad -2 < x+1 < 2 \text{ and } -1 < x+1 < 1, \text{ together} \\
&-2 < x < 0. \text{ And } a_6 = -\frac{1}{3} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{2^7} + 1 \right] = -\frac{1+2^7}{3 \cdot 2^7} = -\frac{129}{384}.
\end{aligned}$$

7. Find Taylor polynomial of degree 3 for  $f(x) = \ln \frac{x-1}{x}$  around the centre  $x_0 = 2$ .

We can find Taylor series first

$$\begin{aligned}
\ln \frac{x-1}{x} &= \ln(x-1) - \ln x = \ln(x-2+1) - \ln(x-2+2) = \\
&= \ln(1+(x-2)) - \ln 2 \left( 1 + \frac{x-2}{2} \right) = \ln(1+(x-2)) - \ln 2 - \ln \left( 1 + \frac{x-2}{2} \right) \\
&\text{(using } \ln(1+s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n s^{n+1}}{(n+1)} \text{ for } -1 < s \leq 1 \text{)} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x-2)^{n+1}}{(n+1)} - \ln 2 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x-2)^{n+1}}{(n+1)2^{n+1}} = \\
&= -\ln 2 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \right] (x-2)^{n+1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{so } T_3(x) &= -\ln 2 + \sum_{n=0}^2 \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \right] (x-2)^{n+1} = \\
&= -\ln 2 + \frac{1}{2} (x-2) - \frac{3}{8} (x-2)^2 + \frac{7}{24} (x-2)^3
\end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned}
a_0 &= f(2) = \ln \frac{1}{2} = -\ln 2 \quad a_1 = f'(2) = \frac{1}{2} \\
\text{since } f'(x) &= [\ln(x-1) - \ln x]' = \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x}, \text{ then } f''(x) = \frac{-1}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{1}{x^2} \\
\text{and } a_2 &= \frac{1}{2} f''(2) = -\frac{3}{8}, \text{ finally } f'''(x) = \frac{2}{(x-1)^3} - \frac{2}{x^3} \\
\text{and } a_3 &= \frac{1}{6} f'''(2) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{1}{8} \right) = \frac{7}{24}.
\end{aligned}$$

8. curve  $c$  given as the intersection of

the cone  $\{z = \sqrt{2x^2 + 2y^2}\}$  and the plane  $\{z + x = 1\}$ .

from the plane  $z = 1 - x$  back to the cone  $(1-x)^2 = 2x^2 + 2y^2$

$$1 = x^2 + 2x + 2y^2 \quad 2 = (x+1)^2 + 2y^2 \quad 1 = \left( \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + y^2$$

and then a parametrization is  $x = -1 + \sqrt{2} \cos t, y = \sin t$  and

$$z = 1 - x = 2 - \sqrt{2} \cos t \quad t \in [0, 2\pi].$$

9. For the curve  $c$  given by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (2t, t^2, \ln t)$ ,  $t > 0$  find

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \left(2, 2t, \frac{1}{t}\right) \text{ and } t = 1 \text{ for } P, t = e \text{ for } R$$

then **for a)**

$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{r}(1) = (2, 2, 1)$  and the tangent line is

$$(x, y, z) = (2, 1, 0) + s(2, 2, 1) \text{ or } x = 2 + 2z \text{ and } y = 1 + 2z$$

**for b)** for arclength we need

$$\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{4 + 4t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{4t^4 + 4t^2 + 1}{t^2}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2t^2 + 1}{t}\right)^2} = \frac{2t^2 + 1}{|t|}$$

$$\text{and } s = \int_1^e \frac{2t^2 + 1}{t} dt = [t^2 + \ln t]_1^e = e^2.$$

10. For the curve  $c$  given by  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t \sin t, t \cos t, 2t)$

(a) find an equation of the tangent line to  $c$  at the origin ;

(b) find the arclength between the origin and the point  $A\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0, \pi\right)$ .

**For a)**

$\mathbf{r}'(t) = (\sin t + t \cos t, \cos t - t \sin t, 2)$  product rule

for the origin  $t = 0$  so  $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{r}'(0) = (0, 1, 2)$

and an equation of the tangent is  $(x, y, z) = t(0, 1, 2)$  or  $x = 0, z = 2y$

**For b)**

for arclength we need  $\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|$

$$\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^2 = (\sin t + t \cos t)^2 + (\cos t - t \sin t)^2 + 4 = \sin^2 t + 2t \sin t \cos t + t^2 \cos^2 t + \cos^2 t - 2t \sin t \cos t + t^2 \sin^2 t + 4 = 5 + t^2$$

now,  $t = 0$  for the origin and  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$  for the point  $A$

$$\text{so arclength } s = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{5 + t^2} dt = (\text{Table}) =$$

$$= \left[ \frac{t}{2} \sqrt{5 + t^2} + \frac{5}{2} \ln \left( t + \sqrt{5 + t^2} \right) \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \sqrt{5 + \frac{\pi^2}{4}} + \frac{5}{2} \ln \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \sqrt{5 + \frac{\pi^2}{4}} \right) - \frac{5}{2} \ln \sqrt{5}.$$

11. Find a parametrization of the curve  $c$  given as the intersection of two surfaces

$$c = \{x^2 + y^2 = 2z\} \cap \{3x - 4y - z = 0\}.$$

from the plane  $z = 3x - 4y$  into the paraboloid  $x^2 + y^2 = 6x - 8y$

$$x^2 - 6x + y^2 + 8y = (x - 3)^2 + (y + 4)^2 - 25 = 0$$

so  $\left(\frac{x-3}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y+4}{5}\right)^2 = 1$  thus a parametrization

$$x = 3 + 5 \cos t \quad y = -4 + 5 \sin t \quad z = 25 + 15 \cos t - 20 \sin t, t \in [0, 2\pi].$$