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Quiz # 3R

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**Note:** Use of scientific, non-programmable calculators is allowed ;

the use of one page of notes is allowed. The quiz is 45 minutes

1. Is the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{n^2 + 1}$  absolutely or conditionally convergent or divergent?  
Explain. [5]
  
2. Find the centre, radius and interval of convergence of power series  
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(3x - 2)^n}{\sqrt{n} 3^n}.$$
 [5]
  
3. Express  $f(x) = \ln x$  in powers of  $x - 2$  and  
find the interval where the representation is valid. [5]

**Solution**

**For 1)**

first abs. convergence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n n}{n^2 + 1} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2 + 1}$

the sequence  $a_n = \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} \sim b_n = \frac{1}{n}$  since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} \cdot n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n^2}} = 1 \neq 0$$

and the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty$  (harmonic series), therefore  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} = \infty$  by Limit Comp. Test

but the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{n^2 + 1}$  is **cond. convergent** by Alt. Test

since  $a_n > 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} = 0$  (L'H.R.)

we have to show that  $\{a_n\}$  is decreasing :

$$f'(x) = \left( \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} \right)' = \frac{x^2 + 1 - 2x^2}{(x^2 + 1)^2} = \frac{1 - x^2}{(x^2 + 1)^2} < 0 \text{ for } x > 1$$

**For 2)**

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

The centre is  $c = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ . Since  $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}} \rightarrow 1$

$R = 1$  and the series is abs.convergent on the interval is  $(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3})$

Also by Root Test  $(|a_n|)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} \rightarrow 1$

now ,the ends at  $x = \frac{5}{3}$   $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x-\frac{2}{3})^n}{\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \infty, p = \frac{1}{2} < 1$

and at  $x = -\frac{1}{3}$   $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x-\frac{2}{3})^n}{\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}}$  **cond.convergent**, since  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \searrow 0$

together the interval of convergence is  $[-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3})$ .

**For 3)**

The answer must be in the form  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x-2)^n$ . Rewrite  $\ln(x) = \ln(2 + (x-2)) =$

or  $x-2 = t$   $x = t+2 = 2(1 + \frac{t}{2})$

$= \ln 2(1 + \frac{x-2}{2}) = \ln 2 + \ln(1 + \frac{x-2}{2}) = \ln 2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n2^n} (x-2)^n$

check  $a_0 = f(2) = \ln 2$

for  $-1 < \frac{x-2}{2} \leq 1$  so  $-2 < x-2 \leq 2$   $0 < x \leq 4$

using  $\ln(1+s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{s^n}{n}$  for  $-1 < s \leq 1$ .

also the function is defined only for  $x > 0$  so the radius  $R = 2$  distance between the centre 2 and 0.