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SSH 1033 MATHEMATICAL METHODS II

TUTORIAL 3

1. Use the ratio test to determine whether the series converges, diverges or inconclusive.

(a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^k}{k!}$

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^k}{k^2}$

(c) $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5k}$

(d) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$

(e) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{k^3}$

(f) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^2 + 1}$

2. Use the root test to determine whether the series converges, diverges or inconclusive.

(a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3k+2}{2k-1}\right)^k$

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{k}{100}\right)^k$

(c) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{5^k}$

(d) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 + e^{-k})^k$

3. Use any appropriate test to determine whether the series converges.

(a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{k^3}$

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$

(c) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{7^k}{k!}$

(d) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k+1}$

(e) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2}{5^k}$

(f) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k! 10^k}{3^k}$

(g) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{50}}{e^{-k}}$

(h) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2}{k^2 + 1}$

(i) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k$

(j) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^k$

(k) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k \ln k}$

(l) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{k^3 + 1}$

(m) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{7k-1}\right)^k$

(n) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k!)^2 2^k}{(2k+2)!}$

(o) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{k}}$

(p) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{k^k}$

4. Show that the following series converges.

(a) $1 + \frac{1 \cdot 2}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5} + \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7} + \dots$

(b) $1 + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{3!} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{5!} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{7!} + \dots$

(c) $\frac{2!}{1} + \frac{3!}{1 \cdot 4} + \frac{4!}{1 \cdot 4 \cdot 7} + \frac{5!}{1 \cdot 4 \cdot 7 \cdot 10} + \dots$

5. (a) Show: $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} (\ln k)^{1/k} = 1$.

[Hint: Let $y = (\ln x)^{1/x}$ and find $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} (\ln k)^{1/k}$].

(b) Use the result in part (a) and the root test to show that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln k}{3^k}$ converges.

(c) Show that the series converges using the ratio test.

6. Prove that the following series converges by the comparison test.

(a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^k + 5}$

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{k^4 + k}$

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

(d) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{8k^3 + 2k^2 - 1}$

(e) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k - 1}{3^k + 2k}$

(f) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{5 \sin^2 k}{k!}$

7. Prove that the following series diverges by the comparison test.

(a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{k - \frac{1}{4}}$

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+8}}$

(c) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{9}{\sqrt{k+1}}$

(d) $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k+1}{k^2 - k}$

(e) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{4/3}}{8k^2 + 5k + 1}$

(f) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{-1/2}}{2 + \sin^2 k}$

8. Use the limit comparison test to determine the series converges and diverges.

(a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4k^2 - 2k + 6}{8k^7 + k - 8}$

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{9k + 6}$

(c) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{3^k + 1}$

(d) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k(k+3)}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+5)}$

(e) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(8k^2 - 3k)^{1/3}}$

(f) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+3)^{17}}$

9. Use any appropriate test to determine whether the series converges or diverges.

(a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3 + 2k + 1}$.

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+3)^{2/5}}$.

(c) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{9k-2}$.

(d) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln k}{k}$.

(e) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{k}}{k^3 + 1}$.

(f) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{2 + 3^k k}$.

(g) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k(k+1)}}$.

(h) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 + (-1)^k}{5^k}$.

(i) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 + \sqrt{k}}{(k+1)^3 - 1}$.

(j) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4 + |\cos k|}{k^3}$.

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

(l) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{k} \ln k}{k^3 + 1}$.

10. Use the limit comparison test to investigate convergence of $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k+1)^2}{(k+2)!}$.

11. Use the limit comparison test to investigate convergence of the series $1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \dots$.

12. Prove that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!}$ converges by comparison with a suitable geometric series.

13. Use the alternating series test to determine whether the series converges or diverges.

(a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{2k+1}$.

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{k}{3^k}$.

(c) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{k+1}{3k+1}$.

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

(e) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} e^{-k}$.

(f) $\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{\ln k}{k}$.

14. Use the ratio test for absolute convergence to determine whether the series converges absolutely or diverges.

(a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)^k$.

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

(c) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{3^k}{k^2}$.

(d) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{k}{5^k}$.

(e) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{k^3}{e^k}$.

(f) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{k^k}{k!}$.

15. Classify the series as absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent.

$$(a) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{3k}$$

$$(c) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-4)^k}{k^2}$$

$$(e) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos k\pi}{k}$$

$$(g) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \left(\frac{k+2}{3k-1} \right)^k$$

$$(i) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{k+2}{k(k+3)}$$

$$(k) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{k\pi}{2}$$

$$(m) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k \ln k}$$

$$(o) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{\ln k} \right)^k$$

$$(b) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k^{4/3}}$$

$$(d) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k!}$$

$$(f) \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{\ln k}{k}$$

$$(h) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k^2 + 1}$$

$$(j) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{k^2}{k^3 + 1}$$

$$(l) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin k}{k^3}$$

$$(n) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\sqrt{k(k+1)}}$$

$$(p) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k \cos k\pi}{k^2 + 1}$$

