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SSCM1033 Mathematical Method II

Test 1(15%)

Time: 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hr

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. Determine whether the sequence converges or diverges. If it is converges, find the limit.

(a) $\left\{ \frac{n+1}{2n^2} \right\}$

(b) $\left\{ \frac{e^{2n}}{n} \right\}$

(c) $\left\{ \sqrt[n]{2^{1+3n}} \right\}$

[7 marks]

2. Express the sequence $1, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{25}, \dots$ in the notation of $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{+\infty}$. Hence, show its limit converges.

[2 marks]

3. Show that the following series is a telescoping series. Hence, find its sum.

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

[6 marks]

4. Determine whether the series converges or diverges by using any appropriate test:

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

[5 marks]

5. Show that the given alternating series is converges:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{7}{n^3 + 1}$$

[4 marks]

6. Find the first 3 terms of the Taylor series for the following function:

$$f(x) = \sin(\pi x)$$

centred at $a = 0.5$.

[6 marks]

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1. a) $\left\{ \frac{n+1}{2n^2} \right\} \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{2n^2} \stackrel{\text{L'Hopital}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4n} = 0$ converges [2]

b) $\left\{ \frac{e^{2n}}{n} \right\} \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{2n}}{n} \stackrel{\text{L'Hopital}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2e^{2n} = \infty$ diverges [2]

c) $\left\{ \sqrt[n]{2^{1+3n}} \right\} \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{\frac{1+3n}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^3 \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{n}}$
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 8 \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{n}} = 8$ [3] (converges)

2. $1, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{25}, \dots = \left\{ \frac{1}{n^2} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty} = \{a_n\}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 0$ (converges)

3. $\sum \frac{1}{n^2+n}$

$a_n = \frac{1}{n^2+n} = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{A}{n} + \frac{B}{n+1}$ ← partial fraction

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 = A(n+1) + Bn \\ = An + A + Bn \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} A=1, & A+B=0 \\ & A=-B \\ \Rightarrow B=-1 \end{cases}$

$\therefore a_n = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} = b_n - b_{n+1}$

$b_n = \frac{1}{n}$ \therefore the series is telescoping series

Thus, $\sum a_n = b_1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$

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

$= 1$ ✖

[6]

t) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{2^n}$, $a_n = \frac{n^n}{2^n}$

Using Ratio Test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{(n+1)}}{2^{(n+1)}} \cdot \frac{2^n}{n^n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{(n+1)^n (n+1)}{n^n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n (n+1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n}_A \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n+1$$

Root Test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^n}{2^n}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2} = \infty \quad (\text{divergence})$$

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$= e^1 \quad (\text{using e limit})$$

OR

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$y = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$\ln y = n \left[\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{0}{0}$$

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

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y = e^1 \quad *$$

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$$5) \sum (-1)^{n-1} \frac{7}{n^2+1}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{7}{x^2+1} = 7(x^2+1)^{-1}$$

$$f'(x) = -7(x^2+1)^{-2} \cdot 2x$$

$$= -\frac{21x^2}{(x^2+1)^2} < 0 \text{ (decreasing)}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7}{n^2+1} = 0$$

∴ the series is converges *

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$$6) f(x) = \sin(\pi x), \quad a = 0.5 \Rightarrow f(1/2) = 1$$

$$f'(x) = \pi \cos(\pi x), \quad f'(1/2) = 0$$

$$f''(x) = -\pi^2 \sin(\pi x), \quad f''(1/2) = -\pi^2$$

$$f'''(x) = -\pi^3 \cos(\pi x), \quad f'''(1/2) = 0$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \pi^4 \sin(\pi x), \quad f^{(4)}(1/2) = \pi^4$$

Taylor series at $x = 1/2$:

$$f(x) = f(1/2) + (x-1/2) f'(1/2) + \frac{(x-1/2)^2}{2!} f''(1/2) + \frac{(x-1/2)^3}{3!} f'''(1/2) + \frac{(x-1/2)^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(1/2) + \dots$$

$$f(x) = 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{2!} (x-1/2)^2 + \frac{\pi^4}{4!} (x-1/2)^4 + \dots *$$

or

$$f(x-1/2) = f(1/2) + x f'(1/2) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(1/2) + \frac{x^3}{3!} f'''(1/2) + \frac{x^4}{4!} f^{(4)}(1/2) + \dots$$

$$= 1 + 0 - \frac{\pi^2}{2!} x^2 + 0 + \frac{\pi^4}{4!} x^4 + \dots *$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{2} x^2 + \frac{\pi^4}{4!} x^4 + \dots *$$

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