

Ma 116

Quiz 1

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1. [20 pts] Does the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} 2^n \ln n}{n^3}$ converge? Does the series converge absolutely?

Solution 1. Using the divergence test, we see $\frac{(-1)^{n-1} 2^n \ln n}{n^3} \not\rightarrow 0$. Then the series is divergent.

Solution 2. Using ratio test, we obtain

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{2^{n+1} \ln(n+1) n^3}{2^n \ln n \cdot (n+1)^3} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 2 \cdot \frac{\ln(n+1)}{n} \cdot \frac{n^3}{(n+1)^3} \rightarrow 2 > 1.$$

Since the limit is greater than 1, then the series is divergent. From the usual divergence we instantly obtain the absence of absolute convergence.

Answer: divergent, not absolutely convergent.

2. [20 pts] Prove that if the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.

Solution. Let s_n be partial sum $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ and let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = S$. Since $a_n = s_n - s_{n-1}$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (s_n - s_{n-1}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{n-1} = S - S = 0.$$

3. [20 pts] Does the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n(1 + (\ln n)^2)}$ converge? Does the series converge absolutely?

Solution. First, we check absolute convergence. Since $a_n = \frac{1}{n(1 + (\ln n)^2)} \rightarrow 0$ monotonically, then we may use the integral test:

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x(1 + (\ln x)^2)} = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{d(\ln x)}{1 + (\ln x)^2} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dy}{1 + y^2} = \arctan y \Big|_{y=0}^{\infty} = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Consequently, the series is absolutely convergent. Then it is convergent in the usual sense, too.

4. [20 pts] Let $f(x) = \cosh(3x^2)$.

Find the Maclaurin series (i.e., the Taylor series about $x = 0$) for $f(x)$. Find its convergence interval.

Here, by the definition of hyperbolic cosine, $\cosh(z) = \frac{1}{2}(e^z + e^{-z})$.

Solution. Since $e^z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}$, $z \in (-\infty, +\infty)$, then

$$\cosh z = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n z^n}{n!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2k}}{(2k)!}, \quad z \in (-\infty, +\infty).$$

Since the odd terms disappear, we could substitute $n = 2k$ above. We place $3x^2$ for z and obtain the answer:

$$\cosh(3x^2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(3x^2)^{2k}}{(2k)!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^{2k} x^{4k}}{(2k)!}, \quad x \in (-\infty, +\infty).$$

5. [20 pts] Find the power series centered at $x_0 = 0$ for function $f(x) = \frac{3x}{1-x^2}$. Find its convergence interval.

Solution.

$$f(x) = 3x \frac{1}{1-x^2} = 3x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{2n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3x^{2n+1}.$$

The above expression for geometric series works if $x^2 < 1$. Then the convergence interval is $x \in (-1, 1)$.