

MATH 162

PRACTICE QUIZ V

1. For each improper integral (of the second kind) below, determine convergence or divergence. For those that converge, compute its value.

$$(a) \int_{0^+}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$$

$$(b) \int_0^{1^-} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$$

$$(c) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}^-} \sec x dx$$

$$(d) \int_{0^+}^e \ln t dt$$

2. For which value(s) of the constant C will the following improper integral converge?

$$\int_4^{\infty} \left(\frac{2x}{x^2+1} - \frac{C}{2x+1} \right) dx$$

3. Find the *volume* of the solid of revolution obtained by rotating the curve $y = 1/x^2$ from $x = 1$ to $x = \infty$ about the x -axis or explain why no such number exists.

4. For each of the following improper integrals, determine convergence or divergence. Use an appropriate version of the Comparison Test.

$$(a) \int_{0^+}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{\frac{2}{3}} + x^{\frac{4}{3}}} dx$$

$$(b) \int_{0^+}^{\infty} \frac{1+x}{x^3 + \sqrt{x}} dx$$

$$(c) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}-} \tan x dx$$

$$(d) \int_{0^+}^1 \frac{1-\ln x}{x^4} dx$$

$$(e) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}-} \tan x dx$$

$$(f) \int_0^{2-} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx$$

$$(g) \int_{0^+}^1 \frac{1-\ln x}{x^4} dx$$

5. For each of the following sequences, determine *convergence* or *divergence*. In the case of convergence, find the *limit* of the sequence. *Briefly explain your reasoning!*

$$(a) c_n = \sqrt{1 - \frac{3}{n}}$$

$$(b) d_n = \frac{\cos^4(n^3 + n^2 + 5)}{n^2 + 23}$$

$$(c) \quad e_n = 1 + \arctan n$$

$$(d) \quad u_n = \frac{e^n}{n^5}$$

$$(e) \quad z_n = \frac{(n^5 + 1)^3 (1 - 4n)^2}{(n + 9)^{17}}$$

6. Consider the following *recursively defined* sequence:

$$a_1 = 4$$

$$a_2 = 2$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1}a_{n-2} - a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} + 1 \quad \text{for } n \geq 3.$$

Find the numerical values of a_3 , a_4 , a_5 and a_6 . (Show your work.)

7. To which of the following series does the “*nth term test for divergence*” apply?

Explain!

$$(a) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n+5}$$

$$(b) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$(c) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

$$(d) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$$

$$(e) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \arctan(n)$$

$$(f) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{1/n}$$

8. For $n \geq 1$, let

$$a_n = \int_0^1 (x^2 + 2)^n dx.$$

Determine convergence or divergence of the sequence $\{a_n\}$. (*Hint: Do not try to evaluate the integral! Calculator solutions are not accepted.*)

Hint: Is the sequence monotone?

9. Let $a_n = 1/1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + 1/4 + \dots + 1/n$ for $n \geq 1$ (integers only)

Demonstrate that the sequence $\{a_n\}$ diverges.

10. Assuming that the limit exists, find it.

$$a_1 = 1 + \sqrt{2}, a_2 = 1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{2}}, a_3 = 1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{2}}}}, \dots$$

11. By computing the first few terms, guess what the limit of the following recursively defined sequence.

$$a_1 = 1, a_n = \frac{1}{2} \left(a_{n-1} + \frac{5}{a_{n-1}} \right) \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

There is more danger of numerical sequences continued indefinitely than of trees growing up to heaven. Each will some time reach its greatest height.

- [Friedrich Ludwig Gottlob Frege, Grundgesetz der Arithmetik \(1893\)](#)