

**Instructions:** Answer any 11 of the 13. You may answer more than 11 to earn extra credit.

1. Determine the value of the following two infinite series:

(a)  $\pi - \frac{\pi^3}{3!} + \frac{\pi^5}{5!} - \frac{\pi^7}{7!} + \dots$

(Hint: Use a well-known Maclaurin series.)

**Solution:**

Since  $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots$ , replacing  $x$  by  $\pi$  yields:

$$\pi - \frac{\pi^3}{3!} + \frac{\pi^5}{5!} - \dots = \sin \pi = 0$$

(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{13^n}{5^{2n+1}}$

**Solution:**

Note that this series is geometric with 1<sup>st</sup> term =  $\frac{13}{5^3}$  and common ratio of  $\frac{13}{25}$ .

Hence

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{13^n}{5^{2n+1}} = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{13}{5^3}}{1-\frac{13}{25}} = \frac{13}{125-65} = \frac{13}{60}$$

2. Without using l'Hôpital's rule, find the following limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\arctan x - x}{\sin x - x}$$

**Solution:**

$$\frac{\arctan x - x}{\sin x - x} = \frac{\left(x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots\right) - x}{\left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots\right) - x} = \frac{-\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots}{-\frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} - \frac{x^2}{5} + \dots}{\frac{1}{3!} - \frac{x^2}{5!} + \dots} \rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{3!}} = 2 \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0.$$

3. The *Bessel function* of order one is defined by its Maclaurin series, viz:

$$J_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!(n+1)! 2^{2n+1}} x^{2n+1}$$

(a) Compute  $J_1^{(2019)}(0)$ . Do not simplify.

**Solution:**

The 2019<sup>th</sup> derivative of  $J_1$  at  $x = 0$  corresponds to 2019! times the 1009<sup>th</sup> coefficient in the Maclaurin series given above. (This is true since  $2n+1=2019$  implies that  $n = 1009$ .)

$$\text{Thus } J_1^{(2019)}(0) = \frac{-(2019)!}{(1009)! (1010)! 2^{2019}}$$

(b) Find  $P_5(x)$ , the *Maclaurin polynomial of order 5* that approximates  $J_1(x)$  near 0.

**Solution:**

Computing  $\sum_{n=0}^2 \frac{(-1)^n}{n!(n+1)! 2^{2n+1}} x^{2n+1}$  we find:

$$P_5(x) = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^3}{16} + \frac{x^5}{384}$$

(c) Use the Maclaurin polynomial from part (b) to compute:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{J_1(x) - \frac{1}{2}x}{x^3}$$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{J_1(x) - \frac{1}{2}x}{x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{x^3}{16} + \frac{x^5}{384}}{x^3} = -\frac{1}{16}$$

3. Using the formula for the geometric series, find the Maclaurin series expansion of

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^3}. \text{ Hint: Differentiate basic geometric series.}$$

What is the coefficient of  $x^n$  in this expansion?

**Solution:**

Begin with the geometric series:

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n + \dots \text{ valid for } |x| < 1.$$

Differentiate each side to obtain:

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots + nx^{n-1} + \dots$$

Differentiate once again to obtain:

$$\frac{2}{(1-x)^3} = 2 + 3 \cdot 2x + 4 \cdot 3x^2 + 5 \cdot 4x^3 + \dots + n(n-1)x^{n-2} + \dots$$

Adjusting for the  $x^n$  term:

$$\frac{2}{(1-x)^3} = 2 + 3 \cdot 2x + 4 \cdot 3x^2 + 5 \cdot 4x^3 + \dots + (n+2)(n+1)x^n + \dots$$

Finally:

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^3} = \frac{1}{2} (2 + 3 \cdot 2x + 4 \cdot 3x^2 + 5 \cdot 4x^3 + \dots + (n+2)(n+1)x^n + \dots)$$

Thus the coefficient of  $x^n$  is  $\frac{(n+2)(n+1)}{2}$ .

5. Given  $y = G(x)$  below, calculate the value of  $G^{(1313)}(0)$ . (Express your answer in factorial form.)

$$G(x) = x^3 \sinh(x^2)$$

**Solution:**

Beginning with the Maclaurin series for  $\sinh t$  and then replacing  $t$  by  $x^2$ :

$$\sinh t = \frac{t}{1!} + \frac{t^3}{3!} + \frac{t^5}{5!} + \dots + \frac{t^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

$$\sinh(x^2) = \frac{x^2}{1!} + \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^{10}}{5!} + \dots + \frac{x^{4n+2}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

Now, multiplying by  $x^3$  yields:

$$G(x) = x^3 \sinh(x^2) = \frac{x^5}{1!} + \frac{x^9}{3!} + \frac{x^{13}}{5!} + \dots + \frac{x^{4n+5}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

Now, the general Maclaurin series of  $G(x)$  is:

$$G(x) = G(0) + \frac{G'(0)}{1!}x + \dots + \frac{G^{(k)}(0)}{k!}x^k + \dots$$

Thus the coefficient of  $x^{1313}$  is  $G^{(1313)}(0) / 1313!$

Now the coefficient of  $x^{1313}$  in the series for  $x^3 \sinh(x^2)$  occurs when  $4n + 5 = 1313$ , that is, when  $n = 327$  (and so  $2n + 1 = 655$ ). Thus this coefficient is:  $1 / 655!$

Equating  $G^{(1313)}(0) / 1313!$  with  $1 / 655!$ , we find that:

$$G^{(1313)}(0) = 1313! / 655!$$

6. For each series below, determine *absolute convergence*, *conditional convergence* or *divergence*. Justify each answer.

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

**Solution:** Let  $a_n = (-1)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-n^2}$

Then applying the  $n^{\text{th}}$  root test:

$$|a_n|^{1/n} = \left( \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-n^2} \right)^{1/n} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-n} = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{e} < 1$$

Thus the series converges absolutely.

$$(b) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k k \sin(1/k)$$

*Solution:* This series diverges by the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test:  $k \sin \frac{1}{k} \rightarrow 1$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

7. For each of the two power series below, determine the radius of convergence. Do **not** investigate the behavior of each power series at the endpoints.

$$(a) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{13}}{13^n} (x - 13)^n$$

*Solution:*

*Using the ratio test:*

$$\left| \frac{\frac{(n+1)^{13}}{13^{n+1}} (x-13)^{n+1}}{\frac{n^{13}}{13^n} (x-13)^n} \right| = \frac{1}{13} \frac{(n+1)^{13}}{n^{13}} |x-13| =$$

$$\frac{1}{13} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{13} |x-13| \rightarrow \frac{1}{13} |x-13|$$

*Thus the series converges absolutely for  $|x - 13| < 13$ .*

*The radius of convergence is 13.*

$$(b) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{1+n^{13}}{3+n^{14}}} (x-13)^n$$

*Solution:* Using the ratio test:

$$\left| \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1+(n+1)}{3+(n+1)^{14}} (x-13)^{n+1}}}{\sqrt{\frac{1+n^{13}}{3+n^{14}} (x-13)^n}} \right| = \sqrt{\frac{n+2}{1+n^3}} \sqrt{\frac{3+n^{14}}{3+(n+1)^{13}}} |x-13| \rightarrow |x-13|$$

*Radius of convergence = 1*

8. For the power series below, determine the interval of convergence. Investigate end-point behavior.

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

*Solution: Using the ratio test:*

$$\left| \frac{\frac{(\ln(n+1))}{(n+1)^2} (x-3)^{n+1}}{\frac{\ln n}{n^2} (x-3)^n} \right| \rightarrow |x-3|$$

*Radius of convergence = 1*

*When  $x=4$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^2} (x-3)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^2}$  Which converges absolutely*

*by the comparison and p-tests (since  $\ln n < \sqrt{n}$  for large  $n$ ).*

*When  $x=2$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^2} (-1)^n$  which converges absolutely from the previous analysis.*

(b)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{3n}}{1+e^{4n}} x^n$$

*Solution: radius of convergence = e*

*Using the ratio test:*

$$\left| \frac{\frac{e^{3(n+1)}}{1 + e^{4(n+1)}} x^{n+1}}{\frac{e^{3n}}{1 + e^{4n}} x^n} \right| = \frac{e^{3(n+1)}}{e^{3n}} \frac{1 + e^{4n}}{1 + e^{4(n+1)}} |x| =$$

$$e^3 \frac{1 + e^{-4n}}{e^{-4n} + e^4} |x| = \frac{1}{e} |x|$$

Hence the radius of convergence is  $e$ .

When  $x = e$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{13}}{13^n} (x - 13)^n$

9. Find the radius of convergence of convergence:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2} (x - 4)^n$$

**Solution:**

Invoking the  $n^{\text{th}}$  root test:

$$\left| \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2} (x - 4)^n \right|^{1/n} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n |x - 4| \rightarrow e |x - 4|$$

Thus, the series converges absolutely for  $e |x - 4| < 1$ . So the interval of convergence is  $(4 - 1/e, 4 + 1/e)$  and the radius of convergence is  $1/e$ .

10. For each improper integral below, determine convergence or divergence. **Justify each answer!**

$$(A) \int_1^{\infty} \frac{2015 + \ln x}{x^3} dx$$

**Solution:**

Since  $\ln x < x$  for  $x > 1$ ,

$$0 < \frac{2015 + x}{x^3} = \frac{2016}{x^2}$$

Now using the Comparison Test, and the  $p$ -test for  $p = 2$ , we see that our improper integral converges.

$$(B) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1 + x^2 e^{\pi x} + (\ln x)^{2015\pi}}{\pi + e^{4x}} dx$$

**Solution:**

Observe that

$$0 < \frac{1 + x^2 e^{\pi x} + (\ln x)^{2015\pi}}{\pi + e^{4x}} < \frac{e^{\pi x} + x^2 e^{\pi x} + e^{\pi x}}{e^{4x}} =$$

$$\frac{1 + x^2 + 1}{e^{(4-\pi)x}} < \frac{3x^2}{e^{(4-\pi)x}} < \frac{3e^{\frac{(4-\pi)}{2}x}}{e^{(4-\pi)x}} = 3 \frac{1}{e^{\frac{(4-\pi)}{2}x}} < 3 \frac{1}{e^{\frac{(1/2)}{2}x}} = 3 \frac{1}{e^{x/4}}$$

Thus, invoking the Comparison Test, our original integral converges.

11. Find the radius of convergence of each of the following power series:

$$(a) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(1)(3)(5)(7)\dots(2n-1)} x^{3n}$$

**Solution:**

Using the ratio test:

$$\frac{\frac{(n+1)!}{(1)(3)(5)(7)\dots(2n-1)(2n+1)} |x|^{3n+3}}{\frac{n!}{(1)(3)(5)(7)\dots(2n-1)} |x|^{3n}} = (n+1) \frac{1}{2n+1} |x|^3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} |x|^3$$

Now, the series converges absolutely when  $1/2 |x|^3 < 1$ .



Thus the interval of convergence of our series is  $(-\sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[3]{2})$  and the radius of convergence is  $\sqrt[3]{2}$ .

$$(b) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7^n \sqrt{n^2 + 4}}{(n^{4/3} + 1789)^3} (x - 15)^n$$

**Solution:**

Applying the ratio test,

$$\frac{7^{n+1} \sqrt{(n+1)^2 + 4}}{((n+1)^{4/3} + 1789)^3} |x - 15|^{n+1} \frac{7^n \sqrt{n^2 + 4}}{(n^{4/3} + 1789)^3} |x - 15|^n = 7 \left( \frac{(n^{4/3} + 1789)^3}{((n+1)^{4/3} + 1789)^3} \right) |x - 15|$$

$$= 7 \left( \frac{n^{4/3} + 1789}{(n+1)^{4/3} + 1789} \right)^3 |x - 15| \rightarrow 7 |x - 15|$$

$$\frac{7^{n+1} (\sqrt{(n+1)^2 + 4})}{\left( (n+1)^{\frac{4}{3}} + 1789 \right)^3} \frac{7^n (\sqrt{n^2 + 4})}{\left( n^{\frac{4}{3}} + 1789 \right)^3} |x - 15| \rightarrow 7 |x - 15|$$

Thus the interval of convergence of our series is  $\left(15 - \frac{1}{7}, 15 + \frac{1}{7}\right)$  and the radius of convergence is  $\frac{1}{7}$ .

12. Without using l'Hôpital's rule, find:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{3x^2} - 1 - 3x^2 - \frac{9}{2}x^4 - \frac{9}{2}x^6}{\cos(x^4) - 1}$$

**Solution:**

Since

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + O(x^5)$$

it follows that:

$$e^{3x^2} = 1 + \frac{3x^2}{1!} + \frac{(3x^2)^2}{2!} + \frac{(3x^2)^3}{3!} + \frac{(3x^2)^4}{4!} + O(x^{10}) =$$

$$1 + 3x^2 + \frac{9x^4}{2} + \frac{27x^6}{6} + \frac{81x^8}{24} + O(x^{10}) =$$

$$1 + 3x^2 + \frac{9x^4}{2} + \frac{9x^6}{2} + \frac{27x^8}{8} + O(x^{10})$$

Since

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + O(x^6)$$

it follows that:

$$\cos(x^4) = 1 - \frac{x^8}{2!} + O(x^{16})$$

Hence:

$$\frac{e^{3x^2} - 1 - 3x^2 - \frac{9}{2}x^4 - \frac{9}{2}x^6}{\cos(x^4) - 1} =$$

$$\frac{1 + 3x^2 + \frac{9x^4}{2} + \frac{9x^6}{2} + \frac{27x^8}{8} + O(x^{10}) - 1 - 3x^2 - \frac{9}{2}x^4 - \frac{9}{2}x^6}{1 - \frac{x^8}{2!} + O(x^{16}) - 1} =$$

$$\frac{\frac{27x^8}{8} + O(x^{10})}{-\frac{x^8}{2!} + O(x^{16})} \rightarrow \frac{\frac{27}{8}}{-\frac{1}{2!}} = -\frac{27}{4}$$

13. Let  $f(x) = 2e^{\frac{x}{2}}$ .

(a) Find  $P_2(x)$ , the Taylor polynomial for  $f(x)$  of degree 2 centered at  $x = 1$ .

*Solution:*

$$f(1) = 2\sqrt{e}; \quad f'(1) = \sqrt{e}; \quad f''(1) = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{e}$$

$$\text{So } P_2(x) = 2\sqrt{e} + \sqrt{e}(x - 1) + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{e}(x - 1)^2$$

(b) Graph the functions  $f(x)$  and  $P_2(x)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 2$  on the same set of axes. Label each function clearly.

(c) Use the polynomial  $P_2(x)$  that you wrote in part (a) to estimate  $f(0.1)$  and  $f(1.1)$ .

## TAYLOR SERIES

The Taylor series of  $f(x)$  centered at  $x = c$  is  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!} (x - c)^n$ .

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots \quad \text{for } |x| < 1$$

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} x^{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120} - \dots \quad \text{for all } x$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} x^{2n} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \dots \quad \text{for all } x$$

$$\tan x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2n}(-4)^n(1-4^n)}{(2n)!} x^{2n-1} = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} + \dots \quad \text{for } |x| < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\sec x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n E_{2n}}{(2n)!} x^{2n} = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{5x^4}{24} + \dots \quad \text{for } |x| < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\arcsin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{4^n (n!)^2 (2n+1)} x^{2n+1} = x + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{3x^5}{40} + \dots \quad \text{for } |x| \leq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \arccos x &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin x \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{4^n (n!)^2 (2n+1)} x^{2n+1} = \frac{\pi}{2} - x - \frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{3x^5}{40} + \dots \quad \text{for } |x| \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\arctan x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1} x^{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots \quad \text{for } |x| \leq 1, x \neq \pm i$$

$$(x+1)^{-n} = 1 - nx + \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)x^2 - \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(n+2)x^3 + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(1+x) &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{(n-1)} \frac{x^n}{n} \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^n}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sinh x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots \quad \text{for all } x$$

$$\cosh x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \quad \text{for all } x$$

$$\tanh x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2n} 4^n (4^n - 1)}{(2n)!} x^{2n-1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} - \frac{17x^7}{315} + \dots \quad \text{for } |x| < \frac{\pi}{2}$$