

Home Assignment #1 (II-Sem. 1440/1441)

Solution

Max. Marks: 25

Q#1) Determine whether the sequence $\left\{ \frac{(n+1)!}{n! - (n+1)!} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges or diverges and, if it converges, find the limit. [Marks: 5]

Soln. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{n! - (n+1)!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{n!}{(n+1)!} - 1}$ (3)

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

Q#2) Find the sum of the following series: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n+1}{(n^2+n)^2}$ [Marks: 5]

Soln. $\frac{2n+1}{(n^2+n)^2} = \frac{2n+1}{n^2(n+1)^2} = \frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}$ (2)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a_1 &= 1 - \frac{1}{2^2} \\ a_2 &= \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{3^2} \\ &\vdots \\ a_n &= \frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow S_n = 1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 1$$
 (2) (1)

Q#3) Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$ is absolutely convergent or conditionally convergent or divergent. [Marks: 5]

Soln. Take $a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$ and we see that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ and

a_n is decreasing because: $a'_n = -\frac{1}{(2n+1)^{3/2}} < 0$

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Hence by AST, it is convergent. On the other hand the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |(-1)^n a_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$ diverges by LCT

with the divergent series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}}$.

Hence the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$ is conditionally convergent.

Q#4) Find the radius of convergence and the interval of convergence for the power series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n 5^n} (x-5)^n$ [Marks: 5]

Soln. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} (x-5)^{n+1}}{(n+1) 5^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n \cdot 5^n}{(-1)^n (x-5)^n} \right|$

$$= \left| \frac{x-5}{5} \right|$$

For absolute convergence $\left| \frac{x-5}{5} \right| < 1 \Rightarrow -5 < x-5 < 5$
 $\Rightarrow 0 < x < 10$

At $x=0$, we have $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (-5)^n}{n 5^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5^n}{n 5^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$

which is divergent

At $x=10$, we have $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 5^n}{n 5^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ which

is convergent by AST. Hence interval of cong: $(0, 10]$

Radius of convergence $r = \frac{10}{2} = 5$.

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Q#5) Find the Maclaurin Series of $\tan^{-1}x$ and use its first two non-zero terms to approximate the integral $\int_0^{0.5} x \tan^{-1}x dx$ and estimate the error of approximation. [Marks: 5]

Sol. we know that $\tan^{-1}x = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt$ if $|t| < 1$ (1)

$$= \int_0^x 1 - t^2 + (t^2)^2 - \dots + (-1)^n (t^2)^n dt$$

$$\vdots$$

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

Now, $\int_0^{0.5} x \tan^{-1}x dx = \int_0^{0.5} (x^2 - \frac{x^4}{3} + \frac{x^6}{5} - \dots) dx$ (2) (1)

$$= \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^5}{3(5)} + \frac{x^7}{7(5)} - \dots \right]_0^{0.5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - \frac{1}{3(5) \cdot (2)^5} \approx 0.00395$$

$$\text{Error} \leq \left| \frac{1}{35(2^7)} \right| \leq 0.00024. \quad (1)$$