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Mid Term Exam

280-Math

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Question1(6). (a) Decide whether the set $E = \{\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} \text{ , } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded or not.

(b) Determine $\sup E$ and $\inf E$ (without using the limit).

Question2(6). Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ or show that it is divergent if

(a)
$$x_n = \frac{n^2}{\sqrt{n^6+1}} + \frac{n^2}{\sqrt{n^6+2}} + \cdots + \frac{n^2}{\sqrt{n^6+n}}$$

(b)
$$x_n = \frac{1}{1^2+1} + \frac{1}{2^2+2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n^2+n}$$

Question3 (6). (a) Use appropriate method to decide whether the sequence $x_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{3k^2+2k}{2^k}$ converges or diverges.

(b) Decide whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(1)(3)(5)\dots(2n-1)}{3^n n!}$

converges (absolutely or conditionally) or diverges

Question4(6). (a) Show that the equation $2^{x^2+x+1} - x^3 - 20x + 2 = 0$ has at least two real solutions.

(b) Show that if $f(x): [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ and $f(x)$ is continuous on $[0,1]$, then

$$\exists c \in [0,1] \text{ such that } f(c) = 2c$$

Question5(6). (a) Explain whether the following function is bounded or not

$$f(x) = \frac{(1+\sqrt{x})^{2n} - (1-\sqrt{x})^{2n}}{(1+\sqrt{x^2+1})^n} \text{ on the interval } [0, 2n] .$$

(b) Decide whether the function $f(x) = e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$ is uniformly continuous on the interval $(0,1)$.

Solutions

Question1(6). (a) Let $x_n = \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}$

It is obvious that $0 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \leq 1$ or $0 < x_n < 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

So the set E is bounded .

(b) It is clear that $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n+1}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = x_n$

The conclusion one can make is the following: $x \leq x_1 \quad \forall x \in E$

Since $x_1 \in E$, we get $\sup E = x_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} + 1} = \sqrt{2} - 1$.

Now we will prove that $\inf E = 0$.

First we have $0 < x_n < 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence 0 is a lower bound of the set E . Let $0 < x$.

Using Archimedean property for the positive number $\frac{1}{x^2}$ there is $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{n} < x^2$.

It follows that $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < x$. Since the number $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \in E$, we conclude that

the number x is not a lower bound of the set E . thus 0 is the largest lower bound of E . it means that $\inf E = 0$.

Question2(6). (a) If $x_n = \frac{n^2}{\sqrt{n^6+1}} + \frac{n^2}{\sqrt{n^6+2}} + \dots + \frac{n^2}{\sqrt{n^6+n}}$, then

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n^5}}} = \frac{nn^2}{\sqrt{n^6+n}} \leq x_n \leq \frac{nn^2}{\sqrt{n^6+1}} < \frac{nn^2}{\sqrt{n^6}} = 1$$

Passing to the limit we get $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$ (by squeezing rule)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad x_n &= \frac{1}{1^2+1} + \frac{1}{2^2+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2+n} \\ &= \frac{1}{1(1+1)} + \frac{1}{2(2+1)} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \\
&= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}\right) \\
&= 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \quad . \text{ So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right) = 1
\end{aligned}$$

Question3 (6). (a) note that the sequence $x_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{3k^2 + 2k}{2^k}$ is the partial sum of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3n^2 + 2n}{2^n}$$

Applying the Ratio test (or root test) we get: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{1}{2} < 1$

Hence we get that the series converges and therefore the sequence x_n converges .

(b) Applying the Ratio test to the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1)(3)(5)\dots(2n-1)}{3^n n!}$,

we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{3(n+1)} = \frac{2}{3} < 1$. So the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. Therefore the

given series absolutely converges, hence it converges.

Question4(6). (a) Define $f(x) = 2^{x^2+x+1} - x^3 - 20x + 2$

Noting that $f(0) = 4 > 0$ and $f(1) = -11 < 0$ we deduce that $\exists c_1 \in (0,1)$ st $f(c_1) = 0$

Noting that $f(2) = 2^7 - 8 - 40 + 2 = 82 > 0$ we deduce that $\exists c_2 \in (1,2)$ st $f(c_2) = 0$

Thus the equation $2^{x^2+x+1} - x^3 - 20x + 2 = 0$ has at least two real solutions.

(b) If $f(0) = 0$, then the number 0 satisfies the requirement.

Now let $f(0) \neq 0$, then $f(0) > 0$. Let $F(x) = f(x) - 2x$.

We have $F(0) = f(0) > 0$ and $F(1) = f(1) - 2 < 0$.

The function $F(x)$ is continuous on $[0,1]$. Applying the MVT we deduce that $\exists c \in [0,1]$ such that

$$F(c) = 0 \Rightarrow f(c) - 2c = 0 \Rightarrow f(c) = 2c$$

Question5(6). (a) By properties of continuous functions we see that the function

$$f(x) = \frac{(1+\sqrt{x})^{2n} - (1-\sqrt{x})^{2n}}{(1+\sqrt{x^2+1})^n} \text{ is continuous on the closed and bounded interval } [0, 2n] .$$

Using boundedness theorem we conclude that $f(x)$ is bounded on the interval $[0, 2n]$.

(b) Define the function $g(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{x}} & , x \in (0,1] \\ 0 & , x = 0 \end{cases}$

Because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 0$, the function $g(x)$ is continuous on the interval $[0,1]$.

Furthermore $g(x) \equiv f(x)$ on the interval $(0,1)$.

Using Continuous Extension Theorem we conclude that the function $f(x) = e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$ is uniformly continuous on the interval $(0,1)$.