

Mid Semester Examination, 4 April, 2012

**MATH2400**  
Mathematical Analysis  
(Unit Courses)

Solutions

Time: 45 Minutes for working

No perusal time before examination begins

**CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN ONLY FOR WORK WRITTEN ON THIS EXAMINATION SCRIPT.**

**FULL WORKING MUST BE SHOWN.**

Use the back pages if the space provided is insufficient, and/or for rough working.

Answer all questions. Each question is worth 25 marks.

Check that this examination paper has 9 printed pages.

NO programmable, graphing or ASCII calculators allowed.

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1. For the sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , with  $a_n$  as given below, calculate  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ .

a)  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n n^3 + 2n}{4n^2 + 9}$ ;

b)  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^{2n+1} n^5}{4n^5 + 9}$ ;

c)  $a_n = \left(1 - \frac{(-1)^n}{n}\right)^n$ .

$$a) \quad a_n = \frac{((-1)^n n^3 + 2n)/n^2}{(4n^2 + 9)/n^2} = \frac{(-1)^n n + 2/n}{4 + 9/n^2}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{n + 2/n}{4 + 9/n^2} & \rightarrow \infty \quad n \text{ even} \\ \frac{-n + 2/n}{4 + 9/n^2} & \rightarrow -\infty \quad n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

So  $\limsup = \infty$ ,  $\liminf = -\infty$ .

b)  $(-1)^{2n+1} = -1$ , so  $a_n = \frac{-n^5}{4n^5 + 9} = \frac{-1}{4 + 9/n^5}$

$\rightarrow -1/4$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

c)  $n$  odd:  $a_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow e$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$n$  even:  $a_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^n = \left(\frac{n}{n-1}\right)^{-n}$   
 $= \left(1 + \frac{1}{n-1}\right)^{-[(n-1)+1]} = \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{n-1}\right)^{(n-1)+1}\right]^{-1}$   
 $\rightarrow e^{-1}$

Since any subseq. must contain only many odd or even -indexed terms,  $e$  &  $e^{-1}$  are the only cluster pts:

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2. Suppose that the sequences  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  are convergent, with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = b$ . Suppose further  $a_n < b_n$  for all  $n$ . What conclusions can you draw about  $a$  and  $b$ ? Justify your claim carefully (i.e., use an  $\varepsilon - N$  argument).

Claim:  $a \leq b$ .

Pf:  $a_n \rightarrow a, b_n \rightarrow b \Rightarrow$  given  $\varepsilon > 0$

$\exists N > 0 : n \geq N \Rightarrow$

$$|a_n - a| < \varepsilon/2, \text{ i.e., } a - \varepsilon/2 <^* a_n < a + \varepsilon/2 \quad (1)$$

$$\& |b_n - b| < \varepsilon/2, \text{ i.e., } b - \varepsilon/2 <^* b_n < b + \varepsilon/2 \quad (2)$$

Then  $a - b < a_n + \varepsilon/2 - (b_n - \varepsilon/2)$  by (1)\*, (2)\*

$$= a_n - b_n + \varepsilon$$

$$< \varepsilon$$

This holds  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , so

$$a - b \leq 0, \text{ i.e., } a \leq b.$$

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3. Give an  $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$  proof that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2 - 2x) = -1$ .

WTS : Given  $\varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 :$

$$|x-1| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - (-1)| < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{i.e. } |x^2 - 2x + 1| < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{i.e. } |x-1| |x-1| < \varepsilon \quad (*)$$

For  $\delta < 1$ , there holds

$$|x-1| < 1.$$

So for  $|x-1| < \min\{1, \varepsilon\}$ ,  $(*)$

holds: so choose  $\delta < \min\{1, \varepsilon\}$ .

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4. Classify the following series as absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent or divergent.

(i)  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^3 + \dots$

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

(iii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ , where  $a_1 = 1$ , and  $a_{n+1} = a_n \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{(-1)^n}{2}\right)$ .

(i) note  $a_n > 0$ ,  $a_n = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{n+1}{2}}$  n odd,  $\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}$  n even.

root test:

$$\sqrt[n]{a_n} = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2n}} & n \text{ odd} \\ \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & n \text{ odd} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < 1 \Rightarrow a_n$  is abs conv.

(ii)  $|a_n| = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow e \neq 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , so series diverges (nth term test)

(iii)  $\left|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right| = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & n \text{ odd} \\ \frac{3}{4} & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$

so  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right| < 1$ , so series is abs. conv. by ratio test.