

Math 21C-2  
Midterm  
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- There are **ten** (plus cover and bonus) pages to the exam.
- The exam totals 100 points, plus 10 bonus points.
- You will have 90 minutes to complete the exam.
- No calculators, notes, or books allowed.
- Good luck!

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1. (10 points) Write the definitions of the following terms. (An example is **not** sufficient for full credit.)

a. (2 points) A *nondecreasing sequence*

A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is called nondecreasing if  $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$   
for all  $n$ .

b. (2 points) A *geometric series*

A geometric series is a series of the form  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1}$

c. (2 points) A *unit vector*

A unit vector is a vector of magnitude 1.

d. (2 points) The *dot product* of two vectors

$$\text{If } \vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle, \quad \vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle,$$

$$\text{Then the dot product is } \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$$

e. (2 points) The *Taylor series* generated by  $f(x)$  centered at 0

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n$$

2. (10 points) Theorems

a. (5 points) State the *Root Test* for infinite series.

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series with  $a_n \geq 0$  for  $n \geq N$ , and

$$\text{suppose } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \rho.$$

Then

- (a) If  $\rho < 1$ , the series converges
- (b) If  $\rho > 1$  or  $\rho$  is infinite, the series diverges
- (c) The test is inconclusive if  $\rho = 1$ .

b. (5 points) State the *Limit Comparison Test* for infinite series.

Suppose  $a_n > 0$  and  $b_n > 0$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

1. If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = c > 0$ , then  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  converge or diverge together.
2. If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 0$ , and  $\sum b_n$  converges, then  $\sum a_n$  converges.
3. If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \infty$ , and  $\sum b_n$  diverges, then  $\sum a_n$  diverges.

3. (10 points) Determine whether the following sequences converge or diverge. If a sequence converges, find its limit.

a. (3 points)  $a_n = \frac{n^2}{2n-1} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{2n-1} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)}{\left(\frac{2n-1}{n^2}\right)} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{n^2}\right)}{\left(\frac{n^2(2) - (2n-1)(2n)}{n^4}\right)}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{n^2}\right)}{\left(\frac{-2n^2 + 2n}{n^4}\right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{\cos\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) n^4}{n^2(-2n^2 + 2n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\cos\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) n}{-2n + 2}$$

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

b. (3 points)  $b_n = \sin(\tan(e^{-n(\cos(n)+3)}))$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin(\tan(e^{-n(\cos(n)+3)})) = \sin(\tan(e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -n(\cos(n)+3)}))$$

$$= \sin(\tan(0))$$

$$= \sin(0)$$

$$= \boxed{0}$$

c. (4 points)  $a_n = \frac{(2n+1)!}{(3n^2-4)(2n-1)!}$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+1)!}{(3n^2-4)(2n-1)!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+1) 2n (2n-1)!}{(3n^2-4) (2n-1)!}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n^2 + 2n}{3n^2 - 4} = \boxed{\frac{4}{3}}$$

4. (10 points) Determine whether the following series converge conditionally, converge absolutely, or diverge.

a. (5 points)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)(n+2)}{n!}$ .

We use the Ratio Test on the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)(n+2)}{n!} \right|$

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{(n+2)(n+3)}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{(n+1)(n+2)} \right| = \frac{(n+2)(n+3)}{(n+1)(n+2)} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n!}{n!} \rightarrow 0 < 1$$

So the series converges absolutely.

b. (5 points)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2 \sqrt{n}}$ .

Let  $u_n = \frac{1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}}$ .  $u_n > 0$  for all  $n$ .

$u_n$  is decreasing

and  $u_n \rightarrow 0$ .

So the series converges by the Alternating Series Test.

Now, consider  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2 \sqrt{n}} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}}$ .

We use Limit Comparison with  $\frac{1}{n}$ :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2 \sqrt{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0 < 1$$

So by the LCT,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$

converge or diverge together.

But we know  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges (Harmonic Series),

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \sqrt{n}}$  diverges.

Thus,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2 \sqrt{n}}$  converges conditionally.

5. (10 points) Determine the values of  $x$  for which the following series converges conditionally, converges absolutely, or diverges. What are the center, radius, and interval of convergence?

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x+1)^{n+1}}{(n+2)4^{n-1}}$$

We use the Ratio Test on the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(x+1)^{n+1}}{(n+2)4^{n-1}} \right|$  :

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{(x+1)^{(n+1)+1}}{((n+1)+2)4^{(n+1)-1}} \cdot \frac{(n+2)4^{n-1}}{(x+1)^{n+1}} \right|$$

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

$$= |x+1| \left( \frac{n+2}{n+3} \right) \frac{1}{4} \xrightarrow{\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4} |x+1|$$

So the series converges (absolutely) when  $\frac{1}{4} |x+1| < 1$

$$|x+1| < 4$$

$$-5 < x < 3$$

So the center is  $x = -1$

The Radius of convergence is 4

To find the interval, we must check the endpoints.

For  $x = 3$ , the series becomes  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4^{n+1}}{(n+2)4^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4^3}{n+2}$  which diverges  
(by Limit Comparison to  $\frac{1}{n}$ )

For  $x = -5$ , the series becomes  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-4)^{n+1}}{(n+2)4^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 4^3}{(n+2)}$  which converges  
(conditionally) by the Alternating Series Test.

So the interval of convergence is  $-5 \leq x < 3$

Absolute convergence  $-5 < x < 3$

Conditional convergence  $x = -5$

Divergence for all other  $x$   
(by  $n$ th Term Test)

6. (10 points) Compute (no shortcuts!!) the Taylor series centered at 0 for the function

$$f(x) = e^{1-\frac{2x}{3}}.$$

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$$f(0) = e$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{2}{3} e^{1-\frac{2}{3}x}$$

$$f'(0) = -\frac{2}{3}e$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} e^{1-\frac{2}{3}x}$$

$$f''(0) = \frac{4}{9}e$$

$$f'''(x) = -\frac{2^3}{3^3} e^{1-\frac{2}{3}x}$$

$$f'''(0) = -\frac{8}{27}e$$

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$$f^{(n)}(x) = (-1)^n \frac{2^n}{3^n} e^{1-\frac{2}{3}x}$$

$$f^{(n)}(0) = (-1)^n \frac{2^n}{3^n} e$$

So the Taylor series is

$$e - \frac{2}{3}e x + \frac{4}{9 \cdot 2!} e x^2 - \frac{8}{27 \cdot 3!} e x^3 + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \frac{e}{n!} x^n$$

7. (10 points) Assume that

$$\tan^{-1} x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots, \text{ for } |x| \leq 1.$$

a. (3 points) Use the 5th degree Taylor Polynomial to find an approximation for  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ .

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

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \tan^{-1}(1). \quad P_5(1) = 1 - \frac{1^3}{3} + \frac{1^5}{5} = \frac{15}{15} - \frac{5}{15} + \frac{3}{15} = \frac{13}{15} \approx \frac{\pi}{4}$$

b. (3 points) Estimate the error of the approximation from part a, given that  $-720 \leq f^{(7)}(t) \leq 384$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ , where  $f(t) = \tan^{-1}(t)$ .

First, we notice that  $P_5(x) = P_6(x)$ .

So by Taylor's Remainder Formula,

$$|R_5(1)| = |R_6(1)| \leq M \frac{|1|^7}{7!}. \text{ We take } M = 720.$$

$$\text{So } |R_5(1)| \leq \frac{720}{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{144}{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{12}{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{1}{7}$$

Alternatively, by the Alternating Series Estimation Theorem,

$$|\text{Error}| \leq \frac{1}{7},$$

The next nonzero term in the series.

c. (4 points) Explain why this method cannot be used to estimate  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ .

$$\frac{\pi}{3} = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}).$$

But  $\sqrt{3} > 1$ , so  $x = \sqrt{3}$

is outside the interval of

convergence for the Maclaurin Series.



8. (10 points) Let  $P$  be the point  $(5, 7, -1)$ , and  $Q$  be the point  $(2, 9, -2)$ .

a. (3 points) Find the component form for  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{PQ} &= \langle 2-5, 9-7, -2-(-1) \rangle \\ &= \langle -3, 2, -1 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

b. (3 points) Find the magnitude  $|\overrightarrow{PQ}|$ .

$$\begin{aligned}|\overrightarrow{PQ}| &= \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (2)^2 + (-1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9 + 4 + 1} \\ &= \sqrt{14}\end{aligned}$$

c. (4 points) Find the unit vector in the direction of  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ .

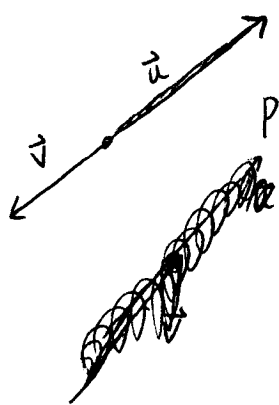
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\overrightarrow{PQ}}{|\overrightarrow{PQ}|} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \langle -3, 2, -1 \rangle = \left\langle -\frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle -\frac{3\sqrt{14}}{14}, \frac{\sqrt{14}}{7}, -\frac{\sqrt{14}}{14} \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

9. (10 points) Let  $\vec{u} = 2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$ , and  $\vec{v} = -\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$ .

a. (3 points) Find  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ .

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & -2 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i}(4-4) - \vec{j}(-4+4) + \vec{k}(2-2) \\ = \vec{0}$$

b. (3 points) Find the projection of  $\vec{u}$  onto  $\vec{v}$ ,  $\text{proj}_{\vec{v}}\vec{u}$ .



$$\text{proj}_{\vec{v}} \vec{u} = \left( \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|^2} \right) \vec{v} \\ = \frac{-12}{6} (-\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}) \\ = 2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k} \\ = \vec{u}$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 2(-1) + (-2)(1) + 4(-2) \\ = -2 - 2 - 8 \\ = -12$$

$$|\vec{v}|^2 = ((-1)^2 + (1)^2 + (-2)^2) \\ = 1 + 1 + 4 \\ = 6$$

c. (4 points) Find  $(\text{proj}_{\vec{v}}\vec{u}) \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{u})$ .

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{0} = 0$$

10. (10 points) Find an equation for the plane through the points  $(2, 4, 5)$ ,  $(1, 5, 7)$ , and  $(-1, 6, 8)$ .

Let's name the points:  $P = (2, 4, 5)$

$$Q = (1, 5, 7)$$

$$R = (-1, 6, 8).$$

(Other choices of vector are okay)  
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Then  $\vec{QP} = \langle 2-1, 4-5, 5-7 \rangle = \langle 1, -1, -2 \rangle$

and  $\vec{QR} = \langle -1-1, 6-5, 8-7 \rangle = \langle -2, 1, 1 \rangle$

Then  $\vec{n} = \vec{QP} \times \vec{QR} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i}(-1+2) - \vec{j}(1-4) + \vec{k}(1-2)$

$= \langle 1, 3, -1 \rangle$  is a vector normal to the plane

containing  $\vec{QP}$  and  $\vec{QR}$ .

(Other choices of point are okay)  
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$P = (2, 4, 5)$  is a point in the plane.

So we use the Form for an Equation of a plane, with

$\vec{n} = \langle 1, 3, -1 \rangle$ ,  $P = (2, 4, 5)$ :

~~2~~  $1(x-2) + 3(y-4) - (z-5) = 0$

$$x - 2 + 3y - 12 - z + 5 = 0$$

$$x + 3y - z = 9$$

**Bonus.** (10 points) Prove that if  $a_n > 0$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n \neq 0$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent.

Use Limit Comparison with  $\frac{1}{n}$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n \neq 0$$

So either

$$\textcircled{1} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n = c > 0.$$

Then LCT says  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverge together.

or

$$\textcircled{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n = \infty$$

Then by LCT,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges  $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges