

No notes, books, electronic devices, or outside materials of any kind.

Read each problem carefully and simplify your answers.

Unless otherwise indicated, supporting work will be required on every problem worth more than 2 points.

You are expected to know the values of all trig functions at multiples of  $\pi/4$  and of  $\pi/6$ .

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1(14 pts). Find the radius of convergence of the power series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(x+1)^n}{3^n \ln n}$ .

2(15 pts). Evaluate the limit. Show your work, but your answer to each should be a number,  $\infty$ ,  $-\infty$ , or “does not exist”.

a.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{(n-1)!}$       b.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3^n 5^{1-n}$       c.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{1+n}$

3(20 pts). Find the sum, if it exists.

a.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((0.1)^{n-1} - (0.9)^n)$       b.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{\ln(4n)}$

4(23 pts). Determine whether the series converges or diverges.

a.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 n}{3^n + 1}$       b.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 + 2}{n^3 + 3}$

5(10 pts). Find an upper bound for the error that occurs when we approximate the sum of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}$  with the partial sum  $\sum_{n=1}^{100} \frac{1}{n^4}$ .  
(That is, find a number # which satisfies error  $<$  #.)

6(18 pts). Determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n \ln n}$  converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges.

1(14 pts).(Source: 11.8.17) The solution to a radius-of-convergence problem typically begins with either the Root or Ratio test. Here's a solution with Ratio:

$$\frac{\left| \frac{(x+1)^{n+1}}{3^{n+1} \ln(n+1)} \right|}{\left| \frac{(x+1)^n}{3^n \ln n} \right|} = \frac{|x+1|^{n+1}}{|x+1|^n} \cdot \frac{3^n}{3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{\ln n}{\ln(n+1)} = \frac{|x+1|}{3} \cdot \frac{\ln n}{\ln(n+1)}.$$

To take the limit of  $\frac{\ln n}{\ln(n+1)}$ , use l'Hospital's Rule:

$$\frac{\ln n}{\ln(n+1)} \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\infty} \xrightarrow{HR} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{n+1}} = \frac{n+1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 1.$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x+1|}{3} \cdot \frac{\ln n}{\ln(n+1)} = \frac{|x+1|}{3}.$$

The Ratio test tells us that the series converges (absolutely) when

$$\frac{|x+1|}{3} < 1, \quad \text{or} \quad |x+1| < 3,$$

and so the Radius of Convergence is 3.

If you used the Root test, you would need to take the limit of

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

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the term  $y = (\ln n)^{1/n}$  has the indeterminate form  $\infty^0$ . Since the variable is in the exponent, take the limit of  $\ln y$ , which is

$$\ln((\ln n)^{1/n}) = \frac{1}{n} \ln(\ln n) = \frac{\ln(\ln n)}{n} \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\infty} \xrightarrow{HR} \frac{\frac{1}{n \ln n}}{1} \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore, by l'Hôpital's Rule,  $\ln y \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and therefore  $y = e^{\ln y} \rightarrow e^0 = 1$ .

This means that the limit in the root test is  $\frac{|x+1|}{3}$ , and the rest of the solution is the same as with the Ratio test.

2a(5 pts).(Source: 11.1.37) Simplify  $\frac{(n+1)!}{(n-1)!}$  by canceling common factors:

$$\frac{(n+1)!}{(n-1)!} = \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (n-1)n(n+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (n-1)} = n(n+1),$$

which goes to  $\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

2b(5 pts).(Source: 11.1.27) By limit 1 of Flesk\*,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3^n 5^{1-n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^n \cdot 5 = 0$ .

\* <https://kunklet.people.cofc.edu/MATH220/flesk.pdf>

2c(5 pts).(Source: 11.1.35)  $\frac{(-1)^n}{1+n}$  equals  $\frac{1}{n+1}$  if  $n$  is even and  $\frac{-1}{n+1}$  if  $n$  is odd, so it's fair to say that

$$\frac{-1}{n+1} \leq \frac{(-1)^n}{1+n} \leq \frac{1}{n+1}.$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = 0$ , the Squeeze theorem implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{1+n}$  also equals 0.

3a(10 pts). (Source: 11.2.32)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (0.1)^{n-1}$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (0.9)^n$  are both convergent geometric series (with  $r = 0.1$  in the first case and  $0.9$  in the second, both between  $-1$  and  $1$ ). Therefore

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((0.1)^{n-1} - (0.9)^n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (0.1)^{n-1} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (0.9)^n = \frac{a}{1-0.1} - \frac{\tilde{a}}{1-0.9},$$

where  $a$  and  $\tilde{a}$  are the first terms of each series. Therefore the sum is  $\frac{10}{0.9} - \frac{1}{0.1}$  (which could be rewritten  $\frac{100}{9} - 10 = \frac{10}{9}$ ).

3b(10 pts).(Source: 11.2.37,11.1.38)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{\ln(4n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{\ln n + \ln 4} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\ln 4}{\ln n}} = \frac{1}{1+0} = 1$ . You could instead take this limit using l'Hospital's Rule:

$$\frac{\ln n}{\ln(4n)} \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\infty} \xrightarrow{HR} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{4 \cdot \frac{1}{4n}} = 1 \rightarrow 1.$$

Since this limit is nonzero,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{\ln(4n)}$  diverges by the  $n$ th term test (also known as the Test for Divergence) [\[7\]](#), p. 713 of our text.

4a(10 pts). (Source: 11.4.10) Since  $0 \leq \sin^2 n \leq 1$ ,

$$0 \leq \frac{\sin^2 n}{3^n + 1} \leq \frac{1}{3^n + 1} \leq \frac{1}{3^n},$$

and since  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{3})^n$  is a convergent geometric series (convergent because  $r = \frac{1}{3}$  is between  $-1$  and  $1$ ),  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 n}{3^n + 1}$  is convergent by the Comparison test.

4b(13 pts).(Source: 11.4.16) Limit-compare this positive series with the Harmonic series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 2}{n^3 + 3} \div \frac{1}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 + 2n}{n^3 + 3}.$$

Either apply l'Hôpital's Rule to this or, as shown below, divide top and bottom by  $n^3$ :

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

Since this limit is positive and finite, and since the Harmonic series is known to diverge,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2+2}{n^3+3}$  also diverges by the Limit Comparison test.

5(10 pts).(Source: 11.3.more) Because the function  $\frac{1}{x^4}$  is positive and decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ , the Integral test implies that the error

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} - \sum_{n=1}^{100} \frac{1}{n^4} = \sum_{n=101}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \leq \int_{100}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^4} dx.$$

(See page 44 of <https://kunklet.people.cofc.edu/MATH220/220review.pdf>.) We calculate the improper integral to be

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{100}^b x^{-4} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{3}x^{-3} \Big|_{100}^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{3}b^{-3} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 100^{-3} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 100^{-3},$$

and therefore the error is  $\leq \frac{1}{3} \cdot 10^{-6}$ .

6(18 pts). (Source: 11.6.38,11.3.21,11.5.6) First test for absolute convergence. Since  $(x \ln x)^{-1}$  is positive and decreasing on  $[2, \infty)$ , the integral test says that the series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n \ln n)^{-1}$  and the improper integral  $\int_2^{\infty} (x \ln x)^{-1} dx$  either both converge or both diverge. The indefinite integral  $\int (x \ln x)^{-1} dx = \ln(\ln x) + C$ , and so the improper integral

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} \ln(\ln x) \Big|_2^c = \lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} (\ln(\ln c) - \ln(\ln 2)) = \infty.$$

Therefore  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n \ln n)^{-1}$  also diverges, and the  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n \ln n)^{-1}$  fails to converge absolutely.

Now test the original series for convergence using the Alternating Series test.  $(n \ln n)^{-1}$  decreases and goes to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , so the AST tells us that  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n (n \ln n)^{-1}$  converges. Since it does not converge absolutely, the series converges conditionally.