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**Math 1272. Lecture 010 (V. Reiner) Midterm Exam III**  
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This is a 50 minute exam. No books, notes, calculators, cell phones or other electronic devices are allowed. There are a total of 100 points. To get full credit for a problem you must show the details of your work. Answers unsupported by an argument will get little credit. Do all of your calculations on this test paper.

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**Problem 1.** (28 points total; 7 points each) For each of the following series, indicate whether they converge or diverge, with explanation.

a.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-5n+3}$

b.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3+n^2+100}$

c.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^5-7}{2n^5+5n^4-6}$

d.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4^n}{9^n+8}$

**Problem 2.** (27 points total) Compute the following exactly.

a. (6 points)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^{\frac{n^5-7}{2n^5+5n^4-6}}$

b. (6 points)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 7 \cdot (-1)^n \cdot \frac{2^n}{3^n}$

c. (8 points) The **radius** of convergence for the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-6x)^n}{n+10}$ .

d. (7 points) The **interval** of convergence for the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-6x)^n}{n+10}$ .

**Problem 3.** *(20 points)*

Find the quadratic Taylor polynomial  $T_2(x)$  approximating the function  $f(x) = \sec(x)$  about  $x = 0$ .

**Problem 4.** (25 points total; 5 points each) For the two vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^3$

$$A = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$B = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$$

compute the following.

a. The magnitude  $|A|$ .

b. The unit vector pointing in the direction of  $B$ .

c. The dot product  $A \cdot B$ .

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d. *The angle between  $A$  and  $B$ , **exactly**, in radians.*

e. *The magnitude of  $A$ 's projection onto the line in the direction of  $B$ .*



## Brief solutions

1. (a.)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-5n+3}$  converges by integral test since the improper integral

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-5x+3} dx &= \left[ -\frac{1}{5} e^{-5x+3} \right]_0^{\infty} \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{5} e^{-5b+3} - \left( -\frac{1}{5} e^{-5 \cdot 0 + 3} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} e^3 \end{aligned}$$

converges.

(b.)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3+n^2+100}$  converges by comparison to  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$  since  $n^3 + n^2 + 100 \geq n^3$  for  $n \geq 0$  implies  $\frac{1}{n^3+n^2+100} \leq \frac{1}{n^3}$ , and since  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$  converges by integral test (or the special case sometimes called “ $p$ -test”).

(c.)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^5-7}{2n^5+5n^4-6}$  diverges since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^5 - 7}{2n^5 + 5n^4 - 6} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \frac{7}{n^5}}{2 + \frac{5}{n} - \frac{6}{n^5}} = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0.$$

(d.)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4^n}{9^n+8}$  converges by comparison to the convergent geometric series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4^n}{9^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^n$  which has ratio  $\frac{4}{9} < 1$

2.(a.)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4 \frac{n^5-7}{2n^5+5n^4-6} = 4 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^5-7}{2n^5+5n^4-6} = 4 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \frac{7}{n^5}}{2 + \frac{5}{n} - \frac{6}{n^5}} = 4 \frac{1}{2} = 2$$

(b.)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 7 \cdot (-1)^n \cdot \frac{2^n}{3^n} = 7 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = 7 \left( \frac{1}{1 - (-\frac{2}{3})} \right) = \frac{21}{5}$$

(c.) The **radius** of convergence for the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-6x)^n}{n+10}$  is computed by finding which values of  $x$  make the sum absolutely convergent via ratio test:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-6x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)+10} / \frac{(-6x)^n}{n+10} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-6x)^{n+1}(n+11)}{(-6x)^n(n+10)} \right| \\ &= |-6x| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+11}{n+10} \\ &= |6x| \end{aligned}$$

Thus ratio test shows absolute convergence for  $|6x| < 1$  or  $|x| < \frac{1}{6}$ , and divergence for  $|x| > \frac{1}{6}$ . This means the radius of convergence is  $\frac{1}{6}$ .

(d.) The **interval** of convergence for the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-6x)^n}{n+10}$  is obtained by checking the endpoints  $x = \pm \frac{1}{6}$ .

For  $x = \frac{1}{6}$ , the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+10}$  converges (conditionally) by the alternating series test, as  $\frac{1}{n+10}$  is a decreasing function of  $n$  and it approaches 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

For  $x = -\frac{1}{6}$ , the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+10}$  diverges, either by integral test ( $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x+10} dx = [\ln(x+10)]_0^{\infty}$  diverges) or by comparison test:  $\frac{1}{n+10} \geq \frac{1}{2n}$  for  $n \geq 10$  since  $n+10 \leq 2n$  in that case, and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n}$  diverges by integral test (or by the special case called  $p$ -test).

3. The quadratic Taylor polynomial  $T_2(x)$  approximating the function  $f(x) = \sec(x)$  about  $x = 0$  is

$$T_2(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x^1 + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2.$$

Since

$$f(0) = \sec(0) = 1$$

$$f'(x) = \sec(x) \tan(x), \quad \text{so } f'(0) = 0$$

$$f''(x) = \sec(x) \tan(x) \tan(x) + \sec(x) \sec^2(x), \quad \text{so } f''(0) = 1$$

one has

$$T_2(x) = 1 + \frac{0}{1!}x^1 + \frac{1}{2!}x^2 = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2}.$$

4. For  $A = \langle 1, 0, 1 \rangle, B = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$  one has ... (a.) The magnitude  $|A| = \sqrt{1^2 + 0^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$ .

(b.) The unit vector pointing in the direction of  $B$  is

$$\frac{B}{|B|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2}}B = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right\rangle.$$

(c.) The dot product  $A \cdot B = 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 = 1$ .

(d.) The angle between  $A$  and  $B$  is

$$\arccos\left(\frac{A \cdot B}{|A||B|}\right) = \arccos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}}\right) = \arccos\frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

(e.) The magnitude of  $A$ 's projection onto the line in the direction of  $B$  is

$$|A| \cos(\theta) = \frac{A \cdot B}{|B|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

