

1. (20 points) Do the following sequences  $\{a_n\}_1^\infty$  converge or diverge? If a sequence converges and it is possible to determine its value, then do so. Be sure to explain your reasoning.

(a)  $a_n = \frac{n^3 + e^n}{2e^n + 1}$  converges to  $1/2$  since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \frac{e^n(n^3e^{-n} + 1)}{e^n(2 + e^{-1})} = 1/2$ .

(b)  $a_1 = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $a_{n+1} = 2a_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$  diverges since  $a_n$ 's increase by a factor of 2 starting from  $a_1 = 1/4$ . Since  $a_n$  can be written  $a_n = 2^{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{n-2} = \infty$ .

(c)  $a_{n+1} > a_n$  ( $a_n$  is a nondecreasing sequence) and  $0 < a_n < 2$  for all  $n \geq 1$  ( $a_n$  is bounded from above) converges by the Nondecreasing Sequence Theorem. You can't determine the limit of  $a_n$ , but you do know that  $0 < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n < 2$ .

2. (20 points) Determine whether the following infinite series converge or diverge. Justify your answers.

(a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{3}{n}\right)^n$  diverges by the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = e^3$ .

(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{2n^2 + 3n}$  converges by the Alternating Series Theorem since (1)  $a_n = \frac{1}{2n + 3} > 0$ ;

(2)  $\frac{1}{2(n+1) + 3} \leq \frac{1}{2n + 3}$ ; (3)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ . However,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n n}{2n^2 + 3n} \right|$  diverges by the LCT with the divergent harmonic series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ . Hence, the series converges conditionally.

(c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2}\right)$  converges by the LCT with the convergent  $p$ -series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ .

3. (20 points) Determine where the following power series converge absolutely, converge conditionally, and diverge.

(a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^n(x-4)^n$  has zero radius of convergence since the ratio test indicates that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}(x-4)^{n+1}}{n^n(x-4)^n} \right| = |x-4| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{n^n} < 1$  is not valid for any finite value of  $x$  other than  $x = 4$ . Thus the series converges absolutely at the point  $x = 4$ , converges conditionally nowhere, and diverges for  $|x-4| > 0$ .

(b) the ratio test indicates that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n(2x-1)^n}{n}$  converges absolutely when

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(2x-1)^{n+1}n}{(n+1)(2x-1)^n} \right| = |2x-1| \cdot 1 < 1 \text{ which leads to } 0 < x < 1. \text{ At } x = 0 \text{ the}$$

series becomes the divergent harmonic series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ . At  $x = 1$  the series becomes the

conditionally convergent alternating harmonic series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ . Thus the series converges

absolutely for  $0 < x < 1$ , converges conditionally at  $x = 1$ , diverges for  $x = 0$  and  $\left|x - \frac{1}{2}\right| > \frac{1}{2}$ .

4. (20 points) Consider the function  $f(x) = e^{2x}$ .

(a) Starting from the definition, determine the Taylor series of  $f(x)$  around  $x = 1$ . Calculating derivatives of  $e^{2x}$  and evaluating them at  $x = 1$ , leads to  $f^{(n)}(1) = 2^n e^2$ . Hence the Taylor series near  $x = 1$  becomes

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n e^2}{n!} (x-1)^n = e^2 + 2e^2(x-1) + \frac{4e^2}{2!}(x-1)^2 + \frac{8e^2}{3!}(x-1)^3 + \dots$$

(b) Determine the interval of convergence for your series in part (a). The ratio test indicates that the series converges absolutely when  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(2)^{n+1}(x-1)^{n+1}n!}{(n+1)!2^n(x-1)^n} \right| = 2|x-1| \cdot 0 < 1$  which is true for all finite values of  $x$ . Thus the series converges absolutely on the interval  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .

(c) What are the first three non-zero terms of the Taylor polynomial around  $x = 1$ ?

$$P_2(x) = e^2 + 2e^2(x-1) + \frac{4e^2}{2!}(x-1)^2.$$

(d) Estimate of the remainder of the polynomial in part (c) when  $x = 1/2$ . Leave your answer in terms of fractions, factorials, etc. Evaluating the series in part (a) at  $x = 1/2$  results in an alternating series. Hence if one used  $P_2(1/2)$  to estimate  $f(1/2)$ , the error would be bounded by  $|f(1/2) - P_2(1/2)| \leq \frac{8e^2}{3!}(1/2)^3 = \frac{e^2}{6}$ .

5. (20 points) Consider the following steps for evaluating  $f(x) = \int_0^x \cos(t^2) dt$ .

(a) Determine the Taylor series for  $\cos(t^2)$  around  $t = 0$ . Since the Taylor series near  $t = 0$  for  $\cos(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n t^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - t^2/2! + t^4/4! - t^6/6! + \dots$  converges for all  $t$ , replacing  $t$

with  $t^2$  results in the Taylor series  $\cos(t^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n t^{4n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - t^4/2! + t^8/4! - t^{12}/6! + \dots$ .

(b) Using your series from part (a), calculate  $f(x) = \int_0^x \cos(t^2) dt$ . Integrating the series

$$\text{in part (a) results in } f(x) = \int_0^x \cos(t^2) dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^x \frac{(-1)^n t^{4n}}{(2n)!} dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{4n+1}}{(4n+1)(2n)!} = x - \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 2!} + \frac{x^9}{9 \cdot 4!} - \frac{x^{13}}{13 \cdot 6!} + \dots$$

(c) What is the interval of convergence of your series in part (b)? Be sure to explain your reasoning. Since the original series for  $\cos(t^2)$  in part (a) converges absolutely for all  $t$ , so does the integral of the series. Hence, the series for  $f(x)$  converges absolutely for  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .