

M242 Study Guide for E 3 (S. Zhang) .

1. Find the convergence by the integral test.

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^3}$$

• **ans:** We find the integral is convergent: (integration by parts)

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln n \, dn}{n^3} \\ & \begin{array}{l} u = \ln n, \quad dv = dn/n^3 \\ du = dn/n, \quad v = -n^{-2}/2 \end{array} \\ & -\frac{n^{-2}}{2} \ln n + \int \frac{n^{-2}}{2} \frac{dn}{n} \\ & = -\frac{\ln n}{2n^2} + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dn}{n^3} \\ & = -\frac{\ln n}{2n^2} - \frac{1}{4} n^{-2} + c \\ & = \left(-\frac{\ln n}{2n^2} - \frac{1}{4} n^{-2} \right)_1^{\infty} \\ & = (0 - 0) - (0 - \frac{1}{4}) = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Note that, using L'Hopital rule, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n}{2n} = \frac{0}{\infty} = 0$$

The series is convergent by the integral test.

2. (1) Show the convergence by the integral test.

33.33 (2) Find the sum by the telescoping series method.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 5n + 6}$$

• **ans:** (1)

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 5x + 6 &= (x+2)(x+3) \\ \frac{1}{x^2 + 5x + 6} &= \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{x+3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6} &= \int \frac{2dx}{(x+1)(x+3)} \\ &= \int \left(\frac{1}{x+2} - \frac{1}{x+3} \right) dx \\ &= \ln \frac{x+2}{x+3} \Big|_1^{\infty} = -\ln \frac{3}{4} = 0.287 \end{aligned}$$

Yes, both the integral and series converge.

(2)

$$\frac{1}{n^2 + 5n + 6} = \frac{1}{n+2} - \frac{1}{n+3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s_n &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+2} - \frac{1}{n+3} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{n+3} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{3} = 0.3333 \end{aligned}$$

Yes, as the function is decreasing, the area of rectangles is a little bigger than the area under the curve (the right point rule).

3. Find the convergence by comparison test:

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$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3 + \sin n}{n \ln n}$$

• **ans:** In comparison test, to show a series diverges, we need to find a smaller series (termwise) diverges too.

By the integral test, $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n}$ diverges, because the integral diverges (you may make variable substitution $u = \ln x$):

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x \ln x} = (\ln(\ln x))_2^{\infty} = \infty$$

We compare the given series with this series

$$\frac{3 + \sin n}{n \ln n} \geq \frac{3 - 1}{n \ln n} > \frac{1}{n \ln n}$$

So, by the comparison test, (the bigger series)

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3 + \sin n}{n \ln n} \text{ diverges.}$$

4. Find the convergence:

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$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \sin \frac{1}{\ln n}$$

• **ans:** Yes, $b_n \searrow 0$, the series converges by AST. To show $b_n \searrow 0$, we use the derivative and the limit:

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \sin \frac{1}{\ln n} \\ f(n) &= \sin \frac{1}{\ln n} > 0, \text{ if } n > 2 \\ f'(n) &= -\left(\cos \frac{1}{\ln n} \right) (\ln n)^{-2} \frac{1}{n} < 0, \text{ if } n > 2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \sin \frac{1}{\infty} = \sin 0 = 0.$$

5. Show the series is convergent. How many terms of the series do we need to add in order to find the sum to the indicated accuracy?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n^8}, \quad |\text{error}| < 10^{-4}$$

• **ans:**

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{n^8} \\ f(n) &= \frac{1}{n^8} > 0, \\ f'(n) &= -n^{-9} = -\frac{1}{n^9} < 0 \\ b_n &\searrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

Yes, $b_n \searrow 0$, the series converges by AST.

Now, by the error bound for the alternating series, we get

$$\begin{aligned} R_n &< b_{n+1} \\ b_{n+1} &< 10^{-4} \\ \frac{1}{(n+1)^8} &< 10^{-4} \\ n+1 &> 10^{1/2} = 3.1622 \\ n &> 2. \end{aligned}$$

We compute the first 3 terms.

6. Determine absolute convergence, conditional convergence and divergence:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) & \sum \left(\frac{3+2n}{2-n^2} \right)^n \\ (2) & \sum \frac{(-3)^n}{n^3} \\ (3) & \sum \frac{2^n}{n!} \\ (4) & a_1 = 2, \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{2n+1}{n+10} a_n, \quad \sum a_n \end{aligned}$$

• **ans:** (1) With the n -th power, it is best to use the root test: (for $n \geq 2$)

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n|^{1/n} &= \left| \frac{3+2n}{2-n^2} \right|^{n \cdot \frac{1}{n}} = \frac{3+2n}{n^2-2} \\ \text{L'Hopital} \frac{2}{2n} &\rightarrow \frac{2}{\infty} = 0 = R < 1 \end{aligned}$$

By the root test, the series converges absolutely.

(2) We can either use the root test or the ratio test. Using the root test, we need to know the limit of $n^{1/n}$ is 1.

Let us use the ratio test.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} &= \frac{|(-3)^{n+1}/(n+1)^3|}{|(-3)^n/n^3|} = \frac{3}{(1+\frac{1}{n})^3} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{3}{(1+0)^3} = 3 = R > 1 \end{aligned}$$

The series diverges by the ratio test.

(3) We have to use the ratio test.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} &= \frac{|2^{n+1}/(n+1)!|}{|2^n/n!|} = \frac{2}{n+1} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{2}{\infty} = 0 = R < 1 \end{aligned}$$

The series converges absolutely by the ratio test.

(4) We do not even know the general form of a_n for the series. So we have to use the ratio test.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} &= \frac{|2^{n+1} a_n|}{|a_n|} = \frac{2n+1}{n+10} \\ &= \frac{2+\frac{1}{n}}{1+\frac{10}{n}} \rightarrow \frac{2}{1} = 2 = R > 1 \end{aligned}$$

The series diverges by the ratio test.

7. Find the absolute convergence, conditional convergence and divergence by two methods:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{n+2}$$

- (a) Root test or ratio test;
(b) Integral test or comparison test, or divergence test.

• **ans:** (1) Root test

$$|a_n|^{1/n} = 2 \cdot 2^{2/n} \rightarrow 2 \cdot 2^0 = 2 > 1$$

The series diverges by the root test.

If we use the ratio test: +

$$\frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} = \frac{2^{n+3}}{2^{n+2}} = 2 > 1$$

The series diverges by the ratio test.

(2) Integral test

$$\int_1^{\infty} 2^{x+2} dx = \left(\frac{2^{x+2}}{\ln 2} \right)_1^{\infty} = \infty$$

Both the series and the integral diverge.

If we use the comparison test, we need to compare it with an r -series (itself is an r -series too)

$$2^{n+2} > 2^n$$

$\sum 2^n$ diverges ($r = 2 > 1$, r -test). By the comparison test, (the bigger one) $\sum 2^{n+2}$ diverges.

If we use the divergence test,

$$a_n = 2^{n+2} \rightarrow 2^\infty = \infty \neq 0$$

By the divergence test, $\sum 2^{n+2}$ diverges.

8. Find the radius of convergence, interval of convergence:

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(x-3)^n}{2n+1}$$

• **ans:** We apply the ratio test:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} &= \frac{\frac{|x-3|^{n+1}}{2n+3}}{\frac{|x-3|^n}{2n+1}} = |x-3| \frac{2n+1}{2n+3} \\ &= |x-3| \frac{2 + \frac{1}{n}}{2 + \frac{3}{n}} \rightarrow |x-3| \frac{2+0}{2+0} = |x-3| < 1 \end{aligned}$$

comparing to the condition $|x-a| < R \Rightarrow R = 1$

Check two end points

$$x = 3 - 1 = 2, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+1} \text{ div, } p = 1.$$

(Here we do not have exactly p series, but it can be compared to the p -series by the limit comparison test.)

$$x = 3 + 1 = 4, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1} \text{ conv cond, AST and } p = 1$$

Interval of convergence

$$(2, 4]$$

9. Suppose $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$ converges for $x = -4$ and diverges for

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$x = 6$. What can be said about the convergence about

- (a) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n$
- (b) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n 8^n$
- (c) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (-3)^n$
- (d) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n c_n 9^n$

• **ans:** For power series: there is a radius R such that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n \text{ converges for } |x| < R \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n \text{ diverges for } |x| > R \end{aligned}$$

From the given conditions, R would be no less than 4 but no bigger than 6:

$$R \geq 4, \text{ and } R \leq 6.$$

- (a) Converge, as $x = 0 < 4 \leq R$.
- (b) Diverge, as $x = 8 > 6 \geq R$.
- (c) Converge, as $x = -3, |-3| < 4 \leq R$.
- (d) Diverge, as $x = -9, |-9| > 6 \geq R$.

10. Find the power series representation and its radius of convergence

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

• **ans:** We note that the x^2 on the top does not matter as we can pull it out, or multiply the series by it.

Note that

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)' = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

we differentiate both sides of

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$$

to get

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots + (n+1)x^n + \dots$$

Replace x by $2x$: to get

$$\frac{1}{(1-2x)^2} = 1 + 2(2x) + 3(2x)^2 + \dots + (n+1)(2x)^n + \dots$$

Multiply the series by x^2

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2}{(1-2x)^2} &= x^2 + 2(2x^3) + \dots + (n+1)2^n x^{n+2} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)2^n x^{n+2} \end{aligned}$$

Ratio test:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} &= \frac{(n+2)2^{n+1}x^{n+3}}{(n+1)2^n x^{n+2}} = \frac{1 + \frac{2}{n+1}}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} 2|x| \\ &\rightarrow 2|x| < 1 \\ |x| &< \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Radius of convergence $R = 1/2$.

Done.

If we find the interval of convergence, we continue to check two end points: $x = -1/2$

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

The series diverges by the divergence test ($a_n \not\rightarrow 0$)

The other end point $x = 1/2$.

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

The series diverges by the divergence test ($a_n \not\rightarrow 0$)

The interval of convergence:

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

11. Find the power series (by the geometric series) and the Taylor series

$$f(x) = \ln(1+x), \quad a = 0$$

and use it to evaluate

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \dots$$

- **ans:** To find the power series representation, we use only the formula for geometric series:

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$$

$x \rightarrow -x$

$$\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots$$

Integrate both sides

$$\int \frac{dx}{1+x} = \int (1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots) dx$$

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots + C$$

Let $x = 0$ to find out C :

$$0 = \ln(1+0) = 0 - 0 + 0 - \dots + C$$

Therefore

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^n}{n}$$

The second method – Taylor formula:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \ln(1+x), & f(0) &= 0 \\ f'(x) &= (1+x)^{-1}, & f'(0) &= 1 \\ f''(x) &= -(1+x)^{-2}, & f''(0) &= -1 \\ f'''(x) &= 2(1+x)^{-3}, & f'''(0) &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(n)}(x) &= (-1)^{n-1} [(n-1)!] (1+x)^{-n}, \\ f^{(n)}(0) &= (-1)^{n-1} [(n-1)!] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!} (x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \dots \\ &\quad + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(1+x) &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^n}{n} \end{aligned}$$

Let $x = 1$ in the power series representation for the series:

$$\ln 2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \dots$$

12. Find the Taylor series

$$f(x) = \sin x, \quad a = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

• **ans:**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sin x, & f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 1 \\ f'(x) &= \cos x, & f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 0 \\ f''(x) &= -\sin x, & f''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= -1 \\ f'''(x) &= -\cos x, & f'''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then the computation repeats.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x &= f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!} (x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{(x - \frac{\pi}{2})^2}{2!} + \frac{(x - \frac{\pi}{2})^4}{4!} \\ &\quad - \frac{(x - \frac{\pi}{2})^6}{6!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Or

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

13. Use a well known Maclaurin series to find the Maclaurin series for

$$f(x) = e^x + e^{2x}$$

• **ans:**

$$\begin{aligned} e^x &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \\ e^{2x} &= 1 + 2x + \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x)^3}{3!} + \dots \\ e^x + e^{2x} &= 2 + 3x + \frac{5x^2}{2!} \\ &+ \dots + \left(\frac{x^n}{n!} + \frac{(2x)^n}{n!} \right) + \dots \\ &= 2 + 3x + \frac{5x^2}{2!} \\ &+ \dots + \frac{(1 + 2^n)x^n}{n!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Or

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

14. Find the limit by both methods: (1) L'Hopital rule, (2) Taylor series expansion.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x^2}{\cos x - 1}$$

• **ans:** (1) 0/0.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x^2}{\cos x - 1} &\stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x \cos x^2}{-\sin x} \\ &\stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos x^2 - 4x \sin x^2}{-\cos x} \\ &= \frac{2 - 0}{-1} = -2 \end{aligned}$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots \\ \sin x^2 &= x^2 - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^{10}}{5!} - \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x^2}{\cos x - 1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \frac{x^{10}}{5!} - \dots}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots\right) - 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + \dots}{-\frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + \dots}{-\frac{1}{2!} - \dots} = \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{2!}} = -2 \end{aligned}$$

15. Find the Taylor polynomial $T_2(x)$ for the function f at the number a . And bound the error for $T_2(x)$ by R_2 on the given interval.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}, \quad a = 1, \quad x \in [0.9, 1.2]$$

• **ans:**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^{-1/2}, & f(1) &= 1 \\ f'(x) &= -\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2}, & f'(a) &= -\frac{1}{2} \\ f''(x) &= \frac{3}{4}x^{-5/2}, & f''(a) &= \frac{3}{4} \\ f'''(x) &= -\frac{15}{8}x^{-7/2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &= f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-1) + \frac{3}{8}(x-1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$R_2(x) = \frac{f'''(z)}{3!}(x-a)^3 = -\frac{15/8}{3!}z^{-7/2}(x-1)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x \in [0.9, 1.2]} |R_2(x)| &= \max_{x \in [0.9, 1.2]} \frac{15}{8 \cdot 3!} \frac{1}{|z|^{7/2}} |x-1|^3 \\ &\leq \frac{15}{8 \cdot 3!} \frac{1}{0.9^{7/2}} |1.2-1|^3 \\ &= \frac{5}{16} \cdot \frac{0.2^3}{\sqrt{0.9^7}} = 0.00963 \end{aligned}$$

Rough checking:

$$\begin{aligned} f(0.9) - T(0.9) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{0.9}} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}(-0.1) + \frac{3}{8}(0.01)\right) \\ &= 0.00034 \\ f(1.2) - T(1.2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1.2}} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.2) + \frac{3}{8}(0.04)\right) \\ &= -0.00212 \end{aligned}$$