

1. Give an example for each of the following
  - (a) A convergent series in which the ratio test is inconclusive.
  - (b) A divergent series in which the ratio test is inconclusive.
  - (c) A divergent series,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ , such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .
  - (d) A conditionally convergent series.
2. Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n^2}$ . Find the third partial sum and approximate the error.  
Be sure to show all work.

$$s_3 = \frac{3}{(1)^2} + \frac{3}{(2)^2} + \frac{3}{(3)^2} = \frac{49}{12} \approx 4.083$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_4^{\infty} \frac{3}{x^2} dx &\leq R_3 \leq \int_3^{\infty} \frac{3}{x^2} dx \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_4^t \frac{3}{x^2} dx &\leq R_3 \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_3^t \frac{3}{x^2} dx \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{3}{x} \Big|_4^t &\leq R_3 \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{3}{x} \Big|_3^t \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{3}{t} + \frac{3}{4} &\leq R_3 \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{3}{t} + \frac{3}{3} \\ \frac{3}{4} &\leq R_3 \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

The third partial sum is about 4.083 with an error of somewhere between  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 1.

3. Determine whether  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 + n - 1}{3n^3 + n}$  converges or diverges.

I will use the Limit Comparison Test and compare to  $\frac{1}{n}$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^2+n-1}{3n^3+n}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 + n^2 - n}{3n^3 + n} = \frac{1}{3} > 0$$

We know that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges, therefore by the Limit Comparison Test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 + n - 1}{3n^3 + n}$  diverges.

4. Determine whether  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^2}{n^3 - 1}$  converges absolutely, converges conditionally or diverges.

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

Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges, we know by Comparison Test that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n n^2}{n^3 - 1} \right|$  diverges. Therefore the original series does not converge absolutely.

Now we will check to see if it converges conditionally, by using the Alternating Series Test.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3 - 1} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{x^2}{x^3 - 1} \\ f'(x) &= \frac{(x^3 - 1)(2x) - x^2(3x^2)}{(x^3 - 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{-x^4 - 2x}{(x^3 - 1)^2} < 0 \text{ on } [1, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f(x)$  is decreasing and hence  $b_{n+1} < b_n$ . So by the Alternating Series Test,  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^2}{n^3 - 1}$  converges.

Since it did not converge when we took the absolute value, but did converge with the negatives still in, we know that it converges conditionally.

5. Determine whether  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n n^2}{n!}$  converges absolutely, converges conditionally or diverges.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(-3)^{n+1} (n+1)^2}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{(-3)^n n^2}{n!}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{n+1} (n+1)^2}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{3^n n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3(n+1)^2}{(n+1)n^2} = 0$$

Therefore by the Ratio Test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n n^2}{n!}$  converges absolutely.

6. Consider the power series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2x-5)^n}{n+1}$ .

- (a) Where is this power series centered?  $a = \frac{5}{2}$   
 (b) Determine the interval of convergence.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(2x-5)^{n+1}}{n+2}}{\frac{(2x-5)^n}{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|2x-5|^{n+1}}{n+2} \cdot \frac{n+1}{|2x-5|^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|2x-5|(n+1)}{n+2} = |2x-5|$$

$$\begin{aligned} |2x-5| &< 1 \\ -1 &< 2x-5 < 1 \\ 4 &< 2x < 6 \\ 2 &< x < 3 \end{aligned}$$

Now we need to check the endpoints.

Plug in  $x = 2$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2x-5)^n}{n+1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1}$  which converges by alternating series test.

Plug in  $x = 3$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2x-5)^n}{n+1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1}$  which diverges by comparison to  $\frac{1}{n}$ .

Therefore the interval of convergence is  $[2, 3)$ .

- (c) What is the radius of convergence?  $R = \frac{1}{2}$

7. Represent each of the following functions as a power series.

(a)  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+x^6}$

$$\frac{x}{1+x^6} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(-x^6)^n = \boxed{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{6n+1}}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(1-2x)^2} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{1-2x} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2x)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(2x)^{n-1} \cdot 2 \\ &= \boxed{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(2x)^{n-1}} \end{aligned}$$

8. Use your answer to problem 7a to determine  $\int_0^{.5} \frac{x}{1+x^6}$  correct to within .0001.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{.5} \frac{x}{1+x^6} &= \int_0^{.5} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{6n+1} dx \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{6n+2}}{6n+2} \Big|_0^{.5} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (.5)^{6n+2}}{6n+2} \\ &= \frac{.5^2}{2} - \frac{.5^8}{8} + \frac{.5^{14}}{14} - \frac{.5^{20}}{20} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{.5^{14}}{14} \approx .000004 < .0001$ , we need only take the first two terms and this will give us an accurate enough estimation.

Therefore  $\int_0^{.5} \frac{x}{1+x^6} \approx \frac{.5^2}{2} - \frac{.5^8}{8} \approx .1245$ .