

School of Mathematics and Statistics  
Carleton University  
Math. 1005A, Winter 2011  
TEST 4

Any non-programmable calculator permitted, 1 blank sheet permitted for roughs

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Tutorial Section (A1, A4, ...): \_\_\_\_\_

Solutions

PART I: Multiple Choice Questions  
(Choose and CIRCLE only ONE answer - No part marks here.)

1. [2 marks] Which of the following series converges to a finite value?

- (a)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n}$ , (b)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ , (c)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n+1}$ , (d)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^2}$ .

2. [2 marks] Which of the following series diverges to  $+\infty$ ?

- (a)  $\sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{3}{(n-1)^2}$ , (b)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{2}{3^n}$ , (c)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{(n+1)^{1.002}}$ , (d)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{8}{n+10}$ .

3. [2 marks] Which of the following series IS a geometric series?

- (a)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{2^n}{5^n}$ , (b)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{(n+2)^5}$ , (c)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{2}{n^n}$ , (d)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{4}{n}$ .

4. [2 marks] What can you say about the following series,

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n(n+1)}?$$

- (a) It diverges to  $+\infty$ , (b) It converges to the value  $+1$ ,  
(c) It converges to the value  $+1/2$ , (d) It converges to the value  $-1$ .

5. [2 marks] Answer TRUE or FALSE:

The series  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \sin(\frac{1}{n})$  converges to a finite number.

- (a) TRUE, (b) FALSE

1. d  
2. d  
3. a  
4. b  
5. b

PART II: Show all work here and give details.  
No additional pages will be accepted

6. [10 marks] Use any test to determine the convergence or divergence of the series

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^2}{2+n^2} \cos(\frac{1}{n}).$$

Note: You get 5 marks for judicious (clever) guessing, and another 5 marks for supporting your guess. In either case, give details (be specific).

Let  $a_n = \frac{n^2}{2+n^2} \cos(\frac{1}{n})$ .

Guess. [ For large values of  $n$  (or as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ),  $\cos(\frac{1}{n}) \rightarrow 1$ .  
and  $\frac{n^2}{2+n^2} \rightarrow 1$   $\therefore a_n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and so  
by the divergence test,  $\sum a_n$  diverges ]

Justification ...

Use limit comparison test! (LCT)

$$a_n = \frac{n^2}{2+n^2} \cos\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$b_n = \frac{n^2}{2+n^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \cos\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$\therefore$  by LCT  $\sum a_n, \sum b_n$  converge or diverge together.

But  $b_n \rightarrow 1$  (by L'Hospital's Rule)

$\therefore \sum b_n$  diverges

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$$\leftarrow \textcircled{1} \rightarrow a_n = \frac{n^2}{2+n^2} \cos\frac{1}{n}$$

$$\leftarrow \textcircled{1} \rightarrow b_n = \cos\frac{1}{n}$$

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(by L'Hospital's rule)

$\leftarrow \textcircled{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \therefore$  by LCT  $\sum a_n, \sum b_n$  converge or diverge together

$\leftarrow \textcircled{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow$  But  $b_n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$\leftarrow \textcircled{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \therefore \sum b_n$  diverges

$\leftarrow \textcircled{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \therefore \sum a_n$  diverges

7. [10 marks] Use any test to determine the convergence or divergence of the series

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{2^n + 1}{n^3 2^n}$$

Note: You get 5 marks for judicious (clever) guessing, and another 5 marks for supporting your guess. In either case, give details (be specific).

Guess: Let  $a_n = \frac{2^n + 1}{n^3 2^n} \Rightarrow a_n = \left(\frac{2^n + 1}{2^n}\right) \frac{1}{n^3} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^n}\right) \frac{1}{n^3}$

So, for large values of  $n$  (or as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ),  $a_n \approx \frac{1}{n^3}$

$\sum \frac{1}{n^3}$  converges ( $\because$  it is a  $p$ -series with  $p=3$ ).

$\therefore \sum a_n$  converges.

Justification (use LCT):

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

$$b_n = \frac{1}{n^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{2^n + 1}{2^n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$\rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\therefore$  by LCT both  $\sum a_n, \sum b_n$  converge or diverge together

But  $\sum b_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^3}$  is a  $p$ -series

with  $p=3$ .  $\therefore$

$\sum b_n$  converges

$\therefore \sum a_n$  converges.

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