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Math 20B (Section B), Fall 2009, Midterm Exam 2 Solutions

- **Show all of your work to receive full credit.**
  - Read each question carefully.
  - Answer each question completely.
  - Write your answers and work clearly and legibly; no credit will be given for illegible solutions.
  - You are allowed one notebook-sized sheet of handwritten notes (written on one side).
  - No calculators are allowed during the exam.
  - 48 minutes.
  - Go back and check your answers if you finish early.
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1	5	
2	5	
3	5	
4	5	
5	5	
6	5	
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1. (5 points) Determine convergence or divergence by any method. Justify your answer.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\ln n}{n}\right)^n$$

**Solution:** The power  $n$  leads us to think that the Root Test might work, so we look at

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left|\left(\frac{\ln n}{n}\right)^n\right|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} = 0$$

We know this limit is zero by using L'Hôpital's Rule:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/x}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

So by the Root Test, the series converges.

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2. (5 points) Evaluate the integral

**Solution:**

$$\int \frac{x^2}{(x-1)^2(x+1)} dx = \int \left[ \frac{1/2}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{3/4}{x-1} + \frac{1/4}{x+1} \right] dx = -\frac{1}{2(x-1)} + \frac{3}{4} \ln|x-1| + \frac{1}{4} \ln|x+1| + C$$

**Solution:**

$$\int \frac{x}{(x-1)(x+1)^2} dx = \int \left[ \frac{1/4}{x-1} + \frac{-1/4}{x+1} + \frac{1/2}{(x+1)^2} \right] dx = \frac{1}{4} \ln|x-1| - \frac{1}{4} \ln|x+1| - \frac{1}{2(x+1)}$$

**Solution:**

$$\int \frac{x^2}{(x-1)(x+1)^2} dx = \int \left[ \frac{1/4}{x-1} + \frac{3/4}{x+1} + \frac{-1/2}{(x+1)^2} \right] dx = \frac{1}{4} \ln|x-1| + \frac{3}{4} \ln|x+1| + \frac{1}{2(x+1)}$$

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3. (5 points) Determine the limit of the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  or show that the sequence diverges as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Justify your answer.

$$a_n = \frac{\sin^2 n}{\sqrt{n}}$$

**Solution:** For  $n \geq 1$  we have

$$0 \leq \sin^2 n \leq 1$$

and

$$0 \leq \frac{\sin^2 n}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$ , the Squeeze Theorem tells us that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin^2 n}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$  also.

4. (5 points) Determine if the infinite sum is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent. Justify your answer.

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

**Solution:** The terms of the series do not converge to zero.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2+1/n} = \frac{1}{2}$$

so the  $(-1)^n$  factor makes the even terms  $a_{2n}$  tend to  $\frac{1}{2}$  and the odd terms  $a_{2n+1}$  tend to  $-\frac{1}{2}$ . Since the individual terms of the series do not tend to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , by the Divergence Test the series diverges.

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5. (5 points) Evaluate the integral

$$\int \cos^3 x \, dx$$

or

$$\int \sin^3 x \, dx$$

**Solution:**

$$\int \cos^3 x \, dx = \int (1 - \sin^2 x) \cos x \, dx$$

Let  $u = \sin x$  and  $du = \cos x \, dx$  to get

$$= \int [1 - u^2] \, du = u - \frac{1}{3}u^3 + C = \sin x - \frac{1}{3}\sin^3 x + C$$

**Solution:**

$$\int \sin^3 x \, dx = \int (1 - \cos^2 x) \sin x \, dx$$

Let  $u = \cos x$  and  $-du = \sin x \, dx$  to get

$$= \int (1 - u^2) (-du) = \int (u^2 - 1) \, du = \frac{1}{3}u^3 - u + C = \frac{1}{3}\cos^3 x - \cos x + C$$

6. (5 points) Determine, with justification, whether the following integral converges or diverges.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x + e^x}$$

**Solution:** We cannot find an antiderivative of this integrand to evaluate the improper integral directly, but we can compare it to something that we know converges. For  $x \geq 1$  we have

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{x + e^x} \leq \frac{1}{e^x} = e^{-x}$$

so we must have

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x + e^x} \leq \int_1^{\infty} e^{-x} \, dx$$

Since

$$\int_1^{\infty} e^{-x} \, dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^R e^{-x} \, dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} -e^{-x} \Big|_1^R = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} (-e^{-R} + e^{-1}) = e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e}$$

the larger integral converges, so by the Comparison Test for Improper Integrals,  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x + e^x}$  converges.

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7. (5 points) Determine convergence or divergence by any method. Justify your answer.

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

**Solution:**

Since  $a_n = f(n)$  where  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2}$ , and this looks like something we can integrate, we would like to apply the Integral Test to determine if this converges. First,  $f(x)$  is continuous, positive and decreasing as  $x$  gets bigger. This is fairly obvious since both factors in the denominator are increasing as  $x$  gets bigger.

To be more exact we could say  $\ln x$  is increasing and positive for  $x > 1$ , so  $(\ln x)^2$  is also increasing, and  $x$  is increasing, so  $x(\ln x)^2$  is increasing, so  $\frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2}$  is decreasing.

Or we could say that

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x(\ln x)^2] = (\ln x)^2 + 2 \ln x > 0$$

for  $x > 1$ , so the denominator is increasing for  $x > 1$ .

Now,

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^2} = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^R \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^2}$$

Let  $u = \ln x$  and  $du = \frac{dx}{x}$ ,

$$= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln R} \frac{du}{u^2} = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{u} \right]_{\ln 2}^{\ln R} = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{\ln R} + \frac{1}{\ln 2} \right] = \frac{1}{\ln 2} < \infty$$

The integral converges, so by the Integral Test the series also converges.