

Your Name: *Answer Key*

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1. (5 pts.) Find a formula (recursive or explicit) for  $b_n = \left\langle \frac{1}{1+1}, -\frac{1}{4+1}, \frac{1}{9+1}, -\frac{1}{17}, \frac{1}{26}, -\frac{1}{37}, \dots \right\rangle$

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

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2. (5 pts.) Compute  $b_7$  for the sequence defined in #1.

$$b_7 = \frac{(-1)^{7+1}}{7^2 + 1} = \boxed{\frac{1}{50}}$$

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3. (10 pts.) Show that the sequence  $a_n = \frac{n+1}{n^2}$  converges or diverges.

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

$a_n$  converges (to 0)

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For problems 4-9, if the series converges, I'll award 5 BONUS points if you can give the exact value of the series. (Note: Some convergent series might be impossible to compute the value of using the techniques I've taught in class!) Make sure you label the value in the problem.

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4. (15 pts.) Show that the series  $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{4^n}{(2n)!}$  converges or diverges.

Ratio Test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{4^{n+1}}{(2(n+1))!}}{\frac{4^n}{(2n)!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^{n+1}}{(2n+2)!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{4^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{4^n} \cdot 4}{\cancel{(2n)!} (2n+1)(2n+2)} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(2n)!}}{\cancel{4^n}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} = 0 < 1$$

So  $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{4^n}{(2n)!}$  converges by Ratio Test

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5. (15 pts.) Show that the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{3^i} - \frac{2}{3^{i+1}}$  converges or diverges.

(Telescoping)

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

The series converges to  $\frac{2}{3}$  <sup>Bonus</sup> ↙

6. (15 pts.) Show that the series  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k}{4+k^2}$  converges or diverges.

(LCT)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{k}{4+k^2}}{\frac{1}{k}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^2}{4+k^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^2}{k^2} = 1 \quad \& \quad \sum \frac{1}{k} \text{ diverges}$$

∴ by LCT  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k}{4+k^2}$  also diverges.

7. (10 pts.) Show that  $\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m \ln m}$  converges or diverges.

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln(\ln b) - \ln(\ln 2)$$

$$= \infty$$

$$\text{Let } u = \ln x \\ du = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{x=2}^{x=b} \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln |u| \right]_{x=2}^{x=b}$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln |\ln x| \right]_2^b$$

So  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n}$  diverges by the

Integral Test.

8. (15 pts.) Show that the series  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi^j}{2(3^j)}$  converges or diverges.

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^j = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{j-1}$$

Geometric Series diverges as  $\left|\frac{\pi}{3}\right| > 1$ .

9. (10 pts.) Show that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{3^{2n}}$  converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges.

$$\text{Check } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-2)^n}{3^{2n}} \right| = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{3^{2n}}$$

Root Test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2^n}{3^{2n}} \right)^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{3^2} = \frac{2}{9} < 1$$

$$\text{Thus } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-2)^n}{3^{2n}} \right| \text{ converges} \quad + \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{3^{2n}} \text{ converges absolutely}$$

To find value...

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{3^{2n}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{2}{9}\right)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1) \left(-\frac{2}{9}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{9}} = \frac{1}{\frac{11}{9}} = \boxed{\frac{9}{11}}$$

BONUS

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Apply the Ratio Test with  $a_n = \frac{n!}{n^n}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}}}{\frac{n!}{n^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{n!} \cancel{(n+1)}}{\cancel{(n+1)!}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{\cancel{n!}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^n}{(n+1)^n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n \end{aligned}$$

Let  $L_n = \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L_n &= n \ln\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right) \\ &= \frac{\ln\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)}{1/n} \\ &= \frac{\ln(n) - \ln(n+1)}{1/n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln L_n = \ln\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n) - \ln(n+1)}{1/n}$$

(You may use LH here since the numerator can be rewritten to go to 0 instead of  $\infty - \infty$ .)

(Also remember  $\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$ .)

$$\begin{aligned} \ln\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n\right) &\stackrel{\text{LH}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}}{-1/n^2} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n(n+1)}}{-1/n^2} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2 + n} \end{aligned}$$

$= -1$

Since  $\ln\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n\right) = -1$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n = \frac{1}{e} < 1$ , and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$  converges by the Ratio Test!

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(Telescoping)

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{4^{n+1}} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{So } \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{4^i} - \frac{3}{4^{i+1}} \text{ converges to } \frac{3}{4} \leftarrow \text{BONUS}$$

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(LCT)

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$\sum \frac{1}{k}$  diverges

So  $\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{k}{k^2 - 4}$  also **diverges** by LCT

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by Integral Test

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$$= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{e}{2}\right)^j = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{e}{2}\right)^{j-1}$$

Geometric series with  $\left|\frac{e}{2}\right| > 1$  **diverges**.

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$$\text{Show } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-3)^n}{2^{2n}} \right| = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{2^{2n}} \text{ converges:}$$

Root Test:

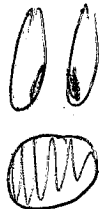
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{3^n}{2^{2n}} \right)^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{2^2} = \frac{3}{4} < 1$$

$$\text{So } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-3)^n}{2^{2n}} \right| \text{ converges } \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n}{2^{2n}} \text{ converges absolutely}$$

For bonus:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n}{2^{2n}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1) \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{\frac{7}{4}} = \frac{4}{7} \quad \text{BONUS}$$

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Since  $\ln \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n\right) = 1$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n = e > 1$ , and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{n!}$  diverges by the Ratio Test!