



Quiz 6

MATH 172 Lab: Sections 8

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Note: This quiz covers Alternating Series Test and Taylor Polynomials.

Show your work and circle your answers. Neatness and organization count!

Question 1: (3 points) Determine whether the following series diverges, converges conditionally, or converges absolutely:

Thus, it's absolutely convergent. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n n^2 e^{-n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^2}{e^n}$

Compare $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^2}{e^n}$ with $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{e^n}$

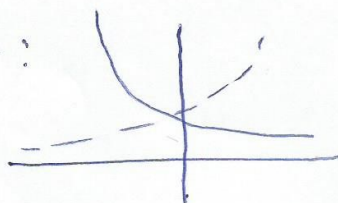
$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^2}{e^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{e^n}{n^2} \right| = \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2 e} = \frac{1}{e} < 1$ Convergent

by Ratio Test.

OR Root Test: $\left(\frac{n^2}{e} \right)^{1/n} = \frac{1}{e} < 1$ Convergent

OR Direct Comparison Test: $\frac{e^{-n}}{n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$ Convergent

OR Graph Test:



Convergent.

So, it's convergent by Alternating Series test
 (iii) Assume $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{e^x}$
 $f'(x) < 0$ decreasing

(i) Alternating Series Test

(ii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{e^n} = \frac{2n}{e^n} = \frac{2}{e^n} = \frac{2}{\infty} = 0$

Question 2: (2 points) Find the 3rd degree Taylor Polynomial for $f(\Sigma) = \tan^{-1}(\Sigma)$ centered at $\Sigma = 0$.

$$f(\Sigma) = \tan^{-1}(\Sigma) \longrightarrow f(0) = \tan^{-1}(0) = 0$$

$$f'(\Sigma) = \frac{1}{1+\Sigma^2} = (1+\Sigma^2)^{-1} \longrightarrow f'(0) = 1$$

$$f''(\Sigma) = -(1+\Sigma^2)^{-2} \cdot 2\Sigma \longrightarrow f''(0) = 0$$

$$f'''(\Sigma) = 2(1+\Sigma^2)^{-3} \cdot 2\Sigma - (1+\Sigma^2)^{-2} \cdot 2 \longrightarrow f'''(0) = -2$$

$$\tan^{-1}(\Sigma) \approx 0 + \frac{1(\Sigma)}{1!} + \frac{0(\Sigma^2)}{2!} - \frac{2(\Sigma^3)}{3!}$$

Therefore, $\boxed{\tan^{-1}(\Sigma) \approx \Sigma - \frac{\Sigma^3}{3}}$ \square