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SEQUENCES, SERIES AND VECTOR CALCULUS

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THE PAPER IN PEN
2. CALCULATORS ARE ALLOWED
3. INDICATE **CLEARLY** ANY ADDITIONAL WORKING OUT

**Question 1**

Use the precise definition of a limit of a sequence to show that

[3]

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

**Question 2**

State and prove the Alternating Series Test.

[6]

**Question 3**

Test the following series for convergence or divergence:

[8]

$$(3.1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \arctan n - \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

(4)

(3.2)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b^{\ln n}$ , where  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfies  $0 < b < e^{-1}$ . **Hint:** Show that the series is a  $p$ -series. (4)

**Question 4**

Prove or disprove: If  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  are convergent series, then  $\sum a_n b_n$  is a convergent series. [3]

**Question 5**

[7]

(5.1) Use Taylor's Inequality and the fact that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  to show that (3)

$$e^{2x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n x^n}{n!} \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(5.2) By using the result in (5.1), find a Maclaurin series expansion for  $f(x) = \cosh(2x)$ . (2)

(5.3) Why can we conclude from (5.2) that  $f(x) \geq 1 + 2x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x^4$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ? (2)



**Question 6**

Consider the approximation

$$\sin x \approx x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!}.$$

For what values of  $x$  is this approximation accurate to within  $10^{-4}$ ?

[2]

**Question 7**

For questions (7.1) - (7.5), please circle only **ONE** correct answer:

[5]

(7.1) Two particles travel along the space curves

$$\mathbf{r}_1(t) = \langle \cos t, \sin^2 t, t^2 - 4\pi^2 \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r}_2(t) = \langle 1 + t, t^2, t^3 \rangle.$$

What can be said about the motion of the particles? (1)

- (a) The particles collide.
- (b) The paths of the particles intersect, but they do not collide.
- (c) The paths of the particles do not intersect.
- (d) None of the above.

(7.2) If  $\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle t^2, t \cos \pi t, \sin \pi t \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{r}(0) = \langle 0, \frac{1}{\pi^2}, -\frac{1}{\pi} \rangle$ , then (1)

- (a)  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{t^3}{3}, \frac{t}{\pi} \sin \pi t + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \cos \pi t, -\frac{1}{\pi} \cos \pi t \right\rangle.$
- (b)  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{t^3}{3}, \frac{t}{\pi} \cos \pi t - \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sin \pi t, -\frac{1}{\pi} \cos \pi t \right\rangle.$
- (c)  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{t^3}{3}, -\frac{t}{\pi} \sin \pi t - \frac{1}{\pi^2} \cos \pi t, \frac{1}{\pi} \cos \pi t \right\rangle.$
- (d)  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{t^3}{3}, \frac{t}{\pi} \sin \pi t - \frac{1}{\pi^2} \cos \pi t, \frac{1}{\pi} \cos \pi t \right\rangle.$

(7.3) If  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  is a differentiable vector function, then (1)

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\mathbf{r}(t)| = |\mathbf{r}'(t)|.$$

- (a) True
- (b) False

(7.4) Suppose that  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are differentiable vector functions, and that  $f$  is a differentiable real-valued function. Consider the following differentiation formulas:

- (i)  $\frac{d}{dt} [\mathbf{u}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}(t)] = \mathbf{v}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{u}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}(t).$
- (ii)  $\frac{d}{dt} [\mathbf{u}(t) \times \mathbf{v}(t)] = \mathbf{v}'(t) \times \mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{u}'(t) \times \mathbf{v}(t).$
- (iii)  $\frac{d}{dt} [\mathbf{u}(f(t))] = f'(t)\mathbf{u}'(f(t)).$

Which of the above statements are always true? (1)

- (a) i, ii, iii
- (b) i, ii
- (c) iii
- (d) i, iii
- (e) ii, iii

(7.5) The curvature of  $y = e^x$  at  $x = 0$  is (1)

- (a)  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$
- (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
- (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (d)  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$
- (e) 2

**Question 8**

Find the length of the curve

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left\langle \frac{t^3}{3}, \frac{t^2}{\sqrt{2}}, t \right\rangle$$

from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 3$ .

[4]

**Question 9**

Show that if there is a  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|\mathbf{r}(t)| = c$  for all  $t$ , then  $\mathbf{r}'(t)$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ . [3]

**Question 10**

Prove that the curvature of a curve  $C$  with vector function  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  is given by the following formula:[4]

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{|\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)|}{|\mathbf{r}'(t)|^3}.$$

**Question 11**

Find the tangential and normal components of the acceleration vector of a particle with position function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, 2t, t^2 \rangle$ . [5]