

1. (3-points) Find a formula for the general term  $a_n$  of the sequence

$$\left\{ \frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{7}{12}, \frac{9}{16}, \frac{11}{20}, \dots \right\}$$

Then determine whether the sequence converges or diverges. If it converges, find the limit.

$$a_n = \frac{2n+1}{4n}, \quad n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{4n}$$

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

$\Rightarrow$  The sequence converges  
to  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

2. (4-points) Find the values of  $x$  for which the series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2x-1)^n}{3^{n+1}}$  converges. Then, find the sum for those values of  $x$ .

The series is

$$\frac{(2x-1)^2}{3^3} + \frac{(2x-1)^3}{3^4} + \frac{(2x-1)^4}{3^5} + \dots$$

which is a geometric series

with first term  $a = \frac{(2x-1)^2}{3^3}$

and common ratio  $r$  is

$$r = \frac{2x-1}{3}$$

Therefore, the series is convergent

$$\text{if } |r| < 1 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{2x-1}{3} \right| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -3 < 2x-1 < 3 \Rightarrow$$

$$-2 < 2x < 4 \Rightarrow -1 < x < 2$$

and for those values of

$x$  the series has

$$\text{The sum} = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{(2x-1)^2}{3^3}}{1 - \frac{2x-1}{3}} = \frac{(2x-1)^2}{9(4-2x)}$$

$$-1 < x < 2.$$

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- 3. (4-points) Show that the integral test can be used to test the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^3}$  for convergence or divergence. If it converges, then find an upper bound for the size of the error if its sum  $S$  is approximated by  $S_{100}$  (write your answer in a decimal form).

$$\text{Let } f(n) = \frac{2}{n^3}, n \geq 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}, x \geq 1 \text{ which}$$

is a continuous and positive function for all  $x \geq 1$ .

$$f'(x) = -\frac{6}{x^4} < 0 \text{ for all } x \geq 1$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is decreasing for all  $x \geq 1$

$\Rightarrow$  The integral test can be used.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{2}{x^3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{2}{x^3} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{x^2} \right]_1^t$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{t^2} + 1 \right] = 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  The series is convergent.

$$R_{100} \leq \int_{100}^{\infty} \frac{2}{x^3} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{x^2} \right]_{100}^t = \frac{1}{(100)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10,000} = 0.0001$$

which is an upper bound for the size of the error.

4. (4-points) Find a closed form for the general form  $S_n$  of the sequence of partial sums of the series  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2 + 9n + 20}$ . Then find, if possible, the sum of the series.

$$\frac{1}{n^2 + 9n + 20} = \frac{1}{(n+4)(n+5)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n+4} - \frac{1}{n+5}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{7} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{8} \right)$$

$$+ \dots + \left( \frac{1}{n+3} - \frac{1}{n+4} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{n+4} - \frac{1}{n+5} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{n+5}$$

(A telescoping sum)

Therefore,  $\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{n+5}$  is the closed form for  $S_n$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{n+5} \right) = \frac{1}{5}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The series is convergent and has the sum  $\frac{1}{5}$ .