

**Math 102- Solved Problems**  
**(28 Problems, 6 pages)**

1. Write the sum  $\sum_{n=1}^{20} \frac{\sin(n-5)}{2n+3}$  in a sigma notation that starts with 3 rather than 1. **Solution:** Add 2 to both sides of  $n=1$  to get  $n+2=3$ . Let  $j=n+2$ . Then  $n=j-2$ . Further,  $n=1 \Rightarrow j=3$  and  $n=20 \Rightarrow j=22$ . Thus we have
- $$\sum_{n=1}^{20} \frac{\sin(n-5)}{2n+3} = \sum_{j=3}^{22} \frac{\sin(j-7)}{2j-1}.$$
2. Prove that  $6\sqrt{2} \leq \int_0^3 \sqrt{x^3+8} dx \leq 3\sqrt{35}$ . **Solution:** Here  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^3+8}$  is defined over the interval  $[0, 3]$ . We first find two numbers  $m$  and  $M$  such that  $m \leq f(x) \leq M$  and then integrate each side. Since  $x \in [0, 3]$ , then  $0 \leq x \leq 3$ . Cubing each side, we get  $0 \leq x^3 \leq 27$ . Adding 8 to each side, we obtain  $8 \leq x^3+8 \leq 35$ . Taking the square root of each side, we get  $2\sqrt{2} \leq \sqrt{x^3+8} \leq \sqrt{35}$ . Now we integrate over the interval  $[0, 3]$  to obtain  $\int_0^3 2\sqrt{2} dx \leq \int_0^3 \sqrt{x^3+8} dx \leq \int_0^3 \sqrt{35} dx$ . Evaluating, we obtain what we want:
- $$6\sqrt{2} \leq \int_0^3 \sqrt{x^3+8} dx \leq 3\sqrt{35}.$$
3. Evaluate the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{i}{n}\right)$ . **Solution:** We compare with the formula  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x = \int_a^b f(x) dx$ . We observe that  $\Delta x = \frac{1}{n}$  and  $x_i^* = \frac{i}{n}$ ; that is,  $x_i^*$  is chosen to be the right endpoint of each subinterval. Since  $x_i^* = a + i\Delta x$ , then  $\frac{i}{n} = a + i\frac{1}{n}$  and hence  $a = 0$ . Also, since  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$ , then  $\frac{1}{n} = \frac{b-0}{n}$  and hence  $b = 1$ . Further,  $f(x) = \sin x$ . So the given limit equals
- $$\int_0^1 \sin x dx = 1 - \cos 1.$$
4. Find the critical points of the function  $F(x) = \int_2^{x^2-2x} e^t dt$ . **Solution:** We find the derivative:  $F'(x) = e^{(x^2-2x)^2} (2x-2) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$ . So the function has only one critical point:  $x = 1$ .
5. Find  $\int \cos^2 x dx$ . **Solution:** Using the identity  $\cos(2x) = 2\cos^2 x - 1$ , we have
- $$\int \cos^2 x dx = \int \frac{1 + \cos(2x)}{2} dx = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}\sin(2x) + C.$$

6. Find  $\int \frac{2}{\sqrt{x+2} - \sqrt{x}} dx$ . **Solution:** Multiplying the numerator and denominator by the conjugate  $\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{x}$ , the integral becomes  $\int (\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{x}) dx = \frac{2}{3}[(x+2)^{3/2} + x^{3/2}] + C$ .

7. Find  $\int \left(\frac{x^2}{x+1}\right)^2 dx$ . **Solution:** First divide  $x^2$  by  $x+1$  (use long division) to get  $\frac{x^2}{x+1} = x - 1 + \frac{1}{x+1}$ . Squaring, we get  $\left(\frac{x^2}{x+1}\right)^2 = (x-1)^2 + \frac{2x-2}{x+1} + \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$ . It is easy to integrate the first and the third terms. For the second term,

divide first:  $\frac{2x-2}{x+1} = 2 - \frac{4}{x+1}$ . Thus,

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

8. Find  $\int \sqrt{x} \tan(3 + x^{3/2}) dx$ . **Solution:** Let  $u = 3 + x^{3/2}$ . Then  $du = \frac{3}{2} x^{1/2} dx$ . We get

$$\int \sqrt{x} \tan(3 + x^{3/2}) dx = \frac{2}{3} \int \tan u \, du = \frac{2}{3} \ln|\sec u| + C = \frac{2}{3} \ln|\sec(3 + x^{3/2})| + C.$$

9. Find  $\int \frac{2x^3}{(x^2+1)^4} dx$ . **Solution:** Let  $u = x^2 + 1$ . Then  $du = (2x) dx$ . We obtain

$$\int \frac{2x^3}{(x^2+1)^4} dx = \int \frac{x^2}{(x^2+1)^4} (2x) dx = \int \frac{u-1}{u^4} du = \int (u^{-3} - u^{-4}) du = \frac{u^{-2}}{-2} - \frac{u^{-3}}{-3} + C = -\frac{1}{2(x^2+1)^2} + \frac{1}{3(x^2+1)^3} + C.$$

10. Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  over the interval  $[1, 6]$ . Find the values of  $c$  that satisfy the Mean Value Theorem for Integrals. **Solution:** since  $f$  is continuous on the interval  $[1, 6]$ , then, by MVTI, there is a number  $c$  in  $[1, 6]$  such that  $\int_1^6 f(x) dx = f(c)(6-1)$ . This gives  $\ln 6 = \frac{5}{c}$  and hence  $c = \frac{5}{\ln 6}$ . Note that  $\frac{5}{\ln 6} \in [1, 6]$  since  $6 < e^5 < 6^6 \Rightarrow \ln 6 < 5 < 6 \ln 6 \Rightarrow 1 < \frac{5}{\ln 6} < 6$ .

11. Find  $\int x \ln(x^2 + 1) dx$ . **Solution:** Let  $y = x^2 + 1$ . Then  $dy = (2x) dx$ . Thus we get  $\int x \ln(x^2 + 1) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \ln y \, dy = \frac{1}{2} [y \ln y - y] + C = \frac{1}{2} y [\ln y - 1] + C = \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + 1) [\ln(x^2 + 1) - 1] + C$ .

12. Find  $\int \csc^6(2x)dx$ . **Solution:**  $\int \csc^6(2x)dx = \int \csc^4(2x) \csc^2(2x)dx$   
 $= \int (1 + \cot^2(2x))^2 \csc^2(2x)dx = \int (1 + 2\cot^2(2x) + \cot^4(2x)) \csc^2(2x)dx$ . let  
 $u = \cot(2x)$ . Then  $du = -2\csc^2(2x)dx$ . The last integral equals  
 $-\frac{1}{2} \int (1 + 2u^2 + u^4)du = -\frac{1}{2} (u + \frac{2}{3}u^3 + \frac{1}{5}u^5) + C = -\frac{1}{2} \cot(2x) - \frac{1}{3} \cot^3(2x)$   
 $-\frac{1}{10} \cot^5(2x) + C$ .

13. Find  $\int_{-1}^1 (\sin^{11}x)dx$ . **Solution:** Here we do not need to use the technique of  
section 7.2. Since the interval is symmetric and the integrand is an odd  
function (check), then  $\int_{-1}^1 (\sin^{11}x)dx = 0$ .

14. Find  $\int \sqrt{1+9x^2} dx$ . **Solution:** Let  $I$  denote the given integral. First let  $y = 3x$ .  
Then  $dy = 3dx$ . We get  $I = \frac{1}{3} \int \sqrt{1+y^2} dy$ . Let  $y = \tan \theta, \frac{-\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Then  
 $dy = (\sec^2 \theta)d\theta$  and  $\sqrt{1+y^2} = \sqrt{1+\tan^2 \theta} = |\sec \theta| = \sec \theta$  since  $\theta$  lies in  
the first or fourth quadrant. We get  $I = \frac{1}{3} \int (\sec^3 \theta)d\theta$ . Now we use  
integration by parts: Let  $u = \sec \theta, dv = (\sec^2 \theta)d\theta$ . Then  
 $du = (\sec \theta \tan \theta)d\theta, v = \tan \theta$ . This gives  
 $I = \frac{1}{3} [\sec \theta \tan \theta - \int (\sec \theta \tan^2 \theta)d\theta] = \frac{1}{3} [\sec \theta \tan \theta - \int \sec^3(\theta)d\theta + \int (\sec \theta)d\theta]$   
 $= \frac{1}{3} [\sec \theta \tan \theta - 3I + \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta|]$ . Solving for  $I$ , we get  
 $I = \frac{1}{6} [\sec \theta \tan \theta + \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta|] + C$ . In terms of  $x$ , we get  
 $I = \frac{1}{6} [3x\sqrt{1+9x^2} + \ln |\sqrt{1+9x^2} + 3x|] + C$ .

15. Find  $\int \frac{1}{e^x - 2e^{-x}} dx$ . **Solution:** Multiply the integrand by  $\frac{e^x}{e^x}$  to get  
 $\int \frac{e^x}{e^{2x} - 2} dx$ . Let  $u = e^x$ . Then  $du = e^x dx$ . The last integral becomes  
 $\int \frac{1}{u^2 - 2} du = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \ln \left| \frac{u - \sqrt{2}}{u + \sqrt{2}} \right| + C = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \ln \left| \frac{e^x - \sqrt{2}}{e^x + \sqrt{2}} \right| + C$ .

16. Find the limit of the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{\cos(5n)}{2 + \sqrt[3]{n}} \right\}_{n=1}^{+\infty}$ . **Solution:** We use the Squeezing  
Theorem. Since  $-1 \leq \cos(5n) \leq 1$ , then  $\frac{-1}{2 + \sqrt[3]{n}} \leq \frac{\cos(5n)}{2 + \sqrt[3]{n}} \leq \frac{1}{2 + \sqrt[3]{n}}$ . Since  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{-1}{2 + \sqrt[3]{n}} = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2 + \sqrt[3]{n}} = 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\cos(5n)}{2 + \sqrt[3]{n}} = 0$ .

17. Determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2 - 1}$  converges or diverges. If it

converges, find its sum. **Solution:** By definition, we need to find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} S_n$ .

We have  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{4k^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{2k-1} - \frac{1}{2k+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} \right) + \dots + \left( \frac{1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2n+1} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2n+1} \right)$ . This implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} S_n = \frac{1}{2}$ . We conclude that the series converges and its sum is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

18. Find all values of  $x$  for which the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} e^{-nx}$  converges and find the sum

of the series for these values of  $x$ . **Solution:** The series

$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} (e^{-x})^n = 1 + e^{-x} + (e^{-x})^2 + \dots$  is a geometric series with  $a = 1$  and  $r = e^{-x}$ .

Thus, it converges if  $|r| < 1$ , i.e.,  $|e^{-x}| < 1 \Rightarrow e^{-x} < 1 \Rightarrow e^x > 1 \Rightarrow x > 0$ . The series converges if and only if  $x > 0$  and the sum in this case is

$$\frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-e^{-x}} = \frac{e^x}{e^x - 1}.$$

19. Determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^{2n}$  converges or diverges. **Solution:**

We use the Divergence Test: since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^{2n} = e^{-2} \neq 0$ , then the given series diverges.

20. Determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$  converges or diverges. **Solution:** We

use the Integral Test:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}}$  is positive, continuous and decreasing

$(f'(x) = \frac{-((\ln x)^{-1/2} + 2\sqrt{\ln x})}{2(x\sqrt{\ln x})^2} < 0)$  on  $[2, +\infty)$ . So we can apply the Integral

Test:

$$\int_2^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_2^t \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} 2\sqrt{\ln x} \Big|_2^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} 2\sqrt{\ln t} - 2\sqrt{\ln 2} = +\infty.$$

Since the improper integral diverges, then the given series diverges.

21. Determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}}$  converges or diverges. **Solution:** The

series can be rewritten as  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ . Thus the series is a p-series with

$p = \frac{3}{2} > 1$  and hence it is convergent.

22. Determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\tan^{-1}(1/n)}{n^3}$  converges or diverges. **Solution:**

We will use the Comparison Test. Since  $\tan^{-1}(1/n) \leq \pi/2$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , then

$\frac{\tan^{-1}(1/n)}{n^3} \leq \frac{\pi}{2n^3}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\pi}{2n^3}$  converges (as it is a constant

times a p-series with  $p = 3 > 1$ ), then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\tan^{-1}(1/n)}{n^3}$  converges.

23. Determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{2+3^n}{4+5^n}$  converges or diverges. **Solution:** We

use the Limit Comparison Test. Choose  $b_n = \frac{3^n}{5^n} = \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^n$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} =$

$$\lim \frac{2+3^n}{4+5^n} \cdot \frac{5^n}{3^n} = \lim \frac{2 \cdot 5^n + 15^n}{4 \cdot 3^n + 15^n} = \lim \frac{15^n (2 \cdot \frac{1}{3^n} + 1)}{15^n (4 \cdot \frac{1}{5^n} + 1)} = \lim \frac{2 \cdot \frac{1}{3^n} + 1}{4 \cdot \frac{1}{5^n} + 1} = \frac{0+1}{0+1} = 1 > 0.$$

Since the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^n$  converges (a geometric series with  $|r| = \frac{3}{5} < 1$ ), then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{2+3^n}{4+5^n}$  converges by the LCT.

24. Determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\cos(n\pi)}{\sqrt{n}}$  converges or diverges. **Solution:**

Note first that  $\cos(n\pi) = (-1)^n$ . Thus, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\cos(n\pi)}{\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}}$  is an

alternating series. So we use the AST:  $a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ ; (i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$ , and (ii)

$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{x}^3} < 0$  for  $x \geq 1$ , and hence  $\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right\}$  is decreasing.

We conclude that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\cos(n\pi)}{\sqrt{n}}$  converges by the AST.

25. Determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^{0.3}}$  is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent. **Solution:** We check each possibility:

a. Absolute Convergence: Since the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^{0.3}} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^{0.3}}$  diverges

(a p-series with  $p = 0.3 < 1$ ), then the given series is not absolutely convergent.

b. Conditional Convergence: We have to check the two conditions of conditional convergence:

- i.  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^{0.3}} \right|$  diverges: This was shown in (a).
- ii.  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^{0.3}}$  converges: It is an alternating series and so we use the AST. We leave it to the reader to check that the series converges. **Conclusion:** The given series converges conditionally.

26. Determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-3)^{n+1}}{(3n+2)!}$  converges or diverges. **Solution:**

We use the Ratio Test:  $a_n = \frac{(-3)^{n+1}}{(3n+2)!}$ ,  $a_{n+1} = \frac{(-3)^{n+2}}{(3(n+1)+2)!} = \frac{(-3)^{n+2}}{(3n+5)!}$ .

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{(-3)^{n+2}}{(3n+5)!} \cdot \frac{(3n+2)!}{(-3)^{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{(-3) \cdot (3n+2)!}{(3n+5)(3n+4)(3n+3) \cdot (3n+2)!} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{3}{(3n+5)(3n+4)(3n+3)} = 0. \text{ Since } L < 1, \text{ then the series converges}$$

absolutely and hence the series converges.

27. Determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \left( \frac{n+3}{n} \right)^{n^2}$  converges or diverges. **Solution:**

We use the Root Test:  $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sqrt[n]{\left( \frac{n+3}{n} \right)^{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{n} \right)^n = e^3$ . Since  $L > 1$ , then the series diverges.

28. Find the sum of the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2^n \cdot n!}$ . **Solution:** We compare the given series

with the Maclaurin series of  $e^x$ :  $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ ,  $|x| < +\infty$ . If we substitute  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

in the Maclaurin series of  $e^x$ , we get  $\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2^n \cdot n!} = e^{1/2} = \sqrt{e}$ .