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Solutions

To receive full credit for a problem you must show **all necessary work** including which test used.

1. (6 points) Determine whether the **sequence** converges or diverges. If it converges, find the limit.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7n^2 - 40n^{\frac{1}{2}}}{4n^2 + 30n^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left\{ \frac{7n^2 - 40\sqrt{n}}{4n^2 + 30\sqrt{n}} \right\}}{4 + 30 \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}} = \frac{7}{4}$$

The sequence converges with limit  $\frac{7}{4}$

2. (7 points) Determine whether the **series** converges or diverges. If it converges, find the sum.

$$a_n = (-2)^n 5^{1-n} = \frac{(-2)^n}{5^{n-1}} = (-2) \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)^{n-1}$$

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a geometric series with  $a = -2$  and  $r = -\frac{2}{5}$

$|r| = \frac{2}{5} < 1$ . So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent.

$$\text{The sum is } \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{-2}{1 - \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)} = -\frac{10}{7}$$

3. (6 points) Determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^3 (3/4)^n$  converges or diverges.

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{(n+1)^3 (3/4)^{n+1}}{n^3 (3/4)^n} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^3 \frac{3}{4} \rightarrow \frac{3}{4} < 1 \text{ when } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

By ratio test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^3 (3/4)^n$  is absolutely convergent,  
hence convergent.

4. (7 points) Find the radius of convergence and interval of convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-6)^n x^n}{\sqrt[3]{n}}$ .

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{6^{n+1} |x|^{n+1}}{\sqrt[3]{n+1}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{n}}{6^n |x|^n} = 6 \sqrt[3]{\frac{n}{n+1}} |x| = 6 |x| \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{n}}}$$

$$\text{So, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 6 |x|$$

By ratio test, the series is absolutely convergent when  $6|x| < 1$ .

When  $x = \frac{1}{6}$ , the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-6)^n (\frac{1}{6})^n}{\sqrt[3]{n}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{3}}}$  is convergent.  $|x| < \frac{1}{6}$

When  $x = -\frac{1}{6}$ , the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-6)^n (-\frac{1}{6})^n}{\sqrt[3]{n}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{3}}}$  is divergent.

So, the radius of convergence is  $R = \frac{1}{6}$

the interval of convergence is  $-\frac{1}{6} < x \leq \frac{1}{6}$

5. (6 points) Find a power series representation for the function  $f(x) = \frac{x}{5-x^2}$  and determine the interval of convergence.

By geometric series  $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \quad |x| < 1$

$$\frac{1}{5-x^2} = \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{x^2}{5}} = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^2}{5}\right)^n \quad \left|\frac{x^2}{5}\right| < 1 \quad |x| < \sqrt{5}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{5-x^2} = \frac{x}{5} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^2}{5}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{5^{n+1}} \quad |x| < \sqrt{5}$$

The interval of convergence is  $-\sqrt{5} < x < \sqrt{5}$

6. (6 points) Use the integral test to determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{\ln n}}{n}$  is convergent or divergent.

①  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{\ln x}}{x} > 0$  when  $x > 1$

②  $f(x)$  is decreasing.  $f'(x) = \frac{\sqrt{\ln x} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \ln x\right)}{x^2} < 0$  when  $x > e$

③  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{\ln x}}{x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{3} (\ln x)^{3/2} \Big|_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{3} (\ln t)^{3/2} = \infty$   
divergent.

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

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{\ln x}}{x} dx = \int u^{1/2} du = \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2} + C = \frac{2}{3} (\ln x)^{3/2} + C$$

So, by integral test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{\ln n}}{n}$  is divergent.

7. (2 points each, no partial points) Multi-choice. Determine whether the series is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent or divergent.

$$(1.) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{3n^2 - 1}{5n^2 + 6}$$

(1.) Answer: C

(A) absolutely convergent. (B) conditionally convergent. (C) divergent.

$$(2.) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2}{\sqrt{3n-1}}$$

(2.) Answer: B

(A) absolutely convergent. (B) conditionally convergent. (C) divergent.

$$(3.) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5^n - 3}{3^{2n} + 5}$$

(3.) Answer: A

(A) absolutely convergent. (B) conditionally convergent. (C) divergent.

$$(4.) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n^8)}{n^3}$$

(4.) Answer: A

(A) absolutely convergent. (B) conditionally convergent. (C) divergent.

$$(5.) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$$

(5.) Answer: C

(A) absolutely convergent. (B) conditionally convergent. (C) divergent.

$$(6.) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{n^3+1}}$$

(6.) Answer: B

(A) absolutely convergent. (B) conditionally convergent. (C) divergent.