



PRACTICE EXAMINATION I

Instructions:

- You *must* attempt Problem 1.
 - Please attempt at least three of Problems 2,3,4,5.
 - If you attempt all five problems then your final score will be the sum of your score for Problem 1 and the scores for the three remaining problems receiving the highest number points.
 - Calculators are not permitted.
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1. (10 points) True/False:

- (a) Let (a_n) be a sequence. If the sequence of even terms (a_2, a_4, a_6, \dots) is convergent with limit L then (a_n) is convergent with limit L .
- (b) Let $\sum a_n$ be a series. If the associated sequence of partial sums (s_m) is decreasing and bounded then the sequence (a_n) is convergent.
- (c) Let (a_n) be a bounded sequence. Suppose that there exists N such that the sequence $(a_n)_{n \geq N}$ is decreasing. Then, (a_n) is convergent.
- (d) Let $\sum a_n$ be a series such that $a_n > 0$. Let (s_m) be the associated sequence of partial sums. If there exists K such that $s_m < K$, for $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, then $\sum a_n$ is convergent.
- (e) Let $\sum (-1)^n b_n$, where $b_n > 0$, be an alternating series. If $\sum b_n$ is convergent then $\sum (-1)^n b_n$ is convergent.

2. Determine if the following sequences converge or diverge. If the sequence converges determine the limit. Give a careful explanation of your solution.

(a) (10 points)

$$\left(\frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)}{2^n} \right)_{n \geq 1}$$

(b) (10 points)

$$\left(\frac{n}{2 + (-1)^n} \right)_{n \geq 1}$$

3. (20 points) Consider the sequence (a_n) , where

$$a_n = \frac{2^n}{n!}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

- (a) Show that (a_n) is a decreasing sequence.
- (b) Determine an upper and lower bound for the sequence (a_n) .
- (c) Explain carefully why the series (a_n) is convergent.

(d) Determine $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$.

4. (20 points) Determine if the following series is convergent or divergent. If convergent you do not need to determine its limit. Justify your answer carefully.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n)}{7^n - 2^n}$$

5. Determine whether the following series is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent or divergent. If convergent you do not need to determine its limit. Justify your answer carefully.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n \pi^{-n^2} = \pi^{-1} - 2\pi^{-4} + 3\pi^{-9} - \dots$$