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Math 2108  
Test II

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Time: 62 minutes

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**Important Instructions**

- Write your name, ID # and Section # on the front cover of your answer booklet.
- In questions **Q1** to **Q4**, you must show your complete, mathematically correct and neatly written solution. In question **Q5**, circle the choice that best fits the correct answer.
- You are NOT allowed to share calculators or any other material during the test.
- Cellular phones are NOT allowed to be used for any purpose during the test.
- You should NOT ask the invigilator any questions about the exam.

**Q1:** (a) Evaluate the integral (7+5 points)

$$\int \frac{7x^2 + 20x + 4}{3x(x+1)^2} dx.$$

**Solution:** We use partial fractions to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{7x^2 + 20x + 4}{3x(x+1)^2} &= \frac{A}{3x} + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{(x+1)^2}. \\ 7x^2 + 20x + 4 &= A(x+1)^2 + 3Bx(x+1) + 3Cx \\ &= (A-7+3B)x^2 + (2A+3B+3C-20)x + A-4. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $A = 4, B = 1, C = 3$ . Now, we integrate to obtain

$$\int \frac{7x^2 + 20x + 4}{3x(x+1)^2} dx = \int \left( \frac{4}{3x} + \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{3}{(x+1)^2} \right) dx = \frac{4}{3} \ln|x| + \ln|x+1| - \frac{3}{x+1} + c.$$

(b) Determine whether the improper integral

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{3 \sec^2(x)}{\sqrt{1 - \tan(x)}} dx.$$

converges or diverges. Find the value of the integral if it converges.

**Solution:** Since the integral is improper at  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , then we write

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{3 \sec^2(x)}{\sqrt{1 - \tan(x)}} dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^-} \int_0^R \frac{3 \sec^2(x)}{\sqrt{1 - \tan(x)}} dx.$$

We use the substitution  $y = 1 - \tan(x)$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{R \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^-} \int_0^R \frac{3 \sec^2(x)}{\sqrt{1 - \tan(x)}} dx &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^-} \left( \int_1^{1 - \tan(R)} \frac{-3}{\sqrt{y}} dy \right) \\ &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^-} \left( -6(\sqrt{1 - \tan(R)} - 1) \right) \\ &= 6. \end{aligned}$$

**Q2:** Show that the sequence  $a_n = \frac{e^n}{1 + e^n}$  is increasing and bounded. (5 points)

Solution: Consider  $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x}$ , then

$$f'(x) = \frac{e^x}{(1 + e^x)^2} > 0.$$

Hence,  $a_n$  is increasing. Now, since

$$0 < a_n = \frac{e^n}{1 + e^n} < 1$$

for all values of  $n$ , then  $a_n$  is bounded.

**Q3:** Test whether each one of the following series is convergent or divergent: (6+5+5 points)

$$(a) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2 - \tan^{-1}(k)}{k^2 + 1} \quad (b) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{k^3 + 2k + 3}}{k^3 + 5k - 2} \quad (c) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k \ln(k)}.$$

Solution:

(a) Since  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < -\tan^{-1}(k) < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then

$$2 - \frac{\pi}{2} < 2 - \tan^{-1}(k) < 2 + \frac{\pi}{2}$$

and

$$0 < \frac{2 - \frac{\pi}{2}}{1 + k^2} < \frac{2 - \tan^{-1}(k)}{1 + k^2} < \frac{2 + \frac{\pi}{2}}{1 + k^2} < \left(2 + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \frac{1}{k^2}.$$

Since  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$  is a convergent  $p$ -series, then the series in (a) is convergent by the comparison test.

(b) Take

$$a_k = \frac{\sqrt{k^3 + 2k + 3}}{k^3 + 5k - 2}, \quad b_k = \frac{1}{k^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

and use the limit comparison test. We have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{1 + 2\frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{3}{k^3}}}{1 + 5\frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{2}{k^3}} = 1.$$

Since  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$  is a convergent  $p$ -series, then the series in (b) is convergent by the limit comparison test.

(c) This series is alternating. Since

$$(i) \frac{1}{k \ln(k)} > 0 \quad \text{for all } k \geq 2$$

$$(ii) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k \ln(k)} = 0$$

and

$$(iii) \frac{\frac{1}{(k+1) \ln(k+1)}}{\frac{1}{k \ln(k)}} = \frac{k \ln(k)}{k+1 \ln(k+1)} < 1$$

for all  $k > 1$ , then we use the alternating series test to conclude that the series in (c) is convergent.

**Q4:** Determine whether the series

(7 points)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{3^k}{k 4^k}$$

is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent or divergent.

Solution: Since

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{3^{k+1}}{(k+1)4^{k+1}}}{\frac{3^k}{k4^k}} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3k}{4(k+1)} = \frac{3}{4} < 1,$$

then the series is absolutely convergent by the ratio test.

Since the series is absolutely convergent, then it cannot be conditionally convergent, and it cannot be divergent.

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**Q5:** Circle the choice that best fits the correct answer. (2 points each)

- One of the following sequences is divergent

(A)  $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$

(B)  $b_n = (-1)^n \frac{2n^3}{n^3+1}$

(C)  $c_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$

(D)  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{-1}{5}\right)^k$

- One of the following series is conditionally convergent:

(A)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$

(B)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k^2}$

(C)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k}$

(D)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k$

- One of the following is true:

(A) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  is convergent.

(B) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  is divergent.

(C) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ ,

(D) If  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  is divergent, then  $\lim a_k \neq 0$ .

- A student needed to test the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k + |\sin(k)|}$  for convergence/divergence. The student solved the problem as follows:

Step 1:  $0 < \frac{1}{k + |\sin(k)|} \leq \frac{1}{k}$  for all  $k \geq 1$ .

Step 2: We know that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$  is a divergent  $p$ -series with  $p = 1$ .

Step 3: Because  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$  is divergent, then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k + |\sin(k)|}$  is divergent by the comparison test.

What do you think about the solution of this student?

(A) The solution is correct

(B) Step 1 is wrong

(C) Step 2 is wrong

(D) Step 3 is wrong

- One of the following integrals is improper:

(A)  $\int_0^1 \frac{\cos(x)}{1 + \sin(x)} dx$

(B)  $\int_0^1 \frac{\ln(x+1)}{1 + \ln(x+1)} dx$

(C)  $\int_0^1 \frac{\cos(x)}{1 + \cos(\pi x)} dx$

(D)  $\int_0^1 \frac{\sin(x)}{1 + \cos(x)} dx$

**Good Luck**