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Calculus MAT 21C

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Practice Midterm II  
Time Limit: 50 Minutes

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You may *not* use your books, notes, or any calculator on this exam.

You are required to show your work on each problem on this exam. The following rules apply:

- (A) **If you use a lemma, proposition or theorem which we have seen in the class or in the book, you must indicate this** and explain why the theorem may be applied.
- (B) **Organize your work**, in a reasonably neat and coherent way, in the space provided. Work scattered all over the page without a clear ordering will receive little credit.
- (C) **Mysterious or unsupported answers will not receive full credit.** A correct answer, unsupported by calculations, explanation, or algebraic work will receive little credit; an incorrect answer supported by substantially correct calculations and explanations will receive partial credit.
- (D) If you need more space, use the back of the pages; clearly indicate when you have done this.

Problem	Points	Score
1	25	
2	25	
3	25	
4	25	
Total:	100	

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1. (25 points) Consider the sequence  $a_n = \frac{8^n}{n!}$  for  $n \geq 1$ .
- (a) (5 points) Write the first 5 terms of the sequence.

- (b) (5 points) Justify that the sequence  $(a_n)$  is neither increasing nor decreasing.

(c) (10 points) Argue that  $(a_n)$  is a convergent sequence.

(d) (5 points) Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .

2. (25 points) Let us consider the series

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \left( \sqrt[n]{3} - 1 \right).$$

(a) (5 points) Show that the sequence  $b_n = \sqrt[n]{3} - 1$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , converges to 0.

(b) (10 points) Argue that  $b_{n+1} \leq b_n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  large enough.

(c) (5 points) Explain why the series  $S$  is convergent.

(d) (5 points) Does the following series converge?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \sqrt[n]{3}.$$

3. (25 points) The goal of this problem is to find the value  $\sin(0.2)$  with an error less than  $10^{-6}$ , i.e. so that the first 6 decimal digit are accurate.

(a) (5 points) Explain why the Taylor expansion of  $\sin(x)$  at  $a = 0$  is

$$\sin(x) \stackrel{(x \approx 0)}{=} x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}.$$

- (b) (10 points) Show that the Taylor truncation of degree 5 at  $a = 0$  has error bounded by  $10^{-6}$  at  $x = 0.2$ .

- (c) (5 points) Evaluate  $\sin(0.2)$  with the first 5 decimal digits being exactly accurate.

- (d) (5 points) Please find the mistake in the following (wrong) argument: *the error in the Taylor series truncated at degree 5 is given by the next term in the Taylor series. Therefore, the error is given by*

$$\frac{f^{(6)}(0)}{6!}x^6 = \frac{\sin^{(6)}(0)}{6!}x^6 = \frac{-\sin(0)}{6!} = 0.$$

*In conclusion, the Taylor truncation of degree 5 actually approximates  $\sin(x)$  with no error. Thus  $\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!}$  exactly.*

4. (25 points) For each of the ten sentences below, circle the correct answer. (You do *not* need to justify your answer.)

(a) (5 points) The value of the infinite series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2^n}\right)$  is

- (1) 0.      (2) 1      (3) 2      (4) 3      (5)  $\infty$ .

(b) (5 points) The Taylor expansion of  $\ln(1 + x^2)$  at  $x = 0$  of order 6 is

- (1)  $x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3}$ .      (2)  $x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3}$       (3)  $x^2 - \frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{x^6}{3}$       (4)  $x^2 - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^6}{6}$ .

(c) (5 points) The ratio test applied the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^n}$

- (1) concludes convergence.      (2) concludes divergence      (3) is inconclusive

(d) (5 points) The value of the geometric series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5^n$  is

- (1) 0      (2)  $-0.25$       (3)  $0.25$       (4)  $0.5$       (5)  $\infty$

(e) (5 points) If a sequence  $(a_n)$  converges then  $(a_n)$  is bounded below.

- (1) True.      (2) False.