

CALCULUS: Math 21C, Spring 2018  
Sample Final Questions

1. Do the following sequences  $\{a_n\}$  converge or diverge as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ? If a sequence converges, find its limit. Justify your answers.

$$(a) \quad a_n = \frac{2n^2 + 3n^3}{2n^3 + 3n^2}; \quad (b) \quad a_n = \frac{\sin(n^2)}{\sqrt{n}}; \quad (c) \quad a_n = \frac{n}{\ln n}.$$

2. Do the following series converge or diverge? State clearly which test you use.

$$(a) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+4}{6n-17}$$
$$(b) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{n}{n^4+7}}$$
$$(c) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-5)^{n+1}}{(2n)!}$$
$$(d) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\ln n}{n}$$
$$(e) \quad \frac{1}{1^4} + \frac{1}{2^4} - \frac{1}{3^4} + \frac{1}{4^4} + \frac{1}{5^4} - \frac{1}{6^4} + \frac{1}{7^4} - \frac{1}{9^4} + \dots$$
$$(f) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (e^n - e^{n+1})$$

3. Determine the interval of convergence (including the endpoints) for the following power series. State explicitly for what values of  $x$  the series converges absolutely, converges conditionally, and diverges. Specify the radius of convergence  $R$  and the center of the interval of convergence  $a$ .

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

4. Write the Taylor polynomial  $P_2(x)$  at  $x = 0$  of order 2 for the function

$$f(x) = \ln(1 + x).$$

Use Taylor's theorem with remainder to give a numerical estimate of the maximum error in approximating  $\ln(1.1)$  by  $P_2(0.1)$ .

5. (a) Find the value(s) of  $c$  for which the vectors

$$\vec{u} = c\vec{i} + \vec{j} + c\vec{k}, \quad \vec{v} = 2\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + c\vec{k}.$$

are orthogonal.

(b) Find the value(s) of  $c$  for which the vectors

$$\vec{u} = c\vec{i} + \vec{j} + c\vec{k}, \quad \vec{v} = 2\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + c\vec{k}, \quad \vec{w} = \vec{i} + 6\vec{k}.$$

lie in the same plane.

6. Find an equation for the plane that is orthogonal to the curve

$$\vec{r}(t) = t^2\vec{i} + (2t - 1)\vec{j} + t^3\vec{k}$$

at the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

7. Suppose that

$$f(x, y) = e^x \cos \pi y$$

and  $x = u^2 - v^2$ ,  $y = u^2 + v^2$ . Use the chain rule to compute the values of

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial v}$$

at the point  $(u, v) = (1, 1)$ .

8. Let

$$f(x, y, z) = \ln(x^2 + y^2 - 1) + y + 6z.$$

In what direction  $\vec{u}$  is  $f(x, y, z)$  increasing most rapidly at the point  $(1, 1, 0)$ ? Give your answer as a unit vector  $\vec{u}$ . What is the directional derivative of  $f$  in the direction  $\vec{u}$ ?

9. Find a parametric equation for the line that is orthogonal to the surface  $xyz = 2$  at the point  $(1, 1, 2)$ .

**10.** Find all critical points of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^4 - 8x^2 + 3y^2 - 6y.$$

and classify them as maximums, minimums, or saddle-points.

**11.** Let

$$D = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$$

be the unit disc and

$$f(x, y) = x^2 - 2x + y^2 + 2y + 1.$$

Find the global maximum and minimum values of

$$f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

At what points  $(x, y)$  in  $D$  does  $f$  attain its maximum and minimum?

**12.** Suppose that the material for the top and bottom of a rectangular box costs  $a$  dollars per square meter and the material for the four sides costs  $b$  dollars per square meter. Use the method of Lagrange multipliers to find the dimensions of a box of volume  $V$  cubic meters that minimizes the cost of the materials used to construct it. What is the minimal cost?