

PRACTICE EXAM 4 - MATH 152

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Read each problem very carefully before starting to solve it. Each question is worth 3 points. It is necessary to show your work. Correct answers without explanations are worth 0 points. GOOD LUCK!!

1. Determine whether the following sequences converge and if so find the limits (**rigorous explanations required in all problems**):

$$(a) \left\{ \frac{\ln n}{n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \quad (b) \left\{ \cos \frac{\pi n}{2} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \quad (c) \left\{ \sqrt{n^2 + 3n} - n \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

2. Use any method to show that the sequence at hand is strictly increasing or strictly decreasing:

$$(a) \{n - 2^n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \quad (b) \left\{ \frac{5^n}{2^{(n^2)}} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \quad (c) \left\{ \frac{1}{n + \ln n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

3. Let $\{a_n\}$ be the sequence defined recursively by $a_1 = 1$ and $a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(a_n + \frac{3}{a_n})$ for $n \geq 1$.

- (a) Show that $a_n \geq \sqrt{3}$ for $n \geq 2$ by finding the minimum value of $\frac{1}{2}(x + \frac{3}{x})$ for $x > 0$.
- (b) Show that $\{a_n\}$ is eventually decreasing by examining either $a_{n+1} - a_n$ or $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$ and using part (a).
- (c) Show that $\{a_n\}$ converges and find its limit.

4. Determine if the series converges and if so find its sum:

$$(a) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{7}{6^{k-1}} \quad (b) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{9k^2 + 3k - 2} \quad (c) \sum_{k=5}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^{k-1}$$

5. Determine whether the given series converges:

$$(a) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k e^{-k^2} \quad (b) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \quad (c) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{k^3}$$

6. Find the radius of convergence and the interval of convergence of the following series:

$$(a) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{5^k}{k^2} x^k \quad (b) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^k}{k!} x^k$$