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**SECOND SEMESTER (June, 2013)**

**PM 107 - THEORY OF SERIES**

**(PROPER & REPEAT)**

Answer all Questions

Time: Two hours

1. (a) State the necessary and sufficient condition for the convergence of a series of positive real numbers  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n$ . [10 marks]

(b) If  $\lambda > 1$ , prove that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^\lambda}$  is convergent. [25 marks]

(c) State the integral test for the series of non-negative terms.

Hence show that the series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^p}$  is convergent if  $p > 1$  and divergent if  $0 < p \leq 1$ . [35 marks]

(d) Test the convergence of the following series:

i.  $1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{2^2 x^2}{2!} + \frac{3^3 x^3}{3!} + \dots$ , for  $x > 0$ ;

ii.  $\left(\frac{2^2}{1^2} - \frac{2}{1}\right)^{-1} + \left(\frac{3^3}{2^2} - \frac{3}{2}\right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{4^4}{3^4} - \frac{4}{3}\right)^{-3} + \dots$  [30 marks]

(You may state the convergence tests without prove)

2. (a) Define the following

i. absolutely convergent series;

ii. conditionally convergent series. [10 marks]

(b) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n$  is an absolutely convergent series then prove that the series of its positive terms and the series of its negative terms are both convergent.

[20 marks]

- (c) Prove that every re-arrangement of an absolutely convergent series is convergent and the sum also does not change.

Is it true that the re-arrangement of an conditionally convergent series has the same sum? Justify your answer. [35 marks]

- (d) State the **Leibnitz's** theorem for an infinite series of real numbers.

Hence show that the series

$$x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots,$$

converges only if  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ . [35 marks]

3. (a) State the **Cauchy's** general principle of convergence for series. [10 marks]

Hence show that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1}$  does not converge. [15 marks]

- (b) State **Abel's** theorem for an infinite series of real numbers. [10 marks]

Use the above theorem to test the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(n^3 + 1)^{\frac{1}{3}} - n}{\ln n}.$$

[15 marks]

- (c) i. Show that

$$\arctan x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \quad \text{for } |x| < 1.$$

[30 marks]

- ii. Use the result in part(i), and the **Abel's** theorem for the power series to show that

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$$

[20 marks]

4. (a) Define what is meant by the convergent of an infinite series of complex numbers

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_n.$$

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[10 marks]

- (b) Show that the geometric series,  $1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots$ , has the sum  $\frac{1}{1-z}$ , when  $|z| < 1$ .

Hence find the sum of the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)z^n$ . [25 marks]

- (c) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_n$  is an infinite series of complex numbers such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|z_n|} = l$ , then prove that, if  $l < 1$ , the series converges absolutely and if  $l > 1$ , the series diverges.

Hence check whether the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2+i}\right)^n$  converges or diverges.

[35 marks]

- (d) Show that the infinite series

$$1 + \frac{z}{1+z} + \frac{z^2}{(1+z)^2} + \dots$$

converges for  $z \in E$ , where  $E = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(z) > -\frac{1}{2} \right\}$ .

Hence find its sum.

[30 marks]