



MATH 156 - Calculus for Engineering - II

Second Midterm Examination

1) a) Find the power series expansion of $f(x) = \frac{2 - 3x}{(1 - 2x)(1 - x)}$. What is the radius of convergence of this series?

Hint: $\frac{1}{1 - u} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u^n, \quad |u| < 1.$

b) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 e^{-x} + x^4 - x^3}{x^2 \sin(x) - \sin(x^3)}$.

2) a) Let \vec{u}, \vec{v} be two vectors such that $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 1, \quad \vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$. Find the angle between \vec{u} and \vec{v} .

b) The equation of a circle in rectangular coordinates is given by $x^2 - 4\sqrt{3}x + y^2 = 0$. Find the equation of the same circle in polar coordinates.

3) a) Find the equation of the plane passing through the points $(0, 0, 35), (0, -28, 0), (20, 0, 0)$.

b) Find the distance from origin to the line of intersection ℓ of the planes $x + y + z = 1$ and $x - y + z = -1$

4) Evaluate the following limits. (If they exist.)

a) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 y^2 + y^6}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$

b) $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 y + y^5}{x^4 + y^4}$

5) a) Let $f = f(x, y, z), x = u^2 + 4w, y = uw, z = w^5$. Find f_{ww} .

b) Let $x^2 y z^3 - 2x e^y + \ln(xz) = 1 - e^2$. Find the value of z_y at $x = e, y = 1, z = 1$.

Answers

1) a)

$$\frac{2-3x}{(1-2x)(1-x)} = \frac{A}{1-2x} + \frac{B}{1-x}$$

$$2-3x = A(1-x) + B(1-2x)$$

$$x=1 \Rightarrow B=1, \quad x=\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow A=1$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{2-3x}{(1-2x)(1-x)} = \frac{1}{1-2x} + \frac{1}{1-x} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2x)^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n x^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \end{aligned}$$

The first series is convergent on $|2x| < 1 \Rightarrow$ radius of convergence is $\frac{1}{2}$.

The second series is convergent on $|x| < 1 \Rightarrow$ radius of convergence is 1.

\Rightarrow Radius of convergence of the sum is $\frac{1}{2}$.

1) b) The Taylor series expansions of $\sin x$ and e^x around $x_0 = 0$ are:

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots,$$

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

Therefore:

$$e^{-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{n!} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots,$$

$$\sin(x^3) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x^3)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = x^3 - \frac{x^9}{3!} + \frac{x^{15}}{5!} - \dots$$

Using these in the limit, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 e^{-x} + x^4 - x^3}{x^2 \sin(x) - \sin(x^3)} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 \left(1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots\right) + x^4 - x^3}{x^2 \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots\right) - \left(x^3 - \frac{x^9}{3!} + \frac{x^{15}}{5!} - \dots\right)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 - x^4 + \frac{x^5}{2!} - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \dots + x^4 - x^3}{x^3 - \frac{x^5}{3!} + \frac{x^7}{5!} - \dots - x^3 + \frac{x^9}{3!} - \frac{x^{15}}{5!} + \dots} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x^5}{2!} - \frac{x^6}{3!} + \dots}{-\frac{x^5}{3!} + \frac{x^7}{5!} - \dots} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{2!} - \frac{x}{3!} + \dots}{-\frac{1}{3!} + \frac{x^2}{5!} - \dots} \\ &= -\frac{3!}{2!} = -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$2) \text{ a) } |\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = |\vec{u}||\vec{v}| \sin \theta = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = |\vec{u}||\vec{v}| \cos \theta = 1$$

Dividing these equations side by side we obtain:

$$\tan \theta = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

b) Using $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$ we obtain:

$$r^2 \cos^2 \theta - 4\sqrt{3}r \cos \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta = 0$$

$$r^2 = 4\sqrt{3}r \cos \theta \Rightarrow r = 4\sqrt{3} \cos \theta$$

3) a) Let P denote the point $(0, 0, 35)$, Q denote $(0, -28, 0)$ and R denote $(20, 0, 0)$. Then

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = -28\vec{j} - 35\vec{k} = \langle 0, -28, -35 \rangle$$

$$\overrightarrow{PR} = 2\vec{i} - 35\vec{k} = \langle 20, 0, -35 \rangle$$

$$\text{The cross product is: } \overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 0 & -28 & -35 \\ 20 & 0 & -35 \end{vmatrix} = 35(28\vec{i} - 20\vec{j} + 16\vec{k})$$

We can choose the normal vector of the plane as $\vec{n} = \langle 28, -20, 16 \rangle$. Then, the equation of the plane is:

$$\langle x - 0, y - 0, z - 35 \rangle \cdot \langle 28, -20, 16 \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow 28x - 20y + 16z = 560$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x - 5y + 4z = 140$$

$$\text{b) The direction vector of the line is: } \vec{u} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2\vec{i} - 2\vec{k}$$

Choosing $x = 0$, we find a point on the line (in other words, on both of the planes) as $(0, 1, 0)$.

Therefore the equation of the line is: $x = 2t, \quad y = 1, \quad z = -2t$

Now, using the formula $d = \frac{|\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \vec{u}|}{|\vec{u}|}$ with $Q(0, 0, 0)$ and $P(0, 1, 0)$ we obtain the distance as:

$$d = \frac{\sqrt{(-2)^2 + 0^2 + (-2)^2}}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + 0^2 + (-2)^2}} = 1$$

4) a) Using polar coordinates, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r^3 \cos^3 \theta \cdot r^2 \sin^2 \theta + r^6 \sin^6 \theta}{(r^2)^2} &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{r^5 (\cos^3 \theta \sin^2 \theta + r \sin^6 \theta)}{r^4} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r (\cos^3 \theta \sin^2 \theta + r \sin^6 \theta) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

b) We can easily see that $\frac{x^4}{x^4 + y^4} \leq 1$ and $\frac{y^4}{x^4 + y^4} \leq 1$ therefore:

$$0 \leq \left| \frac{x^4 y + y^5}{x^4 + y^4} \right| \leq \left| \frac{x^4}{x^4 + y^4} \right| |y| + \left| \frac{y^4}{x^4 + y^4} \right| |y| \leq |y| + |y| \leq 2|y|$$

Using $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} |y| = 0$ and then Sandwich theorem, we obtain:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^4 y + y^5}{x^4 + y^4} = 0$$

5) a) $f_w = f_x x_w + f_y y_w + f_z z_w = 4f_x + u f_y + 5w^4 f_z$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{ww} &= 4(f_{xx} x_w + f_{xy} y_w + f_{xz} z_w) + u(f_{yx} x_w + f_{yy} y_w + f_{yz} z_w) \\ &\quad + 20w^3 f_z + 5w^4 (f_{zx} x_w + f_{zy} y_w + f_{zz} z_w) \\ &= 16f_{xx} + 4u f_{xy} + 20w^4 f_{xz} + 4u f_{yx} + u^2 f_{yy} + 5uw^4 f_{yz} \\ &\quad + 20w^3 f_z + 20w^4 f_{zx} + 5uw^4 f_{zy} + 25w^8 f_{zz} \end{aligned}$$

b) Let $F(x, y, z) = x^2 y z^3 - 2x e^y + \ln(xz)$. Then

$$z_y = -\frac{F_y}{F_z} = -\frac{x^2 z^3 - 2x e^y}{3x^2 y z^2 + \frac{1}{z}}$$

At the point $x = e, y = 1, z = 1$ we obtain:

$$z_y \Big|_{(x,y,z)=(e,1,1)} = -\frac{e^2 - 2e^2}{3e^2 + 1} = \frac{e^2}{3e^2 + 1}$$