

**MATH 425a    MIDTERM EXAM 2**  
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Problem	Points	Score
1	23	
2	31	
3	21	
4	25	
Total	100	

**Notes:**

- (1) Use the backs of the sheets if you need more room.
- (2) If you can't do, say, part (a) of a problem, you can assume it and do parts (b), (c), etc.
- (3) The list of convergence tests is on the last page.

(1)((16 points)(a) Prove the following part of Theorem 4.8: for  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  in  $Y$ , then  $f$  is continuous. (Note this is the opposite direction from the sample midterm problem.)

(b) Suppose  $X, Y$  are metric spaces,  $E \subset X$ ,  $f : E \rightarrow Y$ , and  $p \in E'$ . Give the definition of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow p} f(x) = q$ .

(2)(31 points)(a) Find the radius of convergence for  $\sum (-1)^n \frac{2.5^n}{n^{2.5}} z^n$ .

(b) If  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $p > 1$  show that  $\sum \frac{a_n}{n^p}$  converges. (We don't assume  $a_n \geq 0$ .)

Establish convergence or divergence of the following 3 series:

(c)  $\sum \frac{1}{4^n - 3^n}$

(d)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\sin(n) - \sin(n-1)}{n}$ . HINT: This is not an alternating series. Consider properties of  $\sum_n (\sin(n) - \sin(n-1))$ . No trig identities, or computations with trig functions, are needed.

(e)  $\sum \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{\log_2 n}$ . (Here the 2 means base-2 log.)

(3)(21 points) Two unrelated short problems:

(a) Suppose  $\{p_n\}$  is a sequence in  $F$ , and  $\overline{F}$  is compact. Show that  $\{p_n\}$  has a Cauchy subsequence.

(b) Suppose  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a one-to-one continuous function,  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence of distinct points in  $X$  and  $x$  is a limit point of the set  $\{x_n : n \geq 1\}$ . Show that  $f(x)$  is a limit point of  $\{f(x_n) : n \geq 1\}$ .

(4)(25 points)(a) A function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to satisfy a *Lipschitz condition* if there exist  $C, \alpha > 0$  such that  $|g(x) - g(y)| \leq C|x - y|^\alpha$  for all  $x, y$ . Show that such a  $g$  is uniformly continuous.

(b) Define  $E = [-1, 0) \cup (0, 1]$  and define  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 3, & \text{if } x \in [-1, 0) \\ x + 1, & \text{if } x \in (0, 1] \end{cases}$$

Is  $f$  continuous on  $E$ ? Is  $f$  uniformly continuous on  $E$ ? Prove your answer for “uniformly continuous.” For “continuous” you need only give a brief informal justification. HINT: The domain of  $f$  is important.

## REMINDER LIST-TESTS FOR CONVERGENCE

- (1) Cauchy criterion ( $\{s_n\}$  must be a Cauchy sequence, where  $s_n$  is the  $n$ th partial sum)
- (2) Comparison test
- (3) Cauchy condensation test, 3.27
- (4) Root test
- (5) Ratio test
- (6) Alternating series test
- (7) Test given by Theorem 3.42 for series  $\sum_n a_n B_n$