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Math 327A

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You must show all work for full credit. Use the backs of the test pages as necessary.  
you should be able to prove  $\{x_n\}$  converges. you do not need to calculate what it converges to

1. Find the limit of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined inductively by  $x_1 = \sqrt{2}, x_{n+1} = \sqrt{2}^{x_n}$ . Justify your answer. You may assume that  $x_n < \sqrt{2}^{x_n}$  for any term  $x_n$  of this sequence.

since  $x_n < \sqrt{2}^{x_n} = x_{n+1}$   $x_n$  is increasing,  $\{x_n\}$  is also bounded since  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad x_n \leq 2$  Proof by induction

1) For  $n=1 \quad \sqrt{2} \leq 2$

2) Assume  $x_n \leq 2$  then  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{2}^{x_n} \leq \sqrt{2}^2 = 2$

So  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent to some limit  $L$ . we must have  $L = \sqrt{2}^L$ . The function  $f(x) = x - \sqrt{2}^x$  is continuous and increasing (check  $f'$ ) between  $\sqrt{2}$  and 2  $f(2) = 0$  and 2 must then be the only 0 so  $L = 2$

2. Use the definition of limit to compute the limit of  $n/(n^2+1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Justify your answer.

Guess  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2+1} = 0$  proof

Given  $\epsilon > 0$  take  $M > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$  then if  $n \geq M \quad \left| \frac{n}{n^2+1} \right| = \frac{n}{n^2(1+\frac{1}{n^2})} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{n^2}} < \frac{1}{M} < \epsilon$

3. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers converging to  $\pi/2$ . Show that  $\{\cos x_n\}$  converges to 0.

We proved in the hw that  $\sin(x)$  is a continuous function

since  $\cos x = \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - x)$ ,  $\cos x$  is continuous too so

if  $x_n \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$   $\cos x_n \rightarrow \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$

4. The following are *incorrect* statements of theorems discussed in class. In each case give the *correct* statement of the theorem.

a. If  $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  on  $[a, b]$  and  $f_n, f$  are continuous, then the convergence is uniform.

b. If  $\{f_n(x)\}$  converges uniformly to the function  $f(x)$  on  $[a, \infty)$  and the  $f_n$  are continuous, then  $\{\int_a^\infty f_n(x)dx\}$  converges to  $\int_a^\infty f(x)dx$ .

c. If  $f_n(x) \leq a_n$  on  $[a, b]$  and  $a_n$  converges to 0, then  $f_n(x)$  converges to 0 uniformly.

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5. Write down a power series which converges exactly for  $|x| < 2$  and compute its sum explicitly.

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$$\left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^n \right)$$

6. Work out a power series expansion of  $\tan^{-1}(x^2)$  valid for  $|x| < 1$ .

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7. Decide whether the following sequences  $f_n(x)$  of functions converge uniformly to the given function  $f(x)$  on the given interval.

a.  $f_n(x) = n/(x+n), f(x) = 1$ , on  $[1, \infty)$ . NO

b.  $f_n(x) = (\tan^{-1} nx)/n^2, f(x) = 0$ , on  $[0, \infty)$ . YES

SKIP c.  $f_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n x^i, f(x) = 1/(1-x)$ , on  $[-3/4, 1/2]$  YES

a) Take  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ , then given  $M$  take  $n > M$  and  $x > n$  so  $|\frac{n}{x+n} - 1| = \frac{x}{x+n} > \frac{1}{2}$

b) Given  $\varepsilon$  take  $M > \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \varepsilon}$  then if  $n > M$   $|\frac{\tan^{-1}(nx)}{n^2}| < \frac{\frac{\pi}{2}}{M^2} \leq \frac{\frac{\pi}{2}}{1} = \frac{2}{\pi} \varepsilon$   
 $= \varepsilon$

c) Let  $U_n(x) = x^n$  then  $|U_n(x)| \leq (\frac{3}{4})^n$  and by the Weierstrass M test  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n$  converges uniformly on  $[-3/4, 1/2]$

8. Show that the function  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2$ , regarded as defined on the closed interval  $[1, 2]$ , has a continuous inverse defined on the interval  $[2, 12]$ . You may use basic information from differential calculus.

Recall that if  $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is strictly monotone then  $f^{-1}: f(I) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous

if  $1 < x_1 < x_2$  then  $x_1^2 < x_2^2$  and  $x_1^3 < x_2^3$  so  $x_1^3 + x_1^2 < x_2^3 + x_2^2$ , so  $f$  is strictly monotone,

$f(1) = 2, f(2) = 12$  so  $f([1, 2]) = [2, 12]$

$f^{-1}: [2, 12] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is therefore continuous