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Math 231 W3, Spring Term 2009  
Mock Exam #2  
March 12, 2009

No books, notes, calculators, or other aids may be used. For full credit you must show all your work on each problem.

Problem	Score	Points Possible
1		20
2		15
3		20
4		25
5		20
TOTAL		100

**Problem 1: (20 points)** (a) Is either of  $y = t^2 + 6t + 9$  or  $y = te^{-3t}$  a solution to the differential equation  $y'' + 6y' + 9y = 0$ ? Justify your answer, showing all your work.

(b) A bacteria culture is known to grow so that its population  $y(t)$  satisfies the differential equation

$$y'(t) = 0.23y(t).$$

Find the solution to this equation, given that there were 100 bacteria at time  $t = 0$ .

**Problem 2:** (15 points) (a) For each of the following sequences  $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ , state whether the sequence converges or diverges, and give the limit of any that converge.

(i)  $a_k = \frac{\sqrt{k}}{k^3 + 1}$

(ii)  $a_k = (-1)^k \frac{k^2 - k}{k^2 + 1}$

(b) What does it mean for a sequence to be monotonic?

**Problem 3: (20 points)** Determine whether the series below converge or diverge. Clearly state any convergence/divergence tests you use. For those series that converge, find their limit.

(a) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{5}{2^{k-2}}$$

(b) 
$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k-1}$$

(c) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\ln(k+1) - \ln k) \quad \text{(Hint: this series is a telescoping series.)}$$

**Problem 4: (25 points)** Determine whether each of the series below converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges. Clearly state any convergence/divergence tests you use, and show all your work.

$$(a) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{10k^2}{k^3 + 1}$$

$$(b) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k \ln k}$$

$$(c) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-10)^k (k + 3)}{k!}$$

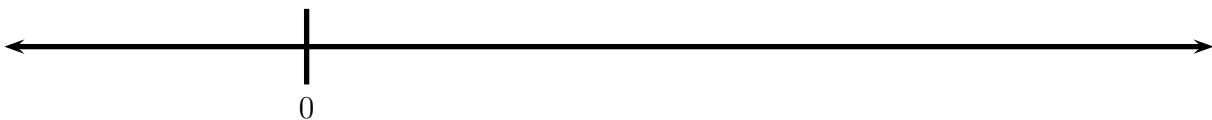
**Problem 5: (20 points)** (a) Mark the following statements as true or false. If a statement is false, write a corrected statement underneath it.

(i) If  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$ , then  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$  converges.

(ii) If  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{|a_k|} = 1$ , then the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  diverges.

(iii) The integral test and comparison tests can only be applied to series having terms which are not negative.

(b) (i) Mark on the number line below the approximate locations of the first 6 partial sums of the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k^2}$ .



(ii) How far away could  $S_6$  (the 6th partial sum) possibly be from the total sum of the series? (There should not be any variables in your final answer, but you do not need to simplify beyond that point.)