



**Homework 3**

**Due date: Monday, February 1 at 11:59pm**

**Instructions:**

- \* You are encourage to work in group but you have to write your individual solution
- \* You can use any book, article or web-based mathematical material or computational software
- \* You can ask Chulan, Ryan, or Estela questions
- \* Chegg, Math Stack Exchange, or any other source where you can copy solutions is not allowed
- \* The homework needs to be typeset in "LaTeX" .

1. Find a closed form of the series

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} kx^{k-2}$$

and the largest set on which this formula is valid.

2. (Exercise 6.2.21): Let  $f_n(x) := \frac{x}{1+(nx)^2}$ . Notice that  $f_n$  are differentiable functions.

a) Show that  $\{f_n\}$  converges uniformly to 0.

b) Show that  $|f'_n(x)| \leq 1$  for all  $x$  and all  $n$ .

c) Show that  $\{f'_n\}$  converges pointwise to a function discontinuous at the origin.

3. (Exercise 5.4.2): Let  $b > 0, b \neq 1$  be given.

a) Show that for every  $y > 0$ , there exists a unique number  $x$  such that  $y = b^x$ . Define the logarithm base  $b$ ,  $\log_b : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , by  $\log_b(y) := x$

b) Show that  $\log_b(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(b)}$ .

c) Prove that if  $c > 0, c \neq 1$ , then  $\log_b(x) = \frac{\log_c(x)}{\log_c(b)}$ .

d) Prove  $\log_b(xy) = \log_b(x) + \log_b(y)$ , and  $\log_b(x^y) = y \log_b(x)$

4. (Exercise 5.4.9): Using the logarithm find

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1/n}$$

Note: If you want to use L'Hopital's rule, you need to prove the result first. Alternatively, you can use directly the mean value theorem.

5. (Exercise 5.4.4): Use the geometric sum formula to show (for  $t \neq -1$ )

$$1 - t + t^2 - \dots + (-1)^n t^n = \frac{1}{1+t} - \frac{(-1)^{n+1} t^{n+1}}{1+t}$$

Using this fact show

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

for all  $x \in (-1, 1]$  (note that  $x = 1$  is included). Finally, find the limit of the alternating harmonic series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = 1 - 1/2 + 1/3 - 1/4 + \dots$$

6. (Exercise 5.4.8): Show that  $e^x$  is convex, in other words, show that if  $a \leq x \leq b$ , then

$$e^x \leq e^a \frac{b-x}{b-a} + e^b \frac{x-a}{b-a}$$