

VU Amsterdam	Calculus 2 for BA (X_400636)
Faculty of Sciences	Exam 1
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**The use of a calculator, the book, or lecture notes is not permitted.  
Do not just give answers, but write calculations and explain your steps.**

**You can score 51 points.**

**Question 1.** (2+2+2+2 points)

For the following statements, decide whether they are true or false. If a statement is true, give an argument why that is true. If it is false, give an example that violates the statement.

- a) All convergent sequences are monotonic.
- b) If neither  $a_n$  nor  $b_n$  converge, then  $a_n b_n$  does not converge.
- c) If  $a_n = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.
- d) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  exists, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

**Question 2.** (2+3 points)

The alternating series test states that a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges if

- (i)  $a_n a_{n+1} < 0$  for all  $n$
- (ii)  $|a_n| > |a_{n+1}|$  for all  $n$
- (iii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

Answer the following questions about the alternating series test:

- a) Is the statement still true if  $\{a_n\}$  is not alternating? Justify your answer.
- b) Describe a step in the proof of the statement that relies on the second condition  $|a_n| > |a_{n+1}|$ .

**Question 3.** (2 points, 4 points, 4 points)

- a) Is the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\frac{1}{3^n} n^2}$  convergent or divergent?
- b) Is the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{17 + \sin(n + 5\pi)}{n^2 + 3n + 1}$  convergent or divergent?
- c) For the power series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k (x+1)^k}{\cos\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)}$  determine the radius and centre of convergence.

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**Question 4.** (4 points)

Sketch the set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that satisfy  $x = 2$  and  $(z - 2)^2 + y^2 = 1$  and describe the set in words.

**Question 5.** (3+2 points)

Consider the following two vectors

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ a \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 2 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- For which real numbers  $a$  are the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  orthogonal with respect to the standard scalar product of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
- Describe the geometrical meaning of  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ .

**Question 6.** (3 points)

Compute the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Question 7.** (1+2+4 points)

Consider the line  $l = p + \lambda \mathbf{v}$ , and the points  $A, B$  with

$$p = (-6, -4, 1), \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = (2, 2, 4), \quad B = (-1, 6, 3).$$

- Give an equation for the plane  $P$  that contains the line  $l$  and the point  $A$ .
- Give an equation for the line  $L$  that is perpendicular to the plane  $P$  and that runs through the point  $B$ .
- Compute the distance between the point  $B$  and the plane  $P$ .

**Question 8.** (1+4 points)

Consider the function  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2}{y}$ .

- Determine the domain of the function.
- Sketch some of the level curves of the function, indicate estimate values of the function taken on the level curves.

**Question 9.** (2+2 points)

The continuous function  $f(x, y) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined as

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{y^3}{x^2 + y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}.$$

Compute the partial derivatives for all points  $(x, y)$  in which the partial derivatives exist. (You can use differentiation rules as well as the definition for the computations.)

**End of exam.**