

## Formulas for the Final Exam

You can bring the formula sheets for previous exams to the final exam as well.

### 1. Geometric Series.

- The geometric series of radius  $r$  is the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n$ . It is convergent just when  $-1 < r < 1$  then the sum is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = \frac{1}{1-r} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} ar^n = \frac{ar^k}{1-r}$$

- If  $-1 < r < 1$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n = \frac{a}{1-r}$ . The  $n$ -th partial sum in this case is  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$  is

$$A_n = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

### 2. Tests for series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ .

- **Divergence Test:** if limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  is not zero, the series is divergent. Careful: if limit is zero, you cannot conclude anything.
- **$p$ -test:** if  $a_n = \frac{1}{n^p}$  then the series is convergent for  $p > 1$  and divergent for  $p \leq 1$ .
- **Geometric Series Test:** use if  $a_n = r^n$ . Convergent for  $-1 < r < 1$ . Divergen for  $r \geq 1$  or  $r \leq -1$ .
- **Integral Test:** if  $a_n = f(n)$  where  $f(x)$  is a function that you can integrate,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent if and only if  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  is convergent.
- **Alternating Series Test:** if  $a_n = (-1)^n b_n$  or  $a_n = (-1)^{n+1} b_n$  and if  $\{b_n\}$  is such that (1)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ , (2)  $b_n$  non-increasing sequence (that is  $b_{n+1} \leq b_n$ ), then the series is convergent.
- **The Ratio Test:** Find the limit  $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$ . If  $L < 1$ , the series converges, if  $L > 1$ , the series diverges.
- **Root Test:** Use if  $a_n$  is of the form  $(b_n)^n$ . Find the limit  $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n}$ . If  $L < 1$ , the series converges. If  $L > 1$ , the series diverges.

### 3. Convergence of Power Series.

Consider the power series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(x-a)^n$ . Find the radius of convergence  $R$  so that you know that it is convergent on interval  $(a-R, a+R)$  and divergent for  $|x-a| > R$ . Note that  $R$  can be zero, positive number or infinity. If  $R$  is finite, you will have to check what happens on the endpoints  $x = a+R$  and  $x = a-R$ .

### 4. If a function $f(x)$ has a power series expansion, then the Taylor series for $f(x)$ centered at $a$ is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

The **Taylor's polynomial of  $n$ -th degree** is the  $n$ -th sum of this series

$$f(x) \approx f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{f^{(i)}(a)}{i!} (x-a)^i$$

**Taylor series expansions of some functions:**

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$$

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$