

Qn 1

a) For $k \geq 1$ $\frac{1}{a_k a_{k+1}} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{a_k} - \frac{1}{a_{k+1}} \right)$ (2 marks)

Hence $\frac{1}{a_1 a_2} + \frac{1}{a_2 a_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{n-1} a_n} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{a_1} - \frac{1}{a_n} \right) \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$ (2 marks)

b) Let $a_n = \frac{(x-1)^{2n}}{2^n n^2}$. By root test $\sqrt[n]{a_n} \rightarrow \frac{(x-1)^2}{2}$
Thus for $x \in (1-\sqrt{2}, 1+\sqrt{2})$, $\sum_n \frac{(x-1)^{2n}}{2^n n^2}$ Converges (3 marks)

at $x = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$ $\sum_n \frac{(x-1)^{2n}}{2^n n^2}$ Converges (1-mark)

c) Let $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \left[f(x) + f(x/2) + \dots + f(x/k) \right]$
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{f(x/2) - f(0)}{x/2} + \dots + \frac{1}{k} \frac{f(x/k) - f(0)}{x/k} \right]$

$= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k} \right) f'(0)$. (2 marks)

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2) By induction $3/2 \leq a_n \leq 2$ (2 marks)

Also $a_n \geq a_{n-1}$ (by induction: Let $a_{n-1} \geq a_{n-2}$)

$$\text{Then } a_n - a_{n-1} = 3(a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \geq 0$$

$$\text{Hence } (a_n - a_{n-1})(a_n + a_{n-1}) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n - a_{n-1} \geq 0$$

$\{a_n\}$ is a monotone increasing sequence which is bounded above. Hence converges. (2 marks)

Let $l = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$. Then $l = \sqrt{3l-2}$
 $\Rightarrow l=1$ or 2 . Since $a_n \geq 3/2 \forall n$, $l=2$ (1 mark)

b) Let $b_n = a_n - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$. (2 marks)
 Then $\{b_n\}$ is bounded above as $\{a_n\}$ is so.

$$b_{n+1} - b_n = a_{n+1} - a_n - \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = a_{n+1} - a_n + \frac{1}{2^n} \geq 0$$

Hence $\{b_n\}$ is monotone increasing

(2 marks)

Hence $\{b_n\}$ converges and $a_n = b_n + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$
 converges. (1 mark)

Qn 3.

a) Consider $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^{32}} |x^{31} + x^8 + 2010| - 1$ -(2 marks)

As $x \rightarrow 0$ $f(x) \rightarrow +\infty$

as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ $f(x) \rightarrow -1$. -(2 marks)

Hence there exists, by IMV property

$\exists x_0 \in (0, \infty)$ such that $f(x_0) = 0$.

that is $|x_0^{31} + x_0^8 + 2010| = x_0^{32}$. (1-mark)

b) Let $Q(x) = \frac{a_0}{n+1} x^{n+1} + \frac{a_1}{n} x^n + \dots + a_n x$ (2 marks)

Then $Q(0) = 0$

$Q(1) = \frac{a_0}{n+1} + \frac{a_1}{n} + \dots + a_n = 0$ (2 marks)

By Rolle's Theorem $\exists x_0 \in (0, 1)$ such that

$Q'(x_0) = a_0 x_0^n + a_1 x_0^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$ (1-mark)

Qn. 4

$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2}{1-x^2}$$

a) Asymptotes : $x = \pm 1$

(1 mark)

$$f(x) = -2 + \frac{1}{1-x^2}$$

$y = -2$ is also asymptote (2 mark)

b) $f'(x) = \frac{4x}{(1-x^2)^2} > 0$ on $(0, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

f is increasing

(1 mark)

< 0 on $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 0)$

f is decreasing

(1 mark)

c) 0 is a local minimum

(1 mark)

d) $f''(x) = \frac{4(3x^2+1)}{(1-x^2)^3} > 0$ on $(-1, 1)$

f is convex (1 mark)

< 0 on $(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

f is concave (1 mark)

e) Sketch:

