

# Assignment2

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[2]: # remember to include these two lines of code at the start of your document!  
# they allow you to receive multiple outputs from a single code chunk.  
from IPython.core.interactiveshell import InteractiveShell  
InteractiveShell.ast_node_interactivity = "all"
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## 0.1 Assignment 2

Please submit your .ipynb file and .pdf file.

### 0.2 1. (11 points) Direction Fields of Differential Equations

Plot the direction field for the differential equation:

$$y' = x^2y - \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

Then add on the solution curves for the following initial conditions:

- $y(0) = 1.8$
- $y(-1) = -1$
- $y(1) = 0$
- $y(1) = 0.3$

#### 0.2.1 1.1 (3 points) Plot the direction field of the differential equation

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# Solution  
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#### 0.2.2 1.2 (4 points) Solving the differential equation using initial conditions given.

- 4 initial conditions are given, you will have 4 solutions.

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# Solution  
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**0.2.3 1.3 (4 points) Creating plots of the solution curves and add them to the direction field**

- For the 4 solutions, 4 solution curves will be added to the direction field.

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[5]: #  
# Solution  
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**0.3 2 (9 points) Sequences**

Plot the first 30 terms of the following sequences:

### 2.1 (3 points)

$$a_n = \frac{n!}{n^{(n/3)}}$$

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# Solution  
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**0.3.1 2.2 (3 points)**

$$a_n = \frac{\sin(n\pi/2)}{n}$$

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# Solution  
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**0.3.2 2.3 (3 points) Monotone bounded sequence:**

$$a_n = 1 - 1/n$$

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# Solution  
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**0.4 3. (10 points) Integral Test and P-series**

A **p-series** is a series of the form

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}.$$

The theorem: - The series **converges** if  $p > 1$ . - The series **diverges** if  $p \leq 1$ .

**0.4.1 3.1 (3 points)** Plot the partial sums of p-series from 1 to 100 for different values of  $p : 1/3, 1, 3$ .

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# Solution  
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We consider the improper integral

$$\int_1^{\infty} x^{-p} dx.$$

This integral converges if and only if  $p > 1$ . For  $p \neq 1$ , we know

$$\int_1^{\infty} x^{-p} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b^{1-p} - 1}{1-p}.$$

- If  $p > 1$ , then  $1 - p < 0$  and  $b^{1-p} \rightarrow 0$ , so the integral converges. - If  $p \leq 1$ , the integral diverges.

**0.4.2 3.2 (3 points)** Plotting the Improper Integral as a Function of  $B$

$$F_p(B) = \int_1^B x^{-p} dx$$

for several values of  $p : p = 1/3, p = 1$ , and  $p = 3$ .

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# Solution  
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The **Integral Test** says:

Let  $f(x)$  be a positive, continuous, decreasing function on  $[1, \infty)$ , and suppose  $a_n = f(n)$ . Then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and the improper integral  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  either both converge or both diverge.

We now apply this to p-series and some related examples. ### Example:  $\sum \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$

Here  $a_n = 1/n^{3/2}$  and  $f(x) = x^{-3/2}$ . -  $f$  is positive, continuous, and decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ . - We know  $\int_1^{\infty} x^{-3/2} dx$  converges (since  $p = 3/2 > 1$ ). - By the Integral Test,  $\sum 1/n^{3/2}$  converges.

**0.4.3 3.3 (2 points)** Plot the partial sums of the series  $a_n = 1/n^{3/2}$  from 1 to 50

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# Solution  
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**0.4.4 Example**  $a_n = 1/n^{4/5}$

Here  $a_n = 1/n^{4/5}$  and  $f(x) = x^{-4/5}$ . -  $f$  is positive, continuous, and decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$ . - We know  $\int_1^{\infty} x^{-4/5} dx$  diverges (since  $p = 4/5 \leq 1$ ). - By the Integral Test,  $\sum 1/n^{4/5}$  diverges.

**0.4.5 3.4 (2 points) Plot the partial sums of the series  $a_n = 1/n^{4/5}$  from 1 to 50**

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# Solution  
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**0.5 (Bonut Points 10) Multivariable Functions and Contour Map**

A single-variable function looks like:

$$y = f(x)$$

It takes one input and gives one output. You can draw it as a curve in the plane. A two-variable function looks like:

$$z = f(x, y)$$

It takes two inputs and gives one output.

You can picture it as a surface in 3D.

A contour plot is a 2-dimensional drawing that represents a 3-dimensional surface. Instead of showing height with a 3D graph, we show it using curves.

Each curve represents all points  $(x,y)$  where the function has the same output value.

Formally, for a function  $z=f(x,y)$ , a level curve for height  $c$  is the set  $\{(x,y):f(x,y)=c\}$ .

So a contour plot is simply a collection of these curves for several values of  $c$ .

- (5 points) Plot the two-variable function:

$$f(x, y) = \sin(x)\cos(y)$$

- (5 points) Give the contour plot of this function

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# Solution  
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