

FP3 Series & Limits Questions

2 (a) Find $\int_0^a xe^{-2x} dx$, where $a > 0$. (5 marks)

(b) Write down the value of $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} a^k e^{-2a}$, where k is a positive constant. (1 mark)

(c) Hence find $\int_0^{\infty} xe^{-2x} dx$. (2 marks)

4 (a) Use the series expansion

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \dots$$

to write down the first four terms in the expansion, in ascending powers of x , of $\ln(1-x)$. (1 mark)

(b) The function f is defined by

$$f(x) = e^{\sin x}$$

Use Maclaurin's theorem to show that when $f(x)$ is expanded in ascending powers of x :

(i) the first three terms are

$$1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

(ii) the coefficient of x^3 is zero. (3 marks)

(c) Find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{\sin x} - 1 + \ln(1-x)}{x^2 \sin x} \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

5 (a) Show that $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3a+2}{2a+3} \right) = \frac{3}{2}$. (2 marks)

(b) Evaluate $\int_1^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{3x+2} - \frac{2}{2x+3} \right) dx$, giving your answer in the form $\ln k$, where k is a rational number. (5 marks)

- 7 (a) (i) Write down the first three terms of the binomial expansion of $(1 + y)^{-1}$, in ascending powers of y . (1 mark)

(ii) By using the expansion

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$$

and your answer to part (a)(i), or otherwise, show that the first three non-zero terms in the expansion, in ascending powers of x , of $\sec x$ are

$$1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{5x^4}{24} \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

- (b) By using Maclaurin's theorem, or otherwise, show that the first two non-zero terms in the expansion, in ascending powers of x , of $\tan x$ are

$$x + \frac{x^3}{3} \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

- (c) Hence find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x \tan 2x}{\sec x - 1} \right)$. (4 marks)
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- 4 (a) Explain why $\int_0^e \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}} dx$ is an improper integral. (1 mark)

- (b) Use integration by parts to find $\int x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \ln x dx$. (3 marks)

- (c) Show that $\int_0^e \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}} dx$ exists and find its value. (4 marks)
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6 The function f is defined by $f(x) = (1 + 2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

(a) (i) Find $f'''(x)$. (4 marks)

(ii) Using Maclaurin's theorem, show that, for small values of x ,

$$f(x) \approx 1 + x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^3 \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

(b) Use the expansion of e^x together with the result in part (a)(ii) to show that, for small values of x ,

$$e^x(1 + 2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx 1 + 2x + x^2 + kx^3$$

where k is a rational number to be found. (3 marks)

(c) Write down the first four terms in the expansion, in ascending powers of x , of e^{2x} . (1 mark)

(d) Find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x(1 + 2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - e^{2x}}{1 - \cos x} \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

6 (a) The function f is defined by

$$f(x) = \ln(1 + e^x)$$

Use Maclaurin's theorem to show that when $f(x)$ is expanded in ascending powers of x :

(i) the first three terms are

$$\ln 2 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{8}x^2 \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

(ii) the coefficient of x^3 is zero. (3 marks)

(b) Hence write down the first two non-zero terms in the expansion, in ascending powers of x , of $\ln\left(\frac{1 + e^x}{2}\right)$. (1 mark)

(c) Use the series expansion

$$\ln(1 + x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \dots$$

to write down the first three terms in the expansion, in ascending powers of x , of $\ln\left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)$. (1 mark)

(d) Use your answers to parts (b) and (c) to find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\ln\left(\frac{1+e^x}{2}\right) + \ln\left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)}{x - \sin x} \right] \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

7 (a) Write down the value of

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x e^{-x} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

(b) Use the substitution $u = x e^{-x} + 1$ to find $\int \frac{e^{-x}(1-x)}{x e^{-x} + 1} dx$. (2 marks)

(c) Hence evaluate $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1-x}{x+e^x} dx$, showing the limiting process used. (4 marks)

FP3 Series & Limits Answers

2(a)	$\int xe^{-2x} dx = -\frac{1}{2}xe^{-2x} - \int -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2x} dx$ $= -\frac{1}{2}xe^{-2x} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-2x} \{+c\}$ $\int_0^a xe^{-2x} dx = -\frac{1}{2}ae^{-2a} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-2a} - (0 - \frac{1}{4})$ $= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}ae^{-2a} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-2a}$	M1 A1		Reasonable attempt at parts
		A1✓		Condone absence of +c
		M1		F(a) – F(0)
		A1	5	
(b)	$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} a^k e^{-2a} = 0$	B1	1	
(c)	$\int_0^{\infty} xe^{-2x} dx =$ $= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}ae^{-2a} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-2a} \right\}$ $= \frac{1}{4} - 0 - 0 = \frac{1}{4}$	M1		If this line oe is missing then 0/2
		A1✓	2	On candidate's "1/4" in part (a). B1 must have been earned
Total			8	

4(a)	$\ln(1-x) = -x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 \dots$	B1	1	
(b)(i)	$f(x) = e^{\sin x} \Rightarrow f(0) = 1$ $f'(x) = \cos x e^{\sin x}$ $\Rightarrow f'(0) = 1$ $f''(x) = -\sin x e^{\sin x} + \cos^2 x e^{\sin x}$ $f''(0) = 1$	B1		Product rule used
	$\text{Maclaurin } f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2}f''(0)$			
	$\text{so 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ three terms are } 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$	A1	6	CSO AG
(ii)	$f'''(x) = \cos x (\cos^2 x - \sin x) e^{\sin x} +$ $+ \{2\cos x(-\sin x) - \cos x\} e^{\sin x}$	M1A1		
	$f'''(0) = 0 \text{ so the coefficient of } x^3 \text{ in the series is zero}$	A1	3	CSO AG SC for (b): Use of series

7(a)(i)	$(1+y)^{-1} = 1 - y + y^2 \dots$	B1	1	
(ii)	$\sec x \approx \frac{1}{1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} \dots}$ $= \left[1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} \dots \right]^{-1} =$ $\left\{ 1 - \left(-\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} \right) + \left(-\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} \right)^2 \right\}$ $= \left\{ 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{24} + \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \right\}$ $= 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{5x^4}{24}$ <p>Alternative: Those using Maclaurin $f(x) = \sec x$ $f(0) = 1; f'(x) = \sec x \tan x; \{f'(0) = 0\}$ (B1) $f''(x) = \sec x \tan^2 x + \sec^3 x; f''(0) = 1$ (M1) $f'''(x) = \sec x \tan^3 x + 5 \tan x \sec^3 x; f'''(0) = 0$ (m1) $f^{(iv)}(x) = \sec x \tan^4 x + 18 \tan^2 x \sec^3 x \dots$ $+ 5 \sec^5 x \Rightarrow f^{(iv)}(0) = 5$ $\sec x \approx$ printed result (A2)</p>	B1 B1 M1 M1 A1;A1	5	AG be convinced Product rule oe Chain rule with product rule OE CSO AG
(b)	$f(x) = \tan x;$ $f(0) = 0; f'(x) = \sec^2 x; \{f'(0) = 1\}$ $f''(x) = 2 \sec x (\sec x \tan x); f''(0) = 0$ $f'''(x) = 4 \sec x \tan x (\sec x \tan x) + 2 \sec^4 x$ $f'''(0) = 2$ $\tan x = 0 + 1x + 0x^2 + \frac{2}{3!}x^3 \dots = x + \frac{1}{3}x^3$ <p>Alternative: Those using otherwise $\dots = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \approx \left(x - \frac{x^3}{6} \dots \right) \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2} \dots \right)$ (M1) $= x + \frac{x^3}{2} - \frac{x^3}{6} \dots = x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 \dots$ (A1)</p>	B1 M1 A1	3	Chain rule with product rule oe CSO AG
(c)	$\left(\frac{x \tan 2x}{\sec x - 1} \right) = \frac{x(2x + o(x^3))}{\frac{x^2}{2} + o(x^4)}$ $= \frac{2 + o(x^2)}{\frac{1}{2} + o(x^2)}$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x \tan 2x}{\sec x - 1} \right) = 4$	B1 M1 M1 A1✓	4	$\tan 2x = 2x + \frac{1}{3}(2x)^3$ Condone $o(x^k)$ missing ft on 2k after B0 for $\tan 2x = kx + \dots$
Total			13	

4(a)	Integrand is not defined at $x = 0$	E1	1	OE
(b)	$\int x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x \, dx = 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x - \int 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx$	M1		$\dots = kx^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x \pm \int f(x)$, with $f(x)$ not involving the 'original' $\ln x$
	$\dots = 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln x - 4x^{\frac{1}{2}} (+c)$	A1		
		A1	3	Condone absence of '+ c'
(c)	$\int_0^e \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}} \, dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \int_a^e \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}} \, dx$	M1		
	$= -2e^{\frac{1}{2}} - \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \left[2a^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln a - 4a^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]$	M1		$F(b) - F(a)$
	But $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} a^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln a = 0$	B1		Accept a general form e.g. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^k \ln x = 0$
	So $\int_0^e \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}} \, dx$ exists and $= -2e^{\frac{1}{2}}$	A1	4	
Total			8	

6(a)(i)	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1+2x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2) = (1+2x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	M1A1		
	$f''(x) = -(1+2x)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$	A1F		ft a slip
	$f'''(x) = 3(1+2x)^{-\frac{5}{2}}$	A1	4	
(ii)	$f(x) = (1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow f(0) = 1;$	B1		
	$f'(0) = 1; f''(0) = -1; f'''(0) = 3$	M1		All three attempted
	$f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2} f''(0) + \frac{x^3}{6} f'''(0)$	A1F		ft on $k(1+2x)^m$
	$\dots \approx 1 + x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{2}$	A1	4	CSO AG
(b)	$e^x (1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx$			
	$\left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6}\right) \left(1 + x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{2}\right)$	M1		Attempt to expand needed
	$\approx 1 + x(1+1) + x^2(-0.5 + 1 + 0.5)$	A1		
	$+ x^3 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6}\right)$			

	$\approx 1 + 2x + x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x^3$	A1	3	CSO
(e)	$e^{2x} = 1 + 2x + \frac{(2x)^2}{2} + \frac{(2x)^3}{6} + \dots$ $= 1 + 2x + 2x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x^3 + \dots$	B1	1	
(d)	$1 - \cos x = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \{o(x^4)\}$ $\frac{e^x(1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - e^{2x}}{1 - \cos x} =$ $\frac{1 + 2x + x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \left[1 + 2x + 2x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x^3\right]}{\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \{o(x^4)\}}$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \dots = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x^2 + \{o(x^3)\}}{\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \{o(x^4)\}} =$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1 + o(x)}{\frac{1}{2} + o(x^2)} = -2$	B1 M1 A1F A1F	 4	 Series used fit a slip but must see the intermediate stage
Total			16	

6(a)(i)	$f(x) = \ln(1 + e^x)$: $f(0) = \ln 2$ $f'(x) = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x} \quad f'(0) = \frac{1}{2}$ $f''(x) = \frac{(1 + e^x)e^x - e^x e^x}{(1 + e^x)^2} = \frac{e^x}{(1 + e^x)^2}$ $f''(0) = \frac{1}{4}$ so first three terms are: $f(x) = \ln 2 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4} \frac{x^2}{2!} = \ln 2 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{8}x^2$	B1 M1 A1 M1 A1		Chain rule Quotient rule OE
(ii)	$f'''(x) = \frac{(1 + e^x)^2 e^x - e^x [2(1 + e^x)e^x]}{(1 + e^x)^4}$ $f'''(0) = \frac{4 - 4}{2^4} = 0$ {so coefficient of x^3 is zero}	M1 A1ft A1	6 3	CSO; AG Chain rule with quotient/product rule fit on $f''(x) = ke^x(1 + e^x)^{-n}$ (integer $n < 0$) CSO; AG; All previous differentiation correct

SC for those not using Maclaurin's theorem: **maximum** of 4/9

(b)	$\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{8}x^2$	B1	1	
(c)	$\ln\left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right) =$ $\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{3}\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 - \dots$	B1	1	
(d)	$\ln\left(\frac{1+e^x}{2}\right) + \ln\left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right) = -\frac{x^3}{24} + \dots$	M1		Uses previous expansions to obtain first non-zero term of the form kx^3
	$x - \sin x \approx x - \left[x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots\right] \approx \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$	B1		
	$\left[\frac{\ln\left(\frac{1+e^x}{2}\right) + \ln\left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)}{x - \sin x} \right] = \frac{-\frac{1}{24}x^3 + \dots}{\frac{1}{6}x^3 + o(x^5)}$	M1		
	$= \frac{-\frac{1}{24}x^3 + \dots}{x^3 \left[\frac{1}{6} + o(x^2) \right]} = \frac{-\frac{1}{24} + \dots}{\frac{1}{6} + o(x^2)}$			
	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \dots = -\frac{1}{4}$	A1	4	CSO
Total			15	

7(a)	0	B1	1	
(b)	$u = xe^{-x} + 1 \Rightarrow du = (e^{-x} - xe^{-x}) dx$	M1		Attempts to find du
	$\int \frac{e^{-x}(1-x)}{xe^{-x} + 1} dx = \int \frac{1}{u} du = \ln u + c$ $= \ln(xe^{-x} + 1) + c$	A1	2	Condone missing c
(c)	$\int \frac{1-x}{x+e^x} dx = \int \frac{e^{-x}(1-x)}{xe^{-x} + 1} dx$	B1		
	$\int_1^\infty \frac{1-x}{x+e^x} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln(xe^{-x} + 1) \right]_1^a$ $= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \ln(ae^{-a} + 1) \right\} - \ln(e^{-1} + 1)$ $= \ln \left\{ \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} (ae^{-a} + 1) \right\} - \ln(e^{-1} + 1)$ $= \ln 1 - \ln(e^{-1} + 1) = -\ln(e^{-1} + 1)$	M1 M1 A1		For using part (b) and $F(B) - F(A)$ For using limiting process
Total			7	