MA 16020

Instructions. Show all work, with clear logical steps. No work or hard-tofollow work will lose points.

Problem 1. (4 points) Determine whether the following integral converges or diverges. If it converges, compute it.

$$\int_2^\infty \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^{3/2}}.$$

Remark. For the 11:30 class, there was a typo on this problem, with the integral starting at 1, which gives us a problem since $\frac{1}{x(\ln x)^{3/2}}$ is discontinuous at x = 1. If you did the integral without worrying about this, you received full points.

Solution. We start by making a u-substitution with $u = \ln x$ so that $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$. Note that when x = 2 we have we have $u = \ln 2$, and as $x \to \infty$, we also have $u = \ln x \to \infty$. Making this substitution, we have

$$\begin{split} \int_{2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^{3/2}} &= \int_{\ln 2}^{\infty} \frac{du}{u^{3/2}} \\ &= \lim_{N \to \infty} \int_{\ln 2}^{N} \frac{du}{u^{3/2}} \\ &= \lim_{N \to \infty} \left[-2u^{-1/2} \right]_{\ln 2}^{N} \\ &= \lim_{N \to \infty} \left(-\frac{2}{N^{1/2}} + \frac{2}{(\ln 2)^{1/2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{(\ln 2)^{1/2}}. \end{split}$$

Problem 2. (3 points each) Determine whether the following series converge or diverge. State why or why not. If the series converges, compute the sum.

(a)
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n$$
 (b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$

Solution. (a) This diverges since $r = \frac{3}{2} > 1$. (b) This converges since $r = \frac{1}{2} < 1$. Using the given formula,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n+2}}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2^n}$$
$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}.$$