Math 0230

Quiz 4

Fall 2013

Solutions

1. [5 points] Find $\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{\sin n}{n+2}$ by applying the Squeeze theorem. Support your solution.

No credit will be given if the Squeeze theorem is not used.

Solution: $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{\sin n}{n+2} \right| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|\sin n|}{n+2}$

 $0 < \frac{|\sin n|}{n+2} < \frac{1}{n+2} < \frac{1}{n} \text{ when } n \ge 1. \lim_{n \to \infty} 0 = 0, \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0.$

Then by the Squeeze theorem $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{|\sin n|}{n+2} = 0$ and then $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\sin n}{n+2} = 0$.

2. [5 points] Using the Comparison Test determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 n + 1}{(n+2)^2}$ is convergent or divergent.

Solution: $0 \le \frac{\sin^2 n + 1}{(n+2)^2} \le \frac{2}{(n+2)^2} \le 2 \cdot \frac{1}{n^2}$. The last term represents two times the *p*-series with p = 2 which is convergent. By the Comparison Test the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 n + 1}{(n+2)^2}$ is also convergent.

bonus problem [5 points extra] For the Fibonacci sequence $(f_1 = f_2 = 1, f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2})$

show that $\frac{1}{f_{n-1}f_{n+1}} = \frac{1}{f_{n-1}f_n} - \frac{1}{f_nf_{n+1}}$ and find the series $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{f_{n-1}f_{n+1}}$.

Solution: $\frac{1}{f_{n-1}f_n} - \frac{1}{f_n f_{n+1}} = \frac{f_n f_{n+1} - f_{n-1} f_n}{f_{n-1} f_n^2 f_{n+1}} = \frac{f_n (f_{n-1} + f_n) - f_{n-1} f_n}{f_{n-1} f_n^2 f_{n+1}}$

 $=\frac{f_n^2}{f_{n-1}f_n^2f_{n+1}}=\frac{1}{f_{n-1}f_{n+1}}$

 $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{f_{n-1}f_{n+1}} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{f_{n-1}f_n} - \frac{1}{f_n f_{n+1}} \right)$

 $= \left(\frac{1}{f_1 f_2} - \frac{1}{f_2 f_3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{f_2 f_3} - \frac{1}{f_3 f_4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{f_3 f_4} - \frac{1}{f_4 f_5}\right) + \dots = \frac{1}{f_1 f_2} = 1.$