

Quiz 1B solution

1 Exercise 1

1.1 Exercise 1.1

For $x = 0$, it is clear that $f_n(0) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For $x \neq 0$, we have

$$|f_n(x)| = \left| \frac{1}{x^{-1} + nx} \right| \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow 0. \quad (1)$$

We conclude that (f_n) is pointwise convergent.

1.2 Exercise 1.2

Using (1) and $f_n(0) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f_n(x)| = \sup_{x \neq 0} |f_n(x)| \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow 0.$$

We conclude that (f_n) converges uniformly to 0.

1.3 Exercise 1.3

By direct computation, we have

$$f'_n(x) = \frac{1 - nx^2}{(1 + nx^2)^2} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (2)$$

Let $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2), we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f'_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = 0 \\ 0, & x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

We conclude that $f'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f'_n(x)$ is correct if $x \neq 0$, but false if $x = 0$.

2 Exercise 2

2.1 Exercise 2.1

Because we have that $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges, we know that for all $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists some N be such that

$$\sup_{x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]} \left| \sum_{n=p}^q f_n(x) \right| \leq \sum_{n=p}^q \frac{1}{n^2} \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } q > p > N.$$

This shows uniformly convergent on $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ using the Cauchy criterion.

2.2 Exercise 2.2

Let $x = 0$ in identity

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos nx}{n^2} = \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{\pi x}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{6}. \quad (3)$$

We obtain

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

2.3 Exercise 2.3

For $n = 2k - 1$, using integral by parts,

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos nx}{n^2} dx = \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos((2k-1)x) dx = \frac{1}{(2k-1)^3} \int_0^{k\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}} \cos x dx = \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{(2k-1)^3}. \quad (4)$$

For $n = 2k$, using similar argument,

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos nx}{n^2} dx = \frac{1}{(2k)^2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos((2k)x) dx = \frac{1}{(2k)^3} \int_0^{k\pi} \cos x dx = 0. \quad (5)$$

2.4 Exercise 2.4

By direct computation, we have

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(\frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{\pi x}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) dx = \left(\frac{x^3}{12} - \frac{\pi x^2}{4} + \frac{\pi^2 x}{6} \right) \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{\pi^3}{96} - \frac{\pi^3}{16} + \frac{\pi^3}{12} = \frac{\pi^3}{32}. \quad (6)$$

2.5 Exercise 2.5

From Proposition 3.1, (3) and the series $\sum_1^{\infty} f_n$ converges uniformly on $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$, we obtain

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos nx}{n^2} dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(\frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{\pi x}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) dx. \quad (7)$$

Using (4), (5), (6) and (7), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)^3} = \frac{\pi^3}{32}.$$