

MATH 414/514 HOMEWORK 6

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Exercise 1. (9.5.2) Prove that $\int_0^\pi \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\sin nx}{nx} dx = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{2}{(2n-1)^3}$

Proof. As we have seen in example 9.18, because $\sin(nx) \leq 1$ we have that

$$\left| \frac{\sin nx}{n^2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Therefore, by the M-test $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\sin nx}{nx}$ converges for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Knowing that the integrand converges we can move the integral through the sum and integrate term-by-term as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\sin nx}{n^2} dx &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin nx}{n^2} dx = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{n^2} \int_0^\pi \sin nx dx \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty -\frac{1}{n^3} [\cos nx]_0^\pi = \sum_{n=1}^\infty -\frac{1}{n^3} [\cos n\pi - \cos 0] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty -\frac{1}{n^3} [(-1)^n - 1] = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^{n+1} + 1}{n^3} \\ &= \frac{2}{1^3} + 0 + \frac{2}{3^3} + 0 + \frac{2}{5^3} + 0 + \frac{2}{7^3} = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{2}{(2n-1)^3}. \end{aligned}$$

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Exercise 2. (10.4.4) Show that

$$f(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{1 - e^{-sx}}{s} ds = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1} x^k}{k(k!)}.$$

Answer. To begin, we will show that the k th derivative of $f(x)$ can be written as

$$f^k(x) = \int_0^1 (-1)^{k-1} s^{k-1} e^{-sx} ds.$$

By induction, where $k = 1$ we have

$$f'(x) = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{d}{dx} s^{-1} - \frac{d}{dx} s^{-1} e^{-sx} \right) ds = \int_0^1 e^{-sx} ds = \int_0^1 (-1)^{1-1} s^{1-1} e^{-sx} ds$$

and assuming the equality hold for k we have for that for $k + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{k+1}(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^1 (-1)^{k-1} s^{k-1} e^{-sx} ds = \int_0^1 (-s) (-1)^{k-1} s^{k-1} e^{-sx} ds \\ &= \int_0^1 (-1)^{k-1+1} s^{k-1+1} e^{-sx} ds = \int_0^1 (-1)^{(k+1)-1} s^{(k+1)-1} e^{-sx} ds. \end{aligned}$$

By theorem 10.17 we have that the coefficients of the power series around $x = 0$ for $f(x)$ are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \frac{f^k(0)}{k!} \quad \text{where} \\ f^k(0) &= \int_0^1 (-1)^{k-1} s^{k-1} e^0 ds = (-1)^{k-1} \left[\frac{s^{k-1+1}}{k-1+1} \right]_0^1 = \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k} \\ &\implies a_k = \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k(k!)}. \end{aligned}$$

Which was to be shown. ◇