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Quiz 10 — October 31, 2012 – Section 9 – 10:10 – 11:00

Remove everything from your desk except a pencil or pen.

Write in complete sentences.

The quiz is worth 5 points.

Find all values of x for which the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^n x}{2^n}$ converges. Find the sum of the series for those values of x .

Answer: The series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^n x}{2^n}$ is a geometric series with initial term $a = \frac{\cos^0 x}{2^0} = 1$ and ratio $r = \frac{\cos x}{2}$. We notice that $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$; hence, $-\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{\cos x}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$ and $-1 < r < 1$. Thus the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^n x}{2^n}$ converges for all values of x and the sum of the series is $\frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{\cos x}{2}} = \frac{2}{2-\cos x}$.

The series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^n x}{2^n}$ converges to $\frac{2}{2-\cos x}$ for all x .
