

#4 Let $\sin(x)$ be the sine of x where x is expressed in radians. Define $A_n = \sin n$. Let E be the set of cluster points of A_n . Prove or disprove $E = [-1, 1]$.

Proof: Given $n \in \mathbb{N}$ define k_n to be the unique integer such that $n - 2\pi k_n \in [0, 2\pi)$. Define $w_n = 2\pi k_n$. Note that $\sin n = \sin w_n$.

Since w_n is bounded there is a convergent subsequence w_{n_j} such that $w_{n_j} \rightarrow w \in [0, 2\pi]$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$ and $y \in [-1, 1]$. Claim for every $N \in \mathbb{N}$ there is a $n \geq N$ such that $|\sin n - y| < \epsilon$.

Since w_{n_j} is convergent then it is Cauchy. Therefore there is $J \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $i, j \geq J$ implies $|w_{n_j} - w_{n_i}| < \epsilon$. In particular we have $|w_{n_{j+1}} - w_{n_j}| < \epsilon$. Thus

$$-\epsilon < w_{n_{j+1}} - w_{n_j} < \epsilon$$

$$-\epsilon < n_{j+1} - n_j - 2\pi(k_{n_{j+1}} - k_{n_j}) < \epsilon$$

Let $m = n_{j+1} - n_j$. Define $\delta = m - 2\pi(k_{n_{j+1}} - k_{n_j})$. Since n_j is a strictly increasing sequence of natural numbers then $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Moreover since π is irrational then $\delta \neq 0$.

For any $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ we have $\sin(\xi + n) = \sin(\xi + n - 2\pi k_n)$

$$\sin(\xi + m) = \sin(\xi + m - 2\pi(k_{n_{j+1}} - k_{n_j})) = \sin(\xi + \delta)$$

Therefore

$$\sin(\xi + ml) = \sin(\xi + \delta l).$$

We consider two cases: either $\delta > 0$ or $\delta < 0$.

Case $\delta > 0$. Let $L \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $L\delta > 2\pi$. Since $y \in [-1, 1]$ and $\sin x$ is 2π -periodic there is $x \in [N, N+L\delta]$ such that $\sin x = y$. Define $x_0 = N + \delta$. Choose $l \in \{0, 1, \dots, L\}$ so that $|x_0 - x| < \delta$. Then

$$|\sin(N+lm) - y| = |\sin x_0 - \sin x| \leq |x_0 - x| < \delta < \epsilon.$$

Taking $n = N + lm$ we have found $n \geq N$ such that

$$|\sin n - y| < \epsilon.$$

Case $\delta < 0$. Let $L \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $L\delta < -2\pi$. Since $y \in [-1, 1]$ and $\sin x$ is 2π -periodic there is $x \in [N+L\delta, N]$ such that $\sin x = y$. Define $x_0 = N + \delta$. Choose $l \in \{0, 1, \dots, L\}$ so that $|x_0 - x| < |\delta|$. Then

$$|\sin(N+lm) - y| = |\sin x_0 - \sin x| \leq |x_0 - x| < |\delta| < \epsilon$$

Taking $n = N + lm$ we have found $n \geq N$ such that

$$|\sin n - y| < \epsilon$$

Therefore, in either case, we have found $n \geq N$ such that

$$|\sin n - y| < \epsilon.$$

It follows that y is a cluster point of $\sin n$ and thus $[-1, 1] \subseteq E$. Since the image $\sin \mathbb{N} \subseteq [-1, 1]$ it follows that $E = [-1, 1]$.