

Answer on Question #73969 – Math – Real Analysis

Question

Using delta - epsilon definition prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\sin x/x) = 1$

Solution

$$\text{For } x > 0: x - \frac{x^3}{3!} < \sin x < x.$$

$$\text{For } x < 0: x < \sin x < x - \frac{x^3}{3!}.$$

$$\text{For } x = 0: \sin x = x.$$

$$\text{Thus, } |\sin x - x| \leq \frac{x^3}{3!} \quad \text{or} \quad \left| \frac{\sin x}{x} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{x^2}{6}.$$

$$\text{Then, whenever } |x - 0| = |x| < \delta, \quad \left| \frac{\sin x}{x} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{x^2}{6} < \frac{\delta^2}{6}.$$

So, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, no matter how small, we can choose $\delta = \sqrt{6\varepsilon}$, such that

$$|x - 0| < \delta \text{ implies } \left| \frac{\sin x}{x} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon \text{ we have proved that } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1.$$