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**MATH 1200: Test #1 (Fall 2011)****Solution; marking scheme****[6] 1.** Use mathematical induction to prove the following:

$$4 + 8 + 13 + \cdots + 4n = 2n(n+1) .$$

*Solution.* $n = 1$ :  $4 = 2(1)(2)$  true. $n = k$ : assume  $4 + 8 + 13 + \cdots + 4k = 2k(k+1)$  . $n = k+1$ : checking if  $4 + 8 + 13 + \cdots + 4k + 4(k+1) = 2(k+1)(k+2)$  .Left hand side:  $4 + 8 + 13 + \cdots + 4k + 4(k+1) = 2k(k+1) + 4(k+1) = (k+1)(2k+4)$  , and this is obviously equal to  $2(k+1)(k+2)$  .**[4] 2.** Write the following using the sigma notation:

(a)  $\sin 1 - \sin 2 + \sin 3 - \sin 4 + \dots + \sin 2011$

(b)  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{17} + \frac{1}{26} + \frac{1}{37} + \dots$

*Solution.* (a)  $\sum_{k=1}^{2011} (-1)^{k+1} \sin k$

(b)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + 1}$

**[5] 3.** Write the first 4 terms of the sequence. Find the limit of the sequence or explain why the limit does not exist. Use proper notation for limits.

(a)  $\left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right\}$

(b)  $\{ 2 + (-1)^n \}$

*Solution.* (a)  $2, 1 + \frac{1}{2}, 1 + \frac{1}{3}, 1 + \frac{1}{4}, \dots; \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) = 1$

(b) The sequence is  $1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, \dots$  and it does not approach any fixed number. So, the limit does not exist.