

## Sequences of Real Numbers- part 1

**Exercise 1:** Study the monotonicity, boundedness and convergence of the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of real numbers, having the general term:

$$a) \quad x_n = \frac{3^n + 5^n}{7^n}, \quad b) \quad x_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}, \quad c) \quad x_n = \frac{4^n}{n!}, \quad d) \quad x_n = \frac{n}{n^2 + 1}.$$

**Exercise 2:** Using the characterising theorem with  $\varepsilon$  prove that

$$a) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{n^2 + 1} = 0 \quad b) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^2}{-2n + 4} = -\infty.$$

**Exercise 3:** Compute the limit of the sequences of real numbers having the following general terms:

$$a) \quad \frac{3^n + 1}{5^n + 1}, \quad b) \quad \frac{9^n + (-3)^n}{9^{n-1} + 3}, \quad c) \quad \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{10}\right)^n, \quad d) \sqrt{4n^2 + 2n + 1} - 2n,$$

$$e) \quad \left(7 + \frac{1 - 2n^3}{3n^4 + 2}\right)^2, \quad f) \quad \sqrt[3]{n^3 + n + 3} - \sqrt[3]{n^3 + 1}, \quad g) \quad \left(\frac{n^3 + 5n + 1}{n^2 - 1}\right)^{\frac{1 - 5n^4}{6n^4 + 1}},$$

$$h) \quad \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right).$$

**Exercise 4:** Let  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- a) Prove that there exists an decreasing sequence of rational numbers converging to  $t$ .
- b) Prove that there exists a increasing sequence of irrational numbers converging to  $t$ .

**Exercise 5:** Let  $a > 0$  and let  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $0 < x_0 < \frac{1}{a}$ . Consider the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of real numbers, defined recursively by:

$$x_{n+1} = 2x_n - ax_n^2, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Study the convergence of the sequence by following the next steps:

- a) Prove by induction that  $x_n < \frac{1}{a}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- b) Prove by induction that  $0 < x_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- c) By using a) and b) prove that  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is increasing.
- d) Compute the limit of the sequence.