

**Tutorial 2.2.1.**

1. Prove Theorem 2.9.

2. Use suitable rules or first principles to find

$$(a) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n^2 + 2n - 10) \quad (b) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( n - \frac{1}{n} \right) \quad (c) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 - 3n^2}{n + 1}$$

3. Prove that if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = \infty$ , then  $(a_n)$  diverges.

4. Prove that if  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p > 0$ , then  $n^p \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

5. Define a sequence as follows:

$$a_0 = 0, a_1 = \frac{1}{2}, a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3} (1 + a_n + a_{n-1}^3) \text{ for } n \geq 2.$$

(a) Use induction to show that  $0 \leq a_n \leq \frac{2}{3}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(b) Use induction to show that  $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(c) Explain why we may conclude that  $(a_n)$  converges.

(d) Using the fact that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1}$ , find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ .

6. Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \infty$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = 0$ . Show, by giving examples, that no general conclusion can be made about the behaviour of the following sequences:

$$(a) a_n - b_n, \quad (b) a_n c_n, \quad (c) \frac{a_n}{b_n}, \quad (d) \frac{a_n}{c_n}.$$

7. Let  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  be sequences such that  $a_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \text{ and } \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n.$$

8. (a) Show that  $\exp(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^n$  exists for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and that  $\exp(1) = e$ .

**Hint.** Adapt the proof of Example 2.2.3.

(b) Use Bernoulli's inequality to prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1 + \frac{x+y}{n}}{1 + \frac{x+y}{n} + \frac{xy}{n^2}} \right)^n = 1$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(c) Use (b) to show that  $\exp(x+y) = \exp(x) \exp(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(d) Show that  $\exp(x) \geq 1 + x$  for all  $x > 0$ .

(e) Show that  $\exp(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(f) Show that  $\exp$  is strictly increasing.

(g) Show that  $\exp(n) = e^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .