

Problem 29. Suppose $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges. Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. The new sequence $(x_{n+k})_{n=1}^{\infty}$ also converges, and to the same limit.

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since the sequence $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges to L , there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n > N$, $|x_n - L| < \epsilon$. Now choose $M = N$ for our shifted sequence. Then for all $n > M$, we have $n + k > N$ (since $k \geq 1$), so $|x_{n+k} - L| < \epsilon$. Therefore (x_{n+k}) converges to L . \square

Problem 30. Give an example of each of the following, or state that such a request is impossible. In the latter case, identify specific theorem(s) that justify your statement.

(a) sequences (x_n) and (y_n) , which both diverge, where the sum $(x_n + y_n)$ converges

We take the alternating harmonic series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k}$ which famously converges to $\ln(2)$ and define x_n as the sequence of positive terms and y_n as the sequence of negative terms.

$$x_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad y_n = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{n} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

These two sequence of partial sums converge when combined and each diverge when split this way.

(b) a convergent sequence (x_n) , and a divergent sequence (y_n) , where $(x_n + y_n)$ converges

(c) a convergent sequence (b_n) , with $b_n \neq 0$ for all n , such that $(1/b_n)$ diverges

(d) sequences (x_n) and (y_n) , where $(x_n y_n)$ and (x_n) converge but (y_n) does not

Problem 31. If $a \geq 0$ and $b \geq 0$ then $\sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{1}{2}(a + b)$.

Proof.

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Problem 32. Consider the real sequence generated by setting $x_1 = 2$ and then

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(x_n + \frac{2}{x_n} \right).$$

(a) The sequence (x_n) is bounded below by $\sqrt{2}$.

Proof.

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(b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \sqrt{2}$.

Proof.

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Problem 33. The sequence $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}, \dots$ converges to X .

Proof.

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Problem 34. For each series, find an explicit formula for the partial sums, and determine if the series converges.

(a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n}$

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

(c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \log\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)$

Problem 35.

(a) Suppose $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$. If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges.

Proof.

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(b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ diverges.

Proof.

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