

Problem 22. If $f : A \rightarrow B$ has an inverse function then f is onto and f is one-to-one.

Proof. Suppose $f : A \rightarrow B$ has an inverse function $g : B \rightarrow A$. By definition of an inverse function this means that

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(a)) &= a, \text{ for all } a \in A \\ f(g(b)) &= b, \text{ for all } b \in B \end{aligned}$$

one-to-one: Let $a_1, a_2 \in A$ such that $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$. To prove f is one-to-one (injective) we must show that $a_1 = a_2$. Observe that composing the inverse g with f gives

$$g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2))$$

As a result of applying the definition of inverse $g(f(a)) = a$, we get

$$a_1 = a_2$$

Therefore f is injective.

onto: To prove that f is onto, we must show that there exists an $a \in A$ such that $f(a) = b$. Since $g : B \rightarrow A$, we know that $g(b) \in A$. Let $a = g(b)$. Substituting a in $f(a)$ gives

$$f(a) = f(g(b)) = b$$

As a result of applying the definition of inverse $f(g(b)) = b$. Therefore, for every $b \in B$, there exists $a = g(b) \in A$ such that $f(a) = b$. Hence f is onto.

Since f is both one-to-one and onto, it follows that f is bijective. □

Problem 23. A real number $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is called algebraic if there exists $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$, not all zero, so that

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 = 0$$

That is, a real number is algebraic if it is a root of a polynomial equation with integer coefficients.

(a) The numbers $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt[3]{2}$, and $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$ are algebraic.

For $\sqrt{2}$:

Proof. Let $p(x) = x^2 - 2$. We verify that $\sqrt{2}$ is a root of this polynomial:

$$p(\sqrt{2}) = (\sqrt{2})^2 - 2 = 2 - 2 = 0$$

Thus $\sqrt{2}$ is algebraic. □

For $\sqrt[3]{2}$:

Proof. Let $p(x) = x^3 - 2$. We verify that $\sqrt[3]{2}$ is a root of this polynomial:

$$p(\sqrt[3]{2}) = (\sqrt[3]{2})^3 - 2 = 2 - 2 = 0$$

Therefore $\sqrt[3]{2}$ is algebraic. □

For $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$:

Proof. Let $p(x) = x^4 - 10x^2 + 1$. We verify that $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$ is a root of this polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}) &= (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^4 - 10(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^2 + 1 \\ &= (3 + 2\sqrt{6} + 2)^2 - 10(3 + 2\sqrt{6} + 2) + 1 \\ &= (5 + 2\sqrt{6})^2 - 30 - 20\sqrt{6} - 20 + 1 \\ &= 25 + 20\sqrt{6} + 24 - 30 - 20\sqrt{6} - 20 + 1 \\ &= 50 + 20\sqrt{6} - 50 - 20\sqrt{6} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$ is algebraic. □

- (b) For fixed $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let A_n be the set of algebraic numbers which are roots of polynomials, with integer coefficients, of degree n . Then A_n is countable.

Proof. A polynomial $P \in P_n$ of degree n with integer coefficients is defined as

$$P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0 = 0$$

where $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a_n \neq 0$. Let P_n denote the set of all such degree- n polynomials. Each polynomial is uniquely determined by the $(n+1)$ -tuple $(a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0)$ where $a_n \neq 0$. This is a bijection between P_n and a subset of \mathbb{Z}^{n+1} . Since \mathbb{Z}^{n+1} is countable, any subset of \mathbb{Z}^{n+1} is at most countable. Therefore P_n is countable. We can thus enumerate $P_n = \{P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots\}$.

By the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra, each polynomial of degree n has at most n roots. For each $i \in \mathbb{N}$, let R_i denote the set of all roots of P_i . Then $|R_i| \leq n < \infty$.

Every algebraic number in A_n is, by definition a root of some polynomial in P_n . Therefore $A_n = \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} R_i$. Since A_n is a countable union of finite sets, A_n is countable. □

- (c) The set of all algebraic numbers is countable.

Proof. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let A_n be the set of roots of all degree- n polynomials with integer coefficients. From the previous problem we know that each A_n is countable. The set of all algebraic numbers is

$$A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$$

Since A is a countable union of countable sets, A is countable. Therefore the set of all algebraic numbers is countable. \square

Problem 24. *There is an onto function $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow S$ where $S = \{(x, y) : 0 < x, y < 1\}$ is the unit square in the plane \mathbb{R}^2 .*

Proof. Let $(u, v) \in S$ be arbitrary. Since $u, v \in (0, 1)$, each has a decimal expansion:

$$u = 0.a_1a_2a_3a_4\dots$$

$$v = 0.b_1b_2b_3b_4\dots$$

where $a_i, b_i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$. If u or v has two representations, we choose the non-terminating one.

We construct $x \in (0, 1)$ by interleaving the decimal digits:

$$x = 0.a_1b_1a_2b_2a_3b_3a_4b_4\dots$$

Now define $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow S$ as follows: For any $x = 0.d_1d_2d_3d_4\dots \in (0, 1)$, let

$$f(x) = (0.d_1d_3d_5d_7\dots, 0.d_2d_4d_6d_8\dots)$$

Then $f(x) = (u, v)$ by construction, since the odd-positioned digits of x are precisely a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots and the even-positioned digits are b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots . Since (u, v) was arbitrary, f is onto. \square

Problem 25. (a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{5n+3} = \frac{2}{5}$

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$. We compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{2n+1}{5n+3} - \frac{2}{5} \right| &= \left| \frac{5(2n+1) - 2(5n+3)}{5(5n+3)} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{5(5n+3)} \\ &= \frac{1}{25n+15} \end{aligned}$$

For $n \geq 1$, we have $25n+15 \geq 25n$, so:

$$\frac{1}{25n+15} \leq \frac{1}{25n} < \epsilon$$

The last inequality holds when $n > \frac{1}{25\epsilon}$.

Choose $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $N > \frac{1}{25\epsilon}$.

Then for all $n \geq N$, we have $\left| \frac{2n+1}{5n+3} - \frac{2}{5} \right| < \epsilon$. \square

$$(b) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^2}{n^3 + 1} = 0$$

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$. We compute:

$$\left| \frac{2n^2}{n^3 + 1} - 0 \right| = \frac{2n^2}{n^3 + 1}$$

For $n \geq 1$, we have $n^3 + 1 \geq n^3$, so:

$$\frac{2n^2}{n^3 + 1} \leq \frac{2n^2}{n^3} = \frac{2}{n} < \epsilon$$

The last inequality holds when $n > \frac{2}{\epsilon}$.

Choose $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $N > \frac{2}{\epsilon}$.

Then for all $n \geq N$, we have $\left| \frac{2n^2}{n^3 + 1} \right| < \epsilon$.

Therefore $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^2}{n^3 + 1} = 0$. □

$$(c) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(n)}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$$

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$. We compute:

$$\left| \frac{\sin(n)}{\sqrt{n}} - 0 \right| = \frac{|\sin(n)|}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Since $|\sin(n)| \leq 1$ for all n , we have:

$$\frac{|\sin(n)|}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < \epsilon$$

The last inequality holds when $\sqrt{n} > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$, or equivalently, $n > \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$.

Choose $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $N > \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$.

Then for all $n \geq N$, we have $\left| \frac{\sin(n)}{\sqrt{n}} \right| < \epsilon$.

Therefore $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(n)}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$. □

Problem 26. (a) A sequence with an infinite number of ones that does not converge to one.

Define $a_n = \sin(\frac{n\pi}{2})$ where $n \in \mathbb{N}$. This sequence looks like $1, 0, -1, 0, 1, 0, -1, 0, \dots$ and contains infinitely many ones when $n = 1, 5, 9, 13, \dots$

Proof. We show this sequence does not converge to 1. Let $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$. For any $N \in \mathbb{N}$, we can find $n > N$ with $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. For such n , $a_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = -1$, so $|a_n - 1| = |-1 - 1| = 2 > \epsilon$. Therefore the sequence does not converge to 1. \square

(b) A sequence with an infinite number of ones that converges to a limit not equal to one.

Proof. Suppose, for the sake of contradiction, that there exists a sequence (a_n) that:

- (a) Contains infinitely many ones, and
- (b) Converges to some limit L where $L \neq 1$

Since $L \neq 1$, the distance between L and 1 is positive. Let $d = |L - 1| > 0$.

Choose $\epsilon = \frac{d}{2} = \frac{|L-1|}{2}$. This is half the distance from L to 1.

Since (a_n) converges to L , by definition of convergence, there exists some $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that:

$$\text{for all } n \geq N, \quad |a_n - L| < \epsilon$$

This means that all terms after position N must lie within distance ϵ of L .

However, the sequence contains infinitely many ones. Therefore, there must exist some $n \geq N$ where $a_n = 1$.

For this particular n , we compute:

$$|a_n - L| = |1 - L| = |L - 1| = d = 2\epsilon$$

But this contradicts the requirement that $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$.

Therefore, our assumption must be false. No such sequence can exist. \square

Problem 27. Let (x_n) be a sequence that converges to x . Suppose $p(x)$ is a polynomial. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n) = p(x).$$

Proof. We prove by induction on the degree k of the polynomial $p(x)$.

Base case ($k = 0$): If $p(x) = a_0$ is a constant polynomial, then $p(x_n) = a_0$ for all n , so:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_0 = a_0 = p(x)$$

Inductive step: Assume the result holds for all polynomials of degree at most $k - 1$. Let $p(x)$ be a polynomial of degree k :

$$p(x) = a_k x^k + q(x)$$

where $q(x) = a_{k-1}x^{k-1} + \cdots + a_1x + a_0$ is a polynomial of degree at most $k - 1$.
 By the inductive hypothesis, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q(x_n) = q(x)$.
 For the term a_kx^k , we can write:

$$x_n^k = x_n \cdot x_n^{k-1}$$

By the Algebraic Limit Theorem (product rule), since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n^{k-1} = x^{k-1}$ (by applying the product rule inductively), we have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n^k = x \cdot x^{k-1} = x^k$$

By the Algebraic Limit Theorem (constant multiple rule):

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_kx_n^k = a_kx^k$$

Finally, by the Algebraic Limit Theorem (sum rule):

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_kx_n^k + q(x_n)) = a_kx^k + q(x) = p(x)$$

By induction, the result holds for all polynomials. □

Problem 28. Consider three sequences (x_n) , (y_n) , and (z_n) for which $x_n \leq y_n \leq z_n$ for each n . If $x_n \rightarrow \ell$ and $z_n \rightarrow \ell$ then $y_n \rightarrow \ell$.

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$. We must show there exists N such that for all $n \geq N$, $|y_n - \ell| < \epsilon$.

Since $x_n \rightarrow \ell$, there exists $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n \geq N_1$:

$$|x_n - \ell| < \epsilon$$

which implies:

$$-\epsilon < x_n - \ell < \epsilon$$

or equivalently:

$$\ell - \epsilon < x_n < \ell + \epsilon$$

Since $z_n \rightarrow \ell$, there exists $N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n \geq N_2$:

$$|z_n - \ell| < \epsilon$$

which implies:

$$-\epsilon < z_n - \ell < \epsilon$$

or equivalently:

$$\ell - \epsilon < z_n < \ell + \epsilon$$

Choose $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$. For any $n \geq N$, we have both $n \geq N_1$ and $n \geq N_2$. Therefore, using the given condition $x_n \leq y_n \leq z_n$:

$$\ell - \epsilon < x_n \leq y_n \leq z_n < \ell + \epsilon$$

This gives us:

$$\ell - \epsilon < y_n < \ell + \epsilon$$

which is equivalent to:

$$|y_n - \ell| < \epsilon$$

Since ϵ was arbitrary, we conclude that $y_n \rightarrow \ell$.

□