

Problem 36. Give a justified example of each, or argue (prove) that it is impossible.

- (a) A sequence that has a subsequence that is bounded, but which contains no subsequence which converges.

This is impossible by Bolzano Weierstrass. Every bounded sequence has at least one convergent subsequence.

- (b) A sequence that does not contain 0 or 1 as a term, but which contains subsequences which converge to each of these values.

$$a_n = \frac{1 + (-1)^n}{2} + \frac{1}{n}$$

is such a sequence, we can set n to even or odd numbers to converge to 0 or 1.

- (c) A sequence that contains subsequences converging to every point in the infinite set $\{1, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, \dots\}$.

Consider that we can construct a subsequence that converges to a chosen arbitrary value with $k - \frac{1}{n}$ where k is any number we want to converge to and $\frac{1}{n}$ just going to zero. Let our sequence be defined by $a_n = \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{n}$. For $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ this converges to every point in the infinite set.

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Problem 37. Let (a_n) be a bounded sequence. Define the set

$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x < a_n \text{ for infinitely many terms } a_n\}.$$

Then S is bounded above, and there exists a subsequence (a_{n_k}) which converges to $\sup S$.

Proof. Since (a_n) is a bounded sequence, there exists an $M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a_n \leq M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. From this we have

$$x < a_n < M$$

by transitivity $x < M$ for all $x \in S$, so S is bounded above by M . Since S is a non-empty real set and bounded above, By Axiom of completeness, $s = \sup S$ exists.

Choose an arbitrary $k \in \mathbb{N}$ so that we create an interval around the supremum s :

$$s - \frac{1}{k} < s < s + \frac{1}{k}$$

Since any number smaller than s is not an upper bound of S , there exists an $s' \in S$ so that $s - \frac{1}{k} < s'$ (s' is in the interval below s). Since $s' \in S$, it follows by transitivity that $s - \frac{1}{k} < s' < a_n$, thus $s - \frac{1}{k} < a_n$ for infinitely many terms a_n . So we have

$$s - \frac{1}{k} < a_n < s + \frac{1}{k}$$

Satisfied by every $k \in \mathbb{N}$. We construct the subsequence a_{n_k} recursively. For $k = 1$, choose any $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $s - 1 < a_{n_1} \leq s + 1$. Having chosen $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k$, we choose $n_{k+1} > n_k$ such that

$$s - \frac{1}{k+1} < a_{n_{k+1}} < s + \frac{1}{k+1}.$$

Now we show convergence, Let $\epsilon > 0$, choose $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{K} < \epsilon$. Then for all $k \geq K$, we have

$$\frac{1}{k} \leq \frac{1}{K} < \epsilon$$

By construction

$$s - \frac{1}{k} < a_{n_k} \leq s + \frac{1}{k}$$

Since $\frac{1}{k} < \epsilon$, we have

$$s - \epsilon < s - \frac{1}{k} < a_{n_k} \leq s + \frac{1}{k} < s + \epsilon$$

thus $|a_{n_k} - s| < \epsilon$ meaning by definition there is a subsequence a_{n_k} that converges to $\sup S$. \square

Problem 38. Every convergent sequence is a Cauchy sequence.

Proof. A sequence is Cauchy iff for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for every $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ when $m, n > N$ we have $|a_n - a_m| < \epsilon$.

Let (a_n) be a convergent sequence and let $(a_n) \rightarrow a$. By definition this means that for $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that when $n > N$ we have $|a_n - a| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. We now show that this is a Cauchy sequence. Let $\epsilon > 0$ and let $m, n > N$. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n - a_m| &= |(a_n - a) + (a - a_m)| \\ &= |a_n - a| + |a - a_m| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Thus (a_n) is a Cauchy sequence. \square

Problem 39. Give a justified example of each, or argue (prove) that it is impossible.

(a) A Cauchy sequence that is not monotone.

Since all convergent sequences are Cauchy sequences, we just need to find any sequence that converges that is not monotone. Let $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$.

(b) A Cauchy sequence containing an unbounded subsequence.

Boundedness is a criteria for convergence so this is impossible

(c) An unbounded sequence containing a Cauchy subsequence.

Impossible for the same reason as above

Problem 40. Give a justified example of each, or explain (prove) why the request is impossible, by referencing the proper theorem(s).

(a) Two series $\sum x_n$ and $\sum y_n$ which both diverge, but where $\sum x_n y_n$ converges.

Let $x_n = y_n = \frac{1}{n}$, then $\sum x_n$ and $\sum y_n$ diverge. Consider the product $\sum x_n y_n = \sum \frac{1}{n} * \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n^2}$. This is a p series where $p > 1$ and thus converges.

(b) A convergent series $\sum x_n$ and a bounded sequence (y_n) , such that $\sum x_n y_n$ diverges.

Let $x_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ and let $y_n = (-1)^n$. The sum $\sum x_n = \sum \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ is an alternating harmonic series so it converges.. The sum $\sum y_n = \sum (-1)^n$ just flips between -1 if odd and 1 if even, this is also the greatest lower bound and least upper bound respectively. The product $\sum x_n y_n = \sum [\frac{(-1)^n}{n} * (-1)^n] = \sum [\frac{(-1)^{2n}}{n}] = \sum \frac{1}{n}$ diverges.

(c) Two sequences (x_n) and (y_n) where $\sum x_n$ and $\sum (x_n + y_n)$ both converge, but $\sum y_n$ diverges.

Impossible

Proof. Suppose (x_n) converges and $\sum (x_n + y_n)$ converge with (y_n) diverging. Observe that $\sum y_n = \sum (x_n + y_n) - \sum x_n$, by the algebraic rule for series. A consequence is that (y_n) converges. But this is a contradiction since we assumed (y_n) diverges. Thus this is impossible. \square

(d) A sequence (x_n) satisfying $0 \leq x_n \leq 1/n$ where $\sum (-1)^n x_n$ diverges.

Let

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

This is just $\sum (-\frac{1}{n})$ which diverges without the even numbers.

Problem 41. If $\sum a_n$ converges absolutely then $\sum a_n^2$ converges absolutely.

Proof. If $\sum |a_n|$ converges then $\lim |a_n| = 0$. It follows that there exists an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n \geq N$ that $|a_n| < 1$. Since $|a_n|$ is positive (absolute value) we have

$$0 < |a_n| < 1$$

Being that $|a_n|$ is between 0 and 1, we have

$$|a_n^2| = |a_n|^2 \leq |a_n|$$

Since $\sum |a_n|$ converges and $|a_n^2| < |a_n|$, then by the Comparison Test, for all sufficiently large n , the sum $\sum |a_n^2|$ converges. Thus $\sum a_n^2$ converges absolutely. \square

Problem 42. *Ratio test: For a series $\sum a_n$, if the sequence of terms (a_n) satisfies $a_n \neq 0$ for all n , and if*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} = r < 1,$$

then the series converges absolutely.

Proof. Suppose $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} = r < 1$

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Problem 43. *Do the following series converge or diverge? A careful proof is not needed, but a logical and correct justification or explanation is required, possibly using Theorems from Sections 2.1–2.7, or Problems above.*

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

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

(c) $1 - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{4}{6} - \frac{5}{8} + \frac{6}{10} - \frac{7}{12} + \frac{8}{14} + \dots$

(d) $1 - \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6^2} + \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{8^2} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots$

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