

## Homework 2

1. In the following exercise  $\forall$  sequence  $\{x_n\}$  find an  $N$  such that  $|x_n - l| < \varepsilon$   
 $\forall n \geq N$  where  $\varepsilon$  is given.

(i)  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $l = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon = \frac{2}{3}$

Ans.  $|x_n - l| = \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon = \frac{2}{3}$

$\Leftrightarrow n > \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow n \geq 2$

Hence,  $N \geq 2$ .

(ii)  $x_n = \frac{n}{2n+1}$ ,  $l = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\varepsilon = 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{10}$

(iii)  $x_n = \frac{n-1}{n+1}$ ,  $l = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon = 1, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{25}$

2. Using the definition of limit show that

(i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n} = 0$

(ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{n+1} = 2$

3. Compute limits:

(i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2+1} \rightarrow$  Ans.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n/n^2}{(n^2+1)/n^2}$   
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n}{1+1/n^2}$

(ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2+n+1}{n^2+3n+5}$

(iii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3+n-1}{n^2(n+2)}$

Now,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} = 0$  ( $\because \lim x_n y_n = \lim x_n \cdot \lim y_n$  when they exist)

$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1+1/n^2) = 1$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/n}{1+1/n^2} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$  (Apply  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n}$ )

$$= \frac{\lim x_n}{\lim y_n}$$

4. Explain why ~~the~~ limits do not exist for the following sequences

(i)  $\{\sqrt{n}\}$       (ii)  $\{2^n\}$       (iii)  $\{(-1)^n \cdot n^2\}$

(iv)  $\{1 + (-1)^n\}$       (v)  $\{(1.01)^n\}$

5. Do the following sequences converge?  
No need to find limits.

(i)  $x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2^1} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n}$

(Optional for now) (ii)  $x_1 = 1, x_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{1}{n^n}$

6. If  $\lim x_n = 0$  and  $\{y_n\}$  is any bounded sequence then show that  $\lim x_n y_n = 0$

7. If  $\lim x_n = 0$  and  $x_n \geq 0 \forall n$  then show that  $\lim x_n^{1/p} = 0 \forall p \in \mathbb{N}$ .