

Homework 4: sequences and convergence

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Exercise 1 (5 pts.)

In the lecture we encountered the sequence of Fibonacci numbers that serve as a simple population model:

$$a_{n+1} := a_n + a_{n-1} \quad \text{for } n \geq 3, \quad a_1 = 1, a_0 = 1.$$

List a_n for $n = 0, \dots, 10$.

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144

Prove that the following formula (related to the Golden ratio) is equivalent to the recursive definition:

$$a_n = a_{n+1} - a_{n-1} \quad \Bigg| \quad a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n+1} - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n+1} \right)$$

Base: $n=3$ $a_3 = a_4 - a_2 = 5 - 2 = 3 \mid a_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^4 - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^4 \right) = 3 \checkmark$

Exercise 2 (6 pts.)

Decide whether the following sequences $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converge or diverge.

If possible determine the value of the limit.

a) $a_n = \frac{2021n^2 + 10n + 28}{n}$ $2021n^2 + 10n + 28 > n \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = +\infty$ div.

b) $a_n = \frac{1}{3n^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n} \right)$ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3n^2} = 0^+$ conv.

c) $a_n = -3^n - \frac{1}{n} \cos(n)$ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -3^n = -\infty \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = -\infty$ div.

Please give an argument for each of your answers.

Exercise 3 (3 pts.)

Show that the product of a zero sequence and a bounded sequence is again a zero sequence.

$\{a_n \cdot b_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ converges to $a \cdot b$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n b_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = a \cdot b$$

so if a or b is a zero sequence and the other is bounded
 $\rightarrow 0 \cdot b = 0$
 $a \cdot 0 = 0$