

Homework 6: Cauchy product, continuity

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Exercise 1 (9 pts.)

a) Compute the Cauchy product of the series

with the series

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{9^k} \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^k}$$

$$c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{9^k} \cdot \frac{1}{3^{n-k}}$$

b) Consider the alternating series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} r_k$ with

$$\{r_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} = \frac{(-1)^k}{\sqrt{k+1}}.$$

Show that the Cauchy product of $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} r_k$ with itself is not absolutely convergent.

Please explain why this is no contradiction to the result derived in the lecture!

Exercise 2 (3 pts.)

Consider the fractional rational function

$$f: \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1}.$$

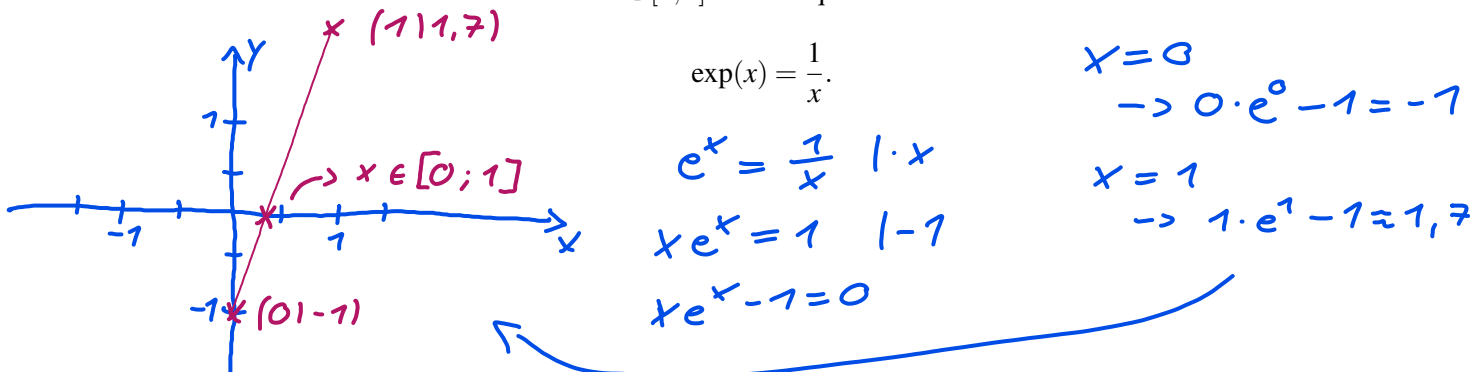
Explain why f is not continuous! **it's not continuous because $x = -1$ would be a division by zero.**

How could you derive from f a new function g by complementing $g(-1)$ such that the function g becomes continuous in $x = -1$, too?

$$\frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1} \Rightarrow \frac{x - 1}{1} = x - 1 \quad g(-1) = -1 - 1 = -2$$

Exercise 3 (3 pts.)

Demonstrate that there exists a solution $x \in [0, 1]$ for the equation



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$$c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{\sqrt{k+1}} \cdot \frac{(-1)^{n-k}}{\sqrt{(n-k)+1}}$$

$$= (-1)^{k+n-k} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-k+1}}$$

$$= (-1)^n \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1 \cdot 1}{\sqrt{(k+1) \cdot (n-k+1)}}$$

$$(k+1)(n-k+1) = \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)^2 - \left(\frac{n}{2} - k\right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{(k+1)(n-k+1)} &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)^2 - \left(\frac{n}{2} - k\right)^2} \\ &\leq \sqrt{\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)^2} = \frac{n}{2} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$|c_n| = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{(k+1)(n-k+1)}}$$

$$\geq \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{\frac{n}{2} + 1}$$

$$\geq 1 \rightarrow c_n \text{ doesn't converge to } 0$$

\rightarrow the cauchy product diverges

There is no contradiction because the sums aren't abs. convergent themselves.