

HW 8: pages 193, #1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 17

For 2(c), see Theorem 1 and Example 9 from Lecture 15

Make sure when you do these problems, justify the answer by either writing down the theorem name or providing a counter example.

## Exercise 1

Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- a. A sequence  $(s_n)$  converges to  $s$  iff every subsequence of  $(s_n)$  converges to  $s$ .

**True.** By Theorem 4.4.4.

- b. Every bounded sequence is convergent.

**False.**

Counter example:  $(s_n) = (-1)^n$

- c. Let  $(s_n)$  be a bounded sequence. If  $(s_n)$  oscillates, then the set  $S$  of subsequential limits of  $(s_n)$  contains at least two points.

**True.** If  $S$  oscillates, then  $\liminf S < \limsup S$ . This implies that these are two different points.

- d. Let  $(s_n)$  be a bounded sequence and let  $m = \limsup s_n$ .

Then,  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $N \geq n$  implies  $s_n > m - \epsilon$

**True.**

*Proof.*

**Let:**  $\epsilon > 0$

Since  $s_n$  is bounded, let  $S$  be the set containing the range of  $s_n$ .

By definition,  $\exists$  some  $s_{n_k}$  st  $\lim s_{n_k} = m$  where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Since  $\lim s_{n_k} = m$ ,

$\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $N \geq n_k$  implies  $|s_{n_k} - m| < \epsilon$

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$-\epsilon < s_{n_k} - m < \epsilon$

$m - \epsilon < s_{n_k} < m + \epsilon$  **(1)**

So, by **(1)**,

$\exists$  some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $s_n > m - \epsilon$

□

- e. If  $(s_n)$  is unbounded above, then  $(s_n)$  contains a subsequence that has  $\infty$  as a limit.

**True.** By Theorem 4.4.8.

## Exercise 2

Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- a. Every sequence has a convergent subsequence.

**False.** Let  $s_n = n$

- b. The set of subsequential limits of a bounded sequence is always nonempty.

**True.** By Theorem 4.4.8

- c.  $(s_n)$  converges to  $s$  iff  $\liminf s_n = \limsup s_n = s$

**True.** By Definition 4.4.9 and exercise 9.

- d. Let  $(s_n)$  be a bounded sequence and let  $m = \limsup s_n$ . Then,  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ , there are infinitely many terms in the sequence greater than  $m - \epsilon$ .

**True.** By Theorem 4.4.7,  $s_n$  has a convergent subsequence.

Let  $t_n$  be a subsequence of  $s_n$  st  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = m$

By definition,

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |t_n - m| < \epsilon$$

so,

$$-\epsilon < t_n - m < \epsilon$$

$$m - \epsilon < t_n$$

Pick  $\epsilon_2$  to be  $\frac{\epsilon}{2}$

Then,

$$\exists N(\epsilon_2) \text{ st } m - \epsilon < t_{N(\epsilon_2)}$$

Inductively, we can let  $\epsilon_3 = \frac{\epsilon_2}{2}$ , and so on.

Hence, since there are infinitely many terms in  $t_n$  greater than  $m - \epsilon$ , the same is true for  $s_n$ .

- e. If  $(s_n)$  is unbounded above, then  $\liminf s_n = \limsup s_n = \infty$

**True.**

**Suppose:**  $s_n$  has a subsequence  $t_n$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = t$  where  $t \neq \infty$  (but could be negative infinity)

So,

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |t_n - t| < \epsilon$$

Notice also, that since  $s_n$  is unbounded above,

$$\forall m \in \mathbb{R}, \exists N_m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } s_{N_m} > m$$

That means that  $\exists$  some  $N$  for  $t_N > m$

If we let  $m = t$ , then

$$\exists \text{ some } N_1 \text{ for } t_{N_1} > t = m$$

If we let  $m = t + 1$ , then

$$\exists \text{ some } N_2 \text{ for } t_{N_2} > m = t + 1$$

Inductively,  $t_n$  has an infinite amount of values above  $t$ , and is increasing: a contradiction.

Thus,  $t_n$  is unbounded above.

### Exercise 3

For each sequence, find the set  $S$  of subsequential limits, the limit inferior, and the limit superior.

a.  $s_n = 1 + (-1)^n$

b.  $t_n = (0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{6}{7})$

c.  $u_n = n^2(-1 + (-1)^n)$

d.  $v_n = n \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$

### Exercise 5

Use exercise 4.3.14 to find the limit of each sequence:

a.  $s_n = (1 + \frac{1}{2n})^{2n}$

b.  $s_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^{2n}$

c.  $s_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^{n-1}$

d.  $s_n = (\frac{n}{n+1})^n$

e.  $s_n = (1 + \frac{1}{2n})^n$

f.  $s_n = (\frac{n+2}{n+1})^{n+3}$

### Exercise 9

Let  $(s_n)$  be a bounded sequence.

**Assume:**  $\liminf s_n = \limsup s_n = s$

Prove that  $(s_n)$  is convergent and that  $\lim s_n = s$

### Exercise 10

**Assume:**  $x > 1$

Prove that  $\lim x^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$

### Exercise 17

Prove that if  $\limsup s_n = \infty$  and  $k > 0$ , then  $\limsup (ks_n) = \infty$