

Homework 7: pages 184 - 185 numbers 1, 2(a)(b), 3(e), 4, 10, 13, 14 ← 14 is difficult, but not impossible!
(want to show that $\lim (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$ exists)

Hint:

$$(1 + b)^n = 1 + nb + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}b^2 + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-(r-1))}{r!}b^r + \dots + b^n$$

In our problem, $b = \frac{1}{n}$

Look at it as $1 + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-(r-1))}{r!} \frac{1}{n^r}$

$(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$ goes in there somewhere somehow.

Problem 1

Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- a. If a monotone sequence is bounded, then it is convergent.

True

by Theorem 4.3.3

- b. If a bounded sequence is monotone, then it is convergent.

True

by Theorem 4.3.3

- c. If a convergent sequence is monotone, then it is bounded.

True

by Theorem 4.3.3

Problem 2(a)(b)

Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- a. If a convergent sequence is bounded, then it is monotone.

False.

Counterexample: $s_n =$

$$(-1)^n \frac{1}{n}$$

- b. If (s_n) is an unbounded increasing sequence, then $\lim s_n = +\infty$

True.

By Theorem 4.3.8

Assume: (s_n) is an unbounded, increasing sequence.

Then, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $s_n \leq s_{n+1}$

and

$\forall m \in \mathbb{R}$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ st. $n \geq N$ implies $s_n > m$

By Definition 4.2.9:

We say a sequence diverges to ∞ if $\forall m \in \mathbb{R}$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ st $n \geq N$ implies $s_n > m$

Hence, result.

Problem 3(e)

Prove that each sequence is monotone and bounded. Then, find the limit.

(e) $s_1 = 5$ and $s_{n+1} = \sqrt{4s_n + 1}$ for $n \geq 1$

s_n is monotone if it's either increasing or decreasing.

$s_1 = 5, s_2 = \sqrt{21} = 4.58257569496, s_3 = \sqrt{4\sqrt{21} + 1} = \sqrt{\sqrt{336} + 1} = \sqrt{19.3303028} = 4.39662402304$

Hmm, limit's probably 4. Let's see.

Conjecture

$\{s_n\}$ is decreasing and $4 \leq s_n \leq 5, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$P(n)$ (Proposition as a function of n):

$s_n \geq s_{n+1}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$s_1 = 5 > \sqrt{21} = s_2$

Suppose that, $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\sqrt{4s_k + 1} \geq \sqrt{4s_{k+1} + 1}$$

Now,

$$s_{k+1} = \sqrt{4s_{k+1} + 1} \geq \sqrt{4s_{k+2} + 1} = s_{k+2}$$

So,

$$s_k \geq s_{k+1}$$

Hence, by induction, $P(n)$: $s_n \geq s_{n+1}$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$Q(n)$: $s_n \geq 4 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$s_1 = 5 > 4$

Assume for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ that $s_k > 4$

$$s_{k+1} = \sqrt{4s_k + 1} > \sqrt{4(3.75) + 1} = 4$$

Hence, by induction, $Q(n)$: $s_n > 4$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

By the Montone Convergence Theorem,

$\exists s \in \mathbb{R}$ st

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$$

By HW problem 11, page 170.

Thus,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$$

$$\text{So, we claim that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{n+1} = s = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{4s_n + 1} = \sqrt{4s + 1}$$

From Example 4.2.6,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{t_n} = \sqrt{t} \text{ if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = t$$

$$\text{Also, by Theorem 4.2.1 (b), } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{1 + s_n} = \sqrt{1 + s}$$

(which is like saying $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = t$)

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \sqrt{4s + 1} \\ s^2 &= 4s + 1 \\ s^2 - 4s - 1 &= 0 \\ s &= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{20}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

But one of those limits can't be true since limits are unique.

Since $s_n \geq 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,

then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s \geq 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

(By Corollary 4.2.5)

Hence,

$$s = \frac{4 + \sqrt{20}}{2} = 2 + \sqrt{5}$$

Problem 4

Find an example of a sequence of real numbers satisfying each set of properties.

- a. Cauchy, but not monotone.

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

- b. Monotone, but not cauchy.

$$s_n = n$$

- c. Bounded, but not cauchy.

$$s_n = (-1)^n$$

Problem 10

- a. Suppose that $|r| < 1$. Recall from Exercise 3.1.7 that

$$1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^n = \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r}$$

Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^n)$.

In other words, find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r}$

P(n): $s_n = \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r}$ is increasing and bounded.

$$s_1 = 0, s_2 = 1$$

Assume: $s_k \leq s_{k+1}$

$$s_{k+1} =$$

- b. If we let the infinite repeating decimal 0.9999... stand for the limit:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{9}{10} + \frac{9}{10^2} + \dots + \frac{9}{10^n} \right),$$

Show that $0.9999\dots = 1$.

Problem 13

Prove Lemma 4.3.11:

Every Cauchy sequence is bounded. (Similar to the proof of Theorem 4.1.13)

Problem 14

Let (s_n) be the sequence defined by $s_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$.

Use the binomial theorem (Exercise 3.1.30) to show that (s_n) is an increasing sequence with $s_n < 3 \forall n$.

Conclude that (s_n) is convergent. The limit of (s_n) is referred to as e and is used as the base for natural logarithms. The approximate value of e is 2.71828.