

# Homework 10

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1. Consider the sequence  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  defined by  $a_n = n^2$ .

- (a) For  $k \in \mathbf{N}$ , define  $n_k := 2k$ . Give an explicit formula expressing the terms of the subsequence.  $(a_{n_k})_{k=1}^{\infty}$ .

$$(a_{n_k})_{k=1}^{\infty} = \{(2k)^2\}$$

- (b) Consider the sequence  $(b_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  where  $b_k = k^4 + 2k^2 + 1$ . Show that  $(b_k)_k$  is a subsequence of  $(a_n)_n$ .

Let  $n_k = k^2 + 1$  where  $k \geq 0$ .

Let  $a_{n_k} = (k^2 + 1)^2$  be a subsequence of  $(a_n)_n$ .

$$a_{n_k} = (n_k)^2 = (k^2 + 1)^2 = k^4 + 2k^2 + 1 = b_k.$$

So we have shown that  $(b_k)_k$  is a subsequence of  $(a_n)_n$ .

- (c) Consider the sequence  $(c_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  where  $c_k$  is the  $k$ th positive even integer. Show that  $(c_k)_k$  is not a subsequence of  $(a_n)_n$ .

Let  $c_k$  be the 1st positive integer.

$$a_n = n^2.$$

Let  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$ .

$$a_1 = 1 < 2 < 4 = a_2.$$

So we can see 2 is not in the sequence of  $a$  thus it is not a subsequence.

2. Let  $(a_n)_n$  be a sequence and  $L \in \mathbf{R}$ . Proving that  $(a_n)_n$  converges to  $L$  if and only if every subsequence of  $(a_n)_n$  converges to  $L$ .

Let  $a_n$  be a sequence such that  $a_n$  converges to  $L$ .

Let  $a_{n_k}$  be any subsequence of  $a_n$ .

Since  $a_n$  converges to  $L$ , then for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq m$ .

Let  $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  so  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$  for all  $a_n \in S$ .

Since  $a_{n_k}$  is a subsequence of  $a_n$ , then  $a_{n_k} \in S$  for all  $k$ .

So for all  $k$ ,  $|a_{n_k} - L| < \epsilon$  for all  $k \geq m$ .

$a_{n_k}$  converges to  $L$ .

Conversely suppose that every subsequence converges to  $L$ .

Since  $a_n$  is a subsequence of itself  $a_n$  converges to  $L$ .

Thus  $(a_n)_n$  converges to  $L$  if and only if every subsequence of  $(a_n)_n$  converges to  $L$ .

4. Consider the sequence  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  defined by  $(a_n) = (-1)^n$ .

(a) Identify the accumulation points of  $(a_n)_n$ .

$\{-1, 1\}$

(b) Give an explicit example of a subsequence of  $(a_n)_n$  that converges.

Let  $a_{n_k}$  be defined by  $n_k = 2k$  for  $k \in \mathbf{N}$ .

Then  $a_{n_k}$  converges to 1.

(c) Show that every subsequence of  $(a_n)_n$  has a subsequence that converges.

Since  $n$  is natural number it can be even or odd. So we will let  $n_k$  be even and  $n_m$  be odd subsequences.

Let  $a_{n_k}$  be defined by  $n_k = 2k$  for  $k \in N$ .

Then  $a_{n_k}$  converges to 1.

Let  $a_{n_{k_z}}$  be defined by  $k_z = 2z$  for  $z \in N$ .

Then  $a_{n_{k_z}}$  converges to 1.

Let  $a_{n_m}$  be defined by  $n_m = 2m - 1$  for  $m \in N$ .

Then  $a_{n_m}$  converges to  $-1$ .

Let  $a_{n_{m_y}}$  be defined by  $m_y = 2y - 1$  for  $y \in N$ .

Then  $a_{n_{m_y}}$  converges to  $-1$ .

So we can see every subsequence of  $(a_n)_n$  converges to either accumulation point  $-1$  or  $1$ , and each subsequence has a subsequence that converges.

(d) The sequence  $(a_n)_n$  diverges (you do not need to prove this). Explain why parts (b) and (c) do not contradict the results of Problems 2 and 3.

We have 2 subsequences  $a_{n_k}$  and  $a_{n_m}$  but they do not converge to the same  $L$ . In number (2) and (3) it requires every subsequence to converge to the same  $L$ . And we can see it did not happen in part (c) of this problem, thus it does not contradict problems 2 and 3.

6. Let  $(a_n)_n$  be a sequence that converges. Prove that  $(a_n)_n$  is a Cauchy sequence.

So  $a_n \rightarrow L$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , then by definition we can find  $N \in \mathbf{N}$  s.t  
If  $n \geq N$ , then  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon/2$ .

Similarly take  $M \in \mathbf{N}$  such if  $m \geq M$ , then  $|a_m - L| < \epsilon/2$

Let  $k = \max\{N, M\}$ .  
Then for all  $n, m \geq k$

$$|a_n - a_m| \leq |a_n - L| + |L - a_m| < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon$$

Then by definition  $(a_n)_n$  is a cauchy sequence.