



### Generalities

**Exercise 1.** Comment if the following statements are true or false? And give a valid reason for saying so.

- Every bounded sequence is convergent.
- Every sequence  $(u_n)_n$  satisfies  $u_{n+1} \leq u_n$  is decreasing.
- The sum of two divergent sequences is a divergent sequence.
- The product of two divergent sequences is a divergent sequence.
- If the sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is increasing and  $u_n \leq n$ , then  $(u_n)_n$  is convergent.
- If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n^2 = \ell^2$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = \ell$ .
- If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} |u_n| = |\ell|$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = \ell$ .



### Convergent Sequences

**Exercise 2.** I) Consider the real sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  defined as:  $u_n = \frac{n+1}{2n}$ .

$(u_n)_n$  converges to  $\ell \iff (\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}; n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow |u_n - \ell| < \varepsilon)$ .

Find the absolute value of this inequality  $0.49 < u_n < 0.51$ , then deduce  $\ell, \varepsilon$  and  $n_0$ .

► Use the previous definition to prove each of the following:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2 \ln(n+1)}{\ln(n)} = 2;$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{5n+3}{7n+1} = \frac{5}{7}.$$

II) Study the convergence of the following sequences:

$$1) u_n = \frac{\sin(n)}{n},$$

$$2) u_n = \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n k, n \in \mathbb{N}^*,$$

$$3) u_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + k}},$$

$$4) u_n = \frac{3^n - 7^n}{3^n + 7^n},$$

$$5) u_n = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n [kx], n \in \mathbb{N}^*,$$

$$6) u_n = \sqrt[3]{1+n} - \sqrt[3]{n},$$

$$7) u_n = \left( \frac{n^2 - n + 3}{n^2 + 3n - 1} \right)^n, \quad 8) u_n = \frac{5 \times 7 \times 9 \cdots (2n+5)}{4 \times 7 \times 10 \cdots (3n+4)}.$$

### Adjacent Sequences

**Exercise 3.** I) Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 < a \leq b$ . Let the numerical sequences  $(u_n)_n$  and  $(v_n)_n$  be given by

$$\begin{cases} u_0 = a, \\ u_{n+1} = \frac{2u_n + v_n}{3}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} v_0 = b, \\ v_{n+1} = \frac{2v_n + u_n}{3}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

1. Determine  $u_1$  and  $v_1$ ;
2. Prove that:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, u_n \leq u_{n+1} \leq v_{n+1} \leq v_n$ ;
3. Express  $(v_n - u_n)_n$  in terms of  $(b - a)$ . Deduce that  $(u_n)_n$  and  $(v_n)_n$  are adjacent;
4. Express  $(v_n + u_n)_n$  in terms of  $(a + b)$ . Set the limit of each sequence  $(u_n)_n$  and  $(v_n)_n$ .

II) Consider the sequence of general term:  $v_n = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

► Prove that the two subsequences  $(v_{2n})_n$  and  $(v_{2n+1})_n$  are adjacent, then deduce the nature of  $(v_n)_n$ .

## Divergent Sequences

**Exercise 4.** I) Consider the real sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  defined as:  $u_n = n\sqrt{n}$ .

$$(u_n)_n \text{ diverges to } \pm \infty \iff \begin{pmatrix} 1) \forall A > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}; n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow u_n > A. \\ 2) \forall A > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}; n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow u_n < -A. \end{pmatrix}$$

Explain the definition that corresponds to the limit of  $(u_n)_n$ , such that  $u_n \in (10^6; +\infty)$ , then deduce the values of  $A$  and  $n_0$ .

► Use the previous definitions to prove each of the following:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} 3^{2n+1} = +\infty;$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2}(e^{\frac{1}{n}} - n) = -\infty.$$

II) Choose the suitable way (subsequences, comparison test) to show that the below sequences are divergent:

$$1) u_n = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right), \quad 2) u_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2}, \quad 3) u_n = \frac{n + (-1)^n n}{n - (-1)^n \frac{n}{2}}, \quad 4) \frac{n! + 3^n}{n - 2^n}.$$

## Cauchy Sequences

**Exercise 5.** I) Consider the real sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ , such that:

$$|u_{n+1} - u_n| \leq k|u_n - u_{n-1}|, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^*, k \in (0; 1).$$

1. Show that:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, |u_{n+1} - u_n| \leq k^{n-1}|u_2 - u_1|$ ;
2. Prove that:  $\forall p, q \in \mathbb{N}^*, q < p$ , we have  $|u_p - u_q| \leq \frac{k^{q-1}}{1-k}|u_2 - u_1|$ ;
3. Deduce the nature of  $(u_n)_n$ .

II) In view of the Cauchy criterion, determine the nature of the sequences  $(u_n)_n$  defined by:

$$1) u_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}},$$

$$2) u_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin k}{2^k}.$$

## Recurrence Sequences

**Exercise 6.** Let the sequence  $(u_n)_n$  be recursively defined by:

$$\begin{cases} u_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \\ u_{n+1} = \frac{u_n}{(u_n)^2 + 1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

1. We set  $u_0 = \alpha$ .

a) Determine  $\alpha$ , such that the sequence  $(u_n)_n$  is zero.

2. For  $u_n > 0$ .

- (a) Prove that:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, u_n > 0$ .
- (b) Show that  $(u_n)_n$  is strictly decreasing.
- (c) Deduce that  $(u_n)_n$  is convergent and compute its limit.

3. For  $u_n < 0$ .

- (a) Prove that:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, u_n < 0$ .
- (b) Show that  $(u_n)_n$  is strictly increasing.
- (c) Deduce that  $(u_n)_n$  is convergent and compute its limit.

4. Determine sup, inf, max, and min if they exist in the set

$$E = \{|u_n|, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

