

## Sequences of Real Numbers- part 1

**Exercise 1:** Study the monotonicity, boundedness and convergence of the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of real numbers, having the general term:

$$a) \quad x_n = \frac{2^n + 7^n}{9^n}, \quad b) \quad x_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}, \quad c) \quad x_n = \frac{5^n}{n!}, \quad d) \quad x_n = \frac{3n}{4n^2 + 1}.$$

**Exercise 2:** Using the characterising theorem with  $\varepsilon$  prove that

$$a) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n}{4n^2 + 1} = 0 \quad b) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n^2}{-7n + 4} = -\infty.$$

**Exercise 3:** Compute the limit of the sequences of real numbers having the following general terms:

$$a) \quad \frac{4^n + 1}{9^n + 1}, \quad b) \quad \frac{8^n + (-4)^n}{8^{n-1} + 4}, \quad c) \quad \left( \sin \frac{5\pi}{109} \right)^n, \quad d) \quad \sqrt{9n^2 + 2n + 1} - 3n,$$

$$e) \quad \left( 9 + \frac{1 - 5n^3}{6n^4 + 2} \right)^2, \quad f) \quad \sqrt[3]{n^3 + n + 3} - \sqrt[3]{n^3 + 1}, \quad g) \quad \left( \frac{n^3 + 5n + 1}{n^2 - 1} \right)^{\frac{1-7n^4}{9n^4+1}},$$

$$h) \quad \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) \dots \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right).$$

**Exercise 4:** Let  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- a) Prove that there exists an decreasing sequence of rational numbers converging to  $t$ .
- b) Prove that there exists a increasing sequence of irrational numbers converging to  $t$ .

**Exercise 5:** Let  $a > 0$  and let  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $0 < x_0 < \frac{1}{a}$ . Consider the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of real numbers, defined recursively by:

$$x_{n+1} = 2x_n - ax_n^2, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Study the convergence of the sequence by following the next steps:

- a) Prove by induction that  $x_n < \frac{1}{a}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- b) Prove by induction that  $0 < x_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- c) By using a) and b) prove that  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is increasing.
- d) Compute the limit of the sequence.