Math 310

Homework 4

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Exercise 1. Prove the following limits:

(1)
$$\left(\frac{2n}{n+1}\right)_n \to 2$$
.

(2)
$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1}\right)_n \to 0$$
.

$$(3) \left(\frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n+7}}\right)_n \to 0.$$

(4)
$$(n^k b^n)_n \to 0$$
, where $0 \le b < 1$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$(5) \left(\frac{2^{n+1}+3^{n+1}}{2^n+3^n}\right)_n \to 3.$$

Exercise 2. Show that the sequence $(\cos(n))_n$ does not converge.

Exercise 3. If $(x_n)_n$ is a real sequence converging to x, show that

$$(|x_n|)_n \to |x|.$$

Is the converse true?

Exercise 4. If $(x_n)_n$ is a real sequence converging to x > 0, show that there is an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and c > 0 such that

$$x_n \geqslant c$$

for all $n \ge N$.

Exercise 5. If $(x_n)_n$ is a real sequence of positive terms converging to x, show that $x \ge 0$ and

$$(\sqrt{x_n})_n \to \sqrt{x}$$
.

Proof. Observe that:

$$\left|\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x}\right| \le \left|\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x}\right| \left|\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x}\right| = |x_n - x| < \epsilon.$$

Hence $(\sqrt{x_n})_n \to \sqrt{x}$. If x < 0, then $\sqrt{x} \notin \mathbf{R}$, contradicting the definition of a real sequence.

Exercise 6. If $(x_n)_n$ and $(y_n)_n$ are sequences with $(x_n)_n \to 0$ and $(y_n)_n$ bounded, show that

$$(x_n y_n)_n \to 0.$$

Proof. Since $(y_n)_n$ is bounded, $|y_n| \le c$ for some c > 0. We have:

$$|x_ny_n|\leqslant c|x_n|.$$

Taking $\epsilon_n = |x_n|$ and using "Lemma" gives $(x_n y_n)_n \to 0$.

Exercise 7. If $(x_n)_n$ is a sequence of positive terms such that

$$\left(\frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n}\right)_n \to L > 1,$$

show that $(x_n)_n$ is not bounded hence not convergent. If L=1, can we make any conclusion?