

2. Let $d: \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the function

$$d(x,y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x=y \\ \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$$

Prove that (\mathbb{Z}^+, d) is a metric space but not a complete metric space.

First note that by construction, if $x=y$ then $d(x,y)=0$ & if $x \neq y$, $d(x,y) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \neq 0$, so we

have $d(x,y)=0 \Leftrightarrow x=y$. Next, note that if $d(x,y)=0$ then $d(y,x)=0$ since $x=y$ & if $x \neq y$ $d(x,y) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{x} = d(y,x)$ so $d(y,x)=d(x,y)$.

$\forall x,y \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Finally, note that

$$d(x,y) + d(y,z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x=y=z \\ \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{y} + \frac{1}{z} & \text{if } x \neq y, y \neq z \\ \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{y} + \frac{1}{z} & \text{if } x=y, y \neq z \\ \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{y} + \frac{1}{z} & \text{if } x \neq y, y \neq z \end{cases}$$

so $\forall x,y,z \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $d(x,y) + d(y,z) \geq d(x,z)$ so (\mathbb{Z}^+, d) is indeed a metric space.

Consider the sequence $(n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$. This sequence is Cauchy in (\mathbb{Z}^+, d) since if $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$\frac{2}{N} < \epsilon \Rightarrow \forall n,m \geq N, d(n,m) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} < \frac{1}{N} + \frac{1}{N} < \epsilon & \text{if } n \neq m \\ 0 < \epsilon & \text{if } n=m \end{cases}$$

However (n) does not converge in \mathbb{Z}^+ . \square