

## Homework 7

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1. Suppose  $s_1 = 2$  and  $s_{n+1} = \frac{1}{5}(2s_n + 7)$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

- (a) Prove that  $(s_n)$  is monotone
- (b) Prove that  $(s_n)$  is bounded.
- (c) Find  $\lim s_n$ .

(a). **Proof:** In order to prove  $(s_n)$  is monotone, we prove  $(s_n)$  is increasing. Suppose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $P(n)$  be the statement  $s_n \leq s_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We prove this by mathematical induction.

We first show  $P(1) : s_1 \leq s_2$  is true by substituting  $n = 1$  into the LHS and showing  $2 \leq \frac{1}{5}(2 \times 2 + 7) = \frac{11}{5}$ . Thus  $P(1) : s_1 \leq s_2$  holds.

Next we let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and assume  $p(k) : s_k \leq s_{k+1}$  is true and try to prove  $p(k+1) : s_{k+1} \leq s_{k+2}$  is true.

$$\begin{aligned} s_{k+1} &\geq s_k \\ 2s_{k+1} &\geq 2s_k \\ 2s_{k+1} + 7 &\geq 2s_k + 7 \\ \frac{1}{5}(2s_{k+1} + 7) &\geq \frac{1}{5}(2s_k + 7) \\ s_{k+2} &\geq s_{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have shown  $P(n) : s_n \leq s_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is true.

(b). **Proof:** In order to prove  $(s_n)$  is bounded, we need to show there exists constants  $b$  and  $a$  such that  $a \leq s_n \leq b$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $s_n$  be defined by  $s_1 = 1$  and  $s_{n+1} = \frac{1}{5}(2s_n + 7)$ , we need to show there exists  $a$  and  $b$  such that (i).  $s_n \geq a$  and (ii).  $s_n \leq b$ .

Let  $a = 0$ , we have  $s_1 \geq a$  because  $2 \geq 0$ . Since we know  $s_n$  is an increasing sequence in part(a),  $s_n \geq s_1 \geq a$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $s_n \geq a$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $b = 3$ . Suppose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $P(n)$  be the statement  $s_n \leq b$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We prove this by mathematical induction. We first show  $P(1) : s_1 \leq b$  is true by substituting  $n = 1$  into the LHS and showing  $2 \leq 3$ . Thus  $P(1) : s_1 \leq b$  holds. Next we let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and assume  $p(k) : s_k \leq b$  is true and try

to prove  $p(k+1) : s_{k+1} \leq b$  is true.

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_k &\leq 3 \\
 2s_k &\leq 6 \\
 2s_k + 7 &\leq 13 \\
 \frac{1}{5}(2s_k + 7) &\leq \frac{13}{5} \\
 s_{k+1} &\leq \frac{13}{5} \leq 3 \leq b
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have shown there exists  $a = 0$  and  $b = 3$  such that  $a \leq s_n \leq b$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(c). **Proof:** Since we have shown  $s_n$  is bounded and monotone, we know by the monotone convergence theorem that there exists  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\lim s_n = s$ . Let  $s_n$  be defined by  $s_1 = 1$  and  $s_{n+1} = \frac{1}{5}(2s_n + 7)$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{n+1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{5}(2s_n + 7) \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{n+1} &= \frac{2}{5} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n + \frac{7}{5} \\
 s &= \frac{2}{5}s + \frac{7}{5} \\
 \frac{3}{5}s &= \frac{7}{5} \\
 s &= \frac{7}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\lim s_n = \frac{7}{3}$ .

- Let  $S$  be a bounded infinite set and let  $x = \sup(S)$ . Prove that if  $x \notin S$ , then  $x$  is an accumulation point of  $S$ .

**Proof:** Our goal here is to prove if  $x \notin S$ , then  $x$  is an accumulation point of  $S$ . Let  $\gamma > 0$  be given. A deleted neighborhood of  $x$  is  $N^*(x, \gamma) = (x - \gamma, x) \cup (x, x + \gamma)$  by definition. Since  $x = \sup(S)$  and  $x \notin S$ , we have  $x > s$  for all  $s \in S$ . Because  $x - \gamma < x$ , there exists  $s' \in S$  such that  $s' > x - \gamma$ . Thus we have  $x - \gamma < s' < x$  which means  $s' \in (x - \gamma, x)$ . Therefore  $s' \in (x - \gamma, x) \cup (x, x + \gamma)$  and  $s' \in S$ . Since  $S$  is an infinite set,  $S \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $(x - \gamma, x) \cup (x, x + \gamma) \cap S \neq \emptyset$  which means  $N^*(x, \gamma) \cap S \neq \emptyset$ . Hence we have shown  $x$  is an accumulation point of  $S$  if  $x \notin S$ .

Let  $(t_n)$  be a sequence of real numbers.

Define  $A = \{t_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and note that  $A$  is the range of  $(t_n)$ .