

## Homework 6

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1. Use the formal definition of convergent sequence (and theorem 4.1.8) to prove that the sequence  $\left(\frac{5n^2 + 3n}{4n^2 - 2n}\right)$  converges to  $\frac{5}{4}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. By the archmedian property we can choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so  $N > \frac{11}{\epsilon}$ .

If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \geq N$  then  $n \geq \max\{N, 2\}$  which means  $n \geq N$  and  $n \geq 2$  so  $\frac{11}{n} < \epsilon$ .

So if  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \geq N$  and  $n \geq 2$  then  $|S_n - S| = \left|\frac{5n^2 + 3n}{4n^2 - 2n} - \frac{5}{4}\right| = \left|\frac{20n^2 + 12n}{4(4n^2 - 2n)} - \frac{20n^2 - 10n}{4(4n^2 - 2n)}\right| = \left|\frac{22n}{4(4n^2 - 2n)}\right|$ . Since  $n \geq 2$ , then  $n^2 \geq 2n$  and  $4n^2 - 2n \geq 3n^2$ . Therefore  $\left|\frac{22n}{4(4n^2 - 2n)}\right| \leq \frac{22n}{4(3n^2)} = \frac{11}{6n} \leq \frac{11}{n} \leq \frac{11}{N} < \epsilon$ .

2. Suppose that  $\lim s_n = s$  with  $s > 0$ . Prove there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $s_n > 0$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

**Proof:** Our goal here is to show there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $s_n > 0$  for all  $n \geq N$ . Since  $\lim s_n = s$  with  $s > 0$ , by definition we have for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq N_1$  implies  $|s_n - s| < \epsilon$ . Assume there exists an  $N = N_1$  and we need to show  $s_n > 0$  for all  $n \geq \mathbb{N}$ . We consider three exhaustive cases. (i).  $s_n > s$  for all  $n \geq N$  (ii).  $s_n < s$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

Since  $s_n > s$  for all  $n \geq N$  and  $s > 0$ ,  $s_n > 0$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

If  $s_n < s$  for all  $n \geq N$ , then  $|s_n - s| = s - s_n < \epsilon$ . Rearranging the terms gives us  $s_n > s + \epsilon$ . since  $s > 0$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $s + \epsilon > 0$ . Thus  $s_n > s + \epsilon > 0$ .

If  $s_n = s$ , since  $s > 0$ ,  $s_n > 0$

Thus we have shown there exists an  $N = N_1$  such that  $s_n > 0$  for all  $n \geq \mathbb{N}$ .

3. Use the definition of a sequence  $(s_n)$  diverging to  $-\infty$  to prove that  $\lim \left(\frac{2 + n - n^2}{2 + 3n}\right) = -\infty$ .

**Proof:** Given any  $M \in \mathbb{R}$ , take  $N > \max\{1, \frac{2}{M}\}$ . Then  $n \geq N$  implies that  $n > 1$  and  $n > \frac{2}{M}$ . Since  $n > 1$ , we have  $n - n^2 < 0$ . Thus for  $n \geq N$  we have

$$\frac{2 + n - n^2}{2 + 3n} \leq \frac{2 + 0}{3n} \leq \frac{2}{n} < M$$

Hence  $\lim \left(\frac{2 + n - n^2}{2 + 3n}\right) = -\infty$ .