
Q.3) a) Give the definition of Cauchy sequence

(1 mark)

Ans: A sequence a_n is called a Cauchy sequence if and only if $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ (depending on $\varepsilon > 0$) such that $|a_n - a_m| < \varepsilon \forall n, m \geq N_\varepsilon$

+1 mark Exact same or re-worded definition

0 marks Otherwise

Q.3) b) Let $\{a_n\}$ be a monotonic sequence with a convergent subsequence then the monotonic sequence $\{a_n\}$ is convergent (2 marks)

Ans: From question, we are given a monotonic sequence $\{a_n\}$ with a convergent subsequence $\{a_{n_k}\}$ and we have to prove that $\{a_n\}$ converges as well. Let $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_{n_k} = L$,

WLOG we assume $\{a_n\}$ is monotonically increasing,

Claim 1: $\{a_{n_k}\}$ is monotonically increasing

Since $\{a_{n_k}\}$ is a subsequence, so $\forall i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $j > i$, it implies $n_j \geq n_i$ and since $\{a_n\}$ is monotonic, $a_{n_j} \geq a_{n_i}$. Thus taking $j = i + 1$, $a_{n_{i+1}} \geq a_{n_i} \forall i \in \mathbb{N}$, which makes $\{a_{n_k}\}$ a monotonically increasing sequence.

$a_{n_k} \leq L \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ (Since a monotonically increasing sequence converges if and only if it is bounded and it converges at its supremum) **+0.5 marks**

Claim 2: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n \leq L$

Since $\{a_{n_k}\}$ is a subsequence of $\{a_n\}$, $n_k \geq k \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

$\implies a_{n_k} \geq a_k \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ (Since $\{a_n\}$ is a monotonically increasing sequence)

$\implies a_k \leq a_{n_k} \leq L \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

$\implies a_n \leq L \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

+1 mark

Alternate Claim 2: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n \leq L$

Let us assume to the contrary that $\exists u \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a_u > L$,

$\implies \forall v \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $v \geq u, a_v \geq a_u > L$

$\implies a_{n_k} \in S = \{a_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } i < u\} \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

But, S is a finite set (**Contradiction**)

+1 mark

Claim 3: $\{a_n\}$ is convergent

Since $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n \leq L$ and $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$, a_n converges to $\sup\{a_n\}$.

+0.5 marks

Hence, if $\{a_n\}$ is a monotonically increasing sequence with a convergent subsequence $\{a_{n_k}\}$ then the sequence $\{a_n\}$ is convergent

Q.4) a) Show that the sequence $\{n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}\}$ is not Cauchy (1.5 marks)

Ans: From question, we are given a sequence $\{n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}\}$ and we have to prove that it is not Cauchy.

Proof 1: If we can show that $\{n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}\}$ violates the definition of a Cauchy sequence, we are done

Let us assume to the contrary that $a_n = n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ is Cauchy,
 $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|a_n - a_m| < \varepsilon \forall n, m \geq N_\varepsilon$,

Since $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$ converges to 0, it is also Cauchy,

Taking $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$, $\exists N_{\frac{1}{2}} \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}| \leq \frac{1}{2} \forall n, m \geq N_{\frac{1}{2}}$
 $\implies -|\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}| \geq -\frac{1}{2} \forall n, m \geq N_{\frac{1}{2}}$

+0.5 marks

Thus $\forall m, n \geq N_{\frac{1}{2}}$,

$$\begin{aligned} |m + \frac{(-1)^m}{m} - n - \frac{(-1)^n}{n}| &\geq ||m - n| - |\frac{(-1)^m}{m} - \frac{(-1)^n}{n}|| \quad (|a - b| \geq ||a| - |b||) \\ &\geq ||m - n| - ||\frac{(-1)^m}{m}| - |\frac{(-1)^n}{n}||| \quad (|a - b| \geq ||a| - |b||) \\ &= ||m - n| - |\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n}|| \\ &\geq ||m - n| - \frac{1}{2}| \end{aligned}$$

If $m > n \geq N_{\frac{1}{2}}$, $m - n \geq 1$ and $|m + \frac{(-1)^m}{m} - n - \frac{(-1)^n}{n}| \geq |1 - \frac{1}{2}| \geq \frac{1}{2}$ **+1 mark**
(Contradiction)

Hence, $\{n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}\}$ is not Cauchy

Proof 2: If $a_n = n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ diverges to $+\infty$ (not convergent), we are done

We first show $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+1} - a_n &= n + 1 + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} - n - \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \\ &= 1 - \frac{(-1)^n}{n} - \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1} \geq 0 \quad (\text{if } n \text{ is odd}) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \quad (\text{if } n \text{ is even} \implies n \geq 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$a_{n+1} - a_n \geq 0 \implies a_{n+1} \geq a_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad +0.5 \text{ marks}$$

Let $G > 0$ be an arbitrarily large real number,

$$\exists N = \lfloor G + 2 \rfloor \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ such that } a_n \geq a_N \geq 2 + \lceil G \rceil - \frac{1}{\lfloor G+2 \rfloor} \geq G \quad \forall n \geq N$$

$$\implies a_n = n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \text{ diverges to } +\infty \quad +0.5 \text{ marks}$$

$$\implies a_n \text{ is not convergent}$$

$$\implies a_n \text{ is not Cauchy} \quad +0.5 \text{ marks}$$

Proof 3: If we can show that $\{n - \frac{1}{n}\}$ diverges to $+\infty$, we are done

$$(n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \geq n - \frac{1}{n} \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N}) \quad +0.5 \text{ marks}$$

Taking $a_n = n$ which diverges to $+\infty$ and $b_n = \frac{-1}{n}$ which converges to 0,

$$a_n - b_n = n - \frac{1}{n} \text{ diverges to } +\infty \quad +0.5 \text{ marks}$$

Taking $a_n = n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ and $b_n = n - \frac{1}{n}$ which diverges to $+\infty$ and such that $a_n \geq b_n$

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n = n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \text{ diverges to } +\infty \quad +0.5 \text{ marks}$$

$$\implies a_n \text{ is not convergent}$$

$$\implies a_n \text{ is not Cauchy}$$

Proof 4: If we can show that $\{n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}\}$ is unbounded, we are done

Let us assume to the contrary that $\{n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}\}$ is bounded above by L ,

$$\text{Thus, } n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \leq L \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{But for } n = \lceil L + 2 \rceil, a_n \geq \lceil L \rceil + 2 - \frac{1}{\lceil L + 2 \rceil} \geq L \text{ (Contradiction)} \quad +1 \text{ mark}$$

$$\implies a_n \text{ is not bounded above}$$

$$\implies a_n \text{ is not Cauchy} \quad +0.5 \text{ marks}$$

Proof 5: Let us assume to the contrary that $a_n = n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ is Cauchy,

$$a_n = n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \text{ is Cauchy}$$

$$\implies a_n = n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \text{ is convergent}$$

Assume $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L \quad (L \in \mathbb{R})$,

$$\text{Claim: } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \text{ converges to } 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } \left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon \forall n \geq N_\varepsilon \\ &\Rightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } \left| \frac{(-1)^n}{n} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon \forall n \geq N_\varepsilon \text{ (Since } \left| \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \right| = \frac{1}{n} = \left| \frac{1}{n} \right|) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \text{ converges to } 0 \end{aligned} \quad +0.5 \text{ marks}$$

Taking $a_n = n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ and $b_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$,
 $a_n - b_n$ converges with limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n - b_n = L - 0 = L$

But, $a_n - b_n = n$ which diverges to $+\infty$ (**Contradiction**) +0.5 marks

Hence, $\{n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}\}$ is not convergent and thus, not a Cauchy sequence. +0.5 marks