

Mathematics Homework Sheet 6

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Problem 1

Problem 1 (a)

We want to compute the following limit:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^4(1-4n^3)^2}{(1+2n^2)^5}$$

The top part look somethin like this:

$$(n+1)^4(1-4n^3)^2 = 16n^{10} + \sum_{i=0}^{i=9} k_i n^i$$

And the bottom part look like this:

$$(1+2n^2)^5 = 32n^{10} + \sum_{i=0}^{i=9} k_i n^i$$

When we substitute these into the limit, we get:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{16n^{10} + \sum_{i=0}^{i=9} k_i n^i}{32n^{10} + \sum_{i=0}^{i=9} k_i n^i}$$

Divide the top and bottom by n^{10} :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{16 + \sum_{i=0}^{i=9} k_i n^{i-10}}{32 + \sum_{i=0}^{i=9} k_i n^{i-10}}$$

$$\frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (16 + \sum_{i=0}^{i=9} k_i n^{i-10})}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (32 + \sum_{i=0}^{i=9} k_i n^{i-10})}$$

$$\frac{16 + \sum_{i=0}^{i=9} k_i \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{i-10}}{32 + \sum_{i=0}^{i=9} k_i \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{i-10}}$$

And we know that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1/n^i$ is zero for all $i > 0$. Therefore, the limit is:

$$\frac{16}{32} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Problem 1 (b)

We want to compute the following limit:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}$$

Multiply and divide by the conjugate:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1-n}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}$$

And observe that

$$\frac{1}{n^2} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

when $n > 10$ (10 is not a magic number, it is just a number that is big enough) and we only care about the tail of the sequences not the head.

And we know that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$$

From the sandwich theorem, we can conclude that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = 0$$

Problem 2

$$a_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$b_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+1}$$

Problem 2 (a)

We want to prove that

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}\right)^{n+1} \frac{n+1}{n}$$

Let's start

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \frac{(1 + \frac{1}{n+1})^{n+1}}{(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n} \\
&= \frac{(n+2)^{n+1} n^n}{(n+1)^{2n+1}} \\
&= \frac{(n+2)^{n+1} n^{n+1}}{(n+1)^{2n+2}} \frac{n+1}{n} \\
&= \frac{(n+2)^{n+1} n^{n+1}}{((n+1)^2)^{n+1}} \frac{n+1}{n} \\
&= \left(\frac{(n+2)n}{(n+1)^2} \right)^{n+1} \frac{n+1}{n} \\
&= \left(\frac{n^2 + 2n}{(n+1)^2} \right)^{n+1} \frac{n+1}{n} \\
&= \left(\frac{n^2 + 2n + 1 - 1}{(n+1)^2} \right)^{n+1} \frac{n+1}{n} \\
&= \left(\frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{(n+1)^2} - \frac{1}{((n+1)^2)} \right)^{n+1} \frac{n+1}{n} \\
&= \left(1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \right)^{n+1} \frac{n+1}{n}
\end{aligned}$$

That's what we wanted to show.

Now b_n . We want to prove

$$\frac{b_n}{b_{n+1}} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n(n+2)} \right)^{n+2} \frac{n}{n+1}$$

Let's start

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{b_n}{b_{n+1}} &= \frac{(1 + \frac{1}{n})^{n+1}}{(1 + \frac{1}{n+1})^{n+2}} \\
&= \frac{(n+1)^{2n+3}}{n^{n+1}(n+2)^{n+2}} \\
&= \frac{(n+1)^{2n+4}}{n^{n+2}(n+2)^{n+2}} \frac{n}{n+1} \\
&= \frac{((n+1)^2)^{n+2}}{n^{n+2}(n+2)^{n+2}} \frac{n}{n+1} \\
&= \left(\frac{(n+1)^2}{n(n+2)}\right)^{n+2} \frac{n}{n+1} \\
&= \left(\frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{n(n+2)}\right)^{n+2} \frac{n}{n+1} \\
&= \left(\frac{n(n+2) + 1}{n(n+2)}\right)^{n+2} \frac{n}{n+1} \\
&= \left(1 + \frac{1}{n(n+2)}\right)^{n+2} \frac{n}{n+1}
\end{aligned}$$

That's what we wanted to show.