

Problem 1

Subproblem A

Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} \neq 2$.

Let's suppose that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = 2$ and try to find a contradiction:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = 2 &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} - 2 \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(n+1) - 1}{n+1} - 2 \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \\ &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1} - 2 \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{n+1} - 1 \right) = 0\end{aligned}$$

Since $-\frac{1}{n+1} < 0$ and $-1 < 0$, then the sum of these components cannot physically be equal to 0. Therefore, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} \neq 2$, q. e. d.

Afterwards, show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = 1$. Similarly as above:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1} - 1 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{n+1} \right)$$

Therefore, as per the limit definition, $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}: \forall n > N, |x_n - x| < \varepsilon$. For any ε :

$$\left| -\frac{1}{n+1} \right| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n+1} < \varepsilon$$

Since $n+1 > n$, $\frac{1}{n+1} < \frac{1}{n}$:

$$\frac{1}{n+1} < \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$$

Now $\forall n > N$, we can find some $N = \left\lceil \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right\rceil$, which means that $\forall n > N, \left| -\frac{1}{n+1} \right| < \varepsilon$, q. e. d.

Show after which number all elements of the sequence would fall into the $(0.99, 1.01)$ interval. In this interval, $\varepsilon = 0.01$. As per the equation above,

$$N = \left\lceil \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{1}{0.01} \right\rceil = 100$$

Using Python for calculations, we may check that, truly, starting from the 100th element, all

elements of the sequence fall within ε of the limit:

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98 0.98989898989899
99 0.99
100 0.9900990099009901
101 0.9901960784313726
102 0.9902912621359223
103 0.9903846153846154
104 0.9904761904761905
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Answer: 100

Subproblem B

Assume sequence $\{x_n\}$, where $x_n = \frac{5n^2+10n-3}{8n^2+n+2}$. Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \neq 0$.

Similarly as above, assume that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ and try to find such ε for which there would not be a number after which an infinite number of elements would be less than ε .

Say that $\varepsilon = 0.5$, then $\left| \frac{5n^2+10n-3}{8n^2+n+2} \right| < 0.5 \Rightarrow -0.5 < \frac{5n^2+10n-3}{8n^2+n+2} < 0.5$.

Consider the rightmost part of the equation:

$$\frac{5n^2 + 10n - 3}{8n^2 + n + 2} < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$10n^2 + 20n - 6 < 8n^2 + n + 2$$

$$2n^2 + 19n - 8 < 0$$

$$n \in \left(\left[-\frac{19}{4} - \frac{5\sqrt{17}}{4} \right], \left[-\frac{19}{4} + \frac{5\sqrt{17}}{4} \right] \right) \Rightarrow n \in [-9, 0],$$

which means that there are no $n \geq 1$, for which there would be a single element within 0.5 range from 0 $\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \neq 0$, q. e. d.

Assume that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \frac{5}{8}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{5n^2 + 10n - 3}{8n^2 + n + 2} - \frac{5}{8} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{40n^2 + 80n - 24 - 40n^2 - 5n - 10}{8(8n^2 + n + 2)} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{75n - 34}{8(8n^2 + n + 2)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now, for all ε :

$$\frac{75n - 34}{8(8n^2 + n + 2)} < \frac{75n}{8(8n^2 + n + 2)} < \frac{75n}{64n^2} = \frac{75}{64n} < \varepsilon$$

Therefore, $\forall n > N$:

$$N = \left\lceil \frac{75}{64\varepsilon} \right\rceil$$

It can be concluded that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \frac{5}{8}$, q. e. d.

Subproblem C

Prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{\frac{n-1}{n^2}} = 1$.

Similarly as above, assume:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(2^{\frac{n-1}{n^2}} - 1 \right) = 0$$

Then, for all ε :

$$2^{\frac{n-1}{n^2}} - 1 < \varepsilon$$

Logarithmize:

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{\frac{n-1}{n^2}} < 2^{\log_2(\varepsilon+1)} &\Rightarrow \frac{n-1}{n^2} < \log_2(\varepsilon+1) \Rightarrow \\ \frac{n-1}{n^2} < \frac{n}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n} < \log_2(\varepsilon+1) &= \frac{\ln(\varepsilon+1)}{\ln 2} \Rightarrow \\ \frac{1}{n} < \frac{\ln(\varepsilon+1)}{\ln 2} &\Rightarrow n > \frac{\ln 2}{\ln(\varepsilon+1)} \Rightarrow \\ n > \log_{\varepsilon+1} 2 \end{aligned}$$

Logarithm base is always larger than 1 and it would never be undefined since $\varepsilon > 0$. Therefore, $\forall n > N$:

$$N = \lceil \log_{\varepsilon+1} 2 \rceil$$

As a result, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{\frac{n-1}{n^2}} = 1$, q. e. d.

Subproblem D

Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6n^4 + n^3 + 3}{2n^4 - n + 1} = 3$$

Similarly as above,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{6n^4 + n^3 + 3}{2n^4 - n + 1} - 3 \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{6n^4 + n^3 + 3 - 6n^4 + 3n - 3}{2n^4 - n + 1} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^3 + 3n}{2n^4 - n + 1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Then, $\forall \varepsilon$:

$$\frac{n^3 + 3n}{2n^4 - n + 1} < \varepsilon$$

We need to estimate this equation somehow, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, assume some $k_1 = 5$:

$$n^3 + 3n < k_1 n^3 = 5n^3 \Rightarrow 4n^3 - 3n > 0 \Rightarrow 4n(n^2 - \frac{3}{4}) > 0,$$

which is always true. The following equation with $k_2 = 1$ would be true for $n = 1$ and onwards:

$$2n^4 - n + 1 \geq n^4 = k_2 n^4$$

Therefore, the following estimation would be true:

$$\frac{n^3 + 3n}{2n^4 - n + 1} < \frac{5n^3}{n^4} = \frac{5}{n} < \varepsilon$$

And $\forall n > N$:

$$N = \left\lceil \frac{5}{\varepsilon} \right\rceil$$

In the end,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6n^4 + n^3 + 3}{2n^4 - n + 1} = 3,$$

q. e. d.

Problem 2

Calculate limits:

Subproblem A

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{n^n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \cdots \times (n-2) \times (n-1) \times n}{n \times n \times n \times \cdots \times n \times n \times n} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} \times \frac{2}{n} \times \frac{3}{n} \times \cdots \times \frac{n-2}{n} \times \frac{n-1}{n} \times 1 \right)\end{aligned}$$

Each (except for the last one) of the terms above is < 1 . Therefore, the multiplication of all these elements will be less (for $n > 1$) than any (!) of the product components, so:

$$0 \leq \frac{n!}{n^n} \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

Since we know that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$, then according to the squeeze principle:

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

Alternatively, just use limit arithmetic: since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$, the entire limit is equal to 0.

Answer: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{n^n} = 0$

Subproblem B

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n^2]{n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n^2]{1} \sqrt[n^2]{2} \sqrt[n^2]{3} \cdots \sqrt[n^2]{n}$$

From the binomial formula, we know that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$. According the squeeze theorem once again,

$$1 \leq \sqrt[n^2]{n} \leq \sqrt[n]{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n^2]{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$$

and $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$1 \leq \sqrt[n^2]{k} \leq \sqrt[n]{k}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n^2]{k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{k} = 1$$

Limit of a multiplication is equal to the multiplication of limits, which are all defined and are equal to 1. Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n^2]{n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n^2]{1} \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n^2]{2} \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n^2]{3} \times \cdots \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n^2]{n} = 1 \times 1 \times 1 \times \cdots \times 1 = 1$$

Answer: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n^2]{n!} = 1$

Subproblem C

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{3^n + 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3 \sqrt[n]{1 + \frac{1}{3^n}}$$

Looking a little bit closer, we can use the squeeze theorem (for $n \geq 5$, as it approaches ∞) to evaluate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3^n}$:

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{3^n} \leq \frac{1}{n!}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n!} = 0$$

Substitute the limit back into the original equation:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{3^n + 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3 \sqrt[n]{1 + 0} = 3$$

Answer: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{3^n + 1} = 3$

Subproblem D

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2} \sqrt[4]{2} \sqrt[8]{2} \dots \sqrt[2^n]{2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^n}}$$

Notice that the exponent is almost equal to 1 and for any finite n it would evaluate to:

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2} \sqrt[4]{2} \sqrt[8]{2} \dots \sqrt[2^n]{2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{1 - \frac{1}{2^n}}$$

Same as above, looking a little bit closer, we can use the squeeze theorem (for $n \geq 3$, as it approaches ∞) to evaluate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n}$:

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{2^n} \leq \frac{1}{n!}$$

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

Because of this,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2} \sqrt[4]{2} \sqrt[8]{2} \dots \sqrt[2^n]{2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{1 - \frac{1}{2^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{1-0} = 2$$

Answer: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2} \sqrt[4]{2} \sqrt[8]{2} \dots \sqrt[2^n]{2} = 2$