

**Problem 1:** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume that  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $a$ . We want to show that  $\{|a_n|\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $|a|$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $a$ , there exists an  $n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq n_\epsilon$ ,  $|a_n - a| < \epsilon$ . We know that  $||a_n| - |a|| \leq |a_n - a|$ . Thus,  $||a_n| - |a|| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq n_\epsilon$ . Hence,  $\{|a_n|\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $|a|$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $a_n = -1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Evidently,  $\{|a_n|\}$  converges to 1 but  $\{a_n\}$  converges to  $-1$ . Hence, the converse is not true.

**Problem 2:** Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Note that  $a_n = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{3^i}$ .

Using some facts about sums and geometric series, we know that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n ar^{n-1} = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

Subtracting the two and plugging in  $a = 1$  and  $r = \frac{1}{3}$ , we get

$$\sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^i} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{1-\frac{1}{3^n}}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1-(1-\frac{1}{3^n})}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{3^n}$$

Note the limit of the series is  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^i} = \frac{3}{2}$ , and the difference from that value from  $a_n$  is  $\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{3^n}$ . Thus, we want to choose a  $n_\epsilon$  such that  $\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{3^{n_\epsilon}} < \epsilon$ .

Solving for  $n_\epsilon$ , we get  $n_\epsilon > \log_3(\frac{3}{2\epsilon})$ . Hence, for all  $n \geq n_\epsilon$ ,  $|a_n - \frac{3}{2}| < \epsilon$ . Thus,  $\{a_n\}$  converges to  $\frac{3}{2}$ .

**Problem 3:** Since  $\{a_n\}$  is bounded, we know there exists some  $M$  such that  $a_n \leq M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Hence,  $|a_n b_n| = |a_n| |b_n| \leq M |b_n|$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ , we can find a  $n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|b_n - 0| = |b_n| < \frac{\epsilon}{|M|}$ . Note that  $\frac{\epsilon}{|M|} > 0$ .

Hence, for all  $n \geq n_\epsilon$ ,  $|a_n b_n - 0| = |a_n b_n| \leq M |b_n| < M \frac{\epsilon}{|M|} = \epsilon$ . Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n b_n = 0$ .

**Problem 4:** Since we know  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n - c_n) = 0$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ , we can find a  $n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|a_n - c_n| < \epsilon$ . Note that since we know  $c_n \geq a_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $|a_n - c_n| = c_n - a_n$ .

Using the fact that  $a_n \leq b_n$ , we know that  $c_n - a_n \geq c_n - b_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Hence,  $|c_n - b_n| \leq |c_n - a_n|$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus, for all  $n \geq n_\epsilon$ ,  $|c_n - b_n| \leq |c_n - a_n| < \epsilon$ . So,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (c_n - b_n) = 0$ . So,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ .

**Problem 5:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{4n^2 + n} - 2n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{4n^2 + n} - 2n) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{4n^2 + n} + 2n}{\sqrt{4n^2 + n} + 2n} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n^2 + n - 4n^2}{\sqrt{4n^2 + n} + 2n} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{4n^2 + n} + 2n} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n(\sqrt{4 + \frac{1}{n}} + 2)} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n}} + 2} \\
&= \frac{1}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 6:** (a) Assume that for all but finitely many  $a_n$  we have  $a_n \geq a$ . Assume that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L < a$ . Let  $\epsilon = a - L > 0$ . We know that there exists an  $n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|a_n - a| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq n_\epsilon$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}
-\epsilon &< a_n - L < \epsilon \\
L - a &< a_n - L < a - L \\
a_n &< a
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, for all  $n \geq n_\epsilon$ ,  $a_n < a$ . So, there are an infinite number of  $a_n < a$ . This is a contradiction. So,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \geq a$ .

(b) This can be shown similarly by contradiction.

(c) We know that finitely many  $a_n$  belong to the interval  $[a, b]$ . So, we know that for finitely many  $a_n \geq a$  and  $a_n \leq b$ . Using the previous two parts, we know that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \geq a$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq b$ . Hence,  $a \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq b$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \in [a, b]$ .

**Problem 7:** Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L > a$ . Let  $\epsilon = L - a > 0$ . We know there exists a  $n_\epsilon$  such that  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq n_\epsilon$ .

So,  $|a_n - L| < L - a$ . The case where  $a_n > L$  is trivial, so we consider the case where  $a_n < L$ .  $|a_n - L| = L - a_n$ . So,  $-a_n < -a$  which means  $a_n > a$  for all  $n \geq n_\epsilon$ . Hence, we have found such  $n_\epsilon$ .

**Problem 8:** Since  $\{a_n\}$  is bounded, we know there exists some  $M$  such that  $a_n \leq M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Choose a  $n_\epsilon$  such that  $|a_n - a_m| < \frac{\epsilon}{M^2}$  for all  $n, m \geq n_\epsilon$ . So,  $|a_n^2 - a_m^2| = |a_n - a_m||a_n + a_m| < \frac{\epsilon}{M^2}(2M) = \epsilon$  for all  $n, m \geq n_\epsilon$ . Hence,  $\{a_n^2\}$  is Cauchy.

**Problem 9:** (a) Inductively, we can show that since  $a_1 = 3$  and  $a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}a_n + \frac{2}{a_n}$ , that if  $a_n$  is a positive rational number, then  $a_{n+1}$  must be one as well. This is because  $\mathbb{Q}$  is closed under addition and multiplication, and both terms in the recurrence must be positive.

Hence, since  $a_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we can conclude that 0 is a lower bound for the sequence.

(b) By the above, we know that each  $a_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

(c) We want to show that  $\{a_n\}$  is monotonically decreasing.

So, we know that

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n}{2} + \frac{1}{a_n} = \frac{a_n^2 + 2}{2a_n}$$

We want to show that  $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &\geq a_{n+1} \\ a_n &\geq \frac{a_n^2 + 2}{2a_n} \\ a_n^2 &\geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Using induction on  $n$ , we can show that  $a_n^2 \geq 2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Hence, we have shown that  $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $\{a_n\}$  is monotonically decreasing.

(d) Since  $\{a_n\}$  is monotonically decreasing and bounded below, we know that it must converge.

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} = a$ , we can plug this into the recurrence to find that  $a = \frac{a^2 + 2}{2a}$ . Solving for  $a$ , we get  $2a^2 - a^2 - 2 = 0$ . So,  $a^2 - 2 = 0$ . Hence,  $a = \pm\sqrt{2}$ . However, we know that  $a > 0$ , so  $a = \sqrt{2}$ .

**Problem 10:** (a) By induction, we can show that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a_n < 2$ .

**Base Case:**  $a_1 = 2 < 2$ .

**Induction Hypothesis:** Assume that  $a_n < 2$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Induction Step:** We want to show that  $a_{n+1} < 2$ . We know that  $2 + a_n < 4$  by the induction hypothesis. So,  $\sqrt{2 + a_n} < 2$ . Hence,  $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + a_n} < 2$ .

Thus, there exists an upper bound for  $a_n$  and it is 2.

(b) We want to show that  $\{a_n\}$  is monotonically increasing.

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+1} &= \sqrt{2 + a_n} \geq a_n \\ 2 + a_n &\geq a_n^2 \\ a_n^2 - a_n - 2 &\leq 0 \\ (a_n - 2)(a_n + 1) &\leq 0 \\ -1 &\leq a_n \leq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Evidently,  $a_n$  is greater than 0, since we can prove with induction that  $a_n + 2 > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and by part 1, we know that 2 is an upper bound for  $a_n$ . Hence,  $a_n$  is monotonically increasing because the inequality holds for all  $n$ .

- (c) Since  $\{a_n\}$  is monotonically increasing and bounded above, we know that it must converge. Let  $a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1}$ . Then,  $a = \sqrt{2 + a}$ . Solving for  $a$ , we get  $a^2 - a - 2 = 0$ . Hence,  $a = 2, -1$ . Since  $a > 0$ , we know that  $a = 2$ .

**Problem 11:** (a) We want to show that  $\{a_n\}$  is monotonically increasing.

**Lemma:**  $a_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Base Case:**  $0 < a_1 < b_1$  is given.

**Induction Hypothesis:** Assume that  $a_n \leq b_n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Induction Step:** We want to show that  $a_{n+1} \leq b_{n+1}$ .

We know that  $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{a_n b_n}$  and  $b_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + b_n}{2}$ . We can use induction to show that  $a_n > 0$  and  $b_n > 0$ . By the AM-GM inequality, we know that  $\sqrt{a_n b_n} \leq \frac{a_n + b_n}{2}$ . Hence,  $a_{n+1} \leq b_{n+1}$ .

Using the lemma, we know that  $a_n \leq b_n$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &\leq b_n \\ a_n a_n &\leq a_n b_n \\ \sqrt{a_n a_n} &\leq \sqrt{a_n b_n} \\ a_n &\leq a_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\{a_n\}$  is monotonically increasing.

We want to show that  $\{b_n\}$  is monotonically decreasing.

We know that  $a_n \leq b_n$  by the lemma. So,

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &\leq b_n \\ a_n + b_n &\leq 2b_n \\ \frac{a_n + b_n}{2} &\leq b_n \\ b_{n+1} &\leq b_n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\{b_n\}$  is monotonically decreasing.

- (b) We want to show that  $a_n \leq b_1$ , or in other words  $b_1$  is an upper bound for  $\{a_n\}$ .

**Base Case:**  $a_1 < b_1$  by the assumption.

**Induction Hypothesis:** Assume that  $a_n \leq b_1$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Induction Step:** Note the following inequality

$$a_n b_n \leq a_1 b_n \leq a_1 b_1 \leq b_1^2$$

Hence,  $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{a_n b_n} \leq b_1$

We want to show that  $b_n \geq a_1$ , or in other words  $a_1$  is a lower bound for  $\{b_n\}$ .

**Base Case:**  $b_1 > a_1$  by the assumption.

**Induction Hypothesis:** Assume that  $b_n \geq a_1$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Induction Step:** Note the following inequality We know that  $a_1 \leq a_n$  since  $\{a_n\}$  is monotone increasing. So,  $a_1 + b_n \leq a_n + b_n$ . So,  $\frac{a_1 + b_n}{2} \leq b_{n+1}$ . By induction hypothesis,  $a_1 \leq b_n$ . Hence,  $\frac{a_1 + a_1}{2} = a_1 \leq b_n + 1$ .

Thus  $a_1$  is a lower bound for  $\{b_n\}$ .

- (c) By the previous parts, we know that  $\{a_n\}$  is bounded above and monotone increasing, so it must converge. Similarly,  $\{b_n\}$  is bounded below and monotone decreasing, so it must converge.

Let  $a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  and  $b = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$ . Then,  $a = \sqrt{ab}$  and  $b = \frac{a+b}{2}$ . Solving for  $a$  and  $b$ , we get  $a = b$ .