

Homework 7, Fall 2022

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Homework 7 has questions 1 through 5 with a total of 35 points. Neatly **hand write your solutions**, digitize your work, and turn it into Canvas. You do **not** need to use LaTeX for this assignment. This work is due *Saturday 8 October at 11:59 PM*.

- 5 1. Show that the set $[1, 2)$ is not open. To do this, show that

$$(\exists x \in [1, 2)) (\forall r \in \mathbf{R}_{>0}) (\text{ball}(x, r) \not\subset [1, 2)).$$

Solution: Choose $x = 1$. Let $r \in \mathbf{R}_{>0}$. To show that $\text{ball}(x, r) \not\subset [1, 2)$, we'll show there is a member of $\text{ball}(x, r)$ that is not in $[1, 2)$. Specifically, We but $1 - r/2 \notin [1, 2)$. So $\text{ball}(1, r) \not\subset [1, 2)$.

- 5 2. Let F be a convergent sequence. Show that

$$\text{range}(F) \subset \mathbf{R}_{>0} \implies \lim_{\infty}(F) \in \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}.$$

Solution: We'll prove the contrapositive. Thus, we'll show that

$$\lim_{\infty} F \in \mathbf{R}_{<0} \implies \text{range}(F) \not\subset \mathbf{R}_{>0}.$$

Define $\lim_{\infty}(F) = L$, where $L < 0$. Since $-L/2 \in \mathbf{R}_{>0}$, there is $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that for all $k \in \mathbf{Z}_{>n}$, we have $F_k \in (L + L/2, L - L/2)$; equivalently $F_k \in (3L/2, L/2)$. In particular, $F_{n+1} < L/2 < 0$; therefore $\text{range}(F) \not\subset \mathbf{R}_{>0}$

- 5 3. Give an example of a sequence G such that $\text{range}(G) \subset \mathbf{R}_{>0}$ but $\lim_{\infty} G \notin \mathbf{R}_{>0}$.

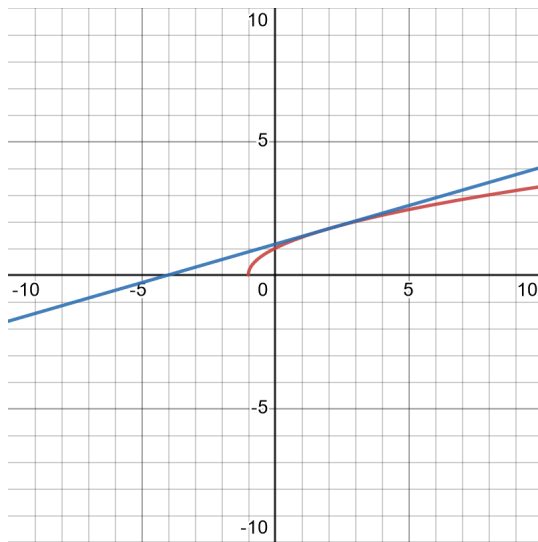
Solution: An example is $F = k \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto 1/k$. The proof that this is an example is a calculus calculation.

- 5 4. Draw a nicely labeled picture that shows that

$$(\forall a \in \mathbf{R}_{>-1}) (\forall x \in \mathbf{R}_{>-1}) \left(\sqrt{1+x} \leq \sqrt{1+a} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1+a}}(x-a) \right).$$

Hint: Draw a graph of $y = \sqrt{1+x}$. On the same graph, draw a graph of the tangent line to $y = \sqrt{1+x}$ at the point $(x = a, y = \sqrt{1+a})$.

Solution:



This picture is specialized to $a = 2$, but the picture for the general case is similar. The general principle is that if a graph is concave down, its tangent lines are above or touching the curve.

5. Define a sequence H partially in terms of itself by

$$H_n = \begin{cases} 2 & n = 0 \\ \sqrt{1 + H_{n-1}} & n \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0} \end{cases}.$$

The first six terms of H are

$$H_0 = 2,$$

$$H_1 = \sqrt{3},$$

$$H_2 = \sqrt{\sqrt{3} + 1},$$

$$H_3 = \sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{3} + 1} + 1},$$

$$H_4 = \sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{3} + 1} + 1} + 1},$$

$$H_5 = \sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{3} + 1} + 1} + 1} + 1} + 1}.$$

Without proof, you may assume that $\text{range}(H) \subset \mathbf{R}_{>0}$.

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(a) Show that H decreases. One way to do this is to use Question 4 and induction.

Solution: Define a predicate P by

$$P = n \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0} \mapsto H_n > \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}.$$

We will show that $(\forall k \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0})(P_k)$ by showing that $P(1) \wedge (\forall k \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0})(P_k \implies P_{k+1})$. We have

$$P_1 = \left[H_0 > \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \right] \equiv \left[2 > \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \right] \equiv \left[3 > \sqrt{5} \right] = \text{True}.$$

Now suppose that P_k is true. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left[H_{k+1} > \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \right] &\equiv \left[\sqrt{1+H_k} > \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \right], && \text{(recursive definition)} \\ &\equiv \left[1+H_k > \frac{6+2\sqrt{5}}{4} \right], && \text{(square)} \\ &\equiv \left[H_k > \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right], && \text{(subtract one)} \\ &\equiv \text{True}. && \text{(hypothesis)} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\sqrt{1+x} - x < 0$ for all $x > \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$, it follows that H is decreasing.

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(b) Show that H converges to a nonnegative number.

Solution: The sequence H decreases and it is bounded below by zero; therefore H converges. By the result in Question 2, H converges to a nonnegative number.

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(c) Show that H converges to the golden ratio. To do this, you may freely use the facts:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{1+H_{n-1}} = \sqrt{1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_{n-1}} = \sqrt{1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n}.$$

And if you don't know, the golden ratio has an *unearned* celebrity status in mathematics, art, and design. The golden ratio is the number $\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$.

Solution: Define $\lim(H) = L$. We have $\sqrt{1+L} = L$ the only solution to this equation is the golden ratio.