

Problem 1

WTS. An open ball $B_r(x)$, where $r \geq 0$ is equivalent to a bounded open interval.

$$B_r(x) = \{y, d(x, y) < r\}$$

Proof. A bounded open interval (a, b) where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ is defined

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b) &= \{y, a < y < b\} \\ &= \{y, m - b < y - m < b - m, m = (a + b)/2\} \\ &= \{y, |y - m| < b - m, m = (a + b)/2\} \\ &= \{y, d(y, m) < \max(b - m, 0)\} \\ &= B_{\max(b - m, 0)}(m) \end{aligned}$$

Fix any ball centered at $m \in \mathbb{R}$ with radius $r \geq 0$, then write $b := \max(b - m, 0)$ is to ensure that the equivalent radius of the ball is non-negative, if $a > b$ then the open interval is equivalent to (a, a) :

Problem 2

WTS. *Every metric space is T_2 .*

Proof. Fix two elements $x \neq y$ then by definition of the metric $d(x, y) > 0$, then fix two open (balls) sets $V(x, r)$ and $V(y, r)$, for $\epsilon = d(x, y)/2$ and $z \in V(x, r)$ we have

$$d(x, y) \leq d(z, x) + d(z, y) \implies 2r < r + d(z, y)$$

Clearly this means that $V(x, r) \subseteq V(y, r)$, and $V(x, r) \cap V(y, r) = V(x, r)$.

Problem 3

WTS. Let x_n be a sequence of real numbers, and

1. Prove that (i) is always true.
2. Prove that (iv) \iff (iii).
3. Prove that (iii) \implies (ii) \implies (i)
4. Give examples of sequences that satisfy: (iii), (ii) but do not satisfy (i)

Where (i) to (iv) are given by

$$(i) \quad \forall n \exists M |x_n| \leq M$$

$$(ii) \quad \exists M \exists^\infty n |x_n| \leq M$$

$$(iii) \quad \exists M \forall^\infty n |x_n| \leq M$$

$$(iv) \quad \exists \forall n |x_n| \leq M$$

We begin by first taking the problem apart in the abstract. The first part is passed in the following lemma.

Lemma 0.1. If P is a proposition on the space of all sequences, what is the right word) X , denoted by

$$\Omega = \{x_n : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X\}$$

And if

- $P(\forall n \geq 0) = \{x_n \in \Omega, \forall n \geq 0, P(x_n)\}$
- $P(\forall^\infty n) = \{x_n \in \Omega, \exists N, \forall n \geq N, P(x_n)\}$
- $P(\exists^\infty n) = \{x_n \in \Omega, \forall N, \exists n \geq N, P(x_n)\}$

Then

$$P(\forall n \geq 0) \subseteq P(\forall^\infty n) \subseteq P(\exists^\infty n) \subseteq \Omega$$

Proof. Suppose that $x_n \in P(\forall n \geq 0)$, then $P(x_n)$ eventually is

$$P(\forall n \geq 0) \subseteq P(\forall^\infty n)$$

Now fix $x_n \in P(\forall^\infty n)$, this induces some $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for means that $P(x_n)$. To show that $P(x_n)$ frequently, notice for we can choose some $n = M + N$ such that $P(x_n)$ holds, so

$$P(\forall^\infty n) \subseteq P(\exists^\infty n)$$

The last inclusion is obvious as all three are subsets of Ω .

Problem 3a

Proof. For any sequence of reals x_n , and for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, since natural numbers is unbounded above, there exists some $M_n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|x_n| \leq M_n$.

Problem 3b

Proof. We define the proposition P on the reals

$$P(\alpha) \iff \exists M \in \mathbb{N}, |\alpha| \leq M$$

Then by Lemma 0.1,

$$P(\forall n \geq 0) \subseteq P(\forall^\infty n) \text{ means that (iv) } \implies \text{(iii)}$$

To prove the converse, suppose that (iii) holds, then there exists such that $|x_n| \leq M$ for all $n \geq N$, then let

$$\overline{M} \geq M + \sum_{n \leq N} |x_n|$$

Where we apply the Archimedean Property on the right member to get some $\overline{M} \in \mathbb{N}$. Then it is easy to verify that $|x_n| \leq \overline{M}$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. And therefore (iii) \implies (iv). And therefore (iii) \iff (iv).

Problem 3c

Proof. Using Lemma 0.1, since

$$P(\forall n \geq 0) \subseteq P(\forall^\infty n) \subseteq P(\exists^\infty n) \subseteq \Omega$$

Therefore

$$(iv) \implies (iii) \implies (ii) \implies (i)$$

Problem 3d

Proof. Here are the sequences

1. $x_n = 0$ for every $n \geq 0$, then $x_n \in P(\forall n \geq 0) \subseteq P(|x_n| \leq 0)$.
2. $x_n = n \cdot (1 + (-1)^n)/2$, so that $x_n \in P(\exists^\infty n) \setminus P(\forall^\infty n)$. x_n is 0 frequently at odd n but grows unbounded at even n .
3. $x_n = n$ is in $P(\exists^\infty n)^c$. Since for every natural M , we can $N = M + 1$ such that for every $n \geq N$ implies that $x_n >$

Problem 4

WTS. *Show that*

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

Proof. Assume in good faith that we are indexing the sequence so that $n \geq 1$. Then for every fixed $n \geq 1$,

$$0 \leq x_n = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} < \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Now fix any $\varepsilon > 0$, and find a large M with $M \geq \varepsilon^{-1/2}$. Then i for every $n \geq M$,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \leq M \leq n \implies \frac{1}{n^2} < \varepsilon$$

It immediately follows that

$$|x_n - 0| = \left| \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} - 0 \right| < \left| \frac{1}{n^2} \right| < \varepsilon$$

And $|x_n - 0| < \varepsilon$ eventually.

Problem 5

WTS. Show that $x_n = \frac{n}{\sqrt{n+5}}$ diverges.

We begin with an important Lemma.

Lemma 0.2. Every convergent sequence in \mathbb{R} is bounded.

Proof. Fix $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \rightarrow x$, also fix $\varepsilon = 1 > 0$, then there exists N such that for all $n \geq N$, $|x_n - x| < 1$. This implies that the sequence is bounded for $n \geq N$. For $n < N$, the sequence is finite and thus bounded. Combining these two parts, the entire sequence is bounded.

$$d(x_n, x) \leq 1 \quad \forall n \geq N$$

Then for every $n \geq N$ we have

$$d(x_n, 0) \leq d(x_n, x) + d(x, 0) \leq 1 + d(x, 0)$$

Now for every $n \geq 1$, obviously $d(x_n, 0) \leq 1 + d(x, 0) + \sum_{k \leq N} d(x_k, 0)$. This establishes the Lemma.

Main Proof for Q5

Proof. We simply have to show that x_n is not bounded. In order to do this, let $M \geq 0$, take $n > 2M^2 + 5$ and $|x_n| > M$. The reasoning is as follows: for every $n > 2M^2 + 5$, then

$$(n/2)^{1/2} > |M| = M$$

Also note that $n > 5 \implies 2n > n + 5$ therefore

$$(n+5)^{-1} > (2n)^{-1} \implies n(n+5)^{-1/2} > n(2n)^{-1/2}$$

And

$$x_n = |x_n| > n(2n)^{-1/2} = (n/2)^{1/2} > M$$

Problem 6

WTS. Let $\binom{n}{k}$ denote the number of k -element subsets of an n -element set. Prove that if $n < k$, then $\binom{n}{k} = 0$, and that

$$\binom{n+1}{k+1} = \binom{n}{k+1} + \binom{n}{k}$$

Proof. We begin with some abstract notation.

- $J_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}^+$,
- $|E| := \sum_{x \in E} 1$, the counting measure on E .
- X is any set where $|X| \geq 2$,
- $A \subseteq X$, $|A||A^c| \neq 0$, this implicitly means that neither A nor A^c is empty.
- $\Omega_n = \{f : J_n \rightarrow X\}$,
- For every $f \in \Omega_n$, $f_{J_{n-1}}$ denotes the restriction of f onto J_{n-1} .

With these definitions, it is clear that $\binom{n}{k}$, for every $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\binom{n}{k} = \left| \left\{ f \in \Omega_n, |f^{-1}(E)| = k \right\} \right|$$

Clearly, if $f \in \Omega_{n+1}$ and $|f^{-1}(E)| = k + 1$,

- If $f^{-1}(E) \cap J_{n+1} \setminus J_n = \emptyset$, then $|f_{J_n}^{-1}(E)| = |f^{-1}(E)| = k$
- If $f^{-1}(E) \cap J_{n+1} \setminus J_n \neq \emptyset$, then $|f_{J_n}^{-1}(E)| = k$,

Then we can write $E_1 = \left\{ f \in \Omega_{n+1}, |f^{-1}(E)| = k + 1 \right\}$ as union of $E_2 = \left\{ f \in \Omega_{n+1}, f^{-1}(E) \cap J_{n+1} \setminus J_n = \emptyset, |f_{J_n}^{-1}(E)| = k \right\}$ and $E_3 = \left\{ f \in \Omega_{n+1}, f^{-1}(E) \cap J_{n+1} \setminus J_n \neq \emptyset, |f_{J_n}^{-1}(E)| = k \right\}$.

Also note that $E_2 \equiv \{f \in \Omega_n, |f^{-1}(E)| = k+1\}$ and $E_3 \equiv \{f \in \Omega_n, |f^{-1}(E)| = k\}$. Since every $f \in E_2$ induces some $g \in \Omega_n$ with $|g^{-1}(E)| = k+1$ respectively for $f \in E_3$. And for every $g \in \Omega_n$, $|g^{-1}(E)| = k+1$ or k and there is a corresponding $f \in E_2$ with $f_{J_n} = g$.

Therefore $|E_2| = \binom{n}{k+1}$ and $|E_3| = \binom{n}{k}$. Since $|\cdot|$ is just the cardinality on finite sets, and E_1 is the disjoint union, it follows that

$$|E_1| = \binom{n+1}{k+1} = |E_2| + |E_3| = \binom{n}{k+1} + \binom{n}{k}$$

Problem 7

WTS. *Prove three things*

(a) *The Binomial formula, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$*

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{k \geq 0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k}$$

(b) *The Generalized Bernoulli inequality, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, $b \geq -1$*

$$(1 + b)^n \geq 1 + \binom{n}{k} b^k$$

(c) *A special case of the Generalized Bernoulli inequality, for $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$*

$$(1 + b)^n \geq 1 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} b^2$$

Proof. We begin by showing that (a) \implies (b). For every $n \geq 1$

$$(1 + b)^n = \sum_{j \geq 0}^n \binom{n}{j} b^j = 1 + \binom{n}{k} b^k + \sum_{j \geq 1, j \neq k}^n \binom{n}{j} b^j$$

Since $\binom{n}{k} b^j \geq 0$, (b) holds.

Now to show that (b) \implies (c), simply substitute $k = 2$ if $2 \leq n$, then the inequality is trivial.

The proof for (a) also quite straight forward, if $n = 0$ then

$$(a + b)^0 = 1 = \sum_{k=0}^0 \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k} = \binom{0}{0} a^0 b^{0-0} = 1$$

Assume that **(a)** holds for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a+b)^{n+1} &= \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{n}{k} \left(a^{k+1} b^{n-k} + a^k b^{(n+1)-k} \right) \\
 &= \binom{n}{0} a^0 b^{(n+1)-0} + \sum_{k \geq 1} \binom{n}{k-1} \left(a^k b^{(n+1)-k} \right) + \sum_{k \geq 1} \binom{n}{k} \left(a^k b^{(n+1)-k} \right) \\
 &= \binom{n+1}{0} a^0 b^{(n+1)-0} + \sum_{k \geq 1} \left(\binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1} \right) \left(a^k b^{(n+1)-k} \right) \\
 &= \binom{n+1}{0} a^0 b^{(n+1)-0} + \sum_{k \geq 1} \binom{n+1}{k} \left(a^k b^{(n+1)-k} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{n+1}{k} a^k b^{(n+1)-k}
 \end{aligned}$$

For the third equality we used the fact that $\binom{\alpha}{0} = \binom{\beta}{0}$ for \mathbb{N}^+ .

Problem 8

WTS. *Prove two things.*

(a) *Prove that for every $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $a > 1$ we have $\lim na^{-n} = 0$*

(b) *Prove that $\lim n^{1/n} = 1$*

Proof. Let us start with (a). Assume that there exists some $\lim na^{-n} \neq 0$. So that there exists some $\varepsilon > 0$ and for every $n \geq N$ with

$$\varepsilon \leq |na^{-n}| \implies (1 + n(n-1)(a-1)^2/2)\varepsilon \leq a^n \varepsilon \leq$$

Dividing by n across both sides and noting that $1/n \geq 0$,

$$\varepsilon(n-1)(a-1)^2/2 \leq 1 \implies n \leq \left(\varepsilon(a-1)^2/2\right)^{-1} +$$

Which is obviously false, because \mathbb{R} is Archimedean. This esta

For (b), we write $x_n = n^{1/n}$, where $x_n \geq 1$ for every $n \geq 1$. Ind for some $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ then $x_n^n < 1$ by induction on n .

By applying Bernoulli's Inequality again,

$$x_n^n = n \geq 1 + n(n-1)(1-x_n)^2/2 \implies 2/n \geq (1-x$$

So that $(1-x_n)^2 = |1-x_n|^2 \rightarrow 0$. We claim that if any sequence then $a_n \rightarrow 0$. Fix an arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$ then

$$|a_n - 0|^2 < \varepsilon^2 \implies |a_n - 0| < \varepsilon, \exists N \forall n \geq N$$

Therefore $|1-x_n| \rightarrow 0$, and $x_n = n^{1/n} \rightarrow 1$.