

1. Each of the subproblems apply AM-GM once.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{a} &= 4 \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{a} \right) \\ &\leq 4 \left( \frac{abcd}{abcd} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= 4.\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}a^6 + b^9 + 64 &= 3 \frac{1}{3} (a^6 + b^9 + 64) \\ &\leq 3(a^6 b^9 64)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 12a^2 b^3\end{aligned}$$

2. By applying Cauchy-Schwarz we get that  $1 = (x_1 + \cdots + x_n)^2 \leq n \sum_i x_i^2$ . Therefore the norm of the vector is bounded below via  $\frac{1}{n}$ ,  $\frac{1}{n} \leq \sum_i x_i^2$ . Thus it is minimized via having a norm of  $\frac{1}{n}$ . An example solution would be  $x_i = \frac{1}{n}$  for all  $i \in [n]$ .

3. (a) Suppose  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon}} < N$  by the archimedean principle. Therefore if  $n \geq N$  then

$$\left| \frac{n^2}{n^4 + n^2 + 1} \right| < \left| \frac{n^2}{n^4} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{n^2} \right| < \epsilon.$$

- (b) Suppose  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{\epsilon} < N$ . Suppose  $n \geq N$ . Then we have that

$$\left| \frac{5n^2 + n}{3n^2 + 1} - \frac{5}{3} \right| = \left| \frac{3n - 5}{3(3n^2 + 1)} \right| < \left| \frac{1}{3n} \right| = \frac{1}{3} \left| \frac{1}{n} \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{3} < \epsilon.$$

4. Suppose  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq N$  that  $|a - a_n| < \epsilon$ . Therefore by the reverse triangle inequality we have that  $||a| - |a_n|| \leq |a - a_n| < \epsilon$ . Therefore  $\lim |a_n| \rightarrow |a|$ . The converse is not true. If we consider  $a_n = (-1)^n(1 - 2^n)$ , then clearly  $\limsup a_n = 1, \liminf a_n = -1$ . This obviously doesn't converge. However  $|a_n| = 1 - 2^n$ , which does converge to 1.

5. Let  $a_n = 2^n, b_n = -2^n$ . Clearly  $a_n \rightarrow \infty, b_n \rightarrow -\infty$ . However  $a_n + b_n = 2^n - 2^n = 0$ , which does converge since it's constant.

6. We will show that  $a_n$  is bounded below and decreasing.

- We will show that  $a_n$  is bounded below by  $\frac{1+\sqrt{13}}{2}$ . Clearly  $3 \geq \frac{1+\sqrt{13}}{2}$ . By the principle of mathematical induction for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  if  $k < n$  then  $a_k \geq \frac{1+\sqrt{13}}{2}$ . Therefore  $a_n = \sqrt{3 + a_{n-1}} \geq \sqrt{3 + \frac{1+\sqrt{13}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{7+\sqrt{13}}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{1+\sqrt{13}}}{2}$ . Thus  $a_n$  is bounded below.

- We will show that  $a_n$  is decreasing. Clearly  $3 \geq \sqrt{6}$ . By the principle of mathematical induction, for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  if  $k < n$  then  $a_{k+1} \leq a_k$ . Therefore  $a_n = \sqrt{3 + a_{n-1}}$ , by the induction hypothesis  $\sqrt{3 + a_{n-1}} \leq \sqrt{3 + a_{n-2}} = a_{n-1}$ . Thus  $a_n \leq a_{n-1}$ . Therefore  $(a_n)$  is decreasing.

Therefore by the monotone convergence theorem  $(a_n)$  converges, and it converges to the lower bound given above. The solution will satisfy  $\alpha = \sqrt{3 + \alpha}$ ,  $\alpha^2 - \alpha - 3 = 0$ . This has a root of  $\frac{1+\sqrt{13}}{2}$ . Additionally  $\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{13}}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{7+\sqrt{13}}{2} = 3 + \frac{1+\sqrt{13}}{2}$ .

7. We will show that  $(a_n)$  is decreasing and bounded.

- We will show that  $(a_n)$  is bounded. Since  $a_n \in (0, 1)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then we can say that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   $|a_n| \leq 1$ . Thus  $(a_n)$  is bounded.
- We will show that  $(a_n)$  is decreasing. Consider the given inequality  $\frac{1}{4} < a_n(1 - a_{n+1})$ . We can treat the product of elements from the sequence as a geometric mean, and apply AM-GM:

$$\sqrt{a_n^2(1 - a_{n+1})^2} \leq \frac{a_n^2 + (1 - a_{n+1})^2}{2}.$$

We know for  $x \in (0, 1)$  that  $x^2 \leq x$ . Therefore we have from the previous inequality  $\frac{1}{4} < \frac{a_n + 1 - a_{n+1}}{2}$  which yields  $a_{n+1} < a_n + 1 - \frac{1}{4} < a_n$ . Therefore  $(a_n)$  is decreasing.

Thus  $(a_n)$  converges. But to what? Note that  $\lim a_{n+1} = \lim a_n = \alpha$ . Thus by the order limit theorem  $\alpha(1 - \alpha) \geq \frac{1}{4}$ . This is equivalent to the inequality  $(\alpha - \frac{1}{2})^2 \leq 0$ . Since  $(\alpha - \frac{1}{2})^2 \geq 0$  then  $(\alpha - \frac{1}{2})^2 = 0$ . Thus  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ . Therefore  $\lim a_n = \frac{1}{2}$ .

8. Lemma:  $x^3$  is an increasing function. Suppose  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x \leq y$ . Consider  $y^3 - x^3$ . We want to show that  $0 \leq y^3 - x^3$ . We can write  $y^3 - x^3$  as  $(y - x)(y^2 + xy + y^2)$ . Clearly  $y - x \geq 0$ . We must show that  $y^2 + xy + y^2$  is greater than 0. It is trivially true if  $x, y \geq 0$  or  $x, y \leq 0$ . Therefore we must consider the case  $x \leq 0 \leq y$ . Therefore  $xy \leq 0$ . Thus  $2xy \leq xy$ . Therefore

$$x^2 + xy + y^2 \geq x^2 + 2xy + y^2 = (x + y)^2 \geq 0$$

Therefore  $0 \leq y^3 - x^3$ , thus the cubic function on real numbers is increasing.

We will show that the sequence converges by showing it is bounded and increasing:

- We will show that  $(a_n)$  is increasing by induction. Note that  $a_1 = 0 \leq \frac{1}{2} = a_2$  for the base case. Therefore by the principle of mathematical induction for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  if  $k \leq n$  then  $a_{k-1} \leq a_k$ . Consider that  $a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3}(1 + a_n + a_{n-1}^3) \geq \frac{1}{3}(1 + a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}^3) = a_n$  as a consequence of the induction hypothesis and the fact that the cubic function is increasing. Thus  $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$ .

- We will show that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a_n \leq \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$  by induction. Note that  $0, \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$  thus the base case holds. By PMI for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  if  $k \leq n$  then  $a_k \leq \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$ . Note that

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3}(1 + a_n + a_{n-1}^3) \leq \frac{1}{3}\left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}\right)^3\right) = \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{12\sqrt{5}-12}{8}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$$

. Thus  $a_{n+1} \leq \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$ .

Thus  $(a_n)$  converges by MCT. Note that if  $\alpha$  satisfies  $\lim a_n = \alpha$  then  $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}(1 + \alpha + \alpha^3)$ . Note that  $\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$  is a solution of that equation. Thus  $\lim a_n = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$ .

9.

$$1 = a + b + c + d$$

by the question definition

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{a+b} \frac{a}{\sqrt{a+b}} + \sqrt{b+c} \frac{b}{\sqrt{b+c}} \\ &+ \sqrt{c+d} \frac{c}{\sqrt{c+d}} + \sqrt{d+a} \frac{d}{\sqrt{d+a}} \\ &\leq \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{a+b} + \frac{b^2}{b+c} + \frac{c^2}{c+d} + \frac{d^2}{d+a}} \sqrt{2a+2b+2c+2d} \end{aligned}$$

by Cauchy-Schwarz

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{a+b} + \frac{b^2}{b+c} + \frac{c^2}{c+d} + \frac{d^2}{d+a}} \\ \frac{1}{2} &\leq \frac{a^2}{a+b} + \frac{b^2}{b+c} + \frac{c^2}{c+d} + \frac{d^2}{d+a} \end{aligned}$$

thus the inequality holds.

10. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k c_k &\leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^3 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k c_k)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &\text{by Hölders inequality} \\ &= \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^3 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n b_k^{\frac{3}{2}} c_k^{\frac{3}{2}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^3 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n b_k^3} \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n c_k^3} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &\text{by Cauchy-Schwarz} \\ &= \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^3 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n b_k^3 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n c_k^3 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

thus the inequality holds.