

MA 101 - CALCULUS I
PROBLEM SHEET : SEQUENCES

(1) Show that the following sequences converge by $\epsilon - K$ definition:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(i)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{n + 4\sqrt{n}} = 2 & \text{(ii)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10^7}{n} = 0 \\ \text{(iii)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 - 1}{2n^2 + 3} = \frac{1}{2} & \text{(iv)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n + 1}{2n + 3} = \frac{3}{2} \end{array}$$

(2) Show that the sequence $x_n = \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)}$ converges to 0 using the (ϵ, K) -definition. Also find the constant $K(\epsilon)$ when $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\epsilon = \frac{1}{10}$.

(3) Discuss the convergence / divergence of the following sequences ($0 < a < 1$ and $b > 1$).

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{(i)} x_n = \frac{n^2}{n+5} & \text{(ii)} x_n = \frac{n}{10^7} & \text{(iii)} x_n = \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} \\ \text{(iv)} x_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1} & \text{(v)} x_n = \frac{1-2n}{1+2n} & \text{(vi)} x_n = \frac{1-5n^4}{n^4+8n^3} \\ \text{(vii)} x_n = \frac{\cos n}{n} & \text{(viii)} x_n = \frac{1}{3^n} & \text{(ix)} x_n = \frac{n^2}{e^n} \\ \text{(x)} x_n = a^n & \text{(xi)} x_n = \frac{n!}{n^n} & \text{(xii)} x_n = \frac{2^{3n}}{3^{2n}} \\ \text{(xiii)} x_n = \frac{n}{b^n} & \text{(xiv)} x_n = \frac{b^n}{n^2} & \text{(xv)} x_n = \frac{5^n}{n!} \end{array}$$

(4) Show that each sequence is monotone and bounded. Then find the limit.

$$\text{(i)} x_1 = 1; x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n + 1}{3} \quad \text{(ii)} x_1 = 2; x_{n+1} = \sqrt{2x_n + 1}$$

(5) Discuss whether the following sequences are Cauchy or not:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(i)} x_n = \frac{1}{n^2} & \text{(ii)} x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!} \\ \text{(iii)} x_n = \ln n^2 & \text{(iv)} x_n = \sqrt{n} \end{array}$$