## ALGEBRA AND LIMITS §2.2

## **EXAMPLE 13.1:**

- (1) A constant sequence  $\{c\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to c.
- (2) The sequence  $\{\frac{1}{n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to 0.

## THEOREM 13.2 (LIMITS AND ALGEBRA):

Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence that converges to L, and  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence that converges to M.

- (1) If c is any real number, then  $\{ca_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to cL.
- (2) The sequence  $\{a_n + b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to L + M.
- (3) The sequence  $\{a_nb_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to LM.
- (4) If  $L \neq 0$  and  $a_n \neq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\left\{\frac{1}{a_n}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $\frac{1}{L}$ .
- (5) If  $M \neq 0$  and  $b_n \neq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\left\{\frac{a_n}{b_n}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $\frac{L}{M}$ .
- (1) Use Theorem 13.2 and Example 13.1 to show that the sequence  $\{2+5/n-7/n^2\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to 2. Show every step in your argument.
- (2) Use Theorem 13.2 and Example 13.1 to show that the sequence  $\left\{\frac{2n+3}{3n-4}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $\frac{2}{3}$ .
- (3) Use Theorem 13.2 to show that if  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to L, and  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to M, then  $\{a_n-b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to L-M.
- (4) Prove or disprove the following converse to part (2): If  $\{a_n+b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to L+M then  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to L and  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to M.
- (5) Prove or disprove: If  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a convergent sequence and  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a divergent sequence, then  $\{a_n+b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is divergent.
- (6) Prove part (1) of Theorem 10.2 in the special case c=2 by following the following steps:
  - Assume that  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to L.
  - We now want to show that  $\{2a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to something. You know what goes next!
  - Now we do some scratchwork: we want an N such that for n > N we have  $|2a_n 2L| < \varepsilon$ . Factor this to get some inequality with  $a_n$ . How can we use our assumption to get an N that "works"?
  - Complete the proof.
- (7) Prove part (1) of Theorem 10.2.
- (8) Prove part (2) of Theorem 10.2.
- (9) Prove part (3) of Theorem 10.2.