

Mathematics 220 — Homework 4

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 - We will provide you with full solutions to all questions.
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1. Prove that for every integer $n \geq 0$, the sum $n^3 + (n+1)^3 + (n+2)^3$ is divisible by 9.
2. Recall Bézout's identity: Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that a and b are not both zero. Then there exists $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $ax + by = \gcd(a, b)$.

Use this result to prove the following result:

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\gcd(a, b) = 1$. Then

$$(a \mid bc) \implies (a \mid c).$$

3. Let $P \subset \mathbb{N}$ be the set of prime numbers $P = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots\}$. Determine whether the following statements are true or false. Prove your answers (“true” or “false” is not sufficient).
 - (a) $\forall x \in P, \forall y \in P, x + y \in P$.
 - (b) $\forall x \in P, \exists y \in P$ such that $x + y \in P$.
 - (c) $\exists x \in P$ such that $\forall y \in P, x + y \in P$. Again, we leverage the fact that every number in P is odd *except* 2.
 - (d) $\exists x \in P$ such that $\exists y \in P, x + y \in P$.
4. Prove the following statement: For every positive number ϵ there is a positive number M such that

$$\left| \frac{2x^2}{x^2 + 1} - 2 \right| < \epsilon$$

whenever $x \geq M$.

5. We say that a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at $a \in \mathbb{R}$ if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin(\frac{1}{x}), & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Is f continuous at $x = 0$?

Warning: You must prove this from first-principles (ie with $\epsilon - \delta$).

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6. We say that a sequence (x_n) is bounded if

$$\exists M \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, |x_n| \leq M.$$

Prove that if a sequence (x_n) converges to 0, then (x_n) is bounded.

Hint: It helps to break the problem into two cases, small n and big n .

7. A function is said to be unbounded on the interval (a, b) if

$$\forall M \in \mathbb{R}, \exists t \in (a, b) \text{ s.t. } |f(t)| > M.$$

Prove that $\log x$ is unbounded on $(0, 1)$.

You may assume basic properties of logarithms and exponentials in your solution.

8. We say that a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to L if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq N, |x_n - L| < \epsilon.$$

Using the definition, prove that the sequence (x_n) with $x_n = (-1)^n + \frac{1}{n}$ does not converge to any $L \in \mathbb{R}$.

Hint: It is perhaps easier to split into cases depending on the sign of L .

$$(1) \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} \ n \geq 0, 9 \mid n^3 + (n+1)^3 + (n+2)^3$$

case 1: $n = 3k$

case 2: $n = 3k+1$

case 3: $n = 3k+2$

Typed!!

$$b \cdot c = a \cdot k$$

$$(2) \exists a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ st } \gcd(a, b) = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[(a \mid bc) \Rightarrow (a \mid c) \right] \text{ Typed!!}$$

$$antby = 1$$

$$a \cdot c \cdot x + b \cdot c \cdot y = k$$

$$a \cdot c \cdot x + a \cdot k \cdot y = k$$

$$a \cdot (cx + ky) = k$$

$$(3) P = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots\}$$

Typed!!

$$(a) \forall n \in P, \forall y \in P, n+y \in P$$

Take counter example

$$(b) \forall n \in P, \exists y \in P \text{ such that } n+y \notin P$$

$$(c) P > 2 = \text{odd} \quad \& \quad \text{odd} + \text{odd} = \text{even}$$

$$\& \quad \text{odd} + 2 \neq P \text{ for all}$$

$$(d) \exists \in P, \text{ s.t. } \exists y \in P, n+y \in P$$

$$2+3=5 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(8) \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq N, |x_n - L| < \varepsilon \quad x_n = (-1)^n + \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\exists \varepsilon > 0, \forall N \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \geq N, |x_n - L| \geq \varepsilon$$

Scotch work

$$\boxed{L=0} \quad |x_n| \geq \varepsilon \rightarrow (-1)^n + \frac{1}{n} \geq \varepsilon$$

$$n = 2N \quad \& \quad \varepsilon = 1$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2N} \geq 1 \quad \text{so, } 1 + \frac{1}{2N} \geq \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Hence } |x_n - L| \geq \varepsilon$$

$$\boxed{L = -1}$$

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

$$2 + \frac{1}{2N} \geq \varepsilon$$

$$\varepsilon = 1 \quad \& \quad n = 2N$$

$$\text{so, } |x_n + 1| \geq \varepsilon$$

$$L = 16$$

$$(-1)^n + \frac{1}{n} - 16$$

$$n = 2N$$

$$n = \max \{16, N\}$$

$$(-1)^{16} + \frac{1}{16} - 16 \geq -15 + \frac{1}{16}$$

$$15 - \frac{1}{16} \geq 14$$

$$17$$

$$(-1)^{17} + \frac{1}{17} - 16$$

$$-17 + \frac{1}{17}$$

$$17 - \frac{1}{17} \geq 15$$

$$n = 2 \cdot \max \{L, N\}$$

④ $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists M > 0$ s.t.,

Sketch

$$\left| \frac{2n^2}{n^2+1} - 2 \right| < \epsilon$$

$$\left| \frac{2n^2}{n^2+1} - 2 \right| < \epsilon$$

$$M < \epsilon$$

$$\left| \frac{2n^2 - 2n^2 - 2}{n^2 + 1} \right| < \epsilon$$

$$\frac{2}{n^2+1} < \epsilon \Rightarrow \frac{2}{\epsilon} < n^2+1$$

$$n^2 > \frac{2}{\epsilon} - 1$$

$$n > \left(\frac{2}{\epsilon} - 1 \right)^{1/2} + 1$$

$$n \geq \left(\left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon} - 1 \right)^{1/2} + 1 \right) = M$$

Proof

So, consider $M = \left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon} - 1 \right)^{1/2} + 1$

Now, $n \geq M$

So, $\left| \frac{2n^2}{n^2+1} - 2 \right| = \left| \frac{2}{n^2+1} \right|$ ✓

$= \left| \frac{2}{\left(\left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon} - 1 \right)^{1/2} + 1 \right)^2 + 1} \right|$ ✓

$$< \frac{2}{2}$$

$$< \frac{2}{2} + 2 \left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon} - 1 \right)^{1/2} + 1$$

$$= \frac{2\varepsilon}{2 + 2\varepsilon \left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon} - 1 \right)^{1/2} + \varepsilon}$$

So, $\frac{2\varepsilon}{2} < \varepsilon$

$$\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^{1/2} < \frac{2^{1/2}}{2} < \frac{2^{1/2}}{2+x}$$

(5)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin(1/x) \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &\neq 0 \\ x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Is f continuous at $x=0$

$$\textcircled{7} \quad \forall M \in \mathbb{R}, \exists t \in (a, b) \text{ s.t. } |f(t)| > M$$

$\log n$ unbounded on $(0, 1)$ $\leftarrow (M+1)$

$$\text{let } t = 10^{n(-(M+1))}$$

$$> -(M+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow M+1 > M$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad \exists M \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \in \mathbb{N} |x_n| \leq M$$

if x_n converges to 0 then x_n is bounded

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, 0 < |x - a| < \delta \Rightarrow (|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$$

Scratch work

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0) \rightarrow 0 < |x - 0| < \delta$$

we want

$$\Rightarrow |x^2 \sin(1/x) - f(0)| < \varepsilon$$

$$\frac{1}{n} > \frac{1}{\delta} \Rightarrow \sin(1/\delta)$$

$$\sin(1/n) > \sin(1/\delta)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \sin(1/x) - 0 < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \sin(1/x) < \varepsilon$$

$$0 < x^2 < \varepsilon^2$$

$$x^2 \sin(1/\delta) < \delta^2 \sin(1/x)$$

$$x^2 \sin(1/x) < \frac{\delta^2 \sin(1/\delta)^2}{\sin(1/\delta)}$$

$$\left| n^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right| < \delta$$

$$n^2 < \delta^2$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\varepsilon}$$

$$|n^2 \sin(1/n)|$$

$$2 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$0.4$$

$$0 < |n^2 \sin(1/n)| < n^2$$

$$\text{But } n^2 < \delta^2$$

$$\text{So, } |n^2 \sin(1/n)| < \delta^2$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\varepsilon}$$

⑥ Bounded if

$$\exists M \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, |x_n| \leq M$$

If x_n converges to 0

i.e

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq N, \\ |x_n - 0| < \varepsilon$$

then

$$\exists M \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, |x_n| \leq M$$

$$|x_n| < \varepsilon$$

⑧ $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq N, |x_n - L| < \varepsilon$
 $x_n = (-1)^n + \frac{1}{n}$ does not converge

So, $\exists \varepsilon > 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \geq N, |x_n - L| \geq \varepsilon$

Sketch

$$L = 0$$

we want $x_n \geq \varepsilon$

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

$$\varepsilon = 1$$

$$N = 2 \cdot N$$

$$(-1)^{2N} + \frac{1}{2N} \geq 1 + \frac{1}{2N} > 1 \geq \varepsilon$$

$$\boxed{L = -\nu\epsilon}$$

$$|x_n + L| \geq \epsilon$$

$$(-1)^n + \frac{1}{n} \geq \epsilon - L$$

$$(-1)^{2N} + \frac{1}{2N} + L \geq \epsilon$$

$$\left| 1 + \frac{1}{2N} + L \right| \geq \epsilon$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2N} + L \geq \epsilon$$

$$\frac{-1}{2}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2N} + L > L \geq \epsilon$$

$$\max\{1, L\}$$

$$L = +ve$$

$$|x_n - L| \geq \varepsilon$$

$$\left| (-1)^n + \frac{1}{n} - L \right| \geq \varepsilon$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2N} - L \geq \varepsilon$$

$$1 - L + \frac{1}{2N} \geq \varepsilon$$

⑥ $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n > N,$
 $|x_n - 0| < \varepsilon$

then

$$\exists M \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, |x_n| \leq M$$

Case 1

$$n > N$$

$$x_n < \varepsilon$$

Case 2

$$n \leq N$$

$$\textcircled{8} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n > N, \\ (-1)^n + \frac{1}{n} \quad |x_n - L| < \varepsilon$$

$$\exists \varepsilon > 0, \forall N \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n > N, \\ |x_n - L| \geq \varepsilon$$

$$L \geq 0$$

$$\varepsilon = 1 - L$$

$$n = 2N$$

$$L < 0$$

$$\varepsilon = 1 - L$$

$$n = 2N + 1$$

$$L = +ve$$

$$\left| (-1)^n + \frac{1}{n} - L \right| \geq \varepsilon$$

$$n = 2N$$

$$\left| 1 + \frac{1}{2N} - L \right|$$

$$\varepsilon = 1 \rightarrow L$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2N} - L \geq \underline{1 - L}$$

$$L = -ve$$

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