

### Problem 7

We let  $x_1 > 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_n + \frac{a}{x_n} \right)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $a > 0$ . Show that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges.

(Hint: Show that  $\{x_n\}$  is decreasing by considering  $x_{n+1} - x_n$ .)

Proof:  $x_1 > 0 \Rightarrow x_n > 0$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   $a+b \geq 2\sqrt{ab}$ ,  $a, b \geq 0$

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_n + \frac{a}{x_n} \right) \geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot \sqrt{x_n \cdot \frac{a}{x_n}} = \sqrt{a} \Rightarrow x_n \geq \sqrt{a}, n \geq 1.$$

$$x_{n+1} - x_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_n + \frac{a}{x_n} \right) - x_n$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a}{x_n} - x_n \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2x_n} (a - x_n^2) \leq 0.$$

$\Rightarrow \{x_n\}$  is decreasing  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded.

$\Rightarrow x_n$  converges to  $x$ .

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( x_n + \frac{a}{x_n} \right) \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} \left( x + \frac{a}{x} \right) \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{a}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \sqrt{a}.$$

### Problem 8

We let  $\{x_n\}$  be a bounded sequence of real numbers. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define

$$y_n = \sup \{x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots\}.$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{m \geq n} x_m$$

Show that  $\{y_n\}$  converges.

$$z_n = \inf \{x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots\} \quad \{z_n\}.$$

Relationship  
of  $y_n$  and  $y_{n+1}$ ?

Proof:  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded  $\Rightarrow \exists M > 0$  s.t.  $-M \leq x_n \leq M$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\Rightarrow -M \leq y_n \leq M \Rightarrow \{y_n\} \text{ is bounded.}$$

$$\{x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots\} \subseteq \{x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sup \{x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots\} \leq \sup \{x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots\}.$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{n+1} \leq y_n \Rightarrow \{y_n\} \text{ is decreasing.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{y_n\} \text{ converges.}$$

### Problem 9

We let  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence of positive real numbers. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define

$$y_n = \max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}.$$

(a) If  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded, show that  $\{y_n\}$  converges.

(b) If  $\{x_n\}$  is unbounded, show that  $\{y_n\}$  diverges to  $+\infty$ .

(a).  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded.  $\Rightarrow \exists M > 0$  s.t.  $0 \leq x_n \leq M$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$\Rightarrow 0 \leq y_n \leq M \Rightarrow \{y_n\}$  is bounded.

Note that

$$\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}\}$$

Relationship of  
 $y_n$  and  $y_{n+1}$ ?

$$\Rightarrow \max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \leq \max\{x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_n \leq y_{n+1}$$

$\Rightarrow \{y_n\}$  is increasing.

$\Rightarrow \{y_n\}$  converges.

Definition, / Negation of bounded.

(b). If  $\{x_n\}$  is unbounded.  $\Rightarrow$  For any  $k > 0$ , For any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\exists n_k > N \text{ s.t. } x_{n_k} > k.$$

Choose  $k=1$ ,  $\exists n_1$  s.t.  $x_{n_1} > 1 \rightarrow y_{n_1} > 1$ .  $y_n = \max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ .

Choose  $k=2$ ,  $\exists n_2 > n_1$  s.t.  $x_{n_2} > 2 \rightarrow y_{n_2} > 2$ .  $\{y_n\}$  is increasing.

Choose  $k=3$ ,  $\exists n_3 > n_2$  s.t.  $x_{n_3} > 3 \rightarrow y_{n_3} > 3$

...

$$\Rightarrow y_{n_1} > 1, y_{n_2} > 2, \dots, y_{n_k} > k. \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{n_k} = +\infty$$

$\{y_n\}$  is increasing.  $\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = +\infty$ .

### Problem 10

Show that a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined by  $x_n = (-1)^n$  is not Cauchy sequence.

Definition.

Proof: Take  $\varepsilon=1$ .

$\forall N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Choose  $n = N+1 > N$ .

$$x_n: n=1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

$$x_n = -1, 1, -1, 1, \dots$$

$$|x_{n+1} - x_n| = 2 > \varepsilon = 1.$$

$\Rightarrow \{x_n\}$  is not Cauchy sequence

Definition of Cauchy Sequence. Bounded.

$\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy Sequence.  $\Leftrightarrow$  For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$

such that  $|x_m - x_n| < \varepsilon$  for any  $m, n \geq k$ .

Take  $\varepsilon = 1$ .  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\forall m \geq k$ , we have  $|x_m - x_{k+1}| < 1$ .

Negation:

$$\Rightarrow |x_m| \leq \boxed{\varepsilon + |x_{k+1}|} \Rightarrow \max_n |x_n| = \max \{|x_1|, \dots, |x_k|, |x_{k+1}| + \varepsilon\}$$

$\{x_n\}$  is not a Cauchy Sequence  $\Leftrightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0$ .  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\exists m, n \geq k$  such that  $|x_m - x_n| \geq \varepsilon$ .

$\exists m, n \geq k$  such that  $|x_m - x_n| \geq \varepsilon$ .

### Problem 11

Show that if  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are both Cauchy sequence, then  $\{x_n + y_n\}$  and  $\{x_n y_n\}$  are both Cauchy sequence using the definition of Cauchy sequence.

Proof: (1)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ .  $\exists N_1$  s.t.  $\forall m, n > N_1$   $|x_n - x_m| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

What we have:

$\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$

$x_m - x_n$ ,  $y_m - y_n$

Write new or unknown things

into the form of

$x_m - x_n$ ,  $y_m - y_n$

$\exists N_2$  s.t.  $\forall m, n > N_2$   $|y_n - y_m| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

$\Rightarrow$  Take  $N = \max \{N_1, N_2\}$

$\forall m, n > N$ .  $|x_n - x_m| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ ,  $|y_n - y_m| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow |(x_n + y_n) - (x_m + y_m)| \leq |x_n - x_m| + |y_n - y_m| < \varepsilon.$$

$\Rightarrow \{x_n + y_n\}$  is Cauchy Sequence.

(2) Note that  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  are bounded.

(because they are Cauchy sequences)

$\Rightarrow \exists M > 0$  s.t.  $|x_n| \leq M$ ,  $|y_n| \leq M$ .

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$ .  $\exists N_1$  s.t.  $\forall m, n > N_1$ .  $|x_n - x_m| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2M}$

$$\exists N_2 \text{ s.t. } \forall m, n > N_2, |y_n - y_m| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2M} \cdot c.$$

$$x_n y_n - x_m y_m, ?$$

$$= x_n y_n - x_n y_m + x_n y_m - x_m y_m$$

Take  $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \forall m, n > N, |x_n - x_m| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2M}, |y_n - y_m| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2M}$$

$$\{x_n y_n\} \Rightarrow |x_n y_n - x_m y_m| \leq |x_n y_n - x_m y_n| + |x_m y_n - x_m y_m|$$

$$\leq c \cdot M + c \cdot M \leq |x_n - x_m| |y_n| + |x_m| |y_n - y_m|$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2M} \cdot M + M \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{2M} = \varepsilon.$$

$\Rightarrow \{x_n y_n\}$  is Cauchy sequence

### Problem 12 (Harder)

We let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of real number with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ . Show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} = x.$$

(Hint: Note that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x_n - x| < \varepsilon$  for  $n \geq K$ .)

Proof:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists K \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ s.t. } |x_n - x| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, n \geq K.$$

Consider  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{K-1} - (K-1)x$  is a constant

$$\exists \tilde{K} > K, \tilde{K} \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ s.t. } \left| \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\tilde{K}} x_i - (K-1)x}{\tilde{K}} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n,$$

$x_k$ ,  $k$  large,  
 $x_k$  close to  $x$

$$\Rightarrow \forall n > \tilde{K},$$

$$\left| \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} - x \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{\tilde{K}} - (K-1)x}{\tilde{K}} \right| + \left| \frac{\sum_{i=\tilde{K}}^n (x_i - x)}{n} \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=\tilde{K}}^n |x_i - x|$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \cdot (n - \tilde{K} + 1) \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} = x.$$

**Problem 13 (Harder)**

We let  $\{x_n\}$  be a bounded sequence and let  $s = \sup\{x_n | x \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Show that if  $s \notin \{x_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , then there exists a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$  which converges to  $s$ .

(☺ Hint: You need to construct such subsequence. Using the property of supremum and the fact that  $s \notin \{x_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , argue that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists infinitely many  $x_n$ s such that  $s > x_n > s - \varepsilon$ . Construct the subsequence by taking  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{k}$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .)

Proof:

$$\text{Take } \varepsilon_1 = 1. \quad \exists n_1 \in \mathbb{N}. \text{ s.t. } s - \varepsilon_1 \leq x_{n_1} \leq s.$$

$$\text{Take } \varepsilon_2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad \exists n_2 > n_1 \quad \text{s.t. } s - \varepsilon_2 \leq x_{n_2} \leq s.$$

why? Not hard.

$$\text{Take } \varepsilon_3 = \frac{1}{3} \quad \exists n_3 > n_2. \quad \text{s.t. } s - \varepsilon_3 \leq x_{n_3} \leq s$$

$\vdots$

$$\varepsilon_k = \frac{1}{k}. \quad \exists n_k > n_{k-1} \quad \text{s.t. } s - \varepsilon_k \leq x_{n_k} \leq s.$$

$$\Rightarrow, \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = s.$$

why?

( For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists k$ . s.t.  $\varepsilon_k < \varepsilon$ .

Then,  $\forall m > k$ .

$$s - \varepsilon \leq x_{n_m} \leq s$$

$$\Rightarrow |x_{n_m} - s| \leq \varepsilon. )$$