

1 Numericals sequences

Exercise 1

Let (u_n) be a numerical sequence defined by $u_n = f(u_{n-1})$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an increasing map. Study the monotony of the two subsequences (u_{2n}) et (u_{2n+1}) .

Exercise 2

Let (u_n) and (v_n) two numerical subsequences converging to l , l' with $l < l'$. Show that from a certain rank $u_n < v_n$.

Exercise 3

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, (u_n) and (v_n) two numerical subsequences such that

1. $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $u_n \leq a$ and $v_n \leq b$ and
2. $u_n + v_n \rightarrow a + b$.

Show that (u_n) converges to a and (v_n) converges to b .

Exercise 4

Show that if $(u_n) \subset \mathbb{Z}$, then (u_n) converges, if and only if, (u_n) is stationary.

Exercise 5

Let (u_n) and (v_n) two numerical subsequences such that $(u_n + v_n)_n$ and $(u_n - v_n)_n$ converge. Show that (u_n) and (v_n) converge.

Exercise 6

Let $(u_n)_n$ a numerical sequence. What do you think of the following proposals? :

1. If $(u_n)_n$ converges to a real Number l then $(u_{2n})_n$ and $(u_{2n+1})_n$ converge to l .
2. If $(u_{2n})_n$ and $(u_{2n+1})_n$ converge, then $(u_n)_n$ converges.
3. If $(u_{2n})_n$ and $(u_{2n+1})_n$ converge to the same limit l , it is the same with $(u_n)_n$.

Exercise 7

Let $(u_n)_n$ two numerical sequences defined by : $u_0 \in]0, 1]$ and $u_{n+1} = \frac{u_n}{2} + \frac{u_n^2}{4}$.

1. Show that : for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 < u_n \leq 1$.
2. Show that the sequence is monotone. Deduce the convergence of the sequence.
3. Compute the limit of $(u_n)_n$.

Exercise 8

Determine the limit of the sequence $(u_n)_n$ whose general term is defined by :

$$u_n = \frac{2n + \sqrt{4n^2 + 1}}{n + \sqrt{n^2 + 1}}, \quad u_n = \frac{2n - \sqrt{4n^2 + 1}}{n - \sqrt{n^2 + 1}}, \quad u_n = (2n + 1) \left(\frac{1}{3n^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{3n^2 + 2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{3n^2 + n} \right)?$$
$$u_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k(k+1)}, \quad u_n = \frac{1 \times 2 \times \cdots \times (2n+1)}{3 \times 6 \times \cdots \times (3n+3)}, \quad u_n = \sqrt{n^2 + n + 1} - \sqrt{n^2 - n + 1}.$$

Exercise 9

Prove the following formulas:

$$1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}.$$

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}.$$

Deduce

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2}{1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3}$$

Exercise 10

Let $u_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}$ and $v_n = u_n + \frac{1}{n!}$.

Show that (u_n) and (v_n) converge to the same limit. Show that this limit is an element of $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$.

Exercise 11

Let (u_n) be a numerical sequence defined by u_0 and $u_{n+1} = u_n^2 - 2$ for all n in \mathbb{N} .

1. If $u_0 = \sqrt{2}$ calculate u_1, u_2, u_3 .
2. Determine u_4 . Deduce the nature of the sequence (u_n) .
3. Examine the nature of the sequence (u_n) if $u_0 = 2$.
4. Find another value of u_0 for which the sequence (u_n) is constant.

Study the nature of the sequence (u_n) if $u_0 = 1$ or $u_0 = 3$ and in the case of $u_0 = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$.

Exercise 12

Let the numerical sequence (u_n) defined by u_0 and $u_{n+1} = u_n^2 + \frac{3}{16}$ for all n in \mathbb{N} .

1. Show that $1/4 \leq u_n \leq 3/4$ for all n in \mathbb{N} .
2. Is the sequence monotone? Deduce its nature.
3. Determine $\inf\{u_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ and $\sup\{u_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

Exercise 13

1. Let $(u_n), (v_n), (w_n)$ three numerical sequences, show that:

if $u_n \leq v_n \leq w_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and if $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} w_n = l$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} v_n = l$.

2. Show that :

$$\int_p^{p+1} \frac{dx}{x} \leq \frac{1}{p} \leq \int_{p-1}^p \frac{dx}{x}, \quad p \in \mathbb{N}^*, \quad p > 1.$$

3. Deduce $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k+n}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ then calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} S_n$.

4. Put $S'_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k}$. Show that $S'_{2n} = S_n$.

5. Show that (S'_{2n}) and (S'_{2n+1}) converge.

6. Deduce the convergence of (S'_n) .

Exercise 14

Consider the numerical sequence (u_n) which converges to 0. Define the sequence (v_n) by its general term :

$$v_n = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k u_k.$$

Show that (v_n) converges to 0.

Exercise 15

Study the convergence of the sequence whose general term is :

$$u_n = \frac{1 + 2! + 3! + \dots + n!}{n!}.$$

Exercise 16

Let (u_n) be a sequence whose general term is : $u_n = (1 + a)(1 + a^2) + \dots + (1 + a^n)$, $0 < a < 1$.

1. Study variations of this sequence.
2. Prove the following inequality : for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$: $1 + x \leq e^x$.
3. Deduce that (u_n) converges.

Exercise 17

Consider a sequence of integers q_n strictly increasing with $q_0 \geq 1$. Define (u_n) the sequence whose general term is

$$u_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \prod_{j=0}^k \frac{1}{q_j}.$$

Show that (u_n) converges.