

# Richard Goldberg Solutions

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# Preface

In this book, I would be providing solutions to selected exercises in Richard R. Goldberg's Real Analysis book.

*(As a matter of formatting, I will start each question on a new page.)*

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# Chapter 1

## Sets and Functions

### 1.1 Exercise 1.7 Solutions

Q1.

Ans.

(a) 7

(b)  $\pi + 1$

(c)  $\pi$

**Q2.**

**Ans.**

(a) 8

(b)  $\pi + 1$

**Q5.**

**Ans.**

$A$  only consists one element;  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# Chapter 2

## Sequences of Real Numbers

### 2.1 Exercise 2.1 Solutions

Q5.

Proof.

Let  $S$  be a sequence in the set  $A$ .

We note that it is given by the function;  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$ .

Now, consider an (arbitrary) subsequence  $S'$  of  $S$ , which has the form  $f \circ g$ , where  $h : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , satisfies  $h(n) < h(n+1)$ , for all  $n$ .

(*Claim:*  $(g \circ h)(n) < (g \circ h)(n+1)$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ )

We note that  $h(n) < h(n+1)$ , and  $g(n) < g(n+1)$ .

Now, let  $b = h(n)$ , and  $c = h(n+1)$ .

Also,  $b < c$  since  $h(n) < h(n+1)$ .

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & b < b+1 \leq c \text{ (due to composite function } g(h(n))) \\ \implies & g(b) < g(b+1) \leq g(c) \\ \implies & g(b) < g(c) \\ \implies & g(h(n)) < g(h(n+1)). \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

**Q6.**

**Proof.**

We note that a subsequence of  $S$  has the form;  $S \circ N$ , where  $N : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , and that  $N(k) < N(k+1)$ ,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Also,  $N(k) = n_k$ . Thus,  $n_k < n_{k+1}$ .

(*Claim:  $n_k \geq k$* )

Base Case:  $k = 1$

Then, it is obvious, that  $n_1 \geq 1$ .

Inductive Case:

Assume that,  $n_k \geq k$ . (WTS:  $n_{k+1} \geq k+1$ )

Consider,  $n_{k+1}$ .

Since,  $n_k < n_{k+1}$ , then,

$$\begin{aligned} k &\leq n_k < n_{k+1} + 1 \\ \implies k + 1 &< n_{k+1} < n_{k+1} + 1 \\ \implies k + 1 &< n_{k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by induction,  $n_k \geq k$  ( $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ ), and the theorem is proved.

■



## 2.2 Exercise 2.2 Solutions

Q1.

**Proof.**

Since  $(M - s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $(M - L) \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $s_n \leq M \implies M - s_n \geq 0$  ( $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ), then,  $M - L \geq 0$ , as needed. ■

**Q2.**

**Proof.**

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , be given.

Suppose the contrary, that  $L > M$ .

Also, by the hypothesis,  $L \leq M + \varepsilon$ .

Then, there are 2 cases; either  $L < M + \varepsilon$  or  $L = M + \varepsilon$ .

Case A:  $L = M + \varepsilon$

Then,  $L - M = \varepsilon$ , for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

But, this is a contradiction, because  $L - M = \varepsilon_a$ , for some  $\varepsilon_a \in \mathbb{R}$  only.

Case B:  $L < M + \varepsilon$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} M &< L \leq M + \varepsilon \\ \implies M - \varepsilon &< L \leq M + \varepsilon \\ \implies |L - M| &< \varepsilon \quad (\forall \varepsilon > 0). \end{aligned}$$

We note that since  $L > M$ , by our assumption,  $|L - M| > 0$ .

But, in particular, pick an  $\varepsilon_a < |L - M| < \varepsilon_a$ .

Thus,  $\varepsilon_a < \varepsilon_a$ , which is a contradiction.

Since, in all cases, we reach a contradiction, the theorem is true. ■

Q4(b).

**Proof.**

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given.

(WTS:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{n+3} = 2$ )

Pick,

$$\begin{aligned} N \in \mathbb{N} \ni N &> \frac{6}{\varepsilon} - 3 \\ \iff N &> \frac{6-3\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \\ \iff N\varepsilon &> 6-3\varepsilon \\ \iff N\varepsilon + 3\varepsilon &> 6 \\ \iff \varepsilon(N+3) &> 6 \\ \iff 6 < \varepsilon(N+3) \\ \iff \frac{6}{N+3} &< \varepsilon \\ \iff \left| \frac{2N-2(N+3)}{N+3} \right| &< \varepsilon \\ \iff \left| \frac{2N}{N+3} - 2 \right| &< \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{1}{n} \right| \leq \left| \frac{1}{N} \right| \\ \implies \left| \frac{1}{n+3} \right| &\leq \left| \frac{1}{N+3} \right| \\ \implies \left| \frac{2n}{n+3} \right| &\leq \left| \frac{2N}{N+3} \right| \\ \implies \left| \frac{2n}{n+3} - 2 \right| &\leq \left| \frac{2N}{N+3} - 2 \right| < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have found an  $N$ , where,  $\left| \frac{2n}{n+3} - 2 \right| < \varepsilon$  ( $n \geq N$ ).

This proves,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{n+3} = 2$ , as needed. ■

## 2.3 Exercise 2.3 Solutions

Q1.

**Proof.**

We note that,

$$\begin{aligned} |a| &= |(a - b) + b| \leq |a - b| + |b| \\ \implies |a| - |b| &\leq |a - b|. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} |b| &= |(b - a) + a| \leq |b - a| + |a| \\ \implies |b| - |a| &\leq |b - a| = |a - b|. \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $||a| - |b||$  is either;  $|a| - |b|$  or  $|b| - |a|$ , then,  $||a| - |b|| \leq |a - b|$ . ■

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , be given.

Since,  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $L$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \ni |s_n - L| < \varepsilon$  ( $n \geq N$ ).

Hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |s_n| = |L|$ . ■

**Q5.**

**Proof.**

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , be given.

Since,  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} s_{2m} = L$ ,  $\exists N_1 \in \mathbb{N} \ni |s_{2m} - L| < \varepsilon$  ( $2m \geq N_1$ ).

Similarly, since,  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} s_{2m-1} = L$ ,  $\exists N_2 \in \mathbb{N} \ni |s_{2m-1} - L| < \varepsilon$  ( $2m - 1 \geq N_2$ ).

Set  $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ , then, in both cases, where  $m$  is odd or even,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \ni |s_m - L| < \varepsilon$  ( $m \geq N$ ).

Hence,  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} s_m = L$ , as needed. ■

## 2.4 Exercise 2.4 Solutions

Q3.

**Proof.**

First, note that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} \\ = & \frac{(\sqrt{n+1})(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}) - \sqrt{n}(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \\ = & \frac{(n+1) + \sqrt{n(n+1)} - \sqrt{n(n+1)} - n}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \\ = & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \\ \leq & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, let,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , be given.

Pick,

$$\begin{aligned} N \in \mathbb{N} \ni N &> \left(\frac{1}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2 \\ \implies \left(\frac{1}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2 &< N \\ \iff \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} &< \sqrt{N} \\ \implies 1 &< \varepsilon(2\sqrt{N}) \\ \iff \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N}} &< \varepsilon \\ \implies \left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N}} - 0 \right| &< \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $n \geq N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{N} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N}} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} - 0 \right| \leq \left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N}} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon \\ \Leftrightarrow & \left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon \\ \Leftrightarrow & \left| \left( \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} \right) - 0 \right| < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) = 0$ . ■

**Q5.**

**Proof.**

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , be given.

Since,  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to 0,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \ni |s_n - 0| = |s_n| < \varepsilon$  ( $n \geq N$ ).

But,

$$\begin{aligned} |s_n| &= |1| \cdot |s_n| \\ &= |(-1)^n| \cdot |s_n| \\ &= |(-1)^n s_n| \\ &< \varepsilon \quad (n \geq N). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n s_n = 0$ . ■



**Q6.**

**Proof.**

Let  $M > 0$ , be given.

We note that,  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to some  $L \neq 0$ .

However, assume the contrary, that instead,  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  does not oscillate.

Then, either, it diverges to infinity, or minus infinity, and there are 2 cases.

Case A:  $((-1)^n s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to infinity

Then,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \ni (-1)^n s_n \geq M \ (n \geq N)$ .

Here again, there are 2 sub-cases;  $(-1)^n = -1$  or  $(-1)^n = 1$ .

Case A1:  $(-1)^n = -1$

Then,  $-s_n \geq M \implies s_n \leq -M \ (n \geq N)$ .

Hence,  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to minus infinity.

But, from our hypothesis, it converges to some  $L \neq 0$ .

Contradiction.

Case A2:  $(-1)^n = 1$

Then,  $s_n \geq M \ (n \geq N)$ .

Thus,  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to infinity.

But, from our hypothesis, it converges to some  $L \neq 0$ .

Contradiction.

Case B:  $((-1)^n s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to minus infinity

Thus,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \ni (-1)^n s_n \leq -M \ (n \geq N)$ .

Similarly, as with Case A, there are 2 sub-cases;  $(-1)^n = -1$  or  $(-1)^n = 1$ .

Case B1:  $(-1)^n = -1$

Then,  $-s_n \leq -M \implies s_n \geq M \ (n \geq N)$ .

Hence,  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to infinity.

But again, from our hypothesis, it converges to some  $L \neq 0$ . Contradiction.

Case B2:  $(-1)^n = 1$

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Then,  $s_n \leq -M$ , and  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to minus infinity.

But again, from our hypothesis, it converges to some  $L \neq 0$ . Contradiction.

Since, in all cases, we reach a contradiction, the theorem is true, and hence,  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  indeed oscillates. ■

## 2.5 Exercise 2.5 Solutions

Q3.

**Proof.**

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , be given.

Also, assume the contrary, that  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded.

Then,  $\exists M \in \mathbb{R} \ni |s_{n_1}| \leq M \ (\forall n_1 \in \mathbb{N})$ .

(In particular, let's claim that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{s_n}{n}\right) = 0$ .)

Pick,

$$\begin{aligned} N \in \mathbb{N} \ni N &> \frac{M}{\varepsilon} \\ \implies N\varepsilon &> M \\ \iff N\varepsilon &> s_{n_1} \\ \iff s_{n_1} &< N\varepsilon \\ \iff \frac{s_{n_1}}{N} &< \varepsilon \\ \iff \left| \frac{s_{n_1}}{N} \right| &< \varepsilon \ (\forall n_1 \in \mathbb{N}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for  $n \geq N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{n} \right| &\leq \left| \frac{1}{N} \right| \\ \implies \left| \frac{s_{n_1}}{n} \right| &\leq \left| \frac{s_{n_1}}{N} \right| < \varepsilon \ (\forall n_1 \in \mathbb{N}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have found an  $N$ , where,  $\left| \frac{s_{n_1}}{n} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon$  ( $n \geq N$ , and  $\forall n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ ).

Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s_n}{n} = 0$ , as needed. ■

**Q4.**

**Proof.**

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , be given.

Since, the sequence  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded,  $\exists M \in \mathbb{R} \ni |s_n| \leq M \ (\forall n \in \mathbb{N})$   
 $\implies -M \leq s_n \leq M \ (\forall n \in \mathbb{N})$ .

Now, we note that within the closed interval  $[-M, M]$ , the number of terms in  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is (countably) infinite.

Also, the closed interval has length  $2M > 0$ .

Now, we could divide this interval into 2 parts, of length;  $2M - \varepsilon$  and  $\varepsilon$  respectively, such that each part has  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  terms, and the total number of terms is  $N = N_1 + N_2$ .

(Here, we note that  $\varepsilon < 2M$ .)

Since  $N$  is countably infinite, we can infer that either both  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are countably infinite, or that one of them is.

In either case, one of them is (guaranteed) to be countably infinite, and hence we obtain a set  $J \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  of finite arbitrary length, which contains infinite elements.

Now, for the case of any  $\varepsilon \geq 2M$ , we can always box our closed interval  $[-M, M]$ , with that  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Thus, for any  $\varepsilon \geq 2M$ , all infinite elements of the sequence  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is present there. ■

## 2.6 Exercise 2.6 Solutions

### Q3

**Proof.**

Since  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $(t_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are nondecreasing and bounded (above), they are convergent to some  $L_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$ , and  $L_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n$ .

Also, we note that  $L_1 = \sup\{s_1, s_2, \dots\}$ , and  $L_2 = \sup\{t_1, t_2, \dots\}$ .

Assume, the contrary, that  $L_1 > L_2$ , instead.

Then,  $L_1 - \varepsilon = L_2$ , is not an u.b of  $\{s_1, s_2, \dots\}$  (for  $\varepsilon > 0$ ).

Thus,  $\exists k \ni L_2 < s_k$ .

But,  $L_2 \geq t_n$  ( $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ), and in particular,  $L_2 \geq t_k$ .

Thus,  $t_k < L_2 < s_k \implies t_k < s_k$ .

But, we have from the hypothesis that  $s_n \leq t_n$  ( $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ).

Since, we have a contradiction, the theorem is proved. ■

## Q6

### Proof.

(WTS:  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is convergent  $\iff (s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded below and monotonic nonincreasing.)

We note that  $s_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $s_2 = s_1 \cdot \frac{3}{4} < s_1$ ,  $s_3 = s_2 \cdot \frac{5}{6} < s_2$ , and in general,  $s_k = s_{k-1} \cdot \frac{2k-1}{2k} < s_{k-1}$  (since,  $\frac{2k-1}{2k} < 1$ ).

Hence, the sequence  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is nonincreasing;  $\frac{1}{2} = s_1 > s_2 > s_3 > \cdots > s_{k-1} > s_k > s_{k+1} > \cdots$ .

However, we also note that since  $s_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ , and that,  $0 < \frac{2k-1}{2k} < 1$ , since,  $k > 0$ , the sequence is bounded below by 0.

Thus,  $(s_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is convergent.

Also, we note that  $\inf\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k, s_{k+1}, \dots\} \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , as  $s_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ . ■

**Q10(a)**

**Proof.**

We note that,  $t_1 = 1$ ,  $t_2 = t_1 + \frac{1}{1!}$ ,  $t_3 = t_2 + \frac{1}{2!}$ , and in general,  $t_k = t_{k-1} + \frac{1}{k!} > t_{k-1}$ , since  $\frac{1}{k!} > 0$ , and  $t_1 = 1$ .

Hence, the sequence  $(t_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is nondecreasing, where,  $t_1 < t_2 < \cdots < t_{k-1} < t_k < t_{k+1} < \cdots$ . ■

**Q10(b)**

**Proof.**

(WTS:  $(t_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  is bounded above)

First, note that,

$$\begin{aligned} t_n &= 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!} \\ &= 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdots n} \\ &\leq 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \\ &< 1 + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(t_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  is bounded above, where in particular, 3 is an upper bound.

Also, we note that  $s_n \leq t_n$  ( $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ), from the proof of 2.6C  $\left[ (s_n)_{n=1}^\infty = \left( \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n \right)_{n=1}^\infty \right]$ .

Since, that is the case, from Q3,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n$ , as  $(s_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $(t_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  are nondecreasing, bounded sequences too. ■



## 2.7 Exercise 2.7 Solutions

Q4

**Proof.**

Since,  $s_{n+1} < xs_n < s_n$ , as  $0 < x < 1$ , and  $s_n > 0$ , the sequence is monotonically nonincreasing;  $s_1 > s_2 > \cdots > s_k > s_{k+1} > \cdots$ .

Also, since the sequence  $(s_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  only contains positive terms, it is bounded below.

In particular, 0 is a lower bound.

Hence,  $(s_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  converges, to some  $L \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Now,  $s_{n+1} < xs_n$ , and taking limits;  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{n+1} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} xs_n = x \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$ .

Also,  $L \leq xL$ , since  $(s_{n+1})_{n=1}^\infty$  is a subsequence of  $(s_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ .

Thus,  $xL - L \geq 0 \implies L(x - 1) \geq 0$ .

But, since  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $L = 0$ . ■