



**Soru 1** (Convergent Sequences).

- (a) [10p] Let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence of real numbers and let  $l \in \mathbb{R}$ . Give the definition of  $a_n \rightarrow l$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We say that  $(a_n)$  tends to  $l$  ( $a_n \rightarrow l$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) iff, for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n > N \implies |a_n - l| < \varepsilon.$$

- (b) [15p] Let  $b_n = \frac{4n-1}{2n+2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Use the definition that you wrote in part (a) to prove that  $b_n \rightarrow 2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $N \geq \frac{5}{2\varepsilon}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} n > N \implies |b_n - 2| &= \left| \frac{4n-1}{2n+2} - \frac{4n+4}{2n+2} \right| \\ &= \frac{5}{2n+2} \leq \frac{5}{2n} < \frac{5}{2N} \leq \frac{5}{2\left(\frac{5}{2\varepsilon}\right)} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $b_n \rightarrow 2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

- (c) [25p] Suppose that

- $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $(b_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are sequences;
- $a_n \neq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- $a_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; and
- $b_n = \frac{1}{a_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Show that  $b_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then let  $A = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} > 0$ . Since  $a_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n > N \implies a_n > A.$$

But then

$$n > N \implies 0 < \frac{1}{a_n} < \frac{1}{A} = \varepsilon \implies 0 < b_n < \varepsilon \implies |b_n| < \varepsilon.$$

Therefore  $b_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Soru 2** (Bounded and Unbounded Sequences).

- (a) [10p] Give the definition of a *bounded* sequence

We say that  $(a_n)$  is bounded iff,  $\exists M > 0$  such that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $|a_n| \leq M$ .

- (b) [10p] Give the definition of an *unbounded* sequence.

[HINT: Negate your answer to part (a).]

We say that  $(a_n)$  is unbounded iff  $\forall M > 0$ ,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|a_n| > M$ .

(c) Decide if each of the sequences below is bounded or unbounded.

$$[10p] \ c_n = \frac{6^n + n!}{n + 7^n}$$

$$[10p] \ d_n = \frac{6^n + n!}{n + (-7)^n}$$

$$[10p] \ e_n = \frac{6^n + n!}{n! + (-7)^n}$$

[You must prove your answers. You may use any theorem or lemma from the course.]

2pts for correct answering bounded or unbounded    8pts for reasonable justification.

incorrect answer with incorrect proof can get up to 5pts depending on mistakes in proof

Since

$$|c_n| = \frac{6^n + n!}{n + 7^n} = \frac{\left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^n + \frac{n!}{7^n}}{\frac{n}{7^n} + 1} \geq \frac{\frac{n!}{7^n}}{1 + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{n!}{7^n} \rightarrow \infty$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it follows that  $(c_n)$  is unbounded.

Note that

$$|d_n| = \left| \frac{6^n + n!}{n + (-7)^n} \right| = \left| \frac{\left(\frac{6}{-7}\right)^n + (-1)^n \frac{n!}{7^n}}{\frac{n}{(-7)^n} + 1} \right| \geq \frac{0 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{n!}{7^n}}{1 + 1} = \frac{n!}{4 \times 7^n}$$

for sufficiently large  $n$ . Since  $\frac{n!}{7^n} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it follows that  $(d_n)$  is unbounded.

$$e_n = \frac{6^n + n!}{n! + (-7)^n} = \frac{\frac{6^n}{n!} + 1}{1 + \frac{(-7)^n}{n!}} \rightarrow \frac{0 + 1}{1 + 0} = 1$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since every convergent sequence is bounded (we proved this), we have that  $(e_n)$  is bounded.

**Soru 3** (Sequences). Define a sequence of real numbers  $(a_n)$  by

$$a_1 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 20a_{n+1} = a_n^2 + 99.$$

(a) [13p] Show that  $0 \leq a_n \leq 9$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

[HINT: Use proof by induction.].

Since  $0 \leq a_1 = 1 \leq 9$ , the statement is true for  $n = 1$  [3]. Suppose that it is true for  $n = k$ . Then  $0 \leq a_k \leq 9$  [2]. So  $20a_{k+1} = a_k^2 + 99 \leq 9^2 + 99 = 180 \implies a_{k+1} \leq 9$  [3] and  $20a_{k+1} = a_k^2 + 99 \geq 0^2 + 99 \geq 0 \implies a_{k+1} \geq 0$  [3]. By the principle of mathematical induction [2], it follows that  $0 \leq a_n \leq 9 \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(b) [13p] Show that  $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

First note that  $a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{1}{20}(a_n^2 + 99) - a_n = \frac{1}{20}(a_n^2 - 20a_n + 99) = \frac{1}{20}(a_n - 9)(a_n - 11)$  [5]. Since  $0 \leq a_n \leq 9$ ,  $(a_n - 9) \leq 0$  and  $(a_n - 11) \leq 0$  [4]. Therefore  $a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{1}{20}(a_n - 9)(a_n - 11) \geq 0$ . So  $a_{n+1} \geq a_n \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  [4].

(c) [12p] Show that  $(a_n)$  is a convergent sequence.

By a theorem from the course, “every increasing sequence which is bounded above is convergent”. In part (a), I proved that  $(a_n)$  is bounded above. In part (b), I proved that  $(a_n)$  is increasing. Therefore  $(a_n)$  is convergent.

(d) [12p] Calculate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ .

Let  $a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ . Then  $20a \leftarrow 20a_{n+1} = a_n^2 + 99 \rightarrow a^2 + 99$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  [4]. Because limits are unique, it follows that  $0 = a^2 - 20a + 99 = (a - 9)(a - 11)$ . So  $a = 9$  or  $a = 11$  [4]. Finally, since  $(a_n)$  is bounded above by 9, we must have that  $a = 9$  [4].