

Exercise 2.1.3: Is the sequence $\left\{ \frac{(-1)^n}{2n} \right\}$ convergent? If so, what is the limit?

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n} = 0$, so the limit of the sequence $\left\{ \frac{(-1)^n}{2n} \right\}$ is 0.

(oscillates between $\frac{1}{\infty}$ and $\frac{1}{\infty}$)

Let ε be an arbitrary positive number.

w.t.s. $\exists N$ s.t. $\forall n \geq N, \left| \frac{(-1)^n}{2n} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$

$$\left| \frac{(-1)^n}{2n} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{2n}$$

$\exists N = \left\lceil \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \right\rceil$ s.t. $\frac{1}{2N} < \varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$

$\forall n \geq N, \left| \frac{(-1)^n}{2n} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{2n} \leq \frac{1}{2N} < \varepsilon$

Therefore, by definition, $\left\{ \frac{(-1)^n}{2n} \right\}$ is convergent \square

Exercise 2.1.6: Is the sequence $\left\{ \frac{n}{n^2+1} \right\}$ convergent? If so, what is the limit?

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2+1} = 0$, so the limit of the sequence $\left\{ \frac{n}{n^2+1} \right\}$ is 0.

Let ε be an arbitrary positive number.

W.T.S. $\exists N$ s.t. $\forall n \geq N$, $\left| \frac{n}{n^2+1} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon$

$$\left| \frac{n}{n^2+1} - 0 \right| = \frac{n}{n^2+1}$$

$\exists N = \left\lceil \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right\rceil$ s.t. $\frac{1}{N} < \varepsilon$.

$$\forall n \geq N, \left| \frac{n}{n^2+1} - 0 \right| = \frac{n}{n^2+1} < \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{N} < \varepsilon$$

Therefore, by definition, $\left\{ \frac{n}{n^2+1} \right\}$ is convergent

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Exercise 2.1.7: Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence.

a) Show that $\lim x_n = 0$ (that is, the limit exists and is zero) if and only if $\lim |x_n| = 0$.

b) Find an example such that $\{|x_n|\}$ converges and $\{x_n\}$ diverges.

$$a) \quad \lim x_n = 0 \Rightarrow \lim |x_n| = 0 \quad x = \lim |x_n| = 0$$

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

$$x = \lim x_n = 0, \text{ so } |x_n| < \varepsilon$$

So $|x_n| - 0 < \varepsilon$, $|x_n - 0| < \varepsilon$, $|x_n - x| < \varepsilon$, which satisfies that

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

$$\text{So } \lim |x_n| = 0$$

$$\lim |x_n| = 0 \Rightarrow \lim x_n = 0$$

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

$$x = \lim |x_n| = 0, \text{ so } ||x_n| - 0| < \varepsilon \quad |x_n| < \varepsilon$$

So $|x_n - 0| < \varepsilon$, $|x_n - x| < \varepsilon$, which satisfies that

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

$$\text{So } \lim x_n = 0$$

□

b) $\{(-1)^n\}$ diverges

$\{|(-1)^n|\}$ converges

Exercise 2.1.13: Let $\{x_n\}$ be a convergent monotone sequence. Suppose there exists a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_k.$$

Show that $x_n = x_k$ for all $n \geq k$.

We know $\{x_n\}$ is convergent monotone sequence.

Assume it's monotone increasing, then

$$x_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \sup \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

x_k ($k \in \mathbb{N}$) is within $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

$$\text{So } x_k \leq x_n \quad \forall n \geq k$$

Since $\{x_n\}$ is monotone increasing, $x_k = x_n \quad \forall n \geq k$

Similarly, if $\{x_n\}$ is monotone decreasing,

$$x_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \inf \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \Rightarrow x_k \geq x_n \Rightarrow x_k = x_n \quad \forall n \geq k$$

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Exercise 2.1.16: Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence. Suppose there are two convergent subsequences $\{x_{n_i}\}$ and $\{x_{m_i}\}$. Suppose

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_i} = a \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_{m_i} = b,$$

where $a \neq b$. Prove that $\{x_n\}$ is not convergent, without using [Proposition 2.1.17](#).

Assume $\{x_n\}$ is convergent. Let $\lim x_n = L$, such that

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } |x_n - L| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq N \quad (1)$$

We know that $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_i} = a$, $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_{m_i} = b$, $a \neq b$

So either $L \neq a \neq b$, or $L \neq a$, or $L \neq b$

Assume $L \neq a$, let $k = |L - a| > 0$ (2)

Since $\{x_{n_i}\}$ is convergent,

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists M \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n_i \geq M,$$

$$|x_{n_i} - a| < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Choose } \varepsilon = \frac{k}{2} > 0, \text{ so } |x_{n_i} - a| < \frac{k}{2} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From (2), } k = |L - a| = |L - x_{n_i} + x_{n_i} - a| \leq |L - x_{n_i}| + |x_{n_i} - a|$$

$$\text{From (3), } k < |L - x_{n_i}| + \frac{k}{2}, \quad \text{so } |L - x_{n_i}| > \frac{k}{2} = \varepsilon \quad (4)$$

(1) and (4) contradiction.

Similarly, if we otherwise assume $L \neq b$, $\varepsilon = \frac{k}{2} = \frac{|L - b|}{2} > 0$

$$(4) \text{ will become } |L - x_{m_i}| > \frac{k}{2} = \varepsilon \quad (5)$$

(1) and (5) contradiction.

Therefore, $\{x_n\}$ is not convergent.

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Exercise 2.1.23: Suppose that $\{x_n\}$ is a monotone increasing sequence that has a convergent subsequence. Show that $\{x_n\}$ is convergent. Note: So [Proposition 2.1.17](#) is an "if and only if" for monotone sequences.

$\{x_n\}$ is monotone increasing, so its subsequences are also monotone increasing. Let $\{x_{n_i}\}$ be the given convergent subsequence.

Since $\{x_{n_i}\}$ is convergent and monotone increasing,

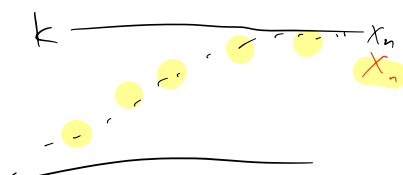
$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_i} = \sup \{x_{n_i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\} = k, \text{ so } x_n \leq k \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

By Proposition 2.1.10, since

$\{x_n\}$ is upper bounded,

it is convergent

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Exercise 2.2.4: Suppose $x_1 := \frac{1}{2}$ and $x_{n+1} := x_n^2$. Show that $\{x_n\}$ converges and find $\lim x_n$. Hint: You cannot divide by zero!

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \quad 0 < x_2 = \frac{1}{4} < x_1 = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{so} \quad x_{n+1} = x_n^2 < x_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$0 < x_n < \frac{1}{2} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$\{x_n\}$ is decreasing and lower bounded, so it converges

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = L \quad \text{Let } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad L = L^2, \quad L^2 - L = 0, \quad L = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

Since $\{x_n\}$ is monotone decreasing, $x_n < \frac{1}{2} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$L \neq 1. \quad \text{Therefore,} \quad \lim x_n = 0$$

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Exercise 2.2.5: Let $x_n := \frac{n - \cos(n)}{n}$. Use the *squeeze lemma* to show that $\{x_n\}$ converges and find the limit.

$$-1 \leq \cos(n) \leq 1$$

$$-\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{\cos(n)}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

$$-\frac{1}{n} \leq -\frac{\cos(n)}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{n} \leq 1 - \frac{\cos(n)}{n} \leq 1 + \frac{1}{n}$$
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n - \cos(n)}{n}$$

$$\text{Since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{1 - \frac{1}{n}\right\} = 1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{1 + \frac{1}{n}\right\},$$

$$\text{by squeeze lemma, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{x_n\} = 1$$

So $\{x_n\}$ converges to 1

Exercise 2.2.12:

- a) Suppose $\{a_n\}$ is a bounded sequence and $\{b_n\}$ is a sequence converging to 0. Show that $\{a_n b_n\}$ converges to 0.
- b) Find an example where $\{a_n\}$ is unbounded, $\{b_n\}$ converges to 0, and $\{a_n b_n\}$ is not convergent.
- c) Find an example where $\{a_n\}$ is bounded, $\{b_n\}$ converges to some $x \neq 0$, and $\{a_n b_n\}$ is not convergent.

a) $\exists B \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } |a_n| \leq B \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } |b_n - 0| = |b_n| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq N$

Therefore, $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } |a_n b_n - 0| < B \cdot \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \quad \forall \varepsilon_0 > 0$

b). $a_n := n^2 \quad b_n := \frac{1}{n} \quad a_n b_n = n \quad \text{not convergent}$

c). $a_n := (-1)^n \quad b_n := 1 \quad a_n b_n = (-1)^n \quad \text{not convergent}$

Exercise 2.2.14: Suppose $x_1 := c$ and $x_{n+1} := x_n^2 + x_n$. Show that $\{x_n\}$ converges if and only if $-1 \leq c \leq 0$, in which case it converges to 0.

$$-1 \leq c \leq 0 \Rightarrow \{x_n\} \text{ converges to } 0$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n^2 + x_n > x_n, \text{ so } \{x_n\} \text{ is monotonic increasing.}$$

$$\lim x_n = L \quad L = L^2 + L \quad L = 0$$

$$\{x_n\} \text{ converges to } 0 \Rightarrow -1 \leq c \leq 0$$

If $c > 0$, $\{x_n\}$ is monotone increasing, $\{x_n\}$ is bounded below by c , so $\lim x_n \geq c > 0 \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

If $c < -1$, $\{x_n\}$ is monotone increasing with no upper bound.

$$\text{So } -1 \leq c \leq 0$$