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| Exercise | 1<br>(10) | 2<br>(5) | 3<br>(5) | 4<br>(5) | 5<br>(5) | 6<br>(10) | 7<br>(5) | 8<br>(10) | 9<br>(5) | 10<br>(10) |
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Table 1: Scores for each exercises

**Instructions:** You must answer all the questions below and send your solution by email (to [parisepo@hawaii.edu](mailto:parisepo@hawaii.edu)). If you decide to not use  $\text{\LaTeX}$  to hand out your solutions, please be sure that after you scan your copy, it is clear and readable. Make sure that you attached a copy of the homework assignment to your homework. No late homework will be accepted. No format other than PDF will be accepted. Name your file as indicated in the syllabus.

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WRITING PROBLEMS

For each of the following problems, you will be asked to write a clear and detailed proof. You will have the chance to rewrite your solution in your semester project after receiving feedback from me.

**Exercise 1.** (10 pts)

- a) Let  $\{[a_n, b_n] : n \geq 1\}$  be a family of closed intervals such that  $[a_1, b_1] \supset [a_2, b_2] \supset [a_3, b_3] \supset \dots$ . Show that there is a  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $c \in [a_n, b_n]$  for all  $n \geq \mathbb{N}$ . Follow the following steps to prove it:
- (i) Prove that for any  $n, m \geq 1$ ,  $a_n \leq b_m$ . [hint: put  $M := \max\{n, m\}$ .]
  - (ii) Show that  $\sup\{a_n : n \geq 1\}$  exists.
  - (iii) Show that  $c = \sup\{a_n : n \geq 1\}$  satisfies the requirement.
- b) Use this last result to prove that the set  $\mathbb{R}$  is uncountable. [Hint: Show that any function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can't be surjective. To do so, construct a sequence of closed intervals such that  $f(n) \notin [a_n, b_n]$  with  $a_n < b_n$ .]

**Exercise 2.** (5 pts) Prove that if  $a_n \rightarrow A$ , then  $|a_n| \rightarrow |A|$ .

**Exercise 3.** (5 pts) Let  $(a_n)$ ,  $(b_n)$ , and  $(c_n)$  be sequences of real numbers. Prove that if  $a_n \rightarrow L$ ,  $b_n \rightarrow L$ , and  $a_n \leq c_n \leq b_n$ , then  $c_n \rightarrow L$ .

**Exercise 4.** (5 pts) Prove that if  $a_n \rightarrow A$  and  $a_n \geq 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , then  $\sqrt{a_n} \rightarrow \sqrt{A}$ . Follow the following steps to prove it:

1. Consider the case  $A = 0$ .
2. Suppose that  $A \neq 0$ . Show that there is a  $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $n \geq N_1$ , then  $\sqrt{a_n} \geq \sqrt{|A|/2}$ . [Hint: use the definition of convergence of  $(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$  with a clever choice of  $\varepsilon$  and use the properties of the absolute value.]
3. Use the convergence of  $(a_n)$  again to find a  $N_2$  such that  $|a_n - A| < \frac{3}{4} \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{|A|}}$ .
4. Express  $\sqrt{a_n} - A$  as  $\frac{a_n - A}{\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A}}$  and put  $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ . Conclude.

**Exercise 5.** (5 pts) For each sequence  $(a_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ , define the sequence  $(\sigma_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  by

$$\sigma_n := \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n}{n} \quad (n \geq 1).$$

Prove that if  $a_n \rightarrow A$ , then  $\sigma_n \rightarrow A$ . Find an example of a divergent sequence  $(a_n)$  such that  $(\sigma_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  converges.

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# HOMEWORK PROBLEMS

**Exercise 6.** (10 pts) Use the definition of convergence to prove that each of the following sequences converges.

- a)  $(a_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  given by  $a_n = 5 + 1/n$  for  $n \geq 1$ .
- b)  $(a_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  given by  $a_n = \frac{3n}{2n+1}$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

**Exercise 7.** (5 pts) Prove that the sequence  $(a_n)_{n=1}^\infty = \left(\frac{2n+1}{n}\right)_{n=1}^\infty$  is a Cauchy sequence.

**Exercise 8.** (10 pts) Prove that each of the following sequence diverges.

- a)  $(a_n)_{n=1}^\infty = ((-1)^n)_{n=1}^\infty$ .
- b)  $(a_n)_{n=1}^\infty = (\sin(\frac{4n+1}{2}\pi))_{n=1}^\infty$ .

**Exercise 9.** (5 pts) Give an examples of two sequences  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  such that  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  don't converge, but  $(a_n + b_n)$  converge.

**Exercise 10.** (10 pts) With the limit operations and the writing problems, find the limit of the following sequence with general term

- a)  $\frac{n^2+4n}{n^2-5}$ .
- b)  $\frac{n}{n^2-3}$ .
- c)  $\frac{\cos n}{n}$ . [You can use what you know on the cosine function.]
- d)  $\left(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} - 2\right)n$ .

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2. It is given that  $a_n \rightarrow A$ , so for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$ , such that  $|a_n - A| < \varepsilon$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . To prove the sequence  $|a_n|$  converges to  $|A|$ .

That means

$$||a_n| - |A|| < \varepsilon \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$||a_n| - |A|| \leq |a_n - A| < \varepsilon \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Given that the sequence  $a_n$  converges to  $A$ . Hence, the sequence  $|a_n|$  also converges. ■

3. We say that sequence  $a_n \rightarrow L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if given any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $|a_n - L| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq m$ . Given three sequences  $a_n, b_n, c_n$  of reals,  $a_n \rightarrow L, b_n \rightarrow L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $a_n \leq c_n \leq b_n \quad \forall n$ . Since  $a_n \rightarrow L$  and  $b_n \rightarrow L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given, then by above definition  $\exists$  positive integers  $m_1, m_2$  such that

$$|a_n - L| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq m_1 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$|b_n - L| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq m_2 \rightarrow (2)$$

Let  $m = \max\{m_1, m_2\}$ . Now (1) (2) holds for  $n \geq m$

$$\text{Thus } |a_n - L| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq m \rightarrow (3)$$

$$|b_n - L| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq m \rightarrow (4)$$

From (3) and (4) we have

$$L - \varepsilon < a_n < L + \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq m \rightarrow (5)$$

$$L - \varepsilon < b_n < L + \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq m \rightarrow (6)$$

Now given that  $a_n \leq c_n \leq b_n \quad \forall n \rightarrow (7)$

So for all  $n \geq m$ , using (5), (6) and (7)

$$L - \varepsilon < a_n \leq c_n \leq b_n < L + \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq m$$

$$L - \varepsilon \leq c_n \leq L + \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq m$$

$$\Rightarrow c_n \rightarrow L \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \blacksquare$$

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4.  $A_n \rightarrow A$  and  $a_n \geq 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  
then  $\sqrt{a_n} \rightarrow \sqrt{A}$ .



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5.  $\sigma_n := \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} \quad (n \geq 1) \quad \sigma_n = \frac{a_n}{n}$

Prove that if  $a_n \rightarrow A$ , then  $\sigma_n \rightarrow A$

Def:  $A$  is the limit of  $\{a_n\}$  if the following condition is satisfied for every positive number  $\epsilon$ , there exists a natural number  $N$ , such that if  $n \geq N$ , then  $|a_n - A| < \epsilon$

Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = A$  exists

Given  $\sigma_n = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} \Rightarrow n \sigma_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$  (3)

Replace  $n \rightarrow (n-1)$  we set  $(n-1) \sigma_{n-1} = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1}$  (4)

$$(3) - (4) \Rightarrow n \sigma_n - (n-1) \sigma_{n-1} = a_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sigma_n - n \sigma_{n-1} + \sigma_{n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = A$$

When  $n \rightarrow \infty$   $\sigma_{n-1} = \sigma_n$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sigma_n - n \sigma_n + \sigma_n = A$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n = A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$$

Because both the  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n = A$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = A$  then both  $a_n \rightarrow A$  and  $\sigma_n \rightarrow A$   $\square$

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6. a)  $a_n = 5 + \frac{1}{n}$

Claim:  $a_n \rightarrow 5$

$$|a_n - A| = \left| 5 + \frac{1}{n} - 5 \right| = \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon \quad \text{\{by Archimedean property\}}$$

choose  $n' \geq n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$   
 $\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow 5$

b)  $a_n = \frac{3n}{2n+1}$

Claim  $a_n \rightarrow 3/2$

$$|a_n - A| = \left| \frac{3n}{2n+1} - \frac{3}{2} \right| = \left| \frac{6n - 6n - 3}{2(2n+1)} \right|$$

$$= \frac{3}{2(2n+1)} < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2\varepsilon} > 2n+1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2\varepsilon} - 1 < n$$

choose

$$n' \geq n > \frac{3 - 2\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow 3/2$$

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7.  $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} = \left(\frac{2n+1}{n}\right)_{n=1}^{\infty}$


Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and if  $n > m$ ; Consider

$$\begin{aligned}|a_n - a_m| &= \left| \frac{2n+1}{n} - \frac{2m+1}{m} \right| \\&= \left| \frac{m(2n+1) - n(2m+1)}{nm} \right| \\&= \left| \frac{2mn + m - 2mn - n}{n \cdot m} \right| \\&= \left| \frac{m - n}{n \cdot m} \right| \\&= -1 \left| \frac{n - m}{n \cdot m} \right| < \frac{1}{m}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n - a_m| < \frac{1}{m} < \varepsilon; \text{ provided } m > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$$

Let  $m$  be a positive integer greater than  $1/\varepsilon$ . Then  $|a_n - a_m| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq m$

Hence  $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} = \left(\frac{2n+1}{n}\right)_{n=1}^{\infty}$

is a Cauchy sequence 



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8. a)  $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} = ((-1)^n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$

Therefore

$$(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) \\ = (-1, 1, -1, 1, \dots)$$

Therefore the sequence  $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  oscillates infinitely between  $-1$  and  $1$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n)$  does not exist

Therefore,  $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a divergent sequence.

b)  $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} = \left( \sin\left(\frac{4n+1}{2}\pi\right) \right)_{n=1}^{\infty}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin\left(\frac{4n+1}{2}\pi\right)$$

Now the limit depends on an  $n$  value so the limit does not exist and the sequence diverges

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9. take  $(a_n) = n$   
and  $(b_n) = -n$   
both of these diverge

$(a_n + b_n) = (n - n) = (0)$  is convergent

10. a)  $\frac{n^2 + 4n}{n^2 - 5} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2 + 4n}{n^2 - 5} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2 \left( 1 + \frac{4}{n} \right)}{n^2 - 5} \right)$   
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n(n+4)}{n^2 - 5} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{n+4}{n}}{1 - \frac{5}{n^2}} \right) = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+4}{n} \right)}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \frac{5}{n^2} \right)} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$

so  $\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} = 1}$

b)  $\frac{n}{n^2 - 3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n^2 - 3} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{1 - \frac{3}{n^2}} \right) = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{n^2} \right)}$   
 $= \frac{0}{1} = 0$  So  $\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n^2 - 3} \right) = 0}$

c)  $\frac{\cos n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\cos n}{n} \right)$

apply the squeeze theorem: so  $\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos n}{n} = 0}$

d)  $\left( \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} - 2 \right) n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} - 2 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{-\frac{1}{n}}{\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2} \cdot n \right)$   
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2} \right) = -\frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1)}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2 \right)} = -\frac{1}{4}$

so

$\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} - 2 \right) n = -\frac{1}{4}}$