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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). If you decide to not use L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 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  $a_n < b_n$ .]

**Solution:** a. Note that  $a_n$  will increase and  $b_n$  will decrease for larger values of  $n$  as  $[a_n, b_n]$  is a subset of  $[a_{n-1}, b_{n-1}]$ , so  $[a_n, b_n]$  is between the closed interval of  $[a_{n-1}, b_{n-1}]$  so it must be the case that  $a_n \geq a_{n-1}$  and  $b_n \leq b_{n-1}$ . Consider three cases,  $n = m, n < m$ , and  $m > n$ . If  $n = m$ , then  $a_n \leq b_n$  because in the closed bound  $[a_n, b_n]$ ,  $b_n$  is the upper bound and  $a_n$  is the lower bound so  $a_n \leq b_n$ . If  $n < m$ , then as mentioned earlier,  $a_n < a_m$  so  $a_n \leq a_m \leq b_m$ , so  $a_n \leq b_m$ . Now assume towards a contradiction that if  $n > m$ ,  $a_n > b_m$ . Note that  $a_n \leq b_n$  due to our previous conclusion

when  $n = m$ . Therefore we'll have  $b_n > a_n > b_m$ , which is impossible because if  $n > m$ ,  $b_n < b_m$  due to  $b_n$  shrinking for higher values of  $n$ , therefore if  $n < m$  it must be the case that  $a_n \leq b_m$ .

Since we have shown that  $a_n \leq b_m, \forall n, m \geq 1$ , we can say that  $a_n$  is bounded from above by  $b_m, \forall n, m \geq 1$ . Therefore by the axiom of completeness,  $a_n$  has a supremum for  $n \geq 1$ .

Now I will claim that there is a  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $c \in [a_n, b_n]$  where  $c = \sup\{a_n : n \geq 1\}$ . Note that  $c$  is an upper bound of  $a_n$  as  $c \in [a_n, b_n]$ . Let  $x = \sup(a_n)$ . For  $c \in \mathbb{R}, c \in [a_n, b_n]$ , we either have  $c < x, c = x, x < c$ . If  $c < x$ , then we have a contradiction as  $x$  is supposed to be the least upper, but  $c$  will also an upper bound and less than it. If we have  $x < c, x \neq c$ , then it must be outside the interval  $[a_n, b_n]$  as  $c$  can take any value inside that interval. However being outside the interval means that either  $x < a_n$ , which is impossible as  $x = \sup(a_n)$ , or  $x > b_n$ , which is impossible as  $b_n$  is also an upper bound of  $a_n$ . Therefore we have a contradiction if  $x < c$ , so it has to be the case that  $x = \sup(a_n) = c$ .

b. Assume towards a contradiction that  $\mathbb{R}$  is countable. Therefore there is a bijective function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore for all  $c \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}, c = f(n)$ . Let  $\{[a_n, b_n] : n \geq 1\}$  be a family of closed intervals that contains such that  $[a_1, b_1] \supset [a_2, b_2] \supset \dots \supset [a_n, b_n], a_n < b_n$ . Therefore  $f(n) \in [a_n, b_n]$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We can then construct another closed interval,  $[a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}]$  such that  $[a_n, b_n] \supset [a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}]$ , where  $f(n) \notin [a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}]$ . From the results in 1a, we know that there is a  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  where  $c \in [a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}]$ . However since we have made  $[a_{n+1}, b_{n+1}]$  to not include  $f(n)$ , we have  $f(n) \neq c$ , which means that there exists a real number that is outside the range of  $f$ . Therefore  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is not surjective, so  $f$  is not bijective, which contradicts our claim that  $\mathbb{R}$  is countable, so  $\mathbb{R}$  must be uncountable.

You have to construct explicitly the intervals  $[a_n, b_n]$ .

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

**Solution:** Since  $a_n \rightarrow A, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for  $n \geq N, |a_n - A| < \epsilon$ . Note that  $||a_n| - |A|| \leq |a_n - A|$  by the triangle inequality. Therefore we have  $||a_n| - |A|| \leq |a_n - A| < \epsilon$  for  $n \geq N$ , so by order axioms  $||a_n| - |A|| < \epsilon$  for  $n \geq N$ . Therefore by the definition of convergence,  $|a_n| \rightarrow |A|$ .  $\square$

**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  $c_n \rightarrow L$ .

**Solution:** Since  $a_n \rightarrow L$  and  $b_n \rightarrow L$ , we have  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for  $n \geq N, |a_n - L| < \epsilon$  and  $|b_n - L| < \epsilon$ . This is equivalent to  $-\epsilon < a_n - L < \epsilon$  and  $-\epsilon < b_n - L < \epsilon$ . We can then add  $L$  to both sides to get  $-\epsilon + L < a_n < \epsilon + L$  and  $-\epsilon + L < b_n < \epsilon + L$ . Since  $a_n \leq c_n$ , we have  $-\epsilon + L < a_n \leq c_n$ , which by order axioms implies  $-\epsilon + L < c_n$ . Also since  $c_n \leq b_n$ , we have  $c_n \leq b_n < \epsilon + L$ , which by order axioms imply  $c_n < \epsilon + L$ . Now we have  $-\epsilon + L < c_n < \epsilon + L$ , which is equal to  $-\epsilon < c_n - L < \epsilon$ , which implies  $|c_n - L| < \epsilon$ . Since  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for  $n \geq N$  implies that  $|c_n - L| < \epsilon$ , by the definition of convergence we can say that  $c_n \rightarrow L$ .  $\square$

**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.

**Solution:** First consider  $A = 0$ . Note that  $\sqrt{A} = \sqrt{0} = 0$ . If  $A = 0$ , then by the definition of convergence, we can let  $\epsilon$  be arbitrary and take  $\epsilon^2$  so that  $|a_n - 0| < \epsilon^2$  for  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $n \geq N$ . Therefore we can simplify the expression to get  $|a_n| < \epsilon^2$ , and since  $a_n \geq 0$ ,  $a_n < \epsilon^2$ . Then we can square root both sides of the inequality to get  $\sqrt{a_n} < \sqrt{\epsilon^2} = \epsilon$ . Since  $\sqrt{a_n} < \epsilon$ , and  $a_n \geq 0$ , we can say that  $|\sqrt{a_n}| < \epsilon$ , which is equivalent to saying  $|\sqrt{a_n} - 0| < \epsilon$ . Since  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary, by the definition of convergence we can say that for  $A = 0$ , if  $a_n \rightarrow A$ , then  $\sqrt{a_n} \rightarrow 0 = \sqrt{A}$ .

Now if  $A \neq 0$  then let  $\epsilon = \frac{|A|}{2}$ ,  $\exists N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $n \geq N_1$  then  $|a_n - A| < \frac{|A|}{2}$ . With the properties of absolute values we can then get  $|A - a_n| < \frac{|A|}{2}$ , where we can use the triangle inequality to get  $|A| - |a_n| \leq |A - a_n| < \frac{|A|}{2}$ , which implies by the order axioms that  $|A| - |a_n| < \frac{|A|}{2}$ . We can then add  $|a_n|$  and subtract  $\frac{|A|}{2}$  to both sides to get  $|A| - \frac{|A|}{2} < |a_n|$ , which can be simplified to  $\frac{|A|}{2} < |a_n|$ . Now we can square root both sides to get  $\sqrt{\frac{|A|}{2}} < \sqrt{a_n}$  for  $n \geq N_1$ .

Now use the definition of convergence for  $\epsilon = \frac{\epsilon\sqrt{A}}{2}$ ,  $\exists N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq N_2$  implies  $|a_n - A| < \frac{\epsilon\sqrt{A}}{2}$ .

First note that we can write  $|\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{A}|$  as  $|\frac{a_n - A}{\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A}}|$ , which is equal to  $\frac{|a_n - A|}{\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A}}$  as  $\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A}$  is always positive. Now take  $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ . Therefore for  $n \geq N$  we have  $\sqrt{a_n} \geq \frac{\sqrt{A}}{2}$ , which implies by the order axioms  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a_n}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{A}}$ . Since  $\sqrt{A} > 0$ , we have  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_n}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{A}}$ , so by order axioms  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{A}}$ . We can then multiply both sides by  $|a_n - A|$  to get  $\frac{|a_n - A|}{\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}|a_n - A|}{\sqrt{A}}$ . Since  $n \geq N \geq N_2$ , we know that  $|a_n - A| < \frac{\epsilon\sqrt{A}}{2}$ , so  $\frac{\sqrt{2}|a_n - A|}{\sqrt{A}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{A}\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{A}} = \epsilon$ . We can then combine the inequalities to get  $\frac{|a_n - A|}{\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}|a_n - A|}{\sqrt{A}} < \epsilon$ , which by order axioms imply that  $\frac{|a_n - A|}{\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A}} < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ . Since  $\frac{|a_n - A|}{\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A}} = |\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{A}|$  we can write  $|\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{A}| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ , so by the definition of convergence  $\sqrt{a_n} \rightarrow \sqrt{A}$ .  $\square$

**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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*Not exactly*

**Solution:** If  $\sigma_n \rightarrow A$ , then by the definition of convergence,  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for  $n \geq N, |\sigma_n - A| < \epsilon$ . Therefore  $|\frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} - A| < \epsilon$ . We can simplify the left side of the inequality to get  $\frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n - nA}{n} < \epsilon$  to  $\frac{a_1 - A + \dots + a_n - A}{n} < \epsilon$ . By the triangle inequality,  $\frac{a_1 - A + \dots + a_n - A}{n} \leq \frac{|a_1 - A| + \dots + |a_n - A|}{n}$ . Since we know that  $a_n \rightarrow A$ , by the definition of convergence,  $|a_n - A| < \epsilon$ . Therefore  $|a_1 - A| + \dots + |a_n - A| < n\epsilon$ . We can then divide both sides by  $n$  to get  $\frac{|a_1 - A| + \dots + |a_n - A|}{n} < \frac{n\epsilon}{n} = \epsilon$ . Therefore we have  $|\frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} - A| \leq \frac{|a_1 - A| + \dots + |a_n - A|}{n} < \epsilon$ , so by order axioms  $|\frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} - A| < \epsilon$ . Since  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary, by the definition of convergence,  $\sigma_n = \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n} \rightarrow A$  if  $a_n \rightarrow A$ .

One example of a divergent series is  $a_n = (-1)^n$ . We know that  $(-1)^n$  is divergent from 8a since it'll oscillate between 1 and -1 for even and odd powers of  $n$ . However if  $\sigma_n = \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n}$ , then  $\sigma_n = \frac{-1 + 1 + \dots + (-1)^n}{n}$ . If  $n$  is even this will equal to 0 as there will be equal amounts of -1 and 1 that will cancel each other out to get  $\frac{0}{n} = 0$ . If  $n$  is odd, then there will be an extra -1 in the sequence that isn't canceled out, so we're left with  $\frac{-1}{n}$ , which will converge to 0 as  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ , so  $\frac{-1}{n} \rightarrow -0 = 0$ . Therefore since  $\sigma_n$  will converge to 0 for even and odd values of  $n$ ,  $\sigma_n \rightarrow 0$ .  $\square$

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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  $n \geq 1$ .

**Solution:** a. I will claim that  $a_n \rightarrow 5$ . Therefore by the definition of convergence,  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq N$  implies  $|5 + \frac{1}{n} - 5| < \epsilon$ . This can be simplified to  $|\frac{1}{n}| < \epsilon$ . Note that  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ . This is because if  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ , then  $|\frac{1}{n} - 0| = \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ . By AP with  $x = \epsilon, y = 1, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $N\epsilon > 1$ , which simplifies to  $N > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ . Therefore by order axioms  $\frac{1}{N} < \epsilon$ . If we have  $n \geq N$ , we'll then have  $\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{N} < \epsilon$ . Therefore we have  $\frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ , so by the definition of convergence,  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore  $a_n = 5 + \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 5$ , so  $a_n \rightarrow 5$ .

b. First we let  $\epsilon > 0$ . I will now claim that  $a_n \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}$ . Therefore by the definition of convergence,  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq N$  implies  $|\frac{3n}{2n+1} - \frac{3}{2}| < \epsilon$ . We can simplify the inside of the absolute value function to  $|\frac{6n}{2(2n+1)} - \frac{3(2n+1)}{2(2n+1)}|$  into  $|\frac{6n - 6n - 3}{2(2n+1)}|$  into  $|\frac{-3}{4n+2}|$ . Since  $n \in \mathbb{N}, |\frac{-3}{4n+2}| = \frac{3}{4n+2}$ . We can then use AP with  $x = \epsilon, y = 1, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $N\epsilon > 1$ , which simplifies to  $N > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ . Therefore by order axioms  $\frac{1}{N} < \epsilon$ . If we have  $n \geq N$ , we'll then have  $\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{N} < \epsilon$ . We can then multiply all elements of the inequality by  $\frac{3}{4}$  to get  $\frac{3}{4n} \leq \frac{3}{4N} < \frac{3\epsilon}{4}$ . Note that  $\frac{3}{4n+2} < \frac{3}{4n}$  and  $\frac{3\epsilon}{4} < \epsilon$ . Therefore we have  $\frac{3}{4n+2} < \frac{3}{4n} \leq \frac{3}{4N} < \frac{3\epsilon}{4} < \epsilon$ , and therefore  $\frac{3}{4n+2} < \epsilon$ . Since  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary,  $a_n \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}$ .  $\square$

**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.

**Solution:** Note that  $a_n \rightarrow 2$ . This is because  $a_n = \frac{2n+1}{n} = \frac{2n}{n} + \frac{1}{n} = 2 + \frac{1}{n}$ . We know that if  $a_n \rightarrow A$  and  $b_n \rightarrow B$  then  $a_n + b_n \rightarrow A + B$ . Therefore we can take  $b_n = 2$  and  $c_n = \frac{1}{n}$  so that  $a_n = b_n + c_n$ . Since 2 is a constant,  $b_n \rightarrow 2$ , and from my work done in 6a, we know that  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore  $a_n = b_n + c_n \rightarrow 2 + 0$ , so  $a_n \rightarrow 2$ . Finally, from theorem 1.3 in the textbook, we know that any convergent sequence is a Cauchy sequence, and since  $a_n \rightarrow 2$ ,  $a_n$  is a Cauchy sequence.  $\square$

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

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

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

**Solution:** a. Note that if  $n$  is even,  $-1^n = 1$ , and if  $n$  is odd,  $-1^n = -1$ . Now assume towards a contradiction that  $a_n$  converges. Therefore  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N$  such that  $\forall n, n \geq N, |a_n - A| < \epsilon$ . Let  $\epsilon = 1$ . When  $n$  is even,  $-1^n = 1$ , so  $|1 - A| < 1$ , so  $-1 < 1 - A < 1$ . We can subtract one to both sides to get  $-2 < -A < 0$ . When  $n$  is odd,  $-1^n = -1$ , so  $|-1 - A| < 1$ , so  $-1 < -1 - A < 1$ . We can add one to both sides to get  $0 < -A < 2$ . Therefore we have  $-A < 0$  but also  $0 < -A$ . This contradicts our claim that  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N$  such that  $\forall n, n \geq N, |a_n - A| < \epsilon$ , so  $a_n$  diverges.

b. Note that  $\sin(\frac{2n+1}{2}\pi) = \sin(\frac{2n\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2}) = \sin(n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Also note that  $\sin(x)$  has a period of  $2\pi$ . Therefore if  $n$  is even,  $\sin(n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}) = \sin(\frac{\pi}{2})$  as adding  $n\pi$  when  $n$  is even is the same as adding multiples of  $2\pi$ , which will not change the sin function as it has a period of  $2\pi$ . Also note that if  $n$  is odd, then  $\sin(n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}) = \sin(\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}) = \sin(\frac{3\pi}{2})$ . This if  $n\pi$  is odd, we can treat it as  $m\pi + \pi$  where  $m$  is even, which will mean that we're adding multiples of  $2\pi$  to  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ , which will cause no change to the sin function as it has a period of  $2\pi$ . Also note that  $\sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$ , and  $\sin(\frac{3\pi}{2}) = -1$ . We can then use a similar argument to 8a to prove that  $a_n$  diverges. ——— Now assume towards a contradiction that  $a_n$  converges. Therefore  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N$  such that  $\forall n, n \geq N, |a_n - A| < \epsilon$ . Let  $\epsilon = 1$ . When  $n$  is even,  $\sin(\frac{2n+1}{2}\pi) = 1$ , so  $|1 - A| < 1$ , so  $-1 < 1 - A < 1$ . We can subtract one to both sides to get  $-2 < -A < 0$ . When  $n$  is odd,  $\sin(\frac{2n+1}{2}\pi) = -1$ , so  $|-1 - A| < 1$ , so  $-1 < -1 - A < 1$ . We can add one to both sides to get  $0 < -A < 2$ . Therefore we have  $-A < 0$  but also  $0 < -A$ . This contradicts our claim that  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N$  such that  $\forall n, n \geq N, |a_n - A| < \epsilon$ , so  $a_n$  diverges.  $\square$

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**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.

**Solution:** Let  $a_n = -1^n, b_n = -1^{n+1}$ . We know from 8a that  $a_n$  diverges, and we can use a similar argument to show that  $b_n$  will diverge. However  $a_n + b_n$  will converge as when  $n$  is even,  $a_n = 1, b_n = -1$  so  $a_n + b_n = 0$ . Similarly, when  $n$  is odd,  $a_n = -1, b_n = 1$  so  $a_n + b_n = 0$ . Therefore for all values of  $n$   $a_n + b_n = 0$ . Since  $0 \rightarrow 0, a_n + b_n \rightarrow 0$ .  $\square$

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**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)  $(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} - 2)n$ .

$\frac{5}{n} - \frac{1}{n}$

**Solution:** a. If we divide the fraction by  $n^2$  we have  $\frac{1+\frac{4}{n}}{1-\frac{5}{n^2}}$ , which is equal to  $\frac{1+\frac{4}{n}}{1-(\frac{5}{n}(\frac{5}{n}))}$ . Note that since  $4 \rightarrow 4$ . From 6a we know that  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ , and since  $a_n b_n \rightarrow AB$ , we can take 4 as  $a_n$  and  $\frac{1}{n}$  as  $b_n$  to have  $\frac{4}{n} \rightarrow 4(0) = 0$ . Since  $a_n + b_n \rightarrow A + B$ , and  $1 \rightarrow 1$ , we can take  $a_n = 1, b_n = \frac{4}{n}$  to get  $1 + \frac{4}{n} \rightarrow 1 + 0 = 1$ . Similarly  $\frac{5}{n} \rightarrow 5$  since we can take  $a_n = 5, b_n = \frac{1}{n}$  and  $5 \rightarrow 5$ . Since  $a_n b_n \rightarrow AB$ , we can take  $a_n = b_n = \frac{5}{n}$  to get  $\frac{5}{n} \times \frac{5}{n} \rightarrow 0 \times 0$ . Therefore since  $1 \rightarrow 1, 1 - (\frac{5}{n}(\frac{5}{n})) \rightarrow 1 - 0$ . Finally we know that  $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow \frac{A}{B}$ , so we can take  $a_n = 1 + \frac{4}{n}, b_n = 1 - (\frac{5}{n}(\frac{5}{n}))$ . Since  $a_n \rightarrow 1$ , and  $b_n \rightarrow 1, \frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow 1$ . Therefore we can say that  $\frac{n^2+4n}{n^2-5} \rightarrow 1$ . ✓

b. We can divide the fraction by  $n^2$  to get  $\frac{\frac{1}{n}}{1-\frac{3}{n^2}}$  which is equal to  $\frac{\frac{1}{n}}{1-(\frac{3}{n}(\frac{3}{n}))}$ . We know that  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $a_n b_n \rightarrow AB$ , we can take 3 as  $a_n$  and  $\frac{1}{n}$  as  $b_n$ , so  $\frac{3}{n} \rightarrow 3(0) = 0$ . We can then take  $a_n = b_n = \frac{3}{n}$  so that  $a_n b_n = \frac{3}{n}(\frac{3}{n}) \rightarrow 0(0) = 0$ . Therefore since  $1 \rightarrow 1, 1 - (\frac{3}{n}(\frac{3}{n})) \rightarrow 1 - 0 = 1$ . Finally since  $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow \frac{A}{B}$ , we can take  $a_n = \frac{1}{n}, b_n = 1 - (\frac{3}{n}(\frac{3}{n}))$  so  $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow \frac{0}{1} = 0$ . Therefore  $\frac{n}{n^2-3} \rightarrow 0$ . ✓

c. Note that  $\frac{\cos(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{n}(\cos(n))$ . Also note that  $\cos(n)$  is bounded by  $-1$  and  $1$ . By theorem 1.13 in the textbook, if  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $b_n$  is bounded, then  $a_n b_n \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore we can take  $a_n = \frac{1}{n}, b_n = \cos(n)$ , and since  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$  and  $\cos(n)$  is bounded,  $\frac{\cos(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{n}(\cos(n)) \rightarrow 0$ . ✓

d.  $(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} - 2)n = \frac{(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} - 2)(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2)n}{\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2} = \frac{(4 - \frac{1}{n} - 4)n}{\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2} = \frac{4n - \frac{n}{n} - 4n}{\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2}$ . Since  $4 \rightarrow 4, \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0, 4 - \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 4 - 0 = 4$ . Since  $4 - \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 4, \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow \sqrt{4} = 2$ . Since  $2 \rightarrow 2, \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2 \rightarrow 2 + 2 = 4$ . Since  $-1 \rightarrow -1, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2} \rightarrow \frac{-1}{4}$ . Therefore  $(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} - 2)n \rightarrow \frac{-1}{4}$ . ✓ □