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MATH 331 Homework 2

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This part was asking
You to show that
 $a_n \leq a_m$.

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1. a)

i) We will prove a_n and b_m are both bounded sets. Both sets are bounded on the bottom by $n, m \geq 1$. Define $M := \max n, m$ and we consider the set $[a_M, b_M]$. Then $a_n \leq a_M$ and $b_m \geq b_M$. Therefore there is an upper bound for the set a_n and an upper bound for the set b_m .

215 ii) Since in part i we proved a_n and b_m are bounded sets, by the axiom of completeness, the supremum of a_n also exists. ✓

iii) Take c to be the supremum of a_n , which then means c must be less than all b_n . Let $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n \geq N$:

$$|a_n - A| < \varepsilon.$$

← why?

We want to prove

$$|b_n - A| > c.$$

Then

$$|b_n - A| > c$$

$$|b_n - A| > b_n$$

$$A > 0$$

You want to prove
that $c \in [a_n, b_n]$
for any $n \geq 1$.

You have to construct a sequence of intervals.

115 b) The set \mathbb{R} is uncountable because there will always exist a value c which is not mapped by $f(n) = [a_n, b_n]$. We showed in part a) that the value c exists between a_n and b_n , making $f(n)$ not a surjective function. ✗

2. By definition, if $a_n \rightarrow A$ then $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for $n \geq N$,

$$|a_n - A| < \varepsilon.$$

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By the triangle inequality, $||a_n| - |A|| \leq |a_n - A|$, so

$$||a_n| - |A|| \leq |a_n - A| < \varepsilon$$

$$||a_n| - |A|| < \varepsilon$$

$$|a_n - L| < \varepsilon.$$

So $||a_n| - |A|| < \varepsilon$ and $|a_n| \rightarrow |A|$.

315 3. We want to prove $c_n \rightarrow L$. We know that $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N_A, N_B \in \mathbb{N}$, for $n \geq N_A, N_B$, ~~and~~ $|a_n - L| < \varepsilon$ and $|b_n - L| < \varepsilon$ by definition.

Take $N := \max\{N_A, N_B\}$. If $n \geq N$, then

If $a_n \leq c_n \leq b_n$, then $a_n - L \leq c_n - L \leq b_n - L$.

so? You are almost there!

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4.

1. Assume $A = 0$. We know the square root of 0 is still 0. Therefore we must prove

2. If $a_n \rightarrow A$ then $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, n \leq N$:

$$|a_n - A| < \varepsilon$$

Let $\varepsilon = \frac{\sqrt{A}}{\sqrt{2}}$. Then

I don't understand
why all
this algebra?
 $|a_n - A| < \frac{\sqrt{A}}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_n}{\sqrt{a_n}} - \frac{A}{\sqrt{A}} &< \varepsilon \\ \frac{a_n \sqrt{A} - A \sqrt{a_n}}{\sqrt{a_n A}} &< \varepsilon \\ \frac{a_n \sqrt{A} - A \sqrt{a_n} - A \sqrt{A} + A \sqrt{A}}{\sqrt{a_n A}} &< \varepsilon \\ \frac{(a_n - A) \sqrt{A} - A(\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{A})}{\sqrt{a_n A}} &< \varepsilon \\ \frac{(a_n - A) \sqrt{A}}{\sqrt{a_n A}} - \frac{A(\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{A})}{\sqrt{a_n A}} &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

← You are using the
fact that
 $|\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{A}| < \varepsilon$
which is what you
want to prove.

There is a natural number N_1 such that for $n \geq N$, $|\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{A}| < \frac{\sqrt{A}}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $\frac{\sqrt{A}}{\sqrt{2}} < |\sqrt{a_n}|$ by the triangle inequality.

3. Let $\sqrt{a_n} - A = \frac{a_n - A}{\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A}}$. From part 2 we know that $\frac{\sqrt{A}}{\sqrt{2}} < |\sqrt{a_n}|$. So

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A} &> \sqrt{\frac{A}{2}} + \sqrt{A} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A}} &< \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{A}{2}} + \sqrt{A}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{A}} &< \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{A}(1 + \sqrt{2})}\end{aligned}$$

Substitute:

$$\begin{aligned}(\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{A})\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{A}(1 + \sqrt{2})}\right) &= |a_n - A| \\ (\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{A})\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{A}(1 + \sqrt{2})}\right) &< \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{A}} \\ (\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{A})\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{1 + \sqrt{2}}\right) &< \frac{3}{4}\varepsilon \\ (\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{A}) &< \frac{3(1 + \sqrt{2})}{4\sqrt{2}}\varepsilon\end{aligned}$$

How do you get that?
The algebra is not correct I think.

✓

← $\sqrt{A} \rightarrow$ this can be a number less than 1.

and $(\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{A}) < \varepsilon$.

5. We want to prove that $\sigma \rightarrow A$. That means, we hope to prove

$$\left| \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n}{n} - A \right| < \varepsilon$$

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq N$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\left| \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n}{n} - A \right| &< \varepsilon \\ \left| \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n}{n} - \frac{An}{n} \right| &< \varepsilon \\ \left| \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n - An}{n} \right| &< \varepsilon \\ \left| \frac{(a_1 - A) + (a_2 - A) + (a_3 - A) + \dots + (a_n - A)}{n} \right| &< \varepsilon \\ \left| \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n (ak - A)}{n} \right| &< \varepsilon \\ \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n (ak - A)}{n} + \frac{\sum_{k=N}^{N-1} (ak - A)}{n} &< \varepsilon\end{aligned}$$

We know the behavior of $\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n (ak - A)}{n}$, but we don't know how the sequence behaves for all $N - 1$. So we examine

this case.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sum_{k=N}^{N-1} (ak - A)}{n} &< \varepsilon - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n (ak - A)}{n} \\ \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{k=N}^{N-1} (ak - A) &< \varepsilon - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n (ak - A)}{n} \\ \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{k=N}^{N-1} (ak) - \sum_{k=N}^{N-1} (A) &< \varepsilon - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n (ak - A)}{n} \\ \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{k=N}^{N-1} (ak) - A &< \varepsilon - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n (ak - A)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

?? I don't understand. You have to split the sum in 2
 $\sum_{k=1}^n (ak - A) = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} (ak - A) + \sum_{k=N}^n (ak - A)$
 bounded $< \varepsilon$
 you have to make this part less than ε .

$\rightarrow n > n-1$ (you sum doesn't make sense).

We then prove $\frac{a_{n-1} - A}{n} < \varepsilon$. We do this by contradiction: Assume $\exists \varepsilon > 0 \forall N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n \geq N$. Then

$$|a_{n-1} - A| > n\varepsilon.$$

and

$$-n\varepsilon < a_{n-1} - A < n\varepsilon$$

This is clearly a contradiction, since our inequality is of the form $+x < a_{n-1} - A < -x$, which makes no sense since we have positive x .

6. a) Our hypothesis is that a_n converges to 5, since as n becomes infinitely large, $\frac{1}{n}$ approaches 0, leaving $5 + 0 = 5$. So, by the definition of convergence, $\forall \varepsilon, \exists N$ such that $|a_n - A| < \varepsilon$ for $n \geq N$ where $A = 5$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n - A| &< \varepsilon \\ |5 + \frac{1}{n} - 5| &< \varepsilon \\ |\frac{1}{n}| &< \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

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Since a_n begins at $n = 1$ we know the values of this sequence are always positive. Therefore $|\frac{1}{n}| = \frac{1}{n}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} &< \varepsilon \\ n &> \frac{1}{\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

This is not an integer. (-)

$$N = \left\lfloor \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right\rfloor \text{ (integer part of } 1/\varepsilon)$$

Therefore $N = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ and our sequence a_n does indeed converge.

b) We hypothesize the sequence converges to $\frac{3}{2}$. By definition of convergence, $\forall \varepsilon, \exists N$ such that $|a_n - A| < \varepsilon$ for $n \geq N$ where $A = \frac{3}{2}$ and $a_n = \frac{3n}{2n+1}$.

So $\frac{1}{2n+1}$

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$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{3n}{2n+1} - \frac{3}{2} \right| &< \varepsilon \\ \left| \frac{3n}{2n+1} - \frac{3}{2} \right| &< \varepsilon \\ \left| \frac{6n - 3(2n+1)}{2(2n+1)} \right| &< \varepsilon \\ \left| \frac{6n - 6n - 3}{4n+2} \right| &< \varepsilon \\ \left| \frac{-3}{4n+2} \right| &< \varepsilon \\ \frac{1}{4n+2} &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{4n+2} < \varepsilon$$

this why you have a minus sign.

→ you have to find the good $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

We see that the left hand side resembles the sequence $\frac{1}{n}$, which means it converges to 0. Since the sequence converges, the limit is exactly $\frac{3}{2}$.

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7. Prove $\frac{2n+1}{n}$ is a Cauchy sequence: By definition our sequence is Cauchy if $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $m, n \geq N$:

$$|a_n - a_m| < \varepsilon.$$

By theorem 1.3 in the text, every convergent sequence is Cauchy, or a sequence is Cauchy iff it is convergent. Therefore, we will prove convergence:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2n+1) \\ &= 0 \cdot \infty \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

← no, this not how we did thing because you have an undetermination of the form $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$.

The sequence converges to 0, so it is Cauchy.

8. a) We use the definition of Cauchy sequence to prove divergence by contradiction. The definition states that $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n, m \geq N$,

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$$|a_n - a_m| < \varepsilon.$$

We choose an arbitrary ε , say 1. Then $|(-1)^n - (-1)^m| < \varepsilon < 1$.

Choose an arbitrary m , say $m = n + 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |(-1)^n - (-1)^m| &< 1 \\ |(-1)^n - (-1)^{n+1}| &< 1. \end{aligned}$$

This is not clear. You used the theorem that states: conv. \Rightarrow Cauchy. Write it explicitly.

We saw in class that $|(-1)^n - (-1)^{n+1}|$ is exactly 2. We then get $2 < 1$ which is a contradiction, so the sequence is divergent.

b)

Assume to a contradiction that $\sin(\frac{2n+1}{2}\pi)$ is a convergent sequence, and let $\varepsilon = 1$. Then

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$$\begin{aligned} \sin(\frac{2n+1}{2}\pi) - A &< 1 \\ -1 < \sin(\frac{2n+1}{2}\pi) - A &< 1 \\ A - 1 < \sin(\frac{2n+1}{2}\pi) &< A + 1 \end{aligned}$$

If n is even, then we have

$$A - 1 < 1 < A + 1$$

and if n is odd, then we have

$$A - 1 < -1 < A + 1.$$

So $A - 1 < 1 < A + 1 \Rightarrow A < 2 < A + 2$ and $A - 1 < -1 < A + 1 \Rightarrow A < 0 < A + 2$. Clearly this is a contradiction because A is a limit and cannot be negative.

this is not the contradiction

$$\begin{aligned} A &< 2 < A + 2 \\ A &< 0 < A + 2 \\ \Rightarrow A + 2 &< 2 < A + 2 \\ \Rightarrow A + 2 &< 2 < A + 2 \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

9. Assume we have two sequences a_n and b_n . The summation of a_n and b_n must be equal to a convergent sequence. Let $a_n = 2n$. We know $2n$ is divergent because it goes to infinity, and we know the sequence $\frac{1}{n}$ is convergent (converges to 0). Then:

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$$\begin{aligned} 2n + b_n &= \frac{1}{n} \\ b_n &= \frac{1}{n} - 2n \\ b_n &= \frac{1}{n} - \frac{2n^2}{n} \\ b_n &= \frac{1 - 2n^2}{n} \end{aligned}$$

The limit of $-2n$ doesn't exist \Rightarrow we can't apply the sum rule...

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We use the sum rule to evaluate the limit of b_n . $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} - 2n \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2n = 0 - \infty$. The sequence $b_n = \frac{1-2n^2}{n}$ is divergent since it tends towards $-\infty$.

10. a) $\frac{n^2+4n}{n^2-5}$:

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n^2+4n}{n^2-5} &\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n^2}{n^2} + \frac{4n}{n^2}}{\frac{n^2}{n^2} - \frac{5}{n^2}} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1 + \frac{4}{n}}{1 - \frac{5}{n^2}} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1+0}{1-0} \\ &\Rightarrow 1. \end{aligned}$$

b) $\frac{n}{n^2-3}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n}{n^2-3} &\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n}{n^2}}{\frac{n^2}{n^2} - \frac{3}{n^2}} \\ \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{1 - \frac{3}{n^2}} &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{3}{n^2}} \\ &\Rightarrow 0 \cdot \frac{1}{1-0} \\ &\Rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

No! $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos(n)$ doesn't exist so you can't apply the quotient rule.

c) $\frac{\cos n}{n}$.

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By the product rule, we know $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos n$. Therefore the limit goes to 0 since we know $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$.

d) Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} - 2)$. Multiply by the conjugate:

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} - 2) \\ &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} - 2) \left(\frac{n(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2)}{n(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2)} \right) \\ &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n(4 - \frac{1}{n} - 4)}{(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2)} \right) \\ &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{-1}{(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

By quotient rule:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{-1}{\left(\sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2 \right)} \right) &= \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{n}} + 2} \\ &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{4 - 0} + 2} \\ &= \frac{-1}{4}.\end{aligned}$$