

2.2.1 Verify, using the definition of convergence of a sequence, that the following sequences converge to the proposed limit.

1.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6n^2+1} = 0$

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $N > \frac{1}{\sqrt{6\epsilon}}$ . To verify let  $n \geq N$  which means  $\left| \frac{1}{6n^2+1} \right| < \left| \frac{1}{6\frac{1}{\epsilon}+1} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\epsilon}+1} \right| = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon+1} < \epsilon$  as desired.  $\square$

2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n+1}{2n+5} = \frac{3}{2}$

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $N > \frac{13-10\epsilon}{4\epsilon}$ . To verify let  $n \geq N$  and so  $\left| \frac{3n+1}{2n+5} \right| < \left| \frac{3(\frac{13-10\epsilon}{4\epsilon})+1}{2(\frac{13-10\epsilon}{4\epsilon})+5} \right| = \frac{3}{2} - \epsilon$ . So,  $\left| \frac{3n+1}{2n+5} - \frac{3}{2} \right| < \epsilon$  as desired.  $\square$

3.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{n+3}} = 0$

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $N > \frac{4}{\epsilon^2} - 3$ . To verify let  $n \geq N$  which means  $\left| \frac{2}{\sqrt{n+3}} \right| < \left| \frac{2}{\sqrt{(\frac{4}{\epsilon^2}-3)+3}} \right| = \epsilon$  as desired.  $\square$

2.2.7 Informally speaking, the sequence  $\sqrt{n}$  “converges to infinity.”

- (a) Imitate the logical structure of Definition 2.2.3 to create a rigorous definition for the mathematical statement  $\lim x_n = \infty$ . Use this definition to prove  $\lim \sqrt{n} = \infty$ .

A sequence  $(a_n)$  “converges to infinity” if, for every positive number  $\epsilon$ , there exists an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that whenever  $n \geq N$  it follows that  $a_n > \epsilon$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $N > \epsilon^2$ . To verify let  $n \geq N$  which means  $\sqrt{n} > \sqrt{\epsilon^2} = \epsilon$  as desired.  $\square$

- (b) What does your definition in (a) say about the particular sequence  $(1, 0, 2, 0, 3, 0, 4, 0, 5, 0, \dots)$ ? It does not converge to infinity.

2.2.8 Here are two useful definitions:

1. A sequence  $(a_n)$  is eventually in a set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  if there exists an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a_n \in A$  for all  $n \geq N$ .
2. A sequence  $(a_n)$  is frequently in a set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  if for every  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists an  $n \geq N$  such that  $a_n \in A$ .

- (a) Is the sequence  $(-1)^n$  eventually or frequently in the set  $\{1\}$ ?  
Frequently

- (b) Which definition is stronger? Does frequently imply eventually or does eventually imply frequently?

Eventually is stronger; eventually implies frequently.

- (c) Give an alternate rephrasing of Definition 2.2.3B using either frequently or eventually. Which is the term we want?

A sequence  $(a_n)$  converges to  $a$  if, given any  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood  $V_\epsilon(a)$  of  $a$ ,  $(a_n)$  is eventually in the set  $V_\epsilon(a)$ .

- (d) Suppose an infinite number of terms of a sequence  $(x_n)$  are equal to 2. Is  $(x_n)$  necessarily eventually in the interval  $(1.9, 2.1)$ ? Is it frequently in  $(1.9, 2.1)$ ?

$x_n$  is not necessarily eventually in the interval  $(1.9, 2.1)$ , but it is frequently in  $(1.9, 2.1)$ . For example,  $(2, 2, 2, 2, \dots)$  is eventually in the interval  $(1.9, 2.1)$ , but  $(2, -2, 2, -2, \dots)$  is only frequently in the interval  $(1.9, 2.1)$ .