

43. Find an example for a sequence with the following properties, if possible:

- (a) a bounded sequence that is divergent.
- (b) a non-increasing bounded sequence that is divergent.
- (c) a strictly increasing sequence converging to π .
- (d) an unbounded null sequence.

Solution:

- (a) e.g. $a_n = (-1)^n$
- (b) this is not possible, as the monotonicity principle (Theorem 3.20) asserts that any monotonous bounded sequence is convergent.
- (c) e.g. $a_n = \pi - \frac{1}{n}$
- (d) this is not possible, as any convergent sequence is bounded (Theorem 3.6)

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44. Show that the sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ defined by $a_n := (-1)^n \left(\frac{n + \cos n\pi}{2n} \right)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is not convergent.

Solution:

Consider the expression for a_n :

$$a_n = (-1)^n \left(\frac{n + \cos(n\pi)}{2n} \right).$$

First, note that $\cos(n\pi)$ takes the values 1 for even values of n and -1 for odd values of n . So, we can express a_n as:

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

Now, let's consider the cases for even and odd n :

- For even n :

$$a_{2k} = (-1)^{2k} \left(\frac{2k + (-1)^{2k}}{4k} \right) = \frac{2k + 1}{4k} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4k}.$$

- For odd n :

$$a_{2k+1} = (-1)^{2k+1} \left(\frac{2k + 1 + (-1)^{2k+1}}{4k + 2} \right) = -\frac{2k}{4k + 2} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4k + 2}.$$

By definition, if $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a convergences to $a \in \mathbb{R}$, then for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for $n > N$ we have

$$|a_n - a| < \epsilon.$$

Assume that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$, let $\epsilon = \frac{1}{4}$, we have

$$|a_n - a| < \frac{1}{4}.$$

For all $2k > N$ we have

$$|a_{2k} - a_{2k+1}| = |a_{2k} - a + a - a_{2k+1}| \leq |a_{2k} - a| + |a - a_{2k+1}| \leq \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{2k} - a_{2k+1}| &= \left| \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4k} - \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4k+2} \right) \right| = \left| 1 + \frac{1}{4k} - \frac{1}{4k+2} \right| \\ &= \left| 1 + \frac{1}{2k(4k+2)} \right| \\ &\geq 1 > \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. Therefore, the sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is not convergent. □

45. Give an example for non-constant sequences $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ satisfying

(a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 3, b_n \neq 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n b_n^2) = 0$.

(b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 5, |b_n| \neq |a_n|$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + (-1)^n b_n) = 0$.

Solution:

(a) $(b_n^2)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ has to converge to 0, e.g., $b_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$. Then by Theorem 3.24 we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n b_n^2) = 0$. We can choose any sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 3$, e.g., $a_n = 3 + \frac{1}{n}$.

(b) $a_n = 5 + \frac{1}{n}, b_n = (-1)^n(-5 + \frac{1}{n}) \Rightarrow a_n + (-1)^n b_n = (-1)^{2n} \frac{2}{n}$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + (-1)^n b_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n} = 0$.

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46. Determine the limits of sequences

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \sqrt{n^2 + n} - n, & b_n &= \frac{n^2 + n + 1}{n^2 + n \sin n + 1}, \\ c_n &= \frac{n!(n+5) + 2^n}{(n+1)! + 3^n}, & d_n &= \sqrt[n]{3^n + 4^n}, \\ e_n &= \frac{n^3 - 3n + 7}{7n + 1}, & t_n &= \sqrt{n^3 - n^2 + 1} - n, \end{aligned}$$

where $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt{n^2 + n} - n)(\sqrt{n^2 + n} + n)}{\sqrt{n^2 + n} + n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2 + n} + n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + 1} + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}\right)}{n^2 \left(1 + \frac{\sin n}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}\right)} = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)! \left(\frac{n+5}{n+1} + \frac{2^n}{(n+1)!}\right)}{(n+1)! \left(1 + \frac{3^n}{(n+1)!}\right)} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+5}{n+1} + \frac{2^n}{(n+1)!}\right)}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{3^n}{(n+1)!}\right)} = 1,$$

$$\text{since } 0 < \frac{2^n}{(n+1)!} < \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \text{ with } n \text{ large enough, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{(n+1)!} = 0.$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n}{(n+1)!} = 0.$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n = 4 \quad (\text{by using the example in slide 51.})$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 \left(1 - \frac{3}{n^2} + \frac{7}{n^3}\right)}{n^3 \left(\frac{7}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^3}\right)} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{3}{n^2} + \frac{7}{n^3}\right)}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{7}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^3}\right)} = \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt{n^3 - n^2 + 1} - n)(\sqrt{n^3 - n^2 + 1} + n)}{\sqrt{n^3 - n^2 + 1} + n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 - 2n^2 + 1}{\sqrt{n^3 - n^2 + 1} + n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 \left(1 - \frac{2}{n} + \frac{1}{n^3}\right)}{n^3 \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{n^3} - \frac{2}{n^4} + \frac{1}{n^6}} + \frac{1}{n^2}\right)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{3/2} \frac{1 - \frac{2}{n} + \frac{1}{n^3}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^3}} + \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}} = \infty \end{aligned}$$

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47. Let $q > 0$, determine the limit of sequences $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, and $(c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, defined by

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= (q^n + 5^n + 11^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}, \\ b_n &= \sqrt[n]{q^n + n^2}, \\ c_n &= \frac{\sin(q^n \pi)}{n}, \quad \text{where } n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$

+ If $0 < q \leq 11$, we have

$$11 = \sqrt[n]{11^n} \leq \sqrt[n]{q^n + 5^n + 11^n} \leq \sqrt[n]{3 \cdot 11^n}.$$

Using Sandwich law and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{3 \cdot 11^n} = 11$, we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 11.$$

+ If $q > 11$, we have

$$q = \sqrt[n]{q^n} \leq \sqrt[n]{q^n + 5^n + 11^n} \leq \sqrt[n]{3q^n}.$$

Using Sandwich law and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{3q^n} = q$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = q.$$

- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$

+ If $0 < q < 1$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q^n = 0$, then as n approaches infinity, the term n^2 dominates q^n . Therefore,

$$\sqrt[n]{n^2} \leq \sqrt[n]{q^n + n^2} \leq \sqrt[n]{2n^2}.$$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2n^2} = 1$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 1$

+ If $q \geq 1$, then as n approaches infinity, the term q^n dominates n^2 . Therefore,

$$\sqrt[n]{q^n} \leq \sqrt[n]{q^n + n^2} \leq \sqrt[n]{2q^n}.$$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{q^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2q^n} = q$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = q$.

- For all $q > 0$ we have

$$0 \leq \left| \frac{\sin(q^n \pi)}{n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n}.$$

Therefore, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = 0$, by using Sandwich law, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$.

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48. Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$. We define $b_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = a$$

Hint: Use the boundedness of sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $a = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i}{n}$ for $a \in \mathbb{C}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Solution:

Assume that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$. Sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is convergent and thus bounded. There exist $C > 0$ such that

$$|a| \leq C, \quad \text{and} \quad |a_n| \leq C \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (1)$$

By the definition of limit there exists $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for $n > K$

$$|a_n - a| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (2)$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |b_n - a| &= \left| \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n a_j}{n} - a \right| = \left| \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n a_j - \sum_{j=1}^n a}{n} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n (a_j - a)}{n} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n |a_j - a|}{n} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^K |a_j - a|}{n} + \frac{\sum_{j=K+1}^n |a_j - a|}{n} \end{aligned}$$

By (1) we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^K |a_j - a| \leq \sum_{j=1}^K (|a_j| + |a|) \leq \sum_{j=1}^K 2C = 2KC.$$

By (2) we have

$$\sum_{j=K+1}^n |a_j - a| \leq \sum_{j=K+1}^n \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \frac{(n-K)\varepsilon}{2}$$

Therefore for all $n > \frac{4KC}{\varepsilon}$ we get

$$|b_n - a| \leq \frac{2KC}{n} + \frac{(n-K)\varepsilon}{2n} \leq \frac{2KC\varepsilon}{4KC} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq \varepsilon.$$

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