

Assignment 12, Infinitesimal Calculus

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1 Problems

1.1 Problem 1

1. Prove from definition $\epsilon - N$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 1} = L.$$

2. Prove from definition $M - N$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 - n}{n + 2} = \infty.$$

3. Formulate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$ in terms of $M - N$ definition.
4. Prove using the formulation from (3) that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n\sqrt{2} + (-1)^n \lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor) = \infty.$$

1.1.1 Answer 1

Recall the definition:

Let $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence, L be a real number. The **sequence** (a_n) **converges to** L if for all $\epsilon > 0$ almost all elements of the sequence are in the ϵ -neighborhood of L . In such a case we will say L is the **limit of sequence** (a_n) .

To be honest, I don't know what this question is asking me to do. How can I prove something which is already given in the description of a question? Anyways, I followed the examples in the book, and here is what I think the

answer might look like. Sorry, if this is not what you expect.

$$\begin{aligned}
\epsilon > 1 &\implies && \text{From definition of reals} \\
\epsilon > \frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 - 1} &\implies && \text{Provided } n \neq 1 \\
\epsilon' > \frac{1}{n^2 - 1} &\implies && \text{From Archimedian property} \\
\epsilon + \epsilon' > \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 1} &\implies && \text{Provided } \epsilon'' = \epsilon' + \epsilon \\
\epsilon'' > \left| \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 1} - L \right| &&& \text{Provided } 0 \leq L \leq 1
\end{aligned}$$

Which completes the “proof”.

1.1.2 Answer 2

First, recall the definition:

We will say that the sequence $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ **tends to infinity**, and write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$, if for every real number M there exists a natural number N such that for all $n > N$ it holds that $a_n > M$.

We can start by finding a more convenient formulat to work with, for instance:

$$\begin{aligned}
M &= \frac{n^2 - n}{n + 2} \\
&= \frac{n(n - 1)}{n + 2} \\
&= \frac{n(n + 2)}{n + 2} - \frac{3n}{n + 2} \\
&< n - \frac{3n}{n} \\
&= n - 3.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, put $N = M + 3$. Thus for every M , a_n is greater than M whenever $n \geq M + 3$.

1.1.3 Answer 3

I'm confused by this question in the same measure I'm confused by the previous one. I don't know what do you want me to prove here. There can be different reasons for why some sequence doesn't tend to infinity. It could be because it is a divergent series, or because it converges to some real limit, or because it tends to negative infinity. I can formally negate the statement but I don't think this negation is useful.

$$\neg \forall M \in \mathbb{R} : \exists N \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : (n > N \implies a_n > M)$$

Alternatively:

$$\exists M \in \mathbb{R} : \forall N \in \mathbb{N} : \exists n \in \mathbb{N} : (n > N \implies a_n \leq M)$$

1.1.4 Answer 4

It is easy to see that the given sequence is divergent. It has two limit points, where one is at infinity and another one is at zero. Since I need to reuse the $M - N$ rule, I will restate this claim in terms of this rule. There exists a real number M , such that for every natural number N , there exists a natural number n , such that whenever $n > N$, $a_n \leq M$. Put $M = 2$, then $a_n = 2(\sqrt{2} + \lfloor \sqrt{2} \rfloor)$. Now, no matter the N , we can always choose n to be odd, which will give us:

$$2\sqrt{2} + \lfloor 2\sqrt{2} \rfloor \geq n\sqrt{2} - \lfloor n\sqrt{2} \rfloor$$

For every $n > 2$

$$2 * 2 + \lfloor 2 * 2 \rfloor \geq n2 - \lfloor n * 2 \rfloor$$

By axiom of order

$$8 \geq 0.$$

1.2 Problem 2

Calculate the limits of the expression given above, or prove that the limits don't exist:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{n}} \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n+a} * \sqrt{n+b} - n \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^7 - 2n^4 - 1}{n^4 - 3n^6 + 7} \quad (3)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{k+1} \right) \quad (4)$$

1.2.1 Answer 5

Using “sandwich” rule we can show that:

$$\sqrt{1} < \sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{n}} < 1 + \frac{a}{n}$$

Provided a is non-negative and isn't equal to n . The limit of $\sqrt{1}$ is trivially 1. The limit of $1 + \frac{a}{n}$ is the sum of the limits of 1 and $\frac{a}{n}$, where the former is the limit of a constant (1), and the later is zero. Thus the value is “sandwiched” between 1 and $1 + \frac{a}{n}$, hence it must be 1.

1.2.2 Answer 6

Let's generalize the expression to reuse the previous case:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n+a} * \sqrt{n+b} - n = \\ & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n(1 + \frac{a}{n})} * \sqrt{n(1 + \frac{b}{n})} - n = \\ & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{n}} * \sqrt{1 + \frac{b}{n}} - n = \\ & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{n}} * \sqrt{1 + \frac{b}{n}} - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now, recall that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{n}} = 1$, this gives us:

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

1.2.3 Answer 7

1.2.4 Answer 8

I will show that the given sequence tends to infinity. Some notation first. I will use H_n to denote the n th harmonic numbers. Let's at first, simplify the sum:

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

Now, plug this back into our formula:

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

The last step is allowed because for all harmonic numbers greater than one it holds that $n > H_{n+1}$.