



1.1. Show that any seq. of positive real numbers either has a subsequence that converges, or else a subseq. that diverges to ∞ .

- Let a_n be a seq. of positive real numbers.

Need to prove:

a) a_n has a subseq. that converge

b) a_n has a subseq. that diverge to ∞

Proof of a) Suppose that a_n is bounded. Then

there exists \exists real number $M > 0$ s.t. $a_n \leq M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. ✓

In that case, the seq. a_n is bounded of positive real numbers. With this, by Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem, a_n has a convergent subseq. a_{n_k} . This concludes that the subseq. (a_{n_k}) converges. (in this case). ✓

BW Thm: every bounded seq. has a convergent subsequence
- (from Tutorials) ✓

Proof of b) Suppose that a_n is unbounded. Then

\exists subseq. a_{n_k} of a_n s.t. $a_{n_k} \rightarrow \infty$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

This concludes that the subseq. (a_{n_k}) diverges to ∞ . (in this case). ✓

B. for each of the following series, determine whether the series converges or diverges. (Sum from 1 to ∞)
For those that converge, find the value that they

converge to.

$$i) \sum (4^n + 2^n) / 3^n \quad a_n = \frac{4^n + 2^n}{3^n}$$

By applying ratio test, we have

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\frac{4^{n+1}}{3^{n+1}} + \frac{2^{n+1}}{3^{n+1}}}{\frac{4^n}{3^n} + \frac{2^n}{3^n}} = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} = 2 > 1 \Rightarrow \text{diverges}$$

$$ii) \sum \sin^n(3)$$

The seq. $\sin^n(3)$ converges to $\frac{1}{1 - \sin(3)}$ because

$$\sum r^n = \frac{1}{1-r} \text{ if } |r| < 1 \text{ and } \sin 3 = 0.14$$

$$iii) \sum 1/(n^2 + 2n) \quad \text{we conclude that } \frac{1}{n^2 + 2n} < \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Since $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges, by direct comparison test we have that $\sum \frac{1}{n^2 + 2n}$ also converges, to 1.

$$iv) \sum (\sqrt{n+2} - \sqrt{n}) \quad \Rightarrow \text{first we rationalise:}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{n+2} - \sqrt{n} = \frac{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}} = \frac{n+2-n}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}} \quad \text{From this we have}$$

$$2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}} = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}} = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{n}}{n}}{\frac{\sqrt{n+2}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n}}} = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\frac{2}{n}} + 1} = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

\Rightarrow we have $0 < 1 < \infty$, ~~so they converge both~~ $\sum (\sqrt{n+2} - \sqrt{n})$ is equiconvergent to $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$, so they converge both.

3.2 C. For each of the following series, determine whether the series converges, diverges to $\pm\infty$, or diverges, not to $\pm\infty$. Don't try to find what the series converge to.

i) $\sum \sin^2(3n+2)/(2n^2-3)$, $a_n = \sin^2(3n+2)/(2n^2-3)$

we define $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$ 3.3 and it converges, so we have 3.4

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{3n+2}{2n^2-3}}{\frac{1}{n^2} \left(\frac{3n+2}{2n^2-3} \right)^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2(9n^2+12n+4)}{4n^4-12n^2+9} = \frac{9}{4} \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

that means that $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ have the same nature, and $\sum a_n$ is convergent. ✓

ii) $\sum 1/(n-2\pi)$, $a_n = 1/(n-2\pi) > 1/n = b_n$ and $\sum 1/n$ is divergent

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n-2\pi}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n-2\pi} = 1 \in \mathbb{R}^+ \Rightarrow \text{this means that}$$

$\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ have same nature, and this shows that

$\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ is divergent. ✓

iii) $\sum (n+1)/(n^3+2)$, $a_n = (n+1)/(n^3+2)$ and $b_n = n/n^3$, or $1/n^2$

$\Rightarrow \sum b_n$ is convergent (because $\alpha=2>1$), and we have

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n+1}{n^3+2}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2+n^2}{n^3+n^2} = 1 \in \mathbb{R}^+ \Rightarrow \text{this means}$$

that $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ have same nature, and this shows that

$\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ converges. ✓

$a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

\Rightarrow from there we conclude that $\sum (-1)^n a_n$ is divergent



E. Show that if $a_n = 5n^3 - 14n^2 + 7n - 3$, then $a_n = O(n^3)$

$\exists \alpha > 0$ and $\exists \beta > 0$, $\exists N$ s.t. $\forall n > N$

$$\alpha n^3 \leq 5n^3 - 14n^2 + 7n - 3 \leq \beta n^3$$

$$1 \cdot n^3 \leq 5n^3 - 14n^2 + 7n - 3 \leq 5n^3 + 14n^2 + 7n^2 + 3n^2 = 29n^3$$

that is equivalent with $0 \leq 4n^3 - 14n^2 + 7n - 3$

from what we get $14n^2 - 7n + 3 \leq 4n^3$

Now we show that $\exists N > 10$ and $\forall n > N$, it holds.

$\exists \alpha = 1$ and $\exists \beta = 29$

$\exists N = 10 \frac{1}{n} > N$

$$\alpha \cdot \beta n \leq a_n \leq \beta \cdot \beta n$$

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- 1.1 A: 4.5/5
- 1.2 or
- 1.3 Please elaborate here.

- 3.1 One of your colleagues has very similar homework.
- 3.2 C: 4/5
- 3.3 You had here just $\sin^2(3n+2)$
- 3.4 This is not correct.
- 3.5 this limit would be zero.
- 3.6 We prefer using 'are equiconvergent'

- 4.1 D: 3.5/5
- 4.2 Something is not okay here.
- 4.3 1?
- 4.4 The test you are referring to is called 'root' test, however the test you are using is 'ratio' test
- 4.5 What about conditional convergence? Try using AST. This series in fact converges conditionally.