

Homework Due 10/12/17: (13 problems) Section 4.2 pages 177 - 178; 1, 2, 4, 5(a)(c)(e)(g)(i)(k), 9, 10, 17, 18 (for 5(i) define  $t_n$  to be  $1$  over  $s_n$ , and then show that  $1$  over  $s_n$  goes to  $0$ )

## Problem 1

Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- a. If  $(s_n)$  and  $(t_n)$  are convergent sequences with  $s_n \rightarrow s$  and  $t_n \rightarrow t$ , then  $\lim (s_n + t_n) = s + t$  and  $\lim (s_n t_n) = st$ .

**True.** By Theorem 4.2.1 (a) and (c).

- b. If  $(s_n)$  converges to  $s$  and  $s_n > 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $s > 0$ .

**False.** Counter example:  $(s_n) = \frac{1}{n}$  ( $s = 0$ , but the moment you define  $n$ ,  $s_n > 0$ )

- c. The sequence  $(s_n)$  converges to  $s$  iff  $\lim s_n = s$ .

**False.** The sequence converges to  $s$  iff  $s$  exists **as a real number**. If  $s = +\infty$  then it can't converge.

- d.  $\lim s_n = +\infty$  iff  $\lim (\frac{1}{s_n}) = 0$ .

**False.** If  $\lim (\frac{1}{s_n}) = 0$  but  $(s_n) = -1, -2, -3, \dots$  then  $s_n$  does not diverge to  $+\infty$

## Problem 2

Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- a. If  $s_n = s$  and  $\lim t_n = t$ , then  $\lim (s_n t_n) = st$ .

**False.** We don't know  $s_n$ 's limit (which could be, for example,  $(s_n) = n$ , which diverges)

- b. If  $\lim s_n = +\infty$ , then  $(s_n)$  is said to converge to  $+\infty$ .

**False.** You can only converge to a finite number.

- c. Given sequences  $(s_n)$  and  $(t_n)$  with  $s_n \leq t_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $\lim s_n = +\infty$ , then  $\lim t_n = +\infty$ .

**True.**

Suppose  $\exists$  sequences  $(s_n)$  and  $(t_n)$  st  $s_n \leq t_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $\lim s_n = +\infty$  and  $\lim t_n$  is NOT  $+\infty$ .

$t_n$  diverges to  $+\infty$  if  $\forall M \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $t_n > M$

**Let:**  $M \in \mathbb{R}$

We know that

$\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $t_n > M$

Since  $s_n \leq t_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $s_n \geq t_n > M$

$\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $s_n > M$

This is the definition of diverging to  $+\infty$ , a contradiction.

Hence, result.

d. Suppose  $(s_n)$  is a sequence st the sequence of ratios  $(\frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n})$  converges to L. If  $L < 1$ , then  $\lim s_n = 0$ .

**False.**

$$\text{Let: } s_n = n(1)^{-n} \rightarrow \left(\frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n}\right) = \frac{(n+1)(1)^{-(n+1)}}{n(1)^{-n}}$$

which converges to  $-1$  which is less than 1 but does not have a limit of 0.

## Problem 4

a. Prove Theorem 4.2.1(b):

Suppose that  $(s_n)$  and  $(t_n)$  are convergent sequences with  $\lim s_n = s$  and  $\lim t_n = t$ . Then

**(b)**  $\lim (ks_n) = ks$  and  $\lim (k + s_n) = k + s$ , for any  $k \in \mathbb{R}$

We know that since  $s_n$  and  $t_n$  are convergent sequences with limits  $s$  and  $t$ , respectively.

So,

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |s_n - s| < \epsilon$$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |t_n - t| < \epsilon$$

**Want to show:**  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |ks_n - ks| < \epsilon$

$$|ks_n - ks| = |k(s_n - s)| = |k||s_n - s|$$

So,

$$|ks_n - ks| = |k||s_n - s| < \epsilon$$

$$|s_n - s| < |k|\epsilon = \epsilon_1(\epsilon)$$

Since

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |s_n - s| < \epsilon$$

thus,

$$\forall \epsilon_1 > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |s_n - s| < \epsilon_1$$

and

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |ks_n - ks| < \epsilon$$

Hence,  $\lim (ks_n) = ks$

**Want to show:**  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |k + s_n - (k + s)| < \epsilon$

We know:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |s_n - s| < \epsilon$$

So,

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |s_n + k - s - k| < \epsilon$$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |s_n + k - (s + k)| < \epsilon$$

Since this is true,

$$\lim (s_n + k) = k + s$$

b. Prove Corollary 4.2.5:

If  $(t_n)$  converges to  $t$  and  $t_n \geq 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $t \geq 0$ .

We know that

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $|t_n - t| < \epsilon$

**Suppose:**  $t < 0$

**Let:**  $\epsilon = |t|$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $|t_n - t| < |t|$

Since  $t$  is negative,

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $|t_n + |t|| < |t|$

Since  $t_n \geq 0$ ,

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $t_n + |t| < |t|$

So,

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $t_n < 0$

but  $t_n \geq 0$ , a contradiction.

Hence, result.

## Problem 5

For  $s_n$  given by the following formulas, determine the convergence or divergence of the sequence  $(s_n)$ . Find any limits that exist.

a.  $s_n = \frac{3-2n}{1+n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$

b.  $s_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n+3} \rightarrow 0$

c.  $s_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{2n-1} \rightarrow 0$

d.  $s_n = \frac{2^{3n}}{3^{2n}} = \frac{8^n}{9^n} \rightarrow 0$

e.  $s_n = \frac{n^2-2}{n+1} \rightarrow \infty$

f.  $s_n = \frac{3+n-n^2}{1+2n} \rightarrow -\infty$

g.  $s_n = \frac{1-n}{2^n} \rightarrow 0$

h.  $s_n = \frac{3^n}{n^3+5} \rightarrow \infty$

i.  $s_n = \frac{n!}{2^n} \rightarrow \infty$

j.  $s_n = \frac{n!}{n^n} = \frac{1*2*3*4*5}{5*5*5*5*5}$  where  $n = 5 \rightarrow 0$

k.  $s_n = \frac{n^2}{2^n} \rightarrow 0$

l.  $s_n = \frac{n^2}{n!} \rightarrow 0$

## Problem 9

Prove Theorem 4.2.12:

Suppose that  $(s_n)$  and  $(t_n)$  are sequences st  $s_n \leq t_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

a. If  $\lim s_n = +\infty$  then  $\lim t_n = +\infty$

Suppose  $\exists$  sequences  $(s_n)$  and  $(t_n)$  st  $s_n \leq t_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $\lim s_n = +\infty$ .

$t_n$  diverges to  $+\infty$  if  $\forall M \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $t_n > M$

**Let:**  $M \in \mathbb{R}$

We know that

$\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $s_n > M$

Since  $s_n \leq t_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $t_n \geq s_n > M$

$\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $t_n > M$

This is the definition of diverging to  $+\infty$ .

Hence,  $t_n$  diverges to  $+\infty$ .

b. If  $\lim t_n = -\infty$  then  $\lim s_n = -\infty$

Suppose  $\exists$  sequences  $(s_n)$  and  $(t_n)$  st  $s_n \leq t_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $\lim t_n = -\infty$ .

$t_n$  diverges to  $-\infty$  if  $\forall M \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $t_n < M$

**Let:**  $M \in \mathbb{R}$

We know that

$\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $t_n < M$

Since  $s_n \leq t_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $s_n \leq t_n < M$

$\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $s_n < M$

This is the definition of diverging to  $-\infty$ .

Hence,  $s_n$  diverges to  $-\infty$ .

## Problem 10

Prove the converse part of Theorem 4.2.13:

Let  $(s_n)$  be a sequence of positive numbers. Then,  $\lim s_n = +\infty$  iff  $\lim (\frac{1}{s_n}) = 0$ .

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**Assume:**  $\lim s_n = +\infty$

Given any  $\epsilon > 0$ , let  $M = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ . Then there exists a natural number  $N$  st  $n \geq N$  implies that  $s_n > M = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ .

Since each  $s_n$  is positive, we have:

$$|\frac{1}{s_n} - 0| < \epsilon, \text{ whenever } n \geq N$$

Thus,  $\lim (\frac{1}{s_n}) = 0$ .

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**Assume:**  $\lim (\frac{1}{s_n}) = 0$

Thus,

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |\frac{1}{s_n} - 0| < \epsilon$$

So,

$$|\frac{1}{s_n}| < \epsilon$$

Since  $(s_n)$  is a sequence of positive numbers,

$$\frac{1}{s_n} < \epsilon$$

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} < s_n$$

**Let:**  $\frac{1}{\epsilon} = M$

So,

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } M = \frac{1}{\epsilon} < s_n$$

Thus,  $\lim s_n = +\infty$

## Problem 17

a. Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^n}{n!} = 0 \forall k \in \mathbb{R}$

**Let:**  $\epsilon > 0, k \in \mathbb{R} > 0$

**Want to show:**  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st } n \geq N \text{ implies } |\frac{k^n}{n!} - 0| < \epsilon$

Recall Theorem 4.2.7 - "The Ratio Test"

Assume  $\{s_n\}$  is a sequence of **positive** terms (i.e.  $s_n > 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} = L$ .

If  $L < 1$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 0$

**Let:**  $s_n = \frac{k^n}{n!}$

**Want to show:**  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{k^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{k^n}{n!}} < 1$

$$\frac{\frac{k^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{k^n}{n!}} = \frac{n!k^{n+1}}{(n+1)!k^n} = \frac{k}{n+1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{n+1} = 0 = L$$

$L < 1$

Hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 0$  if  $k \in \mathbb{R} > 0$  (why does this not apply to  $k \leq 0$  again?)

(Answer to question):

Second case, put  $s_n$  in the definition of the limit:

$$|\frac{k^n}{n!} - 0| = \frac{|k|^n}{n!} = \frac{|k|^n}{n!} \text{ which is a sequence of positive integers.}$$

At this point, refer to the first case.

b. What can be said about  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{k^n}$ ?

It diverges to  $+\infty$

## Problem 18

Assume that  $(s_n)$  is a convergent sequence with  $a \leq s_n \leq b \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Prove that  $a \leq \lim s_n \leq b$ .

**Let:**  $\lim s_n = s$

**Want to show:**  $a \leq s \leq b$

**Suppose:**  $a > s$  or  $s > b$

We know that

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $n \geq N$  implies  $|s_n - s| < \epsilon$

**Let:**  $\epsilon = a - s$

So,

$$-(a - s) < s_n - s < a - s$$

$$-a + s < s_n - s < a - s$$

$$-a + 2s < s_n < a$$

but  $a \leq s_n$ , a contradiction.

**Let:**  $\epsilon = s - b$

So,

$$-(s - b) < s_n - s < s - b$$

$$-s + b < s_n - s < s - b$$

$$b < s_n < 2s - b$$

but  $s_n \leq b$ , a contradiction.

Hence,  $a \leq \lim s_n \leq b$