

Homework 7: pages 184 - 185 numbers 1, 2(a)(b), 3(e), 4, 10, 13, 14 ← 14 is difficult, but not impossible!
 (want to show that $\lim (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$ exists)

Hint:

$$(1 + b)^n = 1 + nb + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}b^2 + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-(r-1))}{r!}b^r + \dots + b^n$$

In our problem, $b = \frac{1}{n}$

Look at it as $1 + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-(r-1))}{r!} \frac{1}{n^r}$

$(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$ goes in there somewhere somehow.

Problem 1

Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- a. If a monotone sequence is bounded, then it is convergent.

True

by Theorem 4.3.3

- b. If a bounded sequence is monotone, then it is convergent.

True

by Theorem 4.3.3

- c. If a convergent sequence is monotone, then it is bounded.

True

by Theorem 4.3.3

Problem 2(a)(b)

Mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

- a. If a convergent sequence is bounded, then it is monotone.

False.

Counterexample: $s_n =$

$$(-1)^n \frac{1}{n}$$

- b. If (s_n) is an unbounded increasing sequence, then $\lim s_n = +\infty$

True.

By Theorem 4.3.8

Assume: (s_n) is an unbounded, increasing sequence.

Then, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $s_n \leq s_{n+1}$

and

$\forall m \in \mathbb{R}$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ st. $n \geq N$ implies $s_n > m$

By Definition 4.2.9:

We say a sequence diverges to ∞ if $\forall m \in \mathbb{R}$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ st $n \geq N$ implies $s_n > m$

Hence, result.

Problem 3(e)

Prove that each sequence is monotone and bounded. Then, find the limit.

(e) $s_1 = 5$ and $s_{n+1} = \sqrt{4s_n + 1}$ for $n \geq 1$

s_n is monotone if it's either increasing or decreasing.

$s_1 = 5, s_2 = \sqrt{21} = 4.58257569496, s_3 = \sqrt{4\sqrt{21} + 1} = \sqrt{\sqrt{336} + 1} = \sqrt{19.3303028} = 4.39662402304$

Hmm, limit's probably 4. Let's see.

Conjecture

$\{s_n\}$ is decreasing and $4 \leq s_n \leq 5, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

P(n) (Proposition as a function of n):

$s_n \geq s_{n+1}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$s_1 = 5 > \sqrt{21} = s_2$

Suppose that, $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$s_k = \sqrt{4s_{k-1} + 1} \geq \sqrt{4s_k + 1} = s_{k+1}$$

Now,

$$s_{k+1} = \sqrt{4s_k + 1} \geq \sqrt{4s_{k+1} + 1} = s_{k+2}$$

So,

$$s_k \geq s_{k+1}$$

Hence, by induction, P(n): $s_n \geq s_{n+1}$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Q(n): $s_n \geq 4 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$s_1 = 5 > 4$

Assume for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ that $s_k > 4$

$$s_{k+1} = \sqrt{4s_k + 1} > \sqrt{4(3.75) + 1} = 4$$

Hence, by induction, Q(n): $s_n > 4$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

By the Montone Convergence Theorem,

$\exists s \in \mathbb{R}$ st

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$$

By HW problem 11, page 170.

Thus,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$$

$$\text{So, we claim that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{n+1} = s = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{4s_n + 1} = \sqrt{4s + 1}$$

From Example 4.2.6,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{t_n} = \sqrt{t} \text{ if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = t$$

$$\text{Also, by Theorem 4.2.1 (b), } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{1 + s_n} = \sqrt{1 + s}$$

(which is like saying $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = t$)

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \sqrt{4s + 1} \\ s^2 &= 4s + 1 \\ s^2 - 4s - 1 &= 0 \\ s &= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{20}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

But one of those limits can't be true since limits are unique.

Since $s_n \geq 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,

then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s \geq 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

(By Corollary 4.2.5)

Hence,

$$s = \frac{4 + \sqrt{20}}{2} = 2 + \sqrt{5}$$

Problem 4

Find an example of a sequence of real numbers satisfying each set of properties.

a. Cauchy, but not monotone.

$$s_n = (-1)^n \frac{1}{n}$$

b. Monotone, but not cauchy.

$$s_n = n$$

c. Bounded, but not cauchy.

$$s_n = (-1)^n$$

Problem 10

a. Suppose that $|r| < 1$. Recall from Exercise 3.1.7 that

$$1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^n = \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r}$$

Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^n)$.

In other words, find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r}$

By Theorem 4.2.1, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r} = \frac{1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^{n+1}}{1 - r}$

Want to show: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^{n+1} = 0$

Correct me if I'm wrong, but

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |r|^{n+1} = 0 \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^{n+1} = 0$$

Want to show: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |r|^{n+1} = 0$

We know that $0 \leq |r| < 1$,

So,

for $1 < N \in \mathbb{N}$, $|r|^N < |r|$ (assuming it is not the trivial case that $r = 0$)

Let: $\epsilon > 0$

$$||r|^{n+1} - 0| < \epsilon$$

$$|r|^{n+1} - 0 < \epsilon \text{ (since that's always positive)}$$

$$|r|^{n+1} < \epsilon$$

$$(n + 1) \ln |r| < \ln \epsilon$$

$$n \ln |r| < \epsilon + \ln |r|$$

$$n > \frac{\epsilon + \ln |r|}{\ln |r|}$$

So, if

$$n > \frac{\epsilon + \ln |r|}{\ln |r|}$$

Then,

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

Hence,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^{n-1} = 0$$

Hence,

$$\frac{1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^{n-1}}{1 - r} = \frac{1 - 0}{1 - r} = \frac{1}{1 - r}$$

b. If we let the infinite repeating decimal 0.9999... stand for the limit:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{9}{10} + \frac{9}{10^2} + \dots + \frac{9}{10^n} \right),$$

Show that 0.99999... = 1.

From 10(a),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^n = \frac{1}{1 - r}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{9}{10} + \frac{9}{10^2} + \dots + \frac{9}{10^n} &= 9 \left(\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{10^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{10^n} \right) \\ &= 9 \left(\left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^1 + \left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^n \right) \end{aligned}$$

If we let $r = \frac{1}{10}$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 + \left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^1 + \left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^n = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{10}}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 9 \left(\left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^1 + \left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^n \right) &= 9 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^1 + \left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^n \right) \\ &= 9 \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{10}} - 1 \right) \\ &= 10 - 9 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$0.9999999... = 1$$

Problem 13

Prove Lemma 4.3.11:

Every Cauchy sequence is bounded. (Similar to the proof of Theorem 4.1.13)

Proof.

Let: s_n be a Cauchy sequence

s_n is Cauchy if,

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

With $\epsilon = 1$, we obtain $N \in \mathbb{N}$ st

$|s_n - s_m| < 1$ when $n, m \geq N$

Thus, $n \geq N$ implies $|s_n| < |s_m| + 1$

If we let

$$M = \max\{|s_1|, |s_2|, \dots, |s_N|, |s_m| + 1\}$$

Then we have $|s_n| \leq M \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Thus, (s_n) is bounded.

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Problem 14

Let (s_n) be the sequence defined by $s_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$.

Use the binomial theorem (Exercise 3.1.30) to show that (s_n) is an increasing sequence with $s_n < 3 \forall n$.

Conclude that (s_n) is convergent. The limit of (s_n) is referred to as e and is used as the base for natural logarithms. The approximate value of e is 2.71828.

Let: $s_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$

Want to show: (s_n) is increasing, using the binomial theorem (Exercise 3.1.30)

$$(1 + b)^n = 1 + nb + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}b^2 + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-(r-1))}{r!}b^r + \dots + b^n$$

So,

$$(1 + (\frac{1}{n}))^n = 1 + n(\frac{1}{n}) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}(\frac{1}{n})^2 + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-(r-1))}{r!}(\frac{1}{n})^r + \dots + (\frac{1}{n})^n$$

In other words,

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n &= \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} (\frac{1}{n})^r \\ (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n &= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^n \binom{n}{r} (\frac{1}{n})^r \\ (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n &= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} (\frac{1}{n})^r \\ (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n &= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(2)(1)}{(r)(r-1)\dots(2)(1)(n-r)(n-r-1)\dots(2)(1)} (\frac{1}{n})^r \\ (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n &= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(2)(1)}{(r)(r-1)\dots(2)(1)(n-r)(n-r-1)\dots(2)(1)} \frac{1}{n^r} \\ (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n &= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-(r-1))}{(r)(r-1)\dots(2)(1)} \frac{1}{n^r} \\ (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n &= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-(r-1))}{r!} \frac{1}{n^r} \\ (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n &= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{n}{n} \frac{n-1}{n} \dots \frac{n-(r-1)}{n} \frac{1}{r!} \\ (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n &= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^n 1 * (1 - \frac{1}{n}) * (1 - \frac{2}{n}) \dots (1 - \frac{r-1}{n}) \frac{1}{r!} \\ (1 + \frac{1}{n+1})^{n+1} &= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} 1 * (1 - \frac{1}{n+1}) * (1 - \frac{2}{n+1}) \dots (1 - \frac{r-1}{n+1}) \frac{1}{r!} \end{aligned}$$

Let $i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, r-1\}$

We know that

$$\begin{aligned} n+1 &\geq n \\ \frac{1}{n+1} &\leq \frac{1}{n} \\ \frac{i}{n+1} &\leq \frac{i}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall i$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n &= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r!} \prod_i \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right) \\ \left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1} &= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r!} \prod_i \left(1 - \frac{i}{n+1}\right) + \frac{1}{r!} \prod_i \left(1 - \frac{i}{n+1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\frac{i}{n+1} \leq \frac{i}{n}$$

$\forall i$,

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r!} \prod_i \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right) < \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r!} \prod_i \left(1 - \frac{i}{n+1}\right) + \frac{1}{r!} \prod_i \left(1 - \frac{i}{n+1}\right)$$

In other words:

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n < \left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1}$$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Hence, s_n is increasing.

Want to show: (s_n) is bounded with $s_n < 3 \forall n$, using the binomial theorem (Exercise 3.1.30)

Q(n): $s_n < 3 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$s_1 = 2 < 3$$

$$s_2 = 2.25 < 3$$

Assume for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ that $s_k < 3$

$$s_k = \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)^k < 3$$

Want to show: $s_{k+1} < 3$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)^k < 3$$

$$1 + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r!} \prod_i \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right) < 3$$

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\prod_i \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right) < 1$$

(I think... I don't know where to go from here. How would you use $\frac{1}{1-r}$?)

Want to show: (s_n) is convergent

Since we just showed that s_n is increasing and bounded above (in theory), s_n is convergent by Theorem 4.3.3 (the Monotone Convergence Theorem)