

Homework 7: pages 184 - 185 numbers 1, 21(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.

About the last homework (HW 6), problem 9:

If $s_n \leq t_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \infty$,

then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \infty$

So, $\forall M \in \mathbb{R}, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ st

$s_n > M, \forall n \geq N$

Notice that:

$t_n \geq s_n > M, \forall n \geq N$

So by definition, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \infty$

Section 4.3: Monotone Sequences and Cauchy Sequences

Definition 4.3.1

A sequence (s_n) is **increasing** (or **decreasing**) if $s_n \leq s_{n+1}$ (or $s_{n+1} \leq s_n$) $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. A sequence is **monotonic** if it is increasing or decreasing.

Example 4.3.2

a. $a_n = n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

increasing

b. $b_n = 2^n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

increasing

c. $c_n = 2 - \frac{1}{n}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

increasing

d. $(d_n) = 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, \dots$

increasing

e. $e_n = \frac{2}{n}, \forall \dots$

decreasing

f. $f_n = -3n$

decreasing

g. $(g_n) = 1, 1, 1, \dots$ ($g_n = 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$)

increasing and decreasing

h. $h_n = -1^n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

not monotonic

i. $i_n = \cos(\frac{n\pi}{3}) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

not monotonic

Theorem 4.3.3 (Monotone Convergence Theorem)

A **monotonic sequence** is convergent iff it is bounded.

Proof.

Let: $\{s_n\}$ be a monotonically increasing sequence

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Assume $\{s_n\}$ is convergent.

By Theorem 4.1.13, $\{s_n\}$ is bounded.

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Conversely, assume $\{s_n\}$ is bounded.

Want to show: $\{s_n\}$ converges

Let the range of $\{s_n\}$ be denoted by $S = \{s_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

Since $\{s_n\}$ is bounded, S is bounded above.

Thus, $\sup S$ exists.

Want to show: $\{s_n\}$ converges to $\sup S$

Recall: The supremum is the least upper bound.

Thus,

$$s_n \leq \sup S, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \mathbf{(1)}$$

and for $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists N(\epsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$ st $\forall n \geq N$,

$$\sup S - \epsilon < s_n$$

$$\sup S - \epsilon < s_N \leq s_n \leq \sup S < \sup S + \epsilon \quad \mathbf{(2)}$$

Since $\{s_n\}$ is increasing and, using **(1)**,

From **(2)**, we see that

$$-\epsilon < s_n - \sup S < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N$$

Hence,

$$|s_n - \sup S| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N,$$

which is equivalent to $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \sup S$

(since $|x| < a$ iff $-a < x < a$)

□

The difficult homework problem is going to come from here.

Additional help:

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

First thing, show that it's increasing:

$$a < s_n \leq s_{n+1}$$

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

Second thing, show this:

(mini hint: $|s_n - s| < \epsilon \forall n \geq W$ (written on board, maybe he means M ?)

$$s_n < 3 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Turns up naturally:

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

Example 4.3.4

Let: $s_1 = 1, s_{n+1} = \sqrt{1 + s_n} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \geq 2$

Prove that $\{s_n\}$ converges and find its limit.

$$s_1 = 1, s_2 = \sqrt{2}, s_3 = \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{2}}, s_4 = \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{2}}} \dots$$

Conjecture

$\{s_n\}$ is increasing and $1 \leq s_n \leq 2, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

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

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

$$s_1 = 1 < \sqrt{2} = s_2$$

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

$$\sqrt{1 + s_k} \leq \sqrt{1 + s_{k+1}}$$

Now,

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

So,

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

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

Q(n): $s_n \leq 2 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$s_1 = 1 < 2$$

Assume for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ that $s_k < 2$

Consider:

$$s_{k+1} = \sqrt{1 + s_k} < \sqrt{1 + 3} = \sqrt{2 + 2} = 2$$

Hence, by induction, Q(n): $s_n < 2$ 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,

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

Side Note

$\{s_n\} \rightarrow s$
 $\{t_n\}: t_n = s_{n+k}, k \in \mathbb{N}$

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

From Example 4.2.6,

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

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,

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \sqrt{1 + s} \\ s^2 &= 1 + s \\ s^2 - s - 1 &= 0 \\ s &= \frac{1(+/-)\sqrt{1 - (-4)}}{2} \\ &= \frac{1(+/-)\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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,

$$s = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$\{s_n\}$ is Cauchy if for $\epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$

st

$$|s_n - s_m| < \epsilon \forall m, n \geq N$$