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MATH 2050B Mathematical Analysis I
Extra Tutorial 4 (November 23)

Exercise 1. Let $\{a_n\}$ be defined by

$$a_1 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + 2}{a_n + 1} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

Determine if the sequence $\{a_n\}$ is convergent. If yes, find its limit.

Exercise 2. Let $\{r_j\}$ be the set of all rational numbers in \mathbb{R} . Define the function φ to be

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{r_j < x} \frac{1}{2^j}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Show that φ is an increasing function which is continuous at every irrational numbers, but discontinuous at every rational numbers.

The following theorem was proved in Extra Tutorial 1.

Theorem (Heine-Borel Theorem). Every closed and bounded interval $[a, b]$ is compact, i.e. any open interval covers \mathcal{C} of $[a, b]$ has a finite subcover.

Exercise 3. Use Heine-Borel Theorem to show that a function continuous on $[a, b]$ is uniformly continuous on $[a, b]$.