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- Tutorial problems will be posted every Wednesday, provided there is a tutorial class on the Thursday same week. You are advised to try out the problems before attending tutorial classes, where the questions will be discussed.
- Solutions to tutorial problems will be posted after tutorial classes.
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1. (a) Let  $x_n = n/100$ , it suffices to show that it is unbounded. For any  $M > 0$ , by Archimedean property there is some  $n > 100M$ , therefore  $x_n > M$ . Unbounded sequence is divergent by proposition 2.7.

(b) We will show that  $\lim x_n = 1$ . To prove this, pick any  $\epsilon > 0$ , if  $\epsilon > 1$ , then for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\left| \frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1} - 1 \right| = \frac{2}{n^2 + 1} \leq 1 < \epsilon.$$

Otherwise  $\epsilon < 1$ , then by Archimedean property there exists some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $N > \sqrt{\frac{2}{\epsilon} - 1}$ , which is equivalent to saying  $\epsilon > \frac{2}{N^2 + 1}$ , then for any  $n \geq N$

$$\left| \frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1} - 1 \right| = \frac{2}{n^2 + 1} \leq \frac{2}{N^2 + 1} < \epsilon.$$

(c) We will show that  $\lim x_n = 0$ . First note that for  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$0 \leq \sqrt{n} - \sqrt{n-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n-1}} \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n-1}}$$

Consider now the sequence  $\{y_n\}$  where  $y_1 = 1$  and  $y_n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n-1}}$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Then by squeeze theorem (proposition 2.10), it suffices to show that  $\lim y_n = 0$ .

Now pick any  $\epsilon > 0$ , by Archimedean property there is some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $N > \frac{1}{4\epsilon^2} + 1$ , which is equivalent to  $\epsilon > \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N-1}}$ . Then for any  $n \geq N$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n-1}} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N-1}} < \epsilon.$$

(d) Regardless of what the value of  $a$  is, since  $-1 \leq \cos(na) \leq 1$ , the sequence  $x_n = \cos(na)/n$  satisfies the following bound,

$$-\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{\cos(na)}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n}.$$

By Monotone convergence theorem,  $\lim \frac{1}{n} = \inf\{\frac{1}{n}\} = 0$  and  $\lim(-\frac{1}{n}) = \sup\{-\frac{1}{n}\} = 0$ . So by squeeze theorem,  $\lim x_n = 0$ .

(e) We will show that  $\lim x_n = 0$ . First note that

$$0 \leq \frac{n^2}{n^3 + 1} \leq \frac{n^2}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n}.$$

Once again the result follows from squeeze theorem.

(f) We will show that  $x_n = \sqrt{n}$  is unbounded above, hence it is divergent. For any  $M > 0$ , by Archimedean property there is some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $N > M$ , so  $x_{N^2} = \sqrt{N^2} = N > M$ . So  $x_n$  is unbounded.

2. Notice that  $\lim |x_n| = 0$  is equivalent to saying that for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that for  $n \geq N$ ,  $||x_n| - 0| = |x_n| < \epsilon$ . The condition is identical to  $\lim x_n = 0$ .
3. Suppose that  $c = 0$ , then  $cx_n = 0$  is just the constant sequence, which converges to  $0 = cL$ . We include the  $\epsilon$ -argument here for completeness: for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , take  $N = 1$ , then for  $n \geq N = 1$ ,  $|x_n - 0| = 0 < \epsilon$ . Now suppose  $c \neq 0$ , then fix any  $\epsilon > 0$ , by assumption, with respect to  $\epsilon' = \epsilon/|c| > 0$ , we may find  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that for  $n \geq N$ , we get  $|x_n - L| < \epsilon'$ . Then for the same  $N$ , we have  $n \geq N$  gives  $|cx_n - cL| = |c| \cdot |x_n - L| < |c|\epsilon' = \epsilon$  and we are done.
4. Suppose  $\lim x_n = L$ , this implies that given any  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can find  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , so that for  $n \geq N$ ,  $|x_n - L| < \epsilon$ . In fact, we may pick  $N = 2k$  to be even because if  $N$  is odd, then replacing  $N$  by  $N + 1$  will give an even number. Then for the same  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $m \geq k$ , we have  $|y_m - L| = |x_{2m} - L| < \epsilon$ . The last inequality holds because  $2m > 2k = N$ .
5. (a) We can just compute

$$x_{n+1} - x_n = \frac{x_n^2 - 4x_n + 4}{4} = \frac{(x_n - 2)^2}{4} \geq 0,$$

therefore  $x_n$  is an increasing sequence.

- (b) The base case  $x_1 = 1 \leq 2$  is satisfied. Suppose now we know that  $x_k \leq 2$ , then  $x_{k+1} = \frac{x_k^2 + 4}{4} \leq \frac{2^2 + 4}{4} = 2$ . So inductively, we have  $x_n \leq 2$  for any  $n$ .
- (c) From the above, we know  $\lim x_n = L$  exists according to monotone convergence theorem. Now the limit of the sequence  $\{x_{n+1}\}$  is the same as the  $\{x_n\}$ , which can be readily seen by definition. Therefore, along with the fact that limit is compatible with arithmetic, the recurrence relation implies that  $\lim x_{n+1} = ((\lim x_n)^2 + 4)/4$ . So  $L$  satisfies the relation  $L = (L^2 + 4)/4$ . Solving this yields  $L = 2$ .
6. (a) For this question, we will be using the Bernoulli's inequality. For  $x > 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $(1 + x)^n \geq 1 + nx$ , which can be shown by simply doing binomial expansion and truncating the higher order terms. Suppose that  $0 < a < 1$ , then  $a^{-1} > 1$  and therefore we can rewrite  $x_n = a^n = \frac{1}{(1+c)^n}$  where  $c > 0$ . Then

$$0 \leq x_n = \frac{1}{(1+c)^n} \leq \frac{1}{1+nc} < \frac{1}{cn}.$$

By squeeze theorem, it suffices to show that  $\lim 1/(cn) = 0$ . This is clear because  $\lim 1/n = 0$ .

- (b)  $x_n = 1^n = 1$  is a constant sequence, hence it converges to 1.
- (c) For  $a > 1$ , we may write  $x_n = a^n = (1+b)^n \geq 1+nb$ , then  $x_n$  can be easily seen to be unbounded since  $1+nb$  is. For any  $M > 0$ , by Archimedean principle, we may find  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  large enough so that  $kb > 1$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $N > M$ , then taking  $n = Nk$ , we get  $x_{Nk} \geq 1 + (Nk)b > M$  as desired.

7. (a) We will use the monotone convergence theorem to show that limit of  $x_n$  exists. First, we note that  $x_n$  is monotonic increasing:

$$x_{n+1} - x_n = \frac{1}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2n+2} - \frac{1}{n+1} \geq \frac{2}{2n+2} - \frac{1}{n+1} = 0.$$

Then, we also have  $x_n \leq 1$  simply by considering

$$x_n = \frac{1}{n+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n+1} < \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}_{n \text{ terms}} = 1.$$

Therefore limit of  $x_n$  exists.

- (b) The argument is wrong because  $x_n$  is not a sum of  $n$  sequences, the number of terms in the sum depends on  $n$ .

Remark: The limit of  $x_n$  turns out to be  $\ln 2$ , this can be shown by noting that  $x_n$  is actually the same as Riemann sum of the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  from 1 to 2. Therefore, the limit approaches  $\int_1^2 \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln 2$ .

8. Suppose that  $x_n$  is an integer sequence converging to some limit  $L$ , then pick  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ , we have  $|x_n - L| < \frac{1}{2}$  for  $n \geq N$  for some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , this in particular means that  $x_n$  assumes the same value for  $n \geq N$ . Otherwise, if  $x_m \neq x_n$  for some pair of  $n, m \geq N$ , then  $|x_m - x_n| \geq 1$ . But by triangle inequality  $|x_n - x_m| \leq |x_n - L| + |x_m - L| < 1$ . This is a contradiction.
9. Suppose  $\lim x_n = 0$ , then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can find some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that if  $n \geq N$ , we have  $x_n \leq \epsilon^2$  for  $n \geq N$ , this in particular implies  $\sqrt{x_n} \leq \epsilon$  for  $n \geq N$ . So we are done.
10. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , by density of  $S$ , there exists some element  $x_n \in S \cap (r - \frac{1}{n}, r + \frac{1}{n})$ . We obtain a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  inside  $S$ . We will now prove that  $\lim x_n = r$ . Pick any  $\epsilon > 0$ , then by Archimedean property we have  $\frac{1}{N} < \epsilon$  for some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then for any  $n \geq N$ , we have  $|x_n - r| < \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{N} \epsilon$  by construction of  $x_n$ . Hence the result.