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**MATH2058 Honours Mathematical Analysis I**  
**Tutorial 6**  
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1. (Exercise 3.5.2 of [BS11]) Show directly from the definition that the following are Cauchy sequences

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

(b)  $\left(\frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}\right)$

2. Show directly that a bounded, monotone sequence is a Cauchy sequence without using the Monotone Convergence Theorem.

- Hint: by contradiction sps sequence is not Cauchy. Then show sequence cannot be bdd.*
3. Show that the Archimedean Property and the Cauchy theorem together imply the axiom of completeness.

4. Use either the  $\varepsilon - \delta$  definition of limit or the Sequential Criterion for limits, to establish the following:

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{|x|} = 0$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - x + 1}{x + 1} = \frac{1}{2}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ , ( $x > 0$ ) does not exist.

5. (Exercise 4.1.14 of [BS11]) Suppose  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f$  is a function on  $\mathbb{R}$  so that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x))^2 = L$ .

(a) If  $L = 0$ , show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 0$  as well.

(b) If  $L \neq 0$ , provide an example in which  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  does not exist.

6. (Exercise 4.3.8 of [BS11]) Let  $f$  be defined on  $(0, \infty)$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$  if and only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(1/x) = L$ .

*Announcement: Midterm next Wednesday 8:30am - 10:00am.*

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Pf: a) : let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. WLOG, can take  $m > n$ .

$$\frac{n+1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{n}.$$

$$\text{So } \left| 1 + \frac{1}{m} - 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{2}{n}.$$

So taking  $N(\varepsilon) > \frac{2}{\varepsilon}$  works.

b) : Use  $2^k < k!$  for  $k \geq 4$ .

2. Show directly that a bounded, monotone sequence is a Cauchy sequence without using the Monotone Convergence Theorem.

$\text{Pf:}$  WLOG  $(x_n)$  is bounded above and monotone increasing,  
 s.p.s for contradiction  $(x_n)$  is not Cauchy.

So  $\exists \varepsilon_0 > 0$  s.t. for all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , we can find  $n > m \geq N$

$$\text{s.t. } x_n - x_m \geq \varepsilon_0. \quad (x_n - x_n \geq x_n - x_m \geq \varepsilon_0.)$$

By monotonicity, may as well take  $m = N$ .

Build a subsequence:

First, take  $N = 1$ . So there are  $n_1 < n_2$  s.t.

$$x_{n_2} - x_{n_1} \geq \varepsilon_0.$$

For this  $n_2$ , take  $n_3 > n_2$  s.t.  $x_{n_3} - x_{n_2} \geq \varepsilon_0$ .

$\vdots$

So we have  $x_{n_k}$  s.t.  $x_{n_{k+1}} - x_{n_k} \geq \varepsilon_0$ .

Take  $M > x_1$ . Then by AP., we can find  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  
 $K\varepsilon_0 > M - x_1$ .

Then with  $K$

$$x_{n_{K+1}} = x_1 + \sum_{k=1}^K (x_{n_{k+1}} - x_{n_k}) \geq x_1 + K\varepsilon_0 > M.$$

So  $(x_n)$  is unbounded, a contradiction.  $\diagup$

3. Show that the Archimedean Property and the Cauchy theorem together imply the axiom of completeness.

Proof: Axiom of completeness  $\Rightarrow$  MCT  $\Rightarrow$  NIT  $\Rightarrow$  BW  
 $\Rightarrow$  Cauchy Criterion  $\xRightarrow{AP}$  Completeness

Metric spaces / Banach spaces

"Completeness" iff all Cauchy sequences converge.

Pf: Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  that is non-empty and bdd. above.

Construct two sequences inductively.

Pick  $a_1 \in A$ ,  $b_1$  to be any u.b. of  $A$ .

consider  $\frac{1}{2}(a_1 + b_1)$  - if this is an u.b. of  $A$ ,

set  $a_2 = a_1$ ,  $b_2 = \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + b_1)$ .

if not, set  $a_2 = \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + b_1)$ ,  $b_2 = b_1$

$\vdots$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{2}(a_{k-1} + b_{k-1}) \text{ or } a_{k-1}$$

$$b_k = b_{k-1} \text{ or } \frac{1}{2}(a_{k-1} + b_{k-1})$$

depending on whether  $\frac{1}{2}(a_{k-1} + b_{k-1})$  is an u.b. of  $A$ .

By construction,  $(a_n)$ ,  $(b_n)$  are bdd, monotone,

hence by Q2, Cauchy  $\Rightarrow$  converge.

Cauchy criterion

Moreover,  $b_n - a_n = \frac{1}{2}(b_{n-1} - a_{n-1}) = \dots = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}(b_1 - a_1) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

So set  $x := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$ .

WTS  $x = \sup A$ . Since  $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$ , and  $b_n \geq a$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a \in A$  so  $x \geq a$  for all  $a \in A$  (taking limits preserves order).

So  $x$  is an u.b. of  $A$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then by  $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ ,  $\exists N$  st.  $\forall n \geq N$ ,  $x - a_n < \varepsilon$ .

$$\Downarrow \\ x - \varepsilon < a_n.$$

So  $x - \varepsilon$  is not an u.b. of  $A$ . So  $x = \sup A$ .

4. Use either the  $\varepsilon - \delta$  definition of limit or the Sequential Criterion for limits, to establish the following:

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(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - x + 1}{x + 1} = \frac{1}{2}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ , ( $x > 0$ ) does not exist.

*Pf:* b) let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then

$$\left| \frac{x^2 - x + 1}{x + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right| = \left| \frac{(x-1)(2x-1)}{(2x+2)} \right| \leq |x-1| \left| \frac{2x-1}{2x+2} \right|$$

$$\leq |x-1| \left| \frac{2x}{2x} \right| = |x-1|.$$

So truly  $\delta = \varepsilon$  works.

c) Use sequential criterion. Let  $x_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$ . Then  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  
and  $x_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

But we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x_n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n^2}}} = n \text{ which diverges to infinity as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

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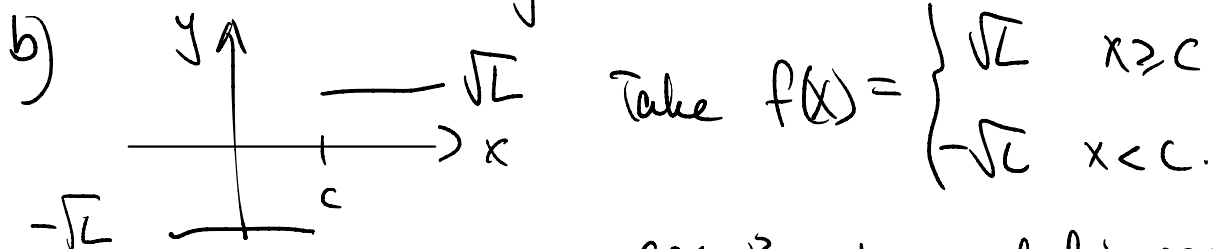
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~~Pf~~ a) Sp.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x))^2 = 0$ . Then for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we can find  $\delta > 0$  s.t. for  $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ , we have

$$|(f(x))^2| < \varepsilon^2$$

Taking square root yields the result.



Then  $(f(x))^2 \equiv L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x))^2 = L$ ,  
but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  DNE.  $\diagup$

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Proof: First sps  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$ . Then for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a  $K(\varepsilon) > 0$  s.t. for any  $x > K$

$$|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

Take  $\delta = \frac{1}{K}$ , then we have for  $0 < z < \frac{1}{K}$ , we have  $\frac{1}{z} > K$ , and so  $|f(\frac{1}{z}) - L| < \varepsilon$ .

Now, sps,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(\frac{1}{x}) = L$ . Then for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta(\varepsilon)$  s.t. for all  $0 < x < \delta$ ,

$$|f(\frac{1}{x}) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

So by AP, take  $K > \frac{1}{\delta}$ , we have that  $0 < x < \delta \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{x} < \frac{1}{\delta} =: z$  and

$$|f(z) - L| = |f(\frac{1}{x}) - L| < \varepsilon.$$