

- Problem 1 (8 points) Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n+5}{n+7}$  and prove your result.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n+5}{n+7} = 3$$

Proof:  $\frac{3n+5}{n+7} = \frac{n(3+5/n)}{n(1+7/n)}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3+5 \cdot 1/n}{1+7 \cdot 1/n} = 3$

by the limit laws and the fact that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$

Alternative proof

We need to prove  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists M \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \geq M \left| \frac{3n+5}{n+7} - 3 \right| < \epsilon$

Given  $\epsilon$  take  $M > \frac{16-7\epsilon}{\epsilon}$  then if  $n > M$

$$n > \frac{16-7\epsilon}{\epsilon} \text{ so } 16 < \epsilon n + 7\epsilon \text{ so } \frac{16}{n+7} < \epsilon \text{ so } \left| \frac{16}{n+7} \right| < \epsilon \text{ so}$$

$$\left| \frac{3n+5-3n-21}{n+7} \right| < \epsilon \text{ so } \left| \frac{3n+5-3}{n+7} \right| < \epsilon$$

Scratchwork:  $\left| \frac{3n+5}{n+7} - 3 \right| < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow$

$$\left| \frac{3n+5-3n-21}{n+7} \right| < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left| \frac{-16}{n+7} \right| < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{16}{n+7} < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow$$

$$16 < \epsilon n + 7\epsilon \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{16-7\epsilon}{\epsilon} > n$$

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$S$  contains  $\frac{1}{2} - 1, \frac{3}{2} - 1, \frac{5}{2} - 1, \dots$   
 $\frac{2}{3} + 1, \frac{4}{5} + 1, \frac{6}{7} + 1, \dots$

(16 points)

• **Problem 2** Given  $S = \{\frac{n}{n+1} + (-1)^n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  Let  $s = \sup S$  and  $i = \inf S$

a) (~~6~~ points) Find the value of  $i$  and prove  $i = \inf S$ .

$$i = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Proof:

$$1) \text{ If } n \text{ is odd, } -\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{n}{n+1} - 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{n}{n+1} \Leftrightarrow n+1 \leq 2n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 \leq n, \text{ True}$$

$$\text{If } n \text{ is even, } -\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{n}{n+1} + 1 \Leftrightarrow -\frac{3}{2} \leq \frac{n}{n+1} \Leftrightarrow -3n - 3 \leq 2n \Leftrightarrow$$

$$-\frac{3}{5} \leq n, \text{ True. So } -\frac{1}{2} \text{ is a lower bound for } S$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{1+1} - 1 \text{ so } -\frac{1}{2} \in S \text{ therefore } -\frac{1}{2} = \min(S)$$

b) (~~4~~ points) Find the value of  $s$  and prove  $s = \sup S$

$\sup(S) = 2$  proof:

1) If  $n$  is odd,  $\frac{n}{n+1} - 1 \leq 2 \Leftrightarrow n \leq 3n+3 \Leftrightarrow -3 \leq 2n \Leftrightarrow -\frac{3}{2} \leq n$  True

If  $n$  is even  $\frac{n}{n+1} + 1 \leq 2 \Leftrightarrow n \leq n+1 \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq 1$  True

2) Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can find  $n$  even st  $\frac{n}{n+1} + 1 > 2 - \varepsilon$  since

$$\frac{n}{n+1} + 1 > 2 - \varepsilon \Leftrightarrow n \geq (n+1)(1-\varepsilon) \Leftrightarrow n \geq n - \varepsilon n + (1-\varepsilon) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\varepsilon n \geq (1-\varepsilon) \Leftrightarrow n > \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \quad \text{end by the Archimedean property}$$

we can find an even  $n$  st  $n > \frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon}$

c) (~~2~~ points) Is  $S$  closed? Justify your answer.

No take  $a_n = \frac{2n}{2n+1} + 1$  then  $a_n \in S$   $a_n \rightarrow 2$

but  $2 \notin S$  since if  $n$  is odd  $\frac{n}{n+1} - 1 = 2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{n}{n+1} = 3$

$\Leftrightarrow n = 3n+1 \Leftrightarrow n = -\frac{1}{2}$  impossible. If  $n$  is even

$\frac{n}{n+1} + 1 = 2 \Leftrightarrow n = n+1 \Leftrightarrow 0 = 1$  impossible

d) (~~2~~ points) Is  $S$  sequentially compact? Justify your answer.

No because it is not closed

- **Problem 3** (8 points) Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a convergent sequence. Prove that  $\{(-1)^n a_n\}$  converges if and only if  $\{a_n\}$  converges to 0.

$\Leftarrow$  Assume  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$  we need to prove  $\{(-1)^n a_n\}$  converges  
(we shall actually prove  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n a_n = 0$ ):

Since  $|(-1)^n a_n| = |a_n|$  we have that

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists M \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \geq M \quad |a_n| < \epsilon \Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists M \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \geq M \quad |(-1)^n a_n| < \epsilon$$

Alternatively use the squeeze thm  $-a_n \leq (-1)^n a_n \leq a_n$   
 $\swarrow \quad \searrow$   
 $0 \quad 0$

Note: you cannot use the limit laws to say  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  because  $\{(-1)^n\}$   
 diverges.

$\Leftarrow$  (bottom of the page)

Can  $\{(-1)^n a_n\}$  converge if  $\{a_n\}$  diverges? <sup>Justify</sup> ~~Prove~~ your answer.

yes if  $a_n = (-1)^n$  then  $\{a_n\}$  diverges

but  $(-1)^n \cdot a_n = (-1)^n (-1)^n = 1$  and the constant  
 sequence equal to 1 converges.

$\Leftarrow$  by contraposition assume  $\{a_n\}$  converges to  $a \neq 0$   
 then  $\{(-1)^n a_n\}$  has two subsequences:  $\{(-1)^{2k} a_{2k}\}$  converging  
 to  $a$  and  $\{(-1)^{2k+1} a_{2k+1}\}$  converging to  $-a$ , so  
 $\{(-1)^n a_n\}$  does not converge. <sup>5</sup>

• **Problem 4** (18 points) Give examples for each of the following, or explain why it is not possible to provide an example

1. A subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is closed and bounded, but it is not an interval.

$$[1, 2] \cup [3, 4]$$

2. Two convergent sequences  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  with  $b_n \neq 0$ , for all  $n \geq 1$  such that their quotient  $\{\frac{a_n}{b_n}\}$  diverges.

$$a_n = 1 \quad b_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

Note that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$

3. A convergent sequence  $\{a_n\}$  such that the set  $S = \{a_n; n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  has no greatest lower bound.

Impossible since  $S$  is bounded so  $S$  is bounded below

4. A bounded sequence that is not convergent.

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

5. A closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is not sequentially compact.

$$[0, +\infty)$$

6. A Cauchy sequence  $\{a_n\}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$

Impossible, a Cauchy sequence is convergent