

MATH 382 - Real Analysis (1)
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Solution of the First Exam
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Question (1): [8 marks]

1. Give an example of the following:

(i) A non-empty set $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ such that $\inf A = \min A$ and $\sup A \notin A$. [1]

Solution :

$A = [a, b)$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a < b$.

$A = [a, \infty)$ where $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

(ii) Two infinite subsets $A \subset B$ and $A \sim B$. [1]

Solution :

$A = \mathbb{N}_1$ or \mathbb{N}_2 , and $B = \mathbb{N}$.

$A = \mathbb{N}$ and $B = \mathbb{Z}$.

$A = (0, 1)$ and $B = (0, b)$, where $b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b > 1$.

2. If A and B are two any non-empty upper bounded subsets of \mathbb{R} ,

Prove that : $\sup(A \cup B) = \max \{\sup A, \sup B\}$. [3]

Solution :

$A \subset A \cup B \implies \sup A \leq \sup(A \cup B)$.

$B \subset A \cup B \implies \sup B \leq \sup(A \cup B)$.

Hence, $\max \{\sup A, \sup B\} \leq \sup(A \cup B) \implies (1)$.

If $x \in A \cup B \implies x \in A$ or $x \in B$

$\implies x \leq \sup A$ or $x \leq \sup B \implies x \leq \max \{\sup A, \sup B\}$

which means that $\max \{\sup A, \sup B\}$ is an upper bound of the set $A \cup B$

Hence, $\sup(A \cup B) \leq \max \{\sup A, \sup B\} \implies (2)$

From (1) and (2) : $\sup(A \cup B) = \max \{\sup A, \sup B\}$.

3. If A and B are denumerable subsets of \mathbb{R} , Prove that $A \times B$ is a denumerable set. [3]

Solution :

Since A is denumerable then there exists a bijection $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

also, since B is denumerable then there exists a bijection $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

Define $h : A \times B \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ as : $h(a, b) = 2^{f(a)}3^{g(b)}$, $\forall a \in A, b \in B$.

Suppose $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2) \in A \times B$:

$$h(a_1, b_1) = h(a_2, b_2) \implies 2^{f(a_1)}3^{g(b_1)} = 2^{f(a_2)}3^{g(b_2)}$$

$$\implies 2^{f(a_1)} = 2^{f(a_2)} \text{ and } 3^{g(b_1)} = 3^{g(b_2)}$$

$$\implies f(a_1) = f(a_2) \text{ and } g(b_1) = g(b_2)$$

$$\implies a_1 = a_2 \text{ and } b_1 = b_2 \text{ (since } f \text{ and } g \text{ are both injective).}$$

$$\implies (a_1, b_1) = (a_2, b_2).$$

Therefore, h is an injection.

Hence, $A \times B \sim R_h \subset \mathbb{N}$.

Since R_h is countable, then $A \times B$ is countable, and being infinite it is denumerable.

Question (2): [17 marks]

1. Give an example of the following:

(i) A convergent sequence which is not monotonic. [1]

Solution :

The sequence $\left(\frac{(-1)^n}{n}\right)$.

(ii) A divergent sequence which has a Cauchy subsequence. [1]

Solution :

The sequence $(x_n) = ((-1)^n)$ is divergent,

the subsequence $(x_{2n}) = ((-1)^{2n})$ is convergent, so it is a Cauchy subsequence .

(iii) An infinite set A such that $\hat{A} = \phi$. [1]

Solution :

$A = \mathbb{N}$ or $A = \mathbb{Z}$.

2. Prove that any convergent sequence is bounded. [2]

Solution :

Suppose the sequence (x_n) converges to x ,

Let $\epsilon = 1$, then there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that :

$$\text{For } n \geq N : |x_n - x| < 1$$

$$\implies ||x_n| - |x|| < |x_n - x| < 1$$

$$\implies -1 < |x_n| - |x| < 1$$

$$\implies |x_n| < 1 + |x|$$

Take $K = \{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_{N-1}|, 1 + |x|\}$

Then $K > 0$ and $|x_n| < K, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Therefore, the sequence (x_n) is bounded .

3. Discuss the convergence of the sequence $(\cos(n\pi))$. [2]

Solution : Let $(x_n) = (\cos(n\pi))$, consider the subsequences

$$x_{2n} = \cos(2n\pi) = 1 \longrightarrow 1 .$$

$$x_{2n+1} = \cos((2n+1)\pi) = -1 \longrightarrow -1 .$$

Therefore, the sequence $(\cos(n\pi))$ is divergent.

4. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 + \sin n}{n^3 + 1}$. (Justify your answer) [2]

Solution : Let $x_n = \frac{2 + \sin n}{n^3 + 1} = (2 + \sin n) \frac{1}{n^3 + 1} = a_n b_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$|a_n| = |2 + \sin n| \leq 2 + |\sin n| \leq 2 + 1 = 3, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, so (a_n) is bounded.

Also, $b_n \longrightarrow 0$, Therefore $x_n = a_n.b_n \longrightarrow 0$.

5. If (x_n) and (y_n) are Cauchy sequences, prove that $(x_n y_n)$ is a Cauchy sequence. [3]

Solution :

Since (x_n) is Cauchy then it is bounded, so $|x_n| < K_1$, where $K_1 > 0$.

Since (y_n) is Cauchy then it is bounded, so $|y_n| < K_2$, where $K_2 > 0$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given :

Since (x_n) is Cauchy then there exists $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that :

$$\forall n, m \geq N_1 : |x_n - x_m| < \epsilon .$$

Since (y_n) is Cauchy then there exists $N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that :

$$\forall n, m \geq N_2 : |y_n - y_m| < \epsilon .$$

Take $N = \max \{N_1, N_2\}$, then $\forall n, m \geq N$:

$$\begin{aligned} |x_n y_n - x_m y_m| &= |x_n y_n - x_m y_n + x_m y_n - x_m y_m| \\ &= |y_n (x_n - x_m) + x_m (y_n - y_m)| \\ &\leq |y_n| |x_n - x_m| + |x_m| |y_n - y_m| \\ &\leq K_2 \epsilon + K_1 \epsilon = (K_1 + K_2) \epsilon = c \epsilon, \text{ where } c = K_1 + K_2 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $(x_n y_n)$ is a Cauchy sequence .

6. If $0 < a < b$, find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a+b}$. [2]

Solution :

$$0 < a < b \implies a + b > 0, \text{ Therefore, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a+b} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a+b)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1.$$

Note that, if $c > 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$. (see Example 3.8, page 78).

7. If $x_1 = 1$ and $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{4x_n + 5}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, show that (x_n) is monotonic and bounded, then find its limit. [3]

Solution :

First - Showing that (x_n) is an increasing sequence :

(i). $x_1 = 1 \leq 3 = x_2$.

(ii). Suppose $x_{n-1} \leq x_n$.

(iii) Proving that $x_n \leq x_{n+1}$:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n-1} \leq x_n &\implies 4x_{n-1} \leq 4x_n \implies 4x_{n-1} + 5 \leq 4x_n + 5 \\ &\implies \sqrt{4x_{n-1} + 5} \leq \sqrt{4x_n + 5} \implies x_n \leq x_{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Second - Showing that (x_n) is bounded above by 5 :

(i). $x_1 = 1 \leq 5$.

(ii). Suppose $x_n \leq 5$.

(iii) Proving that $x_{n+1} \leq 5$:

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{4x_n + 5} \leq \sqrt{4(5) + 5} = \sqrt{25} = 5.$$

Since (x_n) is an increasing and bounded above, then it converges to l .

Third - Finding the value of l :

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} = \sqrt{4x_n + 5} &\implies l = \sqrt{4l + 5} \implies l^2 = 4l + 5 \\ &\implies l^2 - 4l - 5 = 0 \implies (l - 5)(l + 1) = 0 \implies l = 5, l = -1. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $x_n \geq 1$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, so $l = -1$ is excluded.

Therefore, $x_n \rightarrow 5$.

Bonus Question: If (x_n) is an increasing sequence of positive terms which has a convergent subsequence, Prove that (x_n) is convergent.

Solution :

Since (x_n) is an increasing sequence, then it is enough to show that it is bounded above.

Suppose that (x_{n_k}) is the convergent subsequence, then (x_{n_k}) is bounded,

$|x_{n_k}| = x_{n_k} \leq M, \forall n_k \in \mathbb{N}$, where $M > 0$.

$\forall k \in \mathbb{N} : k \leq n_k \implies x_k < x_{n_k}$ (since (x_n) is increasing).

$\implies x_k < x_{n_k} \leq M, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Therefore, the sequence (x_n) is bounded above, Hence, it is convergent.