

Please provide complete and well-written solutions to the following exercises.

Due November 13, in the discussion section.

## Assignment 6

**Exercise 1.** Let  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n$  be a formal series of real numbers. Then  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n$  converges if and only if: for every real number  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an integer  $N \geq M$  such that, for all  $p, q \geq N$ ,

$$\left| \sum_{n=p}^q a_n \right| < \varepsilon.$$

(Hint: recall that a sequence is convergent if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence.)

**Exercise 2.** Let  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n$  be a formal series of real numbers. If  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ . Note that the contrapositive says: if  $a_n$  does not converge to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n$  does not converge. (Hint: use Exercise 1.)

**Exercise 3.** Let  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n$  be a formal series of real numbers. If this series is absolutely convergent, then it is convergent. Moreover,

$$\left| \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n \right| \leq \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} |a_n|.$$

**Exercise 4.**

- Let  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series of real numbers converging to  $x$ , and let  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} b_n$  be a series of real numbers converging to  $y$ . Then  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n)$  is a convergent series that converges to  $x + y$ . That is,

$$\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n) = \left( \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n \right) + \left( \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} b_n \right).$$

- Let  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series of real numbers converging to  $x$ , and let  $c$  be a real number. Then  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} (ca_n)$  is a convergent series that converges to  $cx$ . That is,

$$\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} (ca_n) = c \left( \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n \right).$$

- Let  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series of real numbers, and let  $k$  be a natural number. If one of the two series  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n$  or  $\sum_{n=m+k}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then the other also converges, and we have

$$\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n = \left( \sum_{n=m}^{m+k-1} a_n \right) + \left( \sum_{n=m+k}^{\infty} a_n \right).$$

- Let  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series of real numbers converging to  $x$ , and let  $k$  be an integer. Then  $\sum_{n=m+k}^{\infty} a_{n-k}$  also converges to  $x$ .

**Exercise 5.** Let  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n, \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} b_n$  be formal series of real numbers. Assume that  $|a_n| \leq b_n$  for all  $n \geq m$ . If  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} b_n$  is convergent, then  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n$  is absolutely convergent. Moreover,

$$\left| \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n \right| \leq \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} |a_n| \leq \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} b_n.$$

**Exercise 6.** For any  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , define  $a_n := (-1)^{n+1}/(n+1)$ . Find a bijection  $g: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  such that the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{g(n)}$  diverges.

**Exercise 7.** Let  $(b_n)_{n=m}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of positive numbers. Then

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n^{1/n}.$$

**Exercise 8.** Let  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}, (b_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}, (c_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be sequences of real numbers. Then  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence of  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ . Also, if  $(b_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence of  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , and if  $(c_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence of  $(b_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , then  $(c_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence of  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ .

**Exercise 9.** Give an example of two convergent series of real numbers  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  such that the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n b_n)$  is not convergent.

**Exercise 10.** Let  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of real numbers, and let  $L$  be a real number.

- If the sequence  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges to  $L$ , then every subsequence of  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges to  $L$ .
- Conversely, if every subsequence of  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges to  $L$ , then  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  itself converges to  $L$ .