

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

Due March 11, 10AM PST, to be uploaded as a single PDF document to Brightspace.

Homework 7

Exercise 1. For any $x > 0$, show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^{1/n} = 1$. (Hint: first, given any $\varepsilon > 0$, show that $(1 + \varepsilon)^n$ has no real upper bound M , as $n \rightarrow \infty$. To prove this claim, set $x = 1/(1 + \varepsilon)$ and an exercise from the previous homework. Now, with this preliminary claim, show that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ and for any real M , there exists a positive integer n such that $M^{1/n} < 1 + \varepsilon$. Now, use these two claims, and consider the cases $x > 1$ and $x < 1$ separately.)

Exercise 2. Let $m \leq n < p$ be integers, let $(a_i)_{i=m}^n, (b_i)_{i=m}^n$ be a sequences of real numbers, let k be an integer, and let c be a real number. Prove:

- $$\sum_{i=m}^n (a_i + b_i) = \left(\sum_{i=m}^n a_i \right) + \left(\sum_{i=m}^n b_i \right).$$
- $$\left| \sum_{i=m}^n a_i \right| \leq \sum_{i=m}^n |a_i|.$$
- If $a_i \leq b_i$ for all $m \leq i \leq n$, then $\sum_{i=m}^n a_i \leq \sum_{i=m}^n b_i$.

Exercise 3. 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 4. 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 3.)

Exercise 5. 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 6.

- 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,

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

Exercise 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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 10. 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 11. 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 12. 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 .