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EXERCISE SET C – Solutions

THEME: Sequence Limits

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C.1. *Relevant page(s) in the notes: 12*

(a)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7n^3 + 2n^2 - n + 16}{4n^3 + 98n^2 + 31n - 11} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7 + 2/n - 1/n^2 + 16/n^3}{4 + 98/n + 31/n^2 - 11/n^3} = \frac{7}{4}.$$

(b) Let

$$a_n \equiv \frac{-1}{\sqrt[3]{19n + 42}} \quad \text{and} \quad c_n \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{19n + 42}} \quad \text{and note that} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = 0.$$

Since

$$a_n \leq \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt[3]{19n + 42}} \leq c_n$$

by the Sandwich Theorem (Theorem 1.23)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt[3]{19n + 42}} = 0.$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n}(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n}(n+1-n)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{1+1/n} + 1) \\ &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

C.2. *Relevant page(s) in the notes: Supplementary Results*

Let

$$a_n \equiv \frac{974^n}{(n+33)!}.$$

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Then all $a_n \neq 0$ and

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{974^{n+1}}{(n+34)!} \times \frac{(n+33)!}{974^n} = \frac{974}{n+34} = \frac{974/n}{1+34/n}.$$

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{974/n}{1+34/n} \right) = 0.$$

So by the Ratio Test for Sequences (Theorem S.1 of the Supplementary Results)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{974^n}{(n+33)!} = 0.$$

C.3. Relevant page(s) in the notes: 12

Define the sequences

$$a_n \equiv -\frac{1}{(n+4)^{1/39}}, \quad \text{and} \quad c_n \equiv \frac{1}{(n+4)^{1/39}} \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$-1 \leq \cos(n) \leq 1 \implies -1 \leq \cos^{703}(n) \leq 1 \implies a_n \leq \frac{\cos^{703}(n)}{(n+4)^{1/39}} \leq c_n. \quad (1)$$

Now

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = - \left\{ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n+4} \right) \right\}^{1/39} = 0^{1/39} = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-a_n) = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n) = 0.$$

Because of (1) and the Sandwich Theorem (Theorem 1.23)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos^{703}(n)}{(n+4)^{1/39}} = 0.$$

C.4. Relevant page(s) in the notes: 12

(a) From the result concerning the function h with $x = \sqrt{n}$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\sqrt{n} - 2 \ln(\sqrt{n}) > 0 \implies \sqrt{n} - \ln(n) > 0 \implies \sqrt{n} > \ln(n).$$

(b) Define the sequences

$$a_n = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad c_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Firstly,

$$n \geq 1 \implies \ln(n) \geq 0 \implies \frac{\ln(n)}{n} \geq 0 = a_n. \quad (2)$$

Secondly, from (a),

$$\ln(n) < \sqrt{n} \implies \frac{\ln(n)}{n} < \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = c_n. \quad (3)$$

Combining (2) and (3) then gives

$$a_n \leq \frac{\ln(n)}{n} < c_n \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Also,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.$$

So, by the Sandwich Theorem (Theorem 1.23),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n} = 0.$$

C.5. Relevant page(s) in the notes: 10

With division of the numerator and denominator by n^3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(3n + 8419)(7n + 2768)(2n + 3452)}{18n^3 + 93275} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(3 + 8419/n)(7 + 2768/n)(2 + 3452/n)}{18 + 93275/n^3} \\ &= \frac{(3)(7)(2)}{18} \\ &= \frac{7}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

C.6. Relevant page(s) in the notes: 21, 22, 39, 40, Supplementary Results

The following cases are treated separately:

$$(i) \ x = 1, \quad (ii) \ x = -1, \quad (iii) \ |x| < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad (iv) \ |x| > 1.$$

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$f_n(1) = \frac{1 + 1^n}{1 + 1^n} = 1 \quad \text{so, trivially,} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(1) = 1.$$

Thus, $f_n(x)$ converges for $x = 1$.

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$f_n(-1) = \frac{-1 + (-1)^n}{1 + (-1)^n} = \begin{cases} -\infty & \text{for } n \text{ odd,} \\ 0 & \text{for } n \text{ even.} \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(-1) = -\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(-1) = 0.$$

Since

$$-\infty = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(-1) \neq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(-1) = 0$$

$f_n(-1)$ diverges (Proposition 1.44). Thus, $f_n(x)$ does not converge for $x = -1$.

If $|x| < 1$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = 0$ and so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + x^n}{1 + x^n} = x.$$

Thus, $f_n(x)$ converges for $|x| < 1$.

If $|x| > 1$ then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + x^n}{1 + x^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{1-n} + 1}{x^{-n} + 1} = \frac{1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x^{1-n})}{1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x^{-n})}.$$

Application Ratio Test for Sequences leads to

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x^{1-n}) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x^{-n}) = 0 \quad \text{for all} \quad |x| > 1.$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = 1 \quad \text{for all} \quad |x| > 1.$$

In summary $f_n(x)$ converges if and only if $x \neq -1$.

C.7. Relevant page(s) in the notes: 10

Noting the identity

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b) \quad \text{for all } a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

we have, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{2n^2 + 7n + 3} - \sqrt{2n^2 - 4n + 9} \\ &= \frac{(\sqrt{2n^2 + 7n + 3} - \sqrt{2n^2 - 4n + 9})(\sqrt{2n^2 + 7n + 3} + \sqrt{2n^2 - 4n + 9})}{\sqrt{2n^2 + 7n + 3} + \sqrt{2n^2 - 4n + 9}} \\ &= \frac{(2n^2 + 7n + 3) - (2n^2 - 4n + 9)}{\sqrt{2n^2 + 7n + 3} + \sqrt{2n^2 - 4n + 9}} \\ &= \frac{11n - 6}{\sqrt{2n^2 + 7n + 3} + \sqrt{2n^2 - 4n + 9}} \\ &= \frac{11 - 6/n}{\sqrt{2 + 7/n + 3/n^2} + \sqrt{2 - 4/n + 9/n^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{2n^2 + 7n + 3} - \sqrt{2n^2 - 4n + 9}) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{11 - 6/n}{\sqrt{2 + 7/n + 3/n^2} + \sqrt{2 - 4/n + 9/n^2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{11}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{11\sqrt{2}}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

C.8. Relevant page(s) in the notes: 10

Noting the identity

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2) \quad \text{for all } a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

we have, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & (7n^3 + 93n^2 - 11n + 8)^{1/3} - (7n^3 + 57n^2 - 54n + 29)^{1/3} \\ &= \left\{ (7n^3 + 93n^2 - 11n + 8)^{1/3} - (7n^3 + 57n^2 - 54n + 29)^{1/3} \right\} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ (7n^3 + 93n^2 - 11n + 8)^{2/3} + (7n^3 + 93n^2 - 11n + 8)^{1/3}(7n^3 + 57n^2 - 54n + 29)^{1/3} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (7n^3 + 57n^2 - 54n + 29)^{2/3} \right\} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ (7n^3 + 93n^2 - 11n + 8)^{2/3} + (7n^3 + 93n^2 - 11n + 8)^{1/3}(7n^3 + 57n^2 - 54n + 29)^{1/3} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (7n^3 + 57n^2 - 54n + 29)^{2/3} \right\}^{-1} \\ &= \left\{ (7n^3 + 93n^2 - 11n + 8) - (7n^3 + 57n^2 - 54n + 29) \right\} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ (7n^3 + 93n^2 - 11n + 8)^{2/3} + (7n^3 + 93n^2 - 11n + 8)^{1/3}(7n^3 + 57n^2 - 54n + 29)^{1/3} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (7n^3 + 57n^2 - 54n + 29)^{2/3} \right\}^{-1} \\ &= (36n^2 + 43n - 21) \\ & \quad \times \left\{ (7n^3 + 93n^2 - 11n + 8)^{2/3} + (7n^3 + 93n^2 - 11n + 8)^{1/3}(7n^3 + 57n^2 - 54n + 29)^{1/3} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (7n^3 + 57n^2 - 54n + 29)^{2/3} \right\}^{-1} \\ &= (36 + 43/n - 21/n^2) \\ & \quad \times \left\{ (7 + 93/n - 11/n^2 + 8/n^3)^{2/3} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (7 + 93/n - 11/n^2 + 8/n^3)^{1/3}(7 + 57/n - 54/n^2 + 29/n^3)^{1/3} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (7 + 57/n - 54/n^2 + 29/n^3)^{2/3} \right\}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

From this last expression it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ (7n^3 + 93n^2 - 11n + 8)^{1/3} - (7n^3 + 57n^2 - 54n + 29)^{1/3} \right\} = \frac{12}{7^{2/3}} = \frac{12\sqrt[3]{7}}{7}.$$

C.9. Relevant page(s) in the notes: 10

Using the algebraic identity $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{n+2} \sqrt[3]{n^2+2n+4}}{(n+1)^2 - (n-1)^2} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{n+2} \sqrt[3]{n^2+2n+4}}{(2n)(2)} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+2)(n^2+2n+4)}}{4n} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{\frac{(n+2)(n^2+2n+4)}{4^3 n^3}} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{\frac{(1+2/n)(1+2/n+4/n^2)}{4^3}} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{4^3}} \\
&= \frac{1}{4}.
\end{aligned}$$

C.10. Relevant page(s) in the notes: Supplementary Results

Let

$$a_n \equiv \frac{(n+9)! 17^{12n+n^2}}{(2n+3)!} \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \frac{(n+10)! 17^{12(n+1)+(n+1)^2}}{(2n+5)!} \times \frac{(2n+3)!}{(n+9)! 17^{12n+n^2}} \\
&= \frac{(n+10) 17^{12n+12+n^2+2n+1-12n-n^2}}{(2n+5)(2n+4)} \\
&= \frac{(n+10) 17^{2n+13}}{(2n+5)(2n+4)} \\
&= \frac{17^{13}(1+10/n)}{(2+5/n)(2+4/n)} \frac{\exp\{2n \ln(17)\}}{n} \\
&= \frac{17^{13}(1+10/n)}{(2+5/n)(2+4/n)} b_n
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$b_n \equiv \frac{\exp\{2n \ln(17)\}}{n}.$$

Since

$$\left| \frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} \right| = \frac{\exp\{2(n+1) \ln(17)\}}{n+1} \times \frac{n}{\exp\{2n \ln(17)\}} = \frac{17^2}{1+1/n} = \frac{289}{1+1/n}$$

we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} \right| = 289 > 1$$

so by the Ratio Test for Sequences (Theorem S.1 of the Supplementary Results) b_n is divergent. Hence

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \infty$$

and, by another application of the Ratio Test for Sequences (Theorem S.1), a_n is divergent.

C.11. Relevant page(s) in the notes: Supplementary Results

Let

$$a_n \equiv \frac{(n+9)!17^{12n}}{(2n+3)!} \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \frac{(n+10)!17^{12(n+1)}}{(2n+5)!} \times \frac{(2n+3)!}{(n+9)!17^{12n}} \\ &= \frac{(n+10)17^{12}}{(2n+5)(2n+4)} \\ &= \frac{(1+10/n)}{(2+5/n)(2+4/n)} \times \frac{17^{12}}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$L \equiv \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1+10/n)}{(2+5/n)(2+4/n)} \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{17^{12}}{n} = 0 < 1.$$

Since $L < 1$, by the Ratio Test for Sequences (Theorem S.1 of the Supplementary Results)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+9)!17^{12n}}{(2n+3)!} = 0.$$

C.12. Relevant page(s) in the notes: Supplementary Results

With division of the numerator and denominator by 3^n we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-2)^n + 3^n}{(-2)^{n+1} + 3^{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-2/3)^n + 1}{(-2)(-2/3)^n + 3}$$

Using the Ratio Test for Sequences (Theorem S.1 of the Supplementary Results)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-2/3)^n = 0$$

we then obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-2)^n + 3^n}{(-2)^{n+1} + 3^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

C.13. Relevant page(s) in the notes: 10, 26

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \left(8 - \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{2}} \right) \frac{3n^3 + 5}{2n^3 + n^2 - 1} \right\} &= \left\{ 8 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left(\frac{-\ln(2)}{n} \right) \right\} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 + 5/n^3}{2 + 1/n - 1/n^3} \\
&= \{8 - \exp(0)\}(3/2) \\
&= \frac{21}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

C.14. Relevant page(s) in the notes: 12

First note that

$$\tanh(x) = \frac{\sinh(x)}{\cosh(x)} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}.$$

For $x \geq 0$ we then have

$$\tanh(x) = \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{e^{2x} + 1}.$$

Since, for $x \geq 0$,

$$0 \leq e^{2x} - 1 < e^{2x} + 1 \implies 0 \leq \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{e^{2x} + 1} < 1 \iff 0 \leq \tanh(x) < 1 \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0.$$

For $x < 0$ we have

$$\tanh(x) = \frac{1 - e^{-2x}}{1 + e^{-2x}} \implies -\tanh(x) = \frac{e^{-2x} - 1}{e^{-2x} + 1}.$$

Since, for $x < 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
0 < e^{-2x} - 1 < e^{-2x} + 1 &\implies 0 < \frac{e^{-2x} - 1}{e^{-2x} + 1} < 1 \iff 0 < -\tanh(x) < 1 \\
&\iff -1 < \tanh(x) < 0 \quad \text{for all } x < 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining these findings for both the $x \geq 0$ and $x < 0$ cases we have

$$-1 < \tanh(x) < 1 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{4}$$

Define the sequences

$$a_n = \frac{13n^2 + 7n + 84}{19n^2 + 14n + 10}, \quad \text{and} \quad c_n = \frac{13n^2 + 7n + 86}{19n^2 + 14n + 10} \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then, using (4),

$$\begin{aligned}
-1 &\leq \tanh \left((95n!)^{87014n!} \right) \leq 1 \implies -1 \leq \tanh^{n^2} \left((95n!)^{87014n!} \right) \leq 1 \\
\implies 13n^2 - 1 + 7n + 85 &\leq 13n^2 + \tanh^{n^2} \left((95n!)^{87014n!} \right) + 7n + 85 \leq 13n^2 + 1 + 7n + 85 \\
\implies \frac{13n^2 - 1 + 7n + 85}{19n^2 + 14n + 10} &\leq \frac{13n^2 + \tanh^{n^2} \left((95n!)^{87014n!} \right) + 7n + 85}{19n^2 + 14n + 10} \leq \frac{13n^2 + 1 + 7n + 85}{19n^2 + 14n + 10} \\
\iff a_n &\leq \frac{13n^2 + \tanh^{n^2} \left((95n!)^{87014n!} \right) + 7n + 85}{19n^2 + 14n + 10} \leq c_n.
\end{aligned}$$

Next note that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{13n^2 + 7n + 84}{19n^2 + 14n + 10} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{13 + 7/n + 84/n^2}{19 + 14/n + 10/n^2} = \frac{13}{19}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{13n^2 + 7n + 86}{19n^2 + 14n + 10} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{13 + 7/n + 86/n^2}{19 + 14/n + 10/n^2} = \frac{13}{19}.$$

So, by Sandwich Theorem (Theorem 1.23),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{13n^2 + \tanh^{n^2} \left((95n!)^{87014n!} \right) + 7n + 85}{19n^2 + 14n + 10} = \frac{13}{19}.$$

C.15. Relevant page(s) in the notes: 10, 26

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{3984 + 211^n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (3984 + 211^n)^{1/n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left[\ln \{ (3984 + 211^n)^{1/n} \} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left[\{ \ln(3984 + 211^n) \} / n \right] \\ &= \exp \left\{ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(3984 + 211^n)}{n} \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(211^n \left(\frac{3984}{211^n} + 1 \right) \right)}{n} \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \ln(211) + \ln \left(\frac{3984}{211^n} + 1 \right)}{n} \right\} \\ &= \exp \left[\ln(211) + \ln \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3984}{211^n} + 1 \right) \right) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \right] \\ &= \exp \{ \ln(211) + \ln(1)(0) \} \\ &= 211. \end{aligned}$$

