
Homework 2

Exercise 1 Consider the sequences $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ defined below and show that these sequences are convergent. Can you find their limit ?

(i) $a_n = \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}$,

(ii) $a_n = \sqrt{n^2 + 5n} - n$,

(iii) $a_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$.

In your proof you can use the equality

$$(x + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k$$

with $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$.

Exercise 2 Find the limit of the sequence $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2\sqrt{2\sqrt{2}}}, \dots$

Exercise 3 Show that the sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ given by $a_1 = 1$ and $a_{n+1} = 3 - \frac{1}{a_n}$ for any $n \geq 1$ is increasing and bounded from above by 3. Deduce that this sequence is convergent and give its limit.

Exercise 4 Consider two real sequences $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ and $|b_n| \leq C$ for one $C > 0$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (we say that the sequence $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is bounded). Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n b_n = 0$.

A parametric curve on \mathbb{R}^2 is a map

$$I \ni t \mapsto (x(t), y(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

where I is an interval of \mathbb{R} , and where $x : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $y : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are real functions defined on I .

Exercise 5 Represent the following parametric curves:

(i) $x(t) = \cos(t)$ and $y(t) = \sin(t)$ for any $t \in [0, 2\pi]$,

(ii) $x(t) = e^t \cos(t)$ and $y(t) = e^t \sin(t)$ for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$,

(iii) $x(t) = \sin(t) - \sin(2.3t)$ and $y(t) = \cos(t)$ for any t .