

1. a) State the Principle of Mathematical Induction.

The Principle of Mathematical Induction states that if
① when a statement is true for a natural number $n=k$, then it will also be true for its successor $n=k+1$
② the statement is true for an initial $n=N$, N is a natural number
then the statement is true for any natural number $n \geq N$

b) Prove using induction that for all positive integers n ,

Proof: Let P_n denote $1+3+5+\dots+(2n-1) = n^2$.

$$P_1: 1 = 1^2 \text{ true}$$

~~Assume~~ Assume P_k is true for $k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow 1+3+\dots+(2k-1) = k^2$$

$$1+3+\dots+(2k-1) + [2(k+1)-1] = k^2 + [2(k+1)-1]$$

$$1+3+\dots+(2k-1) + (2k+1) = k^2 + 2k + 1 = (k+1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1) \text{ is true}$$

Since P_1 is true, P_k is true $\Rightarrow P(k+1)$ is true. By the Principle of Mathematical Induction, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$.

2. a) Clearly state the Archimedean Property of real numbers.

If $a > 0, b > 0, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists some positive integer n such that $na > b$.

b) Prove that whenever a and b are real numbers and $a < b$ there exists a rational number r such that $a < r < b$.

Proof:

Since $a < b$, $b - a > 0$, by the Archimedean Property of real numbers, \exists positive integer n such that $n(b - a) > 1$ since $1 > 0$

$$nb - na > 1$$

$$nb > na + 1$$

$$nb > na + 1 > na$$

$$b > a + \frac{1}{n} > a$$

Since $n \in \mathbb{Z}, 1 \in \mathbb{N}, \frac{1}{n} \in \mathbb{R}$

Since $a \in \mathbb{R}, \frac{1}{n} \in \mathbb{R}, a + \frac{1}{n} \in \mathbb{R}$

Let $r = a + \frac{1}{n} \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$a < r < b$ (proven)

3. (a) For a sequence (s_n) of real numbers, and for real number s , give the definition of

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$. For every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists N such that for every $n > N$, $|s_n - s| < \epsilon$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$

Let $s_n = \frac{1}{1+5n^{1/3}}$. For any $\epsilon > 0$ find a real number N so that if $n > N$ then $0 < s_n < \epsilon$.

$$\text{For } n > 0, \epsilon > 0, \frac{1}{1+5n^{1/3}} < \epsilon \quad (1+5n^{1/3} > 0)$$

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} < 1+5n^{1/3}$$

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} - 1 < 5n^{1/3}$$

$$\frac{1-\epsilon}{5\epsilon} < n^{1/3}$$

$$n > \left(\frac{1-\epsilon}{5\epsilon}\right)^3$$

$$\text{Let } N = \left(\frac{1-\epsilon}{5\epsilon}\right)^3, \text{ when } n > N, n > \left(\frac{1-\epsilon}{5\epsilon}\right)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } n \in N, n > 0, 1+5n^{1/3} > 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+5n^{1/3}} < \epsilon \text{ for every } \epsilon > 0 \\ \Rightarrow 0 < s_n < \epsilon \text{ if } n > N, N = \left(\frac{1-\epsilon}{5\epsilon}\right)^3 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+5n^{1/3}} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

4. For each sequence below, if the sequence converges find its limit or if it diverges explain why it diverges.

(a) $s_n = 3 + 2(-1)^n$
 when n is even, $(-1)^n = 1$, when n is odd, $(-1)^n = -1$
 if s_n converges, assume $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$, then for every $\epsilon > 0$ when $n > N$ such that $n > N$ implies $|s_n - s| < \epsilon$, take $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} > 0$

$$|3 + 2 \times 1 - s| < \frac{1}{2} \quad |3 + 2 \times (-1) - s| < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$|5 - s| < \frac{1}{2} \quad |1 - s| < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$2 + 2 > |5 - s| + |1 - s| \geq |5 - s + 1 - s| = |4 - 2s| \quad \text{(triangular inequality)}$$

$\Rightarrow 4 > 4$ contradiction

Hence s_n diverges

(b) $s_n = \frac{n^2 + 5}{10n + 3}$

$$s_n = \frac{n^2 + 5}{10n + 3} \geq \frac{n^2}{13n} = \frac{n}{13}$$

since $10n + 3 \leq 13n$, $n^2 + 5 > n^2$ (since $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 1$)

for every $M > 0$, let $N = 13M$, when $n > N$, $n > 13M$

$$\frac{n^2 + 5}{10n + 3} \geq \frac{n}{13} > \frac{13M}{13} = M \Rightarrow s_n > M$$

Hence, for every $M > 0$, $\exists N$ such that $n > N$ implies $s_n > M$ Hence s_n diverges

(c) $s_n = n^2 / 2^n$

The sequence converges, the limit is 0

Let $P(k)$ denote $2^k > k^3$

$P(1)$ is true since $2^1 = 2 > 1^3 = 1$

Assume $P(k)$ true, $k \geq 1$

$$2^k > k^3$$

$$2^{k+1} > 2k^3 > (k+1)^3 \text{ since } k \geq 1$$

by plotting the graph

(d) $s_n = \frac{n^2 + 5n + 6}{4n^2 + 3n + 1}$

The sequence converges, the limit is $\frac{1}{4}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 5n + 6}{4n^2 + 3n + 1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 5\frac{1}{n} + \frac{6}{n^2}}{4 + 3\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 0 + 0}{4 + 0 + 0} = \frac{1}{4}$$

