

1. Find a number  $\delta > 0$  small enough so that  $|a - b| < \delta$  and  $|b - c| < \delta$  implies  $|a - c| < \frac{1}{5}$ .

Since  $|a - c| \leq |a - b| + |b - c|$ , if  $|a - b| < \delta = \frac{1}{10}$  and  $|b - c| < \delta = \frac{1}{10}$ , then  $|a - c| < \delta = \frac{1}{5}$ .

2. Give examples of divergent sequences  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  such that  $x_n y_n$  converges.

For instance, if  $x_n = (-1)^n$  and  $y_n = (-1)^n$ , then  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  are divergent sequences, but  $x_n y_n = (-1)^{2n} = 1$  is a constant convergent sequence, so is convergent.

3. Give an example of a subset  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  for which  $E$  is neither open nor closed.

One example is the interval  $E = [a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x < b\}$ .  $E$  is not open since for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , the open interval  $(a - \epsilon, a + \epsilon)$  is *not* contained in  $E$ . Similarly,  $E$  is not closed since its complement  $\mathbb{R} \setminus E = (-\infty, a) \cup [b, \infty)$  is not open.

4. Consider the sequence  $x_n = (-1)^n + \frac{1}{n}$ . Find  $\limsup x_n$  and  $\liminf x_n$ .

This sequence is of the form  $0, \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{4}, -\frac{4}{5}, \frac{7}{6}, -\frac{6}{7}, \dots$

$$\limsup x_n = \inf \sup T_n = \inf \left\{ \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{7}{6}, \dots \right\} = 1$$

$$\liminf x_n = \sup \inf T_n = \sup \{-1, -1, -1, \dots\} = -1$$

5. The sequence  $x_n$  begins as follows:  $0, 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2, \frac{7}{3}, \frac{8}{3}, 3, \frac{13}{4}, \frac{14}{4}, \frac{15}{4}, 4, \dots$  and continues according to the same pattern. Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_{n+1} - x_n|$  and determine if  $x_n$  is a Cauchy sequence.

The sequence  $x_{n+1} - x_n$  looks like  $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_{n+1} - x_n| = 0$ .

The original sequence  $x_n$  is *not* Cauchy. For instance, it is not bounded.

6. Find an open cover of the interval  $(0, 2)$  that has no finite subcover.

If  $O_n = (\frac{1}{n}, 2)$ , check that  $\mathcal{O} = \{O_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an open cover of  $(0, 2)$ . For a finite subset  $\{O_{n_1}, \dots, O_{n_k}\}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , if  $N > \max\{n_1, \dots, n_k\}$ , then  $\frac{1}{N} \in (0, 2)$ , but  $\frac{1}{N} \notin O_{n_1} \cup \dots \cup O_{n_k}$ .

7. Let  $I$  be the set of irrational numbers. Is  $I$  a countable set?

The set of irrational numbers is *not* countable. Since the set  $\mathbb{Q}$  of rational numbers is countable, if  $I$  was a countable set, it would follow that  $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{Q} \cup I$  is also countable. But we know that  $\mathbb{R}$  is not countable.

- A. Prove: If  $s_n \leq t_n \leq u_n$  for all  $n$ , and if both  $s_n \rightarrow L$  and  $u_n \rightarrow L$ , then  $t_n \rightarrow L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . (Here  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  is a real number. This is sometimes called the *squeeze theorem* for sequences.)

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , we must find  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $n \geq N \implies |t_n - L| < \epsilon$ . Since  $s_n \rightarrow L$  and  $u_n \rightarrow L$ , we can find  $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $n \geq N_1 \implies |s_n - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$  and  $n \geq N_2 \implies |u_n - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$ . Let  $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ . For  $n \geq N$ , we have

$$|t_n - L| \leq |t_n - s_n| + |s_n - L| \leq |u_n - s_n| + |s_n - L| \leq |u_n - L| + |L - s_n| + |s_n - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon.$$

- B. Suppose that the sequence  $x_n$  has no convergent subsequences. Let  $M > 0$ . Prove that there are at most finitely many values of  $n$  such that  $x_n \in [-M, M]$ . Explain why this implies that  $|x_n| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

For a contradiction, assume that there are infinitely many values of  $n$  such that  $x_n \in [-M, M]$ . Then the sequence  $x_n$  has a bounded subsequence. By the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem, this subsequence has a convergent subsequence, so the original sequence  $x_n$  has a convergent subsequence. This contradicts the hypothesis.

For each  $M > 0$ , there are infinitely many values of  $n$  so that  $|x_n| > M$ . Thus,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $n \geq N \implies |x_n| > M$ .

- C. Prove that every open interval  $(a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$ , with  $b - a > 0$ , must contain a rational number.

Let  $x \in (a, b)$ . Since  $\mathbb{Q}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ , there is a sequence  $x_n$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$  converging to  $x$ . Find  $\epsilon > 0$  so that  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subset (a, b)$ . Since  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $n \geq N \implies |x_n - x| < \epsilon$ . So for  $n \geq N$ , we have  $x_n \in (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon)$ , so  $x_n \in (a, b)$ .

- D. Prove that the set  $\{\frac{m}{2^n} \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $S = \{\frac{m}{2^n} \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . There is an integer  $m$  so that  $m \leq x \leq m + 1$ . Let  $a_1 = m$  and  $b_1 = m + 1$ , and note that  $a_1, b_1 \in S$ . Let  $c = (a_1 + b_1)/2$ . If  $c > x$ , let  $a_2 = a_1$  and  $b_2 = c$ . Otherwise, let  $a_2 = c$  and  $b_2 = b_1$ . In either case, we get a closed interval  $[a_2, b_2]$  with  $a_2 \leq x \leq b_2$  and  $a_2, b_2 \in S$ . Continue interval halving to obtain a sequence of nested intervals

$$[a_1, b_1] \supset [a_2, b_2] \supset \cdots \supset [a_k, b_k] \supset \cdots$$

which satisfy  $b_k - a_k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x \in [a_k, b_k]$  for each  $k$ , and  $a_k, b_k \in S$  for each  $k$  (this may be proved, for instance, by induction on  $k$ ). By the Nested Intervals theorem, there is a unique point  $c \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} [a_k, b_k]$ , and  $a_k \rightarrow c$ ,  $b_k \rightarrow c$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $x \in [a_k, b_k]$  for each  $k$ , we have  $c = x$ , and, for instance,  $a_k$  is a sequence in  $S$  that converges to  $x$ . So  $S$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

STATISTICS:

Score	Number
90	8
80	3
70	2
60	3
50	3
less	3
total	22

average: 73

median: 78