

Exercise series N°3

Exercise 1

$$U_n = \frac{1}{1+n} + \frac{1}{2+n}, \quad U_n = n^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+n}\right), \quad U_n = n(n - (-1)^n), \quad U_n = \sqrt[n]{a}, \quad \text{with } a > 1.$$

1. Study the monotony of previous sequences
2. Show that if U_n is an increasing (respectively, a decreasing) sequence then $V_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n U_i$ is also an increasing (respectively, a decreasing) sequence.

Exercise 2 Show that:

I) Let $(U_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of \mathbb{R} . What do you think of the following propositions:

1. If U_n converges to a real l then U_{2n} and U_{2n+1} converge to l .
2. If U_{2n} and U_{2n+1} are convergent, the same is true of U_n .
3. If U_{4n} and U_{4n+2} are convergent, towards the same limit, it is the same for U_n .
4. If U_{2n} and U_{2n+1} are convergent, towards the same limit, it is the same for U_n .

II) Prove that:

1. if the sequence $\{U_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to l_1 and $\{V_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to l_2 , then the sequence $\{U_n + V_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to $l_1 + l_2$.
2. convergent sequences are Cauchy sequences.

Exercise 3 Let consider the following real sequences:

$$U_n = \frac{1}{n+1}, \quad V_n = \sqrt[n]{a} \quad \text{with } a > 1 \quad W_n = \frac{(-1)^n + bn}{n+1} \quad \text{with } b \in \mathbb{R}, \quad T_n = c^n \quad \text{with } c \in]-1, 1[.$$

1. Prove, using the definition of the limit of a real sequence, that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_n = 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V_n = 1, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} W_n = b, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n = 0.$$

2. For each sequence determine the smallest value of N (see the below note), when $\epsilon = 0.001$, and $a = b = 2$ and $c = 1/2$.
3. Prove, using the definition of the limit of a real sequence, that the sequences K_n and S_n are divergent, with

$$K_n = \frac{-n^2 + n + 1}{n + 1} \quad \text{and} \quad S_n = \ln(\ln(\ln(n))).$$

Note: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_n = l \Leftrightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} : |U_n - l| < \epsilon, \text{ for } n \geq N.$

Exercise 4 In each of the following cases, determine the limit, if it exists.

$$\begin{array}{ll} U_n = \frac{n+(-1)^n}{n-(-1)^n} & U_n = \sqrt{n+a} - \sqrt{n+b} \text{ with } a, b \geq 0 \text{ and } a \neq b. \\ U_n = \frac{a^n - b^n}{a^n + b^n}, \text{ with } a, b > 0 & U_n = 1 - \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{a^2} - \frac{1}{a^3} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{a^n}, \text{ with } a > 0. \\ U_n = \frac{n^2 - 2^n}{3^n} & U_n = \left(1 + \frac{a}{n}\right)^n \text{ with } a \in \mathbb{R}^* \\ U_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} & U_n = \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n E(kx) \text{ with } x \geq 0 \end{array}$$

Exercise 5 Let $a > 0$. We define the sequence $\{U_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ by U_0 strictly positive real numbers and by the relation:

$$U_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(U_n + \frac{a}{U_n} \right).$$

1. Show that for all $n \geq 1$ we have $U_n \geq \sqrt{a}$ and then, that $\{U_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a decreasing sequence.
2. Deduce that the sequence U_n converges to \sqrt{a} .

Exercise 6

1. Let $0 < a \leq b$. Prove the following inequalities:

$$\sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{a+b}{2}, \quad a \leq \frac{a+b}{2} \leq b, \quad a \leq \sqrt{ab} \leq b.$$

2. Let U_0 and V_0 be strictly positive real numbers with $U_0 < V_0$. We define two sequences U_n and V_n as follow:

$$U_{n+1} = \sqrt{U_n V_n} \quad \text{and} \quad V_{n+1} = \frac{U_n + V_n}{2}.$$

- (a) Show that $U_n < V_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- (b) Show that V_n is a decreasing sequence.
- (c) Show that U_n is increasing then deduce that the sequences U_n and V_n are convergent and have the same limit.

Exercise 7 We consider the two sequences:

$$U_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} \quad \text{and} \quad V_n = U_n + \frac{1}{n!}$$

Show that U_n and V_n converge towards the same limit.

Exercise 8 (*Leave the exercise to the students.*)

I) If the approximate values of a real number x with precision 10^{-2} , 10^{-3} , ..., 10^{-n} ... are given by: 1.23; 1.233; ..., 1.2333...3; ... then give the exact value of x .

II) Consider the following sequences, defined for $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$:

$$U_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad V_n = \ln(n+1) - \ln(n).$$

1. Calculate the limit of $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n V_i$.
2. Show that, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ we have $V_n \leq \frac{1}{n}$.
3. What can we conclude about the nature of U_n ?

Definition 1 Let $(U_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(v_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be two sequences such that

- U_n is decreasing,
- V_n is increasing,
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (U_n - V_n) = 0$.

Sequences satisfying the above properties are called *Adjacent*.

If $(U_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(v_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ are adjacent then, they are convergent and have the same limit.