

1. Let S be a non-empty finite set and let $g : S \rightarrow S$ be a function. Show that there exists $x \in S$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$g^n(x) = x$$

where $g^n = g \circ g \circ \dots \circ g$ (n times).

Solution: Let $x \in S$. Let

$$A = \{g^n(x) | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

Since $A \subseteq S$, A is finite. So there exists $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n < m$ and $g^n(x) = g^m(x)$ i.e, $g^n(x) = g^{m-n} \circ g^n(x)$. Now taking $y = g^n(x)$, we have $g^{m-n}(y) = y$. \square

2. Prove or disprove the claim that $f : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by

$$f(m, n) = 2^{m-1}(2n - 1)$$

is a bijection.

Solution: Let us assume that $f(m, n) = f(p, q)$ for some $m, n, p, q \in \mathbb{N}$. Then,

$$2^{m-1}(2n - 1) = 2^{p-1}(2q - 1)$$

Dividing both sides by 2^{m-1}

$$2n - 1 = \frac{2^{p-1}}{2^{m-1}} \times (2q - 1) \tag{1}$$

Since L.H.S is odd so is R.H.S. But that will happen only if $m=p$. Putting this in (1) we get $n = q$. Therefore $(m, n) = (p, q)$. Hence f is one to one.

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that 2^{n-1} divides k and 2^n does not divide k . Then $k/2^{n-1}$ is odd. So there exists a $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k/2^{n-1} = 2m - 1$. Therefore $k = (2m - 1) \times 2^{n-1}$. Hence $f(n, m) = k$.

So f is onto. \square

3. Show that given any two numbers $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ with $x < y$ there exists a rational number r such that $x < r < y$.

Solution: Let us first suppose that $0 \leq x$. By the Axiom of Archimedes there is an integer $q > 1/(y - x)$. Then $(1/q) < y - x$. The set of integers n such that $y \leq (n/q)$ is a non empty (by Axiom of Archimedes) set of positive integers, and so has a least element p . Then $(p - 1)/q < y \leq (p/q)$, and $x = y - (y - x) < (p/q) - (1/q) = (p - 1)/q$. Thus $r = (p - 1)/q$ lies between x and y . If $x < 0$, we can find an integer n such that $n > -x$. Then $n + x > 0$, and there is rational r with $n + x < r < n + y$, and $r - n$ is a rational between x and y . \square

4. Let $\{b_n\}$ be a sequence of non-zero real numbers converging to a non-zero real number c . Show that the sequence $\{b_n\}$ converges to $1/c$.

Solution: Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Then there exist $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|b_n - c| < \varepsilon$ for every $n > N$. Since $\{b_n\} \rightarrow c \neq 0$, there exists $M \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|b_n| > r > 0$ for every $n > M$, for some $r > 0$. Therefore

$$\left| \frac{1}{b_n} - \frac{1}{c} \right| = \left| \frac{b_n - c}{cb_n} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{|c|r} \quad (2)$$

for every $n > \max\{M, N\}$ □

5. Define *lim inf* and *lim sup* of bounded sequences. Show that a bounded sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is convergent if and only if

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{x_n\} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{x_n\}$$

Solution: Let $\{x_n\}$ be a bounded sequence. Let $y_n = \inf_{k \geq n} \{x_k\}$ and let $z_n = \sup_{k \geq n} \{x_k\}$, then y_n and z_n are monotone bounded sequences. So they converge. Then *limsup* and *liminf* are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup \{x_n\} &= \lim \{z_n\} \\ \liminf \{x_n\} &= \lim \{y_n\} \end{aligned}$$

Let x_n be a convergent sequence and it converges to x ,

let $\varepsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Since x_n converges to x , there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x + \varepsilon \geq x_n \geq x - \varepsilon$ for all $n \geq N$.

Then, $x + \varepsilon \geq y_k \geq x - \varepsilon$ for all $k \geq N$.

Therefore, $x + \varepsilon \geq \liminf x_n \geq x - \varepsilon$,

Therefore $|\liminf \{x_n\} - x| \leq \varepsilon$, since ε is arbitrary $\liminf x_n = x$.

Similarly by replacing z_n for y_n , we get $\limsup x_n = x$.

Now conversely suppose that $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{x_n\} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{x_n\}$.

$\inf_{n \geq k} \{x_n\} \leq x_k \leq \sup_{n \geq k} \{x_n\}$. Now proof follows by taking the limit on both inequalities. □

6. Show that a series of real numbers $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ is convergent and converse is not true.

Solution: Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be arbitrary and since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ converges, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\sum_{i=n}^m |a_i| \leq \varepsilon$ for all $m, n \geq N$.

Since $|\sum_{i=n}^m a_i| \leq \sum_{i=n}^m |a_i| \leq \varepsilon$ for all $m, n \geq N$.

Therefore $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. To prove the converse need not be true take $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ diverges by Leibniz test and by p-test $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. □

7. Let z be the real number with binary expression:

$$z = 0.b_1b_2b_3 \dots, \quad (3)$$

where $b_k = 1$ if $k = 3n + 1$ for some natural number n , and $b_k = 0$ otherwise. Compute the decimal expansion of z .

Solution: We know that

$$z = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{3n+1}} = 1/14 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x_n}{10^n} \quad (4)$$

$$x_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 7 & \text{if } n = 6k - 4 \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N} \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 6k - 3 \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N} \\ 4 & \text{if } n = 6k - 2 \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N} \\ 2 & \text{if } n = 6k - 1 \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N} \\ 8 & \text{if } n = 6k \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N} \\ 5 & \text{if } n = 6k + 1 \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$$

This can be proved by observing that $1/14 = 0.\overline{0714285}$.

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