

HOMEWORK #4
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- (1) Consider the sequences defined by the following formulae. In each case, (a) determine whether the sequence is convergent or divergent; and (b) if the sequence is convergent find the limit.

(i) $a_n = \frac{n}{n+1} - \frac{n+1}{n}$;

(ii) $b_n = \frac{1+(-1)^n}{n}$;

(iii) $c_n = 1 + \frac{n}{n+1} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2}$;

(iv) $d_n = na^n$, for some fixed real number a with $|a| < 1$.

- (2) Suppose that (a_n) and (b_n) are Cauchy sequences. Prove that the following sequences are also Cauchy sequences:

(i) (e_n) , where $e_n = |a_n - b_n|$;

(ii) (f_n) , where $f_n = a_n + b_n$;

(iii) (g_n) , where $g_n = a_n b_n$.

- (3) Give an example of a pair of Cauchy sequences (a_n) , (b_n) , where the sequence (h_n) defined by $h_n = \frac{a_n}{b_n}$ is not Cauchy.

- (4) Show that the following series are convergent and that the sum is as given:

(i) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{1}{2}$;

(ii) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2-1} = \frac{3}{4}$;

(iii) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n+1}{n^2(n+1)^2} = 1$;

(iv) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}(2n+1)}{n(n+1)} = 1$.