

**Exercise 1.** Calculate the following limits in the real numbers if they exist:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7n^4 + 15}{3n^4 + n^3 + n - 1}, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 5}{n^3 + n + 1}, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^5 - 10}{n^2 + 1}.$$

Do not use here or elsewhere any previously learned cooking recipe that you cannot justify.

**Exercise 2.** Formulate and prove a general theorem about limits of sequences as in Exercise 1.

**Exercise 3.** Let  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be the set of accumulation points of the sequence  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ . Show that  $F$  is closed.

**Exercise 4.** Let  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be the sequence recursively defined by  $x_0 = 1$  and

$$x_n = \frac{2}{3} \left( x_{n-1} + \frac{1}{x_{n-1}} \right)$$

for  $n \geq 1$ . Show that  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges and determine the limit.

**Exercise 5.** Let  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ ,  $(b_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  $(c_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be convergent sequences of real numbers, with limits  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  respectively. Let  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be the sequence defined by

$$x_n = \begin{cases} a_n & \text{if } n = 3k, k \in \mathbb{N} \\ b_n & \text{if } n = 3k + 1, k \in \mathbb{N} \\ c_n & \text{if } n = 3k + 2, k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

Calculate  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ ,  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  and the set of accumulation points of the sequence  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ .

**Exercise 6.** Let  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a bounded sequence of real numbers such that  $(x_{n+1} - x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges to 0. Set

$$A = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \quad \text{and} \quad B = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n.$$

Show that the set of accumulation points of the sequence  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is the interval  $[A, B]$ . Construct an example of such a sequence with  $[A, B] = [0, 1]$ .

**Exercise 7.** Show that the limit superior does not commute with addition: Let  $(x_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  $(y_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be bounded sequences. Show that while

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n,$$

holds, equality does not always hold.

**Exercise 8.** Let  $(z_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a convergent sequence in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Show that  $(|z_n|)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges and give the limit. Conversely, does the convergence of  $(|z_n|)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  imply the convergence of  $(z_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ ?