

1. Prove that if  $a_n \rightarrow a$  and  $b_n \rightarrow b$  then  $a_n + b_n \rightarrow a + b$ .
2. Sketch the graphs of  $y = x$  and  $y = (x^4 + 1)/3$ , and thereby illustrate the behaviour of the real sequence  $(a_n)$  where  $a_{n+1} = (a_n^4 + 1)/3$ . For which of the three starting cases  $a_1 = 0$ ,  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_1 = 2$  does the sequence converge? Now prove your assertion.
3. Let  $a_1 > b_1 > 0$  and let  $a_{n+1} = (a_n + b_n)/2$ ,  $b_{n+1} = 2a_n b_n / (a_n + b_n)$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Show that  $a_n > a_{n+1} > b_{n+1} > b_n$  and deduce that the two sequences converge to a common limit. What limit?
4. Let  $[a_n, b_n]$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , be closed intervals with  $[a_n, b_n] \cap [a_m, b_m] \neq \emptyset$  for all  $n, m$ .  
Prove that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n, b_n] \neq \emptyset$ .
5. The real sequence  $(a_n)$  is bounded but does not converge. Prove that it has two convergent subsequences with different limits.
6. Investigate the convergence of the following series. For those expressions containing the complex number  $z$ , find those  $z$  for which convergence occurs.

$$\sum_n \frac{\sin n}{n^2} \quad \sum_n \frac{n^2 z^n}{5^n} \quad \sum_n \frac{(-1)^n}{4 + \sqrt{n}} \quad \sum_n \frac{z^n(1-z)}{n}$$

7. Show that  $\sum 1/(n \log^\alpha n)$  converges if  $\alpha > 1$  and diverges otherwise.  
Does  $\sum 1/(n \log n \log \log n)$  converge?
8. Let  $a_n \in \mathbb{C}$  and let  $b_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$ . Show that, if  $a_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $b_n \rightarrow a$  also.
9. Consider the two series  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \dots$  and  $1 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots$ , having the same terms but taken in a different order. Let  $s_n$  and  $t_n$  be the corresponding partial sums to  $n$  terms. Show that  $s_{2n} = H_{2n} - H_n$  and  $t_{3n} = H_{4n} - \frac{1}{2}H_{2n} - \frac{1}{2}H_n$ , where  $H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$ . Show that  $s_n$  converges to a limit  $s$  and that  $t_n$  converges to  $3s/2$ .
10. Suppose that  $\sum a_n$  diverges and  $a_n > 0$ . Show that there exist  $b_n$  with  $b_n/a_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $\sum b_n$  divergent.
11. Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . Show that the series

$$\frac{z}{1-z^2} + \frac{z^2}{1-z^4} + \frac{z^4}{1-z^8} + \frac{z^8}{1-z^{16}} + \dots$$

converges to  $z/(1-z)$  if  $|z| < 1$ , converges to  $1/(1-z)$  if  $|z| > 1$ , and diverges if  $|z| = 1$ .

12. Prove that every real sequence has a monotonic subsequence. Deduce the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem.
13. Can we write the open interval  $(0,1)$  as a disjoint union of closed intervals of positive length?
14. Is there an enumeration of  $\mathbb{Q}$  as  $q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots$  such that  $\sum (q_n - q_{n+1})^2$  converges?