

1. Find the number  $N$  such that  $\forall n > N$  we have an inequality

$$\left| \frac{3n-1}{n+1} - 3 \right| < \varepsilon$$

for given  $\varepsilon$  as follows:

(Sol)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N = \frac{4}{\varepsilon}$  such that  $\forall n \geq N$ ,

$$\left| \frac{3n-1}{n+1} - 3 \right| = \left| \frac{3n-1-3n-3}{n+1} \right| = \left| \frac{-4}{n+1} \right| = \frac{4}{n+1} < \frac{4}{n} < \frac{4}{N} = \varepsilon$$

(1)  $\varepsilon = 0.1$ . :  $N = 40$ , that is, for all  $n \geq 40$ ,  $\left| \frac{3n-1}{n+1} - 3 \right| < \varepsilon$ .

(2)  $\varepsilon = 0.01$ . :  $N = 400$ .

(3)  $\varepsilon = 1 \times 10^{-5}$ . :  $N = 4 \times 10^5$ .

2. By using the formal definition of the limit of the sequence prove the following:

(1)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( c + \frac{1}{n} \right) = c$  where  $c$  is a real number.

*Proof.*  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N = 1/\varepsilon$  such that  $\forall n > N$ ,

$$\left| \left( c + \frac{1}{n} \right) - c \right| = \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{N} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} = \varepsilon$$

(2)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+2}} = 0$ .

*Proof.*  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N = 1/\varepsilon^2$  such that  $\forall n > N$ ,

$$\left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+2}} - 0 \right| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}}} = \varepsilon$$

(3)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2-1}{n^2+1} = 1$ .

*Proof.*  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N = \sqrt{2/\varepsilon}$  such that  $\forall n > N$ ,

$$\left| \frac{n^2-1}{n^2+1} - 1 \right| = \frac{2}{n^2+1} < \frac{2}{n^2} < \frac{2}{N^2} = \frac{2}{\left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{\varepsilon}} \right)^2} = \varepsilon$$

(4)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3 + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = 3$ .

*Proof.*  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N = 1/\varepsilon$  such that  $\forall n > N$ ,

$$\left| 3 + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} - 3 \right| = \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \right| = \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{N} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} = \varepsilon$$

3. **Proposition:** An upper bound  $b$  of a nonempty set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is the supremum of  $S$  if and only if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists s \in S$  such that  $b - \varepsilon < s$ .

By using the proposition, prove the following statement.

Suppose that  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is bounded above and that  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  is an upper bound of  $S$ . Then  $b = \sup S$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $(x_n)$  of elements in  $S$  converging to  $b$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume that  $b = \sup S$ . By the proposition, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\exists x_n \in S$  such that

$$b - \frac{1}{n} < x_n.$$

Also, since  $b$  is an upper bound of  $S$ ,  $x_n \leq b$ . Thus  $b - \frac{1}{n} < x_n \leq b < b + \frac{1}{n}$ , which implies that  $|x_n - b| < \frac{1}{n}$ . By the definition of convergence of limit,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N = 1/\varepsilon$  such that  $\forall n > N$ ,  $|x_n - b| < \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{N} = \varepsilon$ . Therefore, the sequence  $(x_n)$  converges to  $b$  as required.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose that there is a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $S$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = b$ . Then, by the definition of convergence of limit, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x_N - b| < \varepsilon$ . So from this inequality, we have  $-\varepsilon < x_N - b < \varepsilon$ . So, in particular, we can get  $b - \varepsilon < x_N$ . Then, by the proposition,  $b = \sup S$ .

4. Suppose that  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is nonempty and bounded above and let  $-S = \{-x | x \in S\}$ . Prove that  $\inf(-S) = -\sup S$ .

*Proof.* To show that  $-S$  is bounded below, let  $u$  be an upper bound of  $S$ , that is,  $x \leq u$  for all  $x \in S$ . Then,  $-x \geq -u$  for all  $x \in S$ . Thus,  $-u$  is less than or equal to every element in a set  $-S$ . Therefore, there exists a lower bound  $-u$  of  $-S$ .  $-S$  is bounded below.

Now, let's show that  $\inf(-S) = -\sup(S)$ . Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  be a lower bound of  $-S$ . Then,  $a \leq -x$  for all  $x \in S$ . Then, multiplying by  $-1$  on both sides gives  $x \leq -a$  for all  $x \in S$ . Thus  $-a$  is an upper bound of  $S$ . Since  $\sup S$  is a least upper bound,  $\sup S \leq -a$ . So  $a \leq -\sup S$ . Since  $a$  is any arbitrary lower bound of  $-S$  and  $-\sup S$  is greater than or equal to  $a$ , by the definition of infimum,  $-\sup S = \inf(-S)$ .

5. Let  $s_n = n!/n^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 0$ .

*Proof.* The sequence  $s_n$  can be written as a product of fractions,

$$s_n = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \left(\frac{2}{n}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{n}{n}\right).$$

Note that each fraction is less than or equal to 1. So we have  $|s_n - 0| = s_n \leq \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \times 1^{n-1} = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ . Therefore,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N = \varepsilon^{-1}$  such that  $\forall n > N$ ,  $|s_n - 0| < 1/n < 1/N = \varepsilon$ . That is, by the definition of convergence of limit,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 0$ .

6. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonempty bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $M = \{a \cdot b : a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$ . Prove or disprove (provide a counterexample) that  $\sup M = (\sup A) \cdot (\sup B)$ .

*It is not true.* A counterexample would be  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | -2 \leq x < 1\}$  and  $B = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | -3 \leq x < 1\}$ .

7. Prove that if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 1$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + a_n)^{-1} = 1/2$ .

*Proof.* Because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 1$ , by the definition of limit, for  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $N_1$  such that for all  $n > N_1$ ,  $|a_n - 1| < \varepsilon$ . Also, for  $\varepsilon = 1$ , there exists  $N_2$  such that for all  $n > N_2$ ,  $|a_n - 1| < \varepsilon$  which implies  $a_n > 0$ . Thus  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$  such that for all  $n > N$ ,

$$\left| \frac{1}{1 + a_n} - \frac{1}{2} \right| = \left| \frac{2 - 1 - a_n}{2(1 + a_n)} \right| = \frac{|1 - a_n|}{2(1 + a_n)} < |1 - a_n| < \varepsilon$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + a_n)^{-1} = 1/2$ .