

Homework 1

Chapter 11.1. :52

52. (a) Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$. By Definition 1, this means that for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is an integer N such that

$|a_n - L| < \varepsilon$ whenever $n > N$. Thus, $|a_{n+1} - L| < \varepsilon$ whenever $n+1 > N \Leftrightarrow n > N-1$. It follows that

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} = L$ and so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1}$.

(b) If $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} = L$ also, so L must satisfy $L = 1/(1+L) \Rightarrow L^2 + L - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow L = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$

(since L has to be non-negative if it exists).

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24. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{n(n+2)}$ diverges by (7), the Test for Divergence, since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{n^2 + 2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2 + 2n} \right) = 1 \neq 0.$$

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34. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2}$ is positive and continuous and $f'(x) = -\frac{\ln x + 2}{x^2(\ln x)^3}$ is negative for $x > 1$, so the

Integral Test applies. Using (2), we need $0.01 > \int_n^{\infty} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{-1}{\ln x} \right]_n^t = \frac{1}{\ln n}$. This is true for

$n > e^{100}$, so we would have to take this many terms, which would be problematic because

$$e^{100} \approx 2.7 \times 10^{43}.$$