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Exercise Sheet No. 5 Advanced Mathematics I

Exercise 21: Determine all accumulation points of the following sequences

(a) $a_n := \frac{1}{n} + 2(-1)^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$ (b) $b_n := \left(\frac{5n+7}{n}\right) i^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$

Solution: (a) Consider the following subsequences of $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \text{ even}}$ and $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \text{ odd}}$, consisting of the terms with even and odd index, respectively. The terms in the sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \text{ even}}$ are of the form $\frac{1}{n} + 2$ and those in $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \text{ odd}}$ are of the form $\frac{1}{n} - 2$

We will make use the “accumulation point theorem” from the next. Namely, if a sequence converges then its subsequences converge to the same limit. Since $(1/n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \text{ even}}$ and $(1/n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \text{ odd}}$ are subsequences of $(1/n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, and $(1/n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to 0, then so too must $(1/n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \text{ even}}$ and $(1/n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \text{ odd}}$.

Since we know the sequence $(1/n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to 0, and $(\frac{1}{2k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(\frac{1}{2k-1})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ are subsequences of this sequence, it follows they also converge to 0. Since the sum of two convergent sequences converges to a the sum of the limits we obtain that $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \text{ even}}$ converges to 2 and $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \text{ odd}}$ converges to -2 .

Now we argue that there are no additional accumulation points. To do this, let L be an arbitrary accumulation point, and we will show $L \in \{-2, 2\}$. By definition there is a convergent subsequence $(a_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ with limit L . This subsequence has either infinitely many terms with odd index or infinitely many terms with even index. Suppose we have infinitely many terms with even index. The sequence $(a_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}, n_k \text{ even}}$ is a subsequence of both $(a_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \text{ even}}$, and thus the limit of $(a_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}, n_k \text{ even}}$ is both L and 2. It follows that $L = 2$. Identical reasoning shows that $L = -2$ in the odd case, and the proof is complete.

(b) Since $i^{4k} = 1$ we have:

$$i^{4k} = i^0 = 1, \quad i^{4k+1} = i^1 = i, \quad i^{4k+2} = i^2 = -1, \quad i^{4k+3} = i^3 = -i.$$

Consider the following subsequences:

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &:= \left(\frac{5n+7}{n}\right) \text{ for } n = 4k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ d_n &:= \left(\frac{5n+7}{n}\right) i \text{ for } n = 4k+1, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ e_n &:= -\left(\frac{5n+7}{n}\right) \text{ for } n = 4k+2, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ f_n &:= -\left(\frac{5n+7}{n}\right) i \text{ for } n = 4k+3, \quad k \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

We have $c_n \rightarrow 5, d_n \rightarrow 5i, e_n \rightarrow -5$ and $f_n \rightarrow -5i$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$. Applying the accumulation point theorem in a similar manner as in part (a) shows that every subsequence converges to one of these four points.

Exercise 22: Consider the recursively defined sequence

$$a_1 = b, \quad a_{k+1} = \frac{|a_k|}{2a_k - 1}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$$

for two initial values $b = -\frac{1}{4}$, and $b = \frac{1}{4}$.

- (a) Assume that for fixed b the sequence (a_k) converges. What are the candidates for the limit?
- (b) Determine for which initial value $b = -\frac{1}{4}$ or $b = \frac{1}{4}$ the sequence is monotone.
- (c) Determine for which initial value the sequence is bounded.
- (d) Justify, for both initial values $b = -\frac{1}{4}$ or $b = \frac{1}{4}$, whether the sequence is converging or not. In case of convergence determine the limit.

Solution:

(a) We are assuming (a_k) converges, so let a be the limit.

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_{k+1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = a = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_k|}{2a_k - 1} = \frac{|a|}{2a - 1}$$

We obtain the equation $2a^2 - a = |a|$ which we break into two cases.

For $a \leq 0$, we have

$$2a^2 - a = -a \iff a = 0.$$

For $a > 0$, we have

$$2a^2 - a = a \iff 2a(a - 1) = 0.$$

Thus the candidate limits are 0 and 1. Remark: For the rest of the solution we use (a_k) to denote the given sequence with initial value $-1/4$ and (b_k) to denote the given sequence with initial value $1/4$.

(b) For $a_1 = -\frac{1}{4}$ we have $a_2 = -\frac{1}{6}$, $a_3 = -\frac{1}{8}$. We have $a_k < 0$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. We will show this by induction:

Base Case: $a_1 = -\frac{1}{4} < 0$.

Induction Step $k \rightsquigarrow k + 1$: Assume we have $a_k < 0$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. We show: $a_{k+1} = \frac{|a_k|}{2a_k - 1} < 0$. Indeed, the numerator is an absolute value and thus positive, the denominator is negative by induction.

We use this result to show monotonicity:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{k+1} - a_k &= \frac{|a_k|}{2a_k - 1} - a_k = \frac{-a_k - 2a_k^2 + a_k}{2a_k - 1} \\ &= -2 \frac{a_k^2}{2a_k - 1} = -2|a_k| \frac{|a_k|}{2a_k - 1} > 0 \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Thus the sequence $(a_k)_k$ is monotone.

For the sequence $(b_k)_k$ we have $b_1 = \frac{1}{4}$, $b_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $b_3 = -\frac{1}{4}$, so the sequence is not monotone.

(c) (a_k) is monotone increasing and bounded above by 0 as shown in (b). Thus (a_k) is bounded.

With the exception of b_1 , the sequence (b_k) is also strictly negative. This may be shown simply again by induction as in (b). From the negativity of (b_k) for $k \geq 2$ we can again show that b_k is strictly increasing for $k \geq 2$. Thus $-1/2 \leq b_k \leq 1/4$ and so (b_k) is a bounded sequence.

(d) Since (a_k) is monotone and increasing it converges. Since (a_k) is strictly negative 1 cannot be the limit, thus $a = 0$ is the limit.

The sequence (b_k) is also monotone and bounded for $k \geq 2$ and a finite number (1) of initial terms does not affect the convergence. Since b_k is strictly negative for $k \geq 2$, the only possible limit is $a = 0$.

Exercise 23: Let the sequence $(c_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ in \mathbb{C} be recursively defined by

$$c_1 = 1 + 2i \quad \text{and} \quad c_{n+1} = \frac{2\operatorname{Re}(c_n)\operatorname{Im}(c_n)}{\operatorname{Re}(c_n) + \operatorname{Im}(c_n)} + i\sqrt{\operatorname{Re}(c_n)\operatorname{Im}(c_n)} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

(a) Show that $\operatorname{Re}(c_1) \leq \operatorname{Re}(c_2) \leq \dots \leq \operatorname{Re}(c_n) \leq \operatorname{Im}(c_n) \leq \dots \leq \operatorname{Im}(c_2) \leq \operatorname{Im}(c_1)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(b) Show that (c_n) converges and that $\operatorname{Re}(c) = \operatorname{Im}(c)$ holds for the limit c of the sequence.

Note: You don't have to compute c .

Solution:

(a) We proceed by induction:

Base Case: For $n = 1$ we have $\operatorname{Re}(c_1) = 1 \leq 2 = \operatorname{Im}(c_1)$. Thus the result holds for $n = 1$.

Induction Step: For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $\operatorname{Re}(c_1) \leq \dots \leq \operatorname{Re}(c_n) \leq \operatorname{Im}(c_n) \leq \dots \leq \operatorname{Im}(c_1)$. We will show the following inequalities:

$$\operatorname{Re}(c_n) \stackrel{(i)}{\leq} \operatorname{Re}(c_{n+1}) \stackrel{(ii)}{\leq} \operatorname{Im}(c_{n+1}) \stackrel{(iii)}{\leq} \operatorname{Im}(c_n)$$

For (i):

$$\operatorname{Re}(c_{n+1}) = \frac{2\operatorname{Re}(c_n)\operatorname{Im}(c_n)}{\operatorname{Re}(c_n) + \operatorname{Im}(c_n)} \stackrel{\operatorname{Re}(c_n) \leq \operatorname{Im}(c_n)}{\geq} \frac{2\operatorname{Re}(c_n)\operatorname{Im}(c_n)}{2\operatorname{Im}(c_n)} = \operatorname{Re}(c_n).$$

For (ii): We use the identity that for positive a, b we have $(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})^2 = a + b - 2\sqrt{ab} \geq 0$. By the induction hypothesis, $0 < \operatorname{Re}(c_1) \leq \operatorname{Re}(c_n) \leq \operatorname{Im}(c_n)$, and we obtain,

$$\operatorname{Re}(c_n) + \operatorname{Im}(c_n) \geq 2\sqrt{\operatorname{Re}(c_n)\operatorname{Im}(c_n)}, \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{2\operatorname{Re}(c_n)\operatorname{Im}(c_n)}{\operatorname{Re}(c_n) + \operatorname{Im}(c_n)} \leq \sqrt{\operatorname{Re}(c_n)\operatorname{Im}(c_n)}.$$

For (iii):

$$\operatorname{Im}(c_{n+1}) = \sqrt{\operatorname{Re}(c_n)\operatorname{Im}(c_n)} \stackrel{\operatorname{Re}(c_n) \leq \operatorname{Im}(c_n)}{\leq} \sqrt{\operatorname{Im}(c_n)\operatorname{Im}(c_n)} = \operatorname{Im}(c_n).$$

(b) In (a) it has already been shown that $(\operatorname{Re}(c_n))$ is monotone increasing and bounded. Similarly, $(\operatorname{Im}(c_n))$ is monotone decreasing and bounded. Thus, both these sequences converge and so too must (c_n) .

The real and imaginary parts of the limit c must satisfy:

$$\operatorname{Im}(c) = \sqrt{\operatorname{Re}(c)\operatorname{Im}(c)}, \quad \text{so} \quad \sqrt{\operatorname{Im}(c)} = \sqrt{\operatorname{Re}(c)}.$$

Thus, we obtain $\operatorname{Im}(c) = \operatorname{Re}(c)$.

Exercise 24: Which of the following assertions are true? Give a counter example for each incorrect assertion.

- (a) If a sequence is monotone and bounded, then it converges.
- (b) If a sequence converges, then it is monotone and bounded.
- (c) If a sequence is not bounded, then it is not convergent.
- (d) If a sequence is not monotonic, then it is not convergent.
- (e) If a sequence has exactly one accumulation point, then it converges.
- (f) If a sequence converges, then it has exactly one accumulation point.

Solution:

- (a) True.
- (b) False. The sequence $\left(\frac{(-1)^n}{n}\right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to 0, but it is not monotone
- (c) True.
- (d) False. This statement is the contrapositive of the one in (b) and thus logically equivalent.
- (e) False. The sequence a_n defined to be 1, for n odd and n , for n even has one accumulation point but diverges as it is unbounded.
- (f) True.

Exercise 25:

Determine the image of the set $M := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ under the mapping

$$f : \begin{cases} \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-3/2 + i/2\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, \\ z \mapsto \frac{-2}{2z + 3 - i}. \end{cases}.$$

Sketch the sets M and $f(M)$.

Solution: Define $g(z) := z + 3/2 - i/2$, $h(z) := 1/z$ and $k(z) := -z$. We have

$$f(z) = -\frac{1}{z + 3/2 - i/2} = -\frac{1}{g(z)} = -h(g(z)) = k(h(g(z))).$$

The function g is simply a translation (shift) by $3/2 - i/2$, so under this function, M is mapped to a circle with center $3/2 - i/2$ and radius 1.

It was shown in the script that the function h maps a circle of radius R and center z_0 to a circle of radius $\frac{R}{||z_0|^2 - R^2|}$ and center $\frac{\bar{z}_0}{|z_0|^2 - R^2}$. The circle with center $3/2 - i/2$ and radius 1 is mapped under h to the circle with center $1 + i/3$ and radius $2/3$.

The function k is a rotation by π , equivalently a reflection through the origin. Thus we end with a circle with center $-1 - i/3$ and radius $2/3$.

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