

# Partial Solutions to H.W #4

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# 2a

$$|x_n - x_m| = \left| \frac{n+1}{n} - \frac{m+1}{m} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m} \right| < \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Then by Archimedean property,  $\exists K(\epsilon)$  s.t.

$$\frac{1}{K(\epsilon)} < \frac{\epsilon}{2}. \quad \therefore \text{For } n, m > K(\epsilon), \quad |x_n - x_m| < \epsilon$$

(2b)

Let  $m > n$

$$|x_m - x_n| = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} + \frac{1}{(n+2)!} + \dots + \frac{1}{m!}$$

Since  $2^{k-1} < k!$  for  $k > 3$  (Proved in test or by induction)

we have

$$|x_m - x_n| \leq \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^m} = \frac{1}{2^n} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{m-n} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} \left[ \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{m-n+1}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \right] \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$$

(3b)

Let  $n$  be odd, let  $m = 2n+1$ . Then

$$|x_m - x_n| = \left| (m-n) - \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} \right| = (m-n) - \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n} > (n+1) > 1$$

↑  
for  $n > 5$ , say

Hence for each  $k > 5$ , take  $m = 2k+1$ ,  $n = 2(k+1)$

and  $|x_m - x_n| > 1$ .

(4)

$$|(x_m + y_m) - (x_n + y_n)| \leq |x_m - x_n| + |y_m - y_n|$$

$$|x_m y_m - x_n y_n| = |x_m y_m - x_m y_n + x_m y_n - x_n y_n|$$

$$\leq |x_m| |y_m - y_n| + |y_n| |x_m - x_n|$$

$$\leq A |y_m - y_n| + B |x_m - x_n|$$

↑  
Since Cauchy sequences are bounded

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

Now, since  $x_1 > 0$  it follows by inductive argument + defining recursion that  $x_n > 0$  for all  $n$ , hence

$$|x_{n+1} - x_n| \leq \frac{|x_n - x_{n-1}|}{(2)(2)} = \frac{1}{4} |x_n - x_{n-1}|$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is contractive it is convergent. Hence

letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2+x_n}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2+x} \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4+4}}{2} = -1 + \sqrt{2}$$

Take + sign since  $x \geq 0$  (hence  $x_n > 0$ )

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$$(a) \quad \begin{aligned} x_n &= n \\ y_n &= n \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad \begin{aligned} x_n &= n^2 \\ y_n &= n. \end{aligned}$$