

Lecture 6, 9/7/22

Material corresponds to Ross §7 – 8.

Sequences

Theorem (Triangle inequality) If $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ then

$$|a - b| \leq |a - c| + |c - d|.$$

Theorem (Limits are Unique) If $s_n \rightarrow s$ and $s_n \rightarrow t$ then $s = t$.

Example

$$\frac{2n^2 - 7n}{n^2 - n + 8} \rightarrow 2$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Choose $N = \frac{21}{\epsilon} + 1$. Let $n > N$. Then

$$\left| \frac{2n^2 - 7n}{n^2 - n + 8} - 2 \right| = \left| \frac{5n + 16}{n^2 - n + 8} \right| \leq \frac{5n + 16}{n^2 - n} \leq \frac{21n}{n^2 - n} = \frac{21}{n - 1}$$

because $n > 1$, $|n^2 - n + 8| = n^2 - n + 8 \geq n^2 - n$ and $5n + 16 \leq 5n + 16n$. Furthermore, Finally, since $n > N = \frac{21}{\epsilon} + 1$,

$$\frac{21}{n - 1} < \epsilon.$$

Stringing the inequalities together we have

$$\left| \frac{2n^2 - 7n}{n^2 - n + 8} - 2 \right| < \epsilon.$$