

Exercises 1.2, Mathematics 1 (12-PHY-BIPMA1)  
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1. Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ . Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = |a|$ .
2. Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ . Let  $(b_n)$  be a subsequence of  $(a_n)$ . Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = a$ .
3. Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ . Let  $(b_n)$  be a sequence satisfying  $b_{n+k} = a_{n+l}$  for some  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = a$ .
4. Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ . Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{a_n} = \sqrt{a}$ .
5. Prove convergence of the following sequences using Cauchy theorem:
  - (a)  $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$ ,
  - (b)  $a_n = \frac{1}{2^n}$ ,
  - (c)  $a_n = \frac{\sin n}{n}$ .
6. Identify all cluster points of the following sequences and compute their  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty}$  and  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ :
  - (a)  $\frac{1}{n}$ ,
  - (b)  $(-1)^n$ .
7. Let  $a > 0$  and  $x_1 > 0$ . For  $n \geq 2$ , let  $x_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_{n-1} + \frac{a}{x_{n-1}} \right)$ . Prove that  $(x_n)$  is a convergent sequence and identify the limit. What can you say about the speed of convergence of  $x_n$  to its limit?  
(Hint:
  - show that  $x_n \geq \sqrt{a}$  for all  $n \geq 2$ ,
  - show that  $x_{n+1} \leq x_n$  for all  $n \geq 2$ ,
  - pass to the limit on the both sides of the recursive formula for  $x_n$  and identify the limit.

As for the speed of convergence, prove that  $0 \leq x_n - x_{n+1} \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-2}}(x_2 - x_3)$  and deduce from this an upper bound on  $x_n - x_{n+k}$  for any  $k$ , then pass to the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .)