

Section 3.5 (Bartle)

Cauchy sequence

Defⁿ: A sequence (x_n) is said to be a Cauchy sequence if the terms of the seq. are ultimately very close to each other.

i.e. for every $\epsilon > 0$, \exists a natural no. H (depends upon ϵ)

such that $|x_n - x_m| < \epsilon \quad \forall n, m \geq H$

(Note: here n & m , both are variables & H is a constant)

Exp. $(x_n) = (\frac{1}{n})$

T.S. (x_n) is a Cauchy seq.

we need to show that for $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists H \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$|x_n - x_m| < \epsilon \quad \forall n, m \geq H$$

i.e. T.S. $|\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}| < \epsilon \quad \forall n, m \geq H$

Now, $|\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}| \leq \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ if $\frac{1}{n} < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{m} < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$

i.e. if $n > \frac{2}{\epsilon}$ & $m > \frac{2}{\epsilon}$

let $H \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $H > 2/\epsilon$

then $|\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}| < \epsilon \quad \forall n, m \geq H$

$\Rightarrow (\frac{1}{n})$ is a Cauchy seq.