



ANALYSIS AND NUMBER THEORY  
SUMMER 2023  
HOMEWORK NO. 1

1. PROBLEMS

**Problem 1.** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n > 0$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n > 0$ . Show that

$$\sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n a_i} + \sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n b_i} \leq \sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i)}$$

**Problem 2.** Show that the sequence  $(f_n)_{n \geq 1}$  defined by  $f_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+1}$  is decreasing.

**Problem 3.** Show that if  $H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$ , then

$$n(n+1)^{1/n} < n + H_n, n > 1,$$

and

$$(n-1)n^{-1/(n-1)} < n - H_n, n > 2.$$

**Problem 4.** Let  $e_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Consider the sequence  $E_n = e_n + \frac{1}{n!n}$ . Show that  $E_n > e$  and deduce that  $e$  is irrational.

**Problem 5.** Find the following limits:

$$(i) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( \log 2 - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+k} \right)$$

$$(ii) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n+k}} \right)^n.$$

**Problem 6.** Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of positive reals such that  $\sum_{n \geq 1} a_n^3$  converges.

Show that the series  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{a_n}{n}$  converges also.

**Problem 7.** Let  $0 < x_1 < 1$  and  $x_{n+1} = x_n(1 - x_n)$ , for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} nx_n = 1$  and study the convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n^2$ .

**Problem 8.** Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a decreasing sequence of positive reals such that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges. Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} na_n = 0$ .

**Problem 9.** Show that if the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p_n}$  is convergent, where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  are positive real numbers, then the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n)^2} \cdot p_n$$

is also convergent.

**Problem 10.** Determine, with proof, whether the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1.8 + \sin n}}$$

converges or diverges.