

2.1.3 Prove directly that each of the following sequences converges by letting $\varepsilon > 0$ be given and finding $N(\varepsilon)$ so that (1) holds:

$$2.1.3.b \quad a_n = \frac{3n+1}{n+2}$$

Proof of exercise 2.1.3.b:

$$\text{Want to show } \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N(\varepsilon) \in \mathbf{N} \ni \forall n \geq N, \left| \frac{3n+1}{n+2} - 3 \right| < \varepsilon.$$

$$\left| \frac{3n+1}{n+2} - 3 \right| = \left| \frac{3n+1}{n+2} - \frac{3(n+2)}{n+2} \right| = \left| \frac{3n+1}{n+2} - \frac{3n+6}{n+2} \right| = \left| \frac{3n+1-3n-6}{n+2} \right| = \left| \frac{-5}{n+2} \right|$$

$$= |-1| \left| \frac{5}{n+2} \right| \text{ by proposition 1.1.2.b}$$

$$|-1| \left| \frac{5}{n+2} \right| = \left| \frac{5}{n+2} \right| \leq \left| \frac{5}{n} \right| = \frac{5}{n}.$$

$$\text{Take } \varepsilon > 0 \text{ arbitrary. } \frac{5}{n} < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } n \geq N \Leftrightarrow \frac{5}{\varepsilon} < n \text{ whenever } n \geq N.$$

Choose $N \geq \frac{5}{\varepsilon}$. Then we have $\forall n \geq N$,

$$\left| \frac{3n+1}{n+2} - 3 \right| \leq \frac{5}{n} < \varepsilon. \text{ Thus, } \frac{3n+1}{n+2} \rightarrow 3 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \text{ Q.E.D.}$$