Vantage Math 100/V1C,V1F

For the following questions, if the answer is true prove it, if the answer is false give a counter example. I encourage you all to atleast attempt them on your own first before looking at the solutions.

- 1. If $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = x$, then $\lim_{n\to\infty} |x_n| = |x|$.
- 2. If $\lim_{n\to\infty} |x_n| = |x|$, then $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = x$.
- 3. If $\lim_{n\to\infty} |x_n| = 0$, then $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = 0$.
- 4. If $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = L$, then $\lim_{n\to\infty} f(n) = L$.
- 5. If $\lim_{n\to\infty} f(n) = L$, then $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = L$.
- 6. If x_n converges to 0 then x_n^2 converges to 0.
- 7. (Hard) If x_n converges to x then x_n^2 converges to x^2 .

Solution.

1. TRUE

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since x_n converges to x by definition of convergence, there is an N such that for all $n \ge N$ we have,

$$|x_n - x| < \varepsilon.$$

So for all $n \ge N$ we have,

$$||x_n| - |x|| \le |x_n - x| < \varepsilon.$$

The first inequality is true because of the reverse triangle inequality. Thus we have shown

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} |x_n| = |x|.$$

2. FALSE

Let $x_n = (-1)^n$. We have $|x_n| = 1$ for all n, and thus converges to 1 (prove it!). However x_n does not converge (prove it!).

3. **TRUE**

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since $|x_n|$ converges to 0, we have there is some N such that when $n \ge N$, $||x_n|| < \varepsilon$. But since $||x_n|| = |x_n|$, we have for all $n \ge N$,

 $|x_n| < \varepsilon,$

Which is precisely what it means for x_n to converge to 0.

4. **TRUE**

Let $\varepsilon > 0$, since f(x) converges to L as x goes to infinity, we have there is some x_0 such that when $x \ge x_0$ then

 $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$

Since the above expressions is true for all $x \ge x_0$, it is also true for all natural numbers n bigger than x_0 . So let $N = x_0$, then if $n \ge N$ then,

$$|f(n) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

Thus $\lim_{n\to\infty} f(n) = L$.

5. FALSE

Given f(x), we have the convergence of the sequence f(n) only care what happens to the function at integer values, whereas convergence of the function f(x) requires information about all the values of x. Meaning when x is not a natural number, f(x)can be very badly behaved and even though it is well behaved on the naturals.

To demonstrate what I mean, lets take $f(x) = \sin(\pi x)$. So $f(n) = \sin(n\pi) = 0$ for all n, thus We know from class that this function does not converge as x goes to infinity since it oscillates back between 1 and -1 forever.

6. **TRUE**

Again let $\varepsilon > 0$ and suppose $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = 0$. Since x_n converges, we have that there is an N such that when n > N we have

$$|x_n| < \sqrt{\varepsilon}.$$

So we when n > N we have,

$$|x_n^2| = |x_n|^2 < (\sqrt{\varepsilon})^2 = \varepsilon.$$

Thus $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n^2 = 0.$

7. TRUE

This is true but the proof is a bit trickier than 6. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since x_n converges, we have x_n is bounded by some M. Note that we can pick M large enough such that M > |x|. Now since x_n converges to x, there is some N such that when n > N, we have

$$|x_n - x| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2M}$$

Now if n > N then,

$$|x_n^2 - x^2| = |(x_n - x)(x_n + x)| = |x_n - x||x_n + x| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2M}|x_n + x|$$

We also have $|x_n + x| < |x_n| + |x| < M + M = 2M$. Thus

$$|x_n^2 - x^2| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2M} 2M = \varepsilon.$$