

Remark: ER 3.2.51, ER 3.2.52, ER 3.2.53 go together.

In ER 3.2.52 be careful not to make a mistake similar to the mistake in ER 3.2.51.

**ER 3.2.51** Find and explain the math mistake in the below Flawed Proof of Thm. 1.  
In your explanation, refer to the line numbers on the left and the tag number on the right.

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**Thm. 1.** Let  $\{s_n\}_n$  and  $\{t_n\}_n$  be convergent sequences. Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (s_n t_n) = \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \right) \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n \right)$ .

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1 **Flawed Proof.** Let

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = S \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = T \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (1.1)$$

2 We will show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n t_n = ST$ .

3 Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = S$ , there exists  $N_S \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $n \geq N_S$  then

$$|s_n - S| < \left( \frac{1}{|T| + 1} \right) \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) \quad (1.2)$$

4 Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = T$ , there exists  $N_T \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $n \geq N_T$  then

$$|t_n - T| < \left( \frac{1}{|s_n| + 1} \right) \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right). \quad (1.3)$$

5 Set

$$N = \max \{N_S, N_T\}.$$

6 Let  $n \geq N$  with  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$|s_n t_n - ST| = |s_n t_n - s_n T + s_n T - ST| \quad (1.4)$$

$$= |s_n (t_n - T) + T (s_n - S)| \quad (1.5)$$

7 and by the triangle inequality

$$\leq |s_n (t_n - T)| + |T (s_n - S)| \quad (1.6)$$

$$= |s_n| |t_n - T| + |T| |s_n - S| \quad (1.7)$$

8 and by (1.3) and (1.2)

$$< |s_n| \left( \frac{1}{|s_n| + 1} \right) \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) + |T| \left( \frac{1}{|T| + 1} \right) \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) \quad (1.8)$$

$$= \left( \frac{|s_n|}{|s_n| + 1} \right) \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{|T|}{|T| + 1} \right) \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) \quad (1.9)$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (1.10)$$

$$= \varepsilon. \quad (1.11)$$

9 Thus, for the fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $n \geq N$  then  $|s_n t_n - ST| < \varepsilon$ .

10 Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  was arbitrary,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n t_n = ST$ . □

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