

Chapter 2: sequences in \mathbb{R} .

2.1: limits of sequences.

- An infinite sequence (briefly, a sequence) is a function whose domain is $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ and whose codomain is \mathbb{R} .
in $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
- A sequence $x_n := f(n)$ will be denoted by x_1, x_2, \dots OR $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ OR $\{x_n\}$.

exp:

1. $\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \dots\}$ represents the sequence $\left\{\frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ OR $x_n = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$

2. $\{-1, 1, -1, 1, \dots\}$ is the seq. $\{(-1)^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

3. $\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ is the seq. $\{n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Important: $\underbrace{\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}}_{\text{seq.}} \neq \underbrace{\{x_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}}_{\text{set}}$

exp: $\underbrace{\{(-1)^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}}_{\text{seq.}} \neq \{(-1)^n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$
 $\{1, -1, 1, -1, \dots\} \neq \{-1, 1\}$ only.

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ex: $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ is different from $\{2, 1, 3, \dots\}$ as sequences.
 But as sets $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ is identical with $\{2, 1, 3, \dots\}$

Def: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a \in \mathbb{R}$ or $x_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

① A sequence of real numbers $\{x_n\}$ is said to be converges to $a \in \mathbb{R}$ iff $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$ an $K \in \mathbb{N}$ (in general $K(\epsilon)$) s.t
 $n \geq K \Rightarrow |x_n - a| < \epsilon$.
 for large K .



... $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots$
 لـ بعد عدد كبير من n يتقارب من 0

if $K = 10^6 \rightarrow x_n = 10^{-6n} \rightarrow |x_n - a| = |10^{-6} - 0| < \epsilon$

كل ما كانت K كبيرة فبصير الفرق $(x_n - a)$ اقل من ϵ

- * Notations:
- a. $\{x_n\}$ converges to a
 - b. x_n converges to a
 - c. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$
 - d. $x_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
 - e. the limit of $\{x_n\}$ exists and equals a .

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 converges
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$|x_n - a| < \epsilon$ since $n \geq K$ حيث K و ϵ و n \leftarrow ϵ و n \leftarrow K \leftarrow ϵ و n \leftarrow K

Rmks:

(1) When $x_n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, you can think of x_n as a seq. of approximations to a and ϵ as an upper bound for the error. $|x_n - a| < \epsilon$
 n large
 $n \geq K$.

(2) The number K in DF(1) is chosen so that the error is less than ϵ when $n \geq K$. In general, the smaller ϵ gets, the larger K must be.

(3) $x_n \rightarrow a$ iff $|x_n - a| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, In particular
 $x_n \rightarrow 0$ iff $|x_n| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

(4) K depends on ϵ ^{$K(\epsilon)$} CANNOT depend on n . $K = \frac{1}{\epsilon} + n$ \leftarrow $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$ is small

(5) (summary of DF(1)). $x_n \rightarrow a \iff |x_n - a|$ is small for large n .
 \downarrow
 $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists K \in \mathbb{N}$
 $n \geq K \implies |x_n - a| < \epsilon$.

Note: $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$

S.K. $\frac{1}{n}$ case

egs K calc for $\frac{1}{n}$

K large $\rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right|$ small \rightarrow so error small.

we need to prove!

exp 1: prove that $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

By using the Def's of a limit.

pf: let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. we need to find $K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t

$$n \geq K \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$$

Use the Archimedean principle $\exists K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t $K > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$

$$\textcircled{1} < K \textcircled{2} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ n \\ \downarrow \\ \epsilon \end{matrix}$$

$a, b \in \mathbb{R}$
 $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$
 $b < n < a$

Now, $n \geq K \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{K} < \epsilon$. It follows that $\left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{n}$

$$\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{K} < \epsilon, \quad \forall n \geq K \quad \#$$

exp: Use the Def, prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^2+1}{3n^2} = \frac{2}{3}$

pf:

let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. we need to find a $K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t

$$n \geq K \Rightarrow \left| \frac{2n^2+1}{3n^2} - \frac{2}{3} \right| < \epsilon$$

Use the Archimedean principle $\exists K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t $K > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3\epsilon}}$

$$\text{Thus, } n \geq K \text{ implies } \left| \frac{2n^2+1}{3n^2} - \frac{2}{3} \right| = \left| \frac{6n^2+3-6n^2}{9n^2} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{3n^2} \leq \frac{1}{3K^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{K} \right)^2$$

$$< \frac{1}{3} (\sqrt{3\epsilon})^2 = \epsilon$$

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$$\left| \frac{2n^2+1}{3n^2} - \frac{2}{3} \right| < \epsilon$$
$$\frac{1}{3n^2} < \epsilon$$
$$3n^2 > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$
$$n > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3\epsilon}}$$

exp: If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 2$. prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2x_n + 1}{x_n} \right) = \frac{5}{2}$

pf: let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 2$, Apply def ①.
to this $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists K_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n \geq K_1 \Rightarrow |x_n - 2| < \varepsilon$.

with $\varepsilon = 1$ (next), $\exists K_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n \geq K_2 \Rightarrow |x_n - 2| < 1 \Rightarrow 1 < x_n < 3$

let $K = \max \{K_1, K_2\}$ and suppose that $n \geq K$, then

$$\left| \frac{2x_n + 1}{x_n} - \frac{5}{2} \right| = \left| \frac{4x_n + 2 - 5x_n}{2x_n} \right| \quad \begin{matrix} \searrow \\ n \geq K_1, n \geq K_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$= \left| \frac{-x_n - 2}{2x_n} \right|$$

$$= \frac{|x_n - 2|}{2x_n}$$

$$\left\langle \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\rangle \left\langle \varepsilon \right\rangle \text{ to avoid } x_n > 1$$

$$2x_n > 2$$

For all $n \geq K = \max \{K_1, K_2\}$.

$$\frac{1}{2x_n} < \frac{1}{2} < 1$$

ex: show that the (seq) $\{(-1)^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ has no limit.

pf: suppose that $(-1)^n \rightarrow \alpha$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

Given $\varepsilon = 1$, $\exists K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n \geq K \Rightarrow |(-1)^n - \alpha| < 1$

For n odd this implies $|1 + \alpha| = |-1 - \alpha| < 1$

and for n even this implies $|1 - \alpha| < 1$.

$$\text{Hence } 2 = |1+1| = |1-\alpha + \alpha + 1| \leq |1-\alpha| + |\alpha+1|$$

By Triangle

$$< 1+1 = 2$$

$\therefore 2 < 2$, a contradiction

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2.4 Remark: A sequence can have at most one limit.

pf: suppose that $x_n \rightarrow \alpha$ and $x_n \rightarrow \beta$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ we need to prove that $\alpha = \beta$

since $x_n \rightarrow \alpha$ and $x_n \rightarrow \beta$, by def, $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n \geq K \rightarrow |x_n - \alpha| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

and $|x_n - \beta| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } |\alpha - \beta| &= |(\alpha - x_n) + (x_n - \beta)| \\ &\leq |\alpha - x_n| + |x_n - \beta| \\ &= |x_n - \alpha| + |x_n - \beta| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

triangle
add

$$\Rightarrow |\alpha - \beta| < \varepsilon, \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

(Recall Thm 3 (1.2): $|a| < \varepsilon, \forall \varepsilon > 0$ iff $a = 0$).

$$\Rightarrow \alpha - \beta = 0$$

$$\text{so } \alpha - \beta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \beta$$

$$\alpha = \beta \quad \square$$

$$\{x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, \dots\} \leftarrow \{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = \{x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, x_{n_3}, \dots\}$$

Def 2: A subsequence of a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of the form $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ where each $n_k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n_1 < n_2 < \dots$. Thus, a subsequence x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, \dots of x_1, x_2, \dots is obtained by deleting from x_1, x_2, \dots all x_n 's except those such that $n = n_k$ for some k .

exp: $\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots\}$ is a seq, $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$
 $\underbrace{1}_{x_{n_1}}, \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}}_{x_{n_2}}, \dots$

$\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots\}$ is a subsequence of $\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots\}$
 $\{x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, x_{n_3}, x_{n_4}, \dots\}$

exp: $\{1, 1, 1, 1, \dots\}$ is a subseq. of $\{-1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots\}$ by deleting every terms (set $n_k = 2k$)
 $n_1 = 2$
 $n_2 = 4$
 $x_{n_k} = x_{2k}$

RMK: If $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to α and $\{x_{n_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is any subsequence of $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, then $x_{n_k} \rightarrow \alpha$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

proof: let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. since $x_n \rightarrow \alpha$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\exists a K \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } n \geq K \Rightarrow |x_n - \alpha| < \epsilon \quad *$$

since $n_k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$, then

By induction, $n_k \geq k, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ (proof).

$$\text{Hence, } \overset{\text{above}}{K} \geq k \Rightarrow n_k \geq k$$

By $*$ $\Rightarrow |x_{n_k} - \alpha| < \epsilon$

i.e., $x_{n_k} \rightarrow \alpha$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

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goal $\Rightarrow x_n \rightarrow \alpha$

$$n \geq K \Rightarrow |x_n - \alpha| < \epsilon$$

$$K \geq k \Rightarrow |x_{n_k} - \alpha| < \epsilon$$

Def 3: let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers, Then

(i) $\{x_n\}$ is said to be bounded above iff the set $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded above, i.e., iff \exists an $M \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $x_n \leq M, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(ii) $\{x_n\}$ is said to be bounded below iff the set $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded below, i.e., iff \exists an $m \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $x_n \geq m, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(iii) $\{x_n\}$ is said to be bounded iff it is bounded both above and below, i.e. \exists a $C > 0$ s.t. $|x_n| \leq C, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem:

every convergent sequence is bounded but the converse is not true.

proof: let $\{x_n\}$ be a seq. s.t. $x_n \rightarrow \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

let $\epsilon = 1$ be given, \exists a $K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n \geq K \Rightarrow |x_n - \alpha| < 1$

$$\text{Hence, } |x_n| = |x_n - \alpha + \alpha|$$

$$\leq |x_n - \alpha| + |\alpha|$$

$$< 1 + |\alpha|$$

$$|x_n| < 1 + |\alpha| \quad \forall n \geq K$$

and if $1 \leq n < K$, then

$$|x_n| \leq \max \{ |x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_K| \} := M$$

$$\therefore |x_n| \leq \max \{ M, 1 + |\alpha| \} := C$$

$\therefore |x_n|$ is bounded and dominated by $C := \max \{ M, 1 + |\alpha| \}$

RMK: The converse is False.

$$x_n = (-1)^n$$

$$|x_n| = |(-1)^n| = 1 \text{ is bdd.}$$

But

$$x_n = (-1)^n \text{ diverges}$$