

## 2.1: limits of sequences

- An infinite sequence (briefly, a sequence) is a function whose domain is  $\mathbb{N}$ .

- A sequence  $x_n = f(n)$  will be denoted by  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  or  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  or  $\{x_n\}$ .

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

**RMK:** A sequence can have at most one limit.

**Def 2:** A subsequence of 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  $k$ .

**RMK:** If  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $\alpha$  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  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Def 3:** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of real number. Then

1.  $\{x_n\}$  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.  $x_n \leq M \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
2.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be bounded below iff the set  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is bounded below, iff  $\exists$  an  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $x_n \geq m \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
3.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be bounded iff it is bounded both above and below,  $\exists$  a  $c > 0$  s.t.  $|x_n| \leq c, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Thm:** every convergent sequence is bounded but the converse is not true.

## 2.2: Limits Theorem.

[Squeeze Theorem.] Thm 1: Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  and  $\{w_n\}$  are real sequences.

1. If  $x_n \rightarrow a$  and  $y_n \rightarrow a$  (same  $a$ ) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and if  $\exists$  an  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $x_n \leq w_n \leq y_n$  for  $n \geq N_0$  then  $w_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

2. If  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\{y_n\}$  is bounded, then  $x_n y_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Thm 2: Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  if  $E$  has a finite supremum (respectively, a finite infimum)

then there is a sequence  $x_n \in E$  s.t.  $x_n \rightarrow \sup E$  (respectively, a seq.  $y_n \in E$  s.t.  $y_n \rightarrow \inf E$ ) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Thm 3: Suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are real seq. and that  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  convergent then

1.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$ .

2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha x_n) = \alpha \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ .

3.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$ .

4. If in addition  $y_n \neq 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \neq 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n}$ .

Def: Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers:

1.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be diverges to  $+\infty$  ( $x_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) iff for each  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $n \geq N$  implies  $x_n > M$ .

2.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be diverges to  $-\infty$  ( $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) iff for each  $N \in \mathbb{R}$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $n \geq N$  implies  $x_n < N$ .

**Thm 4:** suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are real seq. s.t.  $x_n \rightarrow \infty$  ( $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$ ) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

1. If  $y_n$  is bounded below (resp.  $y_n$  is bounded above) then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = \infty$  (resp.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = -\infty$ ).

2. If  $\alpha > 0$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha x_n) = +\infty$  (resp.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha x_n \rightarrow -\infty$ ).

3. If  $y_n > M_c$  for some  $M_c > 0$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = +\infty$  (resp.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = -\infty$ ).

4. If  $\{y_n\}$  is bounded and  $x_n \neq 0$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_n}{x_n} = 0$ .

**RMK:**

1.  $x + \infty = \infty$ ,  $x - \infty = -\infty$   $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

2.  $x \cdot \infty = \infty$ ,  $x \cdot -\infty = -\infty$   $x > 0$

3.  $x \cdot \infty = -\infty$ ,  $x \cdot -\infty = \infty$   $x < 0$ .

4.  $\infty + \infty = \infty$ ,  $-\infty - \infty = -\infty$

5.  $\infty \cdot \infty = (-\infty) \cdot (-\infty) = \infty$  And  $(-\infty) \cdot \infty = \infty \cdot (-\infty) = -\infty$ .

**Corollary:** let  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  be real sequences and  $x, y$  be extended real numbers

If  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) = x + y$ .

**Thm 5: Comparison Theorem:** suppose that  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are convergent sequences. If there is an  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $x_n \leq y_n$  for  $n \geq N_0$ . Then  $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$ .

• In particular, if  $x_n \in [a, b]$  converge to some point  $C$  then  $C$  must belong to  $[a, b]$ .

**RMK:**  $x_n < y_n$ ,  $n \geq N_0$  does not imply that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$

## 2.3: Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem:

Def: let  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of Real number

- i.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be increasing (resp. strictly increasing) iff  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots$  (resp.  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$ )
- ii.  $\{x_n\}$  is said to be decreasing (resp. strictly decreasing) iff  $x_1 \geq x_2 \geq \dots$  (resp.  $x_1 > x_2 > \dots$ )
- iii.  $\{x_n\}$  said monotone iff it is either increasing or decreasing.

RMK:

1. some times, we call decreasing seq. nonincreasing and increasing seq. nondecreasing.
2. If  $\{x_n\}$  is increasing (resp. decreasing) and  $x_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , write  $x_n \uparrow a$  (resp.  $x_n \downarrow a$ ) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
3. every strictly increasing seq. is increasing and every strictly decreasing<sup>seq.</sup> is decreasing.
4.  $\{x_n\}$  is increasing iff the sequence  $\{-x_n\}$  is decreasing.

Thm 1: Monotone convergence Theorem (MCT):

If  $\{x_n\}$  is increasing and bounded above, or  $\{x_n\}$  is decreasing and bounded below then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to a finite limit.

bdd above + increasing  $\rightarrow$  converge.

bdd below + decreasing  $\rightarrow$  converge.

Def: A sequence of sets  $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is said to be nested iff  $I_1 \supseteq I_2 \supseteq \dots$ .

Thm 2: Nested Interval property:

If  $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a nested sequence of nonempty closed bdd intervals, then

$E := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n \neq \emptyset$ . Moreover, if the lengths of these intervals satisfy  $|I_n| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

then  $E$  is a single point.

Thm 3: every bounded sequence of real numbers has a convergent subsequence.

## 2.4: Cauchy sequences.

**Def:** A sequence of points  $x_n \in \mathbb{R}$  is said to be Cauchy in  $\mathbb{R}$  iff  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$   
 $\exists$  an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t  $m, n \geq N$  implies  $|x_n - x_m| < \varepsilon$ .

**RMK:** If  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent then  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy.

The converse of the above is also true for real seq.

**Thm 1: Cauchy:**

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a seq. of real numbers. Then  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy iff  $\{x_n\}$  converges.

**RMK:** every Cauchy seq. is bounded. But converse not true.