

Useful facts

- 1) $|t - s| < \varepsilon \iff t \in (s - \varepsilon, s + \varepsilon)$
- 2) If $s \leq t + \varepsilon$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$, then $s \leq t$
- 3) If $S_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $S_n \rightarrow S$ then $S \in \mathbb{Q}$. (not true if $S_n \in \mathbb{R}$)

Definition A sequence (S_n) is bounded if $\{S_n\}$ is bounded.

A sequence (S_n) is nondecreasing if $S_n \leq S_{n+1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

A sequence (S_n) is nonincreasing if $S_n \geq S_{n+1}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

A sequence is monotone if it is nonincreasing or nondecreasing.

Theorem A bounded monotone sequence converges.

Proof

Let (S_n) be a bounded nondecreasing sequence. Since $\{S_n\}$ is bounded, $u = \sup\{S_n\}$ exists.

(We want to show that $S_n \rightarrow u$)

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since $u - \varepsilon < u$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $u - \varepsilon < S_N$.

If $n > N$, then since (S_n) is nondecreasing, $u - \varepsilon < S_N \leq S_n \leq u$.

For $n > N$, $|u - S_n| < \varepsilon$, and $S_n \rightarrow u$.

Definition of Lim Sup / Lim Inf

Let (S_n) be a bounded sequence. $m \leq S_n \leq M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Thus for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$ the set $\{S_n \mid n > N\}$ is bounded and we can take

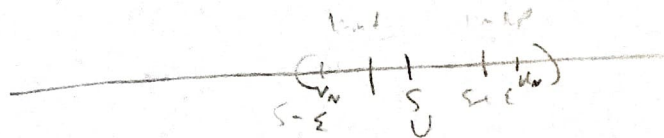
$$m \leq \underline{u}_N = \inf\{S_n \mid n > N\} \leq \sup\{S_n \mid n > N\} = v_N \leq M$$

Since $\{S_n \mid n > N+1\} \subseteq \{S_n \mid n > N\}$

$$u_N \leq u_{N+1}$$

$$v_{N+1} \leq v_N$$





$\{S_n | n > N\}$, so $\inf$ / $\sup$ in there

so (U_N) is non-decreasing and (V_N) is non-increasing, both are bounded

Def

$$\limsup S_n = \lim V_N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sup \{S_n | n > N\}$$

$$\liminf S_n = \lim U_N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \inf \{S_n | n > N\}$$

Since $U_N \leq V_N$ for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$, $\liminf S_n \leq \limsup S_n$
 $(U_N - V_N \leq 0, \text{ so } \lim(U_N - V_N) \leq 0)$

Thm Let (S_n) be a bounded sequence. S_n converges if and only if $\liminf S_n = \limsup S_n$

If S_n converges, then $\lim S_n = \liminf S_n = \limsup S_n$

Proof

Step 1 $(\Rightarrow)$ Assume $S_n \rightarrow S$ for some $S \in \mathbb{R}$.
 (we want to prove $\liminf S_n = \limsup S_n$)

Let $\epsilon > 0$

There exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for $n > N$, $|S_n - S| < \epsilon$.

Then $S + \epsilon$ is an upper bound for $\{S_n | n > N\}$

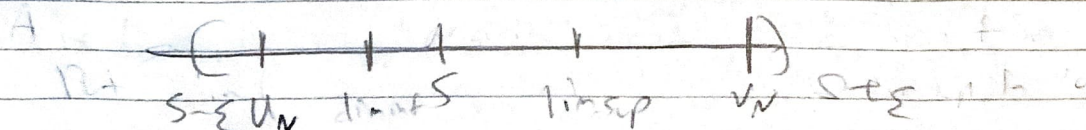
$$\text{so } V_N = \sup \{S_n | n > N\} \leq S + \epsilon.$$

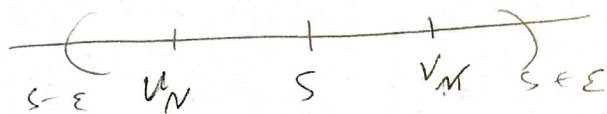
* Thus $\limsup S_n = \lim V_N \leq V_N \leq S + \epsilon$.

This is true for all $\epsilon > 0$, so $\limsup S_n \leq S$ for all ϵ .

Similarly, $\liminf S_n \geq S$.

Since $\liminf S_n \leq \limsup S_n$, all three are equal.





Step 2 ($\Leftarrow$) Assume $\liminf s_n = \limsup s_n$, call this s .

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Let $v_M = \sup \{s_n | n > M\}$. Then $v_M \rightarrow s$.

So let $u_N = \inf \{s_n | n > N\}$. Then $u_N \rightarrow s$.

So there exists N_1 such that for $n > N_1$, $|v_M - s| < \epsilon$ and $v_M < s + \epsilon$.

Choose N_2 such that for $n > N_2$, $|u_N - s| < \epsilon$ and $u_N > s - \epsilon$.

Let $N \rightarrow \max \{N_1, N_2\}$. Then for $n > N$, $s_n \in [s_n | n > N]$ and so $s - \epsilon < u_N \leq s_n \leq v_M < s + \epsilon$ and $|s_n - s| < \epsilon$.

Lemma A Cauchy sequence is bounded.

Let $\{s_n\}$ be a Cauchy sequence. For $n, m > N$, $|s_n - s_m| < 1$.

Fix $n > N$. Let $M = \max \{s_1, \dots, s_N, s_n + 1\}$.

$m = \min \{s_1, \dots, s_N, s_n - 1\}$. $s_n \in [m, M]$.

For $m \in \mathbb{R}$, $m \leq s_n \leq M$ and for $n > N$, $m \leq s_n - 1 < s_n < s_n + 1 \leq M$.

Def A sequence s_n is Cauchy if

for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $N \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

if $n, m > N$ then $|s_n - s_m| < \epsilon$.

Theorem A sequence (s_n) converges if and only if it is Cauchy.

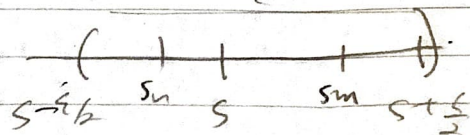
Step 1 ($\Rightarrow$) Assume $s_n \rightarrow s \in \mathbb{R}$. (We need to show s_n is Cauchy)

Let $\epsilon > 0$. There exists $N \in \mathbb{R}$ such that for $n > N$, $|s_n - s| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$.

Let $n, m > N$. Then

$$|s_n - s_m| \leq |s_n - s| + |s - s_m| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \epsilon.$$

So s_n is Cauchy.



Step 2 ($\Leftarrow$) Assume S_n is Cauchy.

Let $\epsilon > 0$. There exists $N \in \mathbb{R}$ such that if $n, m > N$

then $|S_n - S_m| < \epsilon/2$. Fix $m > N$. Then

For all $n > N$, $S_n \leq S_m + \epsilon/2$, so S_n is a bounded sequence.

By the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem, $\{S_n\}$ has a convergent subsequence. Let $V_m = \sup\{S_n | n > m\}$. Then $V_m \leq S_m + \epsilon/2$.

Similarly, $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n \geq S_m - \epsilon/2$. Thus

$$S_m - \epsilon/2 \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n \leq V_m \leq S_m + \epsilon/2$$

Since this is true for all $\epsilon > 0$, we have $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$ and S_n converges.

Complete axiom (Least upper bound property)



not hold in $\mathbb{Q}$



Complete axiom