

Chapter - 1 Number systems.• Natural numbers & rationals.

We denote the set of natural numbers by

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\},$$

and the set of integers by

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

We'll denote $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$.

The natural numbers can be axiomatically defined using the Peano axioms. One consequence is the following.

Axiom of induction: If $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ with the property

$$(1) 1 \in S$$

$$(2) \text{ If } n \in S, \text{ then } n+1 \in S.$$

Then $S = \mathbb{N}$.

• Principle of mathematical induction: Consider statements P_n indexed by $n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$(1) \text{ (Base Case) } P_1 \text{ is true.}$$

(2) (Inductive) If P_n is true, then P_{n+1} is true. ②

Then P_n is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Example: $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$.

Pf: let P_n be the above statement.

(1) P_1 : $1 = 1$ Obviously true.

(2) Sps P_n is true. Then:

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n + 1 = 1 + 2 + \dots + n + n + 1$$

$$\stackrel{P_n}{=} \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n + 1.$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} = \frac{(n+1)((n+1)+1)}{2}.$$

So P_{n+1} is true.

Induction $\Rightarrow P_n$ is true for all n .

Rk: We'll assume that we know how to add, subtract & multiply two integers to obtain other integers.

Notation: $\alpha \in A$: α is an element of A .

\forall : for all

\exists : there exists.

Defⁿ: We define \mathbb{Q} , the set of rational numbers by

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} \mid p \in \mathbb{Z}, q \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

s.t $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{r}{s} \iff ps = rq.$

Prk: If $p/q \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$, then $p/q = np/nq$. So we generally assume that p & q have no common factors i.e $\gcd(p, q) = 1$.
Also, $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$, by taking $q = 1$.

Defⁿ (For) $p/q, r/s \in \mathbb{Q}$ define

(1) Addition $\frac{p}{q} + \frac{r}{s} = \frac{ps + qr}{qs}$

(2) Multiplication $\frac{p}{q} \cdot \frac{r}{s} = \frac{pr}{qs}$

(3) Order $\frac{p}{q} \leq \frac{r}{s} \iff ps \leq rq.$

If $p/q \neq r/s$ we write $p/q < r/s$.

These satisfy foll. properties.

F1: (Closure) $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q} \implies \alpha + \beta, \alpha \cdot \beta \in \mathbb{Q}$.

F2 (Commutativity): $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q} \implies \alpha + \beta = \beta + \alpha$
 $\alpha \cdot \beta = \beta \cdot \alpha$.

F3: (Associativity) $\alpha, \beta, r \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow \alpha + (\beta + r) = (\alpha + \beta) + r$ ⁽⁴⁾
 $\alpha \cdot (\beta r) = (\alpha \beta) \cdot r$

F4 (Identity element). $\alpha + 0 = \alpha$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$
 $\alpha \cdot 1 = \alpha$

F5 (Inverses). $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{Q}, \exists -\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t.
 $\alpha + (-\alpha) = 0$. (Infact $-\alpha = -1 \cdot \alpha$)
 $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\} \exists \alpha^{-1} \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t.
 $\alpha \cdot \alpha^{-1} = 1$ (Infact ^{if} $\alpha = p/q, \alpha^{-1} = q/p$)

F6 (Distributive) $\alpha \cdot (\beta + r) = \alpha \cdot \beta + \alpha \cdot r$

Any set S with binary operations $+, \cdot$ satisfying F1 - F6 is called a field.

(\mathbb{Q}, \leq) has the foll. properties

- O1 $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}$ either $\alpha < \beta, \alpha = \beta$ or $\beta < \alpha$.
- O2 (Transitivity). $\alpha < \beta, \beta < r \Rightarrow \alpha < r$.
- O3 $\alpha \leq \beta \Rightarrow \alpha + r \leq \beta + r$.
- O4 $\alpha \leq \beta, r \geq 0 \Rightarrow \alpha r \leq \beta r$.

Any set S with an order satisfying $O1-O4$ ^⑤ is called an ordered set.

Defⁿ: A set F together with $(+, \cdot, \leq)$ is called an ordered field if it satisfies $F1-F6$ & $O1-O4$.

E.g \mathbb{Q} is an ordered field

\mathbb{Z} is not a field but is an ordered set.

• Inadequacies of \mathbb{Q}

1) Irrationality of $\sqrt{2}$.

Th^m There is no $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $\alpha^2 = 2$.

Pf: (Proof by contradiction). Sps. there is such an $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$. Let $\alpha = p/q$, $\gcd(p, q) = 1$.

$$\alpha^2 = 2 \Rightarrow p^2 = 2q^2 \quad (*)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ divides } p^2 \text{ (written as } 2 \mid p^2 \text{)}.$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 \text{ is} \\ \text{prime} \end{array} \Rightarrow 2 \mid p.$$

$$\text{Let } p = 2m. \text{ Then } (*) \Rightarrow 4m^2 = 2q^2$$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 = 2m^2.$$

Again same argument $\Rightarrow 2 \mid q$.

So $2|p$ & $2|q$. But $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ (6)

Contradiction!

Moral: Certain algebraic equations involving rationals have no rational solutions.

2) Incompleteness.

Defⁿ (Upper / lower bound). Let S be an ordered set, and let $A \subseteq S$. An element $\beta \in S$ is an upper bound ^(u.b.) (resp. lower bound) for A if $\alpha \leq \beta \ \forall \alpha \in A$ (resp. $\alpha \geq \beta$).

We then say that A is bounded above (resp. below).

Example: $S = \mathbb{Q}$, $A = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Q} \mid \alpha^2 < 2\}$.

Then $3/2, 2$ etc are upper bounds.

Defⁿ: (Supremum / Infimum): SpS S is an ordered set & $A \subseteq S$ is bounded above: SpS $\exists \beta \in S$ s.t

(1) β is an u.b for A .

(2) If γ is another u.b, then $\gamma \geq \beta$.

Then β is called the least upper bound (l.u.b) or supremum (sup) of A .

We write $\beta = \sup A$. If $\beta \in A$ we ^{also} write $\boxed{\beta = \max A}$ ⑦
Similarly, if A is bounded below, we define the greatest lower bound (g.l.b) or infimum ($\inf A$), and if $\beta = \inf A \in A$, we ^{also} say $\boxed{\beta = \min A}$

Rk: ① A sup/inf need not belong to A .

e.g.: $S = \mathbb{Q}$, $A = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Q} \mid 0 \leq \alpha < 1\}$.

Then $\sup A = 1 \notin A$.

② A sup/inf need not exist.

e.g.: $S = \mathbb{Q}$, $A = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Q} \mid \alpha^2 < 2\}$.

Then A is bounded above.

Claim: A does not have a sup in \mathbb{Q} .

Pf: Sps it does have a sup. i.e. $\exists \beta \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t.
 $\beta = \sup A$.

Step 1: If $\beta^2 < 2$, then $\alpha = \beta + \frac{2 - \beta^2}{6} \in \mathbb{Q}$ satisfies
 $\alpha^2 < 2$. So $\alpha \in A$, but $\alpha > \beta$. So β is not
u.b for A .

Step 2 If $\beta^2 > 2$, then $\alpha = \beta - \frac{\beta^2 - 2}{6} \in \mathbb{Q}$
s.t. $\alpha^2 > 2$. but $\alpha < \beta$, and is an u.b for
 A . So β is not the least upper bound.

Step 3: So $\beta^2 = 2$. Contradiction since $\beta \in \mathbb{Q}$.

This proves claim.

Defⁿ: An ordered set S is said to have the least upper bound property or completeness property if every upper bounded set has a supremum in S .

Th^m: There is a unique ordered field $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, \leq)$ has (1) the completeness property

(2) $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is an ordered subfield i.e. $+$, \cdot , \leq restricted to \mathbb{Q} are the usual addition, multiplication & order on \mathbb{Q} .

Defⁿ The unique field above is called the field of real numbers.

• Basic Properties of \mathbb{R} as an ordered field

Th^m 1.1 Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$.

① $a + c = b + c \iff a = b$.

② $a \cdot 0 = 0$

③ $(-a)b = -ab$.

$$\textcircled{4} \quad (-a)(-b) = ab.$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad ac = bc, \quad c \neq 0 \Rightarrow a = b.$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad ab = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0 \text{ or } b = 0.$$

$$\textcircled{7} \quad a \leq b \Rightarrow -b \leq -a.$$

$$\textcircled{8} \quad a \leq b, \quad c \leq 0 \Rightarrow bc \leq ac.$$

$$\textcircled{9} \quad 0 \leq a, \quad 0 \leq b \Rightarrow 0 \leq ab.$$

$$\textcircled{10} \quad a^2 \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad a^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = 0.$$

$$\textcircled{11} \quad 0 < 1.$$

$$\textcircled{12} \quad 0 < a, \quad \text{then} \quad a^{-1} > 0.$$

$$\textcircled{13} \quad 0 < a < b \Rightarrow 0 < b^{-1} < a^{-1}.$$

Pf: Exercise.

For instance, to prove $\textcircled{10}$.

CASE 1: If $a \geq 0$. Then $\textcircled{4} \Rightarrow a^2 \geq 0 \cdot a = 0$.
 $a = a$.

CASE 2: If $a < 0$, Then $\textcircled{7} \Rightarrow -a > 0$.

$\textcircled{4}$ applied to $-a = -a \Rightarrow (-a)(-a) > 0$.
 $\Rightarrow a^2 > 0$.

Defⁿ (Absolute value). Define

$$|a| = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } a \geq 0 \\ -a, & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$$

Th^m 1.2 ① $|a| \geq 0 \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$|a| = 0 \iff a = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad |-a| = |a|$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad |ab| = |a||b| \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad (\text{Triangle inequality}) \quad |a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad (\text{Reverse triangle ineq}) \quad |b-a| \geq ||b| - |a||$$

Pf (1), (2), (3) Exercise.

$$(4). \text{ Note } -|a| \leq a \leq |a|$$

$$-|b| \leq b \leq |b|$$

$$04. \Rightarrow -(|a| + |b|) \leq a + b \leq |a| + |b|$$

$$\text{If } a+b \geq 0, \text{ Then } a+b = |a+b|, \text{ so } |a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$$

$$\text{If } a+b < 0 \text{ Then } a+b = -|a+b| \text{ So}$$

$$-(|a| + |b|) \leq -|a+b|, \text{ or } |a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$$

Defⁿ (Distance). Given $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ we define (11)
the distance between them as

$$d(a, b) = |b - a|.$$

Properties: D1 (Symmetry) $d(a, b) = d(b, a)$.

D2 (Positivity) $d(a, b) > 0$ if $a \neq b$.
 $d(a, a) = 0$.

D3 (Triangle inequality). $d(a, b) \leq d(a, c) + d(b, c)$.

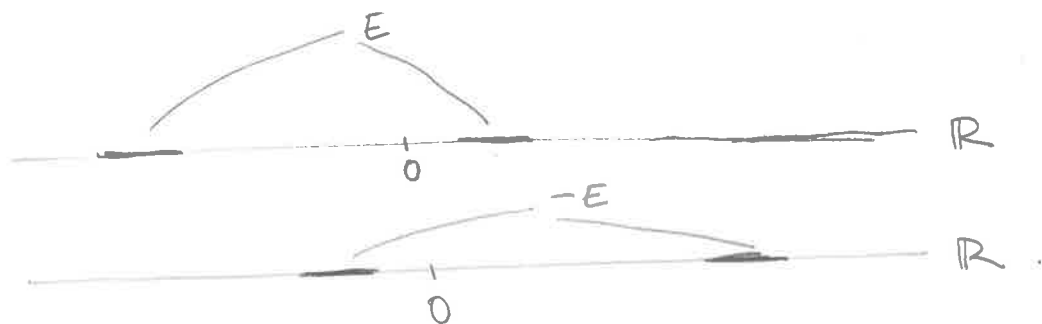


• Consequences of the completeness axiom

① Existence of infimum

Th^m 1.3 Let $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ be a set bounded below.
Then $\inf E$ exists in \mathbb{R} .

Pf: Define $-E = \{-x \mid x \in E\}$.



Claim 1 $-E$ is bounded above.

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Pf: Since E is bounded below, $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$x \geq \alpha \quad \forall x \in E.$$

$$\Rightarrow -x \leq -\alpha \quad \forall x \in E.$$

$$\Rightarrow y \leq -\alpha \quad \forall y \in -E.$$

So $-\alpha$ is an u.b for $-E$.

Completeness $\Rightarrow \exists \beta$ s.t. $\sup(-E) = \beta$.

Claim: $\inf E = -\beta$.

Pf: By above argument, $-\beta$ is lower bound for E . Suppose it is not inf. Then $\exists r$ lower bound s.t.

$$(1) \quad x \geq r \quad \forall x \in E$$

$$(2) \quad r > \beta.$$

But then (1) $y \leq -r \quad \forall y \in -E$

$$(2) \quad -r < -\beta$$

So $-\beta$ cannot be l.u.b for $-E$. Contradiction.

Example: $E = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid x^2 < 2\}$.

Clearly $x \leq 2 \quad \forall x \in E$

$$x \geq -2 \quad \forall x \in E$$

(13)

So E is bounded above and below. So $\sup E$ and $\inf E$ exist.

Claim: If $\beta = \sup E$, then $\beta^2 = 2$
 $+$ $\beta = \inf E$.

Pf: Step 1. If $\beta^2 < 2$, then $\alpha = \beta - \frac{2 - \beta^2}{6} \in \mathbb{Q}$

satisfies $\alpha^2 < 2$, $\alpha > \beta$. Since $\alpha \in E$, β could not have been an u.b. So Contradiction.

Step 2: If $\beta^2 > 2$, then $\alpha = \beta - \frac{\beta^2 - 2}{6} \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfies

$\alpha < \beta$ but α is an u.b. for E . So β could not be the l.u.b. Contradiction.

Hence $\beta^2 = 2$. By the argument in the proof, we see $\inf E = -\beta$.

2) Archimedean Property

Th^m 1.4 If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a, b > 0$. Then $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.
 $na > b$.

Pf: Sps not. Then $\exists a > 0, b > 0$ s.t. $na \leq b$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ let

$$S = \{na \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

Then b is an u.b for S . Let $\beta = \sup S$.⁽¹⁴⁾
which exists by completeness. Consider $\beta - a$.

Since β is l.u.b, ^{$a > 0$} $\exists s \in S$ s.t. $s > \beta - a$.
(else $\beta - a$ would be an u.b of S smaller than β). So $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$\beta - a < ma$$

$$\text{or } \beta < (m+1)a$$

But $(m+1)a \in S$, so β cannot be an u.b.
Contradiction!

Cor 1.5 ① If $a > 0$, then $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\frac{1}{n} < a$.

② If $b > 0$, then $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $b < n$.

Pf: ① Apply Th^m with $b = 1$.

② Apply Th^m with $a = 1$.

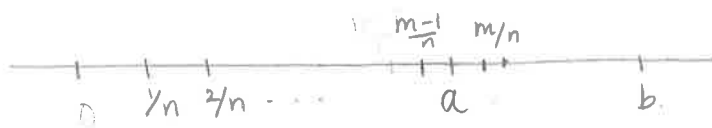
③ Density of \mathbb{Q}

Th^m 1.5 If $a < b$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t.
 $a < r < b$.



Pf: Aim: Find $m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $a < \frac{m}{n} < b$. (15)
 or $na < m < nb$.

Idea: Choose n large enough so $1/n$ is small



enough to "step over" a but not cross b in consecutive steps.

Pf: Since $b - a > 0$, by Cor 1.5, $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.
 $\frac{1}{n} < b - a$. (*)

let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.
 $(m-1) \leq na < m$. (**)

Claim $b > m/n$.

Pf: (*) $\Rightarrow b > a + \frac{1}{n}$.

(**) $\Rightarrow a \geq \frac{m}{n} - \frac{1}{n}$.

So $b > \frac{m}{n} - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n} = \frac{m}{n}$.

Defⁿ: A real number α is called irrational if

$\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$. We denote

$$\mathbb{I} = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}.$$

Cor 1.6 Given $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $a < b$. $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{I}$ s.t. $a < \alpha < b$. (16)

Pf: Define $\sqrt{2} = \sup \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 < 2\}$. Then

$$a - \sqrt{2} < b - \sqrt{2}.$$

By Th^m 1.5, $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t.

$$a - \sqrt{2} < r < b - \sqrt{2}.$$

Let $\alpha = r + \sqrt{2}$. Then $a < \alpha < b$.

Claim: $\alpha \in \mathbb{I}$

Pf: If not, then $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$. But then $\sqrt{2} = \alpha - r$ has to be a rational since \mathbb{Q} is a field & addition of two rationals (α and $(-r)$) gives another rational. Contradiction!

4) Existence of n^{th} roots

Th^m 1.7 Given any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha > 0$, and any $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\exists \beta \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \beta^n = \alpha.$$

Pf: Let $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^n < \alpha\}$.

Claim 1 E is bounded above.

Pf: If $\alpha < 1$, then E is bounded above by

$$1. \text{ since } x > 1 \Rightarrow x^n > 1 > \alpha.$$

If $\alpha > 1$, then E is bounded above by α .
Since if $x > \alpha$, then $x^n > \alpha^n > \alpha$.

Now, let

$$\beta = \sup E.$$

Claim 2 $\beta^n = \alpha$.

The proof relies on the identity

$$b^n - a^n = (b-a)(b^{n-1} + b^{n-2}a + \dots + ba^{n-2} + a^{n-1})$$
$$\leq (b-a)n \cdot b^{n-1} \text{ if } 0 < a < b. \quad (*)$$

Pf of Claim 2. If not. Then

CASE 1 $\beta^n < \alpha$.

Idea: Choose $\varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $(\beta + \varepsilon)^n < \alpha$.

By (*) $(\beta + \varepsilon)^n \leq \beta^n + n\varepsilon \cdot (\beta + \varepsilon)^{n-1}$

$$\leq \beta^n + n\varepsilon(\beta + 1)^{n-1} \text{ if } \varepsilon < 1.$$

Pick $\varepsilon < \frac{\alpha - \beta^n}{n(\beta + 1)^{n-1}}$. (This uses that \mathbb{R} has no gaps).

Then $(\beta + \varepsilon)^n < \alpha$.

So $\beta + \varepsilon \in E$. But $\beta + \varepsilon > \beta$ contradicting that β is an u.b for E .

CASE 2 $\beta^n > \alpha$.

Idea: Choose $\varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $(\beta - \varepsilon)^n > \alpha$. Then $\beta - \varepsilon$ would be an u.b. for E smaller than β , contradicting β being l.u.b.

Again by (*)

$$(\beta - \varepsilon)^n \geq \beta^n - \varepsilon n \beta^{n-1}.$$

Pick $\varepsilon < \frac{\beta^n - \alpha}{n \beta^{n-1}}$. Then $(\beta - \varepsilon)^n > \alpha$.

Done!

Defⁿ: Given $\alpha > 0$, its n^{th} root, $(n \in \mathbb{N})$, is a positive real number $\beta > 0$ s.t. $\beta^n = \alpha$.

We write $\beta = \alpha^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{\alpha}$.

Cor 1.8 1) $\beta_1, \beta_2 > 0$ s.t. $\beta_1^n = \beta_2^n$. Then $\beta_1 = \beta_2$, so n^{th} roots are unique.

2) If $a, b > 0$, Then

$$(ab)^{1/n} = a^{1/n} b^{1/n}.$$

• Extended reals. $\mathbb{R}^* = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\} \cup \{-\infty\}$.

with the extended order.

$$-\infty < a < \infty \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then ∞ is an u.b. for any $E \subset \mathbb{R}$.

$-\infty$ is a l.b. for any $E \subset \mathbb{R}$.

We extend the definition of sup & inf s.t

1) $\sup E = \infty$ if $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ is not bounded above

2) $\inf E = -\infty$ if $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ is not bounded below.

\mathbb{R}^* does not form a field.

Chapter - 2 Sequences & Series

Defⁿ: A sequence^(seqⁿ) is a function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

We usually denote it by its terms $a_n = f(n)$.
and write the sequence as $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$.

Ques What does it mean to say that $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges to a value L ?

Examples: 1) $a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$

First few terms are $(1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}, \dots)$.

The terms seem to "approach" 0.

$$2) a_n = (-1)^n = \begin{cases} 1 & , n \text{ even} \\ -1 & n \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

Here the terms are $(-1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots)$.

The sequence jumps around, and it appears to not approach a single value.

Rk: It is necessary to distinguish between a sequence and its set of values. eg in the previous case, the seqⁿ is $(-1, 1, -1, \dots)$ while set of values is $\{-1, 1\}$.

Defⁿ A seqⁿ $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is said to converge to L as $n \rightarrow \infty$ if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N = N(\epsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t

$$n > N \implies |a_n - L| < \epsilon$$

We write $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ or $a_n \rightarrow L$, and call L the limit of $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

If there is no such L we say $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ diverges.

Rk: If $a_n \rightarrow L$ then no matter how small ϵ is, "eventually" all a_n fall in $(L - \epsilon, L + \epsilon)$.



Examples: 1) Consider $a_n = 1/\sqrt{n}$. Intuitively $a_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$. Let us "prove" this using above definition. To get a feel.

$\epsilon = 1/10$. We need an N s.t $\forall n > N$.

$1/\sqrt{n} \in (-1/10, 1/10)$. We can take $N = 100$.

like by $\forall n > 100, \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - 0 \right| < \frac{1}{10}$.

$$\underline{\varepsilon = 1/100} \quad \text{Need } N \text{ s.t. } n > N \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \in \left(-\frac{1}{100}, \frac{1}{100}\right) \quad (22)$$

Clearly $N = 10000$ works.

and so on.

Claim: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$.

Pf: Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be arbitrary.

Aim: Find N s.t. $\forall n > N$, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < \varepsilon$ or $n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}$.

Let N be any natural number $> 1/\varepsilon^2$.

Then:

$$n > N \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} < \varepsilon.$$

$$\text{So } n > N \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.$$

2) If $a_n = (-1)^n$, then $\{a_n\}$ is divergent:

If not, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$.

CASE 1: $L = -1$. If $\varepsilon = 1/2$, then infinitely many a_n s.t. $a_n \notin (-3/2, -1/2)$.

CASE 2: $L \neq -1$. Same argument as above.

Quantifiers: The defⁿ says

" $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N$ s.t. $\forall n > N, \dots$ So any proof of convergence has to start with an arbitrary ϵ .

For divergence, take any $L \in \mathbb{R}$. & show that $\exists \epsilon > 0$ s.t. $\forall N, \exists n \geq N$ s.t. $|a_n - L| > \epsilon$.

Template for convergence: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$.

- 1) Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary.
- 2) (Scratch work) Find N that works.
- 3) Now show N works i.e. let $n > N$ & show $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$.

Example: 1) Show $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n+1}{7n-4}$ exists &

compute it.

PF: (Note that)

$$\frac{3n+1}{7n-4} = \frac{3 + 1/n}{7 - 4/n}$$

Given

Claim $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n+1}{7n-4} = \frac{3}{7}$

Pf: Let $\epsilon > 0$. Note

$$\left| \frac{3n+1}{7n-4} - \frac{3}{7} \right| = \left| \frac{19}{7(7n-4)} \right|$$

Aim Find N s.t
 $n > N \Rightarrow \frac{19}{7|7n-4|} < \epsilon$

(Scratch).
 If $n \rightarrow \infty$, $7n-4 > 0$ eventually.

$$\frac{19}{7|7n-4|} < \epsilon \iff 7n-4 > \frac{19}{7\epsilon}$$

$$\iff n > \underbrace{\frac{4}{7} + \frac{19}{49\epsilon}}_N$$

let $N = \frac{4}{7} + \frac{19}{49\epsilon}$. Then.

$$n > N \implies \left| \frac{3n+1}{7n-4} - \frac{3}{7} \right| < \epsilon$$

Since ϵ is arbitrary, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n+1}{7n-4} = \frac{3}{7}$.

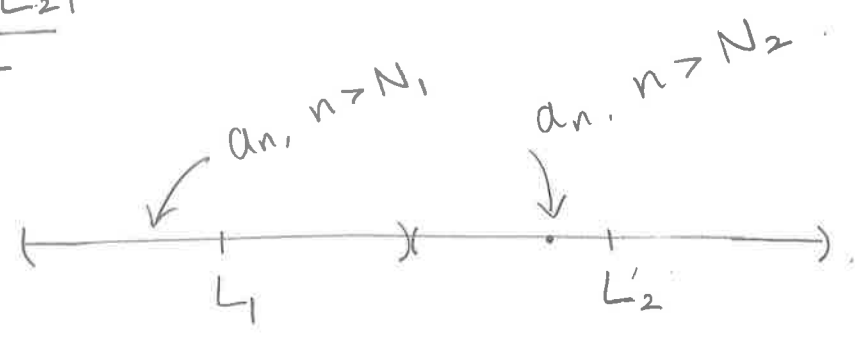
Properties of limits

Thm 2.1 (Uniqueness) If $a_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} L_1$ and $a_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} L_2$

Then $L_1 = L_2$

Pf: If not. Then $|L_1 - L_2| > 0$. Let

$$\epsilon = \frac{|L_1 - L_2|}{2}$$



$\exists N_1$ s.t. $\forall n > N_1, |a_n - L_1| < \epsilon$

$\exists N_2$ s.t. $\forall n > N_2, |a_n - L_2| < \epsilon$

Let $N = \max(N_1, N_2)$. Then

$\forall n > N, |a_n - L_1|, |a_n - L_2| < \epsilon$

Triangle ineq $\Rightarrow |L_1 - L_2| \leq |a_n - L_1| + |a_n - L_2| < 2\epsilon = |L_1 - L_2|$

i.e. $|L_1 - L_2| < |L_1 - L_2|$

Contradiction. So $L_1 = L_2$.

Defⁿ: A seqⁿ $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is said to be bounded if its set of values is bounded. i.e. $\exists M$ s.t. $|a_n| \leq M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Th^m 2.2 If $\{a_n\}$ is convergent, then it is also bounded.

Pf: Take $\varepsilon = 1$. $\exists N$ s.t. $\forall n > N$,

$$a_n \in (L-1, L+1), \text{ where } L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n.$$

$$\text{i.e. } n > N \Rightarrow |a_n| < |L| + 1.$$

Let $M = \max(|a_1|, |a_2|, \dots, |a_N|, |L| + 1)$.

Then $|a_n| \leq M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

So $\{a_n\}$ is bounded.

Rk Converse is NOT true e.g. $a_n = (-1)^n$ is a bounded seqⁿ but not convergent.

Th^m 2.3 (Alg. theorem). Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = A$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = B$.

① If $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c \cdot a_n = c \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = cA$.

② $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + b_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = A + B$.

③ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n b_n = A \cdot B$.

④ If $a_n \neq 0 \quad \forall n$, and $A \neq 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a_n} = \frac{1}{A}.$$

and so ③ $\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_n}{a_n} = \frac{B}{A}$.

Pf: We prove ③ & ④. ① & ② are easier. (27)

③ let $\epsilon > 0$. T

Aim: Est. $|a_n b_n - AB| = |a_n b_n - a_n B + a_n B - AB|$
 $\leq |a_n| |b_n - B| + |a_n - A| |B|. (*)$

Th^m 2.2 $\Rightarrow \exists M$ s.t. $|a_n| \leq M \forall n$.

Choose M big s.t. $|B| \leq M$.

Now $a_n \rightarrow A \Rightarrow \exists N_1$ s.t. $|a_n - A| < \frac{\epsilon}{2M} \forall n > N_1$

$b_n \rightarrow B \Rightarrow \exists N_2$ s.t. $|b_n - B| < \frac{\epsilon}{2M} \forall n > N_2$

let $N = \max(N_1, N_2)$.

$$n > N \Rightarrow |a_n| |b_n - B| + |a_n - A| |B| < M \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2M} + \frac{\epsilon}{2M} \cdot M = \epsilon.$$

So $(*) \Rightarrow$

$$n > N \Rightarrow |a_n b_n - AB| < \epsilon.$$

So $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n b_n = AB$.

④ let $\epsilon > 0$.

Aim: Est. $\left| \frac{1}{a_n} - \frac{1}{A} \right| = \frac{|a_n - A|}{|a_n A|}$.

Since $A \neq 0$, $\exists N_1$ s.t. $\forall n > N_1$ (28)
 $|a_n| > |A|/2$.

Then for $n > N_1$; $\left| \frac{1}{a_n} - \frac{1}{A} \right| < \frac{2|a_n - A|}{|A|^2}$.

Now, $a_n \rightarrow A \Rightarrow \exists N_2$ s.t. $n > N_2$.

$$\Rightarrow |a_n - A| < \frac{|A|^2}{2} \cdot \epsilon.$$

Let $N = \max(N_1, N_2)$. Then

$$n > N \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{a_n} - \frac{1}{A} \right| < \epsilon.$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a_n} = \frac{1}{A}.$$

Thm 2.4 (Squeeze Principle) Let $\{a_n\}$, $\{b_n\}$,

$\{c_n\}$ sequences s.t. $a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$. Then

(1) If $a_n \rightarrow A$, $b_n \rightarrow B$, $c_n \rightarrow C$. then

$$A \leq B \leq C.$$

(2) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = L$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$ exist

and is L .

Pf (2). Let $\epsilon > 0$. $a_n \rightarrow L \Rightarrow \exists N_1$ s.t.

$$|a_n - L| < \epsilon \quad \forall n > N_1.$$

$$\text{or } L - \epsilon < a_n < L + \epsilon \quad \forall n > N_1$$

$$C_n \rightarrow L \Rightarrow \exists N_2 \text{ s.t. } \forall n > N_2.$$

$$L - \epsilon < C_n < L + \epsilon$$

let $N = \max(N_1, N_2)$.

$$n > N \Rightarrow b_n \geq a_n > L - \epsilon.$$

$$b_n \leq C_n < L + \epsilon.$$

$$\text{or } n > N \Rightarrow |b_n - L| < \epsilon.$$

Thm 2.5 (Standard limits).

(1) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^p} = 0$ for $p > 0$.

(2) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^n = 0$ if $|a| < 1$.

(3) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1/n} = 1$.

(4) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^{1/n} = 1$ for $a > 0$.

(5) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^\alpha}{(1+p)^n} = 0$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $p > 0$.

Note: For $x > 0$, $\alpha = p/q$, define $x^\alpha = \sqrt[q]{x^p}$.
If $\alpha \in \mathbb{I}$, for any $n > 0$, $\exists r_n \in \mathbb{Q}$
& $r_n \in (\alpha - 1/n, \alpha)$. Then $r_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha$

One can show that $x^{r_n} \rightarrow L$.

We define $L = x^\alpha$.

Pf: 1) let $\epsilon > 0$. let $N = \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)^{1/p}$. Then. (30)

$$n > N \Rightarrow n^p > 1/\epsilon \quad \text{or} \quad \left| \frac{1}{n^p} - 0 \right| < \epsilon.$$

2) We show $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a|^n = 0$. Then since

$$-|a| \leq a \leq |a|$$

Squeeze th^m $\Rightarrow a^n \rightarrow 0$.

let $b = \frac{1}{|a|} - 1 > 0$ since $|a| < 1$. (i.e. $|a| = \frac{1}{1+b}$)

Then Binomial Th^m \Rightarrow

$$(1+b)^n = 1 + nb + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} b^2 + \dots + b^n$$

$$\geq 1 + nb > nb.$$

$$\text{So, } |a^n| \leq \frac{1}{(1+b)^n} < \frac{1}{nb}.$$

Given $\epsilon > 0$, let $N = 1/b\epsilon$. Then

$$n > N \Rightarrow |a^n| < \epsilon.$$

3) let $a_n = n^{1/n} - 1$. Clearly, $a_n \geq 0$.

Claim: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.

Pf: $1 + a_n = n^{1/n}$ or $n = (1 + a_n)^n$.

$$\text{Binomial} \Rightarrow (1 + a_n)^n = 1 + na_n + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} a_n^2 + \dots$$

$$> \frac{n(n-1)}{2} a_n^2 \quad \text{for } n > 2.$$

i.e. $n \geq \frac{(n-1) \cdot n}{2} a_n^2$

or $0 \leq a_n < \sqrt{\frac{2}{n-1}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$

Squeeze Th^m $\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

(4) Sp^s $a \geq 1$. Then for $n \geq a$,
 $1 \leq a^{1/n} \leq n^{1/n}$

Squeeze Th^m & (3) $\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^{1/n} = 1$

If $a < 1$, then let $b = 1/a \geq 1$.

$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b^{1/n} = 1$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^{1/n} = \frac{1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a^{1/n}}} = 1$

(5) Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $k > \alpha$. Then for $n \geq 2k$.

Binomial theorem \Rightarrow

$(1+p)^n = 1 + np + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{k!} p^k$

$> \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{k!} p^k$

$> \frac{n^k p^k}{2^k k!}$

(32)

$$\text{So, } 0 < \frac{n^\alpha}{(1+p)^n} < \frac{2^k k!}{p^k} \cdot n^{\alpha-k} \quad (n \geq 2k)$$

$$\alpha - k < 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\alpha-k} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^\alpha}{(1+p)^n} = 0$$

Rk 5 says that exponential grows faster than any power n^α .

• Example: Compute $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n+1}{7n-4}$.

Solⁿ:
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n+1}{7n-4} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 + \frac{1}{n}}{7 - \frac{4}{n}} \\ &= \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(3 + \frac{1}{n} \right)}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(7 - \frac{4}{n} \right)} = \frac{3}{7} \end{aligned}$$

Monotonic Sequences

Defⁿ A seqⁿ $\{a_n\}$ is

(1) called increasing, denoted by $a_n \uparrow$, if

$$a_{n+1} \geq a_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

(2) called decreasing, denoted by $a_n \downarrow$, if

$$a_{n+1} \leq a_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

(3) called monotonic if increasing/decreasing.

Ex: $a_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$, $b_n = n^2$, $c_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$, $d_n = (-1)^n/n$, $e_n = \frac{1}{n}$

It is easy to see that $a_n, b_n \uparrow$ and $e_n \downarrow$.
One can also show, though this is non-trivial,
that $c_n \uparrow$. So a_n, b_n, c_n, e_n are monotonic,

but d_n is NOT.

Th^{m2.6} (Monotone conv. theorem).
Let $\{a_n\}$ be a seqⁿ.

① If $a_n \uparrow$ and bounded above, then a_n converges.

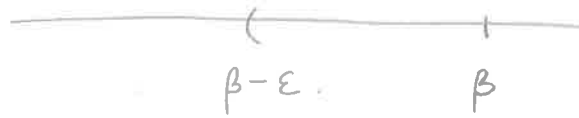
② If $a_n \downarrow$ and bounded below, then a_n converges.

Pf (1). a_n bounded above $\Rightarrow \exists \sup \{a_n\} \in \mathbb{R}$.

Let $\beta = \sup_{n=1,2,\dots} \{a_n\}$.

Claim: $a_n \rightarrow \beta$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Pf. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Firstly $a_n \leq \beta \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ (34)



$\exists N$ s.t. $a_n > \beta - \varepsilon$. If not, then $\beta - \varepsilon$ would be an u.b for $\{a_n\}$ contradicting that β is l.u.b.

But then $a_n \uparrow \Rightarrow$

$$\forall n > N, \quad a_n > \beta - \varepsilon.$$

$$\text{So } \forall n > N \quad \beta - \varepsilon < a_n \leq \beta.$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall n > N, \quad |a_n - \beta| < \varepsilon.$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow \beta.$$

② Apply the same arg. or directly apply (1) to the seqⁿ $\{ -a_n \}$. Note $a_n \downarrow \iff -a_n \uparrow$.

Cor 2.7 All bounded monotonic sequences converge.

Example: (1) Let $a_1 = 1$, & $a_{n+1} = \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right) a_n^2, n \geq 1$.

$$n=1, \quad a_2 = \frac{1}{2},$$

$$n=2, \quad a_3 = \frac{2}{3} \cdot a_2^2 = \frac{1}{6}.$$

n=3 $a_4 = \frac{3}{4} a_3^2 = \frac{1}{48}$

Claim 1 $a_n \downarrow$ i.e. $a_{n+1} \leq a_n \quad \forall n$.

"Failed proof" Try to use induction directly.

n=1 trivial. If $a_{n+1} \leq a_n$ for some n.

Then
$$a_{n+2} = \frac{n+1}{n+2} \cdot a_{n+1}^2 \leq \frac{n+1}{n+2} a_n^2 = \frac{(n+1)^2}{n(n+2)} a_{n+1}$$

But $(n+1)^2/n(n+2) \geq 1$, so this does not help.

Instead we first show.

Claim 2 $0 < a_n \leq 1 \quad \forall n$.

Pf of Claim 2: Induction.

- Base Case $n=1$. $a_1 = 1$ or $0 < a_1 \leq 1$.
- Inductive Step. Sps. $a_n \in (0, 1]$ for some 'n'.

Then
$$a_{n+1} = \frac{n}{n+1} a_n^2 > 0$$

Also
$$a_{n+1} = \frac{n}{n+1} a_n^2 \leq 1 \quad \text{since } \frac{n}{n+1} < 1$$

Done!

Pf of Claim 1:
$$a_{n+1} = \frac{n}{n+1} a_n^2 = \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \cdot a_n \right) a_n \leq a_n \quad \text{since } \frac{n}{n+1} a_n < 1$$

Now, $a_n \downarrow 0$ and $a_n > 0 \implies \{a_n\}$ converges.

Computing limit let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$.

Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} = L$. (homework)

Taking $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ of $a_{n+1} = \frac{n}{n+1} a_n^2$.

$$L = 1 \cdot L^2$$

$$\implies L^2 - L = 0$$

$$\implies L = 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

Since $a_n \downarrow$ and $a_1 = 1$, $L = 0$.

Defⁿ: Given a seqⁿ $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$.

① We say $\{a_n\}$ diverges to ∞ if for any $M > 0$.

$$\exists N = N(M) \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t.}$$

$$n > N \implies a_n > M.$$

We write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$.

(2) We say $\{a_n\}$ diverges to $-\infty$ if for any

$$M > 0, \exists N = N(M) \text{ s.t.}$$

$$n > N \implies a_n < -M.$$

Example $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 - n^2}{1 + n} = -\infty.$

Pf: Given $M > 0$ we need to find an N that works.

Note $\frac{3 - n^2}{1 + n} = -\frac{n^2 - 3}{1 + n} = -n \left(\frac{1 - 3/n^2}{1 + 1/n} \right).$

If $n > 3$, $|1 - 3/n^2| \geq \frac{1}{2}$; $0 < 1 + \frac{1}{n} \leq 2$.

So $n > 3 \Rightarrow -n \left(\frac{1 - 3/n^2}{1 + 1/n} \right) < -\frac{n}{2}.$

Given M , let $N = \max(2M, 3)$. Then

$$n > N \Rightarrow n > 2M, n > 3$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{n}{2} < -M, n > 3.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3 - n^2}{1 + n} < -M.$$

Th^m 2.8 (1) An increasing unbounded seqⁿ diverges to ∞ .

(2) A decreasing unbounded seqⁿ diverges to $-\infty$.

Pf (1) If $\{a_n\}$ is increasing & unbounded.

$$\sup a_n = \infty.$$

Given $M, \exists N$ s.t. $a_n > M$. (38)

$$a_n \uparrow \Rightarrow \forall n > N, a_n > M$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty.$$

(2) Similar argument.

• Bolzano-Weierstrass

Defⁿ Suppose $\{a_n\}$ is a sequence, and $\{n_k\}$ is a sequence of numbers in \mathbb{N} , we then call $\{a_{n_k}\}$ a subsequence of $\{a_n\}$.

Alternatively, a subsequence is another seqⁿ $\{b_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ s.t. for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists n_k$ s.t.

$$(1) n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k < n_{k+1} < \dots$$

$$(2) b_k = a_{n_k} \quad \forall k.$$

Rk: One can simply choose $n_k = k \quad \forall k$ so that $\{a_n\}$ is a sub-seqⁿ of itself.

Example: Let $a_n = (-1)^n$. Then $\{a_n\}$ diverges.

Consider $b_k = a_{2k} = \{1, 1, \dots\}$.

Then $\{b_k\}$ is a sub-sequence which converges.

Recall that any convergent seqⁿ is bounded but the converse is false, e.g. $a_n = (-1)^n$.

Our main theorem for this section is a partial converse. First we have the foll.

Th^m 2.9 (If $\{a_n\}$ is a seqⁿ s.t. $a_n \rightarrow L$. Then every subseqⁿ $a_{n_k} \rightarrow L$.

Pf: Given $\epsilon > 0$. Let $b_k = a_{n_k}$.

$$a_n \rightarrow L \implies \exists N \text{ s.t. } n > N \implies |a_n - L| < \epsilon.$$

$$\text{Since } n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k < \dots \\ n_k \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

$$\text{In particular } \exists K \text{ s.t. } k > K \implies n_k > N.$$

$$\text{Then if } k > K \implies |a_{n_k} - L| < \epsilon. \\ \implies |b_k - L| < \epsilon. \\ \implies \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_k = L.$$

Th^m 2.10 (Bolzano - Weierstrass). Every bounded seqⁿ has a convergent subsequence.

We first need the foll.

(40)

Lemma 2.11 Every seq^n has a monotonic subsequence.

Pf of Th^m 2.10: Let $\{a_n\}$ be a seq^n . By Lem. 2.11

\exists sub- seq^n $\{a_{n_k}\}$ which is monotonic.

$\{a_n\}$ bounded $\Rightarrow \{a_{n_k}\}$ bounded.

Monotone Conv. theorem (Th^m 2.6) $\Rightarrow \{a_{n_k}\}$ converges.

Pf of Lemma 2.11: Let $\{a_n\}$ be any seq^n .

Call a_n dominant if

$$a_n > a_m \quad \forall \quad m > n. \quad (*)$$

CASE 1 \exists infinitely many dominant terms.

$\{a_{n_1}, a_{n_2}, a_{n_3}, \dots\}$ with $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots < n_k < \dots$

$$(*) \Rightarrow a_{n_{k+1}} < a_{n_k} \quad \forall \quad k.$$

$\Rightarrow \{a_{n_k}\}$ is a decreasing sub- seq^n .

CASE 2 Sp^s \exists only finitely many dominant terms. Let n_1 s.t. no dominant term a_n for

$n \geq n_1$. Since a_{n_1} is not dominant, \exists

$$n_2 > n_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad a_{n_2} \geq a_{n_1}.$$

Since a_{n_2} not dominant, $\exists n_3 > n_2$ s.t. (4)

$$a_{n_3} \geq a_{n_2}.$$

Having chosen a_{n_1}, \dots, a_{n_k} let n_{k+1} s.t.
 $n_{k+1} > n_k$ but $a_{n_{k+1}} \geq a_{n_k}$.

Then we have a sub-seqⁿ $\{a_{n_k}\} \uparrow$.

In both cases we have found a monotonic sub-sequence.

