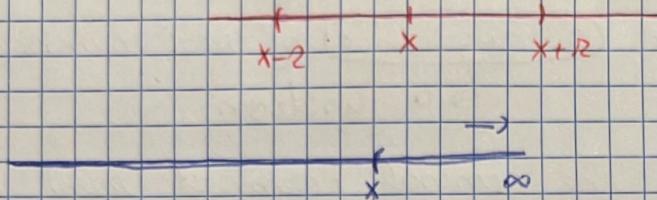


### Sequences of real numbers

#### 1. The topology on $\bar{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$

Def: Let  $x \in \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ .  $\forall p > 0 \exists r > 0 \forall y \in \mathbb{R} | |y - x| \leq r \Rightarrow$   
 $= (x - r, x + r)$



$$\bullet B(\infty, r) = (\infty, \infty]$$

$$\bullet B(-\infty, r) = [-\infty, -r)$$

Def: A set  $V \subseteq \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  is said to be a NEIGHBOURHOOD of an element  $x \in \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  if  $\exists r_x > 0 \ \forall t. B(x, r_x) \subseteq V$ .

#### Examples

- of neighbourhoods of  $\infty$

- \*  $\bar{\mathbb{R}} \in \mathcal{V}(\infty)$

- \*  $(1, \infty] \in \mathcal{V}(\infty)$

- \*  $\mathbb{R} \notin \mathcal{V}(\infty), \infty \notin \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \notin \mathcal{V}(\infty)$

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbb{N} \\ \mathbb{Q} \\ \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{matrix}$$

- \*  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\} \notin \mathcal{V}(\infty)$

Proof: By contradiction

$$\exists r^* > 0 \rightarrow \exists (r^*, \infty] \subseteq \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$r^* < r^{*+1} \xrightarrow{\text{density}} \exists t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \text{ s.t. } \textcircled{2}$$

$$r^* < t < r^{*+1} \rightarrow t \in (r^*, \infty] \cap \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \& \textcircled{2} \rightarrow t \in \mathbb{N} \cap \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} = \emptyset \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\} \notin \mathcal{V}(\infty)$$

## 2. Sequences of real numbers

Def: Each function  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a sequence of real numbers

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, f(n) := x_n \in \mathbb{R}$$

Notations:

$$\circ (x_n)_{n \geq 0} = (x_n)_{n \geq 1} = (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (x_n) \rightarrow$$

→ notations for a sequence of real numbers  
↳ a function

•  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x_n$  - is the general term of rank  $n$   
of the sequence  $(x_n)$

•  $\{x_n : x_n \text{ is a term of } (x_n)\}$  → the set of all the terms of a sequence  $(x_n)$

Remark:  $\mathbb{N}$  may be replaced by  $\mathbb{N}_k = \{n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq k\}$

When considering Limits of functions we have  
to define them only for ACCUMULATIONS POINTS  
of the domain.

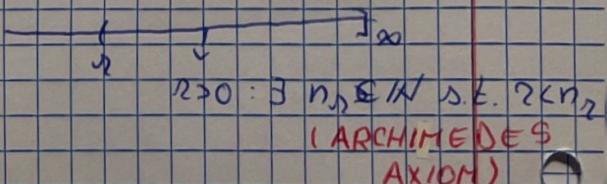
In particular for sequences which are function  
with the domain  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{N}'$  (in  $\mathbb{R}$ ) is too

$$\mathbb{N}' = \text{cl } \mathbb{N} \setminus \exists_{\geq 0} \mathbb{N}$$

$$\exists_{\geq 0} \mathbb{N} = \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{cl}_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{N} = \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\} \quad (\mathbb{N} \subseteq \text{cl } \mathbb{N} \text{ def})$$

$$L, \infty \in \text{cl } \mathbb{N} \hookrightarrow \forall r > 0 \quad B(\infty, r) \cap \mathbb{N} \neq \emptyset$$



$$\rightarrow \text{cl } \mathbb{N} = \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}' = \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\} \setminus \mathbb{N} = \{\infty\}$$

**Remark:** These notions are considered in the topology  
on  $\mathbb{R}$

**Def:** Consider  $(x_n) \subset \mathbb{R}$  to be a sequence of real numbers. An element  $e \in \mathbb{R}$  is said to be the limit of the sequence  $(x_n)$  if  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq N, x_n \in V_\epsilon(e)$ .

**Remark:** In terms of balls, the definition has 3 different approaches.

- $e \in \mathbb{R}, e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \Leftrightarrow \forall r > 0, \exists n_r \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_r, x_n \in B(e, r)$

$$x_n \in B(e, r) \Leftrightarrow |x_n - e| < r \Leftrightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_\epsilon, |x_n - e| < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow x_n \in (e - \epsilon, e + \epsilon)$$

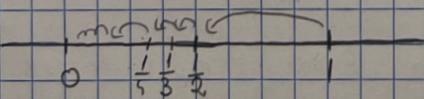
- $e = \infty, \infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \Leftrightarrow \forall r > 0, \exists n_r \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_r, x_n \in B(\infty, r)$

$$x_n \in B(\infty, r) \Leftrightarrow x_n \in (r, \infty) \Leftrightarrow x_n > r \Leftrightarrow \infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \Leftrightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_\epsilon, x_n > \epsilon$$

- $e = -\infty \Leftrightarrow -\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \Leftrightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_\epsilon, x_n < -\epsilon$

### Examples

a)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x_n = \frac{1}{n}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$



$$0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{def}, \quad \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_\epsilon, |x_n - 0| < \epsilon$$

$$|\frac{1}{n} - 0| < \epsilon$$

Considering  $\epsilon > 0$  randomly chosen  $\textcircled{1}$

$$|\frac{1}{n} - 0| < \epsilon \rightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon \rightarrow \frac{1}{\epsilon} < n$$

According to Archimedes Theorem  $\exists n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$0 < \frac{1}{\epsilon} < n_\epsilon \text{ } \textcircled{*} \rightarrow \frac{1}{n_\epsilon} < \epsilon$$

Consider  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq n_\epsilon$  random

$$n \geq n_\epsilon > 0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{n_\epsilon}$$

$$|\frac{1}{n} - 0| < \frac{1}{n_\epsilon} \text{ } \textcircled{*} < \epsilon$$

For a random  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq n_\epsilon$ ,

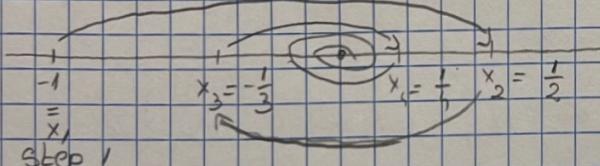
$$|\frac{1}{n} - 0| < \epsilon$$

$\epsilon$ -random  $\rightarrow \forall \xrightarrow{\text{def}} 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n}$

b)  $y_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$\downarrow$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = 0$$



$\hookrightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\forall n \geq n_\epsilon, |y_n - 0| < \epsilon$  Step 2

51 Consider  $\epsilon > 0$  randomly chosen

52 (P)  $|y_n - 0| < \epsilon \leftrightarrow |\frac{(-1)^n}{n}| < \epsilon \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$

in a similar manner like for Example 1,  $\exists n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$\frac{1}{n_\epsilon} < \epsilon$$

$$\boxed{\forall n \geq n_\epsilon} \quad \boxed{|\frac{(-1)^n}{n} - 0| = \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n_\epsilon} < \epsilon}$$

Thus for a random  $\epsilon > 0, \exists n_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\forall n \geq n_\epsilon$

$$|y_n - 0| < \epsilon$$

$\epsilon$ -random  $\rightarrow \forall \xrightarrow{\text{def}} 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$

c)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, z_n = -n$

$$-\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{\leftarrow} \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists n_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n > n_\varepsilon, z_n < -\varepsilon$$

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Consider  $\varepsilon > 0$  randomly chosen

$$\textcircled{2} \quad z_n < -\varepsilon \Leftrightarrow -n < -\varepsilon \Leftrightarrow \varepsilon < n$$

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$\exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \varepsilon < n$

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Consider  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  randomly chosen

$$n > n_\varepsilon$$

$$n_\varepsilon \leq n$$

$$\textcircled{**} \quad \varepsilon < n_\varepsilon$$

$$\varepsilon < n$$

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  randomly chosen,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq n_\varepsilon$

$$\varepsilon < n \Leftrightarrow -n < -\varepsilon \Leftrightarrow z_n < \varepsilon$$

$\varepsilon$ -random  $\rightarrow \forall \varepsilon \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = -\infty$

d)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin n}{n} = 0$

$\uparrow \cos n$

$$|\frac{\sin n}{n} - 0| = |\frac{\sin n}{n}| \leq \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon_{\text{...}}$$

$\sin n, \cos n \in [-1, 1]$

Recall the following classical limits:

$$\bullet \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e$$

$$\bullet \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$$

$$\bullet \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n!} = \infty \text{ (Caesar-Stolz)}$$

$$\bullet \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^n = \begin{cases} \infty & : a > 1 \\ 1 & : a = 1 \\ 0 & : |a| < 1 \Leftrightarrow a \in (-1, 1) \setminus \{0\} \\ \delta & : a \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

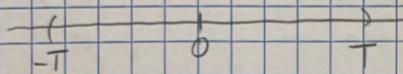
Def: Let  $(x_n) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be a sequence of real nr. Then it is said to be:

- \* INCREASING: if  $x_n < x_{n+1}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
- \* NONDECREASING: if  $x_n \leq x_{n+1}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
- \* DECREASING: if  $x_n > x_{n+1}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
- \* NONINCREASING: if  $x_n \geq x_{n+1}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

If any of the above holds  $\rightarrow (x_n)$  is said to be MONOTONIC

Def: Let  $(x_n) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . It is said to be

- \* BOUNDED if  $\exists T > 0$  st.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x_n \in B(0, T)$



$\exists$  sharper bounds  $\exists m, M \in \mathbb{R}$  st.  $m \leq x_n \leq M, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

### The Weierstrass theorem for monotonic sequences

Let  $(x_n) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

a) If  $(x_n)$  is INCREASING then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \sup \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

b) If  $(x_n)$  is DECREASING then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \inf \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

Remark

a) If  $(x_n)$ - bounded  $\rightarrow \text{UB} \neq \emptyset$   $\xrightarrow[\text{THE SUP}]{} \sup \mathbb{R}$   
 $\xrightarrow[\text{classical weierstrass}]{} \text{INCREASING } \& \text{ BOUNDED } \xrightarrow{} \text{ of a finite limit.}$

b) If  $(x_n)$ - bounded  $\rightarrow \text{LB} \neq \emptyset$   $\xrightarrow[\text{THE INF}]{} \inf \mathbb{R}$   
 $\xrightarrow[\text{classical weierstrass}]{} \text{DECR } \& \text{ BOUNDED } \xrightarrow{} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \in \mathbb{R}$

## Important consequences of Weierstrass Theorem

**C1:**  $(a_n), (x_n) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = e$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} e \in \mathbb{R} \\ |x_n - e| \leq a_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \\ -a_n \leq x_n - e \leq a_n \quad |+e \\ -a_n + e \leq x_n \leq a_n + e \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = e$$

**C2:**  $(a_n), (b_n), (c_n) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = e \\ a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = e$$

**Examples**

$$z_n = \sqrt{2 + \frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\bullet \quad t_n = \sqrt{2 - \frac{1}{n}}$$

$$|\sqrt{2 - \frac{1}{n}} - \sqrt{2}| \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

**Remarks:**

In practice, when we want to prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$  it is easier to compare it to other sequences that we know for sure to have the limit 0.

According to the QUOTIENT CRITERION (criteriu de raporturi)

• If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_n}{x_n} \in (0, 1] \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = 0$

• If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \infty$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_n}{x_n} = 1 \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \infty$

Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 2n + 7}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n^3 + n^2 + 4} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n^3} = \infty$$

- When we apply Weierstrass

$$|x_n - 0| \leq a_n \quad \left. \right\}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0 \quad \left. \right\}$$

$$x_n = \frac{\sin n}{n} \quad \left. \right\}$$

$$\left| \frac{\sin n}{n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n} \quad \left. \right\}$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0 \quad \left. \right\}$$

### Series of real numbers

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square of side 1,  $A = 1$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \frac{1}{2^4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} + \dots$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \frac{1}{2^4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} \right) = 1$$

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$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \longrightarrow \infty$$

Def: An ordered pair of sequences  $((x_n), (s_n))$  is said to be a SERIES of real numbers if  $s_1 = x_1$ ,

$$s_2 = x_1 + x_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$s_n = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n$$

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$$

### Notations and terminology:

\*  $(x_n)$  is the generating sequence

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow x_n \in \mathbb{R}$  - the general term of rank  $n$

\*  $(s_n)$  is the sequence of the partial sums

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow s_n = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n \sim$  the PARTIAL SUM of rank  $n$

\*  $\sum x_n$  or  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  is the notation for the series

### Example

$$\sum \frac{1}{2^n} \text{ or } \sum \frac{1}{n}$$

Def: Let  $\sum x_n$  be a series of real numbers.

If  $\exists \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \in \mathbb{R}$  then, it is called THE SUM OF THE SERIES and is denoted by  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \quad (\in \mathbb{R})$

### Example

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 ; \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty$$

### Remarks

\* If  $\exists \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \in \mathbb{R}$ , the series  $\sum x_n$  is said to be CONVERGENT and it is DIVERGENT otherwise!

- $\exists \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \in \{-\infty, \infty\}$
- or
- $\nexists \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$

### Classical examples of series of real numbers:

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q^{n-1}, \quad q \in \mathbb{R}^*$$

•  $x_n = q^{n-1}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow$  the general term of the series

$$x_1 = q^0 = 1$$

$$x_2 = q^0 + q^1 = 1 + q$$

$$x_n = q^0 + q^1 + \dots + q^{n-1} = 1 + q + \dots + q^{n-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{q^n - 1}{q - 1} & ; q \neq 1 \\ n & ; q = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$? \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$$

$$I q = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n = \infty$$

$$\text{II } |q| > 1 \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q^n = \infty \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{q^{n+1}}{q-1} = \frac{\infty}{q-1} = \infty$$

$$\text{III } |q| < 1 \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q^n = 0 \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \frac{-1}{q-1} = \frac{1}{1-q}$$

$$\text{IV } q \leq -1 \rightarrow \delta$$

$$\rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \begin{cases} \infty & : q \geq 1 \\ \frac{1}{1-q} & : |q| < 1 \\ \delta & : q \leq -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \sum q^{n+1} \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{convergent} & \downarrow \\ \text{C if } |q| < 1 \\ \text{d otherwise} & \uparrow \\ \text{divergent} & \end{cases}$$

$\sum q^{n+1}$

(Hw) ? Nature (C or D) and if 3 the sum  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \left(\frac{-3}{5}\right)^{n-1}$

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \left(\frac{-3}{5}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$q = -\frac{3}{5} \rightarrow |q| < 1 \rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 1} q^{n-1} \text{ is convergent}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{1 - (-\frac{3}{5})} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{5}} = \frac{5}{4}$$