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# Chapter 1: Logic, Definitions, and Proofs

## 1.1 Quantifiers

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### Statements

- **Definition of Statements:** A statement is any declarative sentence which is *either true or false*.
- Examples:
  - $3 + 6 = 9$
  - Pigs can fly
- Non-Examples:
  - Do you like bananas?
  - $2x + 6 = 9$ 
    - Whether this is true depends on what  $x$  is. To turn it into a statement, we either specify a specific substitution or quantify over the variable

### Quantifiers

- "Forall/Every":  $\forall$  (an *universal* quantifier)
  - example:  $\forall x, 2x + 6 = 9$  (false)
- "There exists/is" or "for some":  $\exists$  (an *existential* quantifier)
  - example:  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } 2x + 6 = 9$  i.e. "there exists a real number such that  $2x + 6 = 9$ " (true);  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } 2x + 6 = 9$  (false)
- Caveat: when working with quantifiers, always be aware of the domain

### Negating Quantifiers

- **Definition of Negation:** The negation of a statement is something that will be *true exactly when the original statement is false*.
- Negation of forall/every ( $\forall$ ): there exists a counterexample ( $\exists$ )
- Negation of there exists ( $\exists$ ): for all ... ( $\forall$ )

## Simple Proof with Quantifiers

- $\forall$ : forall/every
  - Prove to be true
  - Prove to be false: show the negation is true (we can just use a *counterexample*)
- $\exists$ : there exists/is / for some
  - Prove to be true
  - Prove to be false: show the negation is true (cannot just use counterexample)

## Double Quantifiers

- When there are double quantifiers, their *order* matters a lot!
- Example:
  - $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } x > y$  means "every real number is larger than some other real number"
  - $\exists y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x > y$  means "There is a real number smaller than all real numbers"
- Proving Statements with Double Quantifiers
  - Example

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } x > y.$$

**Proof.**

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Take  $y = x - 1$ .

Notice that since  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

- $y = x - 1 \in \mathbb{R}$  and
- $y = x - 1 < x$ .

① fix an arbitrary  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

② choose  $y$

③ Check that your  $y$  works.

## 1.2 Conditional Statements

- 1.2-Conditionals\_Notes - A

## Intro

- **Definition of Conditional Statements:** Given statements  $P$  and  $Q$ , a conditional statement (also known as an **implication**) is a statement in the form:

if  $\underbrace{P}_{\text{hypothesis}}$ , then  $\underbrace{Q}_{\text{conclusion}}$

- **Notation:**  $P \implies Q$ 
  - **Reads:**  $P$  implies  $Q$  / if  $P$ , then  $Q$
- Meaning: whenever  $P$  is true,  $Q$  must also be true.

## *When is A Conditional Statement True?*

- The statement "if  $P$ , then  $Q$ " is **true** when:
  - $P$  is true and  $Q$  is true
  - $P$  is false and  $Q$  is true
  - $P$  is false and  $Q$  is false
- The statement "if  $P$ , then  $Q$ " is **false** only when:
  - $P$  is true and  $Q$  is false
- Takeaway: when the hypothesis ( $P$ ) is false, the statement is always true! (we must take an "innocent until proven guilty" approach)

## *Hidden Quantifiers in Conditional Statements*

- Conditional statements often contain a "hidden" universal quantifier
- When we write " $P(x) \implies Q(x)$ ", we actually mean " $\forall x, P(x) \implies Q(x)$ "

## *Proving Conditional Statements: Direct Proof*

- Workflow: *assumptions -> definitions -> proof*
- Example: Theorem: odd + odd = even

Proof.

Assume that  $x$  and  $y$  are odd integer numbers.

*Start by assuming our hypothesis*

Then, by the definition of odd number, there exist  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$x = 2m + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad y = 2n + 1.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= (2m + 1) + (2n + 1) \\ &= 2m + 2n + 2 \\ &= 2(m + n + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $q = m + n + 1$ . Then  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$  because the sum of two integer number is also an integer (integers are closed under addition) and  $x + y = 2q$ .

- Hence,  $x + y$  is even.

### Negating Conditional Statements

- The negation of a conditional statement (if..., then...) is *NEVER* another conditional statement (if..., then...)!

### Contrapositive, Converse, and Biconditional

- **Definition of Contrapositive:** the contrapositive of a conditional statement "*if P, then Q*" is another conditional statement "*if not Q, then not P*"
  - Contrapositive is *equivalent* to the original conditional statement
- **Definition of Converse:** the converse of a conditional statement "*if P, then Q*" is another conditional statement "*if Q, then P*"
  - Converse is *not logically equivalent* to the original conditional statement
- **Definition of Biconditional:** a biconditional statement is the conjunction of a conditional statement with its converse and it is written in the form "*P if and only if Q*"
  - Notation:  $P \iff Q$  or "*P iff Q*"
  - Meaning: P and Q are both true or they are both false (*P is equivalent to Q*)

### 1.3 Working with Definitions

- 1.3-Working-with-Definitions\_Notes - A

### Steps for Working with New Definitions

1. Understand the rigorous definition (not just the intuition)
2. Write some examples

3. Write some non-examples
4. Write the negation of the definition

### An Example

- Definition of an Increasing Function:

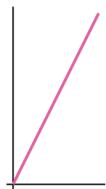
$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{D}, \text{ if } x_1 < x_2, \text{ then } f(x_1) < f(x_2)$$

or equivalently:

$$\text{if } x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{D} \text{ and } x_1 < x_2, \text{ then } f(x_1) < f(x_2)$$

- Example and proof:

$f(x) = 2x$  is increasing on  $\mathbb{R}$ .



We need to check that this function satisfies the definition!

We have to show that

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}, x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) < f(x_2)$$

Proof.

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Assume that  $x_1 < x_2$ .

Then,  $2x_1 < 2x_2$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} " & " \\ f(x_1) & & f(x_2) \end{array}$$

Therefore,  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$ .



- Negation:

$$\exists x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } x_1 < x_2 \text{ and } f(x_1) \geq f(x_2)$$

### 1.4 Proofs

- 1.4 Proofs \_ NOTES - A

### Indirect Proof

#### Proof by Contrapositive

- This only applies to conditional statements!
- **Method:** Instead of proving "*If P, then Q*" directly, we prove the equivalent contrapositive "*If not Q, then not P*"

- *Proof Structure/Steps:*

1. Assume that the negation of Q is true (assume that Q is false)
2. (continue as in a direct proof)
3. Conclude that the negation of P is true (assume that P is false)

### *Proof by Contradiction*

- This applies to all statements but is especially *handy to prove statements written in a negative way* (e.g. ... does not exist)
- *Method:* instead of showing that the statement is true, we show that the *statement is not false*
- *Proof Structure/Steps:*
  1. Assume that your statement is false (assume the *negation is true*)
    - "assume for the sake of contradiction that ..."
  2. Proceed as you would with a direct proof
  3. Arrive at a contradiction  
"this **contradicts with the assumption that...**"
  4. State that because of the contradiction, it can't be the case that the statement is false, so it must be true

### *Proof by Contrapositive vs Contradiction*

- Proof by contrapositive only works for conditional statements; proof by contradiction works for any kind of statements
- When proving conditional statements ( $P \implies Q$ ):

Contrapositive	Contradiction
1 assumption to work with (not Q)	2 assumptions to work with P and (not Q)
Clear goal (not P)	no clear goal

- We need to be careful when using proof by contradiction: wrong step could lead to wrong contradictions

### *Caveats for Using Indirect Proofs*

- A direct proof is usually preferred over an indirect proof
- Always let the reader know what proof technique you are using
- Be careful when negating statements (critical stepstone!)
- When proving  $P \implies Q$ , if you assume (not Q) and this leads to (not P). This is a proof by contrapositive, NOT a proof by contradiction

### *Direct Proof*

### *Proof by Induction*

- A proof by induction involves 2 *Steps*:
  1. *Base case*: prove that  $P(1)$  is true
  2. *Induction step*: prove that  $\forall n \geq 1, P(n) \Rightarrow P(n + 1)$
- When using proof by induction, always check whether we can induct to the domain we want
- Example

**Example.** Prove that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 + 3 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$ .

**Proof.** We will prove this statement by induction.

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement " $1 + 3 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$ ".

**Base Case:** ( $n = 1$ )  $1 = 1^2$  ✓

**Induction Step:** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and assume that  $P(n)$  is true, that is

$$1 + 3 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2. \quad (\text{This is our induction hypothesis.})$$

We want to show that  $P(n + 1)$  is true, that is  $1 + 3 + \dots + (2(n + 1) - 1) = (n + 1)^2$ .

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 3 + \dots + (2(n + 1) - 1) &= 1 + 3 + \dots + (2n - 1) + (2(n + 1) - 1) && \text{state explicitly} \\ &= n^2 + (2(n + 1) - 1) && (\text{by induction hypothesis}) \\ &= n^2 + 2n + 1 \\ &= (n + 1)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n + 1)$ . ✓

Thus, by the principle of induction, we conclude that  $P(n)$  holds for every positive integer  $n$ .

Therefore,  $1 + 3 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

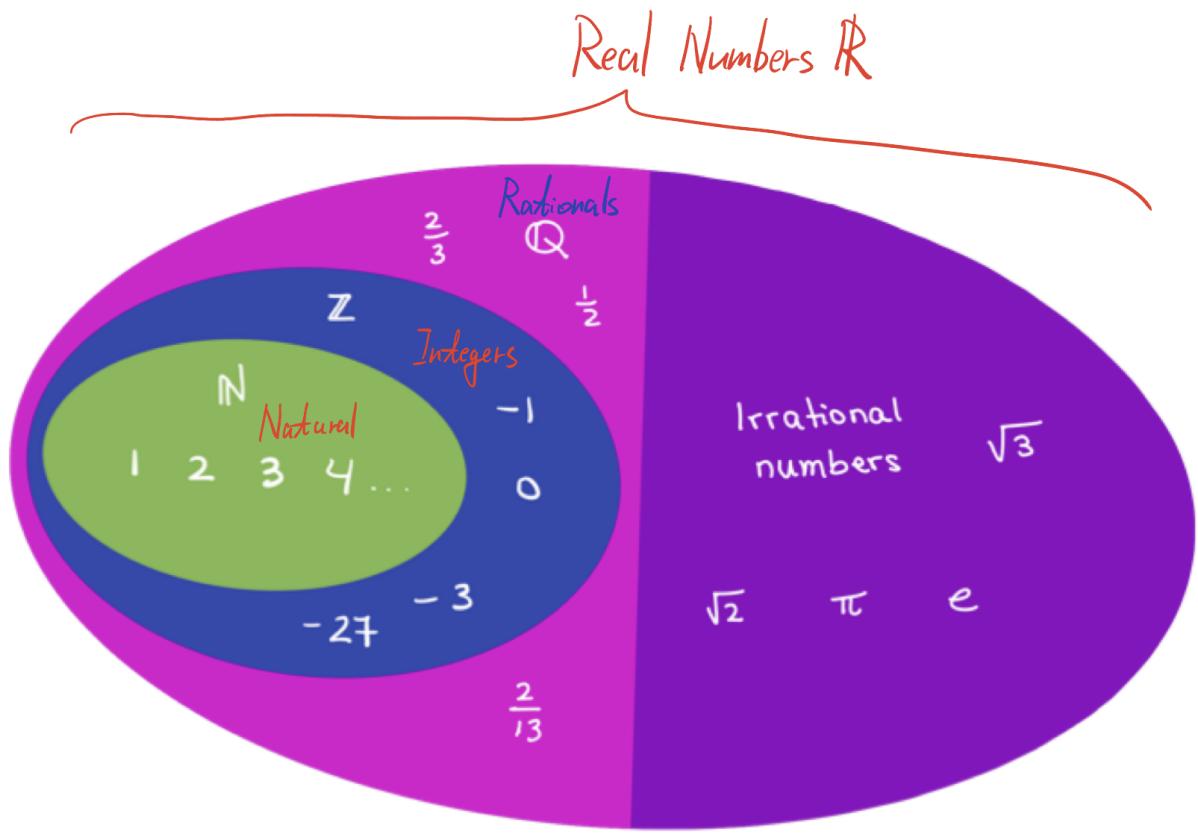


## Chapter 2: The Real Numbers

### 2.1 The Set of Real Numbers

- 2.1 Real numbers \_NOTES - A

### Rational and Irrational Numbers



- Rational Numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$ 
  - $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} : p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0 \right\}$
  - Integers  $\mathbb{Z}$ 
    - $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
    - Natural Numbers  $\mathbb{N}$ 
      - $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
      - 不包括0
      - Natural Number Operations
        - Addition:  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \rightsquigarrow m + n \in \mathbb{N}$
        - Multiplication:  $m, n \in \mathbb{N} \rightsquigarrow m \cdot n \in \mathbb{N}$
  - With them, we can solve all equations of the form:  $a \cdot x = b$
  - Irrational Numbers  $\mathbb{P}$

### Axioms for the Real Numbers

- axioms: we take them as true without proof

### Field/Algebraic Axioms

Field Axioms	
Axioms of addition	Axioms of multiplication
$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a + b \in \mathbb{R}$	$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, ab \in \mathbb{R}$
$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a + b = b + a$	$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, ab = ba$
$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, (a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$	$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, (ab)c = a(bc)$
$\exists 0 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, a + 0 = a$	$\exists 1 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, a \cdot 1 = a$
$\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \exists (-a) \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } a + (-a) = 0$	$\forall a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \exists a^{-1} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } aa^{-1} = 1$
$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a(b + c) = ab + ac$ (distributivity of multiplication over addition)	

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| | Axioms of *Addition* | Axioms of *Multiplication* |

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Closure   $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a + b \in \mathbb{R}$   $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, ab \in \mathbb{R}$
Commutativity   $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a + b = b + a$   $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, ab = ba$
Associativity   $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, (a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$   $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, (ab)c = a(bc)$
Identity   $\exists 0 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, a + 0 = a$   $\exists 1 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, a \cdot 1 = a$
Inverse   $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \exists (-a) \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } a + (-a) = 0$   $\forall a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \exists a^{-1} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } aa^{-1} = 1$
Distributivity of multiplication over addition   $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a(b + c) = ab + ac$

- *Propositions* (Elementary consequences of the field axioms)

- we cannot use them without proof

1. 0 and 1 are unique
2. The additive inverse and the multiplicative inverse (of a nonzero x) are unique
3.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x \cdot 0 = 0$
4.  $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, x + z = y + z \Rightarrow x = y$
5.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, -x = (-1)x$
6.  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, (-x)y = -(xy)$
7.  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, (-x)(-y) = xy$
8.  $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, xz = yz \text{ and } z \neq 0 \Rightarrow x = y$
9.  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, xy = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0$

We will prove (3):  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x \cdot 0 = 0$

*Proof.*

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \cdot 0 &= x \cdot 0 + 0 && \text{(additive identity)} \\
 &= x \cdot 0 + (x \cdot 0 + (-x \cdot 0)) && \text{(additive inverse)} \\
 &= (x \cdot 0 + x \cdot 0) + (-x \cdot 0) && \text{(associativity)} \\
 &= x \cdot (0 + 0) + (-x \cdot 0) && \text{(distributivity)} \\
 &= x \cdot 0 + (-x \cdot 0) && \text{(additive identity)} \\
 &= 0 && \text{(additive inverse)}
 \end{aligned}$$

*Exercise:* prove the other properties

### Ordering Axioms

#### Ordering Axioms

- $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , exactly one of  $a < b$ ,  $a = b$  and  $a > b$  is true (trichotomy)
- $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $a < b$  and  $b < c$ , then  $a < c$  (transitivity)
- $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $a < b$ , then  $a + c < b + c$
- $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $a < b$  and  $c > 0$ , then  $ca < cb$

- Trichotomy:  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , exactly one of  $a < b$ ,  $a = b$ , and  $a > b$  is true
- Transitivity:  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $a < b$  and  $b < c$ , then  $a < c$
- $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $a < b$ , then  $a + c < b + c$
- $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $a < b$  and  $c > 0$ , then  $ca < cb$
- Notation:  $x \leq y$  means that either  $x < y$  or  $x = y$
- *Propositions*

*Proposition.* For all  $x, y, z, w \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

1.  $x < y \Leftrightarrow y - x > 0$ ,
2.  $x > 0 \Leftrightarrow -x < 0$ ,
3.  $x < y \Leftrightarrow -y < -x$ ,
4.  $xy > 0 \Leftrightarrow x > 0, y > 0$  or  $x < 0, y < 0$ ,
5.  $x \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 > 0$  (in particular  $1 > 0$ ),
6.  $x < y$  and  $z < 0 \Rightarrow xz > yz$ .
7.  $x > 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x} > 0$ ,
8.  $x^2 < y^2, x \geq 0, y > 0 \Rightarrow x < y$
9.  $x < y$  and  $z < w \Rightarrow x + z < y + w$

## 2.2 Supremum and Completeness Axiom

- 2.2 Supremum and Completeness NOTES - A

## Maximum, Upper/Lower Bound, Supremum/Infimum, Bounded Above/Below

- **Maximum:** definition: let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ . We say  $M$  is the maximum of  $S$  if  $M \in S$  and  $\forall x \in S, x \leq M$ 
  - intuition: the *largest element of the set*
- Not every set has a maximum: e.g. the open interval  $(0, 1)$  does not have a maximum
- **Upper Bound:** definition: Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ . We say  $b$  is an upper bound of  $S$  if and only if  $\forall x \in S, x \leq b$
- **Supremum / Least Upper Bound:** definition: Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ . We say  $b$  is the supremum / least upper bound of  $S$  if and only if
  1.  $b$  is an upper bound of  $S$
  2. if  $c$  is an upper bound of  $S$ , then  $b \leq c$
- notation:  $\sup S$ 
  - prove the supremum of a set  $S$  is  $x$ :
    1. prove  $x$  is an upper bound for  $S$  (一般直接根据set的定义)
    2. prove  $M < x \implies M$  is not an upper bound of  $S$  ( $\iff x$  is the least upper bound / supremum)
  - Equivalent definition (useful later):  $S$  is an upper bound of  $A$  and:
    - $\checkmark 9 \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists x \in A \text{ such that } S - \varepsilon < x.$
    - $\checkmark 10 \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists x \in A \text{ such that } S - \varepsilon < x \leq S.$
- **Bounded Above:** definition: A set is bounded above if it has at least one upper bound
- Example

set	bnd above?	upper bounds	sup	max
$\{2, 3, 5, 7\}$	Yes	$9, 11, 27 \dots$	7	7
$[0, 1]$	Yes	$1, 2, \pi, \dots$	1	1
$(0, 1)$	Yes	$1, 2, \pi, \dots$	1	DNE
$(0, \infty)$	No	DNE	DNE	DNE

- Note that *if the maximum of a set  $S$  exists, then  $\max S = \sup S$* 
  - My trial proof for this: let  $b$  be the maximum of  $S$ . By definition of maximum, we know that  $b \in S$  and  $\forall x \in S, x \leq b \implies b$  satisfies the definition of an upper bound.

Let  $M < b$ ,  $b < M$  and  $b \in S$ , so  $M$  is not an upper bound. Hence,  $b$  is the least upper bound  $\implies$  supremum

- **Lower Bound:** definition: Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ . We say  $b$  is a lower bound of  $S$  if and only if  $\forall x \in S, x \geq b$
- **Infimum / Greatest Lower Bound:** definition: Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ . We say  $b$  is the infimum / greatest lower bound of  $S$  if and only if
  1.  $b$  is a lower bound of  $S$  and
  2. if  $c$  is a lower bound of  $S$ , then  $b \geq c$
- **Bounded Set:** definition: a set is bounded if it is both bounded above and below
- **What is  $\inf \emptyset$  (infimum of an empty set)?**
  - let  $A$  be a set
  - $L$  is a lower bound of  $A$  if  $\forall x \in A, L \leq x$
  - Then any real number satisfies this
  - $\implies$  any real number is a lower bound of the empty set
  - $\inf \emptyset$  is the greatest lower bound
  - $\implies \inf \emptyset = +\infty$  (infinity is not a number, but an abstract concept to show it's larger than any real number)
- Proving  $\sup(0, 1) = 1$ :

**Proof.**

Since  $(0, 1) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 < x < 1\}$ , by definition

$$x \leq 1 \text{ for all } x \in (0, 1).$$

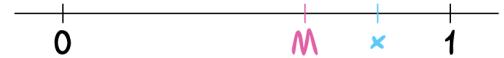
Hence, 1 is an upper bound of  $(0, 1)$ . ✓

② Let  $M < 1$ . We need to show that  $M$  is not an upper bound.

- If  $M \leq 0$ , then  $M < 0.5$  and  $0.5 \in (0, 1)$ .

Therefore,  $M$  is not an upper bound.

- If  $0 < M < 1$ , let  $x = \frac{M+1}{2}$ .



Then  $x \in (0, 1)$  and  $x > M$ , which shows that  $M$  is not an upper bound. ✓

- Hence, 1 is the supremum of  $(0, 1)$ .

- 1. show 1 is an upper bound; 2. show any  $M < 1$  is not an upper bound

## Completeness Axiom and Consequences

- **Completeness Axiom:** let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . If: 1.  $S$  is not empty; 2.  $S$  is bounded above, then  $S$  has a least upper bound (supremum)  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ 
  - Unbounded above  $\iff$  supreme does not exist (ignore empty sets)

- Unbounded below  $\iff$  infimum does not exist (ignore empty sets)

### Consequences of the Completeness Axiom

- Archimedean Property:  $\mathbb{N}$  is not bounded above
  - *Equivalent to Archimedean Property:*
    - For every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x < n$
    - For every  $x > 0$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $0 < \frac{1}{n} < x$
- Floor Function: For every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists an  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n \leq x < n + 1$ 
  - Intuition: every real number is either an integer or between two integers
- Existence of Square Roots: Let  $D$  be a natural number. Then, there exists a positive real number  $x$  such that  $x^2 = D$ 
  - $D \in \mathbb{N} \implies \exists x \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ s.t. } x^2 = D$
- Proof for the Archimedean Property:

**Proof.**

Assume, for the sake of contradiction, that  $\mathbb{N}$  is bounded above.

Since  $\mathbb{N}$  is not empty and  $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{N}$  has a least upper bound by the Completeness Axiom.  $(\text{csup})$

Let  $\alpha = \sup \mathbb{N}$ .

By the definition of supremum, this means that  $\alpha - 1$  is not an upper bound for  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Therefore, there is some integer  $k$  with  $\alpha - 1 < k$ .

But then  $\alpha < k + 1$  and  $k + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

This contradicts the fact that  $\alpha$  is an upper bound for  $\mathbb{N}$ !

Hence,  $\mathbb{N}$  is not bounded above.

### Summary of All 16 Axioms for Real Numbers

Algebraic Axioms		
Axioms of addition	Axioms of multiplication	
(A1) $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a + b \in \mathbb{R}$	(closure)	(closure)
(A2) $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a + b = b + a$	(commutativity)	(commutativity)
(A3) $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, (a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$	(associativity)	(associativity)
(A4) $\exists 0 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, a + 0 = a$	(existence of add. identity)	(existence of mult. identity)
(A5) $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \exists (-a) \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } a + (-a) = 0$	(existence of add. inverses)	(existence of mult. inverses)
(A6) $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, ab \in \mathbb{R}$		
(A7) $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, ab = aba$		
(A8) $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, (ab)c = a(bc)$		
(A9) $\exists 1 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, a \cdot 1 = a$		
(A10) $\forall a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \exists a^{-1} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } aa^{-1} = 1$		
(A11) $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a(b+c) = ab+ac$	(distributivity of multiplication over addition)	
Ordering Axioms		
(A12) $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , exactly one of $a < b$ , $a = b$ and $a > b$ is true	(trichotomy)	
(A13) $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ if $a < b$ and $b < c$ , then $a < c$	(transitivity)	
(A14) $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , if $a < b$ , then $a + c < b + c$		
(A15) $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , if $a < b$ and $c > 0$ , then $aca < cb$		
Completeness Axiom		
(A16) Every nonempty subset of $\mathbb{R}$ that is bounded above has a supremum in $\mathbb{R}$		

field  
ordered field  
complete ordered field

## Rational Number Is Dense in Real Numbers

- $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{P}$  are Dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ : For every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x < y$ , there exists  $t \in \mathbb{Q}, s \in \mathbb{P}$  such that  $x < t < y, x < s < y$ 
  - Intuition: the real axis is a continuous line without "holes"
- Example use:

### Example

Let  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x^2 < 2\}$ . Prove that  $\sup S = \sqrt{2}$

#### Proof.

1. Notice that  $x^2 < 2 \Rightarrow x < \sqrt{2}$ .

Therefore,  $\sqrt{2}$  is an upper bound for  $S$ .

2. Now, let  $H < \sqrt{2}$ .

① If  $H \leq 0$ , then  $H$  is not an upper bound for  $S$  because  $1 \in S$ .

② If  $0 < H < \sqrt{2}$ , then there exists  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that

$$0 < H < r < \sqrt{2}$$

because the rational numbers are dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Therefore,  $r^2 < 2$  and  $r \in Q$ .

Hence,  $r \in S$  and since  $H < r$ , we have that  $H$  is not an upper bound for  $S$ .

Thus,  $\sup S = \sqrt{2}$ .

# Chapter 3: Sequences

## 3.1 Limits of Sequences

- 3.1 Sequences NOTES - A

### Sequences

Standard Definitions (from 1 / any integer)

- Definition of Sequences: A sequence is a function from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$a : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, a(n) = a_n$$

- *Intuition*: a sequence is an infinite list of real numbers written in a specific order

- *Notation*:  $(a_n), (a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}, \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}, \{a_n\}$

$(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  NOTATION   GENERAL TERM   TERMS OF THE SEQUENCE

$$\left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right)_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

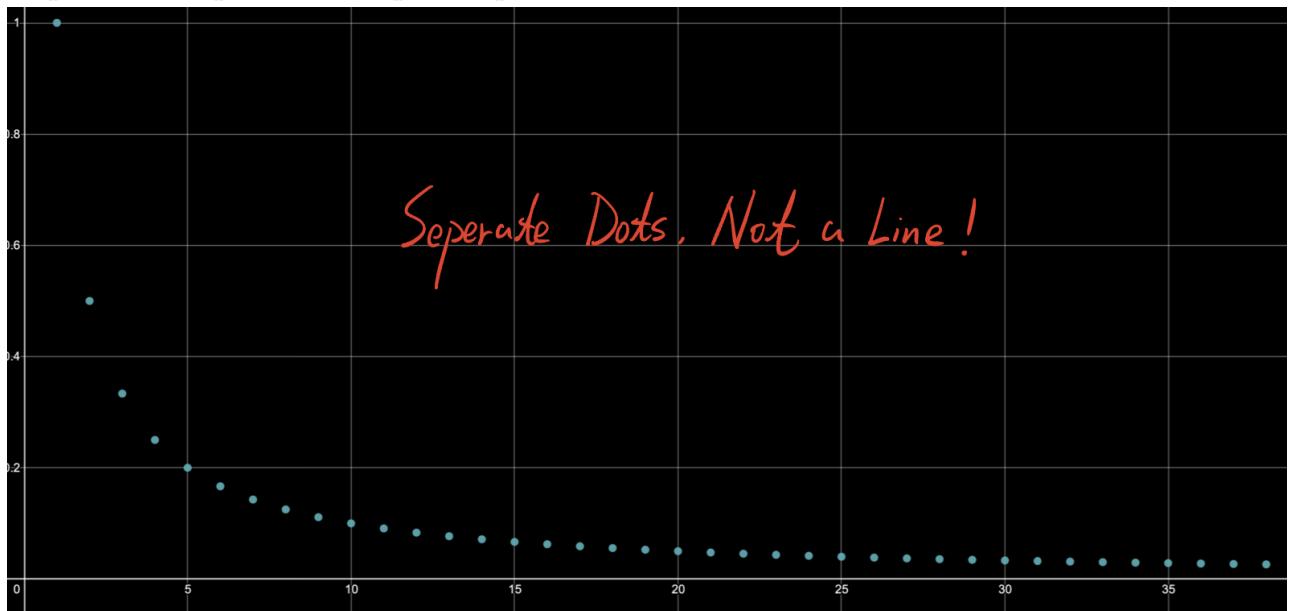
$$1, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{9}, \dots$$

$$\left( \frac{(-1)^n}{2n} \right)_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{2n}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{6}, \dots$$

- Sequences are plotted as separate points, not a line



- It does not matter where we start
  - we can start a sequence from any integer number  $N_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Example.** The sequence 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, ... can be expressed in many different ways depending on where we choose to start the index:

- $(n+2) = (n+2)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , or  $(n)_{n=3}^{\infty}$ , or  $(n-5)_{n=8}^{\infty} \dots$
- **Definition of Sequence (General Version):** a sequence is a function from a subset of integers starting with some integer  $N_0$  to the set of real numbers:

$$a : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, a(n) = a_n$$

where  $D = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n \geq N_0\} = \{N_0, N_0 + 1, N_0 + 2, \dots\}$  for some fixed  $N_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$

- **Notation** for starting at some integer  $N_0$  other than  $n = 1$ , we can use:  $(a_n)_{n=N_0}^{\infty}$
- but **(n) needs to be consecutive!**

### Recursive Definition

- **Recursive Definition of Sequence:** a sequence is defined recursively by giving:
  - the value (or) values of the initial term (or terms)
  - a rule (called the **recursion formula**) for calculating any later term from terms that precede it
- Example:

#### Example

The famous **Fibonacci sequence** ( $f_n$ ) is defined recursively by the following initial conditions

$$f_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f_2 = 1,$$

and the recursion formula

$$f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} \quad (n \geq 3)$$

In other words, each term is the sum of the previous two terms.

So, the first few terms are

$$0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, \dots$$

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### Limit of A Sequence

- **Definition of Limit of A Sequence:** the sequence  $(a_n)$  converges to  $L$  if and only if:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } n > N \implies |a_n - L| < \epsilon$$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } n > N \implies |a_n - L| < \epsilon.$$

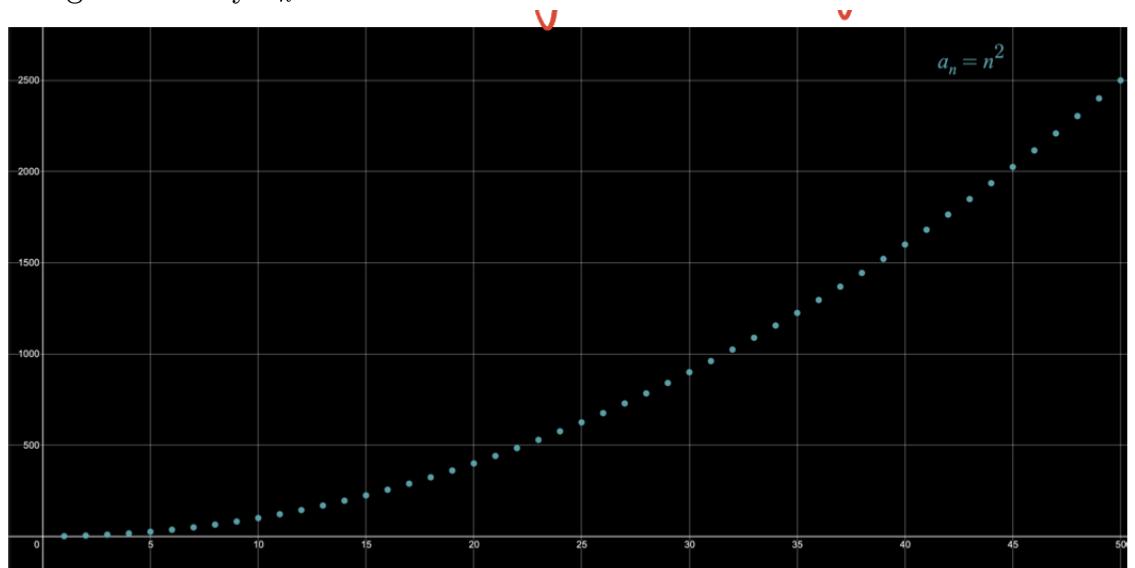
- no matter how small  $\epsilon$  is there is a point s.t. after that point all terms  $a_n$  are within  $\epsilon$  of  $L$

- **Intuition:**  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$  means if  $n$  is large enough, we can make  $a_n$  as close as we like to  $L$
- **Notations:**  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L, a_n \rightarrow L, a_n \rightarrow L \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$

- **Definition of A Convergent Sequence:** a sequence is convergent if it has a limit. That is a sequence  $(a_n)$  is convergent if:

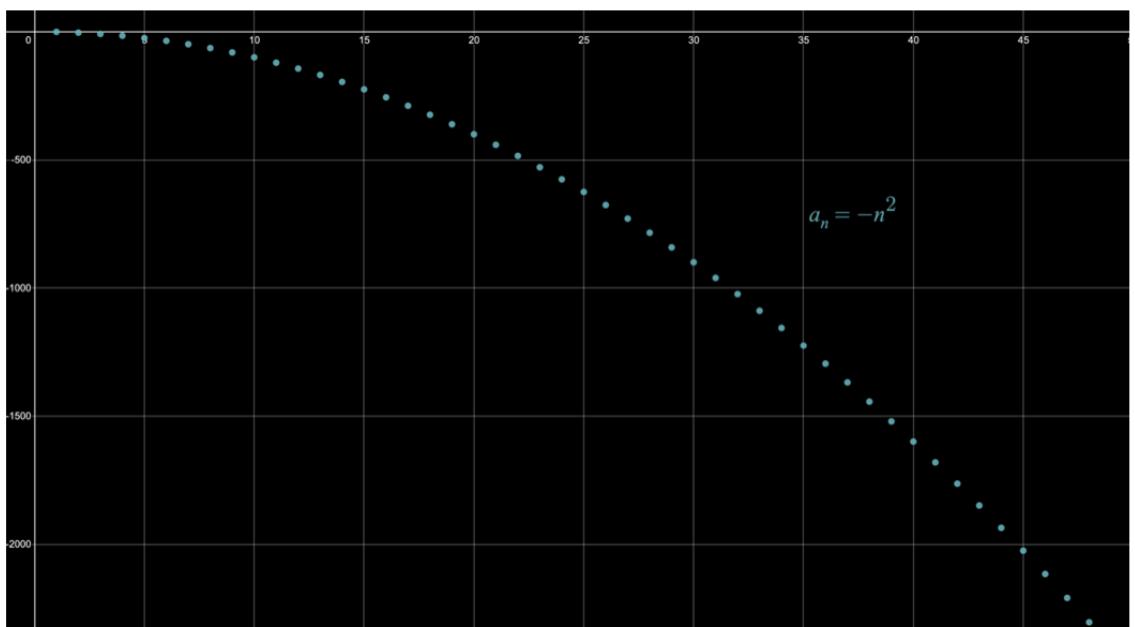
$$\exists L \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } n > N \implies |a_n - L| < \epsilon$$

- Note that convergence implies  $\exists M \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } |a_n| < M \forall n$
- **Definition of A Divergent Sequence:** a sequence is divergent if it does not have a limit.
  - $\forall L \in \mathbb{R}, \exists \epsilon > 0 \text{ s.t. } \forall n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n > n_0 \text{ s.t. } |a_n - L| \geq \epsilon$ 
    - I *cannot trap my sequence no matter how far I go*
  - 3 main types of divergence:
    1. Diverge to infinity  $a_n \rightarrow \infty$

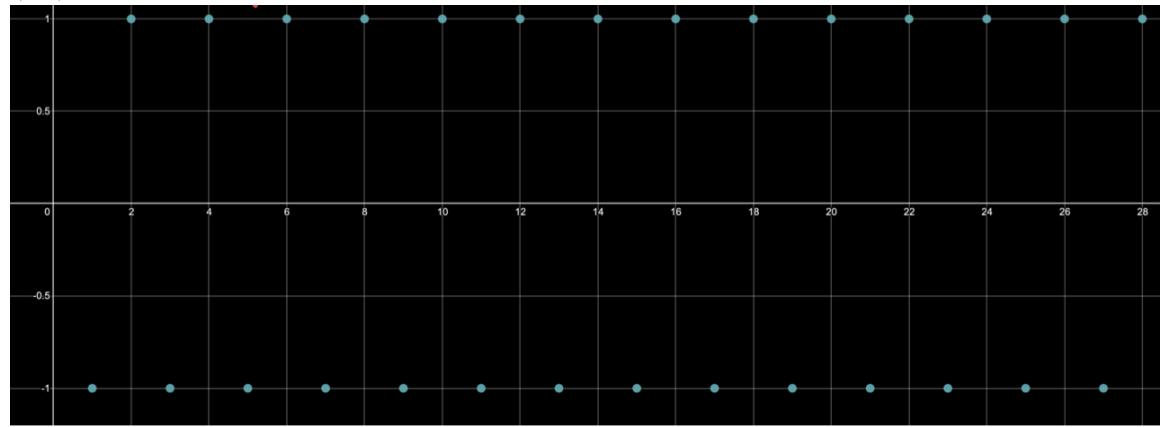


- because  $\infty$  is not a real number hence not a limit, so we say "diverge to infinity" instead on "converge to infinity"
- $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } n > n_0 \implies a_n > \epsilon$

2. Diverge to negative infinity  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$



3.  $(a_n)$  is oscillating



- my trial definition: (don't know..)

## Proving the Limit of a Sequence

### Structure

- Proof for  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ :
  - We want to show:  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $n > N \implies |a_n - L| < \epsilon$
  - 1. let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary
  - 2. Take  $N = \dots$  (usually find  $N$  by manipulating  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$ )
  - 3. Show that your  $N$  works
    - Assume  $n > N$
    - Conclude that  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$

### Examples

Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$ .

Want to show

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } n > N \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| < \epsilon.$$

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- How to find  $N$ :

### Rough Work (Finding $N$ )



Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. We want to show that there exists  $N \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

Notice that

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

$$\left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{1}{n} \right| = \frac{1}{n}$$

so we just need to find  $N \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t. for all  $n > N$

$$\frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon \Leftrightarrow n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}.$$

So we should take  $N = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ .

- Formal proof:

**Proof.**

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Take  $N = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ .

Assume that  $n > N$ . Then

$$\left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{1}{n} \right| = \frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{N} < \varepsilon.$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  was arbitrary, we have proved that

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } n > N \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon.$$

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### Example

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

Want to show

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } n > N \Rightarrow \left| \frac{2n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1} - 2 \right| < \varepsilon.$$

- How to find  $N$ :

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. We want to show that there exists  $N$  s.t.

$$n > N \Rightarrow \left| \frac{2n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1} - 2 \right| < \epsilon.$$

Notice that

$$\left| \frac{2n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1} - 2 \right| = \left| \frac{2n^2 - 1 - 2n^2 - 2}{n^2 + 1} \right| = \left| \frac{-3}{1+n^2} \right| = \frac{3}{1+n^2}$$

so we just need to find  $N \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t. for all  $n > N$

$$\frac{3}{1+n^2} < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow n^2 > \frac{3}{\epsilon} - 1 \stackrel{?}{\Leftrightarrow} n > \sqrt{\frac{3}{\epsilon} - 1} \quad \left( \text{only if } \frac{3}{\epsilon} - 1 \geq 0 \right)$$

$$\text{Take } N = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{3}{\epsilon} - 1} & \text{if } \frac{3}{\epsilon} - 1 \geq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{3}{\epsilon} - 1 < 0 \end{cases}$$

- My trial formal proof:

- Let  $\epsilon > 0$
- Take  $N = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{3}{\epsilon} - 1} & \text{if } \frac{3}{\epsilon} - 1 \geq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{3}{\epsilon} - 1 < 0 \end{cases}$
- Assume  $n > N$
- If  $\frac{3}{\epsilon} - 1 \geq 0$ :
  - $\left| \frac{2n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1} - 2 \right| = \left| \frac{3}{1+n^2} \right| < \left| \frac{3}{1+\frac{3}{\epsilon}-1} \right| = \epsilon$
- If  $\frac{3}{\epsilon} - 1 < 0$ :
  - $\left| \frac{2n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1} - 2 \right| = -1.5 < 0 < \epsilon$
- Since  $\epsilon > 0$  was arbitrary, we have prove that  
 $\exists N \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall \epsilon > 0, n > N \implies \left| \frac{2n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1} - 2 \right| < \epsilon$

## Combining Convergent Sequences

### Limit Laws for Sequences

- If  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  are convergent sequences such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = M$$

- then:

- Limit of the sum is the sum of limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + b_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = L + M$$

- $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ca_n = c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = cL$

- Limit of the product is the product of limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n b_n = \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \right) \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \right) = LM$$

- Limit of the quotient is the quotient of the limit (but the denominator cannot be 0):

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right) = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n} = \frac{L}{M} \text{ if } \forall n, b_n \neq 0 \text{ and } M \neq 0$$

### Proving the Law for Sums

If  $a_n \rightarrow L$  and  $b_n \rightarrow M$ , then  $(a_n + b_n) \rightarrow L + M$ .

Want to show

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } n > N \Rightarrow |(a_n + b_n) - (L + M)| < \varepsilon.$$

### Proof Structure

1. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be arbitrary

2. Take  $N = ???$

3. Show that your  $N$  works

• Assume that  $n > N$

• Conclude that  $|(a_n + b_n) - (L + M)| < \varepsilon$

• How to think about this proof (find  $N$ )?

## Rough Work (Finding N)

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be arbitrary.

We need to find  $N \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $n > N \Rightarrow |(a_n + b_n) - (L + M)| < \varepsilon$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |(a_n + b_n) - (L + M)| &= |(a_n - L) + (b_n - M)| \stackrel{\text{?}}{\leq} \varepsilon \\ &\leq \underbrace{|a_n - L|}_{< \frac{\varepsilon}{2}} + \underbrace{|b_n - M|}_{< \frac{\varepsilon}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

We know:

- $a_n \rightarrow L$ :

for the value  $\varepsilon' = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ ,  $\exists N_a \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $n > N_a \Rightarrow |a_n - L| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

- $b_n \rightarrow M$ :

for the value  $\varepsilon' = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ ,  $\exists N_b \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $n > N_b \Rightarrow |b_n - M| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

The N's could be different!

- Take  $N = \max\{N_a, N_b\}$ .

- Formal proof:

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be arbitrary.

Since  $a_n \rightarrow L$  and  $b_n \rightarrow M$ , applying the definition of limit with  $\varepsilon' = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ , we have that

$$\bullet \exists N_a \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } n > N_a \Rightarrow |a_n - L| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}. \quad (1)$$

$$\bullet \exists N_b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } n > N_b \Rightarrow |b_n - M| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}. \quad (2)$$

Take  $N = \max\{N_a, N_b\}$ .

Assume that  $n > N$ . Then  $n > N_a$  and  $n > N_b$ . Therefore,

$$\bullet |a_n - L| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ by (1)}$$

$$\bullet |b_n - M| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ by (2)}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |(a_n + b_n) - (L + M)| &= |(a_n - L) + (b_n - M)| \\ &\leq |a_n - L| + |b_n - M| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $n > N \Rightarrow |(a_n + b_n) - (L + M)| < \varepsilon$ .

## Useful Tricks for Proofs

- Triangle Inequality:

$$|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$$

- Using it, we can bound the quantity that we want to show is "small" by the sum of two quantities each of which is known to be small
- Reverse Triangle Inequality:

$$||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|$$

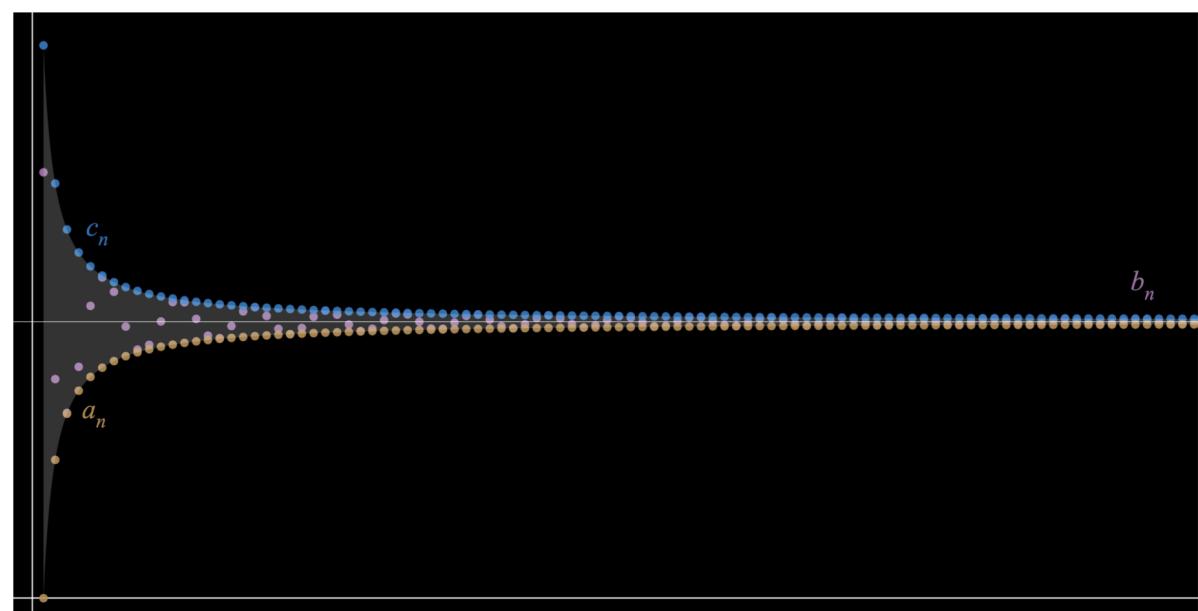
- *The  $\frac{\epsilon}{2}$  Trick:*
  - Applying the definition of limit with  $\epsilon' = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  in place of  $\epsilon$  so as to end up with an overall bound for  $\epsilon$
- *The  $N = \max\{N_a, N_b\}$  Trick*
  - Choose  $N$  to be the larger of all the  $N$ -values arising in the proof to ensure that any  $n > N$  satisfies both  $n > N_a$  and  $n > N_b$

### Proving Convergence vs Using Convergence

Proving $x_n \rightarrow L$	Using $x_n \rightarrow L$
We are given an arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$ (we cannot choose it)	We can choose any value of $\epsilon$ we like
We must find a value $N$ that works for this $\epsilon$	It is guaranteed that there is a $N$ that works for my choice of $\epsilon$
<i>I CANNOT CHOOSE <math>\epsilon</math> and have to say HOW TO PRODUCE <math>N</math></i>	<i>I CAN CHOOSE any value of <math>\epsilon</math> I want and the <math>N</math> will be GIVEN to me</i>

### Sandwich Theorem / Squeeze Theorem

- Sandwich/Squeeze Theorem: if  $a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$  for  $n \geq N_0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = L$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = L$



- Proving the sandwich theorem:
  - Idea

Want to show

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } n > N \Rightarrow |b_n - L| < \varepsilon$$

Proof Structure

1. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be arbitrary
  2. Take  $N = ???$
  3. Show that your  $N$  works
    - Assume that  $n > N$
    - Conclude that  $|b_n - L| < \varepsilon$
- How to find  $N$ ?

Rough Work (Finding  $N$ )

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We need to find  $N \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $n > N \Rightarrow |b_n - L| < \varepsilon$ .

$$|b_n - L| < \varepsilon \iff L - \varepsilon < b_n < L + \varepsilon$$

We know

- $\forall n \geq N_0, a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$
  - $a_n \rightarrow L: \exists N_1 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } n > N_1 \Rightarrow L - \varepsilon < a_n < L + \varepsilon$
  - $c_n \rightarrow L: \exists N_2 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } n > N_2 \Rightarrow L - \varepsilon < c_n < L + \varepsilon$
- Take  $N = \max\{N_0, N_1, N_2\}$ .
- Formal proof

**Proof.**

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

$$\text{Since } a_n \rightarrow L: \exists N_1 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } n > N_1 \Rightarrow |a_n - L| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow L - \varepsilon < a_n \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Since } c_n \rightarrow L: \exists N_2 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } n > N_2 \Rightarrow |c_n - L| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow c_n < L + \varepsilon \quad (2)$$

We also know that  $a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$  for  $n \geq N_0$ . (3)

Take  $N = \max\{N_0, N_1, N_2\}$ .

Assume that  $n > N$ . Therefore,

- $n > N_1$  so by (1),  $L - \varepsilon < a_n$

- $n > N_0$  so by (3),  $a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$

- $n > N_2$  so by (2),  $c_n < L + \varepsilon$

- Hence,  $L - \varepsilon < b_n < L + \varepsilon \Leftrightarrow |b_n - L| < \varepsilon$ .

- Example use:

### Example

Determine whether  $\left(\frac{\cos n}{n^2}\right)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is convergent or divergent.

### Solution

We know that  $-1 \leq \cos n \leq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $n^2 > 0$ , we have that

$$\frac{-1}{n^2} \leq \frac{\cos n}{n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{n^2} = 0$ , by the Sandwich Theorem we have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos n}{n^2} = 0.$$

## 3.2 Bounded and Monotone Sequences

- 3.2 Bounded and Monotone Sequences \_ NOTES - A

### Bounded Sequences

- **Definition** of a **Bounded Above Sequence**: the sequence  $(a_n)$  is bounded above if and only if  $\exists B \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n \leq B$

- **Definition** of a **Bounded Below Sequence**: the sequence  $(a_n)$  is bounded below if and only if  $\exists B \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n \geq B$
- **Definition** of a **Bounded Sequence**: the sequence  $(a_n)$  is bounded if and only if it is both bounded above and bounded below
  - i.e.  $\exists A, B \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, A \leq a_n \leq B$
  - Equivalent:  $\exists M > 0 \text{ s.t. } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, |a_n| \leq M$

## Monotone Sequences

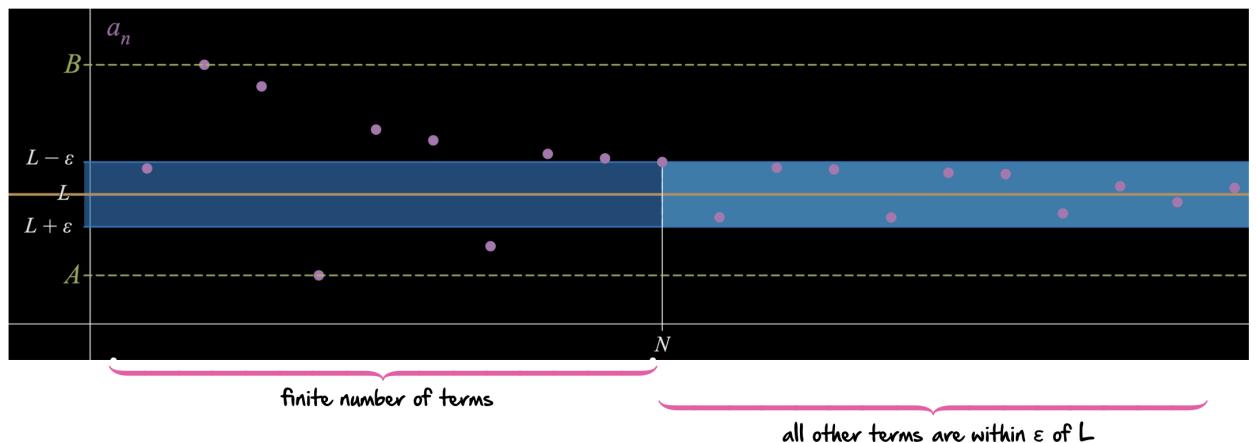
- **Definition** of an **Increasing Sequence**: a sequence  $(a_n)$  is increasing if  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_{n+1} \geq a_n$ 
  - equivalently: if  $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m < n \implies a_m \leq a_n$
- **Definition** of a **Decreasing Sequence**: a sequence  $(a_n)$  is decreasing if  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_{n+1} \leq a_n$ 
  - equivalently: if  $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m < n \implies a_m \geq a_n$
- **Definition** of a **Monotone Sequence**: a sequence  $(a_n)$  is monotone if it is increasing or decreasing
  - (in math, "or" includes "both")
- **Definition** of **Strictly Increasing**: a sequence  $(a_n)$  is strictly increasing if  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_{n+1} > a_n$
- **Definition** of **Strictly Decreasing**: a sequence  $(a_n)$  is strictly decreasing if  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_{n+1} < a_n$

## Convergence $\implies$ Bounded

- **Theorem: Convergent  $\implies$  Bounded**: if the sequence  $(a_n)$  is convergent, then  $(a_n)$  is bounded

### Proof

- Idea: use the definition of convergent to split the sequence into a finite segment and an infinite but bounded segment



- Formal proof:

Assume that the sequence  $(a_n)$  converge to L.

Let  $\varepsilon = 1$  in the definition of  $a_n \rightarrow L$ . Then

$$\exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad n > N_0 \Rightarrow L - 1 < a_n < L + 1 \quad (1)$$

Take

$$A = \min\{L - 1, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{N_0}\}$$

$$B = \max\{L + 1, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{N_0}\}$$

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

- if  $n > N_0$ , then  $A \leq L - 1 < a_n < L + 1 \leq B$  by (1)
- if  $n \leq N_0$ , then  $A \leq a_n \leq B$  by the definition of A and B.

### Some Examples

**Exercise:** For each combination find an example or convince yourself that it is impossible.

Monotone + Bounded  $\Rightarrow$  Convergent

		convergent	divergent
monotone	bounded	$a_n = 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$	DNE
not monotone	not bounded	DNE	$a_n = n^2 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
monotone	not bounded	$a_n = (-1)^n \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$	$a_n = (-1)^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
not monotone	not bounded	DNE	$a_n = (-n)^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Convergent  $\Rightarrow$  Bounded

### Monotone Convergence Theorem (MCT)

- Theorem: Increasing + Bounded Above  $\Rightarrow$  Convergent: if the sequence  $(a_n)$  is increasing and bounded above, then  $(a_n)$  is convergent
- Theorem: Decreasing + Bounded Below  $\Rightarrow$  Convergent: if the sequence  $(a_n)$  is decreasing and bounded below, then  $(a_n)$  is convergent

### Proof

- Ideas

## NANT TO SHOW:

$(a_n)$  is convergent, i.e. we want to show that  $a_n \rightarrow L$  for some  $L \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\exists L \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad \exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad n > N_0 \Rightarrow L - \varepsilon < a_n < L + \varepsilon$$

## Proof Structure

1. Take  $L = ???$  (we have to guess this one)

2. Fix an arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$

3. Take  $N_0 = ???$

4. Assume that  $n > N_0$

5. Conclude that  $L - \varepsilon < a_n < L + \varepsilon$

- Pack the sequence into a set  $\rightarrow$  use the completeness axiom (supreme exists)  $\rightarrow$  use the definition of supremum (below the supremum cannot be an upper bound)

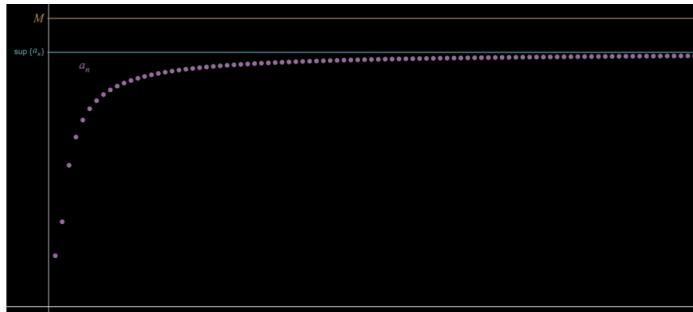
## Main Ideas:

Let  $S = \{a_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Then

- $S$  is not empty
- $S$  is bounded above

Therefore, the supremum exists!

Completeness Axiom



**TAKE:**  $L = \sup S$

**WILL SHOW:**  $a_n \rightarrow L$ .

↙ def of supremum

- For  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $L - \varepsilon$  is not an upper bound of  $S$ :

$$\exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad L - \varepsilon < a_{N_0}$$

- $(a_n)$  is increasing  $\Rightarrow a_{N_0} \leq a_n \quad \forall n > N_0$
- $L$  is an upper bound of  $S \Rightarrow a_n \leq L \quad \forall n$

- Formal proof

**Proof.**

Let  $(a_n)$  be an increasing and bounded above sequence.

Let  $S = \{a_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . This set is not empty and bounded above because the sequence is bounded above.

Therefore, by the completeness axiom, the supremum exists.

Let  $L = \sup S$ . We will show that  $a_n \rightarrow L$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By the definition of supremum, there exists  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$L - \varepsilon < a_{N_0}. \quad (1)$$

Assume that  $n > N_0$ . Then

- Since the sequence is increasing, we have that  $a_n \geq a_{N_0}$  (2)

- Since  $L$  is an upper bound of  $S$ , we also know that  $a_n \leq L$  (3)

Combining (1), (2), and (3) we have

$$L - \varepsilon < a_{N_0} \leq a_n \leq L < L + \varepsilon \Rightarrow |a_n - L| < \varepsilon.$$

### Use the Monotone Convergence Theorem to Find Limit

- MCT is especially handy to look for the limit of a recursively defined sequence
- Example:

Find the limit of the sequence given by

$$a_1 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad a_{n+1} = 3 - \frac{1}{a_n}$$

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• Steps:

1. Show the sequence is increasing (by induction)

①  $a_n$  is increasing. We need to show that  $a_n \leq a_{n+1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We will show this by induction.

Base case:  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_2 = 3 - \frac{1}{1} = 2$ . Therefore,  $a_1 \leq a_2$ .

Inductive Step: Assume that  $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$ . Then,  $\frac{1}{a_{n+1}} \leq \frac{1}{a_n}$ . Therefore,

$$a_{n+2} = 3 - \frac{1}{a_{n+1}} \leq 3 - \frac{1}{a_n} = a_{n+1}.$$

Hence, mathematical induction  $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

2. Show the sequence is bounded above (by induction)

Q  $a_n$  is bounded above. We will show that  $a_n < 3 \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . (Still induction)

Base case:  $a_1 = 1 < 3$ .

Inductive Step: Assume that  $a_n < 3$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{a_n} > \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{a_n} < -\frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow 3 - \frac{1}{a_n} < 3 - \frac{1}{3}.$$

Therefore,  $a_{n+1} < 3$ .

This shows, by mathematical induction, that  $a_n < 3$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

3. Find the limit by exploiting the recurrence relation

Convince yourself that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(3 - \frac{1}{a_n}\right) = 3 - \frac{1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n}$$

This give us the following equation

$$L = 3 - \frac{1}{L} \Rightarrow L^2 - 3L + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow L = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

4. Pick the correct limit (using the first term + increasing property)

Which one should we pick?

$$L_1 = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} > 1 \quad \text{and} \quad L_2 = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} < 1$$

💡 The sequence is increasing and  $a_1 = 1 \Rightarrow a_n \geq 1 \ \forall n$

So the terms of the sequence cannot get arbitrarily close to a number strictly less than 1.

Therefore,  $L = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$  😊

### 3.3 Subsequences

#### Subsequences

- **Definition** of A Subsequence: a subsequence of  $(a_n)$  is a sequence  $(b_n)$  that defined by  $b_n = a_{j_n}$ , where  $j_1 < j_2 < \dots$  is a strictly increasing sequence of natural numbers
  - we want to maintain the original order
- **Theorem:** Subsequences of convergent sequences converge to the same limit

- Proof: (use the "n" of the original sequence)

**Proof.**

① Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $a_n \rightarrow L$ ,

$$\exists N_0 \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad n > N_0 \Rightarrow |a_n - L| < \varepsilon.$$

**Claim:** If  $(j_n)$  is a strictly increasing sequence of natural numbers, then  $j_n \geq n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

② Let  $n > N_0$ . ③ Then, by the previous claim, we have that  $j_n \geq n > N_0$ . Therefore,

$$|a_{j_n} - L| < \varepsilon.$$

- Remark: term number of subsequence: let  $(b_n)$  be a subsequence of  $(a_n)$  and  $b_n = a_{j_n}$ , then  $j_n \geq n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
- Proof of the claim used:

**Proof of Claim.** We will prove this statement by induction.

**Base Case:**  $j_1 \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow j_1 \geq 1 \checkmark$

**Inductive Step:** Suppose that  $j_n \geq n$ . Then since  $(j_n)$  is strictly increasing

$$j_{n+1} > j_n \geq n \Rightarrow j_{n+1} \geq n + 1.$$

- **Consequences:** shifting a convergent sequence by a finite natural number does not alter its limit

$$a_n \rightarrow L \implies a_{n+1} \rightarrow L$$

and more generally:

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, a_n \rightarrow L \implies a_{n+k} \rightarrow L$$

- **Contrapositive (equivalent)** of the Theorem above: *IF  $(a_n)$  is a sequence that EITHER has a subsequence that diverges OR two convergent subsequences with different limits, THEN  $(a_n)$  is divergent*

## The Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem

- **Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem:** every bounded sequence has a convergent subsequence
- Proof
  - Step 1: prove *every sequence has a monotone subsequence*
  - Introduce the concept of *summit*

We say that  $a_n$  is a **summit** if it's at least as high as every later point.

That is,  $a_n \geq a_m$  for all  $m \geq n$ .

Let's make a list of all of the summits. Let's say they're  $a_{n_1}, a_{n_2}, \dots$

- 2 possible scenarios
  - Infinitely many summits

**Case 1: there are infinitely many summits.**

In this case we have an infinite sequence  $a_{n_1}, a_{n_2}, a_{n_3}, \dots$

- $a_{n_1}$  is a summit and  $n_2 > n_1$ , so  $a_{n_1} \geq a_{n_2}$
- $a_{n_2}$  is a summit and  $n_3 > n_2$ , so  $a_{n_2} \geq a_{n_3}$
- and so on

We end up with  $a_{n_1} \geq a_{n_2} \geq a_{n_3} \geq \dots$

This is a decreasing subsequence! So we're done 😊

- Finitely many (or 0) summits

**Case 2: there are finitely many summits (including the possibility of no summit at all).**

Let  $a_M$  be the last summit.

Put  $a_{m_1} = a_{M+1}$ . (If there's no summit at all, put  $a_{m_1} = a_1$ .)

- $a_{m_1}$  isn't a summit, so there must be some later higher point, say  $a_{m_2}$  with  $a_{m_2} \geq a_{m_1}$
- $a_{m_2}$  isn't a summit, so there must be some later higher point, say  $a_{m_3}$  with  $a_{m_3} \geq a_{m_2}$
- and so on

We get an infinite increasing subsequence  $a_{m_1}, a_{m_2}, a_{m_3}, \dots$

So we're done in this case too! 😊

- Step 2: since the sequence is bounded, any subsequence is bounded
- Step 3: MCT: bounded + monotone  $\implies$  convergent
- 2&3:

Let  $(a_n)$  be a bounded sequence. Then there exists a monotone subsequence  $(a_{m_n})$

Since  $(a_n)$  is bounded, there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $|a_n| \leq M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In particular,  $|a_{m_n}| \leq M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Therefore,  $(a_{m_n})$  is bounded and monotone.

Hence, by the monotone convergence theorem,  $(a_{m_n})$  converge.

## Chapter 4: Series

### 4.1 Series (Introduction)

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## *Series*

- *Definition* of Series: a series is an infinite sum:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n + \dots$$

where  $(a_n)$  is the *sequence of terms of the series*

- *Definition* of Partial Sum of A Series: given a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots$ , its  $k^{th}$  *partial sum* is the sum:

$$S_k = \sum_{n=1}^k a_n = a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_k$$

- The sequence  $(S_k)$  is referred to as the *Sequence of Partial Sums*:
- If the sequence  $(S_k)$  is convergent with limit  $S$ , then the series  $\sum a_n$  is *convergent*, and we write:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = S = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^k a_n$$

- i.e. *a convergent series is just the limit of its sequence of partial sums*

## *Telescoping Series*

Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$ .

What's the  $k^{\text{th}}$  partial sum?

Note:  $\frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} S_k &= \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^k \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \\ &= \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \dots + \left( \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1} \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{k+1} \right) = 1$$

- Therefore,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = 1$ .

- Another example 0 M48 Live Notes > \$ sum\_{\{ n=1 \}} \{ \text{infty} \} \ln \frac{n}{n+1} \$:

## 2 Examples of Divergent Series

- Diverge to infinity

Consider the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n = 1 + 2 + \dots + n + \dots$$

Let's take a look at the  $k^{\text{th}}$  partial sum:

$$S_k = \sum_{n=1}^k n = 1 + 2 + \dots + k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

(1)

Notice that  $\frac{k(k+1)}{2} \rightarrow \infty$  in the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

Therefore the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n$  diverges.

- Oscillating

Consider the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots$$

Note that

$$S_1 = 1$$

$$S_2 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$S_3 = 1 - 1 + 1 = 1$$

$$S_4 = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 = 0$$

⋮

$$S_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k \text{ is odd,} \\ 0 & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Thus, the sequence of partial sums  $(S_k)$  is divergent, and so the given series is divergent.

### Geometric Series

- A Geometric Series is a series of the form:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n + \dots$$

where  $x$  is a real number (often called the *ratio of the geometric series*)

- Note that the summation starts at  $n = 0$  NOT 1!
- This is equal to the limit of the partial sum if convergent:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{k-1}$$

- If  $x = 1$ , then  $S_k = 1 + \dots + 1 = k \rightarrow \infty$  (the geometric series diverges to infinity)
- If  $x \neq 1$ , then:  $S_k = \frac{1-x^k}{1-x}$

Taking the  $k$ -th partial sum (*the sum of the first  $k$  terms, starting at  $n=0$* )

$$S_k = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{k-1},$$

and multiplying both sides by  $k$ , we get

$$xS_k = x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^k$$

Subtracting these two equations from each other, we get

$$(1-x)S_k = S_k - xS_k = 1 - x^k$$

Dividing both sides by  $\underbrace{(1-x)}_{\neq 0}$ , we obtain:

$$S_k = \frac{1 - x^k}{1 - x}.$$

- $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  converges  $\iff \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - x^k}{1 - x}$  exists:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \text{ converges} \iff \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - x^k}{1 - x} \text{ exists.}$$

- If  $-1 < x < 1$ , then  $x^k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , so

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - x^k}{1 - x} = \frac{1}{1 - x}.$$

Thus, in this case, the geometric series is convergent.

- If  $x > 1$ ,  $(x^k)$  diverges to  $\infty$ . Therefore,  $(S_k)$  diverges.
- If  $x < -1$ ,  $(x^k)$  contains the subsequence  $(x^{2k})$  which diverges to  $\infty$ . Therefore,  $(S_k)$  diverges.
- If  $x = -1$ , the subsequences  $(S_{2k})$  and  $(S_{2k-1})$  converge to different limits. Therefore,  $(S_k)$  diverges.

- *Summary:*

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-x} & \text{if } |x| < 1 \\ \text{diverges} & \text{if } |x| \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

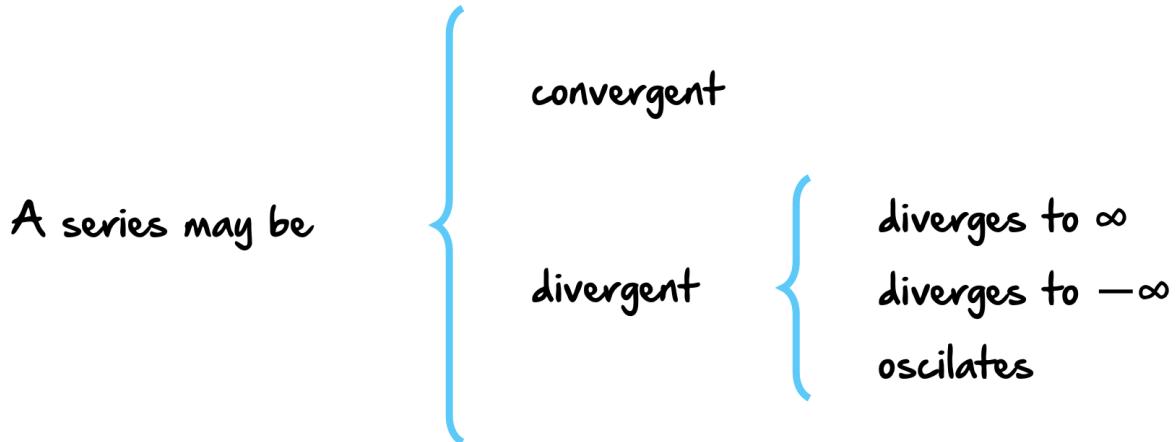
## 4.2 Series of Non-negative Numbers

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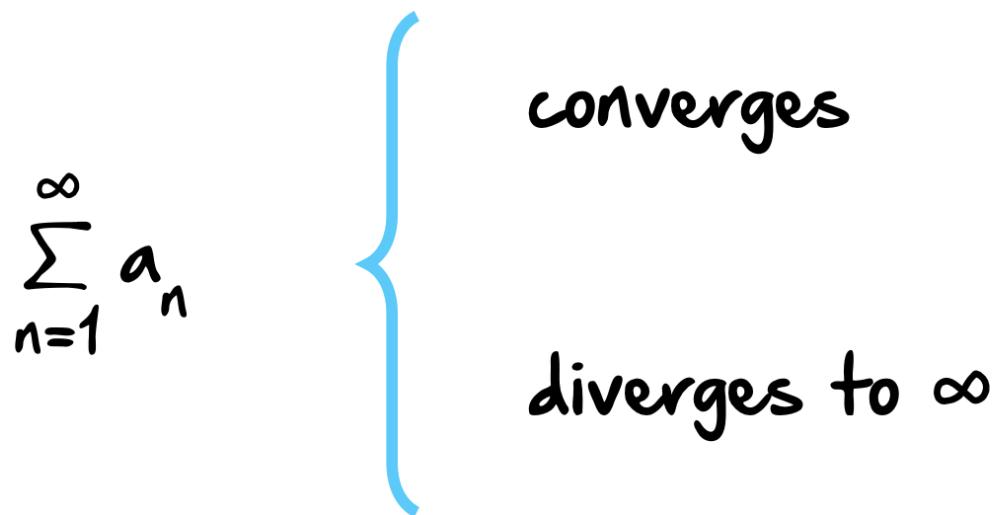
### Series of Non-Negative Numbers

- In general

In general,



- For non-negative series ( $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n \geq 0$ ) or eventually non-negative series ( $a_n \geq 0$  after some  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ), there are only 2 possibilities:



- Reason: the sequence of partial sums will be increasing, if it's also bounded above. Then, by MCT, it's convergent

Assume that  $a_n \geq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

From the definition, we know that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_k \quad \text{where} \quad S_k = a_1 + \cdots + a_k.$$

Notice that

$$S_{k+1} = S_k + a_{k+1} \geq S_k.$$

Therefore, the sequence  $(S_k)$  is increasing.

There are two options:

- $(S_k)$  is bounded above

By Monotone Convergence Theorem, (increasing + bounded above)  $\Rightarrow$  convergent

- $(S_k)$  is unbounded above

We also know that (increasing + unbounded above)  $\Rightarrow$  divergent to  $\infty$

## Harmonic Series

- Harmonic Series:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} \dots$$

- It *diverges to infinity*

- Idea: divide the series into groups whose sums  $\geq \frac{1}{2}$

Consider the harmonic series (Divide them into groups whose sums  $\geq \frac{1}{2}$ )

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{13} + \frac{1}{14} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$$

$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2}}_{\geq \frac{1}{2}}$     $\underbrace{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}}_{\geq \frac{1}{2}}$     $\underbrace{\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}}_{\geq \frac{1}{2}}$     $\underbrace{\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{13} + \frac{1}{14} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{16}}_{\geq \frac{1}{2}}$

$$S_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \geq 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_4 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \geq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}}_{= \frac{1}{2}} \geq 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_8 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8} \geq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}}_{= \frac{1}{2}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}}_{= \frac{1}{2}} \geq 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_{2^k} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \left( \frac{1}{2^{k-1}+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^k} \right) \geq \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2}}_{\geq \frac{1}{2}}$     $\underbrace{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}}_{\geq \frac{1}{2}}$     $\underbrace{\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}}_{\geq \frac{1}{2}}$     $\underbrace{\dots + \frac{1}{2^k}}_{\geq 2^{k-1} \cdot \frac{1}{2^k} = \frac{1}{2}}$

Therefore,

$$S_{2^n} \geq \frac{n+1}{2} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By the Archimedean property, we have that  $(S_{2^k})$  is not bounded above.

Therefore,  $(S_k)$  is not bounded above. *and it's increasing*

Thus, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges to  $\infty$ .

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

- Consider this series:

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

- This one *converges!*

- Idea: It's obviously increasing, then we can show it's bounded above by dividing them into groups whose sum  $< \frac{1}{2^k}$ :

We will show that the sequence of partial sums ( $S_k$ ) is bounded above.

$$S_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2}$$

< 1+1

$$S_4 = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \left( \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} \right)$$

$$< 1+1 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^2}}_{=\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

$$S_8 = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \left( \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{6^2} + \frac{1}{7^2} + \frac{1}{8^2} \right) < 1+1 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^2}}_{=\frac{1}{2}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{4^2}}_{=4 \cdot \frac{1}{4^2} = \frac{1}{4}} < 1+1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$S_{2^k} = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \left( \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{6^2} + \frac{1}{7^2} + \frac{1}{8^2} \right) + \dots + \left( \frac{1}{(2^{k-1}+1)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2^k)^2} \right)$$

$\underbrace{< 1}_{\text{1 term}}$     $\underbrace{< 1}_{\text{2 terms}}$     $\underbrace{< \frac{1}{2}}_{\text{4 terms}}$     $\underbrace{< 2^{k-1} \cdot \frac{1}{(2^{k-1})^2} = \frac{1}{2^{k-1}}}_{\text{terms from } (2^{k-1}+1)^2 \text{ to } (2^k)^2}$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} S_{2^k} &< 1+1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \\ &< 1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

By Bernoulli's inequality, we know that  $k < 2^k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
Since  $(S_k)$  is a strictly increasing sequence, we have that

$$k < 2^k \Rightarrow S_k < S_{2^k} < 3 \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow S_k \text{ is bounded above}$$

Hence, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges. (MCT)

- Theorem - Bernoulli's Inequality:  $\forall x \geq -1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, (1+x)^n \geq 1+nx$ 
  - This implies  $k < 2^k \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

### p-Series

- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^a}$  converges if and only if  $a > 1$
- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+k)^a}$  converges if and only if  $a > 1$

### 4.3 Properties of Convergent Series

- 4.3\_Convergent\_series\_NOTES - A

### The Vanishing Condition

- Necessary Condition for Convergence of Series: if the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

- Proof:

**Proof.**

Assume that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent.

Then, the sequence of partial sums  $(S_n)$  converges to a real number  $S$ .

Notice that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$S_n - S_{n-1} = (a_1 + \dots + a_{n-1} + a_n) - (a_1 + \dots + a_{n-1}) = a_n$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n - S_{n-1}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_{n-1} = S - S = 0.$$

- **Warning! The Converse is NOT true!** If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ , we CANNOT conclude anything about the series.

- Example: the harmonic series diverges while the  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges

Note that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 0$$

and

- The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  **diverges**.

- The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  **converges**.

- The **Necessary Condition Test** is usually used to determine divergent series: (the contrapositive of the original statement): *If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$  (either converges to a non-0 number, or does not exist), then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent.*
  - 2 examples

Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n+1}$ .

$$a_n = \frac{n}{n+1} \rightarrow 1 \neq 0.$$

Therefore, by the Necessary Condition Test the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n+1}$  diverges.

Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n$ .

Then, the limit of the sequence  $a_n = (-1)^n$  does not exist. In particular, it is not 0.

Therefore, by the Necessary Condition Test the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n$  diverges.

#### 4.4 Comparison Tests (Only Apply to Non-Negative Series)

- 4.4\_Comparison\_Tests\_NOTES - A

##### Basic Comparison Test

- Basic Comparison Test:** Suppose that  $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then:
  - If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is convergent, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent
  - If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is divergent
- Proof:

(1) Assume that

- (a)  $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 (b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is convergent

Let  $S_k = \sum_{n=1}^k a_n$  and  $T_k = \sum_{n=1}^k b_n$ . Then by (a),  $0 \leq S_k \leq T_k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $a_n \geq 0$ , the sequence  $(S_k)$  is increasing.

We will now show that  $(S_k)$  is bounded.

Since  $\sum b_n$  is convergent, we have that the sequence of its partial sums  $(T_k)$  is convergent. Therefore,  $(T_k)$  is bounded.

This means that there exists  $T > 0$  such that  $T_k \leq T$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Hence,  $S_k \leq T_k \leq T$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Thus,  $(S_k)$  is a bounded monotone sequence.

So, by the Monotone Convergence Theorem,  $(S_k)$ , and hence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

- (2) This is the contrapositive of (1).

- **Basic Comparison Test - Improved Version:** Suppose that  $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n \geq N$  for some positive number  $N$ . Then:
  - If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is convergent, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent
  - If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is divergent
- Examples:

- Example 1

**Example 1.** Determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n^2 + n}$  converges or diverges.

Observe that

$$\frac{1}{2n^2 + n} < \frac{1}{2n^2} \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

We know that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  is convergent.

Therefore,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n^2 + n}$  is convergent by the Comparison Test.

- Example 2

**Example 2.**

If  $p < 1$ , then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  diverges.

We will only consider the case  $p \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

**Claim.** If  $p < 1$  ( $p \in \mathbb{Q}$ ), then  $n^p \leq n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $n^p \leq n$ , we have that  $0 \leq \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n^p}$ .

We know that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges.

Therefore, by the Basic Comparison Test the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  diverges.

**Claim.** If  $p < 1$  ( $p \in \mathbb{Q}$ ), then  $n^p \leq n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof of Claim.**

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $p \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $p < 1$ . Then, there exists  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t  $p = \frac{m}{k}$ .

Suppose for the sake of a contradiction that  $n^p > n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} n^{m/k} &> n \Rightarrow n^m > n^k \\ &\Rightarrow 1 > n^{k-m}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $p = \frac{m}{k} < 1$ , we have that  $k - m > 0$ .

This implies that  $n < 1$ , which is a contradiction.

- Therefore,  $n^p \leq n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

### Limit Comparison Test

- Limit Comparison Test: Suppose that  $a_n, b_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L \text{ for some } 0 < L < \infty$$

Then,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges if and only if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges

- Extension (PP5):

- If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges
- If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges

- Proof:

Suppose that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges.

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L$ , using  $\varepsilon = 1$  in the definition of limit, we have that  $\exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$\left| \frac{a_n}{b_n} - L \right| < 1 \quad \text{for all } n > N_0.$$

Therefore, for  $n > N_0$

$$\left| \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right| = \left| \frac{a_n}{b_n} - L + L \right| \leq \left| \frac{a_n}{b_n} - L \right| + |L| < 1 + |L|$$

Hence,  $a_n < (1 + |L|) b_n$  for all  $n > N_0$ .

Therefore, by the Basic Comparison Test, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

- The other direction uses  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{1}{L}$

### *Building Blocks to Comparison Test (can be used directly)*

- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a^n}$  converges if and only if  $|a| > 1$  (geometric series)
- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^n$  converges if and only if  $|a| < 1$  (geometric series)
- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^a}$  converges if and only if  $a > 1$
- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^a$  converges if and only if  $a < -1$

### *Enough Information?*

- We know  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n > 0$  and the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent
- Determine:
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+a_n}$  is divergent because  $a_n \rightarrow 0 \implies \frac{1}{1+a_n} \rightarrow 1$ , so the necessary condition test fails
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{a_n}$  not enough information
    - Divergent example:  $a_n = \frac{1}{n^2}, \sqrt{a_n} = \frac{1}{n}$
    - Convergent example:  $a_n = \frac{1}{n^4}, \sqrt{a_n} = \frac{1}{n^2}$
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n)^2$  is convergent (comparison test):
  $\exists N > 0$  s.t.  $n > N \implies a_n < 1 \implies a_n > (a_n)^2 > 0$
  - Caveat: always think about  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^a}$

### *Quick Trick for Determining Convergence*

- Determining whether

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_0 n^{P_0} + a_1 n^{P_1} + \cdots + a_k n^{P_k}}{b_0 n^{Q_0} + b_1 n^{Q_1} + \cdots + b_m n^{Q_m}}$$

where  $0 \leq P_0 < P_1 < \cdots < P_k$  and  $0 \leq Q_0 < Q_1 < \cdots < Q_m$

- Compare it with  $b_n = \frac{a_k n^{P_k}}{b_m n^{Q_m}}$  (highest power terms) in the limit comparison test
- Converges if  $P_k - Q_m > 1$  (cannot use directly)

## 4.5 Alternating Series Test

- 4.5\_Altersing\_Series-NOTES - A
- **Definition of Alternating Series:** An alternating series is a series whose terms are alternatively positive and negative. In general, the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of an alternating series is of the form:

$$a_n = (-1)^{n-1} b_n \text{ or } a_n = (-1)^n b_n$$

where  $b_n > 0$  ( $b_n = |a_n|$ )

- **Alternating Series Test:** If the alternating series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n$  with  $b_n > 0$  for all  $n$ , satisfies:

- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$
- $b_{n+1} \leq b_n$  for all  $n \geq N$  for some positive number  $N$
- Then, the alternating series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n$  converges

- Example:

- The *Alternating Harmonic Series* converges!

**The alternating harmonic series**

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}$$

is an alternating series with  $b_n = \frac{1}{n}$  and satisfies

- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$
- $b_{n+1} \leq b_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$  because  $\frac{1}{n+1} < \frac{1}{n}$

Therefore, by the Alternating Series Test, the alternating harmonic series is convergent. *But the normal harmonic series is divergent*

## 4.6 Absolute and Conditional Convergence

- 4.6 Absolute and Conditional Convergence NOTES - A

*Absolute Convergence and Conditional Convergence*

- **Definition of Absolute Convergence:** A series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is absolutely convergent if the series of the absolute values  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  is convergent (this is stronger than convergence)
- We can then apply the basic comparison test / limit comparison test
- **Definition of Conditional Convergence:** A series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is conditionally convergent if it is convergent but not absolutely convergent
  - e.g. the alternating harmonic series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}$
- **Absolute Convergent Test:** If a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is absolutely convergent, then it is convergent
  - First check this test -- if it passes, we immediately know that the series is convergent
  - The converse is not true! Absolute convergent is stronger than convergent!
  - Proof:

Assume that  $\sum |a_n|$  converges.

Let

$$a_n^+ = \begin{cases} a_n & \text{if } a_n \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } a_n < 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad a_n^- = \begin{cases} -a_n & \text{if } a_n < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } a_n \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

- $a_n = a_n^+ - a_n^-$
- $0 \leq a_n^+ \leq |a_n|$  and  $0 \leq a_n^- \leq |a_n|$
- By the Basic Comparison Test  $\sum a_n^+$  and  $\sum a_n^-$  are both convergent

Therefore, by the linearity of convergent series  $\sum a_n$  converges and

$$\sum a_n = \sum (a_n^+ - a_n^-) = \sum a_n^+ - \sum a_n^-$$

- where we used the **Linearity of Convergent Series**: we can split and combine convergent series
- **Theorem:**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is absolutely convergent  $\iff \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^+$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^-$  are both convergent
- **Three types of series:**

	$\sum  a_n $ convergent	$\sum  a_n $ divergent
$\sum a_n$ convergent	(1) <b>Absolutely convergent</b>	(2) <b>Conditionally convergent</b>
$\sum a_n$ divergent	<b>IMPOSSIBLE</b> (by the contrapositive of the ACT)	(3) <b>Divergent</b>

- In other words:

$$\text{A series : } \begin{cases} \text{Divergent : } & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| \text{ both divergent} \\ \text{Convergent} & \begin{cases} \text{Absolutely Convergent : } & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| \text{ both convergent} \\ \text{Conditionally Convergent : } & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ convergent, } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| \text{ diverges} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

### Conditionally Convergent Series are Naughty

- *Definition of Reordering*: A reordering of a given series is another series containing precisely the same terms as the original series, but in a different order
- *Theorem - We Lost Commutativity of A Conditionally Convergent Series*: If a series is conditionally convergent, then it can be reordered to obtain any result we want. It can be:
  - convergent to any real number we want
  - divergent to  $\infty$
  - divergent to  $-\infty$
- How to reorder to get any real number  $S$ ?
  1. Add positive terms until a partial sum goes above  $S$
  2. Add negative terms until a partial sum goes below  $S$
  3. Go back to step 1
  - Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ , each time that the partial sum goes above/below  $S$ , they get closer to  $S$ . Therefore, the limit of the sequence of partial sums is  $S$
- We can do this because *Theorem - Some Further Properties of Conditionally Convergent Series*: If the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is conditionally convergent, then:
  - The series of positive terms diverges to  $\infty$ :  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^+ = \infty$
  - The series of negative terms diverges to  $-\infty$ :  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-a_n^-) = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^- = -\infty$
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0$

### Absolutely Convergent Series are Nice

- *Theorem - Reordering Absolutely Convergent Series*: If a series is absolutely convergent, then reordering its terms doesn't change the value of the sum
  - In other words: if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is absolutely convergent and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is any reordering of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is absolutely convergent and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$
  - Proof:

Proof.

(Case  $a_n \geq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ )

Assume that  $a_n \geq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $\sum a_n$  be an absolutely convergent series and let  $\sum b_n$  be a reordering of  $\sum a_n$ .

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Choose  $M$  such that all the terms  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k$  are included among the  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_M$ . Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^k b_n \leq \sum_{n=1}^M a_n \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n.$$

Therefore the partial sums of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  are bounded above. So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges. In addition,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n.$$

Reversing the role of  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  in the previous argument, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n.$$

Hence,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n.$$

(General case)

Recall:  $\sum a_n$  is absolutely convergent  $\Leftrightarrow \sum a_n^+$  and  $\sum a_n^-$  are both convergent.

Let  $\sum a_n$  be an absolutely convergent series. Then

$\sum a_n^+$  and  $\sum a_n^-$  both converge.

If  $\sum b_n$  is a reordering of  $\sum a_n$ , then

$\sum b_n^+$  and  $\sum b_n^-$  are reorderings of  $\sum a_n^+$  and  $\sum a_n^-$  respectively.

It follows from what we've just proved that they converge and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^+ = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^+ \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^- = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^-$$

Therefore,  $\sum b_n$  is absolutely convergent and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^+ - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^- = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^+ - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^- = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n.$$

## 4.7 Ratio Test

- 4.7 Ratio Test NOTES - A

### Ratio Test

- Theorem - Ratio Test:** Suppose that  $a_n \neq 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L$  (including the possibility of  $L = \infty$ )

- If  $L < 1$ , then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is absolutely convergent
- If  $L > 1$  (including the possibility of  $L = \infty$ ), then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent
- If  $L = 1$ , then the Ratio Test is inconclusive
- *Factorials in both numerator and denominator  $\rightsquigarrow$  ratios test is likely to be helpful!*
- Example:

**Example** Determine whether the following series is conditionally convergent, absolutely convergent or divergent:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{3^n}.$$

**Solution:** We will use the Ratio Test with  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n n}{3^n}$ .

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{\frac{(-1)^{n+1}(n+1)}{3^{n+1}}}{\frac{(-1)^n n}{3^n}} \right| = \frac{\frac{(n+1)}{3^{n+1}}}{\frac{n}{3^n}} = \frac{3^n(n+1)}{3^{n+1}n} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{n+1}{n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Since,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{1}{3} < 1$ , by the Ratio Test, the given series converges absolutely.

### Ratio Test - Proof

- We prove the ratio test case by case (suppose  $a_n \neq 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ )
  - Prove  $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \rightarrow L < 1 \implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges by comparing with a self-constructed geometric series

1. Assume that  $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \rightarrow L < 1$

 Compare the given series with a convergent geometric series!

Since  $L < 1$ , we can choose a number  $r$  such that  $L < r < 1$ .

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L$ , taking  $\varepsilon = r - L$ , we have that there exists  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$\forall n \geq N_0 \quad \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < L + \varepsilon = L + r - L = r$$

Therefore,  $|a_{n+1}| < |a_n|r \quad \forall n \geq N_0$ .

Using this we have

$$|a_{N_0+1}| < |a_{N_0}|r$$

$$|a_{N_0+2}| < |a_{N_0+1}|r < |a_{N_0}|r^2$$

$$|a_{N_0+3}| < |a_{N_0+2}|r < |a_{N_0}|r^3$$

and in general

$$|a_{N_0+k}| < |a_{N_0}|r^k \quad \text{for all } k \geq 1$$

Now the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_{N_0}|r^k$  is convergent because it is a geometric series with  $0 < r < 1$ .

Since  $|a_{N_0+k}| < |a_{N_0}|r^k$  for all  $k \geq 1$ , by the Comparison Test,

$$\sum_{n=N_0+1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_{N_0+k}|$$

is also convergent.

It follows that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  is convergent (a finite number of terms doesn't affect convergence.)

Therefore  $\sum a_n$  is absolutely convergent.

- Prove  $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \rightarrow L > 1 \implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges by necessary condition test

2. Assume that  $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \rightarrow L > 1$  or  $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \rightarrow \infty$

In both cases, there exists  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| > 1 \quad \forall n \geq N_0.$$

Therefore,  $|a_{n+1}| > |a_n|$  for all  $n \geq N_0$ .

Since  $|a_{N_0}| > 0$ , we have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0.$$

Therefore,  $\sum a_n$  diverges. (necessary condition test fails)

- Prove  $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \rightarrow L = 1 \implies$  inconclusive by taking examples

3.

- Can you think of a convergent series such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$ ?

The series  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges and

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)^2}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

- Can you think of a divergent series such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$ ?

The series  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  diverges and

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{\frac{1}{n+1}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{n}{n+1} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

## Series - Summary

### Toolbox for Series

- Definition of convergent series (sequence of partial sums converges)
- Convergence conditions for Geometric Series
- Whether Series of Non-Negative Numbers is bounded above
- Harmonic series is divergent
- Necessary Condition Test
- Basic Comparison Test
- Limit Comparison Test
- Alternating Series Test

- Absolute Convergent Test
- Ratio Test

## A Collection of Series

- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow \infty$  ([Harmonic Series](#) diverges to infinity)
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}$  ([Alternating Harmonic Series](#) converges)
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^a}$  converges if and only if  $a > 1$  ([p-Series](#))
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+k)^a}$  converges if and only if  $a > 1$  ([p-Series](#))
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^a$  converges if and only if  $a < -1$
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^n$  converges to  $\frac{a}{1-a}$  if and only if  $|a| < 1$  ([Geometric Series](#))
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a^n}$  converges if and only if  $|a| > 1$  ([Geometric Series](#))
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k+1}\right) = 1$  ([Telescoping Series](#))
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## Chapter 5: Power Series

- 5. Power Series - A

### 5.1 Power Series

#### Power Series

- *Definition* of the [Power Series](#): A power series is a series of the form:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots$$

where  $x$  is a variable and the  $a_n$ 's are constants called the coefficients of the series

- Note that
  - Here we adopt the convention that  $x^0 = 1$  even when  $x = 0$
  - *The power series is guaranteed to be convergent (to  $a_0$ ) when  $x = 0$*
- Example:

### Example

For what values of  $x$  is the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  convergent?

Solution: We use the Ratio Test with  $a_n = \frac{x^n}{n!}$ . ↑ Ratio test is very helpful when studying power series

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{\left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right|}{\left| \frac{x^n}{n!} \right|} = \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{|x|^n} = \frac{n!}{(n+1)n!} |x| = \frac{1}{n+1} |x|$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} |x| = 0 < 1 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Hence,  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  converges absolutely for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Remark: We define the exponential function as

$$\exp(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$

### Power Series: Example

#### Example

Find all the values of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  so that the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n2^n}$  converges.

Solution: We use the Ratio Test with  $a_n = \frac{x^n}{n2^n}$ .

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{\left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)2^{n+1}} \right|}{\left| \frac{x^n}{n2^n} \right|} = \frac{n2^n}{(n+1)2^{n+1}} \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{|x|^n} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{n}{n+1} |x|$$

Therefore,

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{n}{n+1} |x| = \frac{|x|}{2}$$

- If  $|x| < 2$ , then  $L = \frac{|x|}{2} < 1$ .

So, by the Ratio Test, the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n2^n}$  converges absolutely.

- If  $|x| > 2$ , then  $L = \frac{|x|}{2} > 1$ .

So, by the Ratio Test, the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n2^n}$  diverges.

- If  $|x| = 2$ , then  $L = \frac{|x|}{2} = 1$ .

The Ratio Test is inconclusive! 😞  $\Rightarrow$  we need to do something else.

- If  $x = 2$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

so the series diverges (this is the harmonic series).

- If  $x = -2$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{n2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{n2^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$$

so the series converges (this is the alternating harmonic series).

Therefore, the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n2^n}$  converges for  $-2 \leq x < 2$ .

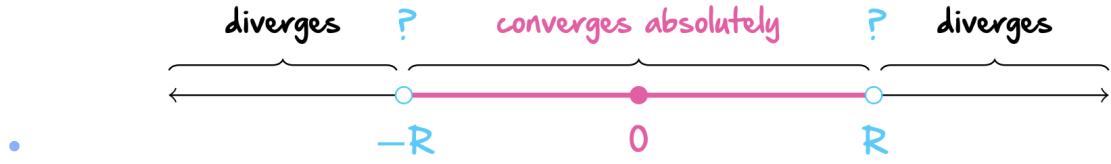
Interval of Convergence:  $[-2, 2)$ .

Radius of Convergence = 2.

## Convergence of Power Series (Theorem)

- Theorem:** Convergence of Power Series: The set of values  $x$  for which the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  converges is an interval centred at 0

- Possibilities:  $(-R, R)$ ,  $(-R, R]$ ,  $[-R, R)$ ,  $[-R, R]$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\{0\}$
- Even more, the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  converges absolutely for all  $x \in (-R, R)$ 
  - but the theorem does not tell us what happens when  $x = R$  or  $x = -R$
- The interval on which the series converges is called the *interval of convergence*
- $R$  is called the *radius of convergence* ( $0 \leq R \leq \infty$ )



- $\Rightarrow$  if the power series converges for some  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , then it converges absolutely for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|x| < |x_0|$

## Workflow: Finding the Interval of Convergence of a Power Series

- 1. Apply the **Ratio Test** to find the interval of  $x$  for which  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1$
  - 2. Check the values of  $x$  for which the **Ratio Test** is inconclusive  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$ 
    - (Using other tests, usually one end uses Alternating Series Test)
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## Chapter 6: Limits and Continuity

### 6.1 Limits

- 6.1 Limits \_ NOTES - A

#### Intuitive Idea of Limit

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  is not necessarily  $f(c)$ 
  - and *A function doesn't have to be defined at a point for the limit to exist*
  - e.g.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x - 2) = -1$

#### One-Sided Limits

- Consider the function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x - 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist, because we approach different points from the left and from the right
- But we can say that:
  - If  $x$  is very close to 0 with  $x > 0$ , then  $f(x)$  is very close to 1:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 1$$

- If  $x$  is very close to 0 with  $x < 0$ , then  $f(x)$  is very close to 0:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 0$$

## The Limit Does Not Exist Examples

- Intuition:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists if  $\exists L \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$
- Examples:
  - $f(x) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{x}\right)$ 
    - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  DNE: For  $x$  close to 0,  $f(x)$  does not stay close to a single value
  - $f(x) = \frac{1}{|x-2|}$ 
    - $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  DNE: For  $x$  close to 2,  $f(x)$  becomes arbitrarily large
      - We say that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \infty$

## Definition of Limits of Functions

- *Definition of Limit of a Function*: Let  $f$  be a function defined at least on an open interval  $(c-p, c+p)$  except possibly at  $c$  itself. We say that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$$

if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } 0 < |x - c| < \delta \implies |f(x) - L| < \epsilon$$

- Intuition: *no matter how close to  $L$  I want  $f(x)$  to be, I can find  $x$  sufficiently close to  $c$  such that  $f(x)$  is as close to  $L$  as I wanted*

### Trick for $\epsilon - \delta$ Proof

- If you have something of the form  $|x - a| \cdot f(x)$ , then assume  $|x - a| < 1$  and find an upper bound for  $|f(x)|$ .
- Sometimes, you need to have  $|x| < B$  for  $B \leq 1$  to avoid problems
- Then, let  $\delta = \min\{B, \text{something depends on } \epsilon\}$

## Limit of Functions and Sequences

- *Theorem - Characterisation of Limits Via Sequences*: Suppose  $a < c < b$ , and  $f$  is a function defined for all numbers in the interval  $(a, b)$ , with the possible exception at  $c$ . Then:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$$

if and only if ( $\iff$ ) for all sequences  $(x_n)$  with  $x_n \in (a, b), x_n \neq c \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$x_n \rightarrow c \implies f(x_n) \rightarrow L$$

- Proof:

Assume  $f$  is defined on the interval  $(a, b)$ , except possibly at  $c \in (a, b)$ , and let  $L \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The two statements that we want to prove equivalent are:

- Statement A:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$
- Statement B: "For all sequences  $(x_n)$  with  $x_n \in (a, b)$  and  $x_n \neq c$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \rightarrow c$ , we have  $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$ ."

We first prove  $A \Rightarrow B$ .

Assume  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ , and that  $(x_n)$  is a sequence of numbers in  $(a, b)$  satisfying  $x_n \neq c$  for all  $n$  and  $x_n \rightarrow c$ .

We want to show  $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$ , which would mean that for any given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a number  $N \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$n > N \Rightarrow |f(x_n) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ , we know that for any such  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a number  $\delta > 0$  with

$$\underbrace{|x - c| < \delta \text{ and } x \neq c}_{0 < |x - c| < \delta} \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

Further, since  $\delta > 0$ , the convergence  $x_n \rightarrow c$  guarantees the existence of a number  $N \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$n > N \Rightarrow |x_n - c| < \delta.$$

Since  $x_n \in (a, b)$  and  $x_n \neq c$  for all  $n$ , combining we have

$$n > N \Rightarrow |x_n - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x_n) - L| < \varepsilon,$$

which proves  $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$ .

We now prove  $B \Rightarrow A$ .

In order to prove  $B \Rightarrow A$ , we will prove the contrapositive ( $\neg A \Rightarrow \neg B$ ):

**Statement A means:**

For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  
for all  $x \neq c$ ,  $|x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$ .

**Negation of A:**

There exists a number  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for every  $\delta > 0$ , there exists  $x \neq c$  with  
 $|x - c| < \delta$  but  $|f(x) - L| \geq \varepsilon$ .

**Statement B means:**

For all sequences  $(x_n)$  with  $x_n \in (a, b)$  and  $x_n \neq c$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \rightarrow c$ , we have  $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$ .

**Negation of B:**

There exists a sequence  $(x_n)$  with  $x_n \in (a, b)$  and  $x_n \neq c$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \rightarrow c$ , but  $f(x_n) \not\rightarrow L$ .

Now assume the negation of A is true.

Choose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  large enough so that  $(c - \frac{1}{N}, c + \frac{1}{N}) \subset (a, b)$ .

Then there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for all integers  $n \geq N$ , one can find a number  $x_n \in (a, b)$  with  $x_n \neq c$  and  $|x_n - c| < 1/n$  but  $|f(x_n) - L| \geq \varepsilon$ .

For  $n = 1, \dots, N-1$ , define  $x_n$  to be arbitrary numbers in  $(a, b)$  not equal to  $c$ .

This gives a sequence  $(x_n)$  with  $x_n \in (a, b)$  for all  $n$  and, for all  $n \geq N$ ,

$$c - \frac{1}{n} < x_n < c + \frac{1}{n},$$

so the sandwich theorem implies  $x_n \rightarrow c$ .

But we also have  $|f(x_n) - L| \geq \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ ,  
which implies that  $(f(x_n))$  cannot converge to  $L$ .

This sequence thus establishes the negation of statement B.

## Properties of Limits of Function

- Theorem - Limit Laws for Functions:** Suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = A$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = B$ . Then:

- Limit of the sum is the sum of the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) + g(x)] = A + B$$

- Limit of the product is product of the limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] = AB$$

- Limit of the quotient is quotient of the limit: If  $B \neq 0$  and  $g(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x$  sufficiently close to  $c$ , then:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{A}{B}$$

- Proof of the first one (*using the characterisation of limits via sequences*)

- Use characterisation of limits via sequence for arbitrary sequence  $(x_n) \rightarrow c$ ; Apply limit laws for sequences; Use characterisation of limits via sequence again to go back to functions

**(1)** Let  $(x_n)$  be an arbitrary sequence with  $x_n \neq c$  for all  $n$  and  $x_n \rightarrow c$ .

Using the characterisation of limits via sequences we have that

$$f(x_n) \rightarrow A \quad \text{and} \quad g(x_n) \rightarrow B.$$

Applying the sum rule for limits of sequences, this implies

$f(x_n) + g(x_n) \rightarrow A + B.$   
Since this is true for every sequence  $x_n \rightarrow c$  with  $x_n \neq c$  for all  $n$ , by the characterisation of limits via sequences this implies

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x) + g(x)] = A + B.$$

- *Theorem - Sandwich Theorem for Functions*: Suppose  $f, g, h$  are 3 functions defined on an interval  $(a, b)$ , except possibly at the point  $c \in (a, b)$ , and satisfying:

$$f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x) \quad \forall x \in (a, c) \cup (c, b)$$

Suppose also that:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = L$$

Then:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$$

- Proof (again, characterisation by sequences):

**Proof.**

Let  $(x_n)$  be an arbitrary sequence with  $x_n \in (a, b)$  and  $x_n \neq c$  for all  $n$ , and  $x_n \rightarrow c$ . Using the characterisation of limit of function via sequences we have that

$$f(x_n) \rightarrow L \quad \text{and} \quad h(x_n) \rightarrow L,$$

Moreover, since  $x_n \in (a, c) \cup (c, b)$ , we have that  $f(x_n) \leq g(x_n) \leq h(x_n)$  for all  $n$ .

Therefore, by the sandwich theorem for limits of sequences we have that  $g(x_n) \rightarrow L$ .

Since  $(x_n)$  was an arbitrary sequence with  $x_n \in (a, c) \cup (c, b)$  for all  $n$ , and  $x_n \rightarrow c$ , the characterisation of limits of functions via sequences implies that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$ .

## 6.2 Continuity

- 6.2 Continuity\_NOTES - A

### Definition of Continuity

- **Definition of Continuity at a Point:** Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f$  be a function defined at least on an open interval centred at  $c$ . We say  $f$  is continuous at  $c$  if:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$$

In other words ( $\epsilon, \delta$  Definition):

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } |x - c| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon$$

- This definition demands 3 things:

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists
- $f(c)$  is defined
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$

- $\epsilon, \delta$  **Definition of Continuity at a Point:** Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f$  be a function defined at least on an open interval centred at  $c$ . We say  $f$  is continuous at  $c$  if:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } |x - c| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon$$

- Intuitively,  $f$  is continuous at  $c$  means that "if  $x$  is close to  $c$ , then  $f(x)$  is close to  $f(c)$ "
- **Definition of Left and Right Continuity:**

- A function is called left-continuous at  $c$  if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = f(c)$$

- A function is called right-continuous at  $c$  if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = f(c)$$

- **Definition of Continuity on an Open Interval:**  $f$  is continuous on the open interval  $(a, b)$  if  $f$  is continuous at  $c \forall c \in (a, b)$
- **Definition of Continuity on a Closed Interval:**  $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  if:
  - $f$  is continuous on  $(a, b)$
  - $f$  is right-continuous at  $a$
  - $f$  is left-continuous at  $b$

## Combining Continuous Functions

- **Theorem - Combining Continuous Functions:** If  $f, g$  are continuous at  $c$ , then:
  - $f \pm g$  is continuous at  $c$
  - $\alpha f$  is continuous at  $c \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$
  - $fg$  is continuous at  $c$
  - $\frac{f}{g}$  is continuous at  $c$  provided  $g(c) \neq 0$
- Proof (just limit laws):

**Proof.**

Each follows immediately from the Limit Laws. Let us prove (c) as an example.

Since  $f, g$  are both continuous at  $c$ , we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c) \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = g(c).$$

Since both limits exist, we can apply the Limit Law "limit of product is product of limits".

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f \cdot g](x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] = [\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)][\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)] = f(c)g(c) = [f \cdot g](c).$$

- Use this theorem, we can derive:
- **Theorem - Polynomials are continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ :** Let  $P(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$  and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) = P(c)$$

- Proof: ( $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x = c$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} a_0 = a_0$  then induction to show that )

Let  $P(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$  and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- It's easy to prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x = c$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} a_0 = a_0$
- Use part (c) and induction to show that for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^k = \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x \right)^k = c^k$$

Therefore, using the previous theorem, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0) = a_n c^n + \dots + a_1 c + a_0 = P(c).$$

- **Theorem - Rational Functions are Continuous:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$  where  $P(x), Q(x)$  are polynomials and  $Q \not\equiv 0$ . Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$$

- Proof:

If  $f$  is defined at  $c$  (i.e. if  $Q(c) \neq 0$ ) then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{P(c)}{Q(c)} = f(c).$$

### 6.3 Limits and Composition

- 6.3 Limits and Composition \_ NOTES - A

### Continuity and Composition

- **Theorem - Composition:**

- Let  $f, g$  be functions such that:
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$
- $f$  is continuous at  $L$
- Then:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(g(x)) = f(\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x))$$

- Proof:

**Proof.**

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$ , it is sufficient to prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(g(x)) = f(L)$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we need to find  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - c| < \delta \text{ then } |f(g(x)) - f(L)| < \varepsilon.$$

- Since  $f$  is continuous at  $L$ , there exists  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that for every  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\text{if } |y - L| < \delta_1 \text{ then } |f(y) - f(L)| < \varepsilon. \quad (1)$$

- We also know that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$ .

So for the  $\delta_1 > 0$  obtained above, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\text{if } 0 < |x - c| < \delta \text{ then } |g(x) - L| < \delta_1. \quad (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2), and by setting  $y = g(x)$ , we have for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$0 < |x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |g(x) - L| < \delta_1 \Rightarrow |f(g(x)) - f(L)| < \varepsilon.$$

Therefore, if  $0 < |x - c| < \delta$  then  $|f(g(x)) - f(L)| < \varepsilon$  as required.

- **Theorem - Composition of Continuous is Continuous:**
  - If  $f, g$  are functions such that
  - $g$  is continuous at  $c$
  - $f$  is continuous at  $g(c)$
  - Then:  $f \circ g$  is continuous at  $c$  ( $f \circ g$  means the composition of  $f, g$ :  $f \circ g = f(g(x))$ )

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(g(x)) = f(g(c))$$

- Proof:

**Proof.**

Using the previous theorem, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(g(x)) = f(\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)) \quad (f \text{ is continuous at } g(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x))$$

$$= f(g(c)) \quad (\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = g(c))$$

$\underbrace{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = g(c)}$   
since  $g(x)$  is continuous at  $c$

- Example use:

**Example** The function  $F(x) = |x| + \frac{1}{5 - \sqrt{x^2 + 16}}$  is continuous everywhere except at  $x = \pm 3$  where it is not defined.

To see this, note that  $F = f_1 + f_2 \circ f_3 \circ f_4 \circ f_5$  where

$$f_1(x) = |x|, \quad f_2(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad f_3(x) = 5 - x, \quad f_4(x) = \sqrt{x}, \quad f_5(x) = x^2 + 16.$$

Note that

- $f_1, f_3$  and  $f_5$  are continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ ;
- $f_2$  is evaluated only at nonzero numbers and
- $f_4$  is evaluated only at positive numbers.
- Hence applying the previous theorem we see that  $F$  is continuous. \*

## Limits and Composition

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L, \lim_{y \rightarrow L} f(y) = M$  Does NOT imply  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(g(x)) = M$
- Counterexample:

Let

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } y = 1 \\ 3 & \text{if } y \neq 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = 1 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 1$
- $\lim_{y \rightarrow 1} f(y) = 3$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(g(x)) = ???$

$$\text{For } x \in \mathbb{R}, f(g(x)) = f(1) = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(g(x)) = 2!$$

- Problem here:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L \quad \text{means} \quad & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \text{ close to } c \\ x \neq c \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow g(x) \text{ is close to } L \\
 & \text{allows for } g(x) = L \text{ around } c \\
 (2) \quad \lim_{y \rightarrow L} f(y) = M \quad \text{means} \quad & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y \text{ close to } L \\ y \neq L \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow f(y) \text{ is close to } M
 \end{aligned}$$

We can't concatenate the two implications 😞

- Circumvent this issue:

- *Theorem - Limits and Composition:*

- Variant 1 (remove the condition  $y \neq L$ )
  - If:
    - $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$
    - $f$  is continuous at  $L$
  - Then:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(g(x)) = f(L)$
- Variant 2 (remove the possibility that  $g(x) = L$  around  $c$ )
  - If:
    - $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$
    - $g(x) \neq L$  for  $x \in (c - \delta, c + \delta)$  for some  $\delta > 0$  except possibly at  $c$
    - $\lim_{y \rightarrow L} f(y) = M$
  - Then:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(g(x)) = M$

## 6.4 Intermediate Value Theorem and Extreme Value Theorem

- 6.4 IVT and EVT \_ NOTES - A

### Intermediate Value Theorem

- *Theorem - Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT):*

- Let  $f$  be *continuous on a close interval*  $[a, b]$  and  $K$  be any real number between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$
- Then there is at least one number  $c$  between  $a$  and  $b$  for which  $f(c) = K$
- In other words:

$$\forall K \in (f(a), f(b)), \exists c \in (a, b) \text{ s.t. } f(c) = K$$

- Caveat: always check the hypothesis/condition that  $f(x)$  is continuous on a closed interval  $[a, b]$  first

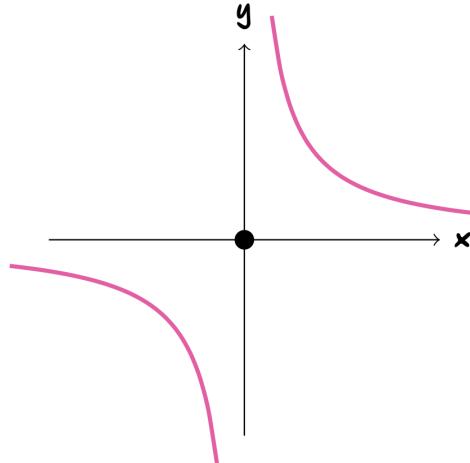
- Intuition: a function that is continuous on an interval has no gaps and hence cannot skip over values

- Non-example:

Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{4}{x}$ .

We have  $f(-1) = -4 < 0$  and  $f(1) = 4 > 0$ .

Is there a number  $c \in (-1, 1)$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ ?



No!

This does not contradict the IVT because this function is not continuous on  $[-1, 1]$ .

- Example use:

- Using IVT to locate zeros of a function

Show that there is a solution to the equation  $x^2 = \sin x + 2 \cos x$  on the interval  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ .

Let  $f(x) = \sin x + 2 \cos x - x^2$ .

$f(c) = 0 \iff$  the given equation has  $x = c$  as a solution.

Note  $f$  is a continuous function and

$$f(0) = 2 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{4} < 0.$$

Therefore by IVT, there exists  $c \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  such that  $x^2 = \sin x + 2 \cos x$ .

## Extreme Value Theorem

- **Theorem** - Extreme Value Theorem (EVT):
  - If  $f$  is continuous on a *bounded closed interval*  $[a, b]$
  - Then, on that interval  $f$  attains both a maximum and a minimum value
- Caveat: in the Extreme Value Theorem, *all the hypotheses are needed*:

- If the interval is not bounded:  $f(x) = x^3$  is continuous but has no maximum on  $[0, \infty)$
- If the interval is not closed:  $f(x) = x^2$  is continuous but has no maximum on  $(-1, 1)$ 
  - There is a supremum, but not a maximum
- If the function is not continuous:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  does not attain a maximum on the closed and bounded interval  $[0, 1]$

## Mapping

- *Theorem* - Mapping:
    - IVT  $\rightsquigarrow$  continuous functions map intervals to intervals
    - IVT + EVT  $\rightsquigarrow$  continuous functions map closed and bounded intervals to closed and bounded intervals
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## Chapter 7: Derivatives

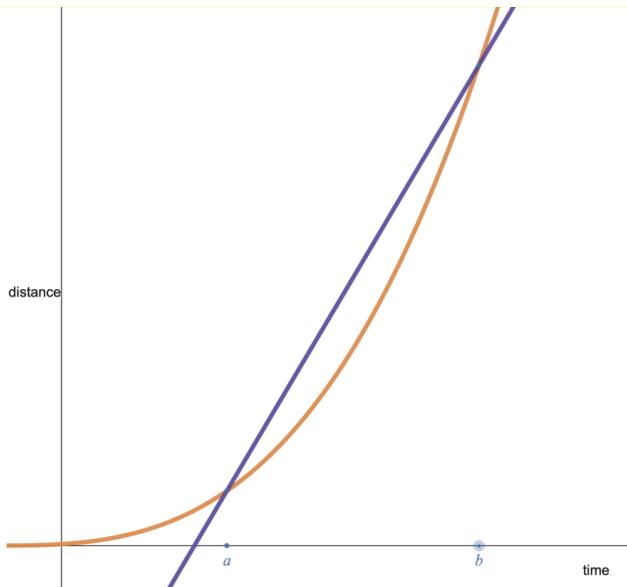
### 7.1 Derivatives (Definition)

- 7.1 Derivative (definition) NOTES - A

### Derivative (Defintion)

- *Definition* - Secant Line: Let  $f$  be a function and  $a < b$  be two real numbers. The unique straight line passing through the points  $(a, f(a)), (b, f(b))$  is called the scant line from  $a$  to  $b$

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- The slope of this scant line is given by:

$$m_{ab} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

- **Definition - Derivative at a Point:** Let  $f$  be a function and  $a$  be a number in the domain of  $f$ .

- We say that  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$  if:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h} \text{ exists}$$

- If this limit exists, it is called the derivative of  $f$  at  $a$  and denoted by  $f'(a)$
- Example:

**Example** Find the derivative of the function  $f(x) = x^2$  at  $x = a$ .

From the definition of derivative, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f'(a) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^2 - a^2}{x - a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x + a)(x - a)}{x - a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x + a) \\ &= 2a. \end{aligned}$$

## Derivative of a Function

- **Definition - Derivative of a Function:** Let  $f$  be a function. For each  $x$  where  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$ , there is a value  $f'(x)$  associated with  $x$ . We can view the derivative as a function with

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y - x}$$

- we say that  $f'$  is the derivative of  $f$
- The domain of  $f'$  is the set  $\{x : f'(x) \text{ exists}\} = \{x : f \text{ is differentiable at } x\}$
- The domain of  $f'$  may be smaller than the domain of  $f$
- Example

### Example

For  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , find  $f'$ .

Since  $f'(x)$  is a two-sided limit, we don't expect the derivative to exist for  $x \leq 0$ .

For  $x > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} &= \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} \\ &= \frac{(x+h) - x}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$ .

Thus we see that  $f'(x)$  for all  $x > 0$ , hence the domain of  $f'$  is  $(0, \infty)$ .  
This is smaller than the domain of  $f$ , which is  $[0, \infty)$ .

## Derivative of Piecewise Defined Functions

Example Find  $f'(1)$  where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ 2x - 1 & \text{if } x > 1. \end{cases}$$

By definition

$$f'(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1}.$$

Since  $f$  is defined by different formulas on each side of 1, we evaluate this by calculating the one-sided limits.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (x+1) = 2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{2x - 1 - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{2(x-1)}{x-1} = 2.$$

Hence  $f'(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = 2$ .

## 7.2 Continuity and Differentiability

- 7.2 Differentiability and Continuity \_ NOTES - A

### Differentiable Functions are Continuous

- Theorem** - Differentiable  $\implies$  Continuous: If  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ 
  - Contrapositive:** If  $f$  is not continuous at  $a$ , then  $f$  is not differentiable at  $a$
  - The **converse is not true!** Continuous does not imply differentiable.
- Proof:

Let  $f$  be differentiable at the point  $a$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = L \text{ exists and is finite.}$$

To show that  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ , we must show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a) \text{ or equivalently } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - f(a)] = 0.$$

If we multiply and divide  $(f(x) - f(a))$  by  $(x - a)$  we get

$$f(x) - f(a) = \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} (x - a) \text{ for } x \neq a.$$

Therefore

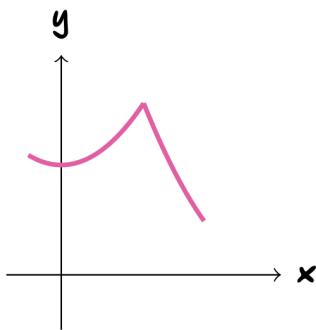
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - f(a)] &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} (x - a) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x - a) \quad (\text{by limit laws}) \\ &= L \cdot 0 \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ .

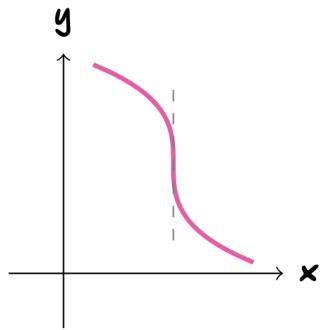
### Continuous but NOT Differentiable

- Theorem** - 3 Types of Non-Differentiable: There are three ways in which a function fail to be differentiable:
  - a corner or cusp (non-differentiable but continuous)
  - a vertical tangent line (non-differentiable but continuous)

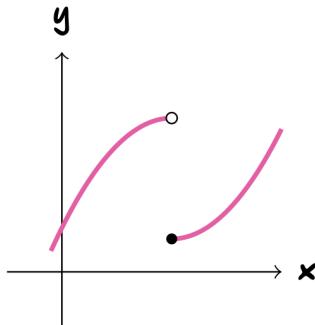
- a discontinuity (non-differentiable, non-continuous)



(a) A corner or cusp



(b) A vertical tangent line



(c) A discontinuity

- Corner example

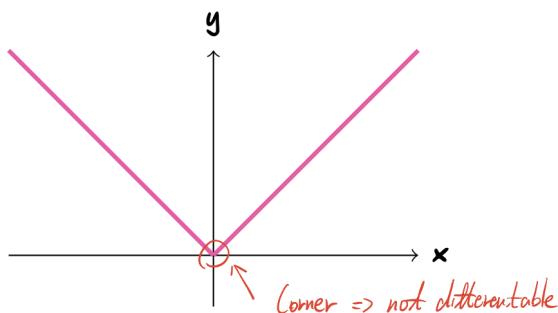
**Example** The function  $f(x) = |x|$  is not differentiable at 0.

Note that

$$\frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \frac{|0+h| - |0|}{h} = \frac{|h|}{h} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } h > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } h < 0. \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = -1$  and  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = 1$ .

Hence  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h}$  does not exist.



Corner  $\Rightarrow$  not differentiable

- Vertical tangent line example

**Example** The function  $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$  is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

Note that

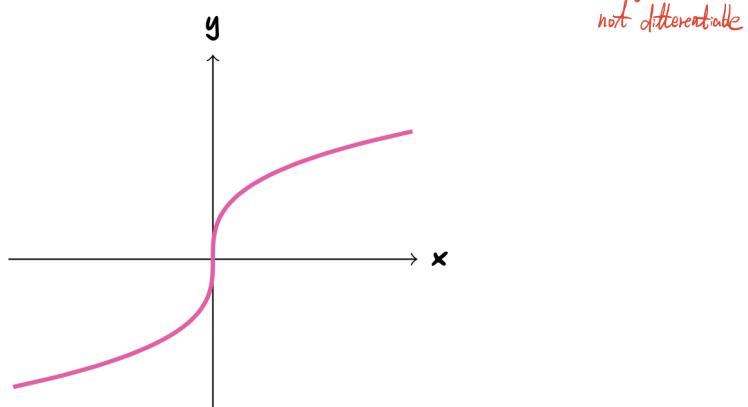
$$\frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \frac{h^{\frac{1}{3}} - 0}{h} = \frac{1}{h^{\frac{2}{3}}},$$

so we have that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \infty.$$

Thus  $f$  is not differentiable at 0

At  $x = 0$ , the slope of the tangent line is infinite  $\rightsquigarrow$  the graph of has a **vertical tangent line** at the origin.



- Differentiable Functions (Consequences)**

- If a function  $f$  is differentiable everywhere on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then:
  - $f(a)$  is defined
  - $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists
  - $f$  is continuous at  $a$
  - $f'(x)$  exists
- However:
  - $f'$  may not be continuous at  $a \iff \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f'(x)$  DNE
    - The only possibility that  $f(x)$  is differentiable at a point, but its derivative is not continuous at that point is:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  D NE
- Example:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x \sin \frac{1}{x} - \cos \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(0) = 0 \text{ but } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x) \text{ DNE}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) \text{ is not continuous at 0}$$

### 7.3 Some Differentiation Rules

- 7.3-Differentiation Rules \_ NOTES - A

- **Theorem** - Derivative of Sums and Scalar Multiples: Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable at  $x$ , then  $f + g$  and  $\alpha f$  are differentiable at  $x$ , and
  - $(f + g)'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x)$
  - $(\alpha f)'(x) = \alpha f'(x)$

• Proof:

For (1), using the definition of derivative, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (f + g)'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(f + g)(x + h) - (f + g)(x)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) + g(x + h) - f(x) - g(x)}{h} \quad ((f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)) \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x) + g(x + h) - g(x)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x + h) - g(x)}{h} \quad (\text{by the limit laws}) \\
 &= f'(x) + g'(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Theorem** - The Product Rule: If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable at  $x$ , then so is their product and

$$(f \cdot g)'(x) = f(x)g'(x) + g(x)f'(x)$$

- Proof: key: add and subtract  $f(x+h)g(x)$

We form the difference quotient.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(f \cdot g)(x+h) - (f \cdot g)(x)}{h} &= \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\ &= \frac{f(x+h)g(x+h) - f(x+h)g(x) + f(x+h)g(x) - f(x)g(x)}{h} \\ &= f(x+h) \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} + g(x) \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}.\end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  is differentiable, we know that  $f$  is continuous. Therefore,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x+h) = f(x).$$

Since

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} = g'(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = f'(x),$$

using the limit laws we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}(f \cdot g)'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(f \cdot g)(x+h) - (f \cdot g)(x)}{h} \quad (\text{by limit law}) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x+h) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} g(x) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= f(x)g'(x) + g(x)f'(x).\end{aligned}$$

- Theorem - The Reciprocal Rule:** If  $g$  is differentiable at  $x$  and  $g(x) \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{g}$  is differentiable at  $x$  and

$$\left(\frac{1}{g}\right)'(x) = -\frac{g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

- Theorem - The Quotient Rule:** If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable at  $x$  and  $g(x) \neq 0$ , then the quotient  $\frac{f}{g}$  is differentiable at  $x$  and

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x) = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

- Trick for direct proof: add and subtract  $f(a)g(a)$  in the denominator

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### Proof Remarks (see PPT)

- Checklist for proving the quotient rule:
  - Did you use the definition of derivative?
  - Are there words or only equations?
  - Does every step follow logically?
  - Did you only assume things you can assume?
  - Did you assume at some point that a function was differentiable?
  - Did you assume at some point that a function is continuous? If so, did you justify it?
- **Theorem - Chain Rule:** If  $g$  is differentiable at  $x$  and  $f$  is differentiable at  $g(x)$ , then the composite function  $F = f \circ g$  defined by  $F(x) = f(g(x))$  is differentiable at  $x$ , and

$$F'(x) = (f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

- In using the chain rule we work from the outside to the inside:

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = \underbrace{f'(g(x))}_{\text{derivative of outer evaluated at inner}} \cdot \underbrace{g'(x)}_{\text{derivative of inner}}$$

- Caveat: it is  $f'(g(x))$  not  $f'(g'(x))$ !!!
- Example:

**Example** Find  $F'(x)$  where  $F(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ .

At the beginning of the section, we expressed  $F$  as  $F(x) = (f \circ g)(x)$  where  $f(u) = \sqrt{u}$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 1$ .

- Since

$$f'(u) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}} \quad \text{and} \quad g'(x) = 2x,$$

we have, by the chain rule,

$$\begin{aligned} F'(x) &= f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \cdot 2x \\ &= \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}. \end{aligned}$$

## 7.4 Local Maximum and Derivatives

- 7.4 Local Maximum NOTES - A

- **Theorem - Local Maximum and Local Minimum:** Let  $f$  be a function defined on an open interval  $I$  and let  $c \in I$ .

- $f$  has a *maximum* at  $c$  if and only if

$$f(c) \geq f(x) \quad \forall x \in I$$

- $f$  has a *local maximum* at  $c$  if and only if

$$\exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } |x - c| < \delta \implies f(c) \geq f(x)$$

- **Theorem - Local Extreme Value Theorem:** Let  $f$  be a function defined on an open interval  $I$  and let  $c \in I$ . If  $f$  has a local maximum/minimum at  $c$  and  $c$  is an interior point of  $I$  (not an end-point), then  $f'(c) = 0$  or  $f'(c)$  does not exist.

- The converse is not true! If  $f'(c) = 0$ , we cannot conclude that it's a local max/min!

- Example:

**Example**

If  $f(x) = x^3$ , then  $f'(x) = 3x^2$ , so  $f'(0) = 0$

But  $f$  has no maximum or minimum at 0!

- Proof:

Assume that  $f$  has a local maximum at  $c$ .

We want to show that either  $f'(c) = 0$  or  $f'(c)$  does NOT exist.

We will assume that  $f'(c)$  exists and prove that it must be 0.

Since  $f$  has a local maximum at  $c$ , by the definition,

$$f(c) \geq f(x) \text{ for all } x \text{ in some interval } (c - p, c + p).$$

This implies that

if  $h > 0$  is so small that  $c + h \in (c - p, c + p)$ , then  $f(c) \geq f(c + h)$

Hence  $f(c + h) - f(c) \leq 0$ , and since  $h > 0$ , we have

$$\frac{f(c + h) - f(c)}{h} \leq 0.$$

Thus we have

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(c + h) - f(c)}{h} \leq 0. \quad (1)$$

Similarly, if  $h < 0$  is small enough, we have  $f(c+h) - f(c) \leq 0$ , but with negative denominator we get

$$\frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} \geq 0.$$

Thus we have

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} \geq 0. \quad (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2) and using that  $f$  is differentiable at  $c$ , we have

$$0 \leq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} = f'(c) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} \leq 0.$$

So  $f'(c) = 0$ .

## 7.5 The Mean Value Theorem

- 7.5 MVT\_Notes - A

### The Mean Value Theorem

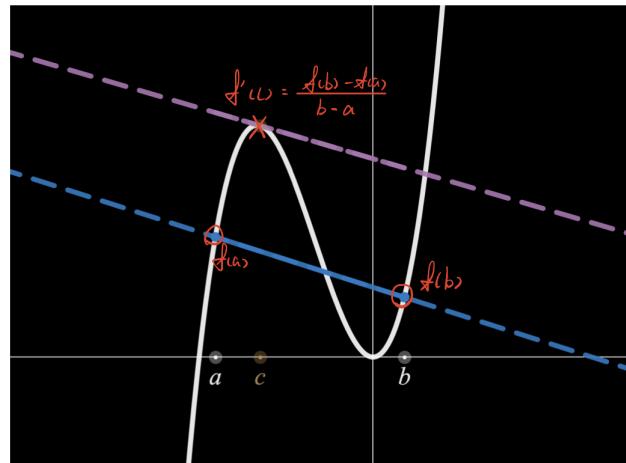
- **Theorem** - Mean Value Theorem (MVT):
  - Let  $f$  be a function that satisfies the following hypothesis:
  - $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$
  - $f$  is differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$
  - Then, there is at least one number  $c \in (a, b)$  such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

- Geometric interpretation:

The conclusion of the Mean Value Theorem says

$$\exists c \in (a, b) \text{ s.t. } f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}.$$



- $\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$  is the slope of the secant line between  $A(a, f(a))$  and  $B(b, f(b))$
- $f'(c)$  is the slope of the tangent line at the point  $(c, f(c))$

- MVT  $\implies$  at least one point  $c$  where the tangent line to the graph at  $x = c$  is parallel to the secant line AB
- Some important applications of the MVT:
  - A function with zero derivative must be constant
  - A function with positive derivative must be increasing
  - The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
  - L'Hôpital's Rule
  - All integrations methods
  - ...

### Rolle's Theorem

- **Theorem - Rolle's Theorem:**
  - Let  $f$  be a function that satisfies the following hypothesis:
    - $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$
    - $f$  is differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$
    - $f(a) = f(b)$
  - Then, there exists a point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f'(c) = 0$
- Proof:

- Recall

### Definition (Local max and min)

Let  $f$  be a function defined on an open interval around  $c$ .

- $f$  has a local maximum at  $c$  if  $f(c) \geq f(x)$  for all  $x$  in some open interval containing  $c$ .
- $f$  has a local minimum at  $c$  if  $f(c) \leq f(x)$  for all  $x$  in some open interval containing  $c$ .

Recall:

### Theorem (Extreme Value Theorem)

If  $f$  is continuous on a closed and bounded interval  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  attains both a maximum value and a minimum value on  $[a, b]$ .

### Theorem (Local Extreme Value Theorem)

If  $f$  has a local maximum or minimum at  $c$ , then  $f'(c) = 0$  or  $f'(c)$  does NOT exist.

- Proof: EVT + LEVT

Proof.

Since  $f$  is continuous, by the Extreme Value Theorem,  $f$  attains a maximum and a minimum on  $[a, b]$ .

Case 1:

If  $f$  attains a maximum OR a minimum at some point  $c \in (a, b)$ ,  
then it is a local maximum or a local minimum at  $c$ .

By the Local Extreme Value Theorem,  $f'(c) = 0$  or  $f'(c)$  does NOT exist.

Since  $f$  is differentiable at  $c$ ,  $f'(c) = 0$ .

Case 2:

If  $f$  attains both its maximum AND minimum at the end-points, since  $f(a) = f(b)$ ,  
 $f$  must be a constant function.

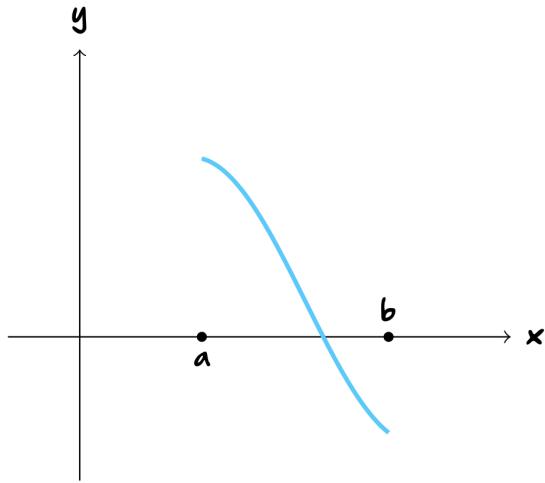
Therefore, for all  $x \in (a, b)$ ,  $f'(x) = 0$ .

In both cases we have that there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f'(c) = 0$ .

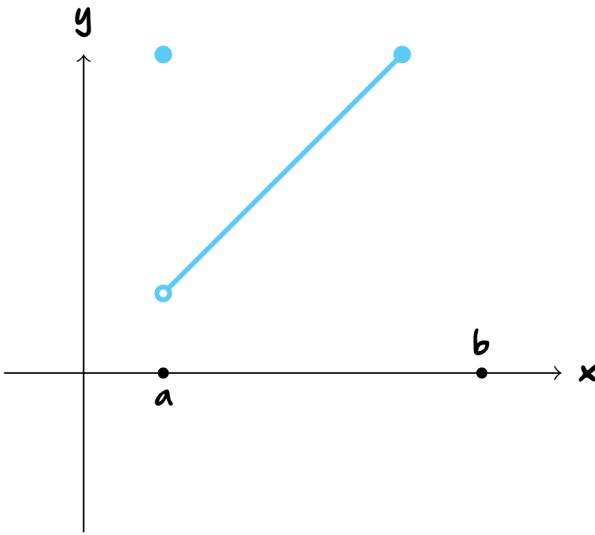


- Note that all 3 hypotheses are needed in Rolle's Theorem!

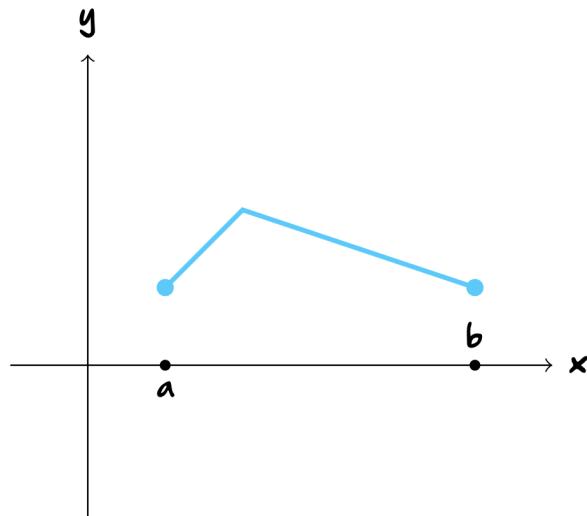
- If  $f(a) \neq f(b)$



- If  $f$  is not continuous on  $[a, b]$



- If  $f$  is not differentiable on  $(a, b)$



### *Implication of Rolle's Theorem: How Many 0's Does a Function Have?*

- Use IVT to find the minimum number of roots, and use MVT/Rolle's theorem to show the maximum number of roots (Rolle's Theorem  $\implies$   $f$  has  $K$  roots requires  $f'$  to have at least  $K - 1$  roots)

least  $K-1$  zeros and  $f''$  to have at least  $K-2$  zeros)

**Example** Prove that the equation  $x^3 + x - 1 = 0$  has exactly one real root.

①

**Existence:** We first use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that a root exists.

Let  $f(x) = x^3 + x - 1$ . Then  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  and

$$f(0) = -1 < 0, \quad f(1) = 1 > 0.$$

So by the Intermediate Value Theorem, there exists  $c \in (0, 1)$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .  
Thus the given equation has a root.

②

**Uniqueness:** To show that the equation has no other real root, we use Rolle's Theorem.  
Suppose that it had two roots  $a$  and  $b$ , we aim for a contradiction.

Since  $f$  is a polynomial, it is differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and continuous on  $[a, b]$ .

$$f(a) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f(b) = 0.$$

Thus by Rolle's Theorem, there is  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f'(c) = 0$ . But

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 1 \geq 1 \quad \text{for all } x.$$

This gives a contradiction.

Therefore the equation cannot have more than one real root.

## What Does $f'$ Say about $f$ ?

- **Theorem - Increasing/Decreasing Test:**
  - Suppose that  $f$  is differentiable on an open interval  $(a, b)$ . Then:
    - If  $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$ , then  $f$  is increasing on  $(a, b)$
    - If  $f'(x) < 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$ , then  $f$  is decreasing on  $(a, b)$
- Proof: take any  $x_1, x_2 \in (a, b)$ , then use MVT to show that  $f'(c) > 0 \implies f(x_2) > f(x_1)$

**Proof.**

We will prove (1).

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in (a, b)$  with  $x_1 < x_2$ .

Since  $f$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , we know that  $f$  is differentiable on  $(x_1, x_2)$  and continuous on  $[x_1, x_2]$ . By the Mean Value Theorem, there is a number  $c \in (x_1, x_2)$  such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}.$$

Since  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ ,  $f'(c) > 0$  and we have

$$\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} > 0.$$

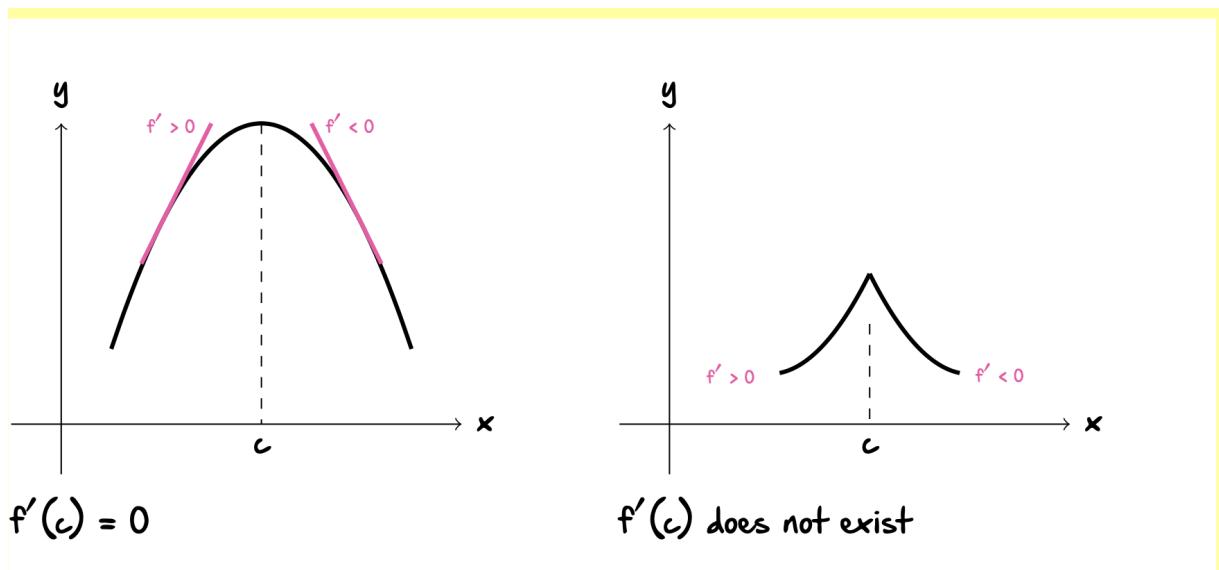
Since  $x_2 - x_1 > 0$ , this implies that  $f(x_2) > f(x_1)$ .

Therefore,  $f$  is increasing on  $(a, b)$ .

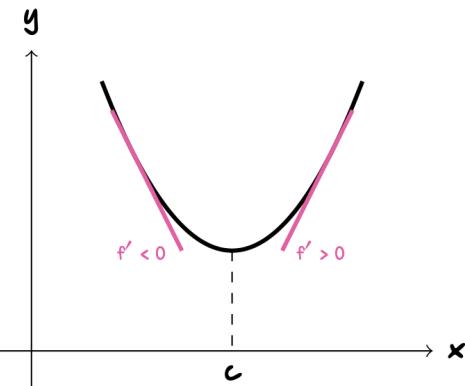
- *Theorem* - Improved Increasing/Decreasing Test:
  - Suppose that  $f$  is differentiable on an open interval  $(a, b)$  and continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$ . Then:
    - If  $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$ , then  $f$  is increasing on  $[a, b]$
    - If  $f'(x) < 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$ , then  $f$  is decreasing on  $[a, b]$
- *Theorem* - Zero Derivative Implies Constant:
  - $f'(x) = 0 \forall x \in (a, b) \iff f$  is constant on  $(a, b)$

## First Derivative Test

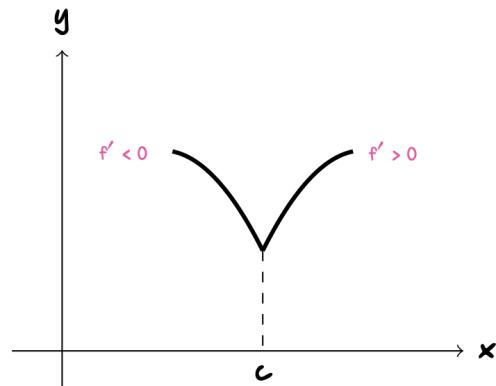
- *Theorem* - First Derivative Test:
  - Suppose that  $c$  is a critical point for  $f$  (i.e.  $f'(c) = 0$  or  $f'(c)$  DNE) and  $f$  is continuous at  $c$ . If there is a positive number  $\delta$  such that:
    - $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (c - \delta, c)$  and  $f'(x) < 0 \forall x \in (c, c + \delta)$ , then  $f$  has a local maximum at  $c$
    - $f'(x) < 0 \forall x \in (c - \delta, c)$  and  $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (c, c + \delta)$ , then  $f$  has a local minimum at  $c$
    - $f'(x)$  does not change sign on  $(c - \delta, c) \cup (c, c + \delta)$ , then  $f(c)$  is not a local extreme value
- Graphs:
  - local maximum



- local minimum

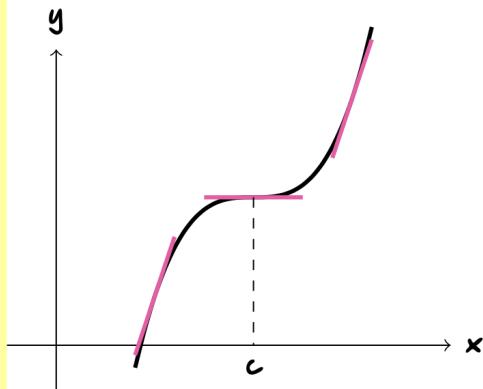


$$f'(c) = 0$$

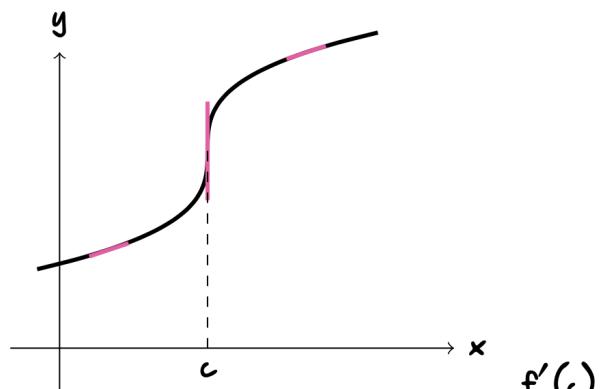


$$f'(c) \text{ does not exist}$$

- not a local extreme value



$$f'(c) = 0$$



$$f'(c) \text{ does not exist}$$

- *Application:* find the local minimum and maximum values for functions

- Steps:
  - 1. Find all  $x$  s.t.  $f'(x) = 0$
  - 2. Check whether  $f'(x)$  changes sign

- Example:

**Example** Find the local minimum and maximum values of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^4}{4} - x^3 + x^2 + 1$ .

This function is a polynomial, therefore it is everywhere differentiable. Differentiation gives

$$f'(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x = x(x-1)(x-2).$$

① find  $x$  s.t.  $f'(x) = 0$

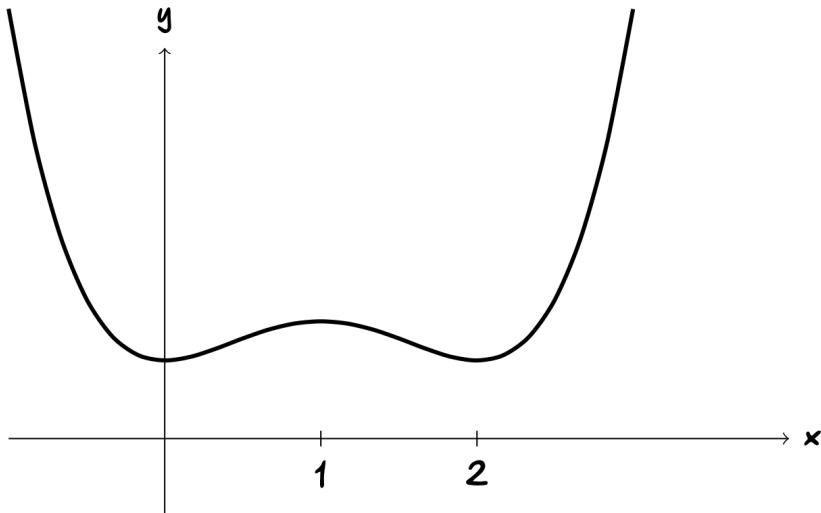
②	Interval	$(-\infty, 0)$	$(0, 1)$	$(1, 2)$	$(2, \infty)$
$x$	—	+	+	+	
$x-1$	—	—	+	+	
$x-2$	—	—	—	+	
$f'(x)$	—	+	—	+	

$$f(x) \quad \searrow \quad \nearrow \quad \searrow \quad \nearrow$$

Since  $f$  is continuous everywhere,  $f$  decreases on  $(-\infty, 0]$  and  $[1, 2]$  and increases on  $[0, 1]$  and  $[2, \infty)$ .

- $f'(x)$  changes from negative to positive at 0. So  $f(0) = 1$  is a local minimum value by the First Derivative Test.
- $f'(x)$  changes from negative to positive at 2, so  $f(2) = 1$  is also a local minimum.

The graph of  $f(x)$  is



## Chapter 8: Inverse Functions

### 8 Inverse Functions

- 8. Inverse NOTES - A

*Injective, Surjective, Bijective, and Definition of Inverse Function*

- **Definition - Injective:**

-  $f$  is said to be injective (or one-to-one) if  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X$ :

$$x_1 \neq x_2 \implies f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$$

- equivalently:

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \implies x_1 = x_2$$

- **Definition - Surjective:**

- $f$  is said to be surjective (or onto) if  $\forall y \in Y, \exists x \in X$  s.t.  $y = f(x)$

- **Definition - Bijective:**

- $f$  is said to be bijective (of  $f$  is a bijection / one-to-one correspondence) if  $f$  is both injective and surjective

- **Definition - Inverse Function:**

- If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a bijection, then the inverse function  $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$  is the unique function such that:

$$\begin{cases} f^{-1}(f(x)) = x & \forall x \in X \\ f(f^{-1}(y)) = y & \forall y \in Y \end{cases}$$

- Intuition: the inverse of  $f$  denoted  $f^{-1}$  is the function that reverses the effect of  $f$

## Inverse of Continuous Functions

- **Theorem - Continuous + Invertible  $\implies$  Strictly Monotonic:**

- If  $f$  is continuous on an interval  $I$  and has an inverse, then  $f$  is strictly monotonic on  $I$

- Proof:

**Proof.**

Suppose for the sake of a contradiction that  $f$  is NOT strictly monotonic.

Then there exists  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  in  $I$  such that  $x_1 < x_2 < x_3$ , but  $f(x_2)$  is not between  $f(x_1)$  and  $f(x_3)$ .

Without loss of generality, assume  $f(x_1) < f(x_3) < f(x_2)$ .

By the Intermediate Value Theorem, there exists an  $x_0$  between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  such that

$$f(x_0) = f(x_3).$$

So,  $f$  is not injective and cannot have an inverse.

This is a contradiction, so  $f$  must be strictly monotonic.

- **Theorem - Inverse of Continuous Functions is Continuous:**

- Let  $f$  be a function whose domain is an interval  $I$ . If:
  - $f$  has an inverse and
  - $f$  is continuous on its domain

- Then,  $f^{-1}$  is also continuous on its domain
- Proof:

**Proof.**

Because  $f$  is continuous, the Intermediate Value Theorem implies that the set  $\{f(x) \mid x \in I\}$  forms an interval  $J$ .  
(Continuous functions map intervals to intervals)

Assume that  $a$  is an interior point of  $J$ .

From the previous theorem, we know that  $f$  is strictly monotonic.

This implies that  $f^{-1}(a)$  is an interior point of  $I$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

There exists  $0 < \varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon$  such that

$$I_1 = (f^{-1}(a) - \varepsilon_1, f^{-1}(a) + \varepsilon_1) \subset I.$$

Because  $f$  is strictly monotonic on  $I_1$ , the set  $\{f(x) \mid x \in I_1\}$  forms an interval  $J_1 \subset J$ .

Let  $\delta > 0$  such that  $(a - \delta, a + \delta) \subset J_1$ .

Finally, if  $|y - a| < \delta$ , then  $|f^{-1}(y) - f^{-1}(a)| < \varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon$ . \lim\_{y \rightarrow a} f^{-1}(y) = f^{-1}(a)

So  $f^{-1}$  is continuous at  $a$ .

• A similar proof can be given if  $a$  is an endpoint.

## Inverse Function Theorem

- **Theorem - Inverse Function Theorem:**
  - Let  $f$  be a function whose domain is an interval  $I$ . If:
    - $f$  has an inverse and
    - $f$  is differentiable on an interval containing  $a$  and  $f'(a) \neq 0$
  - Then,  $f^{-1}$  is differentiable at  $f(a)$ , and  $(f^{-1})'(b) = \frac{1}{f'(a)}$  where  $a = f^{-1}(b)$  i.e.  $b = f(a)$  (*evaluation point also has to be transformed!*) A better way:

$$(f^{-1})'(f(a)) = \frac{1}{f'(a)} \text{ or } (f^{-1})'(b) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(b))}$$

- Proof:

**Proof.**

By the definition of derivative

$$(f^{-1})'(b) = \lim_{y \rightarrow b} \frac{f^{-1}(y) - f^{-1}(b)}{y - b}$$

where  $b$  is in the domain of  $f^{-1}$  and  $f^{-1}(b) = a$ .

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Because  $f$  is differentiable on an interval containing  $a$ ,  $f$  is continuous on that interval.

By the previous theorem,  $f^{-1}$  is continuous at  $b$ .

So  $y \rightarrow b$  implies that  $x \rightarrow a$ , and we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}(f^{-1})'(b) &= \lim_{y \rightarrow b} \frac{f^{-1}(y) - f^{-1}(b)}{y - b} \\&= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x - a}{f(x) - f(a)} \\&= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{\left( \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \right)} \\&= \frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}} \quad \text{limit laws} \\&= \frac{1}{f'(a)}.\end{aligned}$$

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So  $(f^{-1})'(a)$  exists and  $f^{-1}$  is differentiable at  $b = f(a)$ .

## Chapter 9: Integrations

### 9.1 The Definition of Integral

- 9.1 Integration \_ NOTES - A

#### Definition of the Integral

- *Definition - Partition:*

- A partition of the interval  $[a, b]$  is a set  $P$  such that:
  - $P$  is finite
  - $P \subseteq [a, b]$

- $a \in P, b \in P$
- Notation:  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  means  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_N = b$
- **Definition - Lower and Upper Sum:**
  - Let  $f$  be a bounded function on  $[a, b]$
  - let  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$
  - For each  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , let:
    - $m_i$  be the infimum of  $f$  on  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$
    - $M_i$  be the supremum of  $f$  on  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$
    - $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$
  - The *P-lower sum of f* is the number:  $L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \Delta x_i$
  - The *P-upper sum of f* is the number:  $U(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^N M_i \Delta x_i$
- **Definition - Lower and Upper Integral:**
  - Let  $f$  be a bounded function on  $[a, b]$
  - Let  $\mathcal{P}_{[a,b]}$  be the set of all partitions of  $[a, b]$ .
  - The *lower integral* of  $f$  from  $a$  to  $b$ , denoted by  $\underline{\int_a^b} f$ , is

$$\underline{\int_a^b} f = \sup \{L(f, P) : P \in \mathcal{P}_{[a,b]}\}$$

- The *upper integral* of  $f$  from  $a$  to  $b$ , denoted by  $\overline{\int_a^b} f$ , is:
- $$\overline{\int_a^b} f = \inf \{U(f, P) : P \in \mathcal{P}_{[a,b]}\}$$
- **Definition - Integrable Function:**
    - Let  $f$  be a bounded function on  $[a, b]$
    - We say that  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  if and only if  $\underline{\int_a^b} f = \overline{\int_a^b} f$  and that:
- $$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \underline{\int_a^b} f = \overline{\int_a^b} f$$
- **Definition - Non-Integrable Function:**
    - Let  $f$  be a bounded function on  $[a, b]$
    - We say that  $f$  is non-integrable on  $[a, b]$  if and only if  $\underline{\int_a^b} f < \overline{\int_a^b} f$  and  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  is undefined

## *Properties of Lower and Upper Sums*

- **Definition - Finer Partition:**
  - Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be partitions of the interval  $[a, b]$
  - We say that  $Q$  is finer than  $P$  if  $P \subseteq Q$

- *Theorem* - Properties of Lower and Upper Sums:

- Property 1:
  - For every partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$ ,  $L(f, P) \leq U(f, P)$
- Property 2: Adding a Point to a Partition
  - Let  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$
  - Let  $y \in [a, b]$  such that  $y \notin P$
  - Let  $Q = P \cup \{y\}$
  - Then:  $L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q), U(f, P) \geq U(f, Q)$
- Property 3:
  - Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be 2 partitions of  $[a, b]$
  - If  $P \subseteq Q$ , then:  $L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q), U(f, P) \geq U(f, Q)$
- Property 4: Lower Sum is Less than Upper Sum
  - Let  $P, Q$  be any 2 partitions of  $[a, b]$ . Then:  $L(f, P) \leq U(f, Q)$

- Proof of property 2:

### Proof of Property 2

Let  $P$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$  and let  $Q = P \cup \{y\}$  where  $x_{r-1} < y < x_r$  for some  $r$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq N$ .

For  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ , let  $m_i = \inf \{f(x) : x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i\}$ , and let

$$m'_r = \inf \{f(x) : x_{r-1} \leq x \leq y\} \quad \text{and} \quad m''_r = \inf \{f(x) : y \leq x \leq x_r\}.$$

Then,  $m'_r \geq m_r$  and  $m''_r \geq m_r$ .

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} L(f, Q) &= \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} m_i(x_i - x_{i-1}) + m'_r(y - x_{r-1}) + m''_r(x_r - y) + \sum_{i=r+1}^N m_i(x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} m_i(x_i - x_{i-1}) + m_r(y - x_{r-1}) + m_r(x_r - y) + \sum_{i=r+1}^N m_i(x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} m_i(x_i - x_{i-1}) + m_r(x_r - x_{r-1}) + \sum_{i=r+1}^N m_i(x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N m_i(x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ &= L(f, P). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q)$

**Exercise:** Prove that  $U(f, P) \geq U(f, Q)$

- Proof of property 4:

### Proof of Property 4

Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two partitions of  $[a, b]$ .

Let  $R = P \cup Q$ . Then  $P \subseteq R$  and  $Q \subseteq R$ .

$$L(f, P) \xrightarrow[\text{by Property 3}]{\leq} L(f, R) \xrightarrow[\text{by Property 1}]{\leq} U(f, R) \xrightarrow[\text{by Property 3}]{\leq} U(f, Q).$$

- *Theorem* - Lower and Upper Integral:

- If  $f$  is defined and bounded on  $[a, b]$ , then  $\underline{\int_a^b} f \leq \overline{\int_a^b} f$

- Proof:

*Proof.*

Let  $\mathcal{P}_{[a,b]}$  be the set of all partitions of  $[a, b]$ . Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two arbitrary partitions. By Property 4, we have that

$$L(f, P) \leq U(f, Q).$$

Since  $Q$  is an arbitrary partition,  $L(f, P)$  is a lower bound for the set  $\{U(f, Q) : Q \in \mathcal{P}_{[a,b]}\}$ .

Therefore, by the definition of infimum,

$$\underline{\int_a^b} f = \inf\{U(f, Q) : Q \in \mathcal{P}_{[a,b]}\} \geq L(f, P).$$

Since  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{[a,b]}$  was arbitrary, we have that  $\underline{\int_a^b} f \geq L(f, P)$  for all  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{[a,b]}$ .

Hence  $\underline{\int_a^b} f$  is an upper bound for the set  $\{L(f, P) : P \in \mathcal{P}_{[a,b]}\}$ .

By the definition of supremum

$$\overline{\int_a^b} f = \sup\{L(f, P) : P \in \mathcal{P}_{[a,b]}\} \leq \underline{\int_a^b} f.$$

Therefore,  $\underline{\int_a^b} f \leq \overline{\int_a^b} f$ .

*Example: An Integrable Function*

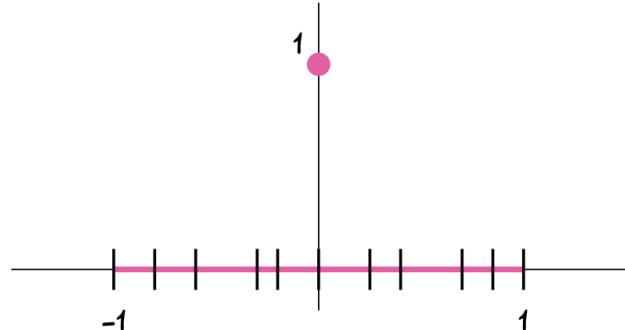
- Function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

- This function is integrable on  $[-1, 1]$

- Lower integral  $\underline{\int_{-1}^1 f} = 0$

Consider any partition of the interval  $[-1, 1]$



We first find  $\underline{\int_{-1}^1 f}$

On every subinterval, the infimum of  $f$  is  $m_i = 0$ .

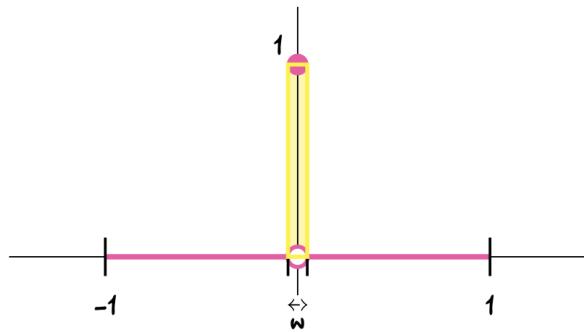
Therefore, for every partition  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N\}$ ,  $L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \Delta x_i = 0$ .

Hence,

$$\underline{\int_{-1}^1 f} = \sup \{ L(f, P) : P \in \mathcal{P}_{[-1, 1]} \} = \sup \{ 0 \} = 0$$

- Upper integral  $\overline{\int_{-1}^1 f} = 0$  as well

Consider any partition of the interval  $[-1, 1]$



We now need to find  $\overline{\int_{-1}^1 f}$

$U(f, P) = \text{area of yellow rectangle(s)} = 1 \cdot w.$

So  $\{U(f, P) : P \in \mathcal{P}_{[-1,1]}\} = (0, 2].$

Therefore,

$$\underline{\int_{-1}^1 f} = \inf \{U(f, P) : P \in \mathcal{P}_{[-1,1]}\} = \inf (0, 2] = 0.$$

Since

$$\underline{\int_{-1}^1 f} = 0 = \overline{\int_{-1}^1 f}.$$

We have that  $f$  is integrable on  $[-1, 1]$  and

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = 0.$$

### Example: A Non-Integrable Function

- Function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

- This is non-integrable on  $[0, 1]$

 **Key idea** The set of rational numbers and the set of irrational numbers are both dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ :

Given  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a < b$ ,

- $\exists t \in [a, b]$  s.t.  $t \in \mathbb{Q}$
- $\exists s \in [a, b]$  s.t.  $s \notin \mathbb{Q}$

Let  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  be any partition of  $[0, 1]$ .

- infimum of  $g$  on every subinterval  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$  is 0.
- supremum of  $g$  on every subinterval  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$  is 1.
- So  $L(f, P) = 0$  and  $U(f, P) = 1$ .

$$\overline{\int_0^1 f} = \inf \{U(f, P) : P \in \mathcal{P}_{[0,1]}\} = \inf \{1\} = 1.$$

$$\underline{\int_0^1 f} = \sup \{L(f, P) : P \in \mathcal{P}_{[0,1]}\} = \sup \{0\} = 0.$$

Since  $\overline{\int_0^1 f} \neq \underline{\int_0^1 f}$ ,  $f$  is NOT integrable on  $[0, 1]$ .

## Properties of the Integral

- **Theorem - Linearity of the Integral:**
  - Let  $f, g$  be bounded functions on  $[a, b]$ . If  $f, g$  are integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then
  - $cf$  and  $f + g$  are integrable on  $[a, b]$  and:
  - $\int_a^b cf(x) dx = c \int_a^b f(x) dx$
  - $\int_a^b (f + g)(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_a^b g(x) dx$
- Proof:

**Lemma 1.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be bounded functions on  $[a, b]$ . Then

$$\sup_{x \in [a,b]} (f+g)(x) \leq \sup_{x \in [a,b]} f(x) + \sup_{x \in [a,b]} g(x).$$

**Proof.**

Let  $x \in [a, b]$ . Then

$$f(x) \leq \sup_{x \in [a,b]} f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) \leq \sup_{x \in [a,b]} g(x).$$

Therefore

$$f(x) + g(x) \leq \sup_{x \in [a,b]} f(x) + \sup_{x \in [a,b]} g(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in [a, b].$$

This means that  $\sup_{x \in [a,b]} f(x) + \sup_{x \in [a,b]} g(x)$  is an upper bound for the set

$$\{f(x) + g(x) : x \in [a, b]\}.$$

Hence

$$\sup_{x \in [a,b]} (f+g)(x) \leq \sup_{x \in [a,b]} f(x) + \sup_{x \in [a,b]} g(x)$$

**Lemma 2.** If  $f$  and  $g$  are bounded on  $[a, b]$ , but not necessarily integrable, then

- $\overline{\int_a^b} (f+g) \leq \overline{\int_a^b} f + \overline{\int_a^b} g,$
- $\underline{\int_a^b} (f+g) \geq \underline{\int_a^b} f + \underline{\int_a^b} g.$

**Proof.**

Suppose that  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  is a partition of  $[a, b]$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} U(f+g, P) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sup_{x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} (f+g)(x) \Delta x_i \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \sup_{x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(x) \Delta x_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \sup_{x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} g(x) \Delta x_i \\ &= U(f, P) + U(g, P) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since the upper integral is the infimum of the upper sums, there are partitions  $Q$  and  $R$  such that

$$U(f, Q) < \overline{\int_a^b} f + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad U(g, R) < \overline{\int_a^b} g + \frac{\varepsilon}{2},$$

Let  $P = Q \cup R$ , then

$$U(f, P) \leq U(f, Q) < \overline{\int_a^b} f + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad U(g, P) \leq U(g, R) < \overline{\int_a^b} g + \frac{\varepsilon}{2},$$

It follows that

$$\overline{\int_a^b} (f+g) \leq U(f+g, P) \leq U(f, P) + U(g, P) < \overline{\int_a^b} f + \overline{\int_a^b} g + \varepsilon.$$

Since this inequality holds for arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we must have

$$\overline{\int_a^b} (f+g) \leq \overline{\int_a^b} f + \overline{\int_a^b} g.$$

Similarly, we have  $L(f+g, P) \geq L(f, P) + L(g, P)$  for all partitions  $P$ , and for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we get

$$\underline{\int_a^b} (f+g) > \underline{\int_a^b} f + \underline{\int_a^b} g - \varepsilon,$$

so

$$\underline{\int_a^b} (f+g) \geq \underline{\int_a^b} f + \underline{\int_a^b} g.$$

### Proof of Theorem (Linearity of the Integral)

Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are integrable on  $[a, b]$ , then

$$\overline{\int_a^b} f = \underline{\int_a^b} f \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{\int_a^b} g = \underline{\int_a^b} g.$$

Then, using the previous lemma we have

$$\overline{\int_a^b} (f + g) \leq \overline{\int_a^b} f + \overline{\int_a^b} g = \underline{\int_a^b} f + \underline{\int_a^b} g \leq \underline{\int_a^b} (f + g)$$

Since it is always true

$$\underline{\int_a^b} (f + g) \leq \overline{\int_a^b} (f + g)$$

we have

$$\underline{\int_a^b} (f + g) = \overline{\int_a^b} (f + g).$$

Hence  $f + g$  is integrable.

- Moreover, there is equality throughout the previous inequality, which proves the result.

- Theorem - Monotonicity of the Integral:**

- Let  $f, g$  be bounded functions on  $[a, b]$ . If  $f, g$  are integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $f(x) \leq g(x) \forall x \in [a, b]$ . Then:

$$\int_a^b f \leq \int_a^b g$$

- Theorem - Additivity of the Integral:**

- Let  $f$  be bounded functions on  $[a, b]$  and  $a < c < b$ . Then,  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  if and only if  $f$  is integrable on both  $[a, c]$  and  $[c, b]$ . In that case:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

## 9.2 The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

- 9.2 FTC\_NOTES - A**

- Theorem - Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, Part 1 (FTC1):**

- If  $f$  is continuous on an interval  $[a, b]$ , then the function  $g$  is defined by

$$g(x) = \int_a^b f(t) dt \text{ for } a \leq x \leq b$$

is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$

- Moreover,  $g'(x) = f(x)$

- Intuition: when  $f$  is continuous, if we first integrate and then differentiate, we get  $f$  back
- Proof:

**Proof.**

Let  $x \in [a, b]$ . We want to show that  $g'(x) = f(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(h)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \int_a^{x+h} f(t) dt - \int_a^x f(t) dt \right) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

Hence we need to show that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt = f(x).$$

We may assume that  $h > 0$ . Let us call

$$\begin{aligned} M_h &= \sup \text{ of } f \text{ on } [x, x+h] \\ m_h &= \inf \text{ of } f \text{ on } [x, x+h] \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} m_h \cdot h &\leq \int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt \leq M_h \cdot h \\ m_h &\leq \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt \leq M_h \end{aligned}$$

•  We want to use the Sandwich Theorem

Let  $h > 0$ .

- Since  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  by the Extreme Value Theorem, it has a maximum on  $[x, x+h]$ .
- Let  $M_h = \max f$  on  $[x, x+h]$ . Then

$$\forall h > 0, \exists c_h \in [x, x+h] \text{ s.t. } M_h = f(c_h)$$

- $x \leq c_h \leq x+h$

$$\text{As } h \rightarrow 0, c_h \rightarrow x.$$

Since  $f$  is continuous, we have that

$$M_h = f(c_h) \rightarrow f(x)$$

We can show in a similar way that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} m_h = 0$ .

We have that

1.

$$m_h \leq \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt \leq M_h$$

2.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} m_h = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} M_h = f(x)$

Therefore, by the Sandwich Theorem

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt = f(x).$$

- *Theorem* - Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, Part 2 (FTC2):

- If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = G(b) - G(a)$$

where  $G$  is an *anti-derivative* of  $f$  (i.e.  $G' = f$ )

- We often use the following definition:

$$G(x)|_a^b := G(b) - G(a) \quad \text{or} \quad [G(x)]_a^b := G(b) - G(a)$$

- Thus, the equation of FTC2 can be written as:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = G(x)|_a^b = [G(x)]_a^b$$

- Proof:

*Proof.*

**KNOW:**  $G' = f$ .

**WANT TO SHOW:**  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = G(b) - G(a)$

Define  $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ .

Since  $f$  is continuous, by FTC 1,  $F' = f$ .

Therefore,  $F' = G'$ , so  $(F - G)' = 0$ . Hence,  $F - G$  is constant.

Therefore, there exists  $C \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $F(x) = G(x) + C$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .

We now evaluate at  $x = a$  to figure out the value of the constant:

$$0 = F(a) = G(a) + C.$$

Hence  $C = -G(a)$ .

Thus, for every  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $F(x) = G(x) - G(a)$ .

Therefore,  $\int_a^b f(t) dt = F(b) = G(b) - G(a)$ .

## Others

### Notations

- $\mathbb{Q}$  rational numbers,  $\mathbb{R}$  real numbers,  $\mathbb{Z}$  integers

### Logarithms

- $e^{\ln a^b} = e^{b \ln a}$
- $a^b = e^{\ln a^b} = e^{b \ln a}$

## Others

- $\forall \epsilon > 0, L < M + \epsilon \implies L \leq M$