

We will begin by building theorems from the ground up from basic rules

**Definition 1.** *Convergence:* For  $A_n \rightarrow L$  means: For all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that for all  $n > N$ , implies  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$ .

**Definition 2.** *Bounded:*  $(a_n)$  is bounded if there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $|a_n| \leq M$  for all  $n$ .

**Definition 3.** *Triangle inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Triangle inequality :} & \quad |a + b| \leq |a| + |b| \\ \text{Reverse triangle :} & \quad ||a| - |b|| \leq |a - b| \\ \text{Product bound :} & \quad |ab| = |a||b| \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 0.1.** *If  $(a_n)$  converges to  $L$ , then  $(a_n)$  is bounded.*

*Proof.* Since  $(a_n)$  converges to  $L$ , this means that for an  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that for all  $n > N$ , implies  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$ . From this we get the following inequality:

$$|a_n| = |a_n - L + L| \leq |a_n - L| + |L| \quad \text{By Triangle Inequality}$$

Now let  $\epsilon = 1$ , then there exists an  $n > N$  such that  $|a_n - L| < 1$ , it follows from this that

$$|a_n| = |a_n - L + L| \leq |a_n - L| + |L| < 1 + |L|$$

for  $n \leq N$ , let  $M_1 = \max\{|a_1|, |a_2|, \dots, |a_N|\}$ . Now let  $M = \{M_1, 1 + |L|\}$ . Then  $|a_n| \leq M$  for all  $n$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 0.2.** *(Uniqueness of Limits) If  $a_n \rightarrow L$  and  $a_n \rightarrow M$  then  $L = M$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be arbitrary. Since  $a_n \rightarrow L$  there exists an  $N_1$  such that for all  $n \geq N_1 : |a_n - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ .

Likewise since  $a_n \rightarrow M$ , there exists  $N_2$  such that for all  $n \geq N_2 : |a_n - M| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ .

Let  $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ . For  $n \geq N$ :

$$|L - M| = |L - a_n + a_n - M| \leq |a_n - L| + |a_n - M| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$$

Since this holds for arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$ , we must have  $|L - M| = 0$ , so  $L = M$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 0.3.** *(Algebraic Limit Theorem) If  $x_n \rightarrow a$  and  $y_n \rightarrow b$ , then the algebraic limit theorem states*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum:} & \quad \lim(x_n + y_n) = a + b & (1) \\ \text{Scalar:} & \quad \lim(cx_n) = ca & (2) \\ \text{Product:} & \quad \lim(x_n * y_n) = a * b & (3) \\ \text{Quotient:} & \quad \lim\left(\frac{x_n}{y_n}\right) = \frac{a}{b} \quad \text{for } b \neq 0 & (4) \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Sum: Recall that a sequence  $(s_n)$  converges to  $L$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $n \geq N$  then  $|s_n - L| < \epsilon$ . Given  $x_n \rightarrow a$  and  $y_n \rightarrow b$ , it follows that there exists  $N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $n \geq N$  we have  $n \geq N_1$  and  $n \geq N_2$  such that  $|x_n - a| < \epsilon/2$  and  $|y_n - b| < \epsilon/2$ . Let  $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ . In order to show that  $\lim(x_n + y_n) = a + b$ , we need to show that  $|(x_n + y_n) - (a + b)| < \epsilon$  (epsilon definition of equality). Observe that

$$|(x_n + y_n) - (a + b)| = |(x_n - a) + (y_n - b)| \leq |x_n - a| + |y_n - b| < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon$$

By the triangle inequality. Thus  $\lim(x_n + y_n) = a + b$ . □

*Proof.* Scalar: □

**Theorem 0.4.** *Density of  $\mathbb{Q}$ : For every two real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a < b$ , there exists a rational number  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  satisfying  $a < r < b$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers with  $a < b$ . Then  $b - a > 0$ . By the Archimedean property there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$n(b - a) > 1$$

Rearranging gives

$$nb > na + 1$$

Now suppose we have a set  $S = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} : k > na\}$ . By the well-ordered properties of the integers and because  $S$  is bounded by  $k > na$ . The set  $S$  has a least element. Denote this element as  $m = \min S$ . Note that since  $m \in S$ , it follows that  $m > na$  and  $m - 1 \notin S$ . So  $m - 1 \leq na$ . From this we get

$$m \leq na + 1$$

noticeably

$$m \leq na + 1 < nb$$

Together with  $m > na$  we get

$$na < m < nb$$

Dividing by  $n$  we get

$$a < \frac{m}{n} < b$$

Setting  $r = \frac{m}{n} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , we conclude that  $a < r < b$ . □

**Theorem 0.5.** *Continuous preserves compactness: Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous on  $A$ . If  $K \subseteq A$  is compact then  $f(K)$  is compact.*

*Proof.* Let  $K \subseteq A$  be compact. We will show that  $f(K)$  is compact by showing that every sequence in  $f(K)$  has a subsequence that converges to a point in  $f(K)$ . Let  $(y_n)$  be a sequence in  $f(K)$ .

By definition of  $f(K)$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $f(x_n) = y_n$ .

Since  $K$  is compact and  $(x_n)$  is a sequence in  $K$ , there exists a subsequence  $(x_{n_k})$  of  $(x_n)$  and a point  $x \in K$  such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = x$$

Since  $f$  is continuous on  $A$  and  $x \in K \subseteq A$ , the function  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ . Therefore by the sequential characterization of continuity,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{n_k}) = f(x)$$

But  $f(x_{n_k}) = y_{n_k}$  for all  $k$ , so we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_{n_k} = f(x)$$

Since  $x \in K$ , we have  $f(x) \in f(K)$ .

Thus, we have found a subsequence  $(y_{n_k})$  of  $(y_n)$  that converges to a point  $f(x) \in f(K)$ . Since  $(y_n)$  was an arbitrary sequence in  $f(K)$ , we have concluded that every sequence in  $f(K)$  has a subsequence converging to a point in  $f(K)$ .  $\square$