

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*

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

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

$$\text{Sum:} \quad \lim(x_n + y_n) = a + b \tag{1}$$

$$\text{Scalar:} \quad \lim(cx_n) = ca \tag{2}$$

$$\text{Product:} \quad \lim(x_n * y_n) = a * b \tag{3}$$

$$\text{Quotient:} \quad \lim\left(\frac{x_n}{y_n}\right) = \frac{a}{b} \quad \text{for } b \neq 0 \tag{4}$$

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 $\lim(x_n + y_n) = a + b$. \square

Proof. Scalar: \square

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 $a < r < b$. \square

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