

# Calc III Notes Day 21

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## Sequences

$$(x_n) = x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$$

How to check if  $(x_n)$  converges to limit as  $(n \rightarrow \infty)$ ?

Simplification EX 1:

$$x_n = \frac{n^2}{\sqrt[2]{n^6 + 1}}.$$

Next: put largest n power on the bottom

$$\frac{n^2}{\sqrt[2]{n^6 + 1}} * \frac{\frac{1}{n^3}}{\frac{1}{n^3}} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\sqrt[2]{\frac{n^6 + 1}{n^6}}} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$$

$$= \frac{0}{\sqrt[2]{1 + \frac{1}{n^6}}} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{0}{\sqrt[2]{1 + 0}} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{0}{1} \quad (5)$$

$$= 0 \quad (6)$$

L'H Rule

We already did this so

Squeeze Theorem

Suppose we had 3 sequences,  $x_n \leq y_n \leq z_n$

and

$$x_n \rightarrow L$$

$$z_n \rightarrow L$$

then  $y_n \rightarrow L$

Example of Squeeze Theorem

$$y_n = \frac{\sin(n)}{n}.$$

This equation is totally unpredictable (What is  $\sin(11)$ )?... but **BETWEEN** -1 and 1

IDEA: squeeze the equation between other things

$$-1 \leq \frac{\sin(n)}{n} \leq 1.$$

The squeeze theorem needs to have both sides of the squeeze go to the same point  
so instead:

$$-\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{\sin(n)}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n}.$$

Both  $-\frac{1}{n}$  and  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ , so by squeeze theorem, so does  $\frac{\sin(n)}{n}$  !

### How to check if $(x_n)$ inc/dec?

1. Compare  $x_n$  and  $x_{n+1}$   
EX: Is  $x_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$  inc, dec, or neither?

- $x_1 = \frac{1}{2}$
- $x_2 = \frac{2}{3}$
- $x_3 = \frac{3}{4}$

Guess: Increasing!

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &< x_{n+1} \\ \frac{n}{n+1} &< \frac{n+1}{n+2} \text{ Cross Multiply:} \\ n(n+2) &< (n+1)(n+1) \end{aligned}$$

Check to make sure that this is true, which it is

2. Check if derivative is increasing or decreasing  
Went over this last time so we're not doing it this time, but its pretty self explanatory

### $(x_n)$ bounded from above / below?

We say $x_n$ is bounded from above IF:
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**There's a number M so that  $x_n \leq M$  for all n**

Same idea for below, but..from...below

### How to check if $x_n$ is bounded from above / below?

1. "common sense" / functions known to be bounded

- **EX 1**

$$x_n = \sin(n).$$

Bound by -1 and 1, so **BOUND ABOVE AND BELOW**

- **EX 2**

$$x_n = 4\cos(n+5) + 3.$$

Also bound from both sides

• **EX 3**

$$x_n = n^2.$$

Bound from below

x is always bigger than 0, so its bounded on the bottom but not the top

2. If sequence converges, then its bounded from both sides!

**UNBOUND THINGS:**

$x_n = n * (-1)^n$  Goes to both -infinity and positive infinity