

## 10 - Monotone seq<sup>n</sup> and Cauchy

### Definition 10.1:-

A seq<sup>n</sup>  $(S_n)$  of real numbers is called an increasing seq<sup>n</sup> if  $S_n \leq S_{n+1}$   $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $(S_n)$  is called a decreasing seq<sup>n</sup> if  $S_n \geq S_{n+1}$   $\forall n$ .

Note that if  $(S_n)$  is increasing, then  $S_n \leq S_m$  whenever  $n < m$ .

A seq<sup>n</sup> that is increasing or decreasing will be called a monotone seq<sup>n</sup> or a monotonic seq<sup>n</sup>.

### Theorem 10.2:-

All Bounded monotone seq<sup>n</sup> Converge.

Proof: Let  $(S_n)$  be a Bounded increasing seq<sup>n</sup>.

$\Rightarrow S = \{S_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  set

then  $u = \sup S$ .

Since  $S$  is bounded  $\Rightarrow u \in \mathbb{R}$

we need to show  $\lim S_n = u$ .

let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $u - \varepsilon$  is not an upper bound for  $S$ .  $\exists N$  such that  $S_N > u - \varepsilon$ .

$\Rightarrow S_n \geq S_N > u - \varepsilon \quad \forall n > N$

&  $S_n < u$  (as  $u$  is  $\sup S$ )

$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} S_n < u \\ S_n > u - \varepsilon \end{matrix} \Rightarrow |S_n - u| < \varepsilon$

$\Rightarrow$  This shows  $\lim S_n = u$

### Theorem 10.4

- (i) if  $(s_n)$  is an unbounded increasing seq<sup>n</sup>; then  $\lim s_n = +\infty$
- (ii) if  $(s_n)$  is an unbounded decreasing seq<sup>n</sup>, then  $\lim s_n = -\infty$ .

Proof:

(i)  $s_n$  be an unbounded increasing seq<sup>n</sup>

Let  $M > 0$ , since the set  $\{s_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is unbounded and it is bounded below by  $s_1$ , and unbounded above.

Hence  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $s_N > M$ .

$$s_N > M \Rightarrow \forall n > N \quad s_n > M$$

(increasing seq)

$$\Rightarrow \lim s_n = +\infty$$

### 10.5 Corollary:

if  $(s_n)$  is a monotone seq<sup>n</sup>, then the seq either converges, diverges to  $+\infty$  or  $-\infty$ . Thus  $\lim s_n$  is always meaningful for monotone seq<sup>n</sup>.

Proof:

if  $(s_n)$  monotone + bounded

$$\Rightarrow \lim s_n \in \mathbb{R}$$

if  $s_n$  monotone + unbounded

$$\lim s_n \in \{-\infty, \infty\}$$

either way  $\lim s_n$  exists

Let  $(S_n)$  be a bounded seq<sup>n</sup>

$\Rightarrow$  It may or may not converge  
(yet to Prove: if  $(S_n)$  is bounded,  $\exists$  a sub-  
seq<sup>n</sup> that converges)

$\Rightarrow$  The limiting behavior of  $(S_n)$  depends  
only on sets of the form  $\{S_n: n > N\}$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $\lim S_n$  exists, clearly it lies in  
the interval  $[u_N, v_N]$ , where

$$u_N = \inf \{S_n: n > N\}$$

$$v_N = \sup \{S_n: n > N\}$$

as  $N$  increases  $u_N$  increases  
 $v_N$  decreases.

$$\Rightarrow u_1 \leq u_2 \leq u_3 \leq u_4 \leq u_5 \dots$$

$$\dots v_5 \leq v_4 \leq v_3 \leq v_2 \leq v_1$$

$$\Rightarrow U = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} U_N, \quad V = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V_N$$

(Exists: Bounded, monotone seq<sup>n</sup>  
converges)

$$\text{and } U \leq V \text{ since } U_N \leq V_N \quad \forall N \in \mathbb{N}$$

$\Rightarrow (S_n)$  limit exist

$$U_N \leq \lim S_n \leq V_N \quad \forall N \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow U \leq \lim S_n \leq V$$

Definition 10.6:

let  $(S_n)$  be a seq<sup>n</sup> in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we define

$$\limsup S_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sup \{S_n : n > N\}$$

and

$$\liminf S_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \inf \{S_n : n > N\}$$

### Theorem 10.7

Let  $(S_n)$  be a seq<sup>n</sup> in  $\mathbb{R}$

(i) if  $\lim S_n$  is defined [as a real number,  $+\infty$  or  $-\infty$ ], then

$$\liminf S_n = \lim S_n = \limsup S_n$$

(ii) if  $\liminf S_n = \limsup S_n$ , then

$\lim S_n$  is defined and  $\lim S_n = \liminf S_n = \limsup S_n$ .

Proof:

$$U_N = \inf \{ S_n : n > N \}$$

$$V_N = \sup \{ S_n : n > N \}$$

$$U = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} U_N, \quad V = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} V_N$$

(i) Suppose  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = +\infty$ . Let  $M$

be a positive number. Then  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \forall n > N \quad S_n > M$$

$$\text{Then} \quad U_N = \inf \{ S_n : n > N \} \geq M$$

$$\text{Therefore} \quad \lim U_N = +\infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \liminf S_n = +\infty$$

$$\text{By} \quad \limsup S_n = +\infty$$



### Definition 10.8:

A seq<sup>n</sup>  $(s_n)$  of real numbers  
is called a Cauchy seq<sup>n</sup> if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  
 $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $\forall m, n > N$   
 $|s_n - s_m| < \varepsilon$

### 10.9 Lemma:

Convergent seq<sup>n</sup> are Cauchy seq<sup>n</sup>

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} |s_n - s_m| &= |s_n - s + s - s_m| \\ &\leq |s_n - s| + |s_m - s| \end{aligned}$$

To be precise, let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N$  s.t

$$\forall n > N$$

$$|s_n - s| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

&

$$|s_m - s| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall m, n > N \quad |S_n - S| + |S_m - S| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow |S_n - S_m| \leq |S_n - S| + |S_m - S| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow |S_n - S_m| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cauchy seq}^n$$

Lemma 10.10

Cauchy seq<sup>n</sup> are bounded.

Proof:

let  $\varepsilon = 1 \quad \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.  $\forall m, n > N$

$$|S_n - S_m| < 1 \Rightarrow |S_n - S_{N+1}| < 1$$

apply triangular inequality to

$$S_n - S_{N+1}, \quad S_{N+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow |S_n - S_{N+1} + S_{N+1}| \leq |S_n - S_{N+1}| + |S_{N+1}|$$

$$\Rightarrow |S_n| \leq |S_n - S_{N+1}| + |S_{N+1}| \leq 1 + |S_{N+1}|$$

$$\Rightarrow |S_n| \leq 1 + |S_{N+1}| \quad \forall n > N$$

take

$$M = \max \{ 1 + |S_{N+1}|, |S_1|, |S_2|, \dots, |S_N| \}$$

### Theorem 10.11

A  $\text{seq}^n$  is a convergent  $\text{seq}^n \iff$  Cauchy  $\text{seq}^n$

Proof:

(i) convergent  $\text{seq}^n \Rightarrow$  Cauchy  $\text{seq}^n$

(ii) Cauchy  $\text{seq}^n \Rightarrow$  convergent  $\text{seq}^n$

## Important Properties

① All Bounded monotone  $\text{seq}^n$  converge

② if  $(S_n)$  is an unbounded increasing  $\text{seq}^n$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = +\infty$

if  $(S_n)$  is an unbounded decreasing  $\text{seq}^n$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = -\infty$

③ if  $(S_n)$  is monotone, then the  $\text{seq}^n$  either converges, or diverges to  $+\infty$  or diverges to  $-\infty$

④ 
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup S_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sup \{S_n : n > N\}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf S_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \inf \{S_n : n > N\}$$

⑤ Cauchy  $\text{seq}^n$  are Bounded

Cauchy  $\text{seq}^n \iff$  Convergent  $\text{seq}^n$