

HW 1 Remarks:

→ Looked at ① a, b      ②      ⑤ b, c, d

② (b)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $n$  is odd, then  $2n$  is even and  $n^2$  is even.

$$P \rightarrow Q \equiv (\neg P) \vee Q$$

$$\neg(P \rightarrow Q) \equiv \neg(\neg P \vee Q) \equiv P \wedge \neg Q$$

$\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n$  is odd AND ( $2n$  is odd or  $n^2$  is odd).

③ (d) Induction  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, P(n)$ .

$\uparrow$  statement true/false.

CAN'T THEN SAY  $P(n) = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

$\uparrow$  looks like a number.

Induction Example: Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \forall n \geq 1$ ,

$$a^n - b^n = (a - b) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a^{n-1-k} b^k.$$

Proof: Notice that if  $a = b$ ,  $a^n = b^n$ . So

$$a^n - b^n = 0 = (a - b) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a^{n-1-k} b^k.$$

Let's now suppose  $a \neq b$ .

We will show  $\forall n \geq 1$ ,  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a^{n-1-k} b^k = \frac{a^n - b^n}{a - b}$ .

BASE CASE:  $n = 1$ .

$$\sum_{k=0}^0 a^{-k} b^k = 1 = \frac{a - b}{a - b}.$$

Inductive Step: Suppose  $\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a^{N-1-k} b^k = \frac{a^N - b^N}{a-b}$  for some  $N \geq 1$ .

$$\left( \text{Show: } \sum_{k=0}^N a^{N-k} b^k = \frac{a^{N+1} - b^{N+1}}{a-b} \right)$$

$$(\forall N \geq 1, P(N) \rightarrow P(N+1))$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a^{N-k} b^k = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a^{N-k} b^k + b^N$$

$$= a \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a^{N-k-1} b^k + b^N$$

$$= a \cdot \frac{a^N - b^N}{a-b} + b^N \cdot \frac{a-b}{a-b}$$

$$= \frac{a^{N+1} - \cancel{ab^N}}{a-b} + \frac{\cancel{b^N a} - b^{N+1}}{a-b}$$

$$= \frac{a^{N+1} - b^{N+1}}{a-b}$$

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Section 2.1 text ~ Beginning of C.7 in Gillés Notes

Def: A sequence is a real-valued function whose domain is a subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

— domain  $D \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .

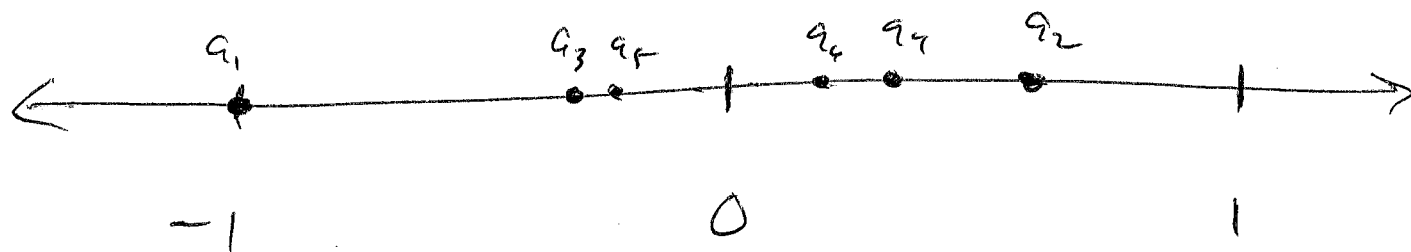
— codomain is  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Notations:  $a_n = \frac{n}{n-4}$ ,  $n \geq 5$ .

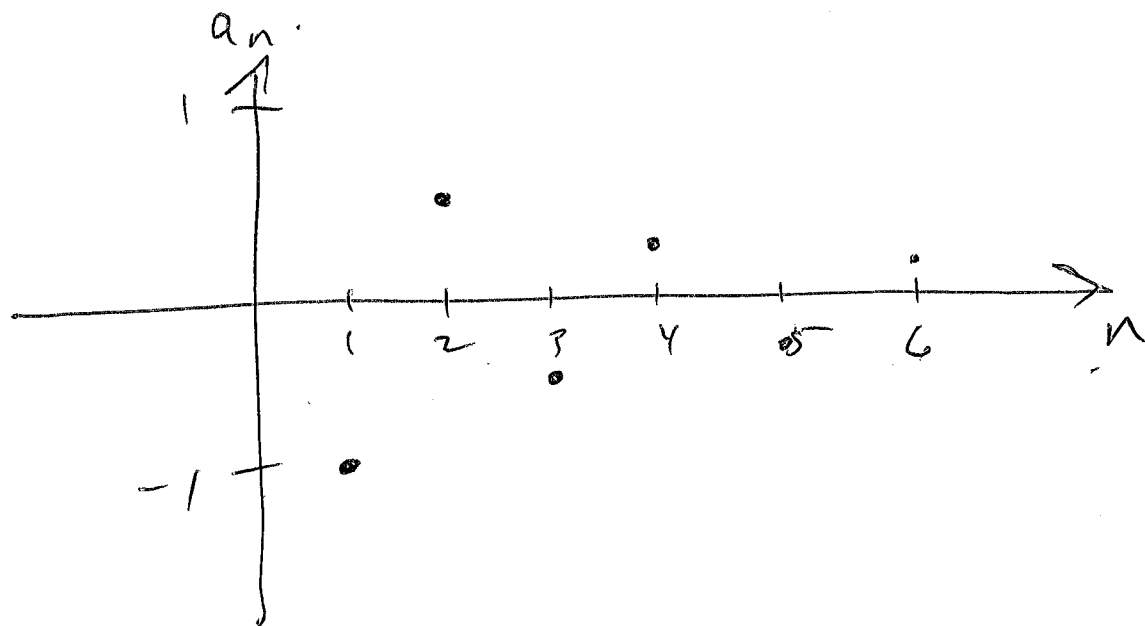
Ex

$$\left\{ a_n \right\}_{n=5}^{\infty}, \quad \left\{ \frac{n}{n-4} \right\}_{n=5}^{\infty}$$

Examples:  $\left\{ \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty} = \left\{ -1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{5}, \dots \right\}$ .



This is a picture of the image of the sequence



the graph of  
the sequence.

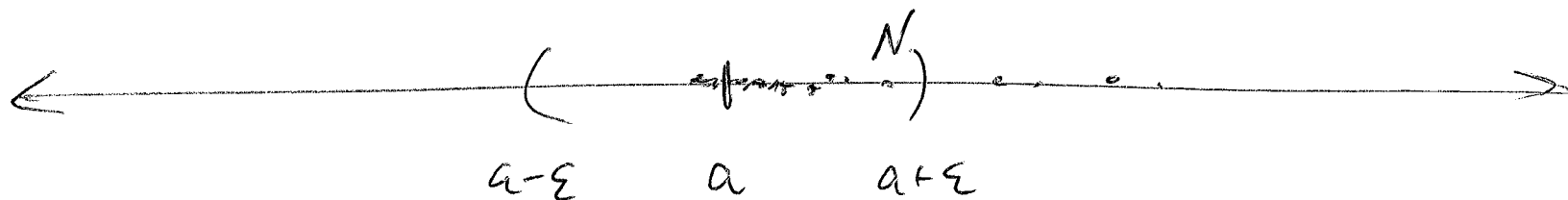
Convergence Definition. Given a sequence  $\{a_n\}$ ,

What does it mean for the limit to be  $a$ ?

- we need to get arbitrarily close & stay arbitrarily close

We say  $\{a_n\}$  converges to  $a$  (write  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ )  
iff

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ if } n \geq N, |a_n - a| < \varepsilon.$



Prop 2.6 The sequence  $\left\{\frac{1}{n}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to 0.

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proof: Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

By the Archimedean Property Thm 1.5 (b),

$\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  st.  $\frac{1}{N} < \varepsilon$ .

Let  $n \geq N$ .

So  $1 \geq \frac{N}{n}$

So  $\frac{1}{N} \geq \frac{1}{n}$ .

Thus  $\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{N} < \varepsilon$ .

I.e.  $\left|\frac{1}{n} - 0\right| < \varepsilon$ .

Remark: If a sequence converges to  $a$ , then the limit is unique.

Suppose  $\{a_n\}$  is a sequence. Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = b$ , then  $a = b$ .

proof: Suppose not. That is, suppose  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = b$

and  $a \neq b$ .



Using  $\varepsilon = \frac{|b-a|}{2}$ ,  $\exists N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\forall n \geq N_1$  and  $n \geq N_2$

$$|a_n - a| < \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad |a_n - b| < \varepsilon.$$

~~Assume that~~ Let  $n \geq N_1$  and  $n \geq N_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } |a - b| &= |a - a_n + a_n - b| \leq |a - a_n| + |a_n - b| \\ &< \varepsilon + \varepsilon = |b - a|. \end{aligned}$$

$(\Rightarrow \Leftarrow)$ .



Example: Prove  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n-4} = 1$ .

Proof: Let  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\text{Let } N = \frac{4}{\varepsilon} + 4.$$

Suppose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n > N$ .

$$\text{So } n > \frac{4}{\varepsilon} + 4.$$

$$\text{So } n - 4 > \frac{4}{\varepsilon}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{n-4} < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{4}{n-4} < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{So } \left| \frac{n}{n-4} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon. \quad \square$$

DUMP

WANT:  $\left| \frac{n}{n-4} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon.$

AND  
FIND  $n \geq (??)$

$$\frac{n}{n-4} - 1 = \frac{n}{n-4} - \frac{n-4}{n-4}$$

$$= \frac{4}{n-4} < \varepsilon$$

$$\frac{1}{n-4} < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$$

~~$n-4 > \frac{4}{\varepsilon}$~~

$n > \frac{4}{\varepsilon} + 4$   
 $N.$

Prop 2.7  $\{(-1)^n\}$  does not converge.

Suppose it does converge to  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ .  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  if  $n \geq N$ ,  $|a_n - a| < \frac{1}{2}$ .

Let  $n > N$ . If  $n$  is even,

$$|a_n - a| < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$|1 - a| < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} < a - 1 < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} < a < \frac{3}{2}$$

If  $n$  is odd,

$$|a_n - a| < \frac{1}{2}$$

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

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

$$-\frac{3}{2} < a < -\frac{1}{2}$$

This is a contradiction.