

at (0,0) Constants child node at (-1,0) Fixed child node at (1,0) Arbitrary ;

Function

A rule associating a unique output to a given input.

Limit

Limit of variable

A constant a is said to be the limit of the variable x , if

where δ is a pre-assigned positive quantity as small as we please.

Limit of a Sequence

Sequence

A *sequence* is a function whose domain is N .

Given a function $f : N \rightarrow R$, $f(n)$ is the n th term on the list. The notation for sequences reinforces this familiar understanding.

Each of the following are common ways to describe a sequence.

[(i)] $(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots)$ $(\frac{1+n}{n})_{n=1}^{\infty} = (\frac{2}{1}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{4}{3}, \dots)$ (a_n) , where $a_n = 2^n$ for each $n \in N$ (x_n) , where $x_1 = 2$ and $x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n+1}{2}$

Convergence of a Sequence

A sequence (a_n) *converges* to a real number a if

To indicate that (a_n) converges to a , we write either $\lim a_n = a$ or $(a_n) \rightarrow a$.

ϵ -neighbourhood and δ -neighbourhood

ϵ -neighbourhood:

δ -neighbourhood:

Convergence of a Sequence: Topological Version

A sequence (a_n) converges to a if, given any ϵ -neighbourhood $U_\epsilon(a)$ of a , there exists a point in the sequence after which all terms lie in $U_\epsilon(a)$.

The natural number N in the original version of the definition is the point where the sequence (a_n) enters $U_\epsilon(a)$, and remains there.

Prove that

Let's consider an arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$. Choose $N \in N$ with $N > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$. To verify that the choice of N is appropriate, let $n \in N$ and $n \geq N$. Hence,

To prove the previous example, let's work in the backward direction. To prove the convergence, we have to make sure that for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a point in the sequence after which all terms lie in the ϵ -neighbourhood of a .

So, we have to find out when or where $n > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ is true. If we choose $N > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$, our statement holds, and thus we prove the convergence.

Verify, using the definition of convergence of a sequence, that the following sequences converge to the proposed limit.

[(a)] $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6n^2+1} = 0$ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n+1}{2n+5} = \frac{3}{2}$ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{n+3}} = 0$

(a) Let's consider $\epsilon > 0$. Choose $N \in N$ with $N > \frac{1}{\sqrt{6\epsilon}}$. For any $n \geq N$

which finally gives

(b) For $\epsilon > 0$, let's choose $N \in N$ such that $N > \frac{13}{4\epsilon}$. Now, let there be $n \in N$ and $n \geq N$. Hence, $n \geq \frac{13}{4\epsilon}$ or $\epsilon > \frac{13}{4n}$

(c) For $\epsilon > 0$, let's choose $N > \frac{4}{\epsilon^2}$. Let there be $n \geq N$. Hence, $n \geq \frac{4}{\epsilon^2}$ or $\epsilon^2 > \frac{4}{n}$ or $\epsilon > \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}}$

[Scratch]

Scratch works for solving previous examples

(a) $\left| \frac{1}{6n^2+1} - 0 \right| < \epsilon$

$6n^2 + 1 > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$

$n^2 > \frac{1}{6\epsilon} - \frac{1}{6}$

$n > \frac{1}{\sqrt{6\epsilon}}$

Bounded Sequence

A sequence (x_n) is bounded if