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monotonically increasing

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A sequence  $(s_n)$ ,  $s_n \in \mathbb{R}$  is called *monotonically increasing* if

$$s_m > s_n \forall m > n$$

Similarly, a real function  $f(x)$  is called monotonically increasing if

$$f(x) > f(y) \forall x > y$$

Compare this to monotonically nondecreasing.

**Conflict note.** This condition is also sometimes called *strictly increasing* [?]. In such a context, “monotonically increasing” has the same meaning as monotonically nondecreasing.

## References

- [1] “<http://www.nist.gov/dads/HTML/strictlyIncreasing.html>strictly increasing,” from the NIST Dictionary of Algorithms and Data Structures, Paul E. Black, ed.