

LECTURE 06

1.4 Upper bounds, least upper bounds.

Throughout this section $(F, +, \cdot, <)$ is an ordered field, and we assume all "basic" properties.

Key example: $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <)$

Examples. If $\mathbb{R} = F = [0, 1]$

$$S = \{x \in F : 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$$

$$T = \{x \in F : 0 \leq x < 1\}$$

Both S & T are bounded above, and 1 is an upper bound both.

Definition 1.19 Let $S \subseteq F$

be a bounded above.

An element $b \in F$ is said

to be a least upper bound

of S or a supremum of S

- if
- a) b is an upper bound of S , &
 - b) If for $c \in F$, $c < b$, then c

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$$(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot, <)$$

Definition 1.18. A non-empty subset $S \subseteq F$ is said to be bounded above if $\exists b \in F$ s.t. $a \leq b \ \forall a \in S$. Here, b is called an upper bound of S . If $b \in S$, then b is a maximum of S .

1 is, in fact, a max of S .

Remarks: ① If a max exists, it must be unique (why?)

② Upper bounds may not be unique

"bdd. = bounded"

is not an upper bound of S , i.e., for any $c < b$, $\exists s \in S$ s.t.

$$c < s$$

Aside: $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ ~~$\in \mathbb{Q}$~~ $\forall s \in \mathbb{R}$

$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x^2 < 2\}$$

S is bdd. above in both \mathbb{Q} & \mathbb{R} , but

only admits a l.u.b. in \mathbb{R} .

Theorem 1.20. Suppose let $S \subseteq F$ be a bounded above set. Suppose $b_1, b_2 \in F$ are such that b_1 & b_2 are least upper bounds of S . Then,

$$b_1 = b_2$$

Proof. By (1), either $b_1 = b_2$, $b_1 < b_2$ or $b_2 < b_1$.

Remark. The supremum of S is denoted by $\sup S$ or $\text{lub}(S)$.

Example: $\sup \{x \in F : 0 \leq x < 1\} = 1$.

Proof. (a) It is clear that 1 is an upper bound (because $x < 1 \Rightarrow x \leq 1$) $\forall x \in T$.

(b) Let $a \in F$ s.t. $a < 1$.

$\exists x \in T$ s.t. $x > a$

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Only admits a l.u.b. in \mathbb{R} .

Case 1. $b_1 = b_2$. Nothing to prove.

Case 2. $b_1 < b_2$. Since b_2 is a l.u.b. of S , by Defⁿ(b), b_1 is not an upper bound of S . But, by Defⁿ(a) applied to b_1 , b_1 is an upper bound of S . This is a contradiction.

Case 3. $b_2 < b_1$. Exchanging the roles of b_1 & b_2 , this is Case 2.

Thus, $b_1 = b_2$. \square

Suppose $a < 0$. Then, since $0 \in T$, a is not an upper bound of T .

Suppose $0 \leq a < 1$.

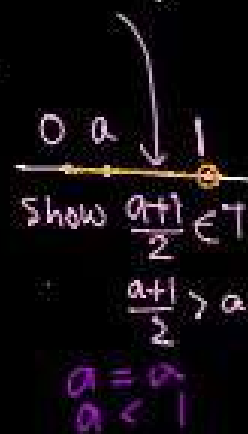
First note that

$$1 \leq a+1 < 2$$

$$\text{So, } 0 < \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{a+1}{2} < 1$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{a+1}{2} \in T.$$

Next $a = \frac{a+a}{2} < \frac{a+1}{2}$. So, a is not an up. b.b. of T . \square



1.5 The set of real numbers.
We assume the existence of
a set \mathbb{R} with operations $+$,
 \cdot & relation $<$ such that

$(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <)$ is an order field.
(F1-F6, O1-O4 hold) & the foll. holds:
(LUB) every (nonempty)
bounded above subset A in \mathbb{R}
has a supremum.

Some special subsets of \mathbb{R} :

- $x > 0$ is called a positive real no.
 $x < 0$ " " " negative "
- $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ & inherit
 $+$, $<$ from \mathbb{R} to give the
- $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} : p \in \mathbb{Z}, q \in \mathbb{P} \right\}$
is the set of rational nos.

not an up. set of \mathbb{N}
notions of $+$, \cdot , $<$ that we know on \mathbb{N} .
 $\mathbb{P} = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \neq 0\}$
 $\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{N} \cup \{-n : n \in \mathbb{P}\}$
is the set of integers.
 $\mathbb{Q}' = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ is the set of irrational nos.

Theorem 1.21 (Archimedean
property of \mathbb{R})

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ & $x > 0$.

Then, $\exists n \in \mathbb{P}$ such that
 $n \cdot x > y$.



Proof. Fix $x > 0$. Let

$$S = \{nx : n \in \mathbb{P}\}$$

Clearly, $S \neq \emptyset$ since $x \in S$.

Suppose the claim does not
hold. Then,

① $nx \leq y \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{P}$.
i.e., S is bounded above. So, by LUB
 $\sup S = b$ exists in \mathbb{R} .

Thus, $b - x < b$, $b - x$
is not an upper bound
of S , so $\exists m \in \mathbb{P}$ s.t.

$$b - x < mx$$

Then, $b < (m+1)x \in S$.

This is a contradⁿ since b is
an upper bd of S .

2. Sequences & series.

$$\{a_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

2.1 Sequences

Definition 2.1. A sequence ^{in \mathbb{R}} is a function f from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{R} . We denote this sequence by $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, where

$$0 < \epsilon < \epsilon' < \epsilon'' < \dots$$

$a_n = f(n) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,
and a_n is called the n^{th} term of $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Definition 2.2. We say that a sequence $\{a_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is convergent ^(in \mathbb{R}) if $\exists L \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

for each $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists N_{\epsilon, L} \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|a_n - L| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N_{\epsilon, L}.$$


$$-\epsilon < a_n - L < \epsilon$$

$$-\epsilon + L < a_n < \epsilon + L$$

here, L is called a limit of $\{a_n\}$ & we write: $a_n \rightarrow L$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is said to be divergent if it is not convergent.

Theorem 2.3 (Uniqueness^{of} limits) Suppose l_1 & l_2 are limits of a (convergent) sequence $\{a_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then, $l_1 = l_2$.

Proof. ~~By~~ Let $\delta > 0$. Let $\epsilon = \delta/2 > 0$.

By Defⁿ 2.2, $\exists N_{\epsilon, l_1} \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\textcircled{1} |a_n - l_1| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N_{\epsilon, l_1}$

" $\exists N_{\epsilon, l_2} \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\textcircled{2} |a_n - l_2| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N_{\epsilon, l_2}$.

Set $N := \max\{N_{\epsilon, l_1}, N_{\epsilon, l_2}\}$.

Then,

$$|l_1 - l_2| = |(l_1 - a_N) + (a_N - l_2)|$$

$$\leq |l_1 - a_N| + |a_N - l_2| < \epsilon + \epsilon = 2\epsilon$$

Since
 $N > N_{\epsilon, l_1}$
 & $N > N_{\epsilon, l_2}$

Since $\delta > 0$ was arbitrary, we have that

$$0 \leq |l_1 - l_2| < \delta \quad \forall \delta > 0.$$

By next HW, $l_1 = l_2$.

Examples. Fix $p > 0$.
 (a) $a_n = \frac{1}{n^p}, n \in \mathbb{P}$

Claim: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^p} = 0$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$.

By the Arch. Prop. of \mathbb{R}
 applied to $x = \epsilon^{1/p}$ & $y = 1$,
 $\exists N \in \mathbb{P}$ s.t.

$$N \in N_{\epsilon^{1/p}} > 1$$

Let $n \geq N$ Then

$$\left| \frac{1}{n^p} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{n^p} \leq \frac{1}{N^p}$$

Since $\epsilon > 0$ was
 arbitrary, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^p} = 0$

$$< (\epsilon^{1/p})^p = \epsilon$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} n \geq N \\ n^p \geq N^p \\ \frac{1}{n^p} \leq \frac{1}{N^p} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} N \in N_{\epsilon^{1/p}} > 1 \Rightarrow N > \frac{1}{\epsilon^{1/p}} \\ \times \quad \times \Rightarrow N^p > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{N^p} < \epsilon \end{array} \right)$$

For a fixed $\epsilon > 0$, we have found $N \in \mathbb{P}$ s.t.

$$0 \leq \left| \frac{1}{n^p} - 0 \right| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N_\epsilon$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{100} \quad N_\epsilon = 101$$

$= \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n - b_n) = 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$$

$$\epsilon > 0 \quad \text{find } N$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{n^p} - 0 \right| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{n^p} \right)^{1/p} < (\epsilon^{1/p})^{1/p} \quad \forall n \geq N$$

$$\text{or } 1 < \epsilon^{1/p}$$

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Recap $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^p} = 0$.

Given $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\forall n > N$, $|\frac{1}{n^p} - 0| < \epsilon$

Archimedean property: $\forall x > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $N > x$

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s.t. $Nx > y$
OR $N > \frac{y}{x}$

(2) Claim: $\{(-1)^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is divergent.

Proof: Suppose

$\{a_n\}$ convs. to some $L \in \mathbb{R}$.

Let $\epsilon = 1$. Then, by defn, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$|a_n - L| < 1 \forall n > N$. — (*)

Thus, $|a_{2N} - L| < 1$ &

$\Rightarrow |a_{2N+1} - L| < 1$ by Δ ineq

$2 = |a_{2N} - a_{2N+1}| \leq |a_{2N} - L| + |a_{2N+1} - L| < 1 + 1 = 2$. \times

$$|a_{2N} - a_{2N+1}|$$

Defⁿ 2.4. A sequence

$\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is s.t.b. bounded

if $\exists M > 0$ s.t.

$|a_n| < M \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$



$$-M < a_n < M$$

Theorem 2.6. * Bounded

monotone sequences are convergent.

Proof: ① Assume $\{a_n\}$ is increasing & $\exists M > 0$ s.t. $|a_n| < M \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Let $S = \{a_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

$\rightarrow S$ is nonempty

$\rightarrow S$ is bdd. above (M)

Theorem HW3:

Every convl. sequence is bdd.

But, the converse is not true!

Defⁿ 2.5. A seq. $\{a_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is s.t.b. (monotonically) increasing if $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$ decreasing if $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$ $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. $\{a_n\}$ is monotone if it is one of the above.

Thus, by LUB,

Let $\epsilon > 0$. $b = \sup S$ exists in \mathbb{R} .

Thus, $a_n \leq b < b + \epsilon \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

and $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$b - \epsilon < a_n \leq a_N \forall n > N$

So, $\forall n > N$,

$b - \epsilon < a_n < b + \epsilon \Rightarrow |a_n - b| < \epsilon$.

Since $\epsilon > 0$ was arb, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = b$.

② $\{a_n\}$ is decreasing & bdd.

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Warning! Divergent sequences may diverge for different reasons!

Eg. ① $\{(-1)^n\}$ is bdd & divg.

② $\{n\}$ ^{not bdd above} ~~unbdd~~ divg.

③ $\{(-1)^n n\}$ Q: cvg v/s divg.
bdd v/s not bdd.
 $\rightarrow +\infty$ v/s $\rightarrow -\infty$ v/s neither.

Defⁿ 2.7. We say that a seq. $\{a_n\}$ diverges to $+\infty$ if $\forall R \in \mathbb{R}$,
 $\exists N_R \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $a_n > R \forall n > N_R$.
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = +\infty$.

Theorem 2.8. (Tao, Theorem 6.1.19)

(4) Suppose $\{b_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ cvg to $b \neq 0$
& $(\exists M \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $b_n \neq 0 \forall n \geq M)$.

Then $\left\{\frac{1}{b_n}\right\}_{n \geq M} \rightarrow \frac{1}{b}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

"Proof" Given $\epsilon > 0$. Find $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\left| \frac{1}{b_n} - \frac{1}{b} \right| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N.$$

OR $\left| \frac{b_n - b}{b_n b} \right| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq N.$

If I could make $\left| \frac{b_n - b}{b_n b} \right| < M \left| \frac{b_n - b}{b} \right| < \epsilon$

$$\frac{1}{|b_n| |b|} < \frac{2}{|b|^2}$$

$$\left| \frac{b_n - b}{b_n b} \right| < \frac{2}{|b|^2} |b_n - b| \quad \forall n \geq N.$$

We want $\left| \frac{1}{b_n} \right| < M_2$
or $|b_n| > \frac{1}{M_2} > 0$

$$\frac{|b| - \frac{|b|}{2}}{1} < |b_n| < \frac{|b| + \frac{|b|}{2}}{1} \quad n \geq N$$

$$|b_n| - |b| \leq |b_n - b| < \frac{|b|}{2}$$

$$\frac{|b|}{2} < |b_n| < \frac{3|b|}{2}$$