

QUESTION 8

**Theorem** if the sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  tends to limit  $L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then for any fixed number  $M > 0$ , the sequence  $\{Ma_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  tends to the limit  $LM$ .

*Proof:* from the definition of a limit.

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ , for every real number  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a natural number  $N$  such that

$$(\forall n > N)(|a_n - L| < \epsilon)$$

Suppose  $K = LM$ ,  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $M > 0$ . Then equivalently,

$$(\forall n > N)(|a_n - \frac{K}{M}| < \epsilon)$$

and therefore

$$(\forall n > N)(M|a_n - \frac{K}{M}| < M\epsilon)$$

Since the choice of  $\epsilon$  and corresponding  $N$  are arbitrary, we can say for every real number  $\epsilon_1 = M\epsilon$  there exists a natural number  $N_1$  such that

$$(\forall n > N_1)(M|a_n - \frac{K}{M}| < \epsilon_1)$$

and hence,

$$(\forall n > N_1)(|Ma_n - K| < \epsilon_1)$$

This is the definition of a limit of the sequence  $\{Ma_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ . Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ma_n = K = LM$ .  $\square$