

# Understanding Analysis, 2nd Edition: Stephen Abbott

## Chapter 1 - Section 1.2

1. Basically it's a bounded sequence.

2. Prove:

- $\lim \frac{2n+1}{5n+4} = \frac{2}{5}$ .
- $\lim \frac{2n^2}{n^3+3} = 0$ .
- $\lim \frac{\sin(n^2)}{\sqrt[3]{n}} = 0$ .

### Solution:

- This one is simple algebra. The final simplified form will be  $\frac{3}{25n+20} < \epsilon \implies n > \frac{3}{25\epsilon} - \frac{4}{5}$ .
- The point of this one is to teach us that not all epsilon-delta style problems need to be solved by relentless algebra.

In this case, we find that the given expression cannot be factored any further. But we can note that  $\frac{2n^2}{n^3+3} < \frac{2n^2}{n^3}$  so we want  $\frac{2}{n} < \epsilon \implies n > \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ .

Basically, don't be afraid to discard constants and use inequalities to simplify expressions.

- Like the previous problem, we don't need to do algebra here. Since  $\sin(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x$ , then  $\frac{\sin(n^2)}{\sqrt[3]{n}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}} < \epsilon \implies n > \frac{1}{\epsilon^3}$ .

3. Straightforward.

4. Give an example or state that the request is impossible.
- A sequence with infinite number of ones that does not converge to one.
  - A sequence with an infinite number of ones that converges to a limit not equal to one.
  - A divergent sequence such that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  it is possible to find  $n$  consecutive ones somewhere in the sequence.

**Solution:**

- Let  $S = 1, 1e6, 1, 1e6, \dots$ . Pick any  $\epsilon$  less than half the distance, then for any value  $L$ , its  $\epsilon$  nghbrhd cannot contain both 1 and 1e6.
- Impossible. Let  $L \neq 1$  be the limit and  $d = |L - 1|$ . Take  $\epsilon = d/2$ . Since there are infinitely many ones, there is a one that's outside  $(L - \epsilon, L + \epsilon)$ . This contradicts the fact that  $L$  is the limit.
- $1, 1e6, 1, 1, 1e6, 1, 1, 1, 1e6, \dots$

5. Easy.  
6. Prove limit is unique.

**Solution:** Classic problem. The idea is to prove by contradiction. Suppose there are two limits  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  and let  $d$  be their difference. Pick  $\epsilon < \frac{d}{2}$ , then a number cannot be in the  $\epsilon$  nghbrhd of both  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  simultaneously.

More formally, by definition of convergence, there exists  $N_1$  such that  $n \geq N_1 \implies |a_n - L_1| < \frac{d}{2}$ . Similarly, there exists  $N_2$  such that  $n \geq N_2 \implies |a_n - L_2| < \frac{d}{2}$ . Let  $N = \max(N_1, N_2)$ , then for any  $n \geq N$ ,  $a_n$  satisfies both inequalities.

Now for the contradiction: if a point is simultaneously in the nghbrhd of both  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , then the sum of distance to that point from both  $L$ 's must be  $\geq d$ . In other words, we have the triangle inequality  $|L_1 - L_2| \leq |a_n - L_1| + |a_n - L_2|$ . But the RHS are both less than  $\frac{d}{2}$ , so we have  $d \leq |a_n - L_1| + |a_n - L_2| < d$ , a contradiction.

7. See the book for the statement.

**Solution:**

- (a) Eventually but not frequently.
- (b) Eventually implies frequently, but not the other way around. So "eventually" is a stronger condition.
- (c) "Eventually" can be used to describe convergence. Let  $S_\epsilon$  be the set of all  $a_n$  such that  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$ , then the limit of a sequence is  $L$  if the sequence is eventually in  $S_\epsilon$ .
- (d) Frequently but not eventually.

8. Doesn't look interesting, skip.