

# Limits and Sequences

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## 1 Basics

- **Sequence definition.** A sequence is a function from the natural to the real numbers.  $a_i = a(i)$
- **Limit definition.** We say  $a_n$  has the limit  $c$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = c$ , if and only if (iff)  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_0$  such that  $n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow |a_n - c| \leq \epsilon$ .
- **Weierstrass theorem.** A monotonic bounded sequence of real numbers is convergent.
- The set of rationals is dense on the real numbers.
- **Continuity.** A function  $f$  is continuous on a set  $D$  iff  $\forall c \in D, \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$  or equivalently  $\forall c \in D, \forall x_n \in D$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = c$  we have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(c)$$

- **Bolzano-Weierstrass.** Let  $a_i$  a bounded sequence on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  then there exists a convergent subsequence of  $a_i$ .
- **Riemann Integral.** Let a function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  and let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  a partition of  $[a, b]$  along with  $t_i \in [x_{i+1}, x_i]$ . We say that a  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$  if for any partition along with any  $t_i \in [x_{i+1}, x_i]$  as  $\max(x_{i+1} - x_i) \rightarrow 0$   $\sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i)(x_{i+1} - x_i) \rightarrow L$  and we call that limit the integral of the function on  $[a, b]$ ,  $L = \int_a^b f(x)dx$ .

- A **Closed set** is defined as a set which contains all its limit points. In a complete metric space, a closed set is a set which is closed under the limit operation.  
 $A$  is closed  $\iff A = cl(A) \iff x$  limit point of  $A \Rightarrow x \in A$

## 2 Problems

1. Let  $n \geq 6$  be an integer. Show that

$$\left(\frac{n}{3}\right)^n < n! < \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^n.$$

2. Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n!}{n^n}}$

3. Compute

$$\sqrt{7 + \sqrt{7 + \dots}}$$

4. Let  $x_i$  be a sequence such that  $x_0 = 1$  and for  $n \geq 0$

$$x_{n+1} = \ln(e^{x_n} - x_n).$$

Show convergence and find the value for the series of  $x_i$ .

5. Let  $f$  be a real continuous function on  $[0, \infty)$  such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$  (it may be infinite or finite). Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 f(nx) dx = L$$

6. (**Cesàro-Stolz**) Let  $x_i, y_i$  sequences such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \infty$   $y_i$  increasing and positive. If

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1} - x_n}{y_{n+1} - y_n} = L.$$

Then the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n}$  exists and it is equal to  $L$ .

7. If  $x_i$  a sequence of positive real numbers such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = L > 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{x_n} = L$

8. Let  $a_i$  be positive integers such that  $\sum \frac{1}{a_n}$  converges. For each  $n$ , let  $b_n$  denote the number of positive integers  $i$  for which  $a_i \leq n$ . Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_n}{n} = 0$
9. For every real number  $x$  find a sequence of rational that converges to  $x$ .
10. Compute

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^{2n} (n^2 + k^2)}$$

11. Let  $a$  be an arbitrary real number. And let  $a_1 = a$  and for  $n > 1$ ,  $a_n = \cos(a_{n-1})$ . Prove that  $a_i$  converges and find the limit.
12. Study

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

and

$$\sum_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$$

and prove irrationality for all powers of  $e$  and that the two sequences converge to the same limit.

13. Sub-additivity. Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  be a sequence of real numbers such that  $x_{i+j} \leq x_i + x_j$  for all (not necessarily distinct) positive integers  $i$  and  $j$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  always exists, and is either a real number or  $-\infty$ .
14. Prove that the set of limit points of a sequence is closed.
15. Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n^2+1}$  be a sequence of distinct reals. Then there exists either an increasing or decreasing  $n+1$  subsequence.
16. If you color  $\binom{\mathbb{N}}{2}$  with finite colors then you can find an infinitely large monochromatic  $K_n$ .
17. Let  $x$  an irrational number and let  $a_n, b_n$  sequences of integers such that  $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow x$ . Show that  $b_n \rightarrow \infty$ .

18. Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ . Suppose that  $f$  has infinitely many zeros, but there are no  $x \in (a, b)$  with  $f(x) = f'(x) = 0$ . Prove that  $f(a)f(b) = 0$  and give an example of such function on  $[0, 1]$

19. Let

$$S_n = \sum_1^n \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{k}{n^2}} - 1 \right)$$

Prove that  $S_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$ .

20. Find exists a function that is continuous only on the irrationals.

21. Prove that the sequence  $\sqrt{7}, \sqrt{7 - \sqrt{7}}, \sqrt{7 - \sqrt{7 + \sqrt{7}}}$  converges and find its limit.

22. Prove that

$$\sqrt{1 + 2\sqrt{1 + 3\sqrt{1 + 4\sqrt{1 + \dots}}}} = 3$$

23. If  $a_i$  sequence with  $a_{n+1} - a_n \rightarrow 0$  and there exists subsequences  $a_{n_k} \rightarrow a, a_{x_k} \rightarrow b$  with  $a < b$ . Show that  $\forall y \in [a, b] \exists$  subsequence  $a_{m_k} : a_{m_k} \rightarrow y$ .

24. Newton's Method, Picard's method.

25. Consider  $x_i$  a sequence given by

$$x_1 = 2, x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n + 1 + \sqrt{x^2 + 2x + 5}}{2}$$

Prove that the sequence  $y_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k^2 - 1}$  is convergent and find its limit.