

Math 101 HW 31

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Q : Suppose $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence that diverges, but does not diverge to either $+\infty$ or $-\infty$. Either prove that at least one of $\limsup x_n$ and $\liminf x_n$ are real numbers and are defined or provide a counterexample.

Since $\{x_n\}$ does not diverge to either $+\infty$ or $-\infty$ it must be bounded. By lemma 1 in the presentation we know that if a sequence is bounded its \liminf is a real number. Thus, $\liminf x_n$ is a real number.

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Q : Suppose $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence that converges. What is the relationship between $\limsup x_n$ and $\liminf x_n$? Be sure to prove this relationship

By lemma 5 in the presentation we know that a sequence converges iff its \limsup equals its \liminf . Thus, $\limsup x_n = \liminf x_n$.

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Q : Suppose that $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ are sequences of real numbers such that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \{x_n\} \leq \{y_n\}$. Show that $\limsup x_n \leq \limsup y_n$ and $\liminf x_n \leq \liminf y_n$.

Let $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ be sequences s.t. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} a_n = \sup\{x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots\} \leq b_n = \sup\{y_n, y_{n+1}, \dots\}$. Then we have $\limsup x_n = \lim a_n \leq \lim b_n = \limsup y_n$. So $\limsup x_n \leq \limsup y_n$.

Now let $\{c_n\}$ and $\{d_n\}$ be sequences s.t. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} c_n = \inf\{x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots\} \leq d_n = \inf\{y_n, y_{n+1}, \dots\}$. Then we have $\liminf x_n = \lim c_n \leq \lim d_n = \liminf y_n$. So $\liminf x_n \leq \liminf y_n$.

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