

# Analysis

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## Lecture 1: Limits

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Books:

- *A First Course in Mathematical Analysis* -Burkill
- *Calculus* -Spivak
- *Analysis I* -Tao

## 1 Limits and Convergence

### 1.1 Review from Numbers and Sets

**Notation.** We denote sequences by  $a_n$  or  $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , with  $a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 1.1.** We say that  $a_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that  $|a_n - a| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

**Note.**  $N = N(\epsilon)$  which is dependent on  $\epsilon$ . That is, if you want to go closer to  $a$ , sometimes you need to go higher in  $N$ .

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**Definition 1.2 (limit of a sequence).** We say that a sequence is a

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{increasing sequence if } a_n \leq a_{n+1}, \\ \text{decreasing sequence if } a_n \geq a_{n+1}, \end{array} \right\} \text{monotone sequence}$$
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{strictly increasing sequence if } a_n < a_{n+1}, \\ \text{strictly decreasing sequence if } a_n > a_{n+1}. \end{array} \right\} \text{strictly monotone sequence}$$

We also have

**Theorem 1.1 (Fundamental Axiom of the Real Numbers).** If  $a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a_n$  is increasing and bounded above by  $A \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

That is, an increasing sequence of real numbers bounded above *converges*.

**Remark.** It is equivalent to the following,

- A decreasing sequence of real numbers bounded below converges.
- Every non-empty set of real numbers bounded above has a *supremum* (Least Upper Bound Axiom).

**Definition 1.3 (supremum).** For  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}, S \neq \emptyset$ . We say that  $\sup S = k$  if

1.  $x \leq k, \quad \forall x \in S,$
2. given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $x > k - \epsilon$ .

**Note.** Supremum is unique, and there is a similar notion of infimum.

**Lemma 1.1 (Properties of Limits).**

1. The limit is unique. That is, if  $a_n \rightarrow a$ , and  $a_n \rightarrow b$ , then  $a = b$ .
2. If  $a_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 \dots$ , then  $a_{n_j} \rightarrow a$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  (subsequences converge to the same limit).
3. If  $a_n = c$  for all  $n$  then  $a_n \rightarrow c$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
4. If  $a_n \rightarrow a$  and  $b_n \rightarrow b$ , then  $a_n + b_n \rightarrow a + b$ .
5. If  $a_n \rightarrow a$  and  $b_n \rightarrow b$ , then  $a_n b_n \rightarrow ab$ .
6. If  $a_n \rightarrow a$ , then  $\frac{1}{a_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{a}$ .
7. If  $a_n < A$  for all  $n$  and  $a_n \rightarrow a$ , then  $a \leq A$ .

*Proof.*

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1. Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N_1$  such that  $|a_n - a| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N_1$ , and there exists  $N_2$  such that  $|a_n - b| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N_2$ .

Take  $N = \max\{n_1, n_2\}$ , then if  $n \geq N$ ,

$$|a - b| \leq |a_n - a| + |a_n - b| < 2\epsilon.$$

If  $a \neq b$ , take  $\epsilon = \frac{|a-b|}{3}$ , we have

$$|a - b| < \frac{2}{3}|a - b|. \quad \nexists$$

2. Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that  $|a_n - a| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N$ , Since  $n_j \geq j$ , we know

$$|a_{n_j} - a| < \epsilon, \forall j \geq N.$$

That is,  $a_{n_j} \rightarrow a$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .

5. We have

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n b_n - ab| &\leq |a_n b_n - a_n b| + |a_n b - ab| \\ &= |a_n||b_n - b| + |b||a_n - a|. \end{aligned}$$

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N_1$  such that  $|a_n - a| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N_1$ , and there exists  $N_2$  such that  $|b_n - b| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N_2$ .

If  $n \geq N_1(1)$ ,  $|a_n - a| < 1$ , so  $|a_n| \leq |a| + 1$ .

We have

$$|a_n b_n - ab| \leq \epsilon(|a| + 1 + |b|), \forall n \geq N_3(\epsilon) = \max\{N_1(1), N_1(\epsilon), N_2(\epsilon)\}.$$

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**Lemma 1.2.**

$$\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

*Proof.*  $\frac{1}{n}$  is a decreasing sequence that is bounded below. By the Fundamental Axiom, it has a limit  $a$ .

We claim that  $a = 0$ . We have

$$\frac{1}{2n} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow \frac{a}{2} \text{ by Lemma (1.1).}$$

But  $\frac{1}{2n}$  is a subsequence, so by Lemma (1.1)  $\frac{1}{2n} \rightarrow a$ . By uniqueness of limits proved again in Lemma (1.1), we have  $a = \frac{a}{2} \implies a = 0$ . ■

**Remark.** The definition of limit of a sequence makes perfect sense for  $a_n \in \mathbb{C}$  by replacing the absolute value with modulus.

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**Definition 1.4.** We say that  $a_n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that  $|a_n - a| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

And the first six parts of Lemma (1.1) are the same over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The last one does not make sense over  $\mathbb{C}$  since it uses the order of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

## Lecture 2: Bolzano–Weierstrass theorem

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**Theorem 1.2 (Bolzano–Weierstrass Theorem).** If  $x_n \in \mathbb{R}$  and there exists  $K$  such that  $|x_n| \leq K$  for all  $n$ , then we can find  $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x_{n_j} \rightarrow x$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . In other words, every bounded sequence has a convergent subsequence.

**Remark.** We say nothing about the uniqueness of the limit  $x$ .

For example,  $x_n = (-1)^n$  has two subsequences tending to  $-1$  and  $1$  respectively.

*Proof.* Set  $[a_1, b_1] = [-K, K]$ . Let  $c$  be the mid-point of  $a_1, b_1$ , consider the following alternatives,

1.  $x_n \in [a_1, c]$  for infinitely many  $n$ .
2.  $x_n \in [c, b_1]$  for infinitely many  $n$ .

Note that (1) and (2) can hold at the same time. But if (1) holds, we set  $a_2 = a_1$  and  $b_2 = c$ . If (1) fails, we have that (2) must hold, and we set  $a_2 = c$  and  $b_2 = b_1$ .

We proceed as above to construct sequences  $a_n, b_n$  such that  $x_m \in [a_n, b_n]$  for infinitely many values of  $m$ . They also satisfy

$$a_{n-1} \leq a_n \leq b_n \leq b_{n-1}, \quad b_n - a_n = \frac{b_{n-1} - a_{n-1}}{2}.$$

$a_n$  is an increasing sequence and bounded, and  $b_n$  is a decreasing sequence and bounded. By Fundamental Axiom,  $a_n \rightarrow a \in [a_1, b_1]$ ,  $b_n \rightarrow b \in [a_1, b_1]$ . Using Lemma (1.1),  $b - a = \frac{b-a}{2} \implies a = b$ .

Since  $x_m \in [a_n, b_n]$  for infinitely many values of  $m$ , having chosen  $n_j$  such that  $x_{n_j} \in [a_j, b_j]$ , that is  $n_{j+1} > n_j$  such that  $x_{n_{j+1}} \in [a_{j+1}, b_{j+1}]$ . In other words, there is unlimited supply.

Hence,  $a_j \leq x_{n_j} \leq b_j$ , so  $x_{n_j} \rightarrow a$ . ■

### 1.2 Cauchy Sequences

**Definition 1.5 (Cauchy Sequence).**  $a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  is called a *Cauchy sequence* if given  $\epsilon > 0 \exists N > 0$  such that  $|a_n - a_m| < \epsilon \forall n, m > N$ .

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**Note.**  $N$  is dependent on  $\epsilon$ .

A function is Cauchy if after you wait long enough, any two elements in the sequence would be close enough.

**Lemma 1.3.** A convergent sequence is a Cauchy sequence.

*Proof.* If  $a_n \rightarrow a$ , given  $\epsilon > 0$ , exists  $N$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $|a_n - a| < \epsilon$ .

Take  $m, n \geq N$ ,

$$|a_n - a_m| \leq |a_n - a| + |a_m - a| < 2\epsilon.$$

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**Lemma 1.4.** Every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

*Proof.* First we note that if  $a_n$  is Cauchy, then it is bounded.

Take  $\epsilon = 1$ ,  $N = N(1)$  in the Cauchy property, then

$$|a_n - a_m| < 1, \quad n, m \geq N(1).$$

We have

$$|a_m| \leq |a_m - a_N| + |a_N| < 1 + |a_N| \quad \forall m \geq N.$$

Let  $K = \max\{1 + |a_N|, |a_n| \mid n = 1, 2, \dots, N-1\}$ .

Then  $|a_n| \leq K$  for all  $n$ . By the Bolzano–Weierstrass theorem,  $a_{n_j} \rightarrow a$ . We must have  $a_n \rightarrow a$ .

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $j_0$  such that for all  $j \geq j_0$ ,  $|a_{n_j} - a| < \epsilon$ .

Also, there exists  $N(\epsilon)$  such that  $|a_m - a_n| < \epsilon$  for all  $m, n \geq N(\epsilon)$ .

Take  $j$  such that  $n_j \geq \max\{N(\epsilon), n_{j_0}\}$ . Then if  $n \geq N(\epsilon)$ ,

$$|a_n - a| \leq |a_n - a_{n_j}| + |a_{n_j} - a| < 2\epsilon.$$

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Thus, on  $\mathbb{R}$ , a sequence is convergent if and only if it is Cauchy.

The old fashion name of this is called the "general principle of convergence".

It is a useful property because we don't need what the limit actually is.

## 2 Series

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**Definition 2.1.** If  $a_n \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$  We say that  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j$  converges to  $s$  if the sequence of partial sums

$$S_N = \sum_{j=1}^N a_j \rightarrow S$$

as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . We write  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j = s$ . If  $S_N$  does not converge, we say that  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j$  *diverges*.

**Remark.** Any problem on series is really a problem about the sequence of partial sums.

**Lemma 2.1.**

1. If  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_j$  converges, then so does  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda a_j + \mu b_j$ , when  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{C}$ ;
2. Suppose there exists  $N$  such that  $a_i = b_i$  for all  $i \geq N$ . Then either  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i$  both converge or they both diverge. (initial terms do not matter for convergence)

*Proof.* 1. Exercise.

2. If we have  $n \geq N$ ,

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} a_i + \sum_{i=N}^n a_i$$

$$d_n = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} b_i + \sum_{i=N}^n b_i$$

So  $S_n - d_n = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} a_i - b_i$  which is a constant. So  $S_n$  converges if and only if  $d_n$  does. ■