

Week 2

A1 due, A2 posted tomorrow

2.5. Properties of Limits

Definition

We say (a_n) is bounded if $\{a_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded.
i.e. $|a_n| \leq M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Proposition: If $a_n \rightarrow L$ then (a_n) is bounded.

Proof: Suppose $a_n \rightarrow L$. For $\epsilon = 1$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$|a_n - L| < 1 \text{ when } n \geq N$$

$$\therefore -1 < a_n - L < 1$$

$$\therefore -1 + L < a_n < 1 + L$$

$$\text{Take } m = \min\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{N-1}, L-1\},$$

$$M = \max\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{N-1}, L+1\}$$

$$\therefore m \leq a_n \leq M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\therefore (a_n) \text{ is bounded.}$$

e.g. $(a_n) = (\sin(n))$

$$(a_n) = (-1)^n$$

bounded but not convergent (converse not true)

Proposition $a_n \rightarrow L, b_n \rightarrow M$

1) $a_n + b_n \rightarrow L + M$



2) $\alpha a_n \rightarrow \alpha L, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

3) $a_n b_n \rightarrow LM$

4) $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow \frac{L}{M}$ if $b_n \neq 0$ for all n and $M \neq 0$

Proof: (1) Suppose $a_n \rightarrow L$ and $b_n \rightarrow M$

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given.

Since $a_n \rightarrow L$, $\exists N_1 \in \mathbb{N} \cdot n \geq N_1 \Rightarrow |a_n - L| < \boxed{\epsilon/2}$

" $b_n \rightarrow M$, $\exists N_2 \in \mathbb{N} \cdot n \geq N_2 \Rightarrow |b_n - M| < \boxed{\epsilon/2}$

Choose $N = \max \{N_1, N_2\}$. Suppose $n \geq N$.

$$\begin{aligned} & |a_n + b_n - (L + M)| \\ &= |(a_n - L) + (b_n - M)| \\ &\leq |a_n - L| + |b_n - M| \\ &< \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

3) Suppose $a_n \rightarrow L$ and $b_n \rightarrow M$.

Since $a_n \rightarrow L$, (a_n) is bounded $\Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$.

$|a_n| \leq k \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given.

$\exists n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n \geq n_1 \Rightarrow |a_n - L| < \boxed{\epsilon/2|M|}$

$\exists n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n \geq n_2 \Rightarrow |b_n - M| < \boxed{\epsilon/2k}$

Choose $N = \max \{n_1, n_2\}$ and suppose $n \geq N$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \therefore |a_n b_n - LM| \\ &= |a_n b_n - a_n M + a_n M - LM| \\ &\leq |a_n b_n - a_n M| + |a_n M - LM| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= |a_n(b_n - M)| + |M(a_n - L)| \\
&= |a_n| |b_n - M| + |M| |a_n - L| \\
&\leq k |b_n - M| + |M| |a_n - L| \\
&< \epsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

Note: If $|M| = 0$, take $|a_n - L| < 1$ instead of $\frac{\epsilon}{2|M|}$.

Hint to prove (4) — first prove $\frac{1}{a_n}$ limit law then use product rule

2.b. Monotone Convergence Theorem

Definition

We say (a_n) is:

① monotone increasing
if $a_n \leq a_{n+1} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

③ monotone decreasing
if $a_n \geq a_{n+1} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

② strictly monotone increasing
if $a_n < a_{n+1} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

④ strictly m. dec.
if $a_n > a_{n+1} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Theorem (Monotone Convergence Theorem):

Every monotone increasing sequence that is bounded above converges. Same for mon. dec. seq. bounded below. \hookrightarrow (to Sup)
 \hookrightarrow (to Inf)

Definition

We say (a_n) is monotone if it is monotone increasing or monotone decreasing.

Proof next time.