

8. Prove (from the definition of a limit of a sequence) that if the sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=1 \text{ to } \infty}$ tends to limit L as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then for any fixed number $M > 0$, the sequence $\{Ma_n\}_{n=1 \text{ to } \infty}$ tends to the limit ML .

Claim: Given $\{a_n\}_{n=1 \text{ to } \infty}$ and $L \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists N \in \mathbb{N})(\forall n \geq N)[|a_n - L| < \epsilon] \Rightarrow (\forall M \in \mathbb{R} > 0)(\forall \epsilon > 0)(\exists N \in \mathbb{N})(\forall n \geq N)[|Ma_n - ML| < \epsilon]$$

Proof: Suppose the antecedent of the claim. Given an $M \in \mathbb{R} > 0$, by the assumption we know that we if we take an arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$ there will be a $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for any given $n \geq N$ it will be the case that $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$. By algebra and since $M > 0$:

$$|a_n - L| < \epsilon$$

$$-\epsilon < a_n - L < \epsilon$$

$$-M\epsilon < Ma_n - ML < M\epsilon \text{ (remember } M > 0)$$

$$-M\epsilon < -\epsilon < Ma_n - ML < \epsilon < M\epsilon, \text{ hence,}$$

$$-\epsilon < Ma_n - ML < \epsilon, \text{ thus,}$$

$$|Ma_n - ML| < \epsilon$$

By the numbers given and chosen, and by the assumptions and reasoning, we can deduce the claim and gets proved. \square