

Proves and Problem Solving

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1 Upper bounds and Least upper bound

1.1 Bounded Sequence

We say that a sequence (a_n) is **bounded** if the set of values a_1, a_2, \dots is a bounded set.

i.e. there are m, M such that $m \leq a_n \leq M$ for all n . **Proposition 6.1**
Suppose the sequence (a_n) converges. Then it is bounded.

Proposition 6.3

Suppose that $x_n \rightarrow L$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and that $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $x_n^k \rightarrow L^k$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

1.2 Application: the existence of roots

Theorem 6.6

Let $x > 0$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then there is a unique $y > 0$ such that $y^k = x$.

1.3 Infinite limits

Definition 6.4

Let x_n be a sequence of real numbers.

(a) We say (x_n) tends to ∞ or **diverges** to ∞ , and write $x_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ if for all $M > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n > N$ implies $x_n \geq M$.

(b) Similar for $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$