

## Chapter 5 Limit Theorems

### 5.1 Limits of sums, products, and quotients

**Theorem.** Assume that  $a_n \rightarrow L$  and  $b_n \rightarrow M$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

- (1) Linearity theorem  $ra_n + sb_n \rightarrow rL + sM$  for every  $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$
- (2) Product theorem  $a_n b_n \rightarrow LM$
- (3) Quotient theorem  $\frac{b_n}{a_n} \rightarrow \frac{M}{L}$  if  $L \neq 0$  &  $a_n \neq 0$  for all  $n$

Pf. (1)  $e_n = a_n - L$   $e'_n = b_n - M$

Then  $e_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $e'_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

So, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $|e_n| < \varepsilon$  &  $|e'_n| < \varepsilon$  for  $n >> 1$ .  $n \geq N$

$$|ra_n + sb_n - (rL + sM)| \leq |r(a_n - L)| + |s(b_n - M)|, \text{ by triangular inequality}$$

$$= |r||e_n| + |s||e'_n| < |r|\varepsilon + |s|\varepsilon = (|r| + |s|)\varepsilon \text{ for } n >> 1$$

Thus by  $K - \varepsilon$  Principle,  $ra_n + sb_n \rightarrow rL + sM$

(2) By hypo, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $|e_n| < \varepsilon$  &  $|e'_n| < \varepsilon$  for  $n >> 1$

Notice that

$|a_n b_n - LM| < \varepsilon$  holds when  $\varepsilon < 1 \Rightarrow |a_n b_n - LM| < \varepsilon'$  is (automatically) true for all  $\varepsilon' \geq 1$

Thus we may and do assume  $\varepsilon < 1$ . Then

$$a_n b_n - LM = (e_n + L)(e'_n + M) - LM = e_n M + e'_n L + e_n e'_n$$

$$\therefore |a_n b_n - LM| \leq |M||e_n| + |L||e'_n| + |e_n||e'_n|$$

$$< \varepsilon|M| + \varepsilon|L| + \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon < (|M| + |L| + 1)\varepsilon \equiv K\varepsilon$$

Thus by  $K - \varepsilon$  Principle,  $a_n b_n \rightarrow LM$

(3) Enough to show  $\frac{1}{a_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{L}$  ( $L \neq 0$ ) because (2) will then give

$$\frac{b_n}{a_n} = b_n \cdot \frac{1}{a_n} \rightarrow M \cdot \frac{1}{L} = \frac{M}{L}$$

Since  $\left| \frac{1}{a_n} - \frac{1}{L} \right| = \frac{|a_n - L|}{|a_n||L|}$ , to show the quotient on the right is small,

we must show the denominator is *not too small* (i.e., must show  $|a_n|$  is not too small)

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $a_n = L + e_n$  where  $|e_n| < \varepsilon$  for  $n >> 1$

$$|a_n| = |L + e_n| \geq |L| - |e_n| > |L| - \varepsilon \text{ for } n >> 1, \text{ since } |e_n| < \varepsilon \text{ for } n >> 1$$

$$|a+b| \geq |a| - |b| > \frac{|L|}{2} \text{ for } n >> 1, \text{ since we can take } \varepsilon < \frac{|L|}{2}.$$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{1}{a_n} - \frac{1}{L} \right| = \frac{|a_n - L|}{|a_n||L|} = \frac{|e_n|}{|a_n||L|} < \frac{\varepsilon}{\frac{|L|}{2} \cdot |L|} = \frac{2\varepsilon}{|L|^2} \text{ for } n >> 1$$

Thus by  $K - \varepsilon$  Principle,  $\frac{1}{a_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{L}$  when  $L \neq 0$

Remark to (3):  $\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L \quad \& \quad L \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_n \neq 0 \quad \text{for } n \gg 1}$

Pf. By hypo, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $L - \varepsilon < a_n < L + \varepsilon$  for  $n \gg 1$

If  $L > 0$ , take  $\varepsilon = \frac{L}{2} (> 0)$ , then  $0 < \frac{L}{2} < a_n$  for  $n \gg 1$

$$\therefore a_n \neq 0 \text{ for } n \gg 1$$

If  $L < 0$ , take  $\varepsilon = -\frac{L}{2} (> 0)$ , then  $a_n < \frac{L}{2} < 0$  for  $n \gg 1$

$$\therefore a_n \neq 0 \text{ for } n \gg 1$$

Consequently, in each case, we have  $a_n \neq 0$  for  $n \gg 1$

In particular,  $\frac{1}{a_n}$  is defined for  $n \gg 1$

Alternative (short) pf.

By hypo, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $a_n \approx_\varepsilon L$  for  $n \gg 1$   $|a_n - L| < \varepsilon$

Take  $\varepsilon = \frac{|L|}{2} (> 0)$ . Then

$$|a_n - L| < \frac{|L|}{2} \text{ for } n \gg 1$$

Thus, for  $n \gg 1$ ,

$$|a_n| = |a_n - L + L| = |L - (L - a_n)| \geq |L| - |L - a_n| > |L| - |L|/2 = |L|/2 (> 0)$$

$$\therefore a_n \neq 0 \text{ for } n \gg 1$$

Exa A.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^2 - 2n - 1}{n^2 + 1} = ?$

Sol. 
$$\frac{3n^2 - 2n - 1}{n^2 + 1} = \frac{3 - \frac{2}{n} - \frac{1}{n^2}}{1 + \frac{1}{n^2}} \rightarrow \frac{3}{1} = 3 \quad (\because \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0, \frac{1}{n^2} \rightarrow 0)$$

**Theorem** (Algebraic operations for infinite limits)

(1)  $a_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $b_n \rightarrow \infty$  { or  $b_n \rightarrow L$  (finite), or  $b_n \geq (\text{some number})C$  for all  $n$  }

$$\Rightarrow a_n + b_n \rightarrow \infty$$

(2)  $a_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $b_n \rightarrow \infty$  { or  $b_n \rightarrow L (> 0)$ , or  $b_n \geq (\text{some number})K > 0$  for all  $n$  }

$$\Rightarrow a_n \cdot b_n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$(3) \quad a_n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a_n} \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{but the converse is } \textit{false} \text{ in general})$$

$$(4) \quad a_n \rightarrow 0 \quad \& \quad a_n > 0 \quad \text{for all } n \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a_n} \rightarrow \infty$$

Pf (1) Assume  $a_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $b_n \geq C$  for all  $n$ . Then

given  $M > 0$ ,  $a_n > M + |C|$  for  $n \gg 1$

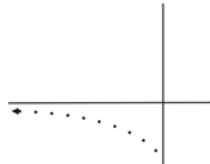
Thus  $a_n + b_n > M + \underbrace{|C| + C}_{\geq 0} \geq M$  for  $n \gg 1$

That is,  $a_n + b_n > M$  for  $n \gg 1$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + b_n) = \infty$$

(2), (3), (4): Exercise

Note: The converse of (3) is false:



$$a_n = -1/n \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{but} \quad 1/a_n = -n \rightarrow -\infty$$

Exa B Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n(a + \cos n\pi)$ , for different values of  $a$

Sol.  $\cos n\pi = (-1)^n$  for all  $n$

If  $a > 1$ , then  $a + \cos n\pi = a + (-1)^n \geq a - 1 > 0$  for all  $n$

$$n(a + \cos n\pi) \geq n(a - 1) \rightarrow \infty \quad \therefore n(a + \cos n\pi) \rightarrow \infty$$

If  $a < -1$ , then  $a + \cos n\pi = a + (-1)^n \leq a + 1 < 0$  for all  $n$

$$n(a + \cos n\pi) \leq n(a + 1) \rightarrow -\infty \quad \therefore n(a + \cos n\pi) \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\text{If } a = 1, \text{ then } n(a + \cos n\pi) = n(a + (-1)^n) = n(1 + (-1)^n) = \begin{cases} 2n, & n = \text{even} \\ 0, & n = \text{odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } a = -1, \text{ then } n(a + \cos n\pi) = n(a + (-1)^n) = n(-1 + (-1)^n) = \begin{cases} 0, & n = \text{even} \\ -2n, & n = \text{odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n(a + \cos n\pi) \text{ does not exist if } a = 1 \text{ or } a = -1$$

$$\text{If } |a| < 1, \text{ then } n(a + \cos n\pi) = n(a + (-1)^n) = \begin{cases} n(a + 1) & (\rightarrow \infty), \quad n = \text{even} \\ n(a - 1) & (\rightarrow -\infty), \quad n = \text{odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n(a + \cos n\pi) \text{ does not exist if } |a| < 1$$

## 비교정리

### 5.2 Comparison theorems

**Theorem** (*Squeeze Theorem* or *Sandwich Theorem*)

Suppose that there are three sequences  $(a_n)$ ,  $(b_n)$ , and  $(c_n)$  satisfying

$$a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n \text{ for } n \gg 1$$

If  $a_n \rightarrow L$  &  $c_n \rightarrow L$ , then  $b_n \rightarrow L$  also.

Pf. By hypo, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $a_n \approx_\varepsilon L$  &  $c_n \approx_\varepsilon L$  for  $n \gg 1$

That is, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $L - \varepsilon < a_n < L + \varepsilon$  &  $L - \varepsilon < c_n < L + \varepsilon$  for  $n \gg 1$

So,  $L - \varepsilon < a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n < L + \varepsilon$  for  $n \gg 1$

This shows: given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $b_n \approx_\varepsilon L$  for  $n \gg 1$

Exa A. Show that  $\sqrt[n]{2 + \cos na} \rightarrow 1$ , for any fixed number  $a$

Pf. Recall easy facts:

•  $a, b > 0$  &  $a \leq b \Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{a} \leq \sqrt[n]{b}$  (대우로 증명가능)



•  $a > 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a} = 1$

Pf of the second fact:

Case1.  $a > 1 \Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{a} > 1$

$$\sqrt[n]{a} \stackrel{\text{let}}{=} 1 + h_n, \quad h_n > 0 \quad \text{Have to show } h_n \rightarrow 0$$

$$a = (1 + h_n)^n = 1 + nh_n + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}h_n^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}h_n^3 + \dots + h_n^n$$

$$\geq 1 + nh_n > nh_n$$

$$\Rightarrow nh_n < a$$

$$\Rightarrow h_n < \frac{a}{n}, \text{ where } h_n > 0$$

$$\therefore 0 < h_n < \frac{a}{n}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$0 \leq \qquad \leq a \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_n = 0$$

Case2.  $0 < a < 1 \Rightarrow 1/a > 1$

$$\stackrel{\text{Case1}}{\Rightarrow} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{1/a} = 1 \quad (\text{i.e., } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{a}} = 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a} = 1 \quad (\because \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L (\neq 0) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1/a_n = 1/L)$$

Case3.  $a = 1$ : Trivial

Remark (later):  $a > 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^{1/n} \stackrel{a^x \text{ is continuous on } \mathbb{R}}{=} a^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n}} = a^0 = 1$

We turn now to the problem:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 = \sqrt[n]{1} \leq \sqrt[n]{2 + \cos na} \leq \sqrt[n]{3} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 1 & & 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{array}$$

Hence by Squeeze Theorem,  $\sqrt[n]{2 + \cos na} \rightarrow 1$

**Theorem** (Squeeze Theorem for infinite limits)

$$b_n \geq a_n \quad \& \quad a_n \rightarrow \infty \quad \Rightarrow \quad b_n \rightarrow \infty$$

Pf. (Easy) Given  $M > 0$ ,  $a_n > M$  for  $n \gg 1$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \Leftarrow b_n \geq a_n \\ b_n > M \text{ for } n \gg 1 \end{array}$$

Review

$$1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + \dots + 1/n > \ln(n+1) > \ln n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + \dots + 1/n) = \infty$$

Exa B  $a > 1 \Rightarrow a^n \rightarrow \infty$

Pf.  $a > 1 \Rightarrow a = 1 + k, k > 0$

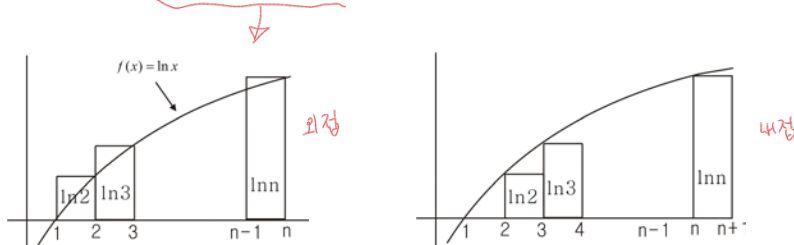
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a^n &= (1+k)^n = 1 + nk + \text{positive terms} \\ &> 1 + nk \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a^n \rightarrow \infty$$

Exa C ( $n! \sim ?$  when  $n$  is large enough)

Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n!}{n \ln n} = 1$  (In symbols,  $\ln n! \sim n \ln n$ )

Sol.  $\ln n! = \ln 1 + \ln 2 + \dots + \ln n = \ln x$



the total area of the above rectangles

$$= \ln 1 + \ln 2 + \dots + \ln n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^n \ln x dx &\leq \ln 1 + \ln 2 + \dots + \ln n \leq n \ln n \quad (\text{or } \int_2^{n+1} \ln x dx) \\ &= x \ln x \Big|_1^n - \int_1^n 1 dx \\ &= n \ln n - n + 1 \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{Integral in the LHS} = [x \ln x - x]_1^n = n \ln n - n + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \times \frac{1}{n \ln n} \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{\ln n} + \frac{1}{n \ln n} &\leq \frac{\ln n!}{n \ln n} \leq 1 \\ \downarrow & \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ \underbrace{1} & \qquad \qquad \qquad \underbrace{1}, \text{ by sandwich theorem} \\ \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n!}{n \ln n} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

### 5.3 Location Theorems

**Theorem A** (Limit Location Theorem : **LLT** for short)

LLT : Limit Location Theorem

If  $(a_n)$  is convergent, then

"항들의 위치가 결정되면 극한의 위치가 결정된다."

$$(a) \quad \underbrace{a_n \leq M}_{\text{for } n \gg 1} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq M$$

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$$(b) \quad a_n \geq M \text{ for } n \gg 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \geq M$$

[결론:  $\leq$  (또는  $\geq$ )의 양변에 limit를 택한 결과가 성립한다; if the limit is known to exist]

For example,  $a_n \geq 0$  for  $n \gg 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \geq 0$  if  $(a_n)$  is convergent.

**Caution:** It is *not* true that " $a_n > 0$  for  $n \gg 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n > 0$ " even if  $(a_n)$  is convergent.

For example,  $\frac{1}{n} > 0$  for all  $n$  ( $\therefore \frac{1}{n} > 0$  for  $n \gg 1$ ) but  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$

Pf of (a). The statement (a) can be written as

$$a_n \leq M \text{ for } n \gg 1, \quad a_n \rightarrow L \Rightarrow L \leq M$$

$$a_n \rightarrow L \Rightarrow \text{given } \varepsilon > 0, \quad a_n \approx_\varepsilon L \text{ for } n \gg 1$$

That is,  $\underline{L - \varepsilon < a_n < L + \varepsilon}$  for  $n \gg 1$

Since  $a_n \leq M$  for  $n \gg 1$ , we have

$$L - \varepsilon < M, \text{ for any } \varepsilon > 0 \quad \text{---- } (*)$$

This implies  $L \leq M$ .

( $\therefore$  If  $L > M$ , choose  $\varepsilon = L - M (> 0)$ , then

$$\underline{L - \varepsilon = L - (L - M) = M}; \text{ contradiction to } (*)$$

(b) can be proved in a similar way.

**Note:** Only the following conclusion can be guaranteed:

$$(i) \quad a_n < M \quad \text{for } n \gg 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq M \quad \text{if } (a_n) \text{ is convergent}$$

$$(ii) \quad a_n > M \quad \text{for } n \gg 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \geq M \quad \text{if } (a_n) \text{ is convergent}$$

⊙ A variant of the Limit Location Theorem

$$(a_n) \text{ \& } (b_n) : \text{convergent, } a_n \leq b_n \text{ for } n \gg 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$$

$$\text{Pf. } a_n - b_n \leq 0 \text{ for } n \gg 1 \xRightarrow{(a)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n - b_n) \leq 0 \text{ (since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n - b_n) \text{ exists; why?)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$$

**Theorem B** (Sequence Location Theorem: **SLT** for short )

Assuming  $(a_n)$  converges,

$$(a) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n < M \Rightarrow a_n < M \text{ for } n \gg 1$$

$$(b) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n > M \Rightarrow a_n > M \text{ for } n \gg 1$$

Pf. (a) Let  $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ . Then

given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $L - \varepsilon < a_n < L + \varepsilon$  for  $n \gg 1$

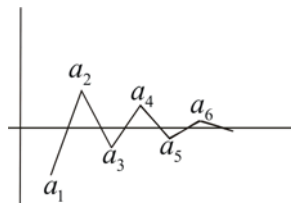
Hypo means  $L < M$ .

Take  $\varepsilon = M - L (> 0)$ . Then

$$a_n < L + \varepsilon = L + (M - L) = M \text{ for } n \gg 1$$

(b) can be proved in a similar way.

**Caution:** It is *not* true that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq M \Rightarrow a_n \leq M$  for  $n \gg 1$



$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0 \quad (\because \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq 0) \text{ but } a_n > 0 \text{ only for every even } n (> 0)$$

## 5.4 Subsequences (Commonly used for proving “non-existence of limits”)

Def. A subsequence of  $(a_n)$  is a sequence consisting of terms  $(a_n)$  and having the form

$$a_{n_1}, a_{n_2}, a_{n_3}, \dots, a_{n_i}, \dots, \text{ where } n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots < n_i < \dots.$$

(Remember:  $n_i$ 's are nonnegative integers & “strictly” increasing)

Exa. Let  $(a_n): 1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 4, 1, 5, \dots$

Each list in the left is a subseq of  $(a_n)$ :

$$1, 1, 1, 1, \dots$$

$$1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

$$3, 4, 5, 6, \dots$$

Each list in the right is **not** a subseq of  $(a_n)$ :

$$2, 2, 2, 2, \dots$$

$$3, 2, 5, 4, \dots$$

Theorem (Subsequence Theorem)

If  $(a_n)$  converges, every subsequence also converges, and to the same limit.

"어떤 수열  $a_n$ 이 수렴하면, 임의의 부분수열  $a_{n_i}$  역시 같은 극한으로 수렴한다."

In other words,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L \Rightarrow \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} a_{n_i} = L \text{ for every subsequence } (a_{n_i})$$

Pf.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L \Rightarrow$  given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $a_n \approx_\varepsilon L$  for  $n \gg 1$   $\forall \varepsilon > 0, a_{n_i} \approx_\varepsilon L$  for  $i \gg 1$

That is,  $\exists$  a number  $N$  (depending only on  $\varepsilon$ ) such that

$$a_n \approx_\varepsilon L \text{ for } n > N \quad \text{--- (*)}$$

Remind the indices  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_i, \dots$  are strictly increasing & nonnegative integers.

$$(\text{Thus } n_i \text{ is strictly } \uparrow \text{ \& } \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} n_i = \infty)$$

$$\therefore n_i > N \text{ for } i \gg 1 \quad \text{--- (**)}$$

$$(*) \text{ \& } (**) \Rightarrow a_{n_i} \approx_\varepsilon L \text{ for } i \gg 1 \quad \therefore \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} a_{n_i} = L$$

Exa A. It is true that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

What's wrong in the following argument?

**Wrong** pf: By contraposition, we shall show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n^2 \neq 0$

Suppose therefore that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ , where  $L \neq 0$ .

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L^2 \neq 0$



Note:  $\sim^{\text{negation}} (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0)$  is **not** equivalent to  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$

In fact,

$$\sim (\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \text{either } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \text{ does not exist, or} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \text{ exists \& } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

**Right pf:**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n^2 = 0 &\Rightarrow \text{given } \varepsilon > 0, \quad a_n^2 \approx_{\varepsilon^2} 0 \quad \text{for } n \gg 1 \\ &\stackrel{\text{clearly}}{\Rightarrow} \text{given } \varepsilon > 0, \quad a_n \approx_{\varepsilon} 0 \quad \text{for } n \gg 1 \\ &\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Exa B. Prove  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$  does not exist.

Pf. Note that

$$\sin \frac{n\pi}{2} = 0 \quad \text{if } \frac{n\pi}{2} = k\pi \quad , \text{ let } \frac{n}{2} = k$$

\& (where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ )

$$\sin \frac{n\pi}{2} = 1 \quad \text{if } \frac{n\pi}{2} = (2k + \frac{1}{2})\pi$$

Thus  $(\sin \frac{2k\pi}{2})_{k=1}^{\infty}$  \&  $(\sin \frac{(4k+1)\pi}{2})_{k=1}^{\infty}$  are two subsequences of  $(\sin \frac{n\pi}{2})_1^{\infty}$  such that

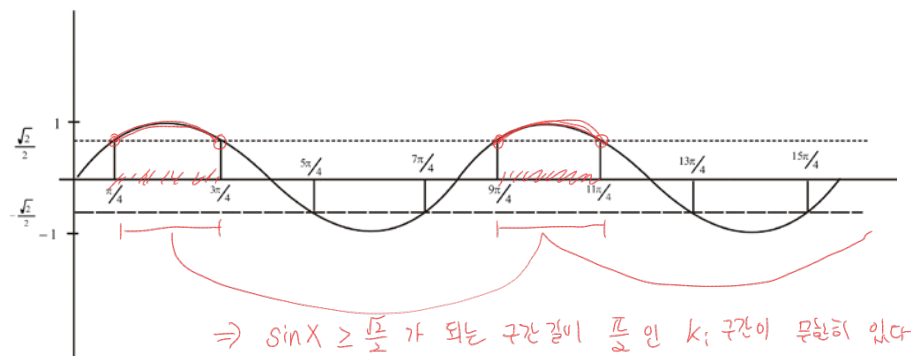
$$\sin \frac{2k\pi}{2} = 0 \rightarrow 0 \neq 1 \leftarrow 1 = \sin \frac{(4k+1)\pi}{2}$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$  does not exist, by Subsequence Theorem,

※ Exa C. Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin n$  does not exist. ✨ 각각의  $\sin n$ 이 어떤 값을 갖는지 알 수 없어서 까다롭다

(This is **harder** than the preceding example, since we **don't know the exact values of**  $\sin n$  )

Pf.



From the graph, we see that there are **infinitely many intervals of length  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  on which  $\sin x \geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$** .

Since each of these intervals has length  $> 1$ , **in each** of them we **can choose an integer**;

let  $k_i$  be the integer chosen from the  $i$ -th interval.

This gives a subsequence  $(\sin k_i)$  such that

$$\sin k_i \geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} (\otimes)$$

*부분수열 1*

Similarly, we can choose an integer  $m_i$  from each of the successive intervals of length  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

on which  $\sin x \leq -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ , giving a subsequence  $(\sin m_i)$  such that

$$\sin m_i \leq -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} (\otimes\otimes)$$

*부분수열 2*

Suppose now that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin n \stackrel{\text{let}}{=} L$  exists. Then by Subsequence Theorem,

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sin k_i = L \quad \& \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sin m_i = L$$

But  $(\otimes)$  &  $(\otimes\otimes)$  & **LLT** imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sin k_i &\geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \& \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sin m_i \leq -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \text{i.e., } L &\geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \& \quad L \leq -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad : \text{contradiction} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin n$  does not exist.

## 5.5 Two common mistakes

Exa A. Prove:  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  &  $b_n$  is bounded  $\Rightarrow a_n b_n \rightarrow 0$

What's wrong in the following argument?

**Wrong pf.** Since  $(b_n)$  is bounded,  $\exists$  two real numbers  $L$  &  $M$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} L &\leq b_n \leq M \\ &\Downarrow \\ a_n L &\leq a_n b_n \leq a_n M \quad \text{ } a_n \geq 0 \text{ 이란 가정이 있어야} \\ &\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{ } \text{성립이 가능하다} \\ 0 &\qquad \qquad 0 \\ \therefore a_n b_n &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note: In the above,  $\Downarrow$  is *not* true ( $\Downarrow$  is true only if  $a_n \geq 0$ )

© A modification of the above argument: Start with " $L \leq b_n \leq M$ " ( $\Leftarrow (b_n)$  is bounded)

Case1  $a_n \geq 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a_n L \leq a_n b_n \leq a_n M \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \\ 0 & & 0 \\ \therefore & a_n b_n \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Case2  $a_n \leq 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a_n L \geq a_n b_n \geq a_n M \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \\ 0 & & 0 \\ \therefore & a_n b_n \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

This is **also wrong**, since  $a_n$  might alternate between positive & negative.

**Right argument** (use absolute values)

SLT :  $\nexists_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n < M \Rightarrow a_n < M \text{ for } n \gg 1$

Since  $(b_n)$  is bounded,  $\exists$  a number  $K > 0$  such that

"극한의 위치가 정해지면, 항들의 위치도 정해진다"

$$|b_n| \leq K \text{ for all } n$$

$$\text{Then } 0 \leq |a_n b_n| = |a_n| |b_n| \leq |a_n| \cdot K \rightarrow 0 \cdot K = 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

By Squeeze Theorem,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n b_n| = 0$ . This clearly implies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n b_n = 0$ .

$$\text{Exa B. Prove: } a_n \rightarrow L, L \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{L}$$

Sol. (a reproof of the result) Hypo says: given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $|a_n - L| < \varepsilon$  for  $n \gg 1$

Assume first that  $L > 0$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n > \frac{L}{2} (> 0)$ .

Thus by SLT (or by taking  $\varepsilon = \frac{L}{2}$ ), we have  $a_n > \frac{L}{2}$  for  $n \gg 1$

$$\text{Then } \left| \frac{1}{a_n} - \frac{1}{L} \right| = \frac{|a_n - L|}{a_n \cdot L} < \frac{\varepsilon}{\frac{L}{2} \cdot L} = \frac{2\varepsilon}{L^2} \text{ for } n \gg 1$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a_n} = \frac{1}{L} \text{ by } K\text{-}\varepsilon \text{ Principle.}$$

If  $L < 0$ , then

$$a_n \rightarrow L \xRightarrow{\text{know}} -a_n \rightarrow -L \xRightarrow[\text{prev case}]{-L > 0} \frac{1}{-a_n} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{L} \xRightarrow{\text{know}} \frac{1}{a_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{L}$$