

LAST TIME

[QUIZ ON MONDAY]

MAT 513 2/9/22

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DEF: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ MEANS

FOR EVERY $\epsilon > 0$, THERE IS AN N_ϵ SO THAT

$$|a_n - L| < \epsilon \quad \text{FOR ALL } n > N_\epsilon$$

" YOU TELL ME HOW CLOSE TO L YOU WANT IT (ϵ),
THEN I TELL YOU HOW LONG YOU HAVE TO WAIT (N_ϵ)
SO THAT ALL FOLLOWING TERMS ARE
AT LEAST THAT CLOSE.

EXAMPLE LET $a_n = \frac{n+1}{2n-1} \rightarrow 2, \frac{3}{3}=1, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{5}{7}, \frac{6}{9}=\frac{2}{3}, \dots$

SHOW $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{2n-1} = \frac{1}{2}$.

THINK: WANT $\left| \frac{n+1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2} \right| < \epsilon$

ALWAYS > 0 , SO $\frac{n+1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{(2n+2) - (2n-1)}{2(2n-1)}$
 $= \frac{3}{4n-2} < \epsilon$ (WANT)

i.e. $\frac{3}{\epsilon} < 4n-2 < 4n$

$\frac{3}{4\epsilon} < n$

OR $\frac{2\epsilon+3}{4\epsilon} < n$ BUT YUCK!

NOW DO

~~PROVE~~
FIX

$\epsilon > 0$. WE MUST FIND N SO THAT IF $n > N$,

WE HAVE $\left| \frac{n+1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2} \right| < \epsilon$.

SPOSE $n > \frac{3}{4\epsilon}$.

THEN $\left| \frac{n+1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2} \right| \approx \left| \frac{3}{4n-2} \right| < \overset{\text{CAN DROP.}}{\left| \frac{3}{4n} \right|} < \left| \frac{3}{4(\frac{3}{4\epsilon})} \right| = \epsilon$ □

PROP: THE LIMIT OF A SEQUENCE IS UNIQUE, WHEN IT EXISTS

NON-EXAMPLE: $\left\{ (-1)^n \right\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ HAS NO LIMIT. $-1, +1, -1, +1, \dots$

Pf/ SPOSE $\lim a_n = L$ AND $\lim a_n = K$, WITH $L \neq K$.

BUT THEN SINCE $L \neq K$, $|L-K| > 0$.
CHOOSE $\epsilon < |L-K|$ CANT WORK.

WHAT DOES $a=b$ MEAN?

IT MEANS $|a-b| = 0$

ie $\forall \epsilon > 0, |a-b| < \epsilon$

PROP: SUPPOSE $\{a_n\}$ CONVERGES. THEN THE SEQUENCE IS BOUNDED

RECALL DEF. OF BOUNDED SEQUENCE

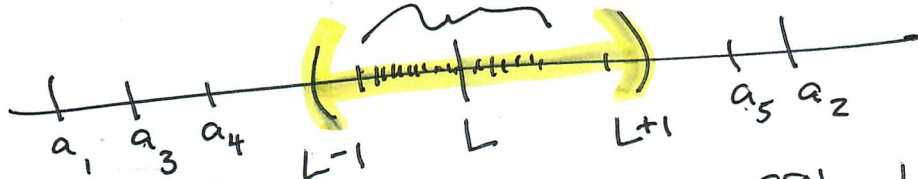
(THERE IS $M \in \mathbb{R}$ SO THAT $a_n \in [-M, M]$ FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$)

PROOF: DISCUSS.

IDEA: $\lim \{a_n\} = L$, SO $\exists N$ SO THAT

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

a_n WITH $n \geq N$.



IGNORE a_1, \dots, a_N . REST ARE BETWEEN $L-1$ AND $L+1$, SO BOUNDED BY $|L|+1$.

JUST "A FEW" a_1, \dots, a_N , SO HAS A MAX.

SET $M = \max \{ |a_1|, |a_2|, |a_3|, \dots, |a_N|, |L|+1 \}$.

ALGEBRA OF LIMITS

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Thm: Suppose $\lim a_n = A$ $\lim b_n = B$

• $\lim (c a_n) = cA$ FOR ANY $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

• $\lim (a_n + b_n) = A + B$

• $\lim (a_n b_n) = A \cdot B$

• $\lim (a_n / b_n) = A/B$ PROVIDED $B \neq 0$.

• COMPARISON

(i) IF $a_n \geq 0$ FOR ALL n , THEN $A \geq 0$.

(ii) IF $a_n \leq b_n$ FOR ALL n , THEN $A \leq B$.

(iii) IF THERE IS $c \in \mathbb{R}$ WITH
 $c \leq b_n$ FOR ALL n , THEN $c \leq B$.
 $a_n \leq c$ $A \leq c$

LIMITS ONLY DEPEND ON THE TAIL OF THE SEQ,

SO "FOR ALL n " SHOULD BE
"FOR ALL n SUFF. LARGE".

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LETS PROVE ONE :(YOU DO THE REST)

• $\lim (a_n + b_n) = A + B$

MUST SHOW THAT FOR ANY $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists N$ SO THAT IF $n > N$,

$$|(a_n + b_n) - (A + B)| < \epsilon.$$

HOW TO DO? SPLIT IN HALF.

PICK $\epsilon_a = \epsilon/2$. THEN FOR n BIG, ($n > N_a$)
HAVE $|a_n - A| < \epsilon_a = \epsilon/2$.

$\epsilon_b = \epsilon/2$. FOR ($n > N_b$)
HAVE $|b_n - B| < \epsilon_b = \epsilon/2$.

TAKE $N = \max(N_a, N_b)$.

THEN

$$|(a_n + b_n) - (A + B)| \overset{\text{TRIANGLE } \neq}{\leq} |a_n - A| + |b_n - B|$$
$$< \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon$$



THE SQUEEZE THEOREM

SPOZE $x_n \leq y_n \leq z_n$ FOR n LARGE.

IF $\lim x_n = \lim z_n = L$,

THEN $\lim y_n = L$.

PF/ DISCUSS.