

Thm (Reciprocal Thm) Consider a sequence (a_n) of positive numbers $a_n > 0$ for all n . Then $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ diverges to $+\infty$ iff $\frac{1}{a_n}$ converges to 0.

Proof (Hw 2.5.7) (sketch)

$\Rightarrow$ $a_n \rightarrow +\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ means

for all M there is an N s.t. $a_n \geq M$ for all $n \geq N$.

pick want: for all $\epsilon > 0$ there is an N s.t. for all $n \geq N$ $\frac{1}{a_n} \leq \epsilon$.

choose $M = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$. $a_n \geq M \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a_n} \leq \frac{1}{M} = \epsilon$. $\square$.

Hw 1. if $r > 1$ show $r^n \rightarrow +\infty$
2. if $0 < r < 1$ then $r^n \rightarrow 0$

2.5. 3, 7, 8.

§ 2.6 Boundedness and limits

Defn A sequence $\{s_n\}$ is bounded if there is a positive real number M such that $|s_n| \leq M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Remark $\Leftrightarrow s: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ bounded as a function.

Defn A ~~function~~^{sequence} is unbounded if it is not bounded.

A sequence is bounded above if there is a real number M s.t. $s_n \leq M$ for all n .

A sequence is bounded below " " " s.t. $m \leq s_n$ for all n .

Q: $\{s_n\} \rightarrow \infty$ vs. s_n unbounded, are these the same?

is there a sequence s_n bounded below, unbounded above, $s_n \neq \infty$?

Q: does every bounded sequence converge?

Q: can an unbounded sequence converge? , i.e.

Q: is every convergent sequence bounded?

Thm (Boundedness Thm) Every convergent sequence is bounded. (25)

Proof Suppose $s_n \rightarrow L$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Choose $\epsilon = 1$, then there is an N s.t. $|s_n - L| \leq 1$ for all $n \geq N$.

so $|s_n| = |s_n - L + L| \leq |s_n - L| + |L| \leq 1 + |L|$ for all $n \geq N$.

set $M = \max \{ |s_1|, |s_2|, \dots, |s_{N-1}|, 1 + |L| \}$. $\square$

Q: True or false: $s_n > 0$ for all $n \Rightarrow$ there is a c s.t. $s_n > c > 0$ for all n ?

Thm (Non-zero limit Thm) Suppose $s_n \rightarrow L \neq 0$. Then there is an N s.t. $s_n \neq 0$ for all $n \geq N$. (in fact can find N s.t. $|s_n| \geq \frac{1}{2}|L|$ for all $n \geq N$).

Proof: Hw 2.6.5.

choose $\epsilon = \frac{|L|}{2}$, let N be such that $|s_n - L| \leq \frac{|L|}{2}$ for all $n \geq N$.

$|s_n| = |L - (L - s_n)| \geq |L| - |L - s_n| \geq |L| - \frac{|L|}{2} \geq \frac{|L|}{2} > 0$. $\square$

Hw: 2.6.1, 2.6.2, 2.6.5.

Q: If $s_n \rightarrow L < 1$ then for every $r \in \mathbb{R}$ $L < r < 1$, $s_n < r$ eventually (in particular $s_n < \frac{1+L}{2}$ eventually).