

Limit rules for divergence to ∞

recall difference between divergence (= not convergence) and divergence to ∞ . Examples:

Thm If a sequence (a_n) diverges to ∞ and a sequence (b_n) is bounded below by K , then

1. $\{a_n + b_n\}$ diverges to ∞
2. $\{a_n b_n\}$ diverges to ∞ if $K > 0$
3. $\{c a_n\}$ diverges to ∞ for all $c > 0$ constants
4. $\{c a_n\}$ diverges to $-\infty$ for all constants $c < 0$.

Proof (of 3.)

(a_n) diverges to ∞ means for all $M > 0$ there is an N s.t. $a_n \geq M$ for all $n \geq N$.

so for all $\frac{M}{c} > 0$ there is an N s.t. $a_n \geq \frac{M}{c}$ for all $n \geq N$

$\Rightarrow c a_n \geq M$ for all $n \geq N$. \square .

HW 2.7.1, 4, 5, 7

§2.8 Order properties of limits

Convergent comparison Thm Suppose (s_n) , (t_n) converge, and $s_n \leq t_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n$

Proof pick N s.t. $|s_n - s| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ for all $n \geq N$
 $|t_n - T| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ for all $n \geq N$

$$s_n \leq t_n \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq t_n - s_n$$

$$0 \leq T + \underbrace{(t_n - T)}_{\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}} - s + \underbrace{(s - s_n)}_{\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}}$$

$$0 \leq T-s+\epsilon$$

$$-\epsilon \leq T-s \quad \text{for all } \epsilon > 0. \Rightarrow 0 \leq T-s$$

$$\Rightarrow T \geq s. \quad \square.$$

(suppose $T-s < 0$ then false for $\epsilon < |T-s|$).

Notes 1. only need for all n sufficiently large in hypotheses, i.e. for all $n \geq N$.

2. not true with ^{strict} inequality! $s_n < t_n \not\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n$

- find counterexample.

Corollary Suppose (s_n) is convergent, and $\alpha \leq s_n \leq \beta$ for all n .

Then $\alpha \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \leq \beta$.

Divergent comparison theorem

thus If $\{a_n\}$ diverges to $+\infty$, and $a_n \leq b_n$ for all n , then (b_n) diverges to $+\infty$.

Proof (sketch) ^{for all $M \in \mathbb{R}$} there is an N s.t. $a_n \geq M$. Then $b_n \geq a_n \geq M$. \square .

Example show if $r > 1$, then $s_n^* = r^n$ diverges to $+\infty$.

write $r = 1+ h$, $h > 0$ then

$$r^n = (1+h)^n = 1 + nh + \dots \geq 1 + nh = t_n$$

show (t_n) diverges to $+\infty$, then use comparison ~~that~~ theorem. \square .

Squeeze Thm Suppose $\{a_n\}$, $\{b_n\}$ and $\{c_n\}$ are three sequences (30) s.t. $a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If $\{a_n\}$ and $\{c_n\}$ converge to s , then $\{b_n\}$ must converge to s .

Proof pick $\epsilon > 0$, and choose N_1 s.t. $|a_n - s| < \epsilon$ for all $n \geq N_1$, N_2 s.t. $|c_n - s| < \epsilon$ for all $n \geq N_2$

$$\text{choose } N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}.$$

$$\text{Then for all } n \geq N \quad s - \epsilon \leq a_n \leq s + \epsilon \\ s - \epsilon \leq c_n \leq s + \epsilon$$

$$\text{so } s - \epsilon \leq a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n \leq s + \epsilon$$

$$\text{so } s - \epsilon \leq b_n \leq s + \epsilon \Rightarrow |b_n - s| < \epsilon.$$

so $\{b_n\}$ converges to s . \square .

Example Let θ be a real number. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(n\theta)}{n}$

Absolute value theorem Suppose $\{s_n\}$ converges. Then $(|s_n|)$ converges

$$\text{and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |s_n| = |\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n|$$

Proof triangle inequality: $|x| + |y| \geq |x+y|$ alternate form: $|a-b| \geq ||a|-|b||$

(choose $x = a-b$, $y = b$, etc).

for all $\epsilon > 0$ there is an N s.t. $|s_n - s| \leq \epsilon$ for all $n \geq N$

$$||s_n| - |s|| \leq |s_n - s| \leq \epsilon \text{ for all } n \geq N$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |s_n| = |s|. \quad \square.$$

Hw 2.8: 3, 5, 9 and 6, 7, 8 give conclusion
but only prove for. of those..