

Defⁿ Let $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, x_0 accum point of $E \cap (x_0, \infty)$

then we say $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x) = \infty$ iff for any $M > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ s.t.
for all $x \in E$ with $x_0 < x < x_0 + \delta$, $f(x) \geq M$.

Similarly - define $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x) = -\infty$

• left hand limits

• two sided limits — note $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \pm\infty$ still DNE!

• define $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ } see Hw.
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$

Examples - find and prove

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{2x - 2}$$

• f, g defined on $(a-c, a+c) \setminus \{a\}$. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L > 0$

and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = +\infty$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)g(x) = +\infty$.

Proof $f(x) > L/2$, $g(x) > 2M/L$.

§5.2 Properties of limits

Uniqueness

Thm suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$, then L is unique.

(i.e. if $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L_1$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L_2$ then $L_1 = L_2$)

Proof can use sequence defⁿ.

Boundedness $f: E \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Thm Suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L$, then there is an interval $(x_0 - c, x_0 + c)$ and $M \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $|f(x)| \leq M$ for all $x \in (x_0 - c, x_0 + c) \cap E$.

Proof Use δ for $\epsilon = 1$. If $x_0 \notin E$ then $M = |L| + 1$
If $x_0 \in E$ then $M = |L| + 1 + |f(x_0)|$ $\square$.

Boundedness away from zero

Thm If $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = L \neq 0$, then there is an interval $(x_0 - c, x_0 + c)$ and $m > 0$ s.t. $f(x) \geq m > 0$ for all $x \in (x_0 - c, x_0 + c) \cap E$.

Proof: HW 5.2.5.

Algebra of limits

Example $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 1} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 - 1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 + 1} = \frac{(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2) - 1}{(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2) + 1}$ etc.

Scalar multiple:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} k f(x) = k \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$$

sums: $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) + g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)$ (domains!)

products: $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)$

quotients: $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)}$ if $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) \neq 0$.