

Sequence of Real Numbers

Defn: A mapping $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be a sequence of real number or a real sequence. and it is denoted by $\{f(n)\}$



or $\{x_n\}$ or $\{a_n\}$. Here x_n or a_n or $f(n)$ is the n th term of the sequence.

Ex:

- ① $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$ Then $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$ is a sequence, i.e., $\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\}$ is a seq.
- ② $a_n = n$. Then $\{n\}$ is a sequence, i.e., $\{1, 2, \dots\}$ is a seq.
- ③ $x_n = (-1)^n$. Then $\{(-1)^n\}$ is a seq. i.e., $\{-1, 1, -1, 1, \dots\}$ is a seq.

So, the range set of seq $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$ is $\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\}$
 " " $\{n\}$ is $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
 " " $\{(-1)^n\}$ is $\{-1, 1\}$.

So, from above, it is clear that the range set of a seq of real no may be finite or infinite.

Some definitions:

Bounded above sequence:

A real sequence $\{a_n\}$ is said to be bounded above if $\exists$ a real no M_1 s.t $a_n \leq M_1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. M_1 is said to be an upper bound of the seq $\{a_n\}$.

Bounded below sequence:

A real sequence $\{a_n\}$ is said to be bounded below if $\exists$ a real no m_1 s.t $a_n \geq m_1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. m_1 is said to be a lower bound of $\{a_n\}$.

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Bounded sequence:

A real seq $\{a_n\}$ is said to be bounded if it is both bounded above and bounded below. i.e. $\exists$ two real nos m_1 and M_1 s.t

$$m_1 \leq a_n \leq M_1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

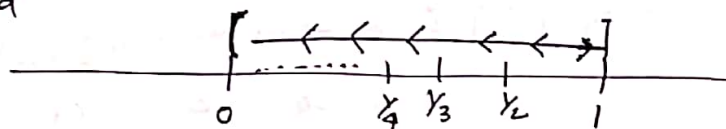
or, $\exists$ a real no M s.t $|a_n| \leq M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$

$$\Rightarrow -M \leq a_n \leq M$$

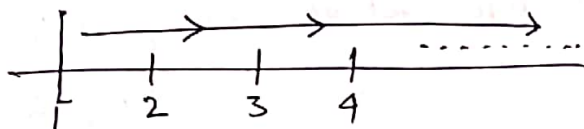
$\downarrow$ lower bound $\rightarrow$ upper bound.

Examples:

- ① The seq $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$ is bounded. 0 is a lower bound and 1 is an upper bound



- ② The seq $\{n\}$ is a bounded below seq not bounded above. 1 being an lower bound.



- ③ The seq $\{(-1)^n n\}$ is not either bounded above or bounded below.

- ④ The seq $\{(-1)^n\}$ is a bounded seq.

Limit of a sequence:

Let $\{a_n\}$ be a real sequence. A real number l is said to be a limit of the seq $\{a_n\}$ if for given $\epsilon > 0 \exists$ a Positive integer $K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t

$$|a_n - l| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq K.$$

$$\Rightarrow -\epsilon < a_n - l < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq K.$$

$$\Rightarrow l - \epsilon < a_n < l + \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq K.$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n \in (l - \epsilon, l + \epsilon) \quad \forall n \geq K \text{ i.e., } a_K, a_{K+1}, a_{K+2}, \dots \in (l - \epsilon, l + \epsilon)$$

ie, all the elements of $\{a_n\}$, except the first $K-1$ terms, namely $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{K-1}$ lies in the neighbourhood $(1-\epsilon, 1+\epsilon)$.

Note: In the above definition K depends on ϵ . If we change the value of ϵ , then K will be changed. For example, consider the sequence $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$.

ie, $\left\{ \begin{matrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} & \dots \end{matrix} \right\}$
 $\begin{matrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 & a_6 & a_7 & \dots \end{matrix}$

Let $\epsilon = \frac{1}{3}$, Then

$$\left. \begin{aligned} |a_1 - 0| &= 1 \neq \frac{1}{3} \\ |a_2 - 0| &= \frac{1}{2} \neq \frac{1}{3} \\ |a_3 - 0| &= \frac{1}{3} \neq \frac{1}{3} \\ |a_4 - 0| &= \frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{3} \\ |a_5 - 0| &= \frac{1}{5} < \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

and so on.

ie, for $\epsilon = \frac{1}{3}$, the result $|a_n - 0| < \frac{1}{3} = \epsilon$ holds from the 4th member of the sequence.

So, Here we choose $K = 4$.

Again if $\epsilon = \frac{1}{4}$, then $|a_n - 0| < \frac{1}{4} = \epsilon$ holds from the 5th term of the sequence. Here $K = 5$.

ie, First ϵ then K . ie, K depends on ϵ not conversely.

Theorem: A sequence can have at most a limit.

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Pf: Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of real nos, have two limits say l_1 and l_2 (say)

$$\text{Let } \epsilon = \frac{|l_1 - l_2|}{4} > 0.$$

Since l_1 is a limit of $\{a_n\}$, then for given $\epsilon > 0 \exists K_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$|a_n - l_1| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq K_1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Again, since l_2 is a limit of $\{a_n\}$, then for above $\epsilon > 0, \exists K_2 \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{s.t. } |a_n - l_2| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq K_2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

So, for $n \geq K = \max(K_1, K_2)$ both the results ① and ② hold simultaneously.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } |l_1 - l_2| &= |(a_n - l_2) - (a_n - l_1)| \\ &\leq |a_n - l_2| + |a_n - l_1| \\ &< \varepsilon + \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq K \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow |l_1 - l_2| < 2\varepsilon \Rightarrow 4\varepsilon < 2\varepsilon$, which is absurd as $\varepsilon > 0$ be arbitrary.

So, ~~over~~ $l_1 = l_2$. (Proved).

Convergent Sequence:

A real seq $\{a_n\}$ is said to be a convergent sequence if it has a limit $l \in \mathbb{R}$. and we write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l$.

A seq $\{a_n\}$ is said to be divergent if it is not convergent.

Example

1) The seq $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$ converges to 0.

Pf: Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given.

By Archimedean Prop of $\mathbb{R}$, $\exists K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $0 < \frac{1}{K} < \varepsilon$.

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq K$$

$$\Rightarrow -\varepsilon < 0 < \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq K$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 - \varepsilon < \frac{1}{n} < 0 + \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq K$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{n} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq K. \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

2) The seq $\{a_n\} = \{3, 3, 3, \dots\}$ is a constant seq and it converges to 3.

$$\text{as } |a_n - 3| = 0 < \varepsilon \quad \forall n$$

$$\text{i.e. } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 3$$

Q: A Constant seq is Convergent, but the converse ^{Ex. 5} may not be true.

Th: A Convergent sequence is bounded.

Pf: Let $\{a_n\}$ be a convt. seq of real nos and it converges to l (say). Then for $\epsilon = 1 > 0$, $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

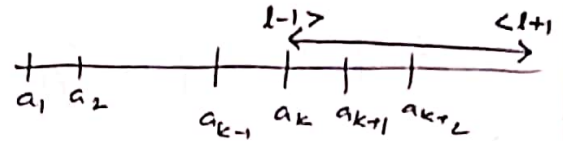
$$|a_n - l| < 1 = \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq k$$

$$\Rightarrow l - 1 < a_n < l + 1 \quad \forall n \geq k$$

$$\Rightarrow l - 1 < a_k, a_{k+1}, a_{k+2}, \dots < l + 1$$

$$\text{let } M = \max \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{k-1}, l+1\}$$

$$m = \min \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{k-1}, l-1\}$$



Then $m \leq a_n \leq M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

so, $\{a_n\}$ is bounded.

Q: Is the converse true? Justify your answer.

Ans: NO. A bounded seq may not be convt.

Example: $\{(-1)^n\}$ is a bounded seq but not convergent.

Limit Theorems:

Let $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ be two convergent sequences of real numbers that converges to a and b respectively. Then

1) $\lim (a_n + b_n) = a + b$

2) $\lim (c a_n) = c a$ for $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

3) $\lim (a_n b_n) = a b$

4) $\lim \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{a}{b}$, provided $\{b_n\}$ is a non zero seq and $b \neq 0$

Proof: left as an exercise.

Th: Sandwich Theorem:

Let $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}, \{c_n\}$ be three sequence of real numbers and there is a natural number k such that

$$a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n \quad \forall n \geq k$$

if $\lim a_n = l$, $\lim c_n = l$ then $\lim b_n = l$.

Proof: Since $\{a_n\}, \{c_n\}$ Converges to l then for $\epsilon > 0, \exists K_1, K_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t

$$|a_n - l| < \epsilon/2 \quad \forall n \geq K_1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$|c_n - l| < \epsilon/2 \quad \forall n \geq K_2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Then for $n \geq p = \max(K_1, K_2)$, both (1) and (2) holds simultaneously.

Let $s = \max(p, k)$. Then for $n \geq s$,

$$l - \epsilon/2 \leq a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n < l + \epsilon/2 \quad \forall n \geq s$$

$$\Rightarrow |b_n - l| < \epsilon/2 \quad \forall n \geq s.$$

so $\lim b_n = l$. (Proved).

Example: Use Sandwich Theorem to show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+n}} \right) = 1.$$

Solⁿ: Let $a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+n}}$

We have $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+2}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}}$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+3}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}}$$

$$\dots$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+n}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}}$$

Then $a_n < \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} \quad \forall n \geq 2$.

(Proved)

Again $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+2}} > \frac{2}{\sqrt{n^2+2}}$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+3}} > \frac{3}{\sqrt{n^2+3}}$$

$$u_n > \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2+n}} \quad \forall n \geq 2.$$

Thus $\frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2+n}} < u_n < \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} \quad \forall n \geq 2.$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2+n}} = 1$ & $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} = 1$, then by Sandwich th.,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 1. \quad (\text{Proved})$$

Exercise: Use sandwich theorem to show

a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) = 0$, b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2^n + 3^n)^{1/n} = 3$

c) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{(n+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+2)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n+n)^2} \right] = 0$

d) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot 2n} = 0$

Null Sequence:

A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is said to be a null sequence if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.

Ex: $\left\{\frac{1}{n}\right\}$ is a null seq as $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$.

Problem: If $\{a_n\}$ is a null seq, then $\{|a_n|\}$ is also a null seq and conversely.

Sol: Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since $\{a_n\}$ is a null seq, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$. Then for $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $|a_n - 0| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq K$.

Now, $||a_n| - 0| = |a_n| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq K$. $\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0$.

Conversely, let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0$, then for $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $||a_n| - 0| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq K$.
 $\Rightarrow |a_n - 0| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq K \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0. \quad (\text{Proved})$

Divergent sequence:

Divergent to $+\infty$:- A real seq $\{a_n\}$ is said to be diverge to $+\infty$ if for any given +ve real no G (however large it may be), $\exists$ a, $K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t

$$a_n > G \quad \forall n \geq K.$$

and in this case we write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = +\infty$.

Ex: sequence $\{n\}$, $\{n^2\}$ diverges to $+\infty$.

Divergent to $-\infty$:- A real seq $\{a_n\}$ is said to diverge to $-\infty$ if for any +ve real no G (however large it may be), $\exists$ a, $K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t

$$a_n < -G \quad \forall n \geq K.$$

and in this case, we write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = -\infty$.

Ex: $\{-n^3\}$ diverges to $-\infty$

A real sequence $\{a_n\}$ is said to be a properly divergent if it either diverge to $+\infty$ or $-\infty$.

Oscillatory sequence:

Defn: A bounded seq that is not Convt. is said to be an oscillatory sequence of finite oscillation.

Ex: $\{(-1)^n\}$ is a bounded seq which is not Convt., is an oscillatory seq of finite oscillation.

Defn: An unbounded seq that is not properly divergent is said to be an oscillatory seq of infinite oscillation.

Ex: $\{(-1)^n n\}$ is an unbounded seq and it is not properly divergent, It is an oscillatory seq of infinite oscillation.

Some important Useful limits:

- ① $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = 0$ if $|x| < 1$
- ② $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^n = 1$ if $a > 0$
- ③ If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log(1+x_n) = 0$.
- ④ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{x_n} = 1$.
- ⑤ If $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of positive real numbers such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = L$
 - i) If $0 \leq L < 1$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$
 - ii) If $L > 1$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = +\infty$.
- ⑥ If $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of positive real numbers such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n^{1/n} = L$, then
 - i) If $0 \leq L < 1$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$
 - ii) If $L > 1$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = +\infty$.

Theorem:

- 1) A sequence diverging to $+\infty$ is unbounded above but bounded below.
Is the converse true? Justify your answer.
- 2) A sequence diverging to $-\infty$ is unbounded below but bounded above.
Is the converse true? Justify your answer.

§: MONOTONE SEQUENCE

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Monotonic increasing sequence: A real sequence $\{a_n\}$ is said to be monotonic increasing sequence if $a_{n+1} \geq a_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ex: $\{2^n\}$ is m.i. sequence.

Monotonic decreasing seq: A real seq $\{a_n\}$ is said to be monotonic decreasing seq if $a_{n+1} \leq a_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ex: $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$ is a m.d. seq.

strictly increasing sequence: A real seq $\{a_n\}$ is said to be strictly increasing seq if $a_{n+1} > a_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

strictly decreasing sequence: A real seq $\{a_n\}$ is said to be strictly decreasing seq if $a_{n+1} < a_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ex: $a_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+1} &= \frac{n+1}{n+2} \quad , \quad a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{n+1}{n+2} - \frac{n}{n+1} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)^2 - n(n+2)}{(n+2)(n+1)} \\ &= \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1 - n^2 - 2n}{(n+2)(n+1)} = \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+1)} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+1} > a_n.$$

So, $\{\frac{n}{n+1}\}$ is strictly increasing seq.

Ex: $\{(-2)^n\}$ is neither a monotonic increasing or monotonic decreasing seq. This is not a monotone seq.

xx Theorem: A ~~to~~ monotonic increasing sequence which is bounded above, is convergent and it converges to the least upper bound (l.u.b)

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Proof: Let $\{a_n\}$ be a monotonic increasing seq of real nos which is bounded above. Let M be its least upper bound (l.u.b). Then by defn of l.u.b

i) $a_n \leq M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

ii) for given $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $a_K > M - \epsilon$.

Since $\{a_n\}$ is monotonic increasing, so,

$$M - \epsilon < a_K \leq a_{K+1} \leq a_{K+2} \leq \dots \leq M$$

$$\Rightarrow M - \epsilon < a_n \leq M < M + \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq K$$

$$\Rightarrow M - \epsilon < a_n < M + \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq K.$$

This shows that $\{a_n\}$ is Conv't and Converges to its l.u.b.

Theorem: A monotonic decreasing seq of real numbers which is bounded below is convergent and converges to its g.l.b.

Proof: left as an exercise.

Problems:

① Show that the sequence $\{a_n\}$ defined by $a_1 = \sqrt{2}$, $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2a_n}$, $\forall n \geq 1$, converges to 2.

Sol: The sequence is $\{\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}}, \dots\}$

$$a_{n+1}^2 - a_n^2 = 2a_n - 2a_{n-1} = 2(a_n - a_{n-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_{n+1} + a_n)(a_{n+1} - a_n) = 2(a_n - a_{n-1})$$

Since $a_n > 0$, $a_{n+1} + a_n > 0$, Then $a_{n+1} - a_n \geq 0$ iff $a_n - a_{n-1} \geq 0$
 ≤ 0 iff ≤ 0 .

Again, $a_n - a_{n-1} \geq 0$ or ≤ 0 iff $a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} \geq 0$ or ≤ 0
 $\dots$
 iff $a_2 - a_1 \geq 0$ or ≤ 0 .

but $a_2 - a_1 = \sqrt{2\sqrt{2}} - \sqrt{2} > 0$, so. $a_{n+1} > a_n$. So, $\{a_n\}$ is m.i.

Again

$$a_{n+1}^2 = 2a_n$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a_n = a_{n+1}^2 > a_n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n^2 - 2a_n < 0 \Rightarrow a_n(a_n - 2) < 0 \Rightarrow a_n < 2 \quad [\because a_n > 0]$$

So, $\{a_n\}$ is bounded above.

So, $\{a_n\}$ is convt as it is bounded above and monotonic increasing.

let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l$. $\Rightarrow a_{n+1}^2 = 2a_n$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1}^2 = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \Rightarrow l^2 = 2l$$

$$\Rightarrow l(l-2) = 0 \Rightarrow l = 2 \quad [l \text{ can not be } 0 \text{ as } \{a_n\} \text{ is m.i. and } a_1 > 0] \rightarrow \text{reason is very important.}$$

So, $\{a_n\} \rightarrow 2$.

(2) Show that the sequence $\{a_n\}$ defined by $a_1 = \sqrt{7}$, and $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{7 + a_n} \quad \forall n \geq 1$ is convergent and find its limit.

Solⁿ:

First show, $\{a_n\}$ is monotonic increasing in same way. we now show that $\{a_n\}$ is bounded above,

$$a_{n+1}^2 = 7 + a_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 + a_n = a_{n+1}^2 > a_n^2$$

$$\text{or, } a_n^2 - a_n - 7 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_n - \alpha)(a_n - \beta) < 0, \text{ where } \alpha, \beta \text{ are the roots of } x^2 - x - 7 = 0. \text{ one root is negative and another root is positive.}$$

Let $\alpha < 0$.

Since $a_n > 0 \quad \forall n$, $a_n - \alpha > 0 \Rightarrow a_n < \beta \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

So, $\{a_n\}$ is bounded above by β .

So, $\{a_n\}$ is bounded above + m.i $\Rightarrow$ it is convt.

We now find its limit.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= l, & a_{n+1}^2 &= 7 + a_n \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1}^2 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (7 + a_n) \\ \Rightarrow l^2 &= 7 + l \\ \Rightarrow (l - \alpha)(l - \beta) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

But $l \neq \alpha$, Since each element of the sequence is positive and $\alpha < 0$. Therefore $l = \beta$. So, The sequence converges to the positive root of $x^2 - x - 7 = 0$.

Exercise: Use same method to solve

Ex Prove that the seq $\{a_n\}$ defined by

i) $a_1 = \sqrt{3}$, $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{3a_n}$, $\forall n \geq 1$, converges to 3.

ii) $a_1 = \sqrt{6}$, $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{6 + a_n}$, $\forall n \geq 1$, " " to 3.

Ex A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is defined by $a_1 > 0$ and $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{6 + a_n}$, $\forall n \geq 1$, show that

i) $\{a_n\}$ is monotonically increasing if $0 < a_1 < 3$.

ii) $\{a_n\}$ is monotonically decreasing if $a_1 > 3$.

Problem: Give an example of a sequence of rational numbers that converges to an irrational number.

Solution: $\left\{ \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \right\}$ is a seq of rational numbers which converges to e . (irrational number) (see S.K. Mapa for proof)

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Problem 2: Give an example of a sequence of irrational numbers that converges to a rational no.

Sol: A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is defined by $a_1 = \sqrt{2}$, $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2}a_n, \forall n \geq 1$ is a seq of irrational number which converges to 2. (solved in previous example).

Problem 3: Give an example of divergent sequences $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ such that $\{a_n + b_n\}$ is convergent.

Sol: $\{a_n\} = \{n\}$, $\{b_n\} = \{-n\}$, $\{a_n + b_n\} = \{0, 0, \dots\}$ is a constant seq, so it is convt.

Problem 4: Give examples of divergent sequences $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ such that $\{a_n b_n\}$ is convt.

Sol: Exercise

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Choose the correct option with proper justification:

- 1) Let $\{a_n\}$ be a monotone increasing sequence. Then $\{a_n\}$
 - a) always converges
 - b) always diverges
 - c) converges to its limit sup
 - d) oscillates infinitely.
- 2) Which of the following statement is NOT correct?
 - a) Every subsequence of a monotone sequence is monotone
 - b) Every monotone sequence has a convergent subsequence.
 - c) Every sequence has a monotone subsequence.
 - d) Every convergent sequence has a monotone subsequence.
- 3) Which of the following is NOT a monotone sequence?
 - a) $\left\{\frac{n^n}{n!}\right\}$
 - b) $\left\{\frac{\log n}{n!}\right\}$
 - c) $\{x_n\}$ where $x_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n^2}, & n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{1}{n}, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$
 - d) $\left\{\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^n\right\}$
- 4) If $\{a_n^2\}$ is convergent then $\{a_n\}$
 - a) must converge
 - b) must diverge
 - c) may converge
 - d) may diverge to $+\infty$.

5) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n!)^{1/n}}{n}$ equals to

- a) e b) $\frac{1}{e}$ c) 1 d) ∞

6) Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l_1$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = l_2$ and $l_1 < l_2$ then

- a) $a_n < b_n \quad \forall n$
 b) $a_n < b_n$ except for finite n .
 c) $a_n \geq b_n \quad \forall n$
 d) $a_n < b_n$ for finite n .

7) If $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence such that $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} - \frac{1}{2} \right| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ is

- a) $\frac{1}{2}$
 b) 1
 c) 0
 d) ∞ .

8) Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence such that $a_n \rightarrow a$. Let $A_k = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : |a_n - a| < \frac{1}{k}\}$. Then

- a) A_k is finite for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$.
 b) A_k is finite for all but finitely many k .
 c) Each A_k contains all but finitely many positive integers.
 d) $A_k = \mathbb{N} \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

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9) The set of real values of x for which $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0$ is

a) $\{0\}$

c) $(-1, 0)$

b) $(-1, 1)$

d) $(-\infty, \infty)$

10) The sequence $\{a_n\}$ of reals, where $0 < a_n < 1$ and $a_n(1 - a_{n+1}) > \frac{1}{4} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, converges to

a) 0

b) $\frac{1}{2}$

c) 1

d) 2

11) Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of reals. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ exist if

a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{2n+2}$

c) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{3n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{2n}$

b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{2n+1}$

d) none of these.

12) Let $\{a_n\}$ be a real sequence such that $a_{n+1} = 2 - \frac{1}{a_n}, n \geq 1$ where $a_1 > 1$. Then $\{a_n\}$ is

a) bounded but not monotone,

b) not bounded but monotone,

c) both bounded and monotone,

d) neither bounded nor monotone.

Note: The note of Subsequence of real nos will be uploaded in time.

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