

1.4 Mathematical induction

If we want $P(n)$ is right for any $n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

(1) We prove $P(1)$ is right

(2) We prove $P(n+1)$ is right, if $P(n)$ is right, $n \geq 1$

(3) We complete the proof

Example 1.4.3: Let $P(n)$ be the statement that $\sum_{r=1}^n \cos r\theta = \frac{\cos(\frac{n+1}{2}\theta) \sin(\frac{n\theta}{2})}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Use mathematical induction to prove this identity.

$$(1) P(1) = \cos \theta = \frac{\cos \theta \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} = \cos \theta$$

$$(2) P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1), n \geq 1 \quad (P(n) = \sum_{r=1}^n \cos r\theta = \frac{\cos(\frac{n+1}{2}\theta) \sin(\frac{n\theta}{2})}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}})$$

$$\text{For } P(n+1) = \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} \cos r\theta = \sum_{r=1}^n \cos r\theta + \cos(n+1)\theta$$

$$= \frac{\cos(\frac{n+1}{2}\theta) \sin \frac{n\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} + \cos(n+1)\theta = \frac{\cos(\frac{n+1}{2}\theta) \sin \frac{n\theta}{2} + \cos(n+1)\theta \sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta = \sin(\alpha+\beta) - \sin(\alpha-\beta)$$

~~$$\cos(\frac{n+1}{2}\theta) \sin \frac{n\theta}{2} + \cos[(n+1)\theta]$$~~

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left[\sin \frac{2n+1}{2} \theta - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin \frac{2n+3}{2} \theta - \sin \frac{2n+1}{2} \theta \right]}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left[\sin \frac{2n+3}{2} \theta - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right]}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$\sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \sin \frac{A-B}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\cos \left(\frac{n+2}{2} \theta \right) \sin \left(\frac{n+1}{2} \theta \right)}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

\therefore p(kt+1) is true.

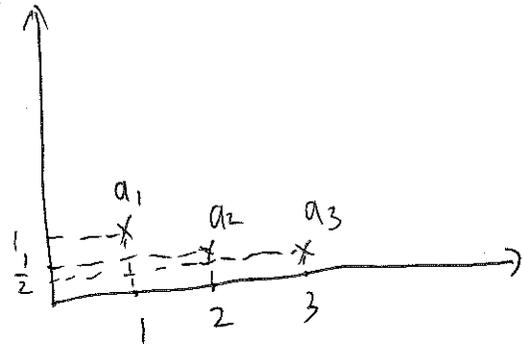
1.5 sequences of real numbers

① $a_1=1, a_2=3, a_3=5, a_4=7, \dots, a_n=2n-1$ (Arithmetic sequence)

② $a_1=1, a_{n+1}=a_n^2+2$ for $n \geq 1$, (Recursive sequence)

③ $a_1=3, a_2=3.1, a_3=3.14, a_4=3.145, a_5=3.1456, a_n=3.\underbrace{\dots}_{n \text{ random number}}$

④ $a_1=1, a_2=\frac{1}{2}, a_3=\frac{1}{3}, \dots, a_n=\frac{1}{n}$



$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

Limits of sequences

2.1 Definition (informal)

Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers.

If n is getting larger and larger, a_n is getting closer and closer to L .

We say " L " is the limit of the sequence $\{a_n\}$ and we denote it by $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$.

Does the limit always exist?

A: Of course not. To determine whether the limit exists or not is an important question.

Example: $a_n = 2^{n-1}$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$ (we say a_n diverges)

Two concepts: (informal)

① Converge: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ (a_n converges to L)

② Diverge: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \begin{cases} +\infty \\ -\infty \end{cases}$ (a_n diverges)

Neither "converge" nor "diverge": $\begin{cases} a_n = 1, & n \text{ is even} \\ a_n = -1, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

Impossible to have a limit

ϵ - δ language, for sequence (ϵ - N definition)

Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of real number and " $L \in \mathbb{R}$ ".

" L " is said to be the limit of the sequence $\{a_n\}$
"if"

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \text{ s.t. } |a_n - L| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N$$

" $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$ ", $n \geq 1$, we know $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

① $|a_n - 0| < \frac{1}{100}$, what is the range of n ? $n > 100$

② $|a_n - 0| < \frac{1}{1000}$, $n > 1000$

" $|a_n - 0| = 0 \Rightarrow n = +\infty$ " (Informal)

Example $p(n) = 0.\underbrace{9999 \dots}_{\text{The number of "9" is } n}$

$$p(1) = 0.9$$

$$p(3) = 0.999$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(n) = 1$$

$$\textcircled{1} |p_n - 1| \leq 0.01, \quad n \geq 2, \quad \varepsilon = 0.01$$

$$\textcircled{2} |p_n - 1| \leq 0.001, \quad n \geq 3, \quad \varepsilon = 0.001$$

$$\textcircled{3} |p_n - 1| \leq 10^{-k}, \quad n \geq k$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = 0.9 \dots$$

Limitations of some sequences

$$(1) a_n = k, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = k \quad (\text{The limit of a constant sequence is a constant})$$

$$(2) -1 < a < 1, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^n = 0$$

$$(3) \text{Suppose that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = m \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{if } a_n \leq b_n, \text{ then } L \leq m \\ \text{if } a_n \geq 0, \text{ then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \sqrt[n]{L} \end{cases}$$

$$(4) \text{if } a_n < b_n, \text{ then } L < m. \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \checkmark & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \frac{1}{n+1} & & \frac{1}{n} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \checkmark & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & & 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \checkmark \\ \text{"X"} \end{array} \rightarrow \text{This!}$$

Algebraic Properties of Limits

Theorem 2.2.1

Let $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ be sequences of real numbers

if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = M$, then

$$1) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n + b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = L + M$$

Consider

$$\begin{cases} 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n + b_n \\ a_n = -b_n, |a_n| = |b_n| = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 1 \text{ or } -1$$

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 1, & n \text{ is odd} \\ -1, & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$b_n = \begin{cases} 1, & n \text{ is even} \\ -1, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n - b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = L - m$$

$$\textcircled{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n b_n = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \right) = Lm$$

$$\begin{cases} a_n = n \\ b_n = \frac{1}{n} \end{cases} \Rightarrow |L| \& |m| < \infty$$

$$\textcircled{4} m \neq 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n} = \frac{L}{m}$$

Example 2.2.1

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n} + 3 = 3$$

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Example 2.2.2

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 3}{2n^2 - 4n} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 + 2n}{2n^2 + 1} = \infty$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n^2} = 0$$

If $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are polynomials.

$$p(x) = a_m x^m + a_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \text{ with } a_m \neq 0$$

$$q(x) = \del{b_m x^m} + b_k x^k + b_{k-1} x^{k-1} + \dots + b_0$$

$$\text{then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p(n)}{q(n)} = \begin{cases} \pm \infty, & \text{if } m > k \\ \frac{a_m}{b_k}, & \text{if } m = k \\ 0, & \text{if } m < k \end{cases}$$

Example 2.2.3

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n-1}{\sqrt{4n^2+2n}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{n} = \infty$$

2.3 Monotonic sequence Theorem

Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers

(1) $\{a_n\}$ is said to be bounded above if $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $a_n \leq M$ (called an upper bound)

(2) $\{a_n\}$ is said to be bounded below if $\exists m \in \mathbb{R}$, s.t. $a_n \geq m$ (called a lower bound)

(3) $\{a_n\}$ is said to be bounded \Leftrightarrow bounded above and below

(4) a_n is said to be monotonic increasing if $a_{n+1} \geq a_n$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

(5) a_n is said to be monotonic decreasing if $a_{n+1} \leq a_n$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

(6) a_n is said to be monotonic if either increasing or decreasing

Relationship between monotonic & ~~convergent~~ bounded

① Monotonic does not imply Convergent $a_n = n!$

② bounded does not imply Convergent $a_n = \begin{cases} 1, & n \text{ is odd} \\ 4, & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

③ Monotonic & bounded imply Convergent

Theorem 2.3.1 (Monotone Convergence Theorem)

If $\{a_n\}$ is bounded above (below) and monotonic increasing (decreasing),

then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ exists:

Example 2.3.2

Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of positive real numbers defined by

$$a_1 = 1 \text{ and } a_{n+1} = \left(1 + \frac{a_n}{1+a_n}\right) \quad (n \geq 1)$$

Does $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ exist?

① $\{a_n\}$ is bounded

② $\{a_n\}$ is monotonic

$$c) \textcircled{1} : a_2 - a_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} a_{k+2} - a_{k+1} = \frac{a_{k+1} - a_k}{(1+a_{k+1})(1+a_k)} > 0$$

$$cii) \{a_n\} \text{ is bounded: } |a_{n+1}| \leq 1 + \left| \frac{a_n}{1+a_n} \right| \leq 2$$

What is the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$: $a_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{a_n}{1+a_n}$, we assume $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = A$

$$\text{so we have } A = 1 + \frac{A}{1+A} \Rightarrow A + A^2 = (1+A) + A \Rightarrow A^2 - A - 1 = 0.$$

$$A = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ or } \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ (reject)}$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e$: " $\lim_{x \rightarrow n} f(x) = f(\lim_{x \rightarrow n} x)$ if f is continuous"

$$\log e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = 1$$

Example 2.2.3

Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers defined by $a_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$. Prove that

(1) $\{a_n\}$ is monotonic increasing

(2) $\{a_n\}$ is bounded above

$$a_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} \frac{1}{n^r} = 1 + n \frac{1}{n} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \frac{1}{n^3} + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!} \frac{1}{n^r}$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-n+1)}{n!} \frac{1}{n^n}$$

$$= 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} (1 - \frac{1}{n}) + \frac{1}{3!} (1 - \frac{1}{n})(1 - \frac{2}{n}) + \dots + \frac{1}{r!} (1 - \frac{1}{n})(1 - \frac{2}{n}) \dots (1 - \frac{r-1}{n})$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{1}{n!} (1 - \frac{1}{n})(1 - \frac{2}{n}) \dots (1 - \frac{n-1}{n})$$

Similarly:

$$a_{n+1} = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} (1 - \frac{1}{n+1}) + \frac{1}{3!} (1 - \frac{1}{n+1})(1 - \frac{2}{n+1}) + \dots + \frac{1}{r!} (1 - \frac{1}{n+1})(1 - \frac{2}{n+1}) \dots (1 - \frac{r-1}{n+1})$$

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Make an explanation: $\frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!} \frac{1}{n^r} = \frac{1}{r!} (1 - \frac{1}{n})(1 - \frac{2}{n}) \dots (1 - \frac{r-1}{n})$

$$\geq \frac{1}{r!} (1 - \frac{1}{n+1})(1 - \frac{2}{n+1}) \dots (1 - \frac{r-1}{n+1})$$

So $a_{n+1} > a_n$

$$a_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2!} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) + \frac{1}{3!} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right) + \dots + \frac{1}{r!} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{r-1}{n}\right) \\ + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{n-1}{n}\right)$$

$$\leq 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{r!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} \left[\text{we use } 1 - \frac{1}{n} < 1, \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right) < 1, \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{r-1}{n}\right) < 1 \right. \\ \left. \text{here} \right]$$

$$\leq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \left(\text{we use } \frac{1}{2^{r-1}} \leq \frac{1}{r!} \Rightarrow n! \leq 2^{n-1} \text{ (here)} \right)$$

$$\leq 1 + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}}$$

\Rightarrow

$\{a_n\}$ is monotonic and bounded

$$a_n = \sum_{r=0}^n a_{n,r}, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n,r} = \frac{1}{r!} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n,r} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r!} = e$$