

PMAT 435 - ANALYSIS 1

1. SEQUENCES

Definition 1. A sequence (s_n) of real numbers is said to **converge** to the real number s if for each $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists N$ such that $\forall n \geq N, |s_n - s| < \varepsilon$

Theorem 1. A convergent sequence has exactly one limit, i.e. the limit is unique.

Proof. Let $s_n \rightarrow a$ and $s_n \rightarrow b$ with $a < b$.

Let $\varepsilon = \frac{b-a}{2} > 0$.

$s_n \rightarrow a \Rightarrow \exists N$ such that $\forall n \geq N, |s_n - a| < \varepsilon$

$\Rightarrow, \forall n \geq N, a - \varepsilon < s_n < a + \varepsilon = \frac{a+b}{2} = b - \varepsilon$

$\Rightarrow s_n \notin N(b; \varepsilon) \forall n \geq N$.

Thus, s_n does not converge to b □

Theorem 2. Every convergent sequence is bounded.

Proof. Let $s_n \rightarrow s$. Then, $\exists N$ such that $\forall n \geq N, |s_n - s| < 2$

$\Rightarrow \forall n \geq N, s - 2 < s_n < s + 2$.

Let $a = \max \{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_N, s - 2\}$ and $b = \max \{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_N, s + 2\}$

Then, $a \leq s_n \leq b \forall n \Rightarrow (s_n)$ is bounded. □

Theorem 3. (Limit Theorems) Suppose that $a_n \rightarrow a$, $b_n \rightarrow b$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

- (1) $(a_n \pm b_n) \rightarrow a \pm b$
- (2) $(a_n \cdot b_n) \rightarrow a \cdot b$
- (3) $c \cdot (a_n) \rightarrow c \cdot a$
- (4) if $b \neq 0, b_n \neq 0 \forall n$, then $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow \frac{a}{b}$

Proof. 1. Let $\varepsilon > 0$.

$a_n \rightarrow a \Rightarrow \exists N_1$ such that $\forall n \geq N_1, |a_n - a| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$.

Similarly, $b_n \rightarrow b \Rightarrow \exists N_2$ such that $\forall n \geq N_2, |b_n - b| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$.

Let $N = \max \{N_1, N_2\}$.

Then, $\forall n \geq N, |a_n - a| < \varepsilon$ and $|b_n - b| < \varepsilon$

$$\Rightarrow |(a_n + b_n) - (a + b)| = |(a_n - a) + (b_n - b)|$$

$$\leq |a_n - a| + |b_n - b|$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

$\Rightarrow (a_n + b_n) \rightarrow (a + b)$.

2. Since (a_n) converges, it is bounded, by M say. Then, $|a_n| \leq M \forall n$.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$

Then $\exists N_1$ such that, $\forall n \geq N_1, |a_n - a| < \frac{\varepsilon}{M+|b|+1}$

and $\exists N_2$ such that, $\forall n \geq N_2, |b_n - b| < \frac{\varepsilon}{M+|b|+1}$.

Let $N = \max \{N_1, N_2\}$. Then, $\forall n \geq N$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |a_n b_n - ab| &= |a_n b_n - a_n b + a_n b - ab| \\
 &\leq |a_n b_n - a_n b| + |a_n b - ab| \\
 &= |a_n| \cdot |b_n - b| + |b| \cdot |a_n - a| \\
 &< M \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{M+|b|+1} + |b| \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{M+|b|+1} \\
 &= \varepsilon \cdot \frac{M+|b|}{M+|b|+1} < \varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4. (Squeeze Theorem) Suppose that $a_n \rightarrow s, b_n \rightarrow s$ and if $\forall n, a_n \leq c_n \leq b_n$, then $c_n \rightarrow s$

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$.

Then $\exists N_1$ such that, $\forall n \geq N_1, |a_n - s| < \varepsilon$

and $\exists N_2$ such that, $\forall n \geq N_2, |b_n - s| < \varepsilon$.

Let $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$. Then, $\forall n \geq N$,

$s - \varepsilon < a_n < s + \varepsilon$ and $s - \varepsilon < b_n < s + \varepsilon$

$\Rightarrow s - \varepsilon < a_n \leq c_n \leq b_n < s + \varepsilon$

$\Rightarrow s - \varepsilon < c_n < s + \varepsilon$

$\Rightarrow c_n \rightarrow s$

Definition 2. (s_n) is said to **diverge** to $+\infty$ if $\forall M > 0, \exists N$ such that, $\forall n \geq N, s_n \geq M$

Definition 3. (s_n) is said to **diverge** to $-\infty$ if $\forall M > 0, \exists N$ such that $\forall n \geq N, s_n \leq -M$

Definition 4. (s_n) is **monotonic increasing** if, $\forall n, s_n \leq s_{n+1}$

Definition 5. (s_n) is **strictly increasing** if, $\forall n, s_n < s_{n+1}$

Theorem 5. Every monotonic increasing sequence that is bounded above converges. (Similarly, every monotonic decreasing sequence that is bounded below converges.)

Proof. Since s_n is bounded above, by the Completeness Axiom, $s = \sup\{s_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ exists.

We want to show that $s_n \rightarrow s$

For each $\varepsilon > 0, s - \varepsilon$ is not an upper bound for $\{s_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

Thus, $\exists N$ such that $s_N > s - \varepsilon$.

Since s_n is increasing, $\forall n \geq N, s_n \geq s_N > s - \varepsilon$

Since s is an upper bound for $s_n, \forall n, s_n \leq s$

Then, $\forall n \geq N, s - \varepsilon < s_n < s < s + \varepsilon$

$\Rightarrow \forall n \geq N, |s_n - s| < \varepsilon$

$\Rightarrow s_n \rightarrow s$

Theorem 6. Every monotonic decreasing sequence that is bounded below converges.

Proof. 1. Model proof on the previous proof.

2. (Alternative method)

Let (s_n) be monotonic decreasing and bounded below, by m say.

Define (t_n) by $t_n = -s_n \forall n$

Then, $\forall n, s_n \geq s_{n+1} \Rightarrow -s_n \leq -s_{n+1} \Rightarrow t_n \leq t_{n+1}$ so (t_n) is monotonic increasing.

Also, $\forall n, m \leq s_n \Rightarrow -m \geq -s_n \Rightarrow -m \geq t_n$

Thus, (t_n) is bounded above and monotonic increasing. By the Monotonic Convergence Theorem, (t_n) converges. □

Theorem 7. *If (s_n) is monotonic increasing but not bounded above, then $s_n \rightarrow \infty$*

Proof. Since s_n is not bounded above, for each $M > 0, \exists N$ such that $s_N > M$

Also, (s_n) is monotonic increasing so, $\forall n \geq N, s_n \geq s_N > M$

Therefore $s_n \rightarrow \infty$ □

Theorem 8. *If (s_n) is monotonic decreasing but not bounded below, then $s_n \rightarrow -\infty$*

Definition 6. Suppose that $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence. A **subsequence** of (s_n) is a sequence of the form $(s_{n_k}) = s_{n_1}, s_{n_2}, s_{n_3}, \dots$. Note that $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$ so that n_k increases as k increases.

Theorem 9. *If $s_n \rightarrow s$, then $s_{n_k} \rightarrow s$ for all subsequences (s_{n_k}) of (s_n) .*

Proof. For each $\varepsilon > 0, \exists N$ such that $\forall n \geq N, |s_n - s| < \varepsilon$

Then, $\forall k \geq N, n_k \geq n_N \geq N \Rightarrow |s_{n_k} - s| < \varepsilon$ and $(s_{n_k}) \rightarrow s$ □

Theorem 10. *Every sequence has a monotonic subsequence.*

Proof. Call a term s_n **dominant** if $s_n > s_m \forall m > n$

Case 1: There are finitely many dominant terms

Let n_1 be such that there are no dominant terms after or including s_{n_1}

Then $\exists n_2 > n_1$ such that $s_{n_2} > s_{n_1}$

But, since $n_2 > n_1, s_{n_2}$ is not a dominant term

Then $\exists n_3 > n_2$ such that $s_{n_3} > s_{n_2} > s_{n_1}$

Continuing with this construction, $\exists n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < n_4 < \dots$ such that $s_{n_1} < s_{n_2} < s_{n_3} < s_{n_4} < \dots$

Therefore, (s_{n_k}) is a monotonically increasing subsequence of (s_n)

Case 2: There are infinitely many dominant terms

Let $s_{n_1}, s_{n_2}, s_{n_3}, \dots$ be the subsequence of dominant terms of (s_n)

Then, since s_{n_1} is a dominant term and since $n_1 < n_2$ we have $s_{n_1} > s_{n_2}$

But, since s_{n_2} is a dominant term and since $n_2 < n_3$ we have $s_{n_2} > s_{n_3}$

In general, s_{n_k} is a dominant term and $n_k < n_{k+1} \Rightarrow s_{n_k} > s_{n_{k+1}}$

Therefore, (s_{n_k}) is a decreasing subsequence of (s_n) □

Theorem 11. *(Bolzano-Weierstrass) Every bounded sequence has a convergent subsequence.*

Proof. Let (s_n) be a bounded sequence. Then it has a monotonic subsequence (s_{n_k}) . Since (s_n) is bounded, it follows that (s_{n_k}) is also bounded. By the monotonic convergence theorem (s_{n_k}) converges. □

Definition 7. A sequence (s_n) is said to be a **Cauchy sequence** if for each $\varepsilon > 0, \exists N$ such that $\forall m, n \geq N, |s_m - s_n| < \varepsilon$

Theorem 12. *Every Cauchy sequence is bounded.*

Proof. Let (s_n) be a Cauchy sequence.

Then, $\exists N$ such that $\forall m, n \geq N, |s_m - s_n| < 42$

In particular, $\forall n \geq N, |s_N - s_n| < 42$

$\Rightarrow \forall n \geq N, s_N - 42 < s_n < s_N + 42$

Let $a = \min\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N, s_N - 42\}$ and $b = \max\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N, s_N + 42\}$

Then, $\forall n, a \leq s_n \leq b$ so (s_n) is bounded □

Theorem 13. *Every convergent sequence is a Cauchy sequence.*

Proof. Let (s_n) be a convergent sequence

For each $\varepsilon > 0, \exists N$ such that $\forall n \geq N, |s_n - s| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

Then, $\forall m, n \geq N, |s_n - s| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and $|s_m - s| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

Therefore, $\forall m, n \geq N,$

$$\begin{aligned} |s_m - s_n| &= |s_m - s + s - s_n| \\ &\leq |s_m - s| + |s_n - s| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &= \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (s_n) is a Cauchy sequence

□

Theorem 14. (Cauchy criterion for convergence) Every Cauchy sequence converges.

Proof. Let (s_n) be a Cauchy sequence.

Then, (s_n) is bounded and (Bolzano-Weierstrass) has a convergent subsequence, (s_{n_k}) say.

Let $s_{n_k} \rightarrow s$.

Claim: $s_n \rightarrow s$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$.

Then $\exists N_1$ such that $\forall m, n \geq N_1, |s_m - s_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

Also, $\exists K$ such that $\forall k \geq K, |s_{n_k} - s| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

Let $N = \max\{N_1, K\}$, and let $k = \lceil N \rceil$ (note: we can pick any k such that $k \geq N$)

Then $\forall n \geq N,$

$$\begin{aligned} |s_n - s| &= |s_n - s_{n_k} + s_{n_k} - s| \\ &\leq |s_n - s_{n_k}| + |s_{n_k} - s| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

That is, $s_n \rightarrow s$

□

Definition 8. $\limsup s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup\{s_m : m > n\}$

Definition 9. $\liminf s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf\{s_m : m > n\}$

Note. If $u_n = \inf\{s_m : m > n\}$ and $v_n = \sup\{s_m : m > n\}$, then

- (1) $u_n \leq s_m \leq v_n \forall m > n$
- (2) $u_n \leq \inf\{s_m : m > n\} = u_{n+1}$, so (u_n) is monotone increasing
- (3) $v_n \geq \sup\{s_m : m > n\} = v_{n+1}$, so (v_n) is monotone decreasing
- (4) (v_m) in monotonic decreasing, (u_m) is monotonic increasing.
- (5) $u_m \leq v_n \forall m, \forall n$. Thus (u_n) is bounded above by each and every v_n , (v_n) is bounded below by each and every u_n . Thus, they are convergent.

Definition 10. (s_n) is said to be **eventually** in a set A if $\exists N$ such that $\forall n \geq N, s_n \in A$

Definition 11. (s_n) is said to be **frequently** in a set A if $\forall N, \exists n \geq N$ such that $s_n \in A$. That is, (s_n) has a subsequence lying entirely in A .

Theorem 15. (Characterisation Theorem for $\limsup s_n$) Let (s_n) be a bounded sequence. The following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $s = \limsup s_n$
- (2) (s_n) is eventually $<$ all numbers that are $> S$ and frequently $>$ all numbers that are $< S$

Proof. (\implies) Assume that $s = \limsup s_n$

$s = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n$ where (v_n) is monotonic increasing

$\implies s = \inf\{v_n : n \geq 1\}$

Let $M > s$. Then M is not a lower bound for $\{v_n : n \geq 1\}$

Then, $\exists N$ such that $v_N = \sup\{s_m : m > n\} < M$

Therefore $\forall m \geq N, s_m \leq v_N \leq M$

Next, let $m < S$. We want to show that (s_n) is frequently $> m$.

Suppose the contrary, so (s_n) is not frequently $> m$.

Therefore, (s_n) is eventually $\leq m$

That is, $\exists N$ such that $\forall n \geq N, s_n \leq m$

Therefore m is an upper bound for $\{s_n : n > N\}$

Therefore $m \geq \sup\{s_n : n > N\} = v_n \geq s$, which is a contradiction since $m < s$

(\impliedby) Let s be a number with the two properties mentioned in 2) above.

Let $t = \limsup s_n$. By (\implies) above, t has the two properties mentioned in 2)

If $s < t$, consider $s < \frac{s+t}{2} < t$.

But s satisfying 2) $\implies s_n < \frac{s+t}{2}$ eventually and t satisfying 2) $\implies s_n > \frac{s+t}{2}$ eventually, which is a contradiction.

Similarly, if $t < s$ we get a contradiction.

Thus $t = s$

□

Theorem 16. Let (s_n) be a bounded sequence. The following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $s = \limsup s_n$
- (2) (s_n) is eventually $>$ all numbers that are $< S$ and frequently $<$ all numbers that are $> S$

Theorem 17. Let (s_n) be a bounded sequence. Then,

- (1) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = S \implies \limsup s_n = \liminf s_n = S$
- (2) $\limsup s_n = \liminf s_n = s \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$

Definition 12. Let (s_n) be a **bounded** sequence. S is called a **subsequential limit** of (s_n) if it is the limit of some subsequence of (s_n) .

Theorem 18. Let (s_n) be a bounded sequence. Let S be the set of all subsequential limits of (s_n) . Then S is bounded and non-empty. Furthermore, $\sup S = \limsup s_n$ and $\inf S = \liminf s_n$.

Proof. (s_n) is bounded and, by Bolzano-Weierstrass, has a convergent subsequence, and thus a subsequential limit.

$\implies S \neq \emptyset$ as required.

(s_n) is bounded so $\exists a, b$ such that $\forall n, a \leq s_n \leq b \implies a \leq s_{n_k} \leq b$ for all subsequences (s_{n_k})

$\implies a \leq t \leq b$ for all subsequential limits t , so S is bounded.

We now show that $\sup S = \limsup s_n$

Let $M = \sup S$ and $s = \limsup s_n$

If $s < M$, then s_n will be eventually $< \frac{s+M}{2}$

Therefore, if (s_{n_k}) is any subsequence of (s_n) , s_{n_k} will be eventually $< \frac{s+M}{2}$

$\implies \forall t \in S, t \leq \frac{s+M}{2}$ so $\frac{s+M}{2}$ is an upper bound for S

$\implies \frac{s+M}{2} \geq \sup S = M$ which is a contradiction.

If $s > M$, then $s > \frac{s+M}{2} > M \implies s_n$ is frequently $> \frac{s+M}{2}$

\implies there exists a subsequence (s_{n_k}) of (s_n) such that $s_{n_k} > \frac{s+M}{2} \forall k$

(s_n) is bounded $\implies (s_{n_k})$ is bounded, so (s_{n_k}) has a convergent subsequence $(s_{n_{k_l}})$.

But then $(s_{n_{k_l}})$ is also a subsequence of (s_n)

Let $s_{n_{k_l}} \rightarrow t$.

Since $s_{n_{k_l}} > \frac{s+M}{2} \forall l$ and since t is a subsequential limit, we have $t \geq \frac{s+M}{2} > M$, a contradiction.

Thus, $s = M$

□

Theorem 19. Let (s_n) be a bounded sequence. Let S be the set of all subsequential limits of (s_n) . If $t_n \in S$ and if $t_n \rightarrow t$, then $t \in S$.

Proof. Let t_1 be a subsequential limit of (s_n) , i.e. $t_1 \in S$. Then $\exists n_1$ such that $|s_{n_1} - t_1| < 1$

Let $t_2 \in S$. Then there exists a subsequence of (s_n) that has limit t_2

$$\Rightarrow \exists n_2 (> n_1) \text{ such that } |s_{n_2} - t_2| < \frac{1}{2}$$

Similarly, $\exists n_3 (> n_2 > n_1)$ such that $|s_{n_3} - t_3| < \frac{1}{3}$

Continuing thus, we can find $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < n_4 < \dots < n_k < \dots$ such that $|s_{n_k} - t_k| < \frac{1}{k}$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |s_{n_k} - t| &= |s_{n_k} - t_k + t_k - t| \\ &\leq |s_{n_k} - t_k| + |t_k - t| \\ &< \frac{1}{k} + |t_k - t| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $s_{n_k} \rightarrow t$ and so $t \in S$ □

Theorem 20. Let (s_n) be a bounded sequence. Let S be the set of all subsequential limits of (s_n) . Then, $\limsup s_n \in S$ and $\liminf s_n \in S$

Proof. Let $t = \limsup s_n = \sup S$

$\Rightarrow \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, t - \frac{1}{n}$ is not an upper bound for S

$\Rightarrow \exists t_n \in S$ such that $t - \frac{1}{n} < t_n$

But $t_n \in S \Rightarrow t_n \leq t$. That is, $t - \frac{1}{n} < t_n < t$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{n} < t_n - t < 0 < \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow |t_n - t| < \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t_n \rightarrow t$$

$$\Rightarrow t \in S$$
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