

Limit of a sequence

A sequence $\{S_n\}$ has a limit l if \forall given $\epsilon > 0$ there \exists a positive integer m such that

$$|S_n - l| < \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq m.$$

$$\Rightarrow -\epsilon < S_n - l < \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow l - \epsilon < S_n < l + \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n \in (l - \epsilon, l + \epsilon) \quad \forall n \geq m$$

Note:- limit of a sequence is unique.

Limit point of a sequence:-

Let, $\{S_n\}$ be a sequence has a limit point

ξ if \forall given $\epsilon > 0$

$$|S_n - \xi| < \epsilon$$

(for some infinite numbers of n)

$$\Rightarrow -\epsilon < S_n - \xi < \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi - \epsilon < S_n < \xi + \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n \in (\xi - \epsilon, \xi + \epsilon), \text{ for infinitely many } n.$$

Note:- limit point is not always unique.

$$s_1 = -1, s_2 = 1, s_3 = -1, \dots$$

$$* \text{Range}\{s_n\} = \{-1, 1\}$$

Let $\{s_n\} = 1, \dots$
 $s_n \in (1-\epsilon, 1+\epsilon)$ for infinitely many 'n'

$\therefore \{1\}$ is a limit point of $\{s_n\}$.

Let $\{s_n\} = -1, \dots$
 $s_n \in (-1-\epsilon, -1+\epsilon)$ for infinitely many 'n'

$\therefore \{-1\}$ is also a limit point of $\{s_n\}$.

\therefore set of limit pts of $\{s_n\}$ is $\{-1, 1\}$.

* Limit inferior (lower limit)
 The smallest limit point of a sequence $\{s_n\}$ is called the limit inferior of $\{s_n\}$ and is denoted by $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$

Limit superior (upper limit)
 The highest or greatest limit point of a sequence $\{s_n\}$ is called the limit superior of $\{s_n\}$ and is denoted by $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$

Note ① Since the smallest limit point of a sequence $\langle s_n \rangle \leq$ the greatest limit point of $\langle s_n \rangle$, we have

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$$

Note ② If $\langle s_n \rangle$ is not bounded above, we write

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \infty$$

If $\langle s_n \rangle$ is not bounded below, we write $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = -\infty$

Q. Find limit superior and inferior of $\langle s_n \rangle = \frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}$.
It has exactly one limit point, namely the set $\{0\}$ of limit points is bounded.

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 0 = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$$

Let $l = 0$ and for every $\epsilon > 0$,

$s_n \in (0 - \epsilon, 0 + \epsilon)$, ~~max~~ for infinitely many n

$$\text{or } s_n \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$$

$l = 0$ is a limit point

Set of limit points of $\langle s_n \rangle$ is $\{0\}$

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 0$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 0$$

Theorem: - A bounded sequence $\langle s_n \rangle$ converges to l if and only if

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = l$$

Theorem If $\langle a_n \rangle$ and $\langle b_n \rangle$ are bounded sequences such that $a_n \leq b_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$\textcircled{i} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$$

$$\textcircled{ii} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$$

Theorem If $\langle a_n \rangle$ and $\langle b_n \rangle$ are bounded sequences then

$$\textcircled{i} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + b_n) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n + \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$$

$$\textcircled{ii} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + b_n) \geq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n + \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$$

Q. Find the limit superior and limit inferior of each of the following sequences.

$$\textcircled{i} \langle 1, 2, 1, 2, \dots \rangle$$

Sol? Here, the set of ~~two~~ limit points is

$\{1, 2\}$ which is bounded.

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 1.$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 2.$$

1 is ~~reap~~ repeated infinitely many times in this sequence, so it is a limit point. Similarly 2 is also a limit point.

$$\textcircled{ii} \langle 1, 3, 5, 1, 3, 5, \dots \rangle$$

Sol? Here, the set of limit point is $\{1, 3, 5\}$ which is bounded.

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 1$$

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 1$$

$$(iii) \left\langle 1 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \right\rangle = \langle S_n \rangle$$

$$\text{Sol: } S_n = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{n}, & n \text{ is odd} \\ 1 + \frac{1}{n}, & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Here, $S_n \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

So, S_n has exactly one limit point i.e. $\{1\}$ which is bounded.

$$\therefore \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 1 = \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$$

$$(iv) \left\langle \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \right\rangle = \langle S_n \rangle$$

$$\text{Sol: } S_n = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{n^2}, & n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{1}{n^2}, & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Here, $S_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

So, S_n has exactly one limit point i.e. $\{0\}$ which is bounded.

$$\therefore \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 0 = \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$$

$$(v) \langle (-1)^n (1 + \frac{1}{n}) \rangle$$

$$\text{Sol}^n \text{ Let } \langle s_n \rangle = \langle (-1)^n (1 + \frac{1}{n}) \rangle$$

$$\text{Now, } \langle s_n \rangle = \begin{cases} (-1)(1 + \frac{1}{n}), & n \text{ is odd} \\ (1)(1 + \frac{1}{n}), & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Here, the set of limit points is $\{-1, 1\}$, which is bounded.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = -1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 1$$

$$(vi) \langle (-1)^n n \rangle$$

Theorem:-

Cauchy - Hadamard theorem:-

For every power series $\sum_0^{\infty} a_n z^n$, there exists a real number R , $0 \leq R < \infty$, called the radius of convergence, with the following properties:-

- (i) The series converges absolutely for every $|z| < R$.
- (ii) The series diverges for $|z| > R$.
- (iii) The series converges uniformly for $|z| \leq \rho$, where $0 \leq \rho < R$.

Proof (i) We consider R according to the formula $\frac{1}{R} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n}$.

Let $|z| < R$. Then there exists a real number ρ such that $|z| < \rho < R$.

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{\rho} > \frac{1}{R}$$

From definition of limit superior for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a (+)ve integer m such that

$$|a_n|^{1/n} < \frac{1}{R} + \epsilon \quad \forall n \geq m$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n|^{1/n} < \frac{1}{\rho} \quad \forall n \geq m \quad \left[\frac{1}{\rho} > \frac{1}{R} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{1}{R} + \epsilon \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n| < \frac{1}{\rho^n} \quad \forall n \geq m$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n z^n| < \left(\frac{|z|}{\rho} \right)^n \text{ for large values of } n.$$

Here the $\sum \left(\frac{|z|}{\rho} \right)^n$ is a geometric series with common ratio $\frac{|z|}{\rho} < 1$, since $|z| < \rho$ and so it converges. Therefore, by comparison test, $\sum |a_n z^n|$ is convergent and hence, $\sum a_n z^n$ is absolutely convergent for $|z| < R$.

(ii) For $|z| > R$, we can choose a real number p such such that $R < p < |z|$. So $\frac{1}{R} > \frac{1}{p}$.

Again, since $\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n}$ for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a (+)ve integer m such that

$$|a_n|^{1/n} > \frac{1}{R} - \epsilon, \quad \forall n > m$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n|^{1/n} > \frac{1}{p} \quad \left[\text{as } \frac{1}{p} < \frac{1}{R}, \text{ for every } \epsilon > 0, \text{ we take} \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{R} - \epsilon \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n z^n| > \left(\frac{|z|}{p} \right)^n \text{ for infinitely many } n.$$

\Rightarrow terms of the series $\sum |a_n z^n|$ are unbounded as $|z| > R$

\Rightarrow the series $\sum a_n z^n$ is divergent.

(iii) For $0 \leq p < R$, we choose a (+) real no. p' such that $p < p' < R$.

$$\text{So, } \frac{1}{R} < \frac{1}{p'} < \frac{1}{p}.$$

From definition of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} = \frac{1}{R}$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n|^{1/n} \leq \frac{1}{R} + \epsilon \quad \forall n > m$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n|^{1/n} \leq \frac{1}{p'} \quad \left[\text{as } \frac{1}{p'} > \frac{1}{R}, \text{ for every } \epsilon > 0, \text{ we can take} \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{1}{p'} = \frac{1}{R} + \epsilon \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n| \leq \frac{1}{p'^n} \Rightarrow |a_n z^n| \leq \frac{|z^n|}{p'^n} \leq \left(\frac{p}{p'} \right)^n$$

for $|z| \leq p$

~~set~~

$$\text{Let } M_n = \left(\frac{p}{p'}\right)^n$$

Then $\sum M_n = \sum \left(\frac{p}{p'}\right)^n$ is convergent being a G.P. series with common ratio $\frac{p}{p'} < 1$.

Therefore, by Weierstrass M-test $\sum a_n z^n$ converges uniformly for $|z| \leq p' < R$.

* Def. Weierstrass's test for uniform convergence of a P.S.:
(Weierstrass M-test).

A power series $\sum a_n z^n$ converges uniformly on A if (i) $|a_n z^n| \leq M_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, where M_n is a (+)ve constant (independent of z)

(ii) $\sum M_n$ is convergent.

* Theorem :- The power series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n z^{n-1}$, obtained by differentiating term by term the power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ has the same radius of convergence as that of $\sum a_n z^n$.

Proof :- Let R, R' be the radii of convergence of the power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n z^{n-1}$ respectively.

$$\text{Then } \frac{1}{R} = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} \text{ and } \frac{1}{R'} = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} |n a_n|^{1/n}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{1}{R'} = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1/n} \cdot |a_n|^{1/n} = \frac{1}{R} \cdot \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1/n} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now, by Cauchy's limit theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1/n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n} \text{ and so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1/n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n} \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, from (1),

$$\cancel{\frac{1}{R'} = \frac{1}{R}} \quad \frac{1}{R'} = \frac{1}{R}, \text{ i.e., } R = R'$$

Integration

* Theorem:-

The power series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \frac{z^{n+1}}{n+1}$ obtained by integrating term by term the power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ has the same radius of convergence as that of $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$.