

# Sub Sequence and sequential limit

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## I. SUB-SEQUENCE

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of real numbers. Let us consider a sequence which consists terms of the above sequence as  $\{x_2, x_5, x_8, x_{11}, \dots, x_{n_k}, \dots\}$ , it is noted as  $\{x_{n_k}\}_{n \in N}$ . This is called sub-sequence of  $\{x_n\}$ , So we can form infinitely many sub-sequences from the given sequence.

### A. Examples

1.  $x_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$ ; then we can form the sub-sequences  $\{1, -1, 1, -1, \dots\}$ ,  $\{1, 0, 1, 0, \dots\}$  etc.

2.  $x_n = (-1)^n$ ; we can form sub-sequences  $\{1, 1, 1, \dots\}$  and  $\{-1, -1, -1, \dots\}$ , clearly these sub-sequences are convergent, whereas  $\{x_n\}$  is not.

**Theorem 1:** If a sequence is convergent to  $l$  then each of its sub-sequences are convergent to  $l$ .

But the convergence of the sub-sequences does not imply the convergence of sequence, as the above example(2) shows.

**Theorem 2:** If all the sub-sequences of a sequence convergent to the same limit, then  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent.

**Bolzano-weierstrass theorem :** Every bounded sequence of real numbers has a convergent sub-sequence.

**Work out:** 1. Justify converse of Bolzano theorem .

2. Find the possible convergent sub-sequences of  $x_n = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{6}\right)$  .

3. Prove that if  $\{x_{2n-1}\}$  and  $\{x_{2n}\}$  convergent to 1, then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to 1.

4. Define cluster point.

5. Prove that  $\lim\left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right)^n = \sqrt{e}$ .

### B. upper and lower limit

The greatest sub-sequential limit of a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is called upper limit or limit superior and is denoted as  $\limsup x_n$ , and the least sub-sequential limit is called lower limit or limit inferior denoted  $\liminf x_n$ .

#### Examples:

1. Find the upper and lower limit of  $x_n = (-1)^n\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$ .

2.  $x_n = (-1)^n n^2$ , show  $\limsup x_n = \infty$   $\liminf x_n = -\infty$ .

**Cauchy Limit theorem First Limit Theorem:** If  $\lim x_n = l$  then  $\lim \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n}{n} = l$

**Corollary:**  $\sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots x_n} = l$

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**Work out:** 1. Show  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}{n} = 0$ .

2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{3} + \dots + \sqrt[n]{n}}{n} = 1$

3. Show that a sequence is convergent iff  $\overline{\lim} x_n = \underline{\lim} x_n$ .

**Second limit theorem:** If  $x_n > 0$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = l$  iff  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{x_n} = l$

1. Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n!)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{n} = \frac{1}{e}$ .

2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ (2n+1)(2n+2)(2n+3)\dots(2n+n) \right\}^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{27}{4e}$ .