

2.1 Sequences and Convergence

1. For the three sequences given:

| ϵ | 1.000 | 0.100 | 0.010 | 0.001 |
|------------|-------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| (a) N | 1 | $\sqrt{10} \approx 3.16$ | $\sqrt{100} = 10$ | $\sqrt{1000} \approx 31.6$ |
| (b) N | 1 | 100 | 10,000 | 1,000,000 |
| (c) N | 1 | $e^9 \approx 8103$ | e^{99} | e^{999} |

2. (a) If a given N works for $\epsilon = 0.001$, then the same N works for larger ϵ . We could use this N in all positions in the row.
 (b) Any N works in this case; we could use $N = 0$ in all positions, for example.
 (c) The number of digits in a number changes after 9, 99, 999, etc. So the second-row entries would be 9, $10^9 - 1$, $10^{99} - 1$, and $10^{999} - 1$.
3. (a) Set $\epsilon = 0.1$ and choose a corresponding N as in the definition. All x_n with $n > N$ lie in the desired interval.
 (b) Set $\epsilon = 0.001$ and choose a corresponding N as in the definition. Then all x_n with $n > N$ lie in $(4.999, 5.001)$, and therefore exceed 4.999.
 (c) If we set $\epsilon = 1$ and choose a corresponding N , then all x_n with $n > N$ lie in $(4, 6)$. Thus it is possible that $x_n > 6$ only for members of the finite set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$.
4. (a) Yes. The divergent sequence 3, 0, 3, 0, 3, 0, 3, 0, ... has infinitely many terms with value 3.
 (b) No. If, say, $\{x_n\} = 3$ for all $n > N$, then this value of N works in the definition of convergence for any $\epsilon > 0$.
6. Suppose that $\{x_n\}$ converges to $L = 1000$. Let $\epsilon = 1$ and choose N as in the definition of convergence. Then we have $x_n \in (999, 1001)$ for all $n > N$, which means that 1001 is an upper bound for these x_n . The remaining x_n form a finite set, which is automatically bounded above. This contradicts the assumption of boundedness.
7. (a) Algebraic manipulation gives

$$|a_n - L| = \left| \frac{2n}{3n+5} - \frac{2}{3} \right| = \frac{10}{9n+15}$$

and

$$\frac{10}{9n+15} < \epsilon \iff \frac{10/\epsilon - 15}{9} < n.$$

Thus, for given $\epsilon > 0$, the value $N = \frac{10/\epsilon - 15}{9}$ works in the definition. A formal proof resembles that in Example 2.

- (b) The proof is like that for (a), except that now we have

$$|b_n - L| = \frac{899900}{9n+15} < \epsilon \iff \frac{899900/\epsilon - 15}{9} < n.$$

Thus $N = \frac{899900/\epsilon - 15}{9}$ works for any given $\epsilon > 0$.

- (c) We'll show $c_n \rightarrow 0$. Observe first that

$$|c_n - L| = \frac{2n}{3n^2+5} < \frac{2n}{3n^2} = \frac{2}{3n},$$

and

$$\frac{2}{3n} < \epsilon \iff \frac{2}{3\epsilon} < n.$$

Here's the formal proof: Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given; set $N = \frac{2}{3\epsilon}$. This N works, since if $n > N$ then

$$|c_n - L| = \frac{2n}{3n^2+5} < \frac{2}{3n} < \frac{2}{3N} = \epsilon.$$

8. Formal proofs resemble those in the preceding problem. Following are sketches.

(a) The limit is $2/3$. For given $\epsilon > 0$ we can use $N = \frac{15+10/\epsilon}{9}$.

(b) The limit is $L = 2/3$. Basic algebra gives

$$|b_n - L| = \frac{10 - 2 \sin n}{9n + 3 \sin n + 15} \leq \frac{8}{9n}.$$

(Convince yourself of the last inequality.) This implies that, for given $\epsilon > 0$ we can use $N = 8/(9\epsilon)$.

(c) As in the preceding problem, $c_n \rightarrow 0$. Indeed,

$$|c_n - 0| = \frac{2n}{3n^2 + 5} < \frac{2}{3n},$$

and so, for given $\epsilon > 0$ we can use $N = 2/(3\epsilon)$.

11. (a) We can check explicitly that $1.5^{11} \approx 86.5 < 89 = f_{11}$, and $1.5^{12} \approx 129.7 < 144 = f_{12}$. For the inductive step, note that

$$f_{k+1} > 1.5^{k-1} + 1.5^k = 1.5^{k-1} \cdot 2.5 > 1.5^{k-1} \cdot 1.5^2 = 1.5^{k+1},$$

as desired. (Note that the proof worked because $1 + 1.5 > 1.5^2$. A similar result can be shown to hold if 1.5 is replaced by any number b with $1 + b > b^2$.)

(b) Using technology one can check that $n \geq 72$ works.

12. (a) The first few terms are $1/1, 2/1, 3/2, 5/3, 8/5$; the Fibonacci numbers appear as numerators and denominators.

(b) The claim is obviously true for $n = 1$. The inductive step is easy, too. Clearly, $g_n > 1$ for all n , and so $g_{n+1} = 1 + 1/g_n < 1 + 1/1 = 2$.

(c) Easy algebra is enough.

13. (a) For any given $\epsilon > 0$, we see

$$|x_n - 0| = \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon \iff n > \frac{1}{\epsilon}.$$

Thus the desired inequality holds for all n except those (finitely many) for which $n \leq 1/\epsilon$.

(b) Show that if $x_n \rightarrow 0$ in the sense above, then $x_n \rightarrow 0$ in the “official” sense defined in this section. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. By hypothesis, $|x_n - 0| \geq \epsilon$ holds for only finitely many n , and we can choose N to the largest such value of n . This N works in the ordinary definition.

(c) A sequence $\{x_n\}$ does not converge to 0 if, for some $\epsilon > 0$, there are infinitely many x_n with $|x_n| > \epsilon$.

(d) A sequence $\{x_n\}$ does not converge to 0 if, for some $\epsilon > 0$ and any number N , there is some x_n with $n > N$ and $|x_n| > \epsilon$.

14. The sequence $\{y_n\}$ converges to 212. To see why, notice that

$$|y_n - 212| = |5x_n + 2 - 212| = 5|x_n - 42|,$$

and so

$$|y_n - 212| < \epsilon \iff |x_n - 42| < \frac{\epsilon}{5}.$$

For a given $\epsilon > 0$, therefore, we can set $\epsilon' = \epsilon/5$, and choose N that works for the sequence $\{x_n\}$ and ϵ' . The same N does what's needed for $\{y_n\}$.

15. Every constant sequence has such a table.

16. A sequence has such a table if and only if the sequence is constant from the sixth term on: $x_6 = x_7 = x_8 = \dots$ (Such a sequence is called *eventually constant*.)

17. If β has decimal expansion $0.d_1d_2d_3d_4d_5\dots$, then the increasing sequence $0.d_1, 0.d_1d_2, 0.d_1d_2d_3, 0.d_1d_2d_3d_4, \dots$ converges to β .

2.2 Working with Sequences

1. Here is a sketch. For any constant $c \neq 0$, we have

$$|ca_n - ca| = |c| |a_n - a| < \epsilon \iff |a_n - a| < \frac{\epsilon}{|c|}.$$

Now for any given $\epsilon > 0$, we can choose N so that $|a_n - a| < \epsilon/|c|$ for $n > N$. (Why can we do this?) This N “works” for the given ϵ and the original sequence $\{ca_n\}$. (Assemble the pieces into an efficient proof.)

3. Suppose $x_n \rightarrow 0$. To show $|x_n| \rightarrow 0$, let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Because $x_n \rightarrow 0$, we can choose N so that $|x_n - 0| = |x_n| < \epsilon$ whenever $n > N$. The same N works for the sequence $\{|x_n|\}$, because if $n > N$, then

$$||x_n| - 0| = ||x_n|| = |x_n| < \epsilon,$$

as desired.

4. (a) The lemma says that there exist both rational and irrational sequences that tend to $\sqrt{2}$, and that these can be chosen to be monotone.
 (b) One possibility is $p_n = \sqrt{2} + 1/n$ for all n .
 (c) One possibility comes from the infinite decimal approximation $\sqrt{2} = 1.414213562\dots$; we can use $r_1 = 1$, $r_2 = 1.4$, $r_3 = 1.414$, etc. (We need a little fix when a zero-digit comes along.) Another possibility, a bit less concrete, is to use the fact that every interval contains rational numbers.
5. The $n = 1$ (base) case is easy: $s_2 = 1.5 < 2 = s_1$. The inductive step is to show that if $s_n - s_{n-1} < 0$, then $s_{n+1} - s_n < 0$, too. Doing so involves careful but straightforward algebra.
6. For every positive integer n we have the estimate

$$s_n = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{n}{\sqrt{n}} = \sqrt{n}.$$

Clearly, $\sqrt{n} \rightarrow \infty$, and so $s_n \rightarrow \infty$, too.

7. It is clear that $\{h_n\}$ is increasing, and the inequality $h_{2n} \geq h_n + \frac{1}{2}$ implies that $\{h_n\}$ is unbounded. Since $h_1 = 1$, the inequality means that $h_2 \geq 1.5$, $h_4 \geq 2.0$, $h_8 \geq 2.5$, $h_{2^{1000}} > 501$, etc.
8. (a) Clearly, $T_n < S_n$ for all n , and both sequences appear to converge.
 (b) It is natural (and correct) to guess $T_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$. The inductive proof is straightforward.
 (c) We can use algebraic facts: $T_n = \frac{n}{n+1} = \frac{1}{1+1/n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{1+0}$.
 (d) Observe that

$$\frac{1}{n^2 + n} \geq \frac{1}{n^2 + n^2} = \frac{1}{2n^2}$$

for all n , and so $S_n \leq 2T_n < 2$ for all $n \geq 1$. Thus $\{T_n\}$ is bounded above, and clearly increasing, so $\{T_n\}$ converges.

9. (a) Let $M > 0$ be given. Since $x_n \rightarrow \infty$, we can choose N so $x_n > M$ whenever $n > N$. But then also $-x_n < -M$ when $n > N$. Thus $-x_n \rightarrow -\infty$.
 (b) Suppose $x_n \rightarrow \infty$. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given; we need to find N so $n > N$ implies $\left|\frac{1}{x_n}\right| = \frac{1}{x_n} < \epsilon$. Well, if we set $M = 1/\epsilon$ then (since $x_n \rightarrow \infty$) we can choose N so $n > N$ implies $x_n > M = 1/\epsilon$. But this implies $1/x_n < \epsilon$, as desired.
 (c) Suppose $x_n < 0$ for all n . Then $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$ if and only if $1/x_n \rightarrow 0$. This follows from parts (a) and (b): $x_n \rightarrow -\infty \iff -x_n \rightarrow \infty \iff -\frac{1}{x_n} \rightarrow 0 \iff \frac{1}{x_n} \rightarrow 0$.

10. The inequality $|\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{3}| < |a_n - 3|$ implies that

$$-|a_n - 3| < \sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{3} < |a_n - 3|.$$

Since the left and right quantities tend to zero, so must the middle.

Proving the inequality $|\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{3}| < |a_n - 3|$ involves multiplication and division by the “conjugate” expression $|\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{3}|$.

11. (a) The limit is $2/5$.
 (b) The sequence diverges to ∞ .
 (c) The sequence converges to $1/2$.
 (d) The sequence diverges to ∞ . One strategy is to observe that $\frac{n^2 + \arctan n}{n+2} > \frac{n^2 - 4}{n+2} = n - 2$.

2.3 Subsequences

- (a) The converse says (falsely) that if $\{x_n\}$ has a convergent subsequence, then $\{x_n\}$ is bounded. Counterexamples are easy to find. The contrapositive says that if $\{x_n\}$ has *no* convergent subsequence, then $\{x_n\}$ is unbounded.

(b) The BWT says that $\{y_n\}$ has a convergent subsequence. The BWT also applies to $\{z_n\}$, but isn't really needed, since it is easy to see that $z_n \rightarrow 0$. Thus, *every* subsequence of $\{z_n\}$ converges to zero.

(c) If $\{x_n\}$ is bounded, then the BWT guarantees that a convergent subsequence exists. If $\{x_n\}$ is unbounded, then Lemma 2.13 applies. Both can occur, as they do in the sequence 1, 0, 2, 0, 3, 0, *dots*.
- (a) The sequence 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, ... works.

(b) The sequence 1, -1, 1/2, -1/2, 1/3, -1/3, ... works.

(c) The sequence 0, 1, 0, 2, 0, 3, ... works.

(d) The sequence 1, 1, 1/2, 2, 1/3, 3, ... works.

(e) The sequence 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 4, ... works.
- (a) Given a sequence that lists the rationals, we can just form the subsequence of nonnegative rationals.

(b) Look at any two successive terms, say p_1 and p_2 . Between these two rational numbers like other rationals. If the sequence were monotone, these other rationals would lie between p_1 and p_2 in the sequence.

(c) We can choose n_1 so that $p_{n_1} = 1$. Then we choose n_2 with $n_2 > n_1$ and $p_{n_2} \geq 2$. Continuing this process completes the proof; details are left to the reader.
- Note that we can write the given subsequence in the form $x_{n_k} = x_{4241+k}$. Theorem 2.11, page 95, says that if $x_n \rightarrow L$, then x_{n_k} converges to L , too. For the converse, suppose that $x_{n_k} \rightarrow L$. To show that $x_n \rightarrow L$, let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. By hypothesis we can choose N so $n_k > N \implies |x_{n_k} - L| < \epsilon$. Let $N_1 = N + 4241$. This N_1 works; details are left to the reader.
- (a) Substituting $n = 2k$ gives $x_{2k} = \frac{2k}{2n+1}$, which converges to one as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Substituting $n = 2k - 1$ gives $x_{2k-1} = -\frac{2k-1}{2k}$, which converges to -1 . With two different subsequence limits, $\{x_n\}$ must diverge.

(b) Consider any convergent subsequence $x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, x_{n_3}, x_{n_4}, \dots$, with limit L . Since this sequence has infinitely many terms, it must include either infinitely many even-indexed or infinitely many odd-indexed terms from the original sequence $\{x_n\}$. If there are, say, infinitely many even-indexed terms, then they form a new subsequence, which obviously tends to one. But every subsequence of a convergent sequence tends to the same limit, so we must have $L = 1$.
- (a) The sequence 0, 3, 0, 3, 0, 3, ... is one example.

(b) The statement $x_n \rightarrow 3$ means that, for every $\epsilon > 0$, all but finitely many x_n are within ϵ of 3. Negating this definition means that, for some $\epsilon > 0$, infinitely many x_n are farther than ϵ from 3. These $\{x_n\}$, taken in order, give the desired subsequence.

7. Since $\{x_n\}$ diverges, x_0 is *not* the limit. Negating the definition of convergence to x_0 means that, for some $\epsilon > 0$, *no* N works in the definition of convergence. We'll use this to construct a sequence.

Because $N = 1$ doesn't work in the definition, there is some term—call it x_{n_1} —for which $|x_{n_1} - x_0| > \epsilon$. Now consider $N = n_1$. But this N doesn't work either, so there must be some term—call it x_{n_2} —for which $n_2 \geq n_1$ and $|x_{n_2} - x_0| > \epsilon$. Continuing this process indefinitely gives the desired subsequence: $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$ and $|x_{n_k} - x_0| > \epsilon$ for all k .

8. (a) For $M > 0$, choose N such that $x_n > M$ whenever $n > N$. The same N works for the subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}$, since if $k > N$, then $n_k \geq k > N$, and so $x_{n_k} > M$, as desired.
- (b) The contrapositive of Theorem 2.11(a) says that if some subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}$ does *not* converge to L , then the original sequence $\{x_n\}$ doesn't converge to L either. This implies Theorem 2.11(c), because if L is any number, then at least one subsequence fails to converge to L , and so L can't be the limit.

9. If $x_n \rightarrow x_0$, then we know that every subsequence, and hence every monotone subsequence, must also converge to x_0 .

The other implication is that if every monotone subsequence converges to x_0 , then $x_n \rightarrow x_0$, too. We prove this by contradiction.

If x_n does *not* converge to x_0 , then for some $\epsilon > 0$ there is a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}$ with $|x_{n_k} - x_0| > \epsilon$ for all k . By Proposition 2.12, there is a monotone subsequence $\{y_{n_k}\}$ of $\{x_{n_k}\}$. Now $|x_{n_k} - x_0| > \epsilon$ holds for all the x_{n_k} , and so it certainly holds for all the y_{n_k} , too. In particular, $y_{n_k} \rightarrow x_0$ is impossible, which contradicts our assumption about monotone sequences.

10. Since $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ there are infinitely many n with $|x_n - x_0| < 1/10$. Choose any of these n to be n_1 . Similarly, there are infinitely many n with $|x_n - x_0| < 1/10^2$. Among these n , choose any one with $n > n_1$ to be n_2 . Similarly, we can choose $n_3 > n_2$ such that $|x_{n_3} - x_0| < 1/10^3$, and so on.

11. Both parts follow from unraveling the ϵ - N definitions.

2.4 Cauchy Sequences

1. (a) For given $\epsilon > 0$ we can choose $N = 2/\epsilon$. This N works because if $m, n > N$ then $|x_n - x_m| \leq |x_n| + |x_m| = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$.
- (b) The sequence is not Cauchy. If we choose, say $\epsilon = 0.001$, then no N works: if N is any positive number, no matter how big, then with $m = N + 1$ and $n = N + 2$ we have $|y_n - y_m| = 2/1234 > 0.001$.
- (c) The sequence is Cauchy. Note that if $n > m$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |z_n - z_m| &= \left| \frac{n}{n+1} - \frac{m}{m+1} \right| = \frac{n-m}{(n+1)(m+1)} \\ &< \frac{n-m}{nm} < \frac{n}{nm} = \frac{1}{m}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that, for $\epsilon > 0$, we can choose $N = 1/\epsilon$.

- (d) The sequence is Cauchy. If $n > m$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |w_n - w_m| &= \left| \frac{\sin n}{n^2 + 1} - \frac{\sin m}{m^2 + 1} \right| \leq \left| \frac{\sin n}{n^2 + 1} \right| + \left| \frac{\sin m}{m^2 + 1} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{m^2 + 1} < \frac{2}{m^2}, \end{aligned}$$

and $2/m^2 < \epsilon$ if $m > \sqrt{2/\epsilon}$. Thus, $N = \sqrt{2/\epsilon}$ works in the definition.

2. For given $\epsilon > 0$, choose N_1 such that $|x_m - x_n| < \epsilon/2$ when $n > m > N_1$, and choose N_2 such that $|y_m - y_n| < \epsilon/2$ when $n > m > N_2$. The number $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ does what's needed.
3. For $\epsilon > 0$ choose N that works for ϵ in the sense of Definition 2.16. This same N works in the definition of convergence to zero. To see why, let $m > N$ be given. Then choose any n of the form $n = 10^k$, with $n > m$. (This can certainly be done; $n = 10^m$ is one possibility.) Then we have $n > m > N$, and so $|x_m - x_n| = |x_m - 0| < \epsilon$, as desired.

4. Set $\epsilon = 1$ (smaller ϵ works, too) and choose N as in the Cauchy definition. This N works in the problem, since if $n > m \geq N$ then $|x_n - x_m| < 1$, which can occur for integers x_n and x_m only if $x_n = x_m$.
5. (a) Any sequence of rationals tending to an irrational will do.
 (b) Yes. The only Cauchy sequences of integers are eventually constant.
 (c) $[0, 1]$ is complete because if $\{x_n\}$ is any Cauchy sequence in $[0, 1]$, then $\{x_n\}$ tends to some limit L . Because $0 \leq x_n \leq 1$ for all n , L lies in $[0, 1]$, too.
 $(0, 1]$ is not complete; $\{1/n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $(0, 1]$, but its limit, zero, lies outside $(0, 1]$.

6. (a) For any m and n ,

$$|y_n - y_m| = |5x_n + 2 - 5x_m - 2| = 5|x_n - x_m|.$$

It follows that

$$|y_n - y_m| < \epsilon \iff |x_n - x_m| < \frac{\epsilon}{5}.$$

For a given $\epsilon > 0$, therefore, we can set $\epsilon' = \epsilon/5$, and choose N that works for the sequence $\{x_n\}$ and ϵ' . The same N does what's needed for $\{y_n\}$.

- (b) If $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy, then $\{x_n\}$ converges, by Theorem 2.19. Now $\{5x_n + 2\}$ converges, too, by Theorem 2.5, page 83, and so $\{5x_n + 2\}$ must also be Cauchy, again by Theorem 2.19.
7. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given and set $\epsilon' = \epsilon/42$. Because $\{a_n\}$ is Cauchy sequence there is some N such that $|a_n - a_m| < \epsilon'$ whenever $n > N$. This N works for the sequence $\{x_n\}$; details left to you.
8. (a) The sequence is monotone only if the coin falls heads (or tails) forever.
 (b) If the first six coin tosses show $HTHTHT$, then $a_6 = 21/32$, and it follows that all further a_n , and therefore the limit, must lie in the interval $[20/32, 22/32]$.
 (c) For every n , $|a_n| \leq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} < 2$.
9. Two numbers with the same first n decimal places can differ by no more than 10^{-n} .
10. (a) By Theorem 2.19, the result is equivalent to the (known) fact that the product of convergent sequences is convergent.
 (b) Suppose $|x_n| \leq M_1$ for all n and $|y_n| \leq M_2$ for all n . Now choose N_1 so

$$|x_n - x_m| < \frac{\epsilon}{2M_2} \quad \text{when } n > m > N_1,$$

and choose N_2 such that

$$|y_n - y_m| < \frac{\epsilon}{2M_1} \quad \text{when } n > m > N_2.$$

Now $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$ does what's needed, since if $n > m > N$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |x_n y_n - x_m y_m| &\leq |x_n y_n - x_n y_m| + |x_n y_m - x_m y_m| \leq |x_n| |y_n - y_m| + |y_m| |x_n - x_m| \\ &\leq M_1 |y_n - y_m| + M_2 |x_n - x_m| < M_1 \frac{\epsilon}{2M_1} + M_2 \frac{\epsilon}{2M_2} = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

11. The key point is that, regardless of n ,

$$\frac{1}{2^{m+1}} + \frac{1}{2^{m+2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^n} < \frac{1}{2^m}.$$

This fact can be parlayed into a proof.

2.5 Series 101: Basic Ideas

1. (a) $S_n = 0$ for all n , and so the series converges to 0.
 (b) $S_n = 42n$ for all n ; this diverges (to ∞).
 (c) The partial sum sequence $\{S_n\}$ has the form $-1, 0, -1, 0, \dots$; this diverges.
 (d) $S_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ for all n ; this diverges (to ∞).
 (e) The series is geometric, with $r = 0.99$, so $S_n = \frac{1-r^{n+1}}{1-r} = 100(1 - 0.99^{n+1})$, and we see that $S_n \rightarrow 100$.
 (f) It is easy to show by induction that $S_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$. Thus $S_n \rightarrow 1$.
2. (a) Since $H_{2n} > \frac{n}{2}$ for all n and the right-hand sequence diverges to infinity, we must have $H_{2n} \rightarrow \infty$, too. Since $\{H_n\}$ has a divergent subsequence, $\{H_n\}$ must diverge, too.
 (b) Suppose toward contradiction that $H_n \rightarrow H$ for some finite number H . Since $\{H_{2n}\}$ is a subsequence, we'd have $H_{2n} \rightarrow H$, too. But we also have $H_{2n} > \frac{1}{2} + H_n$; taking limits of both sides gives $H \geq \frac{1}{2} + H$, which is absurd.
 (c) See almost any calculus text for the standard picture.
3. (a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k+2^k}$ converges by comparison to the geometric series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k}$.
 (b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{2k^2-1}$ diverges by comparison to the divergent series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k}$. (Convince yourself that the comparison works.)
 (c) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{3^k}$ converges by comparison to the convergent geometric series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{3^k}$.
 (d) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2+2}{3k^2+4}$ diverges by the n th term test: $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^2+2}{3k^2+4} = \frac{1}{3} \neq 0$.
4. (a) $S_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}$, which clearly tends to the limit 1.
 (b) Here we get $S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2}$, so $S_n \rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{2}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
 (c) The pattern suggests that $S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2} - \dots - \frac{1}{n+10}$. As $n \rightarrow \infty$, the last ten terms all tend to zero, so the limit is $S = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{10} \approx 2.929$.
5. Let $\sum a_k$ and $\sum b_k$ be series, and let $\sum c_k$ be the “sum series,” defined by $c_k = a_k + b_k$ for all k . Let A_n , B_n , and C_n denote the partial sums for these series. The key point is that—thanks to the commutative law for addition of *finitely* many numbers— $C_n = A_n + B_n$ for all n . It follows that if $A_n \rightarrow A$ and $B_n \rightarrow B$, then we must also have $C_n \rightarrow A + B$, which is what we wanted to prove.
6. (a) If $r = 1$, the series is just $a + a + a + \dots$, and so $S_n = na$, which clearly diverges.
 If $r = -1$, the series is just $a - a + a - \dots$, and so the successive S_n have the form $a, 0, a, 0, \dots$; this, too, diverges.
 (b) i. The sequence $\{r^{n+1}\}$ is a subsequence of $\{r^n\}$, so both converge to the same place, L .
 ii. Let $x_n = r^n$. We know that $x_n \rightarrow L$; one of our theorems says $rx_n \rightarrow rL$.
 iii. The preceding parts say that $L = rL$; if $r \neq 0$, we must have $L = 0$.
 iv. If $0 \leq r < 1$, then $r^n \rightarrow 0$. (Hint: use a theorem about monotone sequences.) If $0 \leq r < 1$, then $r^{n+1} \leq r^n$ for all n , so the sequence is monotone decreasing and bounded below. Thus it converges, and the limit is zero by the preceding part.
 v. If $-1 < r \leq 0$, then $|r| < 1$, and so $|r|^n \rightarrow 0$ by the preceding part. Now we have $-|r|^n \leq r^n \leq |r|^n$, and so the middle limit is squeezed to zero.
 vi. If $|r| \geq 1$, then clearly $|r^n| \geq 1$ for all n . In particular, zero certainly isn't the limit. Thus the sequence diverges.
7. (a) It is enough to show (i) if $n > 1000$ then $S_n \geq S_{1000}$; (ii) if $n > 1000$ then $S_n \leq S_{1001}$. Claim (i) amounts to observing that *every* string of the form

$$\frac{1}{1001} - \frac{1}{1002} + \frac{1}{1003} - \dots \pm \frac{1}{1000+n}$$

adds up to a *positive* result; group summands in *pairs* to see why. Claim (ii) holds because every string of the form

$$-\frac{1}{1002} + \frac{1}{1003} - \frac{1}{1004} + \dots \pm \frac{1}{1000+n}$$

has *negative* sum; again, group summands in pairs to see why.

- (b) For given $\epsilon > 0$ we can take any integer $N \geq 1/\epsilon$. Then $|S_N - S_{N+1}| = \frac{1}{N+1} < \epsilon$.
- (c) For given $\epsilon > 0$ choose N as in the preceding part. Then for $n > m > N$, we have both S_n and S_m between S_N and S_{N+1} , and thus within ϵ of each other.
8. (a) Suppose $\sum d_k/10$ converges. By Theorem 2.22, $10 \sum d_k/10 = \sum d_k$ converges, too, which contradicts our hypotheses.
- (b) The product series $\sum c_k d_k$ may converge or diverge. If, say, $d_k = 1$ for all k and $c_k = 1/k^2$, then the product series converges. But if $d_k = k$ for all k and $c_k = 1/2^k$, then the product series diverges.
- (c) If A is constant then $\sum A c_k$ converges by Theorem 2.22.
- (d) It is possible that $d_k \leq c_k$ for all k . This happens if, say, $d_k = -1$ and $c_k = 0$ for all k .
9. (a) Let A_n and B_n be the partial sums for $\sum a_k$ and $\sum b_k$. The hypothesis boils down to the fact that for $n > 42$ we have $B_n = A_n - A_{42} + B_{42}$. Thus, the sequences $\{A_n\}$ and $\{B_n\}$ differ (for large n) by an additive constant, and so both converge or both diverge.
- (b) We know (see the preceding part) that $B_n = A_n - A_{42} + B_{42}$. Because $b_k - a_k = k^2$, we must have $B_{42} - A_{42} = \sum_{k=1}^4 2k^2 = 25585$. Thus, $B_n = A_n + 25585$, and since $A_n \rightarrow 100$ we must have $B_n \rightarrow 25685$.
10. Since $\sum a_k$ converges we must have $a_k \rightarrow 0$, so there must exist K such that $0 < a_k < 1$ for $k > K$. Hence $a_k^2 < a_k$ for $k > K$. It follows that the series $\sum a_k^2$ converges by comparison to the series $\sum a_k$. (Note that the inequality $a_k^2 < a_k$ might not hold for $k \leq K$. Do you see why this doesn't matter?)

2.6 Series 102: Testing for Convergence and Estimating Limits

1. (a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k+2^k}$ converges by comparison to $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k}$.
- (b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{2k^2-1}$ diverges; one approach is limit comparison to $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$.
- (c) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{3^k}$ converges by comparison or limit comparison with the geometric series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{3^k}$.
- (d) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2+2}{3k^2+4}$ diverges; use the n th term test.
2. (a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{100^k}{k!}$ converges by the ratio test.
- (b) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin k}{1.0001^k}$ converges absolutely. The absolute value series converges by comparison to the geometric series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1.0001^k}$.
- (c) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2+k+1}{k^3+k^2+k+1}$ diverges; one approach is limit comparison to $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$.
- (d) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\ln \ln(k+2)}$ converges by the alternating series test.
3. (a) The ratio $\frac{a_k^2}{a_k} = a_k$ tends to zero (by the k th term test), and so $\sum a_k^2$ converges.
- (b) If $\sum a_k = \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$, then $\sum a_k^2$ diverges. If $\sum a_k = \sum \frac{1}{k}$, then $\sum a_k^2$ converges.
4. Suppose toward contradiction that $\sum a_k$ converges. Since $a_k/b_k \rightarrow \infty$ (see the hint), we have $b_k/a_k \rightarrow 0$, and the limit comparison test implies that $\sum b_k$ converges, a contradiction.
5. If $\sum b_k$ converges to B , then $\sum a_k$ converges to $B - \sum_{k=1}^K b_k + \sum_{k=1}^K a_k$. This is similar to a problem in the preceding section, where $K = 42$.
6. One can show easily (e.g., by induction) that $k! > 2^k$ for $k > 3$. Thus, $1/k! < 1/2^k$ for all $k > 3$, and hence $\sum 1/k!$ converges by comparison to $\sum 1/2^k$.
7. Note that the sum

$$S_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{n}{\sqrt{n}} = \sqrt{n}.$$

Since $\sqrt{n} \rightarrow \infty$, we must have $S_n \rightarrow \infty$, too.

9. (a) The series converges by comparison to $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{k-1}}$, which converges to 2.
 (b) We have $R_{10} = \sum_{k=11}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{k-1}+1} < \sum_{k=11}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} = \frac{1}{2^9}$.
 (c) We have $S = S_{10} + R_{10} < 1.26255 + \frac{1}{2^9} \approx 1.26450$. This means that S lies somewhere in the interval $[1.26255, 1.26450]$.
10. (a) The series converges absolutely by comparison to $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{k-1}}$, which converges to 2.
 (b) Let S be the limit. The alternating series theorem says that $|S_n - S| < \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$. The right side is the size of the $(n+1)$ th term, which is less than 0.001 if $n \geq 10$. This means that the limit lies between $S_{10} \approx 0.29365$ and $S_{11} \approx 0.29462$.
 (c) The partial sum S_{100} can differ from S by no more than the size of the next term, which is $\frac{1}{2^{100+1}}$. This corresponds to something like 30-digit accuracy.
11. (a) See your favorite calculus text.
 (b) We need to choose n so $R_n < 0.001$. By the given inequality, this holds if n is large enough so that $\int_n^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^3} < 0.001$. A calculus calculation shows that $\int_n^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^3} = \frac{1}{2n^2}$, and the last quantity is less than 0.001 if $n \geq 23$. This means that $S_{23} \approx 1.2012$ is within 0.001 of the true answer.

3.1 Limits of Functions

1. Both parts are easy exercises with the definition. In (a) we can choose *any* δ for given ϵ . In (b) we can choose $\delta = \epsilon$.
 2. (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (2x + 3) = 5$. Note that $|f(x) - 5| = 2|x - 1|$. It follows that for given $\epsilon > 0$ we can set $\delta = \epsilon/2$.

(b) Factoring the numerator gives $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x - 1) = -2$. (For given $\epsilon > 0$ we can set $\delta = \epsilon$.)

(c) Factoring the numerator gives $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x + 2) = 3$. (For given $\epsilon > 0$ we can set $\delta = \epsilon$.)

(d) The limit is zero. To see why, note that

$$|f(x) - 0| = \left| x \frac{2 + \sin x}{3 - \cos x} \right| \leq |x| \frac{3}{2}.$$

(The factor $3/2$ comes from considering the possible sizes of numerator and denominator.) It follows that for given $\epsilon > 0$, we can set $\delta = 2\epsilon/3$.

3. (a) For $f(x) = x^2$, we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 42} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 42} x^2 = 42^2 = f(42)$, so the condition does hold at $a = 42$.
 (b) For $f(x) = x^2$ and *any* input a , we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} x^2 = a^2 = f(a)$, so the condition holds at every a .
 (c) Since the function $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}$ is not defined at $a = 2$, the condition can't possibly hold.
 (d) We have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} = \frac{3^2 - 4}{3 - 1} = f(3)$, as desired.
 (e) Note that $a = 0$ is an endpoint of the domain. Also, we know $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x} = 0 = f(0)$, so the condition holds in the one-sided sense.
 (f) We have $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} |x| = |a| = f(a)$ for all a .
 (g) Theorem 3.3, Page 138, assures that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (1 + \pi x + ex^2 + \pi ex^3) = 1 + \pi a + ea^2 + \pi ea^3 = f(a)$, so the condition holds for all a .
4. Let $\{x_n\}$ be any sequence with $x_n \rightarrow a$ and $x_n \neq a$ for all n . Then $\{f(x_n)\}$, $\{g(x_n)\}$, and $\{h(x_n)\}$ are all *sequences*, and the hypotheses imply that (i) $f(x_n) \leq g(x_n) \leq h(x_n)$ for all n ; and (ii) $f(x_n) \rightarrow L$ and $h(x_n) \rightarrow L$. Now the sequence version of the squeezing theorem implies that $g(x_n) \rightarrow L$, too. Since this applies to *any* sequence $\{x_n\}$ of the given type, Lemma 3.2 implies that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L$, as desired.