



# Analysis I Lecture 12

Some mistake from last time

Definition

Liminf

Limsup

Let  $(x_n)$  be a bounded sequence

define

$$y_n = \inf \{ x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots \}$$

$$z_n = \sup \{ x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots \}$$

then

$$\liminf x_n = \lim y_n$$

$$\limsup x_n = \lim z_n$$

## Proposition

Let  $(x_n)$  be bounded then

$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n)$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n)$  exist.

Proof  $\liminf$  exists:

Sequence  $(y_n)$  is monotone  
and bounded therefore

by **monotone** convergence theorem

$(y_n)$  converges

Monotonicity:

$$y_{n+1} = \inf \{ x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots \}$$

$\forall$

$$y_n = \inf \{ \underbrace{(x_n)}_{\cap}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots \}$$

$y_n \leq y_{n+1}$  and  $(y_n)$  is

increasing.

$$A \subset B \\ \inf B \leq \inf(A)$$

## Boundedness:

$(x_n)$  is bounded above that is

$$\exists C \text{ s.t. } \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad x_n < C$$

But therefore  $y_n = \inf \{ x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots \}$

satisfies

$$y_n \leq x_n < C$$

$\Rightarrow (y_n)$  is bounded above.

So by monotone convergence  
theorem:

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \text{ exists}$$

The proof for  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  is the same



Proposition A sequence  $(x_n)$  converges  
if and only if

1)  $(x_n)$  is bounded

$$2) \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

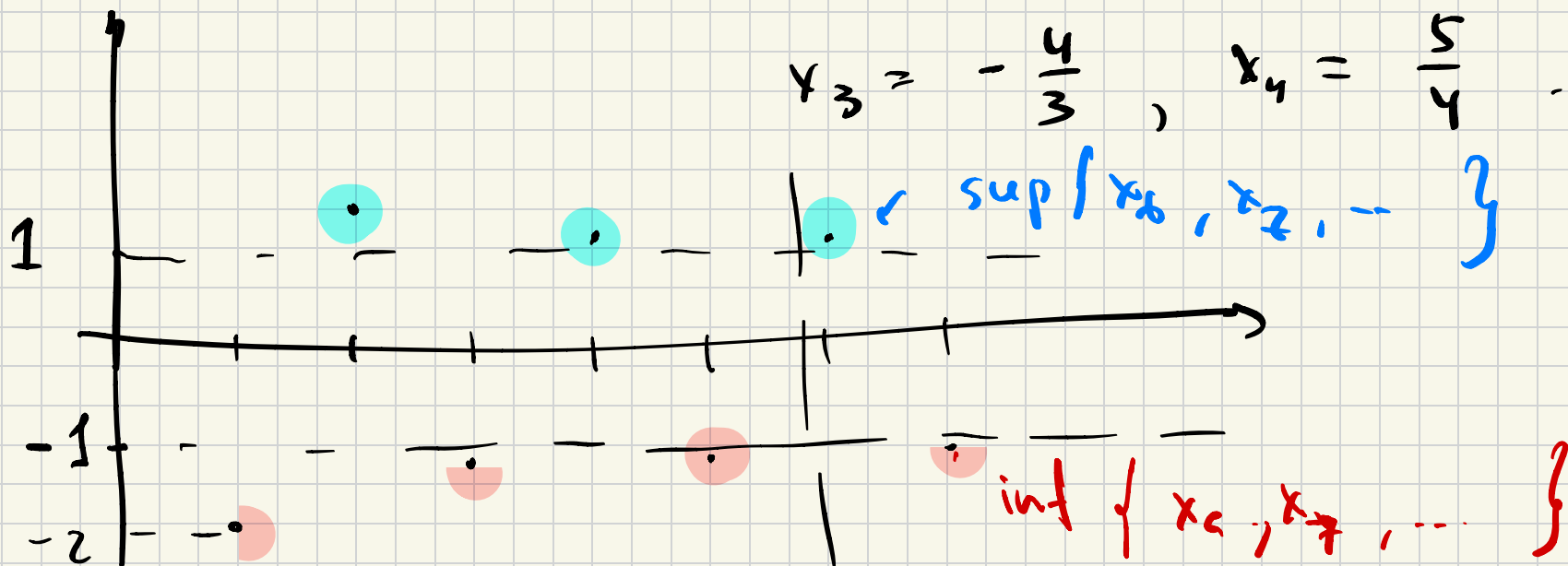
And in this case  $\lim x_n = \liminf x_n = \limsup x_n$ .

Example

$$x_n = (-1)^n \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \quad n \geq 1$$

$$x_1 = -2 \quad x_2 = (-1)^2 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) = 1,5$$

$$x_3 = -\frac{5}{3}, \quad x_4 = \frac{5}{4} \dots$$



$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$$

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = -1$$

# Today: Series

How to make sense of infinite sums?

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots = ?$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots = ?$$

Idea: Think about

infinite sums as limits of

finite sums ( called partial sums or truncated sums )

I want to evaluate

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$

I can look at

$$\sum_{n=0}^k \frac{1}{2^n}$$

for  $k \rightarrow \infty$

And then I can take

a limit of  $\left( \sum_{n=0}^k \frac{1}{2^n} \right)$ .

# Definition

Let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence

then the series of  $(a_n)$  is a

sequence  $(S_n)$  defined by

partial sums



truncated sums

$$S_n =$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n a_i$$

If  $(S_n)$  converges we denote by  $\sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} a_n$  the

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$$

If  $(s_n)$  converges we denote by  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i$  the  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$

• In this case we say that  
series of  $a_n$  converges.

• Sometimes we will write  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$   
for the sequence of partial sums.

Definition

A series

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i$$

converges

absolutely

if the

series

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |a_i|$$

converges,

Example

Geometric series

Let  $a_n = \frac{1}{2^n}$  then

$$S_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{2^i} \Rightarrow \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \right)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 2 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 2.$$

In general:  $a_n = q^n$

to show this

$$\Rightarrow S_n = 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^n =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \begin{array}{l} (1 + q + \dots + q^n) \\ - (1 - q) \end{array} \right) = \\ & = 1 - q^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{1 - q} = \frac{1}{1 - q} (1 - q^{n+1})$$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $|q| < 1$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q^{n+1} = 0$

$\Rightarrow (S_n)$  converges and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n = \frac{1}{1 - q}$$

# Example Harmonic series

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n}, \quad S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$$

We will see that  $(S_n)$  approaches  $+\infty$

So

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = +\infty$$

Example

Another definition of  $e$

Recall:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \text{ exists}$$

by monotone convergence theorem.

We define  $e$  to be this limit.

Def  $e$  is the limit of  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$ .

Alternatively:

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n!}$$

$$\Rightarrow s_n = \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$$

exists and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = e$$

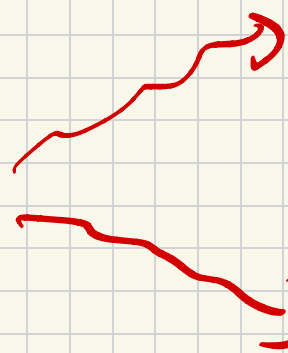
In other words  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$

Example

For  $\alpha \geq 0$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty}$$

$$\frac{1}{k^\alpha}$$



converge

for  $\alpha > 1$

diverge

for  $\alpha \leq 1$

# Proposition

• If  $\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k$  exists then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$

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Proof idea:

Assume  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k \neq 0$

or does not exist

We get contradiction with Cauchy's criterion for  $s_n$ .

Cauchy's criterion:  
Recall: If  $(x_n)$  converges iff

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists N \text{ s.t. } \forall n, m > N$$

$$|x_n - x_m| < \varepsilon$$

But:

$$|S_{n+1} - S_n| = \left| \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} a_i - \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \right| =$$

$$= |a_{n+1}|$$

this gives  
a contradiction

Example

$$a_n = c \neq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \text{ diverges}$$

$$a_n = (-1)^n \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \text{ diverges}$$

⋮

# Convergence criteria

Theorem If series converges

absolutely, it converges.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} |a_n| \text{ converges} \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} a_n \text{ converges}$$

## Corollary

Let  $(a_n)$  any sequence with

- $a_n \geq 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

- $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges then

any sequence obtained from  $(a_n)$  by introducing signs arbitrarily also converges.

ε.g.

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$a_0$   
↓

$a_1$   
↓  
 $\frac{1}{2}$

$a_2$   
↓  
 $\frac{1}{4}$

$a_3$   
↓  
 $\frac{1}{8}$

$a_4$   
↓  
 $\frac{1}{16}$

...

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↓  
-

↓  
-

↓  
+

↓  
-

↓  
+

...

$b_0$

$b_1$

...  $b_2$

... ..

$$|b_n| \leq |a_n| \Rightarrow a_n \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} b_n$$

converges absolutely

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} b_n \text{ conv.}$$

# Theorem (Squeeze theorem for series)

Let  $\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} a_n$ ,  $\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} b_n$  be two series

1) If  $\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} b_n$  converges and  $\exists K \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$\forall k > K$   $|a_k| \leq b_k$  then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k$$

converges absolutely  
(and thus converges)

(ii)

If

$$\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} b_k = +\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \exists k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\forall k > K$$

$$0 \leq b_k \leq a_k$$

then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k = +\infty.$$

# Example divergence of harmonic series.

1     $\frac{1}{2}$      $\frac{1}{3}$      $\frac{1}{4}$      $\frac{1}{5}$      $\frac{1}{6}$      $\frac{1}{7}$      $\frac{1}{8}$

Idea is to construct sequence  $b_n$

with  $b_n \leq \frac{1}{n}$  and s.t.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n = \infty$

$$1 \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{3}$$

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2 elements

$$\frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{5} \quad \frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{1}{7}$$

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4 elements

$$\frac{1}{8} \quad \dots$$

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8 elements

$$\frac{1}{16} \quad \frac{1}{16} \quad \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} \quad \frac{1}{8} \quad \frac{1}{8} \quad \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{array} \right] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_3 \end{array} \right] = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} b_4 \\ \vdots \\ b_7 \end{array} \right] = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} b_8 \\ \vdots \\ b_{15} \end{array} \right] = \frac{1}{2}$$

Notice

that

$$\sum_{i=2^n}^{2^{n+1}-1} b_i = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2^n-1} b_i = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{2^n-1} 1 = n \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{n}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2^2-1} 1 = b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$\Rightarrow (S_n)$  approaches  $+\infty$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n = +\infty$ .

By squeeze theorem

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n = +\infty \\ 0 < b_n < \frac{1}{n} \end{array} \right)$$

We get that

harmonic series diverge.



Example

Convergence of

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}.$$

Idea is to construct  $b_n$  s.t.

$$b_n \geq \frac{1}{n!} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \quad \text{converges}$$

You can take  $b_n = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$

Notice that  $2^{n-1} \leq n!$

$$2^0 = 1 \leq 1! = 1$$

$$2^1 \leq 2!$$

$$2 \cdot 2 = 2^2 < 3! = 2 \cdot 3$$

$$2^n = \underbrace{2 \times 2 \times \dots \times 2}_{n \text{ times}} < 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times \dots \times (n+1)$$

S.

$$\frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \geq \frac{1}{n!}$$

But

on

the

other

hand

$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1}$

$$\frac{1}{2^{k-1}}$$

exists

so

$\sum_{k=1}^n$

$$\frac{1}{k!}$$

also

exists.