

**Exercise 2.3.1.** Let  $x_n \geq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(a) If  $(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ , show that  $(\sqrt{x_n}) \rightarrow 0$ .

(b) If  $(x_n) \rightarrow x$ , show that  $(\sqrt{x_n}) \rightarrow \sqrt{x}$ .

Scratchwork -  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq N, |x_n - 0| < \epsilon$  given

Want:  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad |\sqrt{x_n} - 0| < \epsilon$

$$\Leftrightarrow |\sqrt{x_n}| < \epsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{x_n} < \epsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_n < \epsilon^2$$

Can get to this from given  
(Just use  $\epsilon^2$  as my starting positive # in given defn.)

Proof:  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ , since  $x_n \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$   
s.t.  $\forall n \geq N, |x_n| = |x_n - 0| < \epsilon^2$ .

$$\text{Then } \sqrt{x_n} = |\sqrt{x_n}| = |\sqrt{x_n - 0}| < \epsilon.$$

Thus  $\lim \sqrt{x_n} = 0$ .  $\square$

b) Now:  $x_n \rightarrow x > 0$ ,  $x_n \geq 0 \forall n$

Scratch Want  $\lim \sqrt{x_n} = \sqrt{x}$

$\Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq N, |\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x}| < \varepsilon.$

Given:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq N, |x_n - x| < \varepsilon.$

Want:  $|\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x}| < \varepsilon.$

$$\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x} \stackrel{?}{=} \dots ? \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{if } \sqrt{x_n} \\ = \sqrt{x_n} \cdot \sqrt{x} \end{array} \right)$$

$$A^2 - B^2 = (A - B)(A + B).$$

$$\text{multiply } |(x_n - x)| = |(\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x})|$$

$$|\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x}| \cdot |\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x}|$$

Mult both sides by

$$\Rightarrow |\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x}| \cdot |\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x}| < \varepsilon \cdot |\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x}|$$

$$\Rightarrow |x_n - x| < \varepsilon \cdot |\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x}|$$

$$< \varepsilon (\sqrt{x} + 1 + \sqrt{x})$$

(( Would work if  $x_n$ 's are chosen so they are within  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$   
 $\varepsilon(\sqrt{x})$

$$\Rightarrow |x_n - x| < \varepsilon \sqrt{x} < \varepsilon(\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x})$$

if I have  
this      Then I get this.

We can use given, but with  
 $\varepsilon$  replaced by  $\underline{\varepsilon \sqrt{x}} > 0$ .

(b) Proof: Given any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , because

$x_n \rightarrow x$  with  $x_n \geq 0$  and  $x > 0$ ,

$\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t. if  $n \geq N$ , then

$$|x_n - x| < \varepsilon \sqrt{x}.$$

Then

$$|x_n - x| < \varepsilon(\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x})$$

$$\Rightarrow |(x_n - x)| = |(\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x})(\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x})| < \varepsilon(\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x})$$

$$\Rightarrow |\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x}| \cdot (\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x}) < \varepsilon (\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x})$$

$$\Rightarrow |\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x}| \cdot (\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x}) \underset{\rightarrow 0}{<} \varepsilon (\sqrt{x_n} + \sqrt{x}) \underset{\rightarrow 0}{<} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{x}| < \varepsilon.$$

Thus,  $\lim \sqrt{x_n} = \sqrt{x}$ .  $\square$

## Tod Time, Continued

② OLT : Order Limit Theorem.

Suppose  $a_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $\lim a_n \leq \lim b_n$  exist,  
then  $\lim a_n \leq \lim b_n$ .

Comments:

① For example, if  $\lim a_n$  exists &  $a_n \leq C$   $\forall n$ , where  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
then  $\lim a_n \leq C$ .

This is the special case of the theorem where  $b_n = c \ \forall n$ .

② The theorem can be proved by first proving that if  $a_n \geq 0$   $\forall n$  and  $\lim a_n$  exists, then

$$\lim a_n \geq 0.$$

Reason: let  $A_n = b_n - a_n$ .

By ALT,  $\lim A_n = \lim b_n - \lim a_n$ .

$b_n \geq a_n \Leftrightarrow A_n \geq 0$ . If we prove  $\lim A_n \geq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim b_n - \lim a_n &\geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lim b_n &\geq \lim a_n. \end{aligned}$$

③ This is false:

If  $a_n < b_n \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim a_n$  &  $\lim b_n$  exist, then  $\lim a_n < \lim b_n$ . Bad!

Counterexample: Let  $a_n = 0$

$$\lim a_n = 0 \quad b_n = \frac{1}{n}.$$

7)  $\lim b_n = 0$  but  $a_n < b_n$ .

This \*is\* a valid example of the OLT, because  $a_n \leq b_n$  and  $\lim a_n$  &  $\lim b_n$  exist, and  $\lim a_n \leq \lim b_n$ .

**Exercise 2.3.6.** Consider the sequence given by  $b_n = n - \sqrt{n^2 + 2n}$ . Taking  $(1/n) \rightarrow 0$  as given, and using both the Algebraic Limit Theorem and the result in Exercise 2.3.1, show  $\lim b_n$  exists and find the value of the limit.

Scratch

$$b_n = n - \sqrt{n^2 + 2n} \quad \text{Given } \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$$

$$b_n = \frac{(n - \sqrt{n^2 + 2n})(n + \sqrt{n^2 + 2n})}{n + \sqrt{n^2 + 2n}}$$

$$b_n = \frac{n^2 - (n^2 + 2n)}{n + \sqrt{n^2 + 2n}} = \frac{-2n}{n + \sqrt{n^2 + 2n}}$$

$$b_n = \frac{-2n}{n(1) + n\sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n = \frac{-2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}}}$$

Proof: Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= n - \sqrt{n^2 + 2n} = \frac{(n - \sqrt{n^2 + 2n})(n + \sqrt{n^2 + 2n})}{(n + \sqrt{n^2 + 2n})} \\ &= \frac{n^2 - (n^2 + 2n)}{n + \sqrt{n^2 + 2n}} = \frac{-2n}{n(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n = \frac{-2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}}}.$$

Since  $\lim \frac{1}{n} = 0$ ,  $\lim 2 = 2$ ,

$$\lim \frac{2}{n} = 2 \cdot 0 = 0. \text{ by ALT}$$

Since  $\lim \frac{2}{n} = 0$  and  $\lim 1 = 1$ ,

$$\lim 1 + \frac{2}{n} = 1 + 0 = 1. \text{ by ALT.}$$

Since  $\lim (1 + \frac{2}{n}) = 1$  and  $1 + \frac{2}{n} \geq 0$ ,

$$\lim \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}} = \sqrt{1} = 1. \text{ by ALT}$$

Since  $\lim 1 = 1$  &  $\lim \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}} = 1$ ,

$$\lim 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}} = 1 + 1 = 2. \text{ by ALT}$$

$\sin(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}}) \neq 0$  and  $\lim(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}}) = 2$  so

$$\lim \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}}} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}. \text{ by ALT}$$

$\sin \lim(-2) \approx -2 \pm$

$$\lim \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}}} = \frac{1}{2},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim b_n &= \lim \frac{-2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}}} = (-2) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \boxed{-1}. \text{ by ALT. } \end{aligned}$$

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**Exercise 2.3.7.** Give an example of each of the following, or state that such a request is impossible by referencing the proper theorem(s):

- sequences  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$ , which both diverge, but whose sum  $(x_n + y_n)$  converges;
- sequences  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$ , where  $(x_n)$  converges,  $(y_n)$  diverges, and  $(x_n + y_n)$  converges;

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a) e.g.  $x_n = n$  } Sp.  $\lim x_n = L$ ,  
 $y_n = -n$  }  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $\forall N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  
 $\varepsilon = 1$ ,  $n = [L] \pm N$   $\exists n \geq N$  s.t.  $|x_n - L| \geq \varepsilon$ .

Proof: Let  $x_n = n$ ,  $y_n = -n$  if  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
 $(x_n)$  diverges, because if  $\lim x_n = L$ ,  
let  $\varepsilon = 1$ . Then  $\forall N \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $n = \lceil L \rceil + N$   
 $\geq N$ . then  $|x_n - L| = |\lceil L \rceil + N - L|$   
 $\geq |(L) + N - L| \geq N \geq 1$ .

Thus  $(x_n)$  does not converge.

Similarly  $(y_n)$  diverges.

But  $\lim(x_n + y_n) = \lim(n + -n)$   
 $= \lim 0 = 0$ .  $\blacksquare$

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