

(1.8g) Range( $f$ ), where  $f(x) = e^{-\frac{x+1}{x}}$   
 $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\{ f(x) : x \in \text{domain of } f \}$$

$$= \{ e^{-\frac{x+1}{x}} : x > 0 \}$$

You may fact that  $g(x) = e^x$  is an  
strictly increasing fun., so e.g.  
'if  $A \leq B$ , then  $g(A) \leq g(B)$ ).

## Limits.

A sequence  $(a_n) =$   
 $(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots)$

$$= (a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

input  $\nearrow$

is a function from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

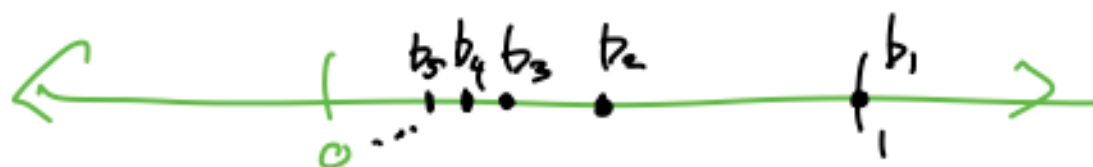
(ie.  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(k) = a_k$ .)

Examples  $a_n = (-1)^n$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$c_n = \sqrt{n}$$

Picture on number line



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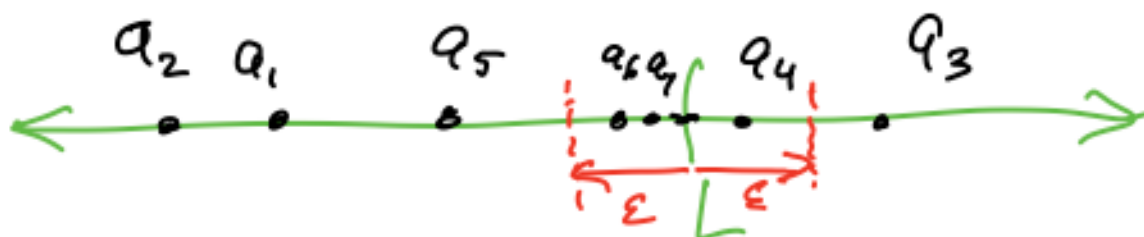
Defn. We say that  $\lim a_n = L$   
(or  $a_n \rightarrow L$ , " $a_n$  converges to  $L$ ")

if,  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$\forall n \geq N \quad |a_n - L| < \epsilon.$$

(distance between  $a_n$  and  $L$ )  $< \epsilon$

picture of the definition of limit.



$N=6, a_6, a_7, a_8, \dots$   
are inside the  
 $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $L$ .

Example Prove that the sequence  
defined by  $x_n = \frac{2n-3}{n+5}$   
converges.

Scratch work: limit =  $L = 2$ .

Want:  $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$

$\Leftrightarrow \left| \frac{2n-3}{n+5} - 2 \right| < \epsilon$

"solving for  $n$ ".

$\{ \vdots$

$\Leftarrow n \geq \text{something}$

size of pick  $N$

usually depends on  $\epsilon$ .

$$\left| \frac{2n-3}{n+5} - 2 \right| < \varepsilon$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\left| \frac{2n-3}{n+5} - \frac{2(n+5)}{n+5} \right| < \varepsilon$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\left| \frac{2n-3-2n-10}{n+5} \right| < \varepsilon$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\left| \frac{-13}{n+5} \right| < \varepsilon$$

neg.  
positive

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{13}{n+5} < \varepsilon$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$13 < \varepsilon(n+5)$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$13 < \varepsilon n + 5\varepsilon$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$13 - 5\varepsilon < \varepsilon n$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{13}{\varepsilon} - 5 < n$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$n > \frac{13}{\varepsilon} - 5$$

let  $N = \left\lceil \frac{13}{\varepsilon} - 5 \right\rceil + 5$  ← ceiling

$$\lceil 3.8 \rceil = 4$$

$$\lceil 2.1 \rceil = 3$$

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Actual Proof:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , Let

$$N = \left\lceil \frac{13}{\varepsilon} - 5 \right\rceil + 5 \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then, if  $n \geq N$ ,

$$\left| \frac{2n-3}{n+5} - 2 \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{-13}{n+5} \right| = \frac{13}{n+5} \leq \frac{13}{\left(\left\lceil \frac{13}{\varepsilon} - 5 \right\rceil + 5\right) + 5}$$

$$= \frac{13}{\left\lceil \frac{13}{\varepsilon} - 5 \right\rceil + 10} \leq \frac{13}{\frac{13}{\varepsilon} - 5 + 10} = \frac{13}{\frac{13}{\varepsilon} + 5}$$

$$< \frac{13}{\frac{13}{\varepsilon}} = \varepsilon.$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n-3}{n+5} = 2. \quad \square$$

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Example Find  $\lim \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}+1}$  and prove it exists.

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Scratch work.

Want  $\left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}+1} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon.$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}+1} < \varepsilon$$

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} < 2\sqrt{n}+1$$

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} - 1 < 2\sqrt{n}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} < \sqrt{n}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \quad \wedge \geq 1$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 < n$$

ok this time

$$\text{Let } N = \left\lceil \left( \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right\rceil + 1$$

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Actual proof  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , let

$$N = \left\lceil \left( \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right\rceil + 1. \text{ If } n \geq N,$$

$$\text{Then } \left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}+1} - 0 \right| = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}+1}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\left\lceil \left( \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right\rceil} + 1}$$

$$< \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2} + 1} = \frac{1}{2\left| \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \right| + 1}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\left( \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + 1},$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{x^2} \\ = |x| \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{Since } -1 < 2\left( \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \right) < 2\left| \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \right|,$$

$$\& \text{ then } 0 < 2\left( \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + 1 < 2\left| \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} \right| + 1.$$

$$\text{Then } \left| \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}+1} - 0 \right| < \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\varepsilon} - 1 + 1} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}$$

$$= \varepsilon.$$

Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}+1} = 0$ .  $\square$

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Proving a limit does not exist:

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The limit  $\lim a_n$  exists

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists L \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall \varepsilon > 0 \\ \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq N, |a_n - L| < \varepsilon.$$

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The limit  $\lim a_n$  does not exist.

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg \left( \exists L \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \forall \varepsilon > 0 \right. \\ \left. \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq N, |a_n - L| < \varepsilon. \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall L \in \mathbb{R}, \exists \varepsilon > 0 \text{ s.t.} \\ \forall N \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \geq N \text{ s.t. } |a_n - L| \geq \varepsilon.$$