

### CHAPTER 3

5] LET  $\{w_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a bounded sequence of real numbers. Then  $\limsup w_n = l$  can be characterized in the following ways:

a)  $l = \sup E$  where  $E$  is the set of limits of subsequences of  $\{w_n\}$

b)  $l = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sup_{n \geq k} w_n \right]$

c)  $l = \sup \{ \alpha : w_n > \alpha \text{ for infinitely many } n \in \mathbb{N} \}$

d)  $l = \inf \{ \beta : w_n > \beta \text{ for at most finitely many } n \in \mathbb{N} \}$

Prop Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{c_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be bounded sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $c_n = a_n + b_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $\limsup c_n \leq \limsup a_n + \limsup b_n$ .

proof #1 (using a) Write  $\hat{a} = \limsup a_n$ ,  $\hat{b} = \limsup b_n$

and  $\hat{c} = \limsup c_n$  and use "horset" function notation for sequences. There is a subsequence

of  $\{c_n\}$  converging to  $\hat{c}$  i.e. there is a

strictly increasing function  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  satisfying

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_{(f(n))} = \hat{c}$  i.e. the subsequence

of  $c$  converges to  $\hat{c}$ . Since  $a \circ f$  is a bounded sequence it has a subsequence converging to

some number  $\tilde{a} \leq \hat{a}$ , that is, there is

a strictly increasing function  $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a \circ f \circ g$  converges to  $\tilde{a}$ . Similarly, there is

an increasing function  $h: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that

$b \circ f \circ g \circ h$  converges to  $\hat{a} + \hat{b} \leq \hat{b}$ .  
 then  $c \circ f \circ g \circ h$  is a subsequence of  $c \circ f$  and  
 hence must converge to  $\hat{c}$ .

$$\text{But } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c(f(g(h(n)))) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(f(g(h(n)))) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b(f(g(h(n))))$$

$$\text{or } \hat{c} = \hat{b} + \hat{a} \leq \hat{a} + \hat{b} \text{ since } \hat{b}, \hat{a} \text{ are}$$

subsequential limits of  $b, a$  respectively.

Proof #2 (Using  $b$ ) Fix  $k$  and note that

$$c_m = a_m + b_m \leq \sup_{n \geq k} a_n + \sup_{n \geq k} b_n \text{ for each } m \geq k$$

Thus  $\sup_{n \geq k} a_n + \sup_{n \geq k} b_n$  is an upper bound for  $\{c_m\}_{m=k}^{\infty}$

By definition of least upper bound, we have

$$\sup_{n \geq k} c_n \leq \sup_{n \geq k} a_n + \sup_{n \geq k} b_n \text{ for each } k.$$

$$\text{Write } x_k = \sup_{n \geq k} a_n, \quad y_k = \sup_{n \geq k} b_n, \quad z_k = \sup_{n \geq k} c_n$$

Since  $\{x_k\}$ ,  $\{y_k\}$ , and  $\{z_k\}$  are monotone and  
 bdd, they converge whence

$$\hat{c} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_k \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (x_k + y_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k + \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_k = \hat{a} + \hat{b}.$$

Proof #3 (Using  $\epsilon$ ) Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then

$$a_n < \hat{a} + \epsilon/4 \text{ for all but finitely many } n \in J$$

$$\text{and } b_n < \hat{b} + \epsilon/4 \text{ for all but finitely many } n \in J.$$

$$\therefore a_n + b_n < \hat{a} + \hat{b} + \epsilon/2 \text{ for all but finitely many } n \in J.$$

$$\text{So } c_n > \hat{a} + \hat{b} + \epsilon \text{ for at most finitely many } n \in J.$$

In other words  $\hat{a} + \hat{b} + \epsilon \in \{x : c_n > x \text{ for at most finitely many } n\} = E.$

By def'n of lower bound, we have  $\hat{c} = \inf E < \hat{a} + \hat{b} + \epsilon$   
 Since  $\epsilon > 0$  was arbitrary, have  $\hat{c} \leq \hat{a} + \hat{b}.$

6a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}$  has  $s_n = \sqrt{n+1} - 1$  and hence diverges.

b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})}$  converges by

comparison with  $\sum \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ .

c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt{n} - 1)^n$  converges by the root test.

d) Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+z^n}$

If  $|z| \leq 1$ , then  $|1+z^n| \leq 2$  so  $\left| \frac{1}{1+z^n} \right| \geq \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $n$

and the series diverges by the  $n$ 'th term test. (If  $|z|=1$ , e.g.  $z=i$ , some of the terms of the series may not even be defined.)

If  $|z| > 1$ , the series converges by the ratio test

since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1+z^n}{1+z^{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{1}{z^{n+1}} + \frac{1}{z}}{\frac{1}{z^{n+1}} + 1} \right| = \frac{0}{1} < 1$ .

Alternatively, you can use the ratio-comparison test:  $\left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{z^n}}{\frac{1}{1+z^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{z^n+1} = 1 \right]$

since the geometric series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^n}$  converges.

2) Write  $a = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $b = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ .

By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality we have

$$s_n = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{a_j}{\sqrt{j}} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \leq \sqrt{a} \sqrt{b} \text{ for each } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Thus  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_j}{\sqrt{j}}$  has bounded partial sums and non-negative terms & must converge.

1a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^3 z^n$  has radius of convergence 1

b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!} z^n$  has radius of convergence  $\infty$

c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n^2} z^n$  has radius of convergence  $\frac{1}{2}$

d)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{3^n} z^n$  has radius of convergence 3.

These can all be done by the root test: for b)

note that  $n! \geq (\frac{n}{2})^{n/2}$  so  $0 \leq \sqrt[n]{\frac{2^n}{n!}} \leq 2\sqrt[n]{\frac{2}{n}}$

whence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{2^n}{n!}} = 0$  by the squeeze principle.

You can also use the ratio test: the radius of convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n$  is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{c_n}{c_{n+1}} \right|$  if this limit exists or is infinite. However the

radius of convergence may exceed

$\frac{1}{\limsup \left| \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} \right|}$  (which equals  $\liminf \left| \frac{c_n}{c_{n+1}} \right|$ ) if

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_n}{c_{n+1}}$  does not exist.

(10) If  $\{c_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  and  $c_n \neq 0$  for infinitely many  $n$ , the ~~radius of convergence~~  $\limsup \sqrt[n]{|c_n|} \geq 1$  for infinitely many  $n$ , whence

$\limsup \sqrt[n]{|c_n|} \geq 1$  and  $R \leq \frac{1}{1} = 1$ .

(14a) SUPPOSE FIRST  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 0$  and define  $a_n = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^n s_j}{n+1}$

as in the text. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Choose

$M$  to be an upper bound for  $\{|s_n| : n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$  and

$N$  such that  $|s_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2M}$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

Take  $K \geq \frac{2NM}{\varepsilon}$

Then if  $n \geq K$ , we have  $|a_n| \leq \frac{\sum_{j=0}^n |s_j|}{n+1} + \frac{\sum_{j=n+1}^n |s_j|}{n+1}$

$\leq \frac{NM}{K} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \varepsilon$

(b) If  $s_n = (-1)^n$ , then the sequence  $\{s_n\}$  diverges but  $|a_n| \leq \frac{1}{n+1}$  for all  $n$ .

[20] Suppose  $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  ~~converges~~ is Cauchy and its subsequence  $\{p_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $L$ .

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , find  $N \in \mathbb{J}$  such that  $n, m \geq N$  implies  $d(p_n, p_m) < \epsilon/2$ . Suppose  $n \geq N$ . Choose  $k_0 \geq N$  such that  $d(p_{n_{k_0}}, L) < \epsilon/2$ .

Then  $d(p_n, L) \leq d(p_n, p_{n_{k_0}}) + d(p_{n_{k_0}}, L) < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon$ .  
[This write-up shows that the choice of  $N$  does not need to depend on the rate at which the subsequence approaches  $L$ ].

[21] Suppose  $\{E_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are closed non-empty subsets of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam } E_n = 0$  and  $E_{n+1} \subseteq E_n$  for all  $n$ . For each  $n$ , choose  $x_n \in E_n$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , choose  $N$  such that  $\text{diam } E_n < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

Then if  $n, m \geq N$ , we would have

$x_n, x_m \in E_N$  whence  $d(x_n, x_m) \leq \text{diam } E_N < \epsilon$ .

This shows  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy. By completeness of  $X$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = p$  exists in  $X$ . Fix an integer  $K$ .

Then given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is an integer  $n > K$  such that  $d(x_n, p) < \epsilon$ . But then  $x_n \in E_K$

so  $N_\epsilon(p)$  contains a point in  $E_K$ . The arbitrariness of  $\epsilon$  shows  $p \in \overline{E_K} = E_K$ . The arbitrariness of  $K$  shows  $p \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$  so this set is not empty.

Assuming  $q$  also belonged to  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$ , we would have  $d(p, q) \leq \text{diam } E_n$  for all  $n$ . From  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam } E_n = 0$ , we get  $d(p, q) = 0$  whence  $p = q$ .