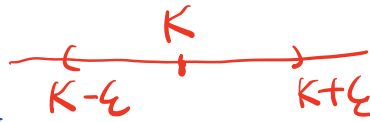


Chapter 6



Def $K \in \mathbb{R}$ is a cluster point of $\{a_n\}$ if

$\forall \epsilon > 0$, $|a_n - K| < \epsilon$ for infinitely many n .

Example: ① $a_n = (-1)^n$ has two cluster points 1 and -1

② $a_n \rightarrow L \Rightarrow L$ is a cluster point of $\{a_n\}$

③ $a_n = n$, $a_n \rightarrow +\infty$
 a_n has no cluster points

③ is intuitive but how to prove it?

Question: what is the negation of

" K is a cluster point of $\{a_n\}$ "?

Negation of " $\forall \epsilon > 0$, $|a_n - K| < \epsilon$ for infinitely many n "

Wrong negation: $\exists \epsilon > 0$, $|a_n - K| \geq \epsilon$ for infinitely many n

counter example is

$K = -1$ for $a_n = (-1)^n$, $|a_{2k} - K| = 2, \forall k$

Wrong negation: $\exists \epsilon > 0, |a_n - k| \geq \epsilon$ for finitely many n

counter example is

$k = 0$ for $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$, $\epsilon = 1$, $|a_n - k| \geq 1$ only for $n=1$.

To find correct negation, we should use " \forall, \exists " for expressing "infinitely many"

Step 0: meaning of " k is a cluster point of a_n "

$\Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, |a_n - k| < \epsilon$ for infinitely many n .

$\Leftarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \forall N \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n > N$ s.t. $|a_n - k| < \epsilon$

So " k is NOT a cluster point of a_n " means

$\exists \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n > N, |a_n - k| \geq \epsilon$

Step I: meaning of " a_n has one cluster point"

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

$|a_n - k| < \epsilon$

" a_n has no cluster points" is

$\forall k \in \mathbb{R}, \exists \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n > N$

$|a_n - k| \geq \epsilon$

$\Leftarrow \forall k \in \mathbb{R}, \exists \epsilon > 0$ s.t. $|a_n - k| \geq \epsilon, n > 1$

Proof of " $a_n \rightarrow +\infty \Rightarrow \{a_n\}$ has no cluster points"

Step 0 & I above

Step II:

$\forall K \in \mathbb{R}$, let $\epsilon = 1$. Then for $M = K + 1$

$$a_n \rightarrow +\infty \Rightarrow a_n > M = K + 1 \quad n \gg 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n - K| > 1, \quad n \gg 1.$$

Ex: True or false

$a_n \rightarrow L$ means $\forall \epsilon > 0, |a_n - L| < \epsilon, n \gg 1$

" $a_n \not\rightarrow L$ " means $\exists \epsilon > 0, |a_n - L| \geq \epsilon$, for

infinitely many n .

If $\{a_n\}$ does not converge to $L \in \mathbb{R}$, then there is some $\epsilon > 0$ s.t. $|a_n - L| \geq \epsilon$ for infinitely many n .

This is true because negation of

" $|a_n - L| \geq \epsilon$ for infinitely many n " is " $|a_n - L| < \epsilon, n \gg 1$ ".

Ex: True or false

If $\{a_n\}$ has only one cluster point K , then

$$a_n \rightarrow K$$

Counter example: $a_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ is even} \\ n & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

Cluster point Theorem

K is a cluster point of $\{a_n\}$ \Leftrightarrow K is a limit of some subsequence $\{a_{n_i}\}$

Proof: " \Leftarrow " is easy.

" \Rightarrow " Choose step by step a subsequence such that
 $\forall \epsilon > 0, |a_n - K| < \epsilon$ for infinitely many n .

$$|a_{n_1} - K| < 1$$

$$|a_{n_2} - K| < \frac{1}{2}, \quad n_2 > n_1$$

$$|a_{n_3} - K| < \frac{1}{3}, \quad n_3 > n_2$$

\vdots

Prove that this is possible by induction.

① K is a cluster point

\Rightarrow for $\epsilon=1$, there is at least one n_1 s.t. $|a_{n_1} - K| < 1$.

② If we already find n_1, \dots, n_k ,

K is a cluster point

\Rightarrow for $\epsilon = \frac{1}{k+1}$, there are infinitely many n s.t. $|a_n - K| < \frac{1}{k+1}$

\Rightarrow there is one $n_{k+1} > n_k$ s.t.

$$|a_{n_{k+1}} - K| < \frac{1}{k+1}$$

So we have a subsequence $\{a_{n_k}\}$

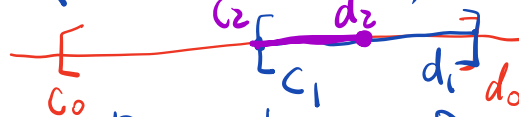
satisfying $0 \leq |a_{n_k} - K| < \frac{1}{k}$

Squeeze Then $\Rightarrow |a_{n_k} - K| \rightarrow 0, k \rightarrow \infty$.

Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem

$\{a_n\}$ is bounded $\Rightarrow \{a_n\}$ has a convergent subsequence.

Remark: $\{a_n\}$ is bounded $\Rightarrow \{a_n\}$ has a cluster point.



Sketchy Proof: By Cluster Point Theorem,
we only need to find one cluster point.

We construct it by Nested Interval Theorem.

1) $\{a_n\}$ is bounded $\Rightarrow c_0 \leq a_n \leq d_0, \forall n$

2) Cut $[c_0, d_0]$ into two half-intervals

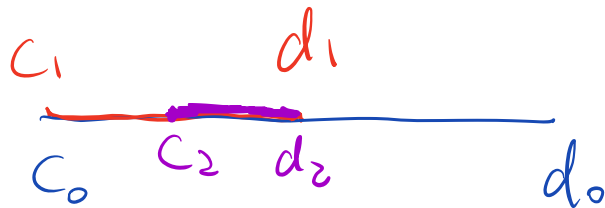
Let $[c_1, d_1]$ be a half containing
infinitely many a_n

3) Cut $[c_1, d_1]$ into two half-intervals

Let $[c_2, d_2]$ be a half containing
infinitely many a_n

4) Repeating this, we get nested intervals

$$[c_0, d_0] \supset [c_1, d_1] \supset [c_2, d_2] \supset \dots$$



5) Let $b = d_0 - c_0$, then the n -th interval has length $\frac{1}{2^n} b \rightarrow 0$.

Nested Interval Thm $\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n$

6) L is the cluster point of $\{a_n\}$

because $\forall \epsilon > 0, c_n \in (L - \epsilon, L + \epsilon), n \gg 1$

$d_n \in (L - \epsilon, L + \epsilon), n \gg 1$

$\Rightarrow [c_n, d_n] \subset (L - \epsilon, L + \epsilon), n \gg 1$

$\Rightarrow (L - \epsilon, L + \epsilon)$ contains infinitely many a_n .

Def $\{a_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence if
 $\forall \epsilon > 0, |a_m - a_n| < \epsilon, \text{ for } m, n \gg 1$

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall m, n > N, |a_m - a_n| < \epsilon$

Theorem $\{a_n\}$ is Cauchy $\Leftrightarrow \{a_n\}$ converges

Proof: " \Leftarrow " is Hw#4 p1

" \Rightarrow " ① $\{a_n\}$ is Cauchy \Rightarrow

For $\epsilon = 1, \exists N$ st. $\forall m, n \geq N,$

$$|a_m - a_n| < \epsilon = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_m - a_n| < 1, \forall m \geq N$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n| < a_m < a_{n+1}, \forall m \geq N$$

$$\Rightarrow \{a_n\} \text{ is bounded for } n \gg 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \{a_n\} \text{ is bounded}$$

② Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem

$\Rightarrow \{a_n\}$ has a convergent subsequence

$$\{a_{n_i}\}$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} a_{n_i} = L$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \forall \epsilon > 0, \begin{cases} a_{n_i} \rightarrow L \Rightarrow |a_{n_i} - L| < \epsilon, i \gg 1 \\ \{a_n\} \text{ is Cauchy} \Rightarrow |a_n - a_{n_i}| < \epsilon, \\ \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} n_i \geq i \\ n, i \geq N \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow n, n_i \geq N \quad n, n_i \gg 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |a_n - L| &= |a_n - a_{n_i} + a_{n_i} - L| \\ &\leq |a_n - a_{n_i}| + |a_{n_i} - L| \\ &< \epsilon + \epsilon = 2\epsilon, \quad n \gg 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow L.$$

Misunderstanding of Cauchy:

$$\text{only } |a_{n+1} - a_n| < \epsilon, \quad n \gg 1$$

Example: Fibonacci fraction defined by

$$\begin{cases} a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{a_n + 1}, \quad n \geq 1 \\ a_1 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{8}{13}, \dots$$

Prove the convergence by verifying Cauchy.

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n - a_{n+1}| &= \left| \frac{1}{a_{n+1}} - \frac{1}{a_n} \right| \\ &= \frac{|a_{n+1} - a_n|}{(a_{n+1})(a_n)} \end{aligned}$$

If $a_n \geq \frac{1}{2}$, $\forall n$, then $(a_{n+1})(a_n) \geq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} > 2$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n - a_{n+1}| < \frac{1}{2} |a_{n+1} - a_n|, \forall n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |a_n - a_{n+1}| &< \frac{1}{2} |a_{n+1} - a_n| \\ &< \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} |a_{n+2} - a_{n+1}| \\ &< \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} |a_{n+3} - a_{n+2}| \\ &\dots \\ &< \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} |a_1 - a_2| = \frac{1}{2^n} \end{aligned}$$

$m > n$

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n - a_m| &= |a_n - a_{n+1} + a_{n+1} - a_{n+2} + a_{n+2} - \dots + a_{m-1} - a_m| \\ &\leq |a_n - a_{n+1}| + |a_{n+1} - a_{n+2}| + \dots + |a_{m-1} - a_m| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{m-1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{m-1-n}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{m-n}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} < \frac{1}{2^n} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} < \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

To prove $\frac{1}{2} \leq a_n \leq 1$, $\forall n$ by induction: if $m > n > N_\epsilon$.

① $a_1 = 1$

② $\frac{1}{2} \leq a_n \leq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \leq a_{n+1} \leq 2$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{1}{a_{n+1}} \leq \frac{2}{3}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \leq a_{n+1} \leq \frac{2}{3} < 1.$