

Real Analysis

Sequences and Series

$$S = \{2, 2, \dots, 2\}$$

$$S = \{(-1)^n\}$$

Sequences: [Notation $\{x_n\} / \{u_n\}$]

eg: $S = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\}$

$$\{\frac{1}{n}\}, n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \{x_n\} = \{\frac{1}{n}\}$$

$S = \{1, 4, 9, \dots\}$

$$\{n^2\}, n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \{x_n\} = \{n^2\}$$

Types of sequences:

i) Increasing sequence eg: $\{x_n\} = \{n^2\}$

ii) Decreasing sequence eg: $\{x_n\} = \{\frac{1}{n}\}$

$$\{x_n\} \in \mathbb{R} \\ n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Definitions: Eg: $S = \{1, 4, 9, 16, 25, \dots\}$

$$x_{n+1} \geq x_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

i) A sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be increasing if $x_{n+1} \geq x_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.
& strictly increasing if $x_{n+1} > x_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

ii) A seq $\{x_n\}$ is said to be decreasing if $x_{n+1} \leq x_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.
& strictly decreasing if $x_{n+1} < x_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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Upper Bound & Lower Bound of a sequences:

i) If seq $\{x_n\}$ has upper bound $\Rightarrow \{x_n\}$ is bounded above.

ii) If seq $\{x_n\}$ has lower bound $\Rightarrow \{x_n\}$ is bounded below.

A seq $\{x_n\}$ is said to be bounded below if \exists a $m \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t $m < x_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

A seq $\{x_n\}$ is said to be bounded above if \exists a $M \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t $x_n < M \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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If a seq $\{x_n\}$ has a lower bound & upper bound, then it is "Bounded sequence".

Eg: $\{x_n\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \right\} = \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots \right\} \Rightarrow$ Bounded

$\{x_n\} = \{n^2\} = \{1, 4, 9, \dots\} \Rightarrow$ Not bounded.

Q. (i) $\{x_n\} = \left\{ \frac{2n-1}{3n+4} \right\}$ (ii) $\{x_n\} = \left\{ \frac{2n+3}{3n+4} \right\}$.

Check for increasing / decreasing seq.

(i). $x_n = \frac{2n-1}{3n+4}$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Inc: $x_{n+1} \geq x_n \Rightarrow x_{n+1} - x_n \geq 0$

Dec: $x_{n+1} \leq x_n \Rightarrow x_{n+1} - x_n \leq 0$

$x_{n+1} = \frac{2(n+1)-1}{3(n+1)+4} = \frac{2n+1}{3n+7}$

$x_{n+1} - x_n = \frac{2n+1}{3n+7} - \frac{2n-1}{3n+4}$

$= \frac{(2n+1)(3n+4) - (2n-1)(3n+7)}{(3n+7)(3n+4)}$

$= \frac{6n^2 + 11n + 4 - (6n^2 + 11n - 7)}{(3n+7)(3n+4)}$

$= \frac{11}{(3n+7)(3n+4)} > 0 \Rightarrow$ strictly increasing.

(ii) $x_n = \frac{2n+3}{3n+4}$

$x_{n+1} = \frac{2(n+1)+3}{3(n+1)+4} = \frac{2n+5}{3n+7}$

$x_{n+1} - x_n = \frac{2n+5}{3n+7} - \frac{2n+3}{3n+4}$

$= \frac{(2n+5)(3n+4) - (2n+3)(3n+7)}{(3n+7)(3n+4)}$

$$= \frac{(2n+3)(3n+4) - (2n+3)(3n+7)}{(3n+7)(3n+4)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{6n^2} + \cancel{2}3n + 20 - (\cancel{6n^2} + \cancel{2}3n + 21)}{(3n+7)(3n+4)}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{(3n+7)(3n+4)} < 0 \Rightarrow \text{strictly decreasing}$$

For decreasing seq, first term is always the largest term of the seq.

$$x_n = \frac{2n+3}{3n+4} \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{5}{7} \Rightarrow x_n \leq x_1 = \frac{5}{7} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$x_n = \frac{2n+3}{3n+4} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}(3n+4-4) + 3}{3n+4}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{3}(3n+4) - \frac{8}{3} + 3}{3n+4}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1/3}{3n+4}\right) \downarrow > \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x_n > \frac{2}{3} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

$$\therefore \frac{2}{3} < x_n \leq \frac{5}{7} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \text{Bounded sequence}$$

8. $\{x_n\} = \left\{ (-1)^n \cdot \frac{3n-1}{n} \right\}$ [Alternating seq]

Check for increasing/decreasing seq & check for boundedness.

$$x_n = (-1)^n \frac{3n-1}{n}$$

$$x_{n+1} = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{3(n+1)-1}{n+1} = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{3n+2}{n+1}$$

$$x_{n+1} - x_n = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{3n+2}{n+1} - (-1)^n \frac{3n-1}{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (-1)^n (-1) \left(\frac{3n+2}{n+1} \right) - (-1)^n \frac{3n-1}{n} \\
&= -(-1)^n \left[\frac{3n+2}{n+1} + \frac{3n-1}{n} \right] \\
&= (-1)^{n+1} \left[\frac{3n^2 + 2n + (3n-1)(n+1)}{n(n+1)} \right] \\
&= (-1)^{n+1} \left[\frac{3n^2 + 2n + 3n^2 + 2n - 1}{n(n+1)} \right] \\
&= (-1)^{n+1} \left[\frac{6n^2 + 4n - 1}{n(n+1)} \right] \geq 0 \quad (*)
\end{aligned}$$

$$x_n = (-1)^n \frac{3n-1}{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|x_n| &= \left| (-1)^n \cdot \frac{3n-1}{n} \right| \\
&= |(-1)^n| \left| \frac{3n-1}{n} \right| = \left| \frac{3n-1}{n} \right|
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|x_n| &= \left| 3 - \frac{1}{n} \right| \\
&= 3 - \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} < 3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x_n| < 3 \Rightarrow -3 < x_n < 3 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$\{x_n\}$: Bounded sequence.

$$x_n = (-1)^n \frac{3n-9}{n} \Rightarrow 3(-1)^n \frac{n-3}{n}$$