

Example 1: Page 195 #16(a)

Prove that $S^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sup \{s_{n+1}, s_{n+2}, s_{n+3}, \dots\}) = \limsup s_n, s \in \mathbb{R}$

Want to show that, although we know $s^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sup \{s_{n+1}, s_{n+2}, s_{n+3}, \dots\})$, s^* is in fact $\limsup s_n$.

Let $t_n = \sup \{s_{n+1}, s_{n+2}, s_{n+3}, \dots\}$

Side Note

$$|s_n| \leq M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$-M \leq s_n \leq M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$\{t_n\}$ is a bounded, decreasing sequence and

$$t_{n+1} = \sup\{s_{n+2}, s_{n+3}, \dots\} \leq t_n = \sup\{s_{n+1}, s_{n+2}, s_{n+3}, \dots\} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

If U is a bounded set in \mathbb{R} and $V \subset U$, then $\sup V \leq \sup U$.

So, $\sup U \in \mathbb{R}$ exists. Therefore,

i) $u \leq \sup U \quad \forall u \in U$

ii) $\forall \epsilon > 0$, exs $u_1 \in U$ st $\sup U - \epsilon < u_1$

Notice that for $v \in V$, $v \leq \sup U$.

So, $\sup V \leq \sup U$.

Is t_n bounded?

It's bounded below since $-M \leq s_{n+1} \leq t_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

By the monotonic convergence theorem,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = s^* \text{ exists.}$$

From Theorem 4.4.11, conditions (a) and (b):

a. $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ st $s_n < s^* + \epsilon, \forall n \geq N$

b. $\forall \epsilon > 0, i \in \mathbb{N}, \exists j > i$ st $s_j > s^* - \epsilon$

Notice that $s^* \leq t_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

(since t_n is decreasing and it has a limit)

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and notice that $t_{n+k} \leq t_n \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

So,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} t_{n+k} \leq t_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

So,

$$s^* = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} t_{n+k}, \text{ therefore } s^* \leq t_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Thus,

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N_1 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st}$$

$$|t_n - s^*| < \epsilon \text{ for } n \geq N_1$$

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$$t_n < s^* + \epsilon \text{ for } n \geq N_1$$

$$s_{n+1} \leq t_n < s^* + \epsilon \text{ for } n + 1 \geq N_1 + 1$$

So,

$$s_M < s^* + \epsilon \text{ for } M \geq N_1 + 1$$

So, s^* satisfies (a).

Define $t_n = \sup \{s_{n+1}, s_{n+2}, s_{n+3}, \dots\}$

Now for any $\epsilon > 0$,

$$t_n \geq s^* > s^* - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (1)$$

Also, for any $i = n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists s_j$ where $j > i$ st

$$t_n - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < s_j \quad (2)$$

Notice that $t_n - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ is no longer a least upper bound for the set.

From **(1)** and **(2)**, $s_j > t_n - \frac{\epsilon}{2} > s^* - \epsilon$

So, since s^* satisfies **(a)** and **(b)**, s^* is the $\lim \sup s_n$.

Unbounded Sequences

$S = \{\text{all subsequential limits of } s_n\}$

We know that S is not empty if s_n is bounded since every bounded sequence has a convergent subsequence.

But what if s_n is unbounded? page 192

Case:

i) $\{s_n\}$ is unbounded above.

From the proof of Theorem 4.4.8, \exists a monotonic subsequence $\{s_{n_k}\}$ of $\{s_n\}$ st $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s_{n_k} = \infty$

Although ∞ is not a real number, we say that, if s_n is unbounded above, then $\lim \sup s_n = \infty$

ii) $\{s_n\}$ is bounded above but unbounded below.

Subcase i: \exists a subsequence $\{s_{n_k}\}$ st $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s_{n_k} = s \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, set $\lim \sup s_n = \sup S$

Subcase ii: There is no subsequence $\{s_{n_k}\}$ st $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s_{n_k} = s \in \mathbb{R}$ (a finite number).

Then, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = -\infty$

and, $\lim \sup s_n = -\infty$, so $\sup S = -\infty$

which means, since $\lim \inf s_n \leq \lim \sup s_n$, $\lim \inf = -\infty$