

Today: ① §12. $\limsup$ and $\liminf$

② review.

Recall: • Let (S_n) be any seq of real number

$$\limsup_n S_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sup_{n > N} S_n \right), \quad \liminf S_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\inf_{n > N} S_n \right).$$

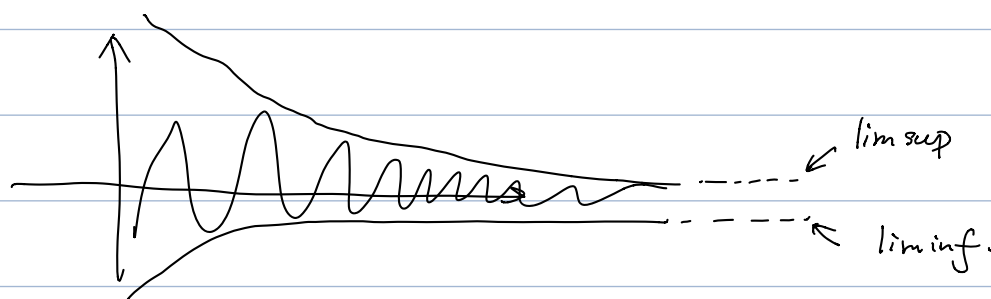
• They only care about the "tail behavior",

• $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N > 0$, s.t.

$$(\limsup S_n) + \varepsilon > S_n \quad \forall n > N.$$

similarly $(\liminf S_n) - \varepsilon < S_n \quad \forall n > N$

• Picture:



• In general, $\liminf (S_n) \leq \limsup (S_n)$.

If they are equal, then $\lim S_n$ exists.

Thm: Let S_n be a seq, with limit $s > 0$.

Let t_n be a seq, bounded.

Then $\limsup (S_n \cdot t_n) = s \cdot \limsup t_n$.

Observation: ① simple case, S_n is a constant seq.

then $\limsup (s \cdot t_n) = s \cdot \limsup t_n$.

② In general, we have "noise" ~~in~~ in S_n .

$$S_n = \underbrace{S}_{= \text{noise}} + (S_n - S) \quad \text{will be smaller and smaller as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

③ $\beta = \limsup t_n$, exists in $\mathbb{R}$. maybe $+$, $-$, or 0 .

One simplification is that, by replacing S_n with S_n/S , we may assume $S_n \rightarrow 1$.

Pf: WLOG, assume $S_n \rightarrow 1$.

Try to prove one direction first:

$$\limsup (S_n \cdot t_n) \geq \limsup t_n = \beta$$

There exists a subseq (t_{n_k}) , that converge to β .

Then, with the same index subset (n_k) , we consider

(S_{n_k}) subseq in (S_n) . Since $\lim S_n = 1$, hence, $\lim_k S_{n_k} = 1$.

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (S_{n_k} \cdot t_{n_k}) = \left(\lim_k S_{n_k} \right) \left(\lim_k t_{n_k} \right) = 1 \cdot \beta = \beta.$$

$(S_{n_k} \cdot t_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a subseq of $(S_n t_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

$\therefore \limsup (S_n t_n)$ is the largest among all possible subsequential limits of $(S_n t_n)$, hence.

$$\limsup (S_n t_n) \geq \beta.$$

To get the other direction, we consider

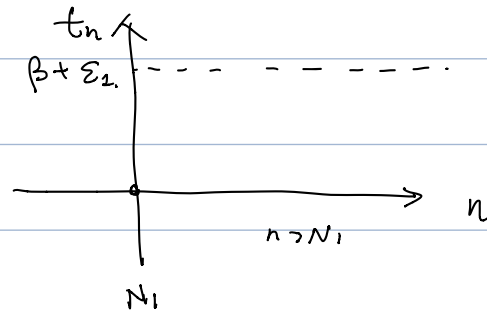
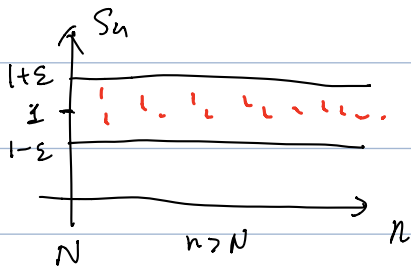
$$\limsup t_n = \limsup \left(\frac{1}{s_n} \cdot s_n t_n \right).$$

$$\therefore \lim \frac{1}{s_n} = \frac{1}{\lim s_n} = 1, ,$$

$$\therefore \limsup t_n \leq \lim \left(\frac{1}{s_n} \right) \cdot \limsup (s_n t_n) = \limsup (s_n t_n).$$

$$\Rightarrow \limsup t_n = \limsup (s_n t_n) \quad \#.$$

sketch of pf (#2): ① $\because s_n \rightarrow 1. \therefore \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N > 0. \forall n > N, 1 - \varepsilon < s_n < 1 + \varepsilon.$ ② $\limsup t_n = \beta. \forall \varepsilon_1 > 0, \exists N_1 > 0, \text{ s.t. } \forall n > N_1, t_n < \beta + \varepsilon_1.$



If $\beta = 0$, then $s \cdot \limsup t_n = s \cdot 0 = 0.$
one ~~has~~ ^{only need} ~~more~~ $\limsup (s_n \cdot t_n) = 0.$

If $\beta \neq 0$, then ~~we~~ take $0 < \varepsilon_1 < |\beta|/2.$ so that $\beta + \varepsilon_1$ has same sign as $\beta.$

Consider the case $\beta \neq 0$ first.

$$\bullet \beta > 0. \quad \therefore \forall n > \max(N, N_1),$$

$$s_n < 1 + \varepsilon.$$

$$t_n < \beta + \varepsilon_1.$$

$$\Rightarrow s_n \cdot t_n < (1 + \varepsilon)(\beta + \varepsilon_1) \quad \forall n > \max(N, N_1).$$

$$\Rightarrow \limsup (s_n t_n) < (1+\varepsilon)(\beta + \varepsilon_1).$$

since this is true $\forall \varepsilon, \varepsilon_1, |\varepsilon_1| < |\beta|/2$.

$$\Rightarrow \limsup (s_n t_n) \leq \beta.$$

• $\beta < 0$, then. $\sqrt{\forall |\varepsilon| < 1/2, |\varepsilon_1| < |\beta|/2, \text{ positive.}}$

$$s_n > 1 - \varepsilon > 0.$$

$$t_n < \beta + \varepsilon_1 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s_n \cdot t_n < (\beta + \varepsilon_1)(1 - \varepsilon) < 0 \quad \forall n > \max(N, N_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \limsup (s_n t_n) \leq \beta \cdot 1$$

• $\beta = 0$. $s_n < 1 + \varepsilon, \quad \forall n \text{ large.}$

$$t_n < \varepsilon_1$$

$$\Rightarrow s_n \cdot t_n < (1 + \varepsilon) \varepsilon_1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \limsup s_n t_n < (1 + \varepsilon) \varepsilon_1 \quad \forall \varepsilon, \varepsilon_1 > 0, \text{ small.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \limsup s_n t_n \leq 0.$$

To get lower bound, one use the same method as #1. ^{proof.}

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Thm 12.2: Let (s_n) be a sequence of positive numbers.

Then we have.

$$\liminf \left(\frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} \right) \stackrel{①}{=} \liminf (s_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \stackrel{②}{\leq} \limsup \left(\frac{s_n}{s_n} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \stackrel{③}{\leq} \limsup \left(\frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} \right)$$

Observation: (1) consider the case, $s_n = q^n \quad (q > 0)$.
then $(s_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = q, \quad s_{n+1} / s_n = q.$

(2). if $S_n = q^n \cdot A$, $A > 0$. then

$$S_{n+1}/S_n = q.$$

$$(S_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \underbrace{(A^{\frac{1}{n}})} \cdot q.$$

we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^{\frac{1}{n}} = A^0 = 1$. (see §7. or §9 results).

$$\lim (S_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = q.$$

(3) if $S_n = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n \text{ even} \\ 1 & \text{if } n \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$

$$\text{then } S_{n+1}/S_n = \begin{cases} 2/1 & n \text{ odd} \\ \text{or } 1/2. & n \text{ even.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \limsup (S_{n+1}/S_n) = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\liminf (S_{n+1}/S_n) = 1/2. \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{How about } (S_n)^{\frac{1}{n}}? \quad \because \quad \underline{1^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq (S_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq 2^{\frac{1}{n}}}$$

$$\text{and } \lim 2^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1, \quad \lim 1^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1, \quad \therefore \quad \lim (S_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1.$$

To prove ②
Pf: Let $L = \limsup (S_{n+1}/S_n)$. If $L = +\infty$, then there is nothing to prove.

$\because S_{n+1}/S_n > 0 \quad \therefore L \geq 0$. Hence, we only need consider $L \in \mathbb{R}$.

To prove $\limsup (S_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \limsup (S_{n+1}/S_n)$,

only need to prove

$$\limsup (S_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq L + \varepsilon. \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0. \quad \underline{(*)}$$

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad \exists \overset{\text{integer}}{N} > 0, \quad \text{s.t. } \forall n \geq N, \quad (S_{n+1}/S_n) < L + \varepsilon.$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{S_{N+1}}{S_N} < L + \varepsilon, \quad \frac{S_{N+2}}{S_{N+1}} < L + \varepsilon, \quad \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad S_{N+k} < S_N \cdot (L + \varepsilon)^k = \frac{S_N}{(L + \varepsilon)^N} (L + \varepsilon)^{N+k}$$

Thus $(S_{N+k})^{\frac{1}{N+k}} < \left[\frac{S_N}{(L+\varepsilon)^N} \right]^{\frac{1}{N+k}} \cdot (L+\varepsilon) \quad \forall k > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} (S_{N+k})^{\frac{1}{N+k}} \leq \limsup_k \left(\frac{S_N}{(L+\varepsilon)^N} \right)^{\frac{1}{N+k}} \cdot (L+\varepsilon).$$

$$\Rightarrow \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \left[\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{S_N}{(L+\varepsilon)^N} \right)^{\frac{1}{N+k}} \right] \cdot (L+\varepsilon)$$

$$= 1 \cdot (L+\varepsilon).$$

This proves (*), hence inequality ③.



Review: ① real number. $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$.

Completeness Axiom: if $S \subset \mathbb{R}$ is bounded,
then $\sup(S)$ exists in $\mathbb{R}$.

• difference between. $\begin{matrix} \max(S), & \sup(S) \\ \min(S), & \inf(S) \end{matrix}$ v.s. ?

they may not exist, if they do exist,
they need to be inside S .

② sequence and limit.

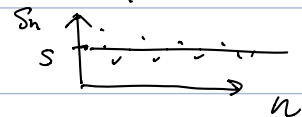
• ε - N language

• algebraic operation to limits.

if s_n, t_n converge to s, t ,

$$\lim (s_n + t_n) = \lim s_n + \lim t_n, \dots \text{etc.}$$

• pictorial presentation



• example limits: • if $a > 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$.

• $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^p} = 0$ if $p > 0$.

• Comparison between limits:

if $s_n \leq t_n$, and $\lim s_n$, $\lim t_n$ exists in $\mathbb{R}$,
then $\lim s_n \leq \lim t_n$.

• Squeeze Lemma. given (a_n) , (b_n) , (c_n) .

if $a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$ $\forall n$, and $\lim a_n = \lim c_n$.
then $\lim b_n$ exists.

• Monotone Sequence + Boundedness $\Rightarrow$ Convergence.

Cauchy $\iff$ Convergence.

• If (s_n) does not converge, we try to
extra subseq that converges.

• t is a subseq limit, $\iff \forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\{n \mid |s_n - t| < \varepsilon\}$
is an infinite set.
(know the proof of construction
of subseq).