

The Squeeze Theorem

If $a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$ for $n \geq n_0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = L$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = L$.

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.

r^n is convergent if $-1 < r \leq 1$ and divergent for all other values of r .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -1 < r < 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } r = 1 \end{cases}$$

A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is increasing if $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$ for all $n \geq 1$. $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3 \leq \dots$

A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is decreasing if $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$ for all $n \geq 1$.

A sequence that is either increasing or decreasing is monotonic.

A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is bounded above if there is a number M such that $a_n \leq M$ for all $n \geq 1$.

A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is bounded below if there is a number m such that $m \leq a_n$ for all $n \geq 1$.

If $\{a_n\}$ is bounded above and below, it is called a bounded sequence.

Every bounded monotonic sequence is convergent.

SECTION 11.2 SERIES

Given a series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$, let s_n denote its n th partial sum

$$s_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$$

If the sequence $\{s_n\}$ is convergent and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s$ exists,

then the series is convergent and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = s$. s is the series sum. Otherwise, it is divergent.

The geometric series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1}$ is an example of an infinite series.

It is convergent if $|r| < 1$. Its sum $s = \frac{a}{1-r}$. If $|r| \geq 1$, the series is divergent.

The harmonic series is $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$. It is divergent.

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ does not exist or if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$, then the series is divergent.

If $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ are convergent, then $\sum ca_n$, $\sum (a_n + b_n)$, $\sum (a_n - b_n)$ are as well.

(i) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ca_n = c \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$, where c is a constant.

(ii) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ (iii) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n - b_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$