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 given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N > 0$
 ($N(\varepsilon) > 0$) such that $|a_n - a| < \varepsilon$
 for all $n \geq N$.



$\{a_n\}$ diverges to $\pm \infty$ if
 given $M \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists $N > 0$
 such that $|a_n| > M \quad \forall n \geq N$
 "for all"

2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, ...

2.1.2 b

$$a_n = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}}$$

Claim: $a_n \rightarrow 1$.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. We want to find an $N > 0$ in terms of $\varepsilon > 0$, such that $|a_n - 1| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq N$.

$$|a_n - 1| = \left| 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}} - 1 \right| = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}} \right| < \varepsilon \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}} < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{n} > \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \Rightarrow n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon^3}$$

Take $N = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^3}$. Then, whenever $n \geq N$, we have that $|a_n - 1| = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{\varepsilon^3}}} = \varepsilon$, i.e. $|a_n - 1| < \varepsilon$, and hence $a_n \rightarrow 1$. \square

2.1.4 b

$$a_n = -n^2$$

Let $M \in \mathbb{R}$ be given. ($M < 0$).

We want $N > 0$ st. $a_n < M \quad \forall n \geq N$.

$$-n^2 < M \Rightarrow n^2 > -M \Rightarrow n > \sqrt{-M}$$

Take $N = \sqrt{-M}$.

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow n^2 + M > 0 \\ &(n - \sqrt{-M})(n + \sqrt{-M}) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

2.1.5 Limits are unique.

Proof by contradiction

Suppose $\{a_n\}$ converges to more than one limit, say $a_n \rightarrow a$ and $a_n \rightarrow b$.

$a_n \rightarrow a \Rightarrow$ Given $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists N_1 > 0$ s.t.

$$|a_n - a| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \forall n \geq N_1.$$

$a_n \rightarrow b \Rightarrow$ Given $\varepsilon > 0$, $\exists N_2 > 0$ s.t.

$$|a_n - b| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \forall n \geq N_2.$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Take $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$.

$$|a - b| = |a - a_n + a_n - b| \leq |a - a_n| + |a_n - b| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b.$$

2.1

2 a, c, d

3 a, b, c

4 a, c, d

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