

# What is a limit (really)?

Ex. Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n+1}{n+2} = 4$

Can you go out far enough in the sequence so that every term thereafter is within 0.001 of 4?

$$\left| \frac{4n+1}{n+2} - 4 \right| = \left| \frac{4n+1}{n+2} - \frac{4(n+2)}{n+2} \right|$$

terms of the sequence      Limit

$$= \left| \frac{-7}{n+2} \right| = \frac{7}{n+2} < 0.001$$

check

$$\frac{4(6999)+1}{6999+2}$$

$$\frac{7}{n+2} < \frac{1}{1000}$$

$$7000 < n+2$$

$$6998 < n$$

$$\boxed{n > 6998}$$

$$\text{Ex. Show } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+4}{3n+1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Let } \varepsilon = 0.0001$$

↑  
Epsilon  
(small positive  
value)

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$$\left| \frac{2n+4}{3n+1} - \frac{2}{3} \right| = \left| \frac{(2n+4)3 - 2(3n+1)}{(3n+1)3} \right|$$
$$= \left| \frac{\cancel{6n} + 12 - \cancel{6n} - 2}{3(3n+1)} \right| = \frac{10}{3(3n+1)} < \frac{1}{10000}$$

$$10000 < 9n+3$$

$$9997 < 9n$$

$$n > 11110$$

check

$$\frac{2(11111)+4}{3(11111)+1}$$

$$= \frac{22226}{33334}$$

Defn  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = L$  iff (if and only if) for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $M$  such that if  $n > M$  then  $|u_n - L| < \varepsilon$ .

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Ex. Prove:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7n+7}{n-1} = 7, n > 1$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given.

$$\left| \frac{7n+7}{n-1} - 7 \right| = \left| \frac{7n+7}{n-1} - \frac{7(n-1)}{n-1} \right|$$

$$= \frac{14}{n-1} < \varepsilon$$

$$14 < \varepsilon(n-1)$$

$$14 + \varepsilon < \varepsilon n$$

$$n > \frac{14 + \varepsilon}{\varepsilon}$$

# Subsequences

Ex.  $0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots \leftarrow$  diverges

$\{u_{2n-1}\}$  converges to 0

Subsequence

$\{u_{2n}\}$  converges to 1

Thm If  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  are  
subsequences of  $\{u_n\}$  and

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$  then  $\{u_n\}$  diverges

Thm If  $\{u_n\}$  converges and  $\{a_n\}$   
and  $\{b_n\}$  are subsequences of  $\{u_n\}$ ,

then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n$

# The Squeeze Theorem

(pinching, sandwich)

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = L$

and for all  $n > M$   $a_n \leq u_n \leq b_n$

then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = L$ .

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Prove:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(2n+1)}{n} = 0$

$$\frac{-1}{n} \leq \frac{\sin(2n+1)}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

smallest  
sine gets

biggest  
sine value

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{n} = 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\text{so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(2n+1)}{n} = 0$$

H W 1A # 2

1B # 2, 3