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- Exactly one of these statements is true.
- If $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, (b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, (c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ are convergent sequences with limits a, b, c respectively, and if, for all n , we have $a_n < b_n < c_n$, then $a < b < c$. ~~False~~ True by $a_n = -\frac{1}{n}, b_n = 0, c_n = \frac{1}{n}$
- The sequence $7, 7^{1/2}, 7^{1/3}, 7^{1/4}, \dots, 7^{1/n}, \dots$ converges to 1. True
- If $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, (b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, (c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ are convergent sequences with limits a, b, c respectively, then $\left(\frac{a_n}{b_n + c_n} \right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is convergent and has limit $\frac{a}{b+c}$. ~~False~~ True if $b+c \neq 0$

Given a sequence $(a_n)_n$, a subsequence is what we get by deleting (possibly infinitely many) terms, as long as infinitely many terms remain.

Defn Given a sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, a subsequence $(b_n)_n$ is given by a sequence $1 \leq k_1 < k_2 < k_3 < \dots < k_n < \dots$ of integers by $b_n = a_{k_n}$.

Eg Take $k_n = 3n$ ($k_1 = 3$ $k_2 = 6$ $k_3 = 9$, \dots) and the corresponding subsequence $(b_n)_n$ is

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} a_3 & a_6 & a_9 & a_{12} & \dots & a_{3n} & \dots \\ || & || & || & || & & || & \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & b_4 & \dots & b_n & \dots \end{array}$$

Eg If $a_n = (-1)^n$ then the subsequence $(a_{2n})_n$ is the constant sequence 1 and the subsequence $(a_{2n-1})_n$ is the constant sequence -1 .

Eg 6.1.2 The sequence $(n^2)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ has, as a subsequence the sequence $(4^n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$. (Because $4^n = 2^{2n} = (2^n)^2 = a_{2^n}$ - so this is the subsequence given by $k_n = 2^n$)

6.1.3 Given a sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

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a subsequence $(b_n = a_{k_n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is:

- i) convergent to l if $a_n \rightarrow l$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- ii) tending to ∞ if $a_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- iii) ~~tending to~~ going to $-\infty$ if $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof i) If (a_n) converges, with limit l , then, given $\varepsilon > 0$, there is N s.t.

$$\forall n \geq N \quad |a_n - l| < \varepsilon \quad (\text{because } a_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} l)$$

Since, note, $k_n \geq n$, we have

$$\forall n \geq N \quad |a_{k_n} - l| < \varepsilon \quad (\text{because } n \geq N \text{ implies } k_n \geq N)$$

6.1.3 says that, if a sequence converges, then every subsequence converges to the same limit.

Ex if $(a_n)_n$ is a sequence which has two subsequences which converge to different limits, the $(a_n)_n$ does not converge.

Ex 6.1.4 $a_n = (-1)^n + \frac{1}{n^2}$

The subsequence $a_{2n} = 1 + \frac{1}{n^2} \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

but the subsequence $a_{2n+1} = -1 + \frac{1}{n^2} \rightarrow -1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Hence $(a_n)_n$ does not converge z

Ex 6.1.5 $a_n = \frac{1}{4} - \left[\frac{n}{4} \right]$ 9/3/20 (4)

Consider $a_{4n} = \frac{4n}{4} - \left[\frac{4n}{4} \right] = n - [n] = n - n = 0$
 $\rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

but $a_{4n+1} = \frac{4n+1}{4} - \left[\frac{4n+1}{4} \right] = n + \frac{1}{4} - \left[n + \frac{1}{4} \right]$
 $= n + \frac{1}{4} - n = \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Hence $(a_n)_n$ is not convergent

Ex 6.1.7 $a_n = [\sqrt{n}] - \sqrt{n}$

Consider the subsequence

$$a_{n^2} = [\sqrt{n^2}] - \sqrt{n^2} = [n] - n = n - n = 0$$