

9.9 Suppose  $\exists N_0$  such that  $s_n \leq t_n$  for  $\forall n > N_0$

(a) Let  $\lim s_n = +\infty$ .

By Definition 9.8, for each  $M > 0$ , there is a number  $N_1$  such that  $n > N_1$  implies  $s_n > M$ .

Let  $N = \max \{N_0, N_1\}$ .

Then  $n > N$  implies  $M < s_n \leq t_n$

Thus, for each  $M > 0$ ,  $n > N$  implies  $t_n > M$ .

Therefore,  $\lim t_n = +\infty$

(b) Let  $\lim t_n = -\infty$ .

By Definition 9.8, for each  $M < 0$ , there is a number  $N_1$  such that  $n > N_1$  implies  $t_n < M$ .

Let  $N = \max \{N_0, N_1\}$

Then  $n > N$  implies  $s_n \leq t_n < M$

Thus, for each  $M < 0$ ,  $n > N$  implies  $s_n < M$ .

Therefore,  $\lim s_n = -\infty$

(c) Let  $\lim s_n = s$   $\lim t_n = t$ , need to show  $s \leq t$ .

Then  $\exists N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $n > N_1$  implies  $|s_n - s| < \varepsilon$

$\exists N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $n > N_2$  implies  $|t_n - t| < \varepsilon$

$$s - \varepsilon < s_n < s + \varepsilon \quad t - \varepsilon < t_n < t + \varepsilon$$

Let  $N = \max \{N_0, N_1, N_2\}$ ,  $n > N$  implies

$$|s_n - s| < \varepsilon \quad |t_n - t| < \varepsilon \quad s_n \leq t_n$$

Suppose  $s > t$  (proof by contradiction)

$$\text{Let } \varepsilon = \frac{s-t}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{s+t}{2} < s_n < \frac{3s-t}{2} \quad \frac{3t-s}{2} < t_n < \frac{s+t}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow s_n > t_n$  which contradicts with  $s_n \leq t_n \quad \forall n > N_0$

Therefore,  $s \leq t$ , that is  $\lim s_n \leq \lim t_n$ .

9.15 Show  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^n}{n!} = 0 \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{Let } s_n = \frac{a^n}{n!}$$

$$\frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} = \frac{a^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{a^n} = \frac{a}{n+1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a}{n+1} = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = a \cdot 0 = 0 < 1$$

By Archimedean Principle,  $\exists k$  such that  $0 < k < 1$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n}$  exists, then  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n > N$  implies  $\frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} < k$

So  $s_{n+1} < k s_n$  for  $n > N$

$$s_{n+1} < k s_n \quad s_{n+2} < k s_{n+1} < k \cdot k s_n = k^2 s_n$$

$$\Rightarrow s_n < k^{n-N} s_N$$

Since  $0 < k < 1$ ,  $k^{n-N} \rightarrow 0$ .

Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 0$ , that is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^n}{n!} = 0$ .

10.7 By definition of supremum,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists s \in S$  such that  $\sup S - s < \varepsilon$ , which implies  $s_n > \sup S - \varepsilon$ .

Thus  $\sup S - \varepsilon$  is not an upper bound of  $s_n$ .

Take  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{n}$ .

$$\exists s_n \in S \text{ such that } \sup S - \frac{1}{n} < s_n < \sup S$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sup S - \frac{1}{n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup S - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = \sup S - 0 = \sup S$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sup S) = \sup S$$

By squeeze theorem,  $\lim s_n = \sup S$ .

10.8 To prove  $(G_n)$  is an increasing sequence, need to show  $G_n \leq G_{n+1} \quad \forall n$ .

Since  $(S_n)$  is an increasing sequence of positive numbers,  $S_n \leq S_{n+1} \forall n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{n+1} - \sigma_n &= \frac{1}{n+1} (S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_{n+1}) - \frac{1}{n} (S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n(n+1)} [n(S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_{n+1}) - (n+1)(S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_n)] \\ &= \frac{1}{n(n+1)} [nS_{n+1} - (S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_n)] \\ &= \frac{1}{n(n+1)} [(S_{n+1} - S_1) + (S_{n+1} - S_2) + \dots + (S_{n+1} - S_n)] \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\sigma_{n+1} \geq \sigma_n \forall n$ .

Therefore,  $(\sigma_n)$  is an increasing sequence.

10.9 (a)  $S_2 = \frac{1}{1+1} S_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $S_3 = \frac{2}{2+1} S_2^2 = \frac{1}{6}$   
 $S_4 = \frac{3}{3+1} S_3^2 = \frac{1}{48}$

(b) By Corollary 10.5, if  $(S_n)$  is a monotone sequence, then  $\lim S_n$  is always meaningful.

Claim:  $(S_n)$  is a monotonic decreasing sequence.

Proof by induction.

Basis:  $n=1$   $S_1 > S_2$

Inductive step: Assume  $S_n > S_{n+1}$  holds, remains to show  $S_{n+1} > S_{n+2}$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{n+1} - S_{n+2} &= \frac{n}{n+1} S_n^2 - \frac{n+1}{n+2} S_{n+1}^2 \\ &= \frac{n}{n+1} S_n^2 - \frac{n+1}{n+2} \left( \frac{n}{n+1} S_n^2 \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{n}{n+1} S_n^2 - \frac{n^2}{(n+1)(n+2)} S_n^4 \\ &= \frac{n}{n+1} S_n^2 \left( 1 - \frac{n}{n+2} S_n^2 \right) \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < S_n < S_1 = 1 \\ \Rightarrow 0 < S_n^2 < 1 \quad \frac{n}{n+2} < 1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{n}{n+2} S_n^2 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{n+1} > S_{n+2}$$

By principle of mathematical induction,  $S_n > S_{n+1} \forall n$ .

Thus,  $(S_n)$  is a monotonic decreasing sequence.

$(S_n)$  is also bounded  $0 < S_n \leq 1$ .

By Theorem 10.2,  $(S_n)$  is convergent, thus  $\lim S_n$  exists.

(c) Let  $\lim S_n = S$ .

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \lim S_{n+1} = \lim \frac{n}{n+1} S_n^2 = \lim \frac{n}{n+1} \cdot \lim S_n^2 \\ &= 1 \cdot \lim S_n^2 = S^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = 1 \text{ or } S = 0$$

Since  $(S_n)$  is monotonic decreasing and  $S_2 < 1$ , it is impossible to have  $\lim S_n = 1$ .

Therefore  $\lim S_n = 0$ .

10.10 (a)  $S_2 = \frac{1}{3}(S_1+1) = \frac{2}{3}$

$$S_3 = \frac{1}{3}(S_2+1) = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$S_4 = \frac{1}{3}(S_3+1) = \frac{14}{27}$$

(b) Basis step:  $n=1$   $S_1 = 1 > \frac{1}{2}$

Inductive step: Assume  $S_n > \frac{1}{2}$ , need to show  $S_{n+1} > \frac{1}{2}$ .

$$S_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3}(S_n+1) = \frac{1}{3}S_n + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$> \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus,  $S_{n+1} > \frac{1}{2}$  if  $S_n > \frac{1}{2}$ .

By principle of mathematical induction,  $S_n > \frac{1}{2} \forall n$ .

(c)  $S_n - S_{n+1} = S_n - \frac{1}{3}(S_n+1) = S_n - \frac{1}{3}S_n - \frac{1}{3}$

$$= \frac{2}{3}S_n - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$> \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n > S_{n+1} \forall n$$

Therefore,  $(S_n)$  is a decreasing sequence.

(d) By part (b) (c),  $(S_n)$  is monotonic decreasing and bounded sequence, thus  $(S_n)$  is convergent and  $\lim S_n$  exists.

Let  $\lim S_n = S$ .

$$S = \lim S_{n+1} = \lim \left( \frac{1}{3}(S_{n+1}) \right) = \frac{1}{3} \lim (S_{n+1})$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (\lim S_n + 1) = \frac{1}{3} (S + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus,  $\lim S_n = \frac{1}{2}$ .

10.11 (a)  $t_1 = 1$   $t_{n+1} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{4n^2}\right) t_n$

Since  $0 < \frac{1}{4n^2} < 1$ , then  $0 < 1 - \frac{1}{4n^2} < 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow t_{n+1} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{4n^2}\right) t_n < t_n.$$

Thus,  $(t_n)$  is a monotonic decreasing sequence.

Since  $t_1 = 1$ ,  $0 < 1 - \frac{1}{4n^2} < 1$ , then  $0 < t_n \leq 1$ .

Thus,  $(t_n)$  is bounded.

By Theorem 10.2,  $(t_n)$  is convergent, so  $\lim t_n$  exists.

(b)  $0 < \lim t_n < 1$

$$t_1 = 1 \quad t_2 = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75 \quad t_3 = \frac{45}{64} = 0.7031 \quad t_4 = \frac{35 \cdot 45}{36 \cdot 64} = 0.6836$$

$$t_5 = \frac{63 \cdot 35 \cdot 45}{64 \cdot 36 \cdot 64} = 0.6729 \quad \dots$$

$$\lim t_n = 0.6 ?$$

Squeeze test. Let  $a_n, b_n, c_n$  be three sequences, such that  $a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$ ,  
and  $L = \lim a_n = \lim c_n$ . Show that  $\lim b_n = L$ .

Proof: Since  $L = \lim a_n = \lim c_n$ .

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n > N_1$  implies  $|a_n - L| < \varepsilon$

$\exists N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n > N_2$  implies  $|c_n - L| < \varepsilon$

Let  $N = \max \{N_1, N_2\}$

$n > N$  implies  $L - \varepsilon < a_n < L + \varepsilon$     $L - \varepsilon < c_n < L + \varepsilon$

Since  $a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$  whenever  $n > N$ ,

then  $b_n \geq a_n > L - \varepsilon$ ,  $b_n \leq c_n < L + \varepsilon$ , so  $L - \varepsilon < b_n < L + \varepsilon$ .

$\Rightarrow |b_n - L| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n > N$

Therefore  $\lim b_n = L$ .