

Sequence

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Sequences:- Let A be a non empty set, then every function, which is defined from set of natural numbers $\mathbb{N}$ to A is a sequence.

i.e. A sequence is nothing but a function whose domain is a set of natural numbers $\mathbb{N}$ and range is subset of real numbers $\mathbb{R}$.

Let, if $x: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function defined from $\mathbb{N}$ to $\mathbb{R}$ and let me denote image of $n \in \mathbb{N}$ by $x(n) \in \mathbb{R}$, if we write it as x_n , then sequence of x_n is represented by $x = \{x(1), x(2), x(3), \dots, x(n), \dots\}$ in short we represent it by $\langle x_n \rangle$

constant sequence:- A sequence $\langle x_n \rangle$, where $x_n = c \in \mathbb{R} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ is called constant sequence.

Ex. 1. If $x: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $x_n = 1 - (-1)^n$, then the sequence will be $\{2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2, \dots\}$
 $\Rightarrow x_n = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

Ex. 2 Ranges of sequence: Let $\{-1, +1, -1, +1, -1, +1, \dots\}$ is a sequence or $\langle (-1)^n \rangle$, then Ranges of $\langle x_n \rangle = \{-1, 1\}$ which is ~~set~~ finite set.

Bounded sequence: A sequence $\langle x_n \rangle$ is said to be bounded above if its range is bounded from above i.e. if $\exists$ a real number K st.

$$x_n \leq K \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

K is called upper bound of $\langle x_n \rangle$.

Similarly $\langle x_n \rangle$ is said to be bounded below if its range is bounded from below.

i.e. if $\exists$ a real number k st.

$$k \leq x_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

k is called lower bound of $\langle x_n \rangle$.

A sequence $\langle x_n \rangle$ is said to be bounded if it is bounded from below & above.

i.e. if $\exists k, K \in \mathbb{R}$ st.

$$k \leq x_n \leq K \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

It can also be written as, A sequence $\langle x_n \rangle$ is said to be bounded if $\exists$ a real number $M > 0$ st.

$$|x_n| \leq M \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Supremum:- Least upper bound is called Supremum.

Infimum:- Greatest lower bound is called infimum.

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Ex 1. $\langle \frac{1}{n} \rangle$ sequence has 0 infimum & 1 as supremum. because $0 \leq x_n \leq 1$

Ex 2 $\{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\}$ is bounded sequence
whose infimum is 1 & supremum is 2.

Monotonic sequence:- A sequence $\langle x_n \rangle$ is said to be monotonically increasing if

$$x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq x_4 \dots \leq x_n \leq \dots$$

and monotonically decreasing if

$$x_1 \geq x_2 \geq x_3 \geq x_4 \dots \geq x_n \geq \dots$$

i.e. if $x_n \leq x_{n+1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ Monotonically increasing

if $x_n \geq x_{n+1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$ Monotonically decreasing

For strictly increasing & decreasing sequence

$$x_n < x_{n+1} \quad \& \quad x_n > x_{n+1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

respectively.

Limit point of a sequence:- A real number

l is said to be limit point of sequence $\langle x_n \rangle$ if every neighbourhood (n.b.d.) of l contains infinite number of members of $\langle x_n \rangle$.

$\Rightarrow (l - \epsilon, l + \epsilon)$ contains infinite members of $\langle x_n \rangle$

$\Rightarrow |x_n - l| < \epsilon$ for infinite $n \in \mathbb{N}$.