

Cauchy Sequences (Continue) (4.3)

Ex

$$S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$$

For  $m < n$ ;  $S_n - S_m = \frac{1}{m+1} + \frac{1}{m+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$ .

$$S_{2m} - S_m = \frac{1}{m+1} + \frac{1}{m+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2m} \geq m \cdot \frac{1}{2m} = \frac{1}{2}$$

m of those, each  $\geq \frac{1}{2m}$

$\Rightarrow (S_n)$  is not Cauchy.

Why?Recall defn Cauchy:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \forall n, m \in \mathbb{N} (n, m \geq N \Rightarrow |S_n - S_m| < \varepsilon)$$

If we take  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$  in the above example we see that

Compare

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} |S_{2n} - S_n| \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

hence  $|S_{2n} - S_n| < \frac{1}{2}$  is false  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We obtained that  $\exists \varepsilon = \frac{1}{2} \forall N \in \mathbb{N} \exists n = 2N, m = N |S_n - S_m| \geq \frac{1}{2} = \varepsilon$

To show:  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N} S_{2m} - S_m \geq \frac{1}{2}$

 $S_n \rightarrow \infty$ 

$$S_{4m} - S_{2m} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_{8m} - S_{4m} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_{2^k m} - S_{2^{k-1} m} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

Let  $n=1$

$$S_{2^k} - S_{2^{k-1}} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_{2^{k-1}} - S_{2^{k-2}} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

⋮

$$S_4 - S_2 \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_2 - S_1 \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_{2^k} \geq S_1 + k \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

if  $2^k \leq l$ .

$$S_l \geq S_1 + \frac{1}{2} \overbrace{\llbracket \log_2 l \rrbracket}^k \longrightarrow \infty$$

as  $l \rightarrow \infty, k \rightarrow \infty$

From  
Calc I:  
 $\llbracket x \rrbracket$  greatest  
integer  
function.

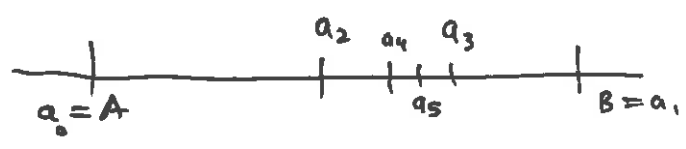
$$\Rightarrow S_l \rightarrow \infty.$$

$S_l$  is unbounded.

Not convergent  $\Leftarrow$  Not Cauchy

Not Cauchy.

$\uparrow$  we proved  
convergent  $\Rightarrow$  Cauchy



Ex Let  $a_0 = A$   
 $a_1 = B$  ,  $A \neq B$ .

Define  $a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + a_{n-1}}{2} \quad \forall n \geq 1$ .

mid pt of the last two terms

each time we divide to equal halves.

$$\rightarrow |a_{n+1} - a_n| = \frac{|a_n - a_{n-1}|}{2}$$

$$|a_0 - a_1| = |A - B| = C \quad \leftarrow \text{say}$$

$$|a_1 - a_2| = \frac{C}{2}$$

$$|a_2 - a_3| = \frac{C}{4}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$|a_{n+1} - a_n| = \frac{C}{2^n}$$

Corrective

$$|a_n - a_m| \leq \frac{C}{2^n} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{m-n-1}} \right) < \frac{2C}{2^n} < 2$$

$\Rightarrow (a_n) \cap$  Cauchy. Why?

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists N > \log_2 \frac{\epsilon}{2C} \quad \forall n, m \geq N$$

$$|a_n - a_m| < \frac{2C}{2^N} < \epsilon$$

$$N > \log_2 \frac{2C}{\epsilon}$$

CAUTION  
 False in general



Thm: In  $\mathbb{R}$  Cauchy  $\Rightarrow$  convergent. (Caution  $(a_n)$  is not monotone.)

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Now I know it is convergent

$$L = \lim a_{n+1} = \lim \frac{a_n + a_{n-1}}{2} = \frac{L}{2} + \frac{L}{2} = L$$

$L = L$  no use to determine  $L$ .

What  $B$   $L$ ?

Take  $A < B$

$$a_0 = A$$

$$C = B - A$$

$$a_1 = A + C$$

$$a_2 = A + C - \frac{C}{2}$$

$$a_3 = A + C - \frac{C}{2} + \frac{C}{4}$$

$\vdots$

$$L = \lim a_n = A + C \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{1 - (-\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{1}{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$= A + C \cdot \frac{2}{3}$$

$$= A + \frac{2}{3}(B - A) = A + \frac{2B}{3} - \frac{2A}{3}$$

$$= \frac{A}{3} + \frac{2B}{3} = \frac{A + 2B}{3}$$

Cautions:

Fixed types.

If  $B > A$ , same arguments give  $L = \frac{A + 2B}{3}$  as well.

(3.3) (C) UPPER BOUNDS & SUPREMUM  
LOWER BOUND & INFIMUM.

Defn Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

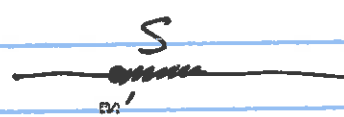
Use  
Capital Letters  
for Sets;  
lower case  
for numbers  
 $a \in A$

- A number  $m$  is called an upper bound for  $S$  if  $\forall s \in S, s \leq m$
- A number  $m'$  is called a lower bound for  $S$  if  $\forall s \in S, s \geq m'$
- The set  $S$  is called bounded if it is bounded above and bounded below, that is:  $\exists m, m' \in \mathbb{R} \forall s \in S, m' \leq s \leq m$



notation  
 $m = \max(S)$

- A number  $m$  is called a maximum of  $S$  if (i)  $\forall s \in S, s \leq m$ , and (ii)  $m \in S$
- A number  $m'$  is called a minimum of  $S$  if (i)  $\forall s \in S, s \geq m'$ , and (ii)  $m' \in S$



(Exs) (i)  $[1, 2]$  bounded

upper bounds 100, 3, 2 many others

lower bounds 0, -1, 1 " "

$\max [1, 2] = 2$

$\min [1, 2] = 1$

(i)  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$   
 Bounded below  
 $\min N = 1$ .  
not Bounded above  
 not bounded.

(ii)  $(-\infty, 0) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .  
 Bounded above, <sup>upper</sup> bounds  $0, 5, \pi, \dots$   
 $\max(-\infty, 0)$  DNE (Does not exist)  
 not bounded below.

(iii)  $[3, 4)$   
 Bounded  
 a lower bd = 3  
 $\min [3, 4) = 3$   
 an upper bd  $S$   
 $\max [3, 4)$  DNE

(iv)  $S = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} \mid \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^2 \leq 2 \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $\mathbb{Q}$

Best?  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\sqrt{2} \text{ is a lower bound in } \mathbb{R} \\ \sqrt{2} \text{ is an upper bound in } \mathbb{R}. \end{array} \right.$

no best choices  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{in } \mathbb{Q} \text{ } 1.5 \text{ an upper bound for } S \\ \text{in } \mathbb{Q} \text{ } -1.42 \text{ a lower bound for } S \end{array} \right.$

What do I mean by "best"? Come to class on Fri.