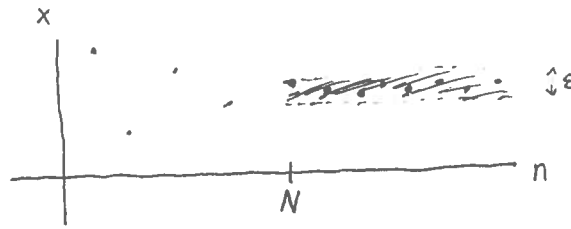


**Day 2— Summary — Cauchy sequences, Bolzano-Weierstrass, limsup and liminf**

9. The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that  $m, n \geq N \Rightarrow |x_m - x_n| < \varepsilon$ .
10.  $\mathbb{R}$  is complete: If  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence of  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to an element of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
11. Let  $x = \{x_n\}$  be a sequence. A subsequence of  $x$  is obtained by keeping (in order) an infinite number of the items  $x_n$  and discarding the rest. Two ways to denote a subsequence are  $x_{(n)}$  and  $x_{n_k}$ .
12. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence. The number  $x$  is an accumulation point (or point of accumulation) of the sequence if  $\forall \varepsilon$  there are infinitely many  $n$  such that  $|x_n - x| < \varepsilon$ .
13. Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem: Every bounded sequence of real numbers has a convergent subsequence.
14. (a)  $\limsup\{x_n\}$  is defined as supremum of the accumulation points of  $\{x_n\}$ . An alternative way to think about it is through  $\limsup\{x_n\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{m \geq n} x_m$ .  
(b)  $\liminf\{x_n\}$  is defined analogously.

9  $\{X_n\}$  is Cauchy if  $\forall \epsilon \exists N$  s.t.  $\forall n, m \geq N \quad |X_n - X_m| < \epsilon$

Visually:



Visual non-example:

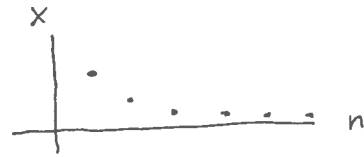


Can't put tail in strip of height  $\epsilon$



Example:

$X_n = \frac{1}{n}$  is Cauchy



To prove, we need way of getting  $N$  from  $\epsilon$ .

Fix  $\epsilon$ . Let  $N$  be such that  $\frac{2}{N} < \epsilon$ .

If,  $n, m \geq N$  then  $|X_n - X_m| \leq |X_n| + |X_m| \leq \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} \leq \frac{1}{N} + \frac{1}{N} = \frac{2}{N} < \epsilon$

Non-example:

Prove  $X_n = (-1)^n$  is not Cauchy.

Need to show  $\exists \epsilon$  such that  $\forall N \exists n, m \geq N$  with  $|X_n - X_m| \geq \epsilon$

Let  $\epsilon = 1/2$  and fix  $N$ . If  $n = N+1, m = N$  then  $|X_n - X_m| = 2 > \epsilon$ .

Another way to think of Cauchy sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$

for all  $\epsilon$  there is some tail of <sup>the</sup> sequence such that the supremum and infimum over the tail are within  $\epsilon$ .

What is not so great of this view?

Doesn't generalize to other spaces lacking least upper bound property

Why don't we care about Cauchy-ness? <sup>It's</sup> <sup>we</sup> Ultimately want convergence,  
why not just ~~say~~ <sup>use defn</sup>  $X_n$  converges if  $\exists L$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = L$ .

Cauchy criterion is a test for convergence.  
Only involves sequence items themselves.  $L$  may not even live in the same space.

10) If  $X_n$  is Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $X_n$  converges

Example:  $X_n = \frac{1}{n}$  is Cauchy and converges to 0

Proof: (Sketch) Consider the tails of  $X_n$  corresponding to  $n \geq N$

$b_n = \inf_{k \geq n} X_k$  is a monotonic increasing seq.

Cauchy  $\Rightarrow$  bounded above and below  $\Rightarrow \inf_{n \geq N} X_n \rightarrow b$

We will show  $X_n \rightarrow b$ . Fix  $\epsilon$

~~Beyond  $N_1$ ,  $\inf_{n \geq N_1} X_n \geq b - \frac{\epsilon}{3}$  so  $X_n \geq b - \frac{\epsilon}{3} \forall n \geq N_1$~~

Beyond  $N_2$ ,  $|X_n - X_m| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}$

Beyond  $N_1$ ,  $|b_n - b| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$  (limit of  $b_n$ )

Beyond  $N_2$ ,  $|X_n - X_m| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$  (Cauchy)

Beyond any  $N$ , there is  $m \geq n$  st  $|b_n - X_m| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}$  (defn of  $b_n$ )

So  $\forall n \geq \max(N_1, N_2)$

$$|X_n - b| \leq |X_n - X_m| + |b_n - X_m| + |b_n - b|$$

$$< \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon$$

Visually



Sequence of smallest items with a tail is monotone increasing

$$\#11 \quad X = \{X_n\} = \{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, \dots\}$$

A subsequence is given by  $X_{n_k}$  where  $n_{k+1} > n_k$ .

That is, keep infinitely many  $X_n$ , discard the rest.

Notation  $X_{(n)}$  or  $X_{n_k}$

$$\text{Example: } \{0, 1, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{3}, 0, \frac{1}{4}, 0, \frac{1}{5}, \dots\}$$

$$\text{has subseq } \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots\}$$

$$\bullet \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, \dots \right\}$$

$$\text{has subseq } \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{5}{6}, \dots \right\}$$

Nonexamples of a Cauchy seq within a set  
not converging to an element of the set.

Let  $S =$  positive reals.  $X_n = \frac{1}{n}$ . Cauchy, but  
has no limit in the set

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$X$  is accumulation point of  $\{X_n\}$  if every ball of the sequence gets arbitrarily close to  $X$ .

~~Attn:~~ Only the tail matters. Could remove any finite # of items

Examples:  $\{1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots\}$

has one accumulation point ( $x=1$ ).

$\{1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots\}$  has two accumulation points.

Let  $\{X_n\}$  be an ordering of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Any real number is an accumulation point ~~of~~ of  $X$  by the density of rationals in the reals.

If  $X$  is an accumulation point of  $\{X_n\}$  there is a subsequence  $\{X_{n_k}\}$  converging to  $X$ .

Construction: Let  $n_1 = 1$   
Let  $n_k$  be such that  $|X_{n_k} - X| < \frac{1}{k}$   
and  $n_k \geq n_{k-1}$

### 13) Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem

Every bounded set in  $\mathbb{R}$  has a convergent subsequence.

Example:  ~~$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots$~~

$$\left\{ 0, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{7}{8}, \dots \right\}$$

tries to put each item as far from existing items



Qualitatively, if you must put only many things in a finite region, they must cluster.

Nonexample: if drop boundedness assumption

$X_n = n$  has no ~~other~~ convergent subsequence

Proof: Dyadic partition