



Mathematics Presentation

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Cauchy's First Theorem on Limits

❖ Statement :

If $a_n \rightarrow l$, then $x_n = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \cdots + a_n}{n} \rightarrow l$

Proof.

If $t_n = a_n - l$ i.e., $a_n = t_n + l$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x &= \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n}{n} = \frac{(t_1 + l) + (t_2 + l) + (t_3 + l) + \dots + (t_n + l)}{n} \\ &= \frac{nl + (t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + \dots + t_n)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore } x = l + \frac{t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_n}{n} \quad \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Now } a_n \rightarrow l, \quad t_n \rightarrow 0$$

Therefore given $\epsilon > 0$, however small, there exists a positive integer m such that

$$|t_n| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \text{for all } n \geq m \quad \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Again as $t_n \rightarrow 0$, Therefore $\{t_n\}$ is convergent

$\Rightarrow \{t_n\}$ is bounded

Therefore there exists a real number k such that

$$|t_n| < k \forall n \quad \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{t_1+t_2+t_3+\dots+t_n}{n} \right| &= \left| \frac{t_1+t_2+t_3+t_m+t_{m+1}+\dots+t_n}{n} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{t_1+t_2+\dots+t_m}{n} + \frac{t_{m+1}+\dots+t_n}{n} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{|t_1+t_2+\dots+t_m|}{n} + \frac{|t_{m+1}+\dots+t_n|}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \frac{|t_1| + |t_2| + \dots + |t_m|}{n} + \frac{|t_{m+1}| + \dots + |t_n|}{n}$$

$$< \frac{mk}{n} + \frac{n-m}{n} \cdot \frac{g}{2}$$

[Because of (2) and (3)]

$$< \frac{mk}{n} + \frac{g}{2}$$

Therefore $\left| \frac{t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + \dots + t_n}{n} \right| < \frac{mk}{n} + \frac{g}{2}$ (4)

Now $\frac{mk}{n} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Therefore there exists a positive integer p such that $\frac{mk}{n} < \frac{g}{2}$ for $n \geq p$ (5)

Let $q =$

$\text{Max.}(m, p)$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + \dots + t_n}{n} - 0 \right| < \frac{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}{2} + \frac{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}{2} \quad \text{for } n \geq q \quad [\text{because of (4) and (5)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + \dots + t_n}{n} - 0 \right| < \epsilon \quad \text{for } n \geq q$$

from (1),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = l$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n}{n} = l$$

Cauchy's Second Theorem on Limits

❖ Statement :

If $\{a_n\}$ is a sequence of positive terms and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$ exists

whether finite or infinite, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$

Proof. Two cases arise:

Case 1. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = l$, where l is finite

Therefore given $\epsilon > 0$, however small, $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} - l \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \forall n \geq m$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad l - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} < l + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \forall n \geq m$$

Putting $n=m, m+1, m+2, \dots, n-1$, we get,


$$l - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \frac{a_{m+1}}{a_m} < l + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

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$$l - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \frac{a_{m+2}}{a_{m+1}} < l + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$l - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \frac{a_{m+3}}{a_{m+2}} < l + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

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$$l - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} < l + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Multiplying these inequations, we get,

$$\left(l - \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^{n-m} < \frac{a_n}{a_m} < \left(l + \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^{n+m}$$

⇒

$$a_m \left(l - \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^{n-m} < a_n < a_m \left(l + \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^{n+m}$$

⇒

$$(a_m)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(l - \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^{\frac{n-m}{n}} < (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} < (a_m)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(l + \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^{\frac{n+m}{n}}$$

⇒

$$(a_m)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(l + \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^{1-m/n} < (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} < (a_m)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(l + \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^{1+m/n} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Let $n \rightarrow \infty$

Now $(a_m)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(l - \frac{g}{2} \right)^{1-\frac{m}{n}} \rightarrow l - \frac{g}{2}$

[Because $(a_m)^{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for $a > 0$]


and $(a_m)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(l + \frac{g}{2} \right) \rightarrow l + \frac{g}{2}$

Therefore given $\epsilon > 0, \exists m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\left| (a_m)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(l - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right)^{1-\frac{m}{n}} - \left(l - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right) \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \forall n \geq m_1$$

and $\left| (a_m)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(l + \frac{g}{2} \right)^{1+\frac{m}{n}} - \left(l + \frac{g}{2} \right) \right| < \frac{g}{2} \quad \forall n \geq m_2$

Therefore $\left(l - \frac{g}{2} \right) - \frac{g}{2} < (a_m)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(l - \frac{g}{2} \right)^{1-\frac{m}{n}} < \left(l - \frac{g}{2} \right) + \frac{g}{2}$


$$\text{i.e., } l - \epsilon < (a_m)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(l - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right)^{1-m} < l \forall n \geq m_1 \quad \dots \dots \dots (2)$$


$$\text{and } \left(l + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right) - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < (a_m)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(l - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right)^{1-m} < \left(l + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right) - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$\text{i.e., } l < (a_m)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(l + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right)^{1-m} < l + \epsilon \forall n \geq m_2 \quad \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

Let $p = \text{Max.}(m, m_1, m_2)$

Therefore from (1), (2), (3), we get

$$l - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} < l + \epsilon \forall n \geq p$$



or $\left| (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} - l \right| < \epsilon \forall n \geq p$

Therefore $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = l$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a}$

Case 2. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = +\infty$

Therefore $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{a_{n+1}}}{\frac{1}{a_n}} = 0$ (finite)

Therefore $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{a} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = +\infty$