

March 2.

Today:

- Lecture Final problem 4 (L'Hôpital)

• Hs.ang Problem: from  
HW / Limits of sequence

$$a_1 = \sqrt{2}, a_2 = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}, a_3 = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}$$

& inductively

Prove: the limit exists.  
& Estimate it.

On the way:

Move on  $e^x$

on variants of  $e^x$

2nd order Taylor polynomials

$$\cos(r_n x) \approx \cos(l_n x)$$

Move on " limits.

→ Pinching theorems, (Monotone theorem)  
Beginning Induction.

Overall Plan: 1 problem for  
Review per lecture.

1 New problem, till end.

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Warm up:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^t - 1}{t}$$

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OK  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^t + e^{-t} - 2}{t^2}$

$$f(t) = e^t + e^{-t} - 2$$

$$g(t) = t^2$$

way 1:  $f(0) = 1 + 1 - 2 = 0$   
 $g(0) = 0^2 = 0$


of form  $\frac{0}{0}$ . So:

$$f'(t) = e^t - e^{-t}$$

$$g'(t) = 2t$$

$$f'(0) = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$g'(0) = 2 \cdot 0 = 0$$

Still of form  $\frac{0}{0}$  

L'H(2)

$$f''(t) = e^t - (-)e^{-t} = e^t + e^{-t}$$

$$g''(t) = 2.$$

$$f''(0) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} = \frac{f''(0)}{g''(0)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1.$$

Way 2:

$$e^t = 1 + t + \frac{t^2}{2} + \dots$$
$$e^{-t} = 1 - t + \frac{t^2}{2} + \dots$$

$O(t^4)$

$$\text{So } e^t + e^{-t} = 2 + 0 + t^2 + \dots$$

$$\& \frac{e^t + e^{-t} - 2}{t^2} = \frac{2 + t^2 + \dots - 2}{t^2}$$

$$= \frac{t^2 + O(t^4)}{t^2} = 1 + O(t^2)$$

$$\& \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^t + e^{-t} - 2}{t^2} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} 1 + O(t^2) = 1.$$

$$y'' = y \quad \text{cosh \& sinh?} \quad \text{L'H3}$$

cos vs sin

$$y'' = -y$$

Sol'ns:

$$A = ae^x + be^{-x}$$

vs

$$a \sin x + b \cos x.$$

More generally:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a \frac{dy}{dx} + by = 0.$$

Try  $y(x) = e^{rx}.$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = r e^{rx}.$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = r^2 e^{rx}.$$

so

$$P\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right) e^{rx} = P(r) e^{rx}.$$

eg:  $\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + 1\right) y = 0$

$$r^2 =$$

Limits 1

The  $\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2+\dots}}$  problem.

$$1 < \sqrt{2} < 2$$

we set

$$a_1 = \sqrt{2}, \quad a_2 = \sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}, \quad a_3 = \sqrt{2+\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}}$$

etc so

$$a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2+\sqrt{a_n}}$$

Observe

$$a_1 < a_2 < a_3$$

"monotone"

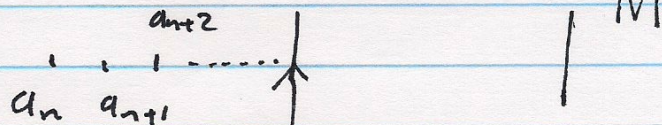
Strategy:

To show 1)  $a_n < a_{n+1}$

2) For some number  $M$

"Bounded"  $\rightarrow$  & all  $n$ 's  
 $a_n < M$

Then:



Use: Any Bounded <sup>(M)</sup> monotone  $\uparrow$  sequence of numbers has a unique limit

Limits 3

How to get bound?

Try  $M = 2$  1st.  
since

$$a_1 < 2, \quad a_2 = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}} \approx \sqrt{3.14} < 2$$

if  $a_n < 2$  what about  $a_{n+1}$ ?

$$a_n^2 < 4$$

$$2 + \sqrt{a_n} < 2 + \sqrt{2} < 4$$

so

$$\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{a_n}} < \sqrt{4} = 2.$$

We have a proof by induction!

We know  $a_1 < 2$   
we have proved that if

$$a_n < 2$$

then

$$a_{n+1} < 2.$$

Limits 3

How to show increasing?

again by induction.  
(although it seems obvious.)

$$a_1 < a_2 \quad \text{since } 2 < 2 + \sqrt{2} \\ \text{so } \sqrt{2} < \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}.$$

Say we've shown  
 $a_n < a_{n+1}$

well:

$$a_{n+2} = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{a_{n+1}}}$$

$$a_{n+2}^2 = 2 + \sqrt{a_{n+1}}$$

⋮

Read end

⋮

stuck

think...

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limit 3A

Scraper

Hmm.

$A_{n-1}$

??  
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$$\sqrt{2+\sqrt{a_n}} > a_n$$

$$2+\sqrt{a_n} > a_n^2$$

$$2 > a_n^{3/2}$$

is  $a_n < \sqrt[2/3]{2}$

would bring us to victory!

Go back: ....

IF --> True? By indu.  $(a_n < 2^{2/3} = \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{2}})$

$a_1 \checkmark \sqrt{2} < 2^{2/3}$

?  
 $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2+\sqrt{a_n}}$

$$a_{n+1}^2 = 2+\sqrt{a_n} < 2+2^{1/3} = 2^{4/3}$$

$$a_n < 2^{2/3}$$

Hah!



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Go back

Prove, by induction on  $n$   
that

$$a_n < 2^{2/3}.$$

then,  $a_n \nearrow$  directly since.

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$$a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{a_n}}$$

$$a_{n+1}^2 = 2 + \sqrt{a_n}$$

$$\& a_{n+1}^2 > a_n \Leftrightarrow 2 + \sqrt{a_n} > a_n^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 > \frac{a_n^2}{\sqrt{a_n}} = a_n^{3/2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2^{2/3} > a_n.$$

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