

Th 1 (MCT) Let $(x_n) \uparrow$, increasing seq of real nos. Then

(i) If (x_n) is bounded (so $\alpha := \sup\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ exists in \mathbb{R}) then $\lim x_n = \alpha$

(ii) If (x_n) is not bounded then $\lim x_n = +\infty$, i.e. $\forall M > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$x_n \geq M \quad \forall n \geq N. \quad (\#)$$

proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then $\alpha - \varepsilon < x_N$ for some $N \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $(x_n) \uparrow$ and α is an u.b. of $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ it follows that $\forall n \geq N$

$$\alpha - \varepsilon < x_N \leq x_n \leq \alpha$$

so $-\varepsilon < x_n - \alpha \leq 0$, and $|x_n - \alpha| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq N$.

(i) is proved.

(ii). Let $M \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, as (x_n) is not bounded, M is not an upper bound of the seq, and so $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $x_N > M$.

Then $(\#)$ holds as $(x_n) \uparrow$.

Th 2 (MCT for decreasing seq).

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Example 1. Let $x_1 = 1$ and $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3}(2x_n + 5) \forall n$.

Then, by MI, $(x_n) \uparrow$ and bounded above by 100:

$$x_{k+1} \geq x_k \Rightarrow 2x_{k+1} \geq 2x_k \Rightarrow \frac{2x_{k+1} + 5}{3} \geq \frac{2x_k + 5}{3}$$

$\Rightarrow x_{k+2} \geq x_{k+1}$, showing the increasing property as $x_2 > x_1$.

Similarly you can prove that $x_n \leq 100 \forall n$. By MCT
let $x := \lim x_n (\in \mathbb{R})$ (so $\lim_n x_{n+1} = x$). It
follows from computation rules that $x = \frac{1}{3}(2x + 5)$
i.e. $x = 5$.