

## Real Divergent Nets

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### Abstract

Generalization of sequences namely nets were defined and studied. Let  $(X, T)$  be a topological space. Let  $D$  be a directed set. A function  $f: D \rightarrow X$  where  $D$  is a directed set is called a net. Convergence of nets is defined and properties studied by many mathematicians. Let  $(X, T)$  be a topological spaces and  $f: D \rightarrow X$  where  $f(\lambda) = x_\lambda$  be a net in  $X$ . Let  $x_0 \in X$ . We say that  $(x_\lambda)$  converges to  $x_0$  if every neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x_0$ ,  $\lambda_0 \in D$  such that  $x_\lambda \in U$  for all  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ .

In this paper, Divergent Nets in  $\mathbb{R}$ , Cluster Points and bounded nets are defined and Properties studied.

### 1. Introduction

Sequence is an important tool in metric spaces. Many properties of metric spaces are studied using sequences. In case of topological spaces, Sequences become inadequate. Hence a generalization of sequences namely nets were defined and studied. Convergence of nets is defined and properties studied by many mathematicians. In case of the Metric space  $\mathbb{R}$ , we have the concept of divergent sequences. In this paper this concept is extended to nets in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

### 2. Divergent Nets in $\mathbb{R}$

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $D$  be a directed set. Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $f$  is said to diverge to  $+\infty$  if for each  $k > 0$ , there exists  $\lambda_0 \in D$  such that  $f(\lambda) > k$  for all  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . We write  $f \rightarrow +\infty$

**Example 2.2:** Take  $D = \mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = |\lambda|$ . We shall show that  $f$  diverges to  $+\infty$ . Take any  $k > 0$ , choose  $\lambda_0$ , a positive integer in  $\mathbb{Z}$  where  $\lambda_0 > k$ .

Now  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0 \Rightarrow \lambda \geq k \Rightarrow |\lambda| > k \Rightarrow f(\lambda) > k$

Hence for any  $k > 0$ , there exists  $\lambda_0 \in D$  such that  $f(\lambda) > k$  for all  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ .

Therefore,  $f$  diverges to  $+\infty$

**Definition 2.3:** Let  $D$  be a directed set. Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $f$  is said to diverge to  $-\infty$  if for each  $k < 0$ , there exists  $\lambda_0 \in D$  such that  $f(\lambda) < k$  for all  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . We write  $f \rightarrow -\infty$

**Example 2.4:** Take  $D = \mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  as  $f(\lambda) = -|\lambda|$ .

We shall prove that  $f$  diverges to  $-\infty$

Take any  $k < 0$ , choose  $\lambda_0$ , a positive integer in  $\mathbb{Z}$  where  $\lambda_0 > -k$ . Take any  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Clearly  $\lambda$  is a positive integer.

Now  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_0 > -k$ . Hence,  $\lambda > -k$ . Since  $\lambda$  is positive  $f(\lambda) = |\lambda|$ . Since  $k < 0$ ,

we have  $-k > 0$ . Now  $|\lambda| > -k$ .  $-|\lambda| < k$ . Hence  $f(\lambda) < k$ . Hence, we have  $\lambda_0 \in D$  such that  $f(\lambda) < k$  for all  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Therefore,  $f$  diverges to  $-\infty$ .

**Definition 2.5:** Let  $D$  be a directed set. Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $f$  is said to be divergent if either  $f$  diverges to  $+\infty$  or  $f$  diverges to  $-\infty$ .

**Example 2.6:** Take  $D = \mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = \lambda^2$ . Clearly  $f$  diverges to  $+\infty$ . Hence  $f$  is divergent.

**Example 2.7:** Take  $D = \mathbb{N}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = -\lambda$ . Clearly  $f$  diverges to  $-\infty$ . Hence  $f$  is divergent.

**Result 2.8:** We know that every sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  is a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $f$  be a sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a sequence. At the same time  $\mathbb{N}$  is a directed set. Hence  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a Net. We can consider  $f$  as a sequence and as a net.

If  $f$  as a sequence diverges to  $+\infty$  then  $f$  as a net diverges to  $+\infty$ .

If  $f$  as a sequence diverges to  $-\infty$  then  $f$  as a net diverges to  $-\infty$ .

If  $f$  as a sequence is divergent then  $f$  as a net is divergent. Hence, we have the following result.

Result 2.9: The concept of divergent net in  $\mathbb{R}$  is an extension of the concept of divergent sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

### 3. Cluster Points $+\infty$ and $-\infty$

**Definition 3.1:** Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $+\infty$  is said to be a cluster point of  $f$  if for each  $k > 0$  and for each  $\lambda_0 \in D$ , there exists  $\lambda \in D$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  and  $f(\lambda) > k$ .

**Example 3.2:** Take  $D = \mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = \lambda$ . We shall show that  $+\infty$  is a cluster point of  $f$ .

Take any  $k > 0$ . Choose  $\lambda_0$ , a positive integer such that  $\lambda_0 > k$ . Choose a positive integer  $\lambda$  such that  $\lambda > \lambda_0$ .

Now  $\lambda > \lambda_0 \Rightarrow \lambda > k \Rightarrow f(\lambda) > k$ . Hence  $+\infty$  is a cluster point.

**Definition 3.3:** Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $-\infty$  is said to be a cluster point of  $f$  if for each  $k < 0$  and for each  $\lambda_0 \in D$ , there exists  $\lambda \in D$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  and  $f(\lambda) < k$ .

**Example 3.4:** Take  $D = \mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = -\lambda$ . Clearly  $-\infty$  is a cluster point of  $f$ .

**Theorem 3.5:** Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $f$  diverges to  $+\infty$ , then  $+\infty$  is a cluster point of  $f$ .

**Proof:** Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $f$  diverges to  $+\infty$ . We shall prove that  $+\infty$  is a cluster point of  $f$ .

Take any  $k > 0$ . Take any  $\lambda_0 \in D$ . Since  $f$  diverges to  $+\infty$  for the given  $k > 0$ , there exists  $\lambda_1 \in D$  such that  $f(\lambda) > k$  for all  $\lambda \geq \lambda_1$ . Consider  $\lambda_{0,1} \in D$ . Since  $D$  is a directed set, there exist  $\lambda_2 \in D$  such that  $\lambda_2 \geq \lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_2 \geq \lambda_1$ . Since  $\lambda_2 \geq \lambda_1$  we have  $f(\lambda_2) > k$ . Hence for each  $k > 0$  and for each  $\lambda_0 \in D$ , we have  $\lambda_2 \in D$  such that  $\lambda_2 \geq \lambda_0$  and  $f(\lambda_2) > k$ . Hence  $+\infty$  is a cluster point of  $f$ .

**Result 3.6:** Converse is not true.

If  $+\infty$  is a cluster point of  $f$  then  $f$  need not diverge to  $+\infty$ .

**Example 3.7:** Take  $D = \mathbb{N}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is odd} \\ -\lambda & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is even} \end{cases}$ . We shall show that  $+\infty$  is a cluster point.

Take any  $k > 0$ . Take any  $\lambda_0 \in D$ . Then  $\lambda_0$  is a natural number. Choose a natural number  $\lambda$  such that  $\lambda > \lambda_0$  and  $\lambda > k$  and  $\lambda$  is odd. Now  $f(\lambda) = \lambda > k$ . Now for  $k > 0$  for  $\lambda_0 \in D$ , we have  $\lambda \in D$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  and  $f(\lambda) > k$ . Hence  $+\infty$  is a cluster point of  $f$ .

We shall show that  $f$  does not diverge to  $+\infty$ .

Suppose not, if  $f$  diverges to  $+\infty$ . Take any  $k > 0$ . Since  $f$  diverges to  $+\infty$ , there exists  $\lambda_0 \in D$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0 \implies f(\lambda) > k$ . Now let  $\lambda$  be an even number such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Now  $f(\lambda) = -\lambda < k$ .  $\implies \Leftarrow$  hence  $f$  does not diverge to  $+\infty$ .

**Theorem 3.8:** Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $f$  diverges to  $-\infty$ , then  $-\infty$  is a cluster point of  $f$ .

**Proof:** Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $f$  diverges to  $-\infty$ , we shall prove that  $-\infty$  is a cluster point of  $f$ . Take any  $k < 0$  and take  $\lambda_0 \in D$ . Since  $f$  diverges to  $-\infty$ , for this  $k < 0$ , there exists  $\lambda_1 \in D$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_1 \implies f(\lambda) < k$ . Now  $\lambda_{0,1} \in D$  and  $D$  is a directed set. Hence there exists  $\lambda_2 \in D$  such that  $\lambda_2 \geq \lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_2 \geq \lambda_1$ . Now  $\lambda_2 \geq \lambda_1 \implies f(\lambda_2) < k$ . Hence, we have  $\lambda_2 \geq \lambda_0$  and  $f(\lambda_2) < k$ . Hence  $-\infty$  is a cluster point of  $f$ .

**Result 3.9:** Converse is not true. If  $-\infty$  is a cluster point of  $f$  then  $f$  need not diverge to  $-\infty$ .

**Example 3.10:** Take  $D = \mathbb{N}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is odd} \\ -\lambda & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is even} \end{cases}$ . We shall show that  $-\infty$  is a cluster point.

Take any  $k < 0$ . Take any  $\lambda_0 \in D$ .  $\lambda_0$  is a natural number. Choose a natural number  $\lambda \in D$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  and  $\lambda > -k$  and  $\lambda$  is even number. Now  $\lambda > -k \implies -\lambda < k \implies f(\lambda) < k$ . Hence for given  $k > 0$  and  $\lambda_0 \in D$ , there exists  $\lambda \in D$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  and  $f(\lambda) < k$ . Hence  $-\infty$  is a cluster point of  $f$ .

We shall show that  $f$  does not diverge to  $-\infty$ .

Suppose not, if  $f$  diverges to  $-\infty$ . Take any  $k < 0$ . Since  $f$  diverges to  $-\infty$ , there exists  $\lambda_0 \in D$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0 \implies f(\lambda) < k$ . Let  $\lambda$  be an odd number such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Now  $f(\lambda) = \lambda > k \implies \Leftarrow$  Hence  $f$  does not diverge to  $-\infty$ .

**Theorem 3.11:** Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $\infty$  and  $-\infty$  are cluster points off then  $f$  is not divergent.

**Proof:**  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $\infty$  and  $-\infty$  are cluster points of  $f$

Claim 1:  $f$  does not diverge to  $+\infty$

Suppose not, if  $f$  diverges to  $+\infty$ . Take any  $k > 0$ . Since  $f$  diverges to  $+\infty$ , there exists  $\lambda_0 \in D$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0 \implies f(\lambda) > k \implies f(\lambda) > 0$

Consider  $-k < 0$  and  $\lambda_0 \in D$ . Since  $-\infty$  is a cluster point, there exists  $\lambda \in D$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  and  $f(\lambda) < -k \implies f(\lambda) < 0$ . We have  $f(\lambda) > 0$  and  $f(\lambda) < 0 \implies \Leftarrow$  Hence  $f$  does not diverge to  $+\infty$

Claim 2:  $f$  does not diverge to  $-\infty$

Suppose not, if  $f$  diverges to  $-\infty$ . Take any  $k < 0$ . Since  $f$  diverges to  $-\infty$ , there exists  $\lambda_0 \in D$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0 \implies f(\lambda) < k \implies f(\lambda) < 0$

Consider  $-k > 0$  and  $\lambda_0 \in D$ . Since  $\infty$  is a cluster point, there exists  $\lambda \in D$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  and  $f(\lambda) > -k \implies f(\lambda) > 0$ . We have  $f(\lambda) < 0$  and  $f(\lambda) > 0 \implies \Leftarrow$  Hence  $f$  does not diverge to  $-\infty$

from claim 1 and 2 we have  $f$  is not divergent.

**Result 3.12:** Converse is not true.

$f$  is not divergent does not imply that  $\infty$  and  $-\infty$  are cluster points.

**Example 3.13:** Take  $D = \mathbb{N}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = 1$  for all  $\lambda \in D$ . Clearly  $f$  is not divergent and  $\infty$  and  $-\infty$  are not cluster points.

#### 4. Bounded Nets:

**Definition 4.1:** Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $f$  is said to be bounded above if there exists  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(\lambda) \leq k$ , for all  $\lambda \in D$ .

**Example 4.2:** Take  $D = \mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = 1$  for all  $\lambda \in D$ . Clearly for  $k = 1$ ,  $f(\lambda) \leq k$ , for all  $\lambda \in D$ . Hence  $f$  is bounded above.

**Definition 4.3:** Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $f$  is said to be bounded below if there exists  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(\lambda) \geq L$ , for all  $\lambda \in D$ .

**Example 4.4:** Take  $D = \mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = |\lambda|$  for all  $\lambda \in D$ . Now we have  $f(\lambda) \geq 0$ , for all  $\lambda \in D$ . Hence  $f$  is bounded below.

**Definition 4.5:** Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a net in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $f$  is said to be bounded if  $f$  is both bounded above and bounded below

**Example 4.6:** Take  $D=\mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is odd} \\ 1 & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

We have  $f(\lambda) \leq 1$ , for all  $\lambda \in D$ . Hence  $f$  is bounded above.

We have  $f(\lambda) \geq -1$ , for all  $\lambda \in D$ . Hence  $f$  is bounded below. Hence  $f$  is bounded.

**Result 4.7:**  $f$  is bounded if and only if there exists  $k > 0$  such that  $|f(\lambda)| \leq k$ , for all  $\lambda \in D$ .

**Theorem 4.8:** If  $f$  is bounded above then  $f$  does not diverge to  $+\infty$ .

**Proof:**  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded above, there exists  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(\lambda) \leq k$  for all  $\lambda \in D$ . we can assume  $k > 0$  for this  $k > 0$ , there exists no  $\lambda_0$  such that  $f(\lambda) \geq k$  for all  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Hence  $f$  does not diverge to  $+\infty$ .

**Result 4.9:** Converse is not true.

$f$  does not diverge to  $\infty \not\Rightarrow f$  is bounded above

**Example 4.10:** Take  $D=\mathbb{N}$  Define  $f:D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is odd} \\ 1 & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

$f$  does not diverge to  $+\infty$ . At the same time  $f$  is not bounded above.

**Theorem 4.11:** If  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded below then  $f$  does not diverge to  $-\infty$ .

**Proof:**  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded below. Hence there exists  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(\lambda) \geq L$  for all  $\lambda \in D$ . we can assume  $L < 0$ . Now for this  $L < 0$ , there does not exist  $\lambda_0 \in D$  satisfying  $f(\lambda) < L$  for all  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Hence  $f$  does not diverge to  $-\infty$ .

**Result 4.12:** Converse is not true.  $f$  does not diverge to  $-\infty \not\Rightarrow f$  is bounded below

**Example 4.13:** Take  $D=\mathbb{N}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} -\lambda & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

Here  $f$  does not diverge to  $-\infty$ . At the same time  $f$  is not bounded below.

**Theorem 4.14:** If  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded then  $f$  is not divergent.

**Proof:**  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded. Hence  $f$  is bounded above and  $f$  is bounded below.

By theorem 4.8,  $f$  does not diverge to  $+\infty$

By theorem 4.11,  $f$  does not diverge to  $-\infty$

Hence  $f$  is not divergent.

**Result 4.15:** Converse is not true.

$f$  is not divergent  $\not\Rightarrow f$  is bounded

**Example 4.16:** Take  $D=\mathbb{N}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is odd} \\ -\lambda & \text{if } \lambda \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

Clearly  $f$  is not divergent. Also,  $f$  is not bounded.

**Theorem 4.17:** If  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded above then  $\infty$  is not a cluster point

**Proof:**  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded above there exists  $k > 0$  such that that  $f(\lambda) \leq k$  for all  $\lambda \in D$ .

Consider  $k > 0$  and any  $\lambda_0 \in D$ . For each  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ ,  $f(\lambda) \leq k$  there exists, no  $\lambda$  with  $f(\lambda) > k$

Hence,  $\infty$  is not a cluster point.

**Result 4.18:** Converse is not true.

$\infty$  is not a cluster point  $\not\Rightarrow f$  is bounded above.

**Example 4.19:** Take  $D=\mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \geq 0 \\ -\lambda & \text{if } \lambda < 0 \end{cases}$

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Take  $k = 2$ .  $\lambda_0 = 10$ . For any  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ ,  $f(\lambda) = 1$ .

There exist  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  such that  $f(\lambda) > k$ . Hence  $\infty$  is not a cluster point. It is clear that  $f$  is not bounded above.

**Theorem 4.20:** If  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded below, then  $-\infty$  is not a cluster point.

Proof:  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded below. There exists  $L < 0$  such that  $f(\lambda) > L$  for all  $\lambda \in D$ .

Consider  $L < 0$ , take any  $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . For any  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ ,  $f(\lambda) > L$  there exists no  $\lambda \in D$  such that  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  and  $f(\lambda) < L$ . Hence,  $-\infty$  is not a cluster point.

**Result 4.21:** Converse is not true.

$-\infty$  is not a cluster point  $\nRightarrow f$  is bounded below.

**Example 4.22:** Take  $D=\mathbb{Z}$  Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda \geq 0 \\ \lambda & \text{if } \lambda < 0 \end{cases}$

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Take  $k = -1$ .  $\lambda_0 = 5$ . For any  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ ,  $f(\lambda) = 1 > -1$ .

Hence  $-\infty$  is not a cluster point. It is clear that  $f$  is not bounded below.

**Theorem 4.23:** If  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded then  $\infty$  and  $-\infty$  are not cluster points.

Proof:  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded. Hence  $f$  is bounded above and  $f$  is bounded below. By theorem 4.17  $\infty$  is not a cluster point. By theorem 4.20,  $-\infty$  is not a cluster point.

**Result 4.24:** Converse is not true.

**Example 4.25:** Take  $D=\mathbb{Z}$  Define  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $f(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda > 0 \\ \lambda & \text{if } \lambda < 0 \end{cases}$

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It is clear that  $\infty$  and  $-\infty$  are not cluster points. Also,  $f$  is not bounded.

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