

A Note on the Limit of Sequences of Grey Numbers

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Abstract

In this note, the following results are proved:

1. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = b$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n y_n = ab$.

2. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = b$ and $O \in \overline{[P[b], Q[b]]}$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n} = \frac{a}{b}$.

Key words

Classical rational grey number, Sequence of grey numbers, Metric, Set of grey points, Limit.

In Wu Heqin et al. [1], the concepts of classical rational grey numbers is introduced. A classical grey number is either a classical grey number of the interval type or a classical grey number of the information type. The aim of this note is to discuss the operational rules of limits of sequences of grey numbers.

Let $R = (-\infty, +\infty)$ be the set of all real numbers.

Let \tilde{R} be the set of classical rational grey numbers, and \tilde{S} be the set of grey points. i.e.

$$\tilde{R} = \{[a, b], [a, b] \mid a \leq b, a, b \in R\}$$

$$\tilde{S} = \{(a, b, c) \mid a, b, c \in R, a \leq b, c \in \{0, 1\}\}$$

It is known that there exists a one-to-one function Φ from \tilde{R} onto \tilde{S} : X

$$\Phi(X) = (P[x_n], Q[x_n], \inf[x_n])$$

and two metrics d_1, d_2 can be defined as follows:

Definition 1. For $x \in \tilde{R}$ and $y \in \tilde{R}$, let

$$d_1(x, y) = \max\{|P[x] - P[y]|, |Q[x] - Q[y]|, |\inf[x] - \inf[y]|\}$$

Definition 2. For $x \in \underline{\mathbb{R}}$ and $y \in \underline{\mathbb{R}}$, let

$$d_2(x, y) = \sqrt{(P[x] - P[y])^2 + (Q[x] - Q[y])^2 + (\text{inf}[x] - \text{inf}[y])^2}$$

It is easy to see that $(\underline{\mathbb{R}}, d_1)$ and $(\underline{\mathbb{R}}, d_2)$ both are metric spaces and that

$$\overset{d_1}{X_n} \rightarrow X \text{ iff } \overset{d_2}{X_n} \rightarrow X.$$

$$(\underline{\mathbb{R}}, d_1) \text{ or } (\underline{\mathbb{R}}, d_2)$$

is called the grey metric space.

About sequences of grey numbers, we have the following propositions.

Proposition 1. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = b$,

$$\text{then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n y_n = ab.$$

Proposition 2. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = b$, and $0 \in \overline{[P[b], Q[b]]}$,

$$\text{then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n} = \frac{a}{b}.$$

According to Φ , to each grey number sequence $\{X_n\}$, there correspond three real number sequences, $\{P[x_n]\}$, $\{Q[x_n]\}$, $\{\text{inf}[x_n]\}$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = a \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[x_n] = P[a], \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[x_n] = Q[a], \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{inf}[x_n] = \text{inf}[a].$$

Thus the convergence of a sequence of grey number is equivalent to the convergence of three sequences of real numbers.

Proof of proposition 1

$$1^\circ. \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[x_n y_n] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \min\{P[x_n] \cdot P[y_n], P[x_n] \cdot Q[y_n],$$

$$Q[x_n] \cdot P[y_n], Q[x_n] \cdot Q[y_n]\}$$

$$= \min\{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[x_n] \cdot P[y_n], \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[x_n] \cdot Q[y_n],$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[x_n] \cdot P[y_n], \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[x_n] \cdot Q[y_n]\}$$

$$= \min\{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[x_n] \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[y_n], \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[x_n] \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[y_n],$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[x_n] \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[y_n], \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[x_n] \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[y_n] \} \\ & = \min\{P[a] \cdot P[b], P[a] \cdot Q[b], Q[a] \cdot P[b], Q[a] \cdot Q[b]\} \\ & = P[ab]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^\circ. \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[x_n y_n] &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\{P[x_n] \cdot P[y_n], P[x_n] \cdot Q[y_n], \\ & \quad Q[x_n] \cdot P[y_n], Q[x_n] \cdot Q[y_n]\} \\ &= \max\{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[x_n] \cdot P[y_n], \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[x_n] \cdot Q[y_n], \\ & \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[x_n] \cdot P[y_n], \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[x_n] \cdot Q[y_n]\} \\ &= \max\{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[x_n] \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[y_n], \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[x_n] \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[y_n], \\ & \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[x_n] \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[y_n], \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[x_n] \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[y_n]\} \\ &= \max\{P[a] \cdot P[b], P[a] \cdot Q[b], Q[a] \cdot P[b], Q[a] \cdot Q[b]\} \\ &= Q[ab]. \end{aligned}$$

3^o. Since $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \inf[a]$, $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \inf[b]$, and for each grey

number x , $\inf[X]$ takes only two values 0 and 1, there exists an N such that $\inf[x_n] = \inf[a]$ and $\inf[y_n] = \inf[b]$ for every $n > N$, thus

$$\inf[x_n y_n] = \inf[x_n] \cdot \inf[y_n] = \inf[a] \cdot \inf[b] = \inf[ab] \quad (n > N)$$

which implies

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n y_n = \inf[ab]$$

Proof of proposition 2.

It needs only to prove the following

Lemma. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = b$ and $0 \in \overline{[P[b], Q[b]]}$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{y_n} = \frac{1}{b}$.

Proof. We shall prove.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left[\frac{1}{y_n}\right] = P\left[\frac{1}{b}\right], \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q\left[\frac{1}{y_n}\right] = Q\left[\frac{1}{b}\right], \quad \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{y_n}\right] = \inf\left[\frac{1}{b}\right].$$

Since $0 \in \overline{[P[b], Q[b]]}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[y_n] = P[b]$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q[y_n] = Q[b]$,

there exists an N_1 such that $0 \in [P[y_n], Q[y_n]]$ for $n > N_1$,

thus by the definition of $\frac{1}{y_n}$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left[\frac{1}{y_n}\right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{Q[y_n]} = \frac{1}{Q[b]} = P\left[\frac{1}{b}\right]$$

and
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q\left[\frac{1}{y_n}\right] = \frac{1}{P[b]} = Q\left[\frac{1}{b}\right].$$

Now $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = b$ is equivalent to

$$d_1(y_n, b) = \max\{|P[y_n] - P[b]|, |Q[y_n] - Q[b]|, |\inf y_n - \inf b|\}$$

$\rightarrow 0$ So there exists an N_2 such that

$$|\inf y_n - \inf b| < 1 \quad \text{for } n > N_2,$$

Which implies $\inf y_n = \inf b$ for $n > N_2$, whence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left[\frac{1}{y_n}\right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf y_n = \inf b = \inf \left[\frac{1}{b}\right]$$

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