

# A CONVERGENCE TO INFINITY IN BANACH LATTICES

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### ABSTRACT

*The goal of this study is to generalize the concept of a convergence to infinity in the real field  $R$  to Banach lattices. Many possible definitions of a convergence to infinity in Banach lattices were presented. Moreover, a natural criterion was defined to determine the best possible definition for generalization.*

### บทคัดย่อ

วัตถุประสงค์ของงานวิจัยนี้คือการขยายแนวคิดของการลู่เข้าสู่ค่าอนันต์ในสนามของจำนวนจริงไปสู่แลตติชบานาค และได้เสนอบทนิยามของการลู่เข้าสู่ค่าอนันต์ในแลตติชบานาคที่เป็นไปได้หลายบทนิยาม ต่อจากนั้นจึงได้วางเงื่อนไขเพื่อตัดสินหาบทนิยามที่เหมาะสมที่สุดสำหรับการขยายแนวคิดดังกล่าว

### INTRODUCTION

Let  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach lattice. The real field  $R$  endowed with its absolute value and its usual ordering is an example of a Banach lattice. The subset  $E_+ := \{x \in E \mid x \geq 0\}$  is called the positive cone of  $E$ ; elements  $x \in E_+$  are called positive. We denote by  $E'$  the set of all continuous linear functionals on  $E$ .

By an extended Banach lattice  $\widehat{E}$ , we shall mean a structure obtained by adjoining to the Banach lattice  $E$  the ideal elements  $+\infty$  and  $-\infty$  and making the operational conventions:

$$x + (+\infty) = +\infty, x + (-\infty) = -\infty \text{ for all } x \in E;$$

$$\lambda(+\infty) = +\infty \text{ if } \lambda > 0; = -\infty \text{ if } \lambda < 0; = 0 \text{ if } \lambda = 0 \text{ where } \lambda \in \mathbb{R};$$

$$(+\infty) + (+\infty) = +\infty, (-\infty) + (-\infty) = -\infty.$$

Also  $-\infty < x < +\infty$  for all  $x \in E$ .

In this note we attempt to understand how a sequence  $(a_n)$  in  $E$  converges to  $-\infty$  by presenting several possible definitions that can explain the nature of convergence to  $-\infty$ . We shall adopt a good definition (here Definition E) for our later use in the next paper which we shall study upper semi-continuous functions and subharmonic functions in Banach lattices.

## METHODS

### Convergence to $-\infty$ in Banach lattices

Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice and  $(a_n)$  a sequence in  $E$ . Some possible definitions of “ $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ ” are the followings:

Definition A. The sequence  $(a_n)$  is not minorized, i.e., there is no  $a_0 \in E$  such that  $a_0 \leq a_n$  for all  $n$ .

Definition B.  $(\forall n \in \mathbb{N} [a_n \leq 0] \ \& \ (\|a_n\| \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty))$  where  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of natural number.

Definition C.  $(\exists M \in \mathbb{R}_+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, [\|a_n^+\| \leq M]) \ \& \ (\|a_n^-\| \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty)$ .

Definition D.  $\forall p \in E_+, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq n_0 [a_n \leq -p]$ .

Definition E.  $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}_+, \forall p \in E_+, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq n_0, \exists q \in E$   
 $[a_n \leq -p + q, \text{ where } \|q\| \leq M]$ .

Let  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  be two sequences in  $E$ . We need a definition of convergence to  $-\infty$  such that we can prove the following properties.

Property 1.  $(a_n \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty) \ \& \ (b_n \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty) \Rightarrow$   
 $(a_n \vee b_n \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty) \ \& \ (a_n \wedge b_n \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty)$ .

Property 2.  $(a_n \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty) \ \& \ (\exists M \in \mathbb{R}_+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} [\|b_n^+\| \leq M]) \Rightarrow$   
 $(a_n + b_n \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty)$ .

Property 3.  $(a_n \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty) \Rightarrow \forall e' \in E'_+ \setminus \{0\} [e'(a_n) \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty]$ .

By studying the above definitions and the given three properties together, we get the following results.

**Theorem 1.** For Definition A, we have

(1.1) Property 1 is true only in the case of minimum.

(1.2) Property 2 is not true.

(1.3) Property 3 is not true.

Proof. To prove (1.1), let  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  be two sequences in  $E$ . Since  $a_n \wedge b_n \leq a_n$ , then  $(a_n \wedge b_n)$  is not minorized if  $(a_n)$  is not minorized. The case of maximum is not true by considering the following examples.

The space  $C[-1,1]$  of continuous real functions on  $[-1,1]$ , endowed with its canonical order defined by “ $f \leq g$  if and only if  $f(t) \leq g(t)$  for all  $t \in [-1,1]$ ” and the supremum norm, is a Banach lattice.

Define two sequences  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  in  $C[-1,1]$  as follows:

$$a_n(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & (-1 \leq t \leq 0), \\ -nt & (0 < t \leq 1), \end{cases} \quad b_n(t) = \begin{cases} nt & (-1 \leq t < 0), \\ 0 & (0 \leq t \leq 1), \end{cases}$$

where  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . It is obvious that the sequence  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  are not minorized. But  $a_n \vee b_n = 0$  for all  $n$ , then  $(a_n \vee b_n)$  is minorized.

For (1.2), consider the following example: The space  $L^1(0,2)$  of Lebesgue integrable real functions on  $(0,2)$ , endowed with its canonical order defined by “ $f(t) \leq g(t)$  if and only if  $f(t) \leq g(t)$  a.e. on  $(0,2)$ ” and  $L^1$  norm, is a Banach lattice. Define two sequences  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  in  $L^1(0,2)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(t) &\equiv 1, & b_1(t) &\equiv -1, \\ a_n(t) &= \begin{cases} n & (0 < t < 1/(n-1)), \\ -n & (2 - (1/(n-1)) < t < 2), \\ 0 & (\text{otherwise}), \end{cases} \\ \text{and } b_n(t) &= \begin{cases} -n & (0 < t < 1/(n-1)), \\ n & (2 - (1/(n-1)) < t < 2), \\ 0 & (\text{otherwise}), \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where  $n = 2, 3, \dots$ . We note that the sequence  $(a_n)$  is not minorized. For, suppose not, we can find  $g \in L^1(0,2)$  such that  $g \leq a_n$  for all  $n$ . Thus, by definition of  $a_n$ ,  $g(t) < 1/(t-2)$  for all  $t \in (1,2)$  and then  $|g(t)| \geq |1/(t-2)|$  for  $t \in (1,2)$ . Hence

$$\int_0^2 |g(t)| dt \geq \int_1^2 |1/(t-2)| dt = +\infty.$$

This contradicts to the fact that  $g \in L^1(0,2)$ . So, we have the required result. Moreover, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\|b_n^+\|_{L^1} \leq \int_0^2 |b_n(t)| dt = \begin{cases} 2 & (n = 1), \\ 2n/(n-1) & (n > 2). \end{cases}$$

Hence  $\|b_n^+\|_{L^1} \leq 4$  for all  $n$ . But  $a_n + b_n = 0$  for all  $n$ , so  $(a_n + b_n)$  is minorized.

For (1.3), consider the following example, let  $E = C[-1,1]$  as in (1.1). Define a sequence  $(a_n)$  in  $E$  as follows:

$$a_n(t) = nt \quad (t \in [-1,1], n = 1,2,\dots).$$

It is obvious that  $(a_n)$  is not minorized. By choosing  $e' \in E'_+ \setminus \{0\}$  to be the evaluation map at zero, i.e.,  $e'(f) = f(0)$ , we get  $e'(a_n) = 0$  for all  $n$ . Hence  $e'(a_n) \not\rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . This proves Theorem 1.

**Theorem 2.** For Definition B, we have

- (2.1) Property 1 is true only in the case of minimum.
- (2.2) Property 2 is not true.
- (2.3) Property 3 is not true.

*Proof.* To prove (2.1), let  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  be two sequences in  $E$  which converges to  $-\infty$  according to Definition B. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $a_n \wedge b_n \leq a_n$ . Thus, by assumption, we have

$$-(a_n \wedge b_n) \geq -a_n \geq 0.$$

Hence, for each  $n$ ,

$$a_n \wedge b_n \leq 0 \text{ and } \|a_n \wedge b_n\| \geq \|a_n\|.$$

This implies  $a_n \wedge b_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  provided that  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . The case of maximum is not true. Consider the Banach lattice  $E = C[-1,1]$  and the sequences  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  as defined in (1.1). It is easily seen that  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $b_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . But  $a_n \vee b_n = 0$  for all  $n$ , so  $a_n \vee b_n \not\rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

For (2.2), consider the Banach lattice  $E = C[0,1]$ . Define two sequences  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  in  $E$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a_n(t) &= -nt & (t \in [0,1], n = 1,2,\dots), \\ b_n(t) &= -\frac{1}{n}(t-1) & (t \in [0,1], n = 1,2,\dots). \end{aligned}$$

We find that  $\|b_n\|_{\text{sup}} \leq 1$  for all  $n$  and  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . But  $a_n + b_n$  is not comparable with 0 for each  $n$ , so  $a_n + b_n \not\rightarrow -\infty$ .

For (2.3), consider the Banach lattice  $E = C[0,1]$  and define  $(a_n)$  as in (2.2). Choose the evaluation map  $e' \in E'_+ \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $e'(f) = f(0)$  where  $f \in E$ . We get  $e'(a_n) = 0$  for all  $n$ . So  $e'(a_n) \not\rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

**Theorem 3.** For Definition C, we have

(3.1) Property 1 is true only in the case of minimum.

(3.2) Property 2 is true.

(3.3) Property 3 is not true.

Proof. To prove (3.1), let  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  be two sequences in  $E$  which converge to  $-\infty$  according to Definition C. Then there exists  $M \in \mathbb{R}_+$  such that, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\| a_n^+ \| \leq M \text{ and } \| a_n^- \| \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Since  $a_n \wedge b_n \leq a_n$ , Then  $(a_n \wedge b_n)^+ \leq a_n^+$  and  $(a_n \wedge b_n)^- \geq a_n^- \geq 0$ .

Hence  $\| (a_n \wedge b_n)^+ \| \leq M$  and  $\| (a_n \wedge b_n)^- \| \geq \| a_n^- \|$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

This proves that  $a_n \wedge b_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . The case of maximum is not true. Consider the Banach lattice  $E = C[-1,1]$  and the sequences  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  as defined in (1.1). It is easily seen that  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $b_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . But  $a_n \vee b_n = 0$  for all  $n$ , so  $a_n \vee b_n \not\rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

For (3.2), let  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  be two sequences in  $E$ . Suppose that  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  and there exists  $M_2 \in \mathbb{R}_+$  such that, for each  $n$ ,  $\| b_n^+ \| \leq M_2$ . Then, by Definition C, there exists  $M_1 \in \mathbb{R}_+$  such that  $\| a_n^+ \| \leq M_1$  for all  $n$ . We observe that, for each  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \| |a_n + b_n| \| &= \| (a_n + b_n)^+ + (a_n + b_n)^- \| \\ &\leq \| a_n^+ \| + \| b_n^+ \| + \| (a_n + b_n)^- \| \\ &\leq M_1 + M_2 + \| (a_n + b_n)^- \|, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \| |a_n + b_n| \| &= \| a_n + b_n \| \\ &= \| a_n^+ + b_n^+ - (a_n^- + b_n^-) \| \\ &\geq | \| a_n^+ + b_n^+ \| - \| a_n^- + b_n^- \| | \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\| \| a_n^+ + b_n^+ \| - \| a_n^- + b_n^- \| \| \leq M_1 + M_2 + \| (a_n + b_n)^- \|$$

Since  $\| a_n^+ + b_n^+ \| \leq M_1 + M_2$  for all  $n$  and  $\| a_n^- + b_n^- \| \geq \| a_n^- \| \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , then  $\| (a_n + b_n)^- \| \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . This proves that  $a_n + b_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

For (3.3), consider  $E = C[-1,1]$  and define  $(a_n)$  as in (1.1), we see that  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  and  $e'(a_n) = 0$  for all  $n$  where  $e'$  is the evaluation map at  $x_0 = 0$ .

**Theorem 4.** For Definition D, we have

(4.1) Property 1 is true.

(4.2) Property 2 is true in a Banach lattice which has an additional structure, i.e., in a Banach lattice where every norm bounded set is order bounded.

(4.3) Property 3 is true.

Proof. (4.1) is obvious from Definition D.

For (4.2), let  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  be two sequences in  $E$  with  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  and there exists  $M \in \mathbb{R}_+$  such that, for each  $n$ ,  $\|b_n^+\| \leq M$ . By assumption, we can find  $q \in E_+$  such that

$$(1) \quad b_n \leq b_n^+ \leq q \quad (\text{for all } n).$$

Let  $p \in E_+$ , we can find  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(2) \quad a_n \leq -p - q \quad (n \geq n_0).$$

For (4.3), let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence in  $E$  with  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  and let  $e' \in E'_+ \setminus \{0\}$ . Let  $c$  be a positive real number. Since  $e' \neq 0$ , there exists  $x \in E$  such that  $e'(x) \neq 0$ . So  $e'(x^+) - e'(x^-) \neq 0$ . This implies that  $e'(x^+) > 0$  or  $e'(x^-) < 0$ . Thus there exists  $y \in E_+$  such that  $e'(y) > 0$ . Let  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  be so large that  $e'(n_0 y) > c$ . Hence, by Definition D, there exists  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$a_n \leq -n_0 y \quad (n \geq n_1).$$

We note that  $a_n \leq -n_0 y$  is equivalent to  $-a_n \geq n_0 y > 0$ . Thus

$$e'(-a_n) \geq e'(n_0 y) > c.$$

This proves that  $e'(a_n) < -c$  for all  $n \geq n_1$ . Hence  $e'(a_n) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 4.

We observe that it is difficult to find a counter example for (4.2) since we can hardly find examples for  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  according to Definition D. However, there are such examples for Definition E. In fact,  $-ne \rightarrow -\infty$  for almost units  $e$  of  $E$ .

**Theorem 5.** For Definition E, we have

(5.1) Property 1 is true.

(5.2) Property 2 is true.

(5.3) Property 3 is true.

**Proof.** To prove (5.1), let  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  be two sequences in  $E$  such that  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $b_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . Then there exists  $M \in \mathbb{R}_+$  such that for each  $p \in E_+$  we can find  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(3) \quad \forall n \geq n_1, \exists q_1 \in E [a_n \leq -p + q_1, \text{ where } \|q_1\| \leq M], \text{ and}$$

$$(4) \quad \forall n \geq n_2, \exists q_2 \in E [a_n \leq -p + q_2, \text{ where } \|q_2\| \leq M].$$

Since, for each  $n$ ,  $a_n \wedge b_n \leq a_n$ , it follows from (3) that  $a_n \wedge b_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . For the case of maximum: We observe that, for each  $n \geq \max\{n_1, n_2\}$ , we have

$$a_n \leq -p + q_1 \leq -p + |q_1|,$$

and

$$b_n \leq -p + q_2 \leq -p + |q_2|.$$

Hence

$$(5) \quad a_n \wedge b_n \leq -p + |q_1| + |q_2|,$$

where  $|q_1| + |q_2| \in E$  and  $\| |q_1| + |q_2| \| \leq M + M = 2M$ . Therefore (5) implies  $a_n \wedge b_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

For (5.2), let  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  be two sequences in  $E$  such that  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  and there exists  $M_1 \in \mathbb{R}_+$  such that  $\|b_n^+\| \leq M_1$  for all  $n$ . Then there exists  $M_2 \in \mathbb{R}_+$  such that for each  $p \in E_+$  we can find  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(6) \quad \forall n \geq n_0, \exists q \in E [a_n \leq -p + q, \text{ where } \|q\| \leq M_2].$$

Thus, for each  $n \geq n_0$ , we have

$$a_n + b_n \leq -p + b_n^+ + q,$$

where  $b_n^+ + q \in E$  and  $\|b_n^+ + q\| \leq M_1 + M_2$ . This proves that  $a_n + b_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

For (5.3), let  $e' \subset E'_+ \setminus \{0\}$  and assume that  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . Then there exists  $M \in \mathbb{R}_+$  such that for each  $p \in E_+$  we can find  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(7) \quad \forall n \geq n_0, \exists q \in E [a_n \leq -p + q, \text{ where } \|q\| \leq M].$$

Since  $e'$  is continuous, the set  $\{e'(x) \mid x \in E, \|x\| \leq M\}$  is bounded by  $M_1$ , say. Let  $y \in E_+$  be such that  $e'(y) > 0$  (such a  $y$  exists since  $e' \neq 0$ ). Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , choose  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  be so large that

$$e'(n_1 y) - M_1 > c.$$

Replace  $p$  in (7) by  $n_1 y$ , we can find  $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\forall n \geq n_2, \exists r \in E [a_n \leq -n_1 y + r, \text{ where } \|r\| \leq M].$$

Hence, for all  $n \geq n_2$ , we get

$$-a_n - (n_1 y - r) \geq 0.$$

Thus

$$-e'(a_n) \geq e'(n_1 y - r),$$

and then

$$e'(a_n) \leq -e'(n_1 y) + e'(r) \leq -e'(n_1 y) + M_1 \leq -c.$$

This proves that  $e'(a_n) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

### Remark

1. It follows from Theorem 5 that Definition E has all necessary properties that we should have for a sequence which converges to  $-\infty$ . So we shall adopt Definition E for our later use.

2. Consider the Banach lattice  $E = L^1(0,2)$  as in the proof of (1.2). Define a sequence  $(a_n)$  in  $E$  as follows:

$$a_n(t) = -ne \quad (t \in (0,2), n = 1,2,\dots),$$

where  $e \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{0\}$ . We find that  $a_n \not\rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  according to Definition D as, for each  $n$ ,  $a_n$  is not comparable with the negative element  $-p$  where  $p(t) = 1/\sqrt{t}$ . But we still have  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  according to Definition E. To prove this, let  $p \in L^1(0,2)_+$  and choose  $M = 1$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define

$$A_n = \{t \in (0,2) \mid p(t) \geq ne\}.$$

Since  $p \in L^1(0,2)$ , then  $m(A_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  where  $m$  is the Lebesgue measure on the real interval  $(0,2)$ . So we can find  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\int_{A_{n_0}} p(t) dm(t) \leq 1.$$

Define a function  $q$  on  $(0,2)$  by

$$q(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & (t \in A_{n_0}), \\ p(t) & (t \in A_{n_0}^c). \end{cases}$$

Thus  $q \in L^1(0,2)$  and we have

$$-ne = a_n \leq -n_0 e \leq -p(t) + q(t) \quad (n \geq n_0),$$

where  $\|q\|_{L^1} \leq 1$ . This implies  $a_n \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

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