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Prove that each of these subsets of R^∞ is a subspace of R^∞ .

U_2 = the set of sequences that converge: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \equiv L$ exists (and is not ∞). Hint: use the theorem from calculus that states:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + y_n \equiv \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$$

if the two limits on the right exist.

Solution:

Since we know that U_2 is a subset of R^∞ , to prove that it is a subspace we need to prove that it is closed under addition and scalar multiplication. The set of sequences that converge are closed under multiplication. Multiplying by a scalar constant still allows the sequence to converge, albeit to a different number.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \equiv M,$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \equiv N,$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r \cdot x_n = r \cdot M.$$

Therefore this set is closed under multiplication.

Also, the sequences that converge satisfy a closed additive property as well. Since the two sequences converge, the limits are finite numbers which can be added.

So $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + y_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = M + N$, this proves that the set is also closed under addition and is therefore a subspace of R^∞ .