

We defined the limit of a sequence as follows.

**Definition 1.** *The number  $L$  is the limit of a sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , if for any natural number  $m$  there exists a number  $N_m$  such that  $|L - a_n| \leq \frac{1}{m}$  holds for all  $n \geq N_m$ .*

It is equivalent to the definition following definition given in page 35 of the textbook.

**Definition 2.** *The number  $L$  is the limit of a sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , if for any positive number  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a number  $\bar{N}_\epsilon$  such that  $|L - a_n| \leq \epsilon$  holds for all  $n \geq \bar{N}_\epsilon$ .*

One can observe that  $\epsilon$  in definition 2 plays the role of  $\frac{1}{m}$  in definition 1.

When we show a sequence is unbounded, we will frequently use the following Theorem.

**Theorem 3.** *Given any number  $N$ , there exists a large natural number  $n$  such that  $n \geq N$  holds.*

Let us consider an example.

**Problem 4.** *Show that the sequence  $\{\sqrt{n}\}_{n \geq 0}$  is not bounded above.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\{\sqrt{n}\}_{n \geq 0}$  is bounded above. Then, by definition of bounded sequences, there exists a number  $B$  such that  $\sqrt{n} \leq B$  holds for all  $n \geq 0$ . Namely,  $n \leq B^2$  holds for all  $n \geq 0$ . This contradicts the above theorem. Therefore,  $\{\sqrt{n}\}_{n \geq 0}$  is unbounded.  $\square$