

1(a) Define the following:

- (i) x is an upper bound for A
- (ii) x is a supremum of A
- (iii) the Axiom of Completeness for \mathbb{R}

(b) Prove that $\sup A$, if it exists, is unique.

(a)(i) x is an upper bound for A if $x \geq a$ for every $a \in A$.

(ii) x is a supremum of A if (1) x is an upper bound for A , and (2) whenever b is an upper bound for A , we have $x \leq b$.

(iii) Every nonempty subset of \mathbb{R} which has an upper bound also has a supremum.

(b) suppose s, t are suprema of A .

then they are both upper bounds of A .

Property (2) for s then gives $s \leq t$.

Property (2) for t gives $t \leq s$.

So $s = t$.

2(a) Define: (x_n) is a Cauchy sequence.

(b) Prove that Cauchy sequences are bounded.

(a) (x_n) is a Cauchy sequence if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. for all $n, m \geq N$, $|x_n - x_m| < \varepsilon$.

(b) Taking $\varepsilon = 1$, there is an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $|x_n - x_m| < 1$ for all $n, m \geq N$. In particular, $|x_n - x_N| < 1 \quad \forall n \geq N$.

This implies $|x_n| \leq |x_N| + 1$ for all $n \geq N$.

Let $M = \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_{N-1}|, |x_N| + 1\}$.

Now $|x_n| \leq M$ for all n :

• if $n \geq N$ then this was shown above, since $|x_n| \leq |x_N| + 1 \leq M$

• if $n < N$ then $|x_n| \leq M$ by the def. of M .

So (x_n) is contained in $[-M, M]$.

4. Do the following items exist? Give examples (with brief explanations) or say why not.

(i) A convergent series $\sum_k a_k$ such that $\sum_k |a_k|$ diverges

(ii) A divergent series $\sum_k a_k$ such that $\sum_k |a_k|$ converges

(iii) A monotone sequence with no convergent subsequence

(iv) A sequence with no terms equal to natural numbers, but with subsequences converging to two different natural numbers.

(v) A sequence ~~with no terms equal to natural numbers, but~~ with subsequences converging to all natural numbers.

(vi) Sequences $(a_n) \rightarrow a$ and $(b_n) \rightarrow b$ such that $a_n > b_n$ for all n and $a \neq b$.

(vii) Sequences $(a_n) \rightarrow a$ and $(b_n) \rightarrow b$ such that $a_n > b_n$ for all n and $a < b$.

(i) $\sum_k \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k}$ converges by alt. series test; $\sum_k \left| \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \right|$ is the harmonic series (diverges)

(ii) does not exist, by abs. conv. test

(iii) (a_n) where $a_n = n$; every subsequence is unbounded, hence does not converge

(iv) $a_n = (-1)^n + \frac{1}{n+1}$

then even terms are $(1 + \frac{1}{2n+1}) \rightarrow 1$

odd terms are $(-1 + \frac{1}{2n+2}) \rightarrow -1$

(v) $(1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, \dots)$

for every n there is a subsequence of the form (n, n, n, \dots) , which converges to n .

(v)' add $(\frac{1}{n+1})$ to the above sequence. This does not change limits of subsequences (b/c it $\rightarrow 0$).

(vi) $(a_n) = (\frac{1}{n})$, $(b_n) = (0)$ both have limit 0.

(vii) impossible; by limit order theorem, if $a_n > b_n$ then $a > b$.