

## Question 2

We require an  $N \in \mathbf{N}$  s.t.

$$b_n = \left| \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} - a \right| < \epsilon$$

for all  $n \geq N$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Note that  $a = \frac{na}{n}$ , so the inequality simplifies to

$$b_n = \left| \frac{(a_1 - a) + (a_2 - a) + \dots + (a_n - a)}{n} \right| < \epsilon$$

and by the triangle inequality, we get

$$b_n \leq \left| \frac{a_1 - a}{n} \right| + \left| \frac{a_2 - a}{n} \right| + \dots + \left| \frac{a_n - a}{n} \right| =$$

$$\frac{1}{n}(|a_1 - a| + |a_2 - a| + \dots + |a_{\mathcal{N}} - a| + |a_{\mathcal{N}+1} - a| + \dots + |a_n - a|) = c_n$$

with the last simplification coming because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ , i.e. there exists  $\mathcal{N} \in \mathbf{N}$  s.t.  $|a_n - a| < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq \mathcal{N}$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ . All convergent sequences must be bounded by some finite number; as such  $a_n$  is bounded by some finite  $M$  and it follows that we can bound  $c_n$  by choosing

$$C = \frac{|M - a|(\mathcal{N})}{n} + \frac{(n - \mathcal{N})\frac{\epsilon}{k}}{n} \geq c_n$$

where  $k > 1$  is an arbitrary constant. Observe we can select  $\mathfrak{N} \in \mathbf{N}$  s.t.  $\epsilon(1 - \frac{1}{k}) > \frac{|M - a|(\mathcal{N})}{\mathfrak{N}}$  because  $\mathcal{N}, M, a$  are fixed. Now consider  $\mathcal{M} = \text{MAX}(\mathcal{N}, \mathfrak{N})$ . For all  $n \geq \mathcal{M}$ ,  $b_n \leq c_n \leq C = \frac{|M - a|(\mathcal{N})}{n} + \frac{(n - \mathcal{N})\frac{\epsilon}{k}}{n} < \epsilon(1 - \frac{1}{k}) + \frac{\epsilon}{k} = \epsilon \forall \epsilon > 0$ , which means  $N = \mathcal{M}$  meets the requirements we imposed at the beginning of this proof. Hence we have proven that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} = a$$

by using the definition of the limit.