

Bolzano and Accumulation

Bolzano weistrass theorem

every bounded sequence has a convergent subsequence

Every sequences has a monotonic subsequence → there exists a bounded monotonic subsequence

any bounded monotonic subsequence is convergent

Accumulation point vs Limit of a sequence

Limit of a sequence

$\lim X_n = X$

for every $\epsilon > 0$; there exists a N such that for every $n > N$ $|X_n - X| < \epsilon$

Accumulation Point

If x is an accumulation point and if for every $\epsilon > 0$ for every N in natural numbers

there exists at least one element $n > N$ such that

$|X_n - x| < \epsilon$

consider the sequence

$$(-1)^n * n/n + 1$$

It changes to positive and negative values after each term so it doesn't converge to a single point so limit doesn't exist

but it contains accumulation points $\{-1, +1\}$

Theorem

If x is an Accumulation point of set S , then there exists infinitely many elements of S that are within Epsilon distance of x .

Proof:

for Contradiction , assume that there are finitely many elements of S that are within epsilon distance of x

let the elements are $s_1 s_2 s_3 \dots$ only k elements

$$|x-s_1| < \epsilon, |x-s_2| < \epsilon, |x-s_3| < \epsilon \dots$$

$$\text{let } \epsilon' = \min(|x-s_1|, |x-s_2|, \dots)$$

$$|x-s_1| \geq \epsilon', |x-s_2| \geq \epsilon', |x-s_3| \geq \epsilon' \dots$$

Take z such that $|x-z| < \epsilon' < \epsilon$

$\rightarrow z$ doesn't belong to $\{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots\}$

\rightarrow if z is a member of S it should belong to $\{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots\}$ because $|z-x| < \epsilon$ but it contradicts previous statement so z is not a member in S so there exists no element in the $N(x, \epsilon')$

so No element in the sets such that $|z-x| < \epsilon'$

according to the def of accumulation point there should exist a point such that $|A-x| < \epsilon$ for all $\epsilon > 0$

so No element in the sets such that $|z-x| < \epsilon'$ so x is not an accumulation point so it's a contradiction so our assumption is wrong

so

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QED