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Homework Prelim

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1 concepts of sequence and series

1.1 Problem 1.

Proof:

- 1. $-\limsup a_n = \lim_{N \to \infty} (\sup\{a_n : n > N\}), \liminf a_n = \lim_{N \to \infty} (\inf\{a_n : n > N\}).$
- 2. suppose $\sup a_n = M_n$, the sufficiency: $M_n \leqslant b \implies \forall \epsilon > 0 \ \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \ s.t. \forall n > N \ |a_n M| < \epsilon \implies a_n < M + \epsilon \implies a_n < b + \epsilon$; The necessity: $\forall \epsilon > 0 \ \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \ s.t. \forall n > N \ a_n b < \epsilon \implies |a_n b| < \epsilon \implies \lim_{n \to \infty} M_n \leqslant b$
- 3. Let a_{n_k} denotes the subsequence of a_n which converges to α , it's clear that $n_k \geqslant k \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$, because $\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \ a_n < \alpha \ \forall n > N$, thus $\lim_{n_k \to \infty} a_{n_k} = \alpha$ since for all N we pick $\exists n_k > N$.

1.2 Problem 2.

Proof:

- 1. $-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = 0$, hence for somewhere n > N, we have $0 < a_n < 1 \implies a_n^2 < a_n \implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2$ converges.
- 2. $-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}|a_n|$ converges, $\lim_{n\to\infty}|a_n|=0$, hence for somewhere n>N, we have $0<|a_n|<1\implies a_n^2<|a_n|\implies\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}a_n^2$ converges.
- 3. -1. $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$; 2. $a_n = \frac{2n+3}{n(n-1)}$

1.3 Problem 3.

2 Review concepts on the convergence of random variables

2.1 Blah blah blah

Here is a subsection.

2.1.1 Blah blah blah

Here is a subsubsection. You can use these as well.

2.2 Using Boldface

Make sure to use **lots** of **boldface**.

Question: How would you use boldface?

Example: This is an example showing how to use boldface to help organize your lectures.

Some Formatting. Here is some formatting that you can use in your notes:

- *Item One* This is the first item.
- *Item Two* This is the second item.
- ... and here are other items.

If you need to number things, you can use this style:

- 1. Item One Again, this is the first item.
- 2. Item Two Again, this is the second item.
- 3. ... and here are other items.

Bibliography. Please give real bibliographical citations for the papers that we mention in class. See below for how to include a bibliography section. If you use BibTeX, integrate the .bbl file into your .tex source. You should reference papers like this: "Roger Myerson in [1] demonstrated in a bargaining application that ex post efficiency can be incompatible with the ex ante incentives of the parties individually." In general, the name of the authors should appear in text at most once (for the first citation); further citations look like: "Our proof follows that of [1]".

Take a look at previous lectures (TeX files are available) to see the details. A excellent source for bibliographical citations is DBLP. Just Google DBLP and an author's name.

References

[1] Theodorou, Evangelos, Jonas Buchli, and Stefan Schaal. "A generalized path integral control approach to reinforcement learning." journal of machine learning research 11.Nov (2010): 3137-3181.