

Analysis Ia Report

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Problem 1. Suppose that for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have:

$$b_n \leq a_n \leq c_n$$

Let

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = l = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n$$

given $\epsilon > 0$, then it follows from the convergence of b_n and c_n to l that there exists a natural number N such that if $n \geq N$ then:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} |b_n - l| < \epsilon & \text{and} & |c_n - l| < \epsilon \\ -\epsilon < b_n - l < \epsilon & & -\epsilon < c_n - l < \epsilon \end{array}$$

Since the hypothesis implies that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} b_n - l & \leq & a_n - l \leq c_n - l \\ -\epsilon < b_n - l & \leq & a_n - l \leq c_n - l < \epsilon \end{array}$$

it follows that

$$-\epsilon < a_n - l < \epsilon$$

for all $n \geq K$. Since $\epsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, this implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l$$

Problem 2. Prove if a sequence of real numbers converges, then it is bounded and it is a Cauchy sequence.

1. If a sequence of real numbers converges, then it is bounded.

Proof. Suppose x_n be a sequence converges to x and let $\epsilon := 1$. Then there exist a natural number $K = K(1)$ such that $|x_n - x| < 1$ for all $n \geq K$. Then if we apply Triangle Inequality with $n \geq K$ we obtain

$$|x_n| = |x_n - x + x| \leq |x_n - x| + |x| < 1 + |x|$$

put

$$M := \sup\{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_{K-1}|, 1 + |x|\},$$

then it follows that $|x_n| \leq M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. □

2. If a sequence of real numbers converges, then it is a Cauchy sequence.

Proof. Suppose x_n be a sequence converges to x and let $\epsilon := \frac{\epsilon}{2}$, then there exist a natural number $K = K(1)$ such that $|x_n - x| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ for all $n \geq K$.

Let x_m be a sequence converges to x and let $\epsilon := \frac{\epsilon}{2}$, then there exist a natural number $K = K(1)$ such that $|x_m - x| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ for all $m \geq K$.

Applying Triangular Inequality to subtraction of x_n and x_m , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |x_n - x_m| &= |x_n - x + x - x_m| \leq |x_n - x| + |x_m - x| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= |x_n - x + x - x_m| \leq |x_n - x| + |x_m - x| < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

then it follows that $|x_n - x_m| < \epsilon$. □