

Problem 14: Prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

*Proof.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Let  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = M$ .

Then there exist  $\delta_f$  and  $\delta_g$  such that

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta_f \implies |f(x) - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta_g \implies |g(x) - M| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad (2)$$

Let  $\delta = \min(\delta_f, \delta_g)$ . Then

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \implies |f(x) - L| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad (3)$$

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \implies |g(x) - M| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad (4)$$

We can add the inequalities on the right.

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \implies |f(x) - L| + |g(x) - M| < \epsilon$$

Now we can use the triangle inequality. By the triangle inequality,

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta \implies |f(x) + g(x) - (L + M)| \leq |f(x) - L| + |g(x) - M| < \epsilon$$

Thus

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