

**Questions 4.1**

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Prove that a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  converges  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$  if and only if every subsequence  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$ .

- $\Rightarrow$  If every subsequence  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$ , a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  converges  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ 
  - If every subsequence converges  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$ ,  $\exists K$  such that  $k \geq K$  and  $n_k \geq N$ .
  - So  $|x_{n_k} - x| < \epsilon$ .
  - Therefore  $\exists N$  such that  $n \geq N$  and further  $x_n$  such that  $|x_n - x| < \epsilon$ .
  - Thus  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = x$ .
- $\Leftarrow$  If a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  converges  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ , every subsequence  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x$ .
  - If a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  converges  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ ,  
 $\exists N$  such that  $n \geq N$  implying  $|x_n - x| < \epsilon$ .
  - Then  $\exists K$  such that  $k \geq K$  and  $n_k \geq N$ .
  - Hence  $\exists$  a subsequence  $x_{n_k}$  such that  $|x_{n_k} - x| < \epsilon$  also.
  - Thus  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = x$ .

**Question 4.2**

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence in  $X$ . Prove  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$  if and only if  $d(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- $\Leftarrow$  If  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ ,  $d(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - If  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ ,  $\exists N$  such that  $n \geq N$  and  $|x_n - x| < \epsilon$  where  $\epsilon > 0$ .
  - So we obtain  $-\epsilon < |x_n - x| < \epsilon$ .
  - Since we chose an arbitrary  $\epsilon$ , it can be as small as possible as long as it is greater than 0.
  - Take  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{\epsilon}{n} < |x_n - x| < \frac{\epsilon}{n}$ .
  - Thus  $d(x_n, x)$  converges to 0 eventually.
- $\Rightarrow$  If  $d(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ .
  - Since  $d(x_n, x)$  is converging to 0, we cannot say it is equal to 0.  
 i.e. it is greater than 0.
  - Then consider  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $0 < d(x_n, x) = |x_n - x| < \epsilon$ .
  - Then  $\exists N$  such that  $n \geq N$ .
  - Thus  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ .

**Question 4.3**

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $C \subset X$ .

- (i) Let  $C$  be closed,  $(x_n)$  a sequence in  $C$ . Prove that if  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ , then  $x \in C$ .
- Suppose by contradiction that  $x_n \in C$ , but  $x \in X \setminus C$  where is open.
  - By definition of open,  $\exists B_\epsilon(x) \subset X \setminus C$ .  
i.e. the ball  $B_\epsilon(x)$  is completely contained in  $X \setminus C$ .
  - Hence  $\exists N$  such that  $n \geq N, x_n \in B_\epsilon(x)$ .
  - This leads to  $x_n \in X \setminus C$ . However the sequence  $x_n$  is in  $C$ .
  - Thus this contradicts to the assumption we made and we proved that if  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ , then  $x \in C$  as required.
- (ii) Suppose that for every sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $C$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$  that  $x \in C$ . Prove that  $C$  is closed.
- $C \subset X$  and  $\exists$  a limit point  $x$  of  $C$ .
  - This implies that  $\exists$  a sequence  $x_n$  that converges to  $x$  in  $C$  also.
  - Since the given limit point  $x$  and  $x_n$  are proven to be in the set  $C$ ,  $C$  is a closed set.

**Question 4.4**

Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  and suppose  $(x_n)$  is a sequence of upper bounds for  $A$ , that is, suppose that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_n$  is an upper bound for  $A$ . Suppose  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . Prove that  $x$  is an upper bound for  $A$ .

- $x_n$  is an upper bound of  $A$ . Then  $\exists a \in A$  such that  $a \leq \min\{x_n\} \leq x_n$ .
- Since  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq N$  and  $|x_n - x| < \epsilon \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$ .
- i.e.  $-\epsilon < x_n - x < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow x - \epsilon < x_n < x + \epsilon$
- Suppose by contradiction that  $x + \epsilon < \sup A \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$ . Then  $x_n < x + \epsilon < \sup A$ .
- Since  $x_n$  is an upper bound of  $A$ ,  $\sup A \leq x_n$ .
- And by the inequality we obtained above,  $\sup A \leq x_n < x + \epsilon'$  which contradicts with our assumption.
- Hence  $x$  is also an upper bound of  $A$ .

**Question 4.5**

Let  $(x_n), (y_n), (z_n)$  be sequences of real numbers such that  $x_n \rightarrow y, z_n \rightarrow y$  and, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_n \leq y_n \leq z_n$ . Prove that  $y_n \rightarrow y$  also.

Take  $\epsilon > 0$  and suppose  $\exists N', N'' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(i)} & |x_n - y| < \epsilon \text{ for } n \geq N' \\ & \Rightarrow y - \epsilon < x_n < y + \epsilon \\ \text{(ii)} & |z_n - y| < \epsilon \text{ for } n \geq N'' \\ & \Rightarrow y - \epsilon < z_n < y + \epsilon \end{array}$$

- Since  $x_n \leq y_n \leq z_n$ ,  $y - \epsilon < x_n \leq y_n \leq z_n < y + \epsilon$ .
- Hence  $y - \epsilon < y_n < y + \epsilon$ . i.e.  $|y_n - y| < \epsilon$ .
- Thus  $y_n$  converges to  $y$  also.

**Question 4.6**

For a sequence  $(x_n)$  of real numbers, define the arithmetic mean  $\sigma_n$  by

$$\sigma_n = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n}.$$

- (i) Prove that if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n = x$ .
- (ii) Prove by a counterexample that the converse statement is not true. More precisely, construct a sequence  $(x_n)$  that does not converge such that  $\sigma_n \rightarrow 0$ .