

*Lemma :* Each infinite sequence  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  has a monotone subsequence.

*Proof :*  $B := \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid x_n < x_m \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{N} \cap (n, \infty)\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .

(i) If  $B = \emptyset, \mathbb{N} \cap B = \emptyset, i_1 := 1 \notin B. \exists i_2 \in \mathbb{N} \cap (i_1, \infty)$  s.t.  $x_{i_1} \geq x_{i_2}$ .

Suppose  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \cap [3, \infty), \exists i_n \in \mathbb{N} \cap (i_{n-1}, \infty)$  s.t.  $x_{i_{n-1}} \geq x_{i_n}$ .

Analogously,  $i_n \notin B, \exists i_{n+1} \in \mathbb{N} \cap (i_n, \infty)$  s.t.  $x_{i_n} \geq x_{i_{n+1}}$  by inductive hypothesis.

Consequently,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \cap [2, \infty), \exists i_n \in \mathbb{N} \cap (i_{n-1}, \infty)$  s.t.  $x_{i_{n-1}} \geq x_{i_n}$  by induction

and hence the subsequence  $(x_{i_n})_{n=1}^{\infty}$  decreases.

(ii) If  $\emptyset \neq B$  is finite,  $\max B$  exists in  $B \cap \mathbb{N}, i_1 := \max B + 1, [i_1, \infty) \cap B = \emptyset$ .

Similar to (i), there exists a decreasing subsequence  $(x_{i_n})_{n=1}^{\infty}$ .

(iii) If  $B$  is denumerable, there exists an  $i_1 \in B, \therefore \exists i_2 \in B$  s.t.  $i_1 < i_2$ ; otherwise,  $B$  is finite.

Suppose  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \cap [3, \infty), \exists i_n \in B$  s.t.  $i_{n-1} < i_n$ .

Likewise,  $\exists i_{n+1} \in B$  s.t.  $i_n < i_{n+1}$  by inductive hypothesis; otherwise,  $B$  is finite

Thus,  $\exists (i_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  in  $B$  s.t.  $(i_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  strictly increases by induction.

Accordingly, subsequence  $(x_{i_n})_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is strictly increasing.