

Note that I am operating under the convention that N, n, m, i, j are natural numbers unless otherwise specified. I am also operating under the convention $v_a(b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x - b| < a\}$

Exercise 1: Suppose $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and c is a limit point of A . Suppose $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in A$ and that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists. Show that the limit is non-negative. Provide two proofs, one $\epsilon - \delta$ style, and the other using the sequential characterization of limits.

Proof. Suppose $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and c is a limit point of A . Suppose $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in A$ and that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$ exists.

Suppose $L < 0$. Define $\epsilon = -L/2 > 0$. There must exist a $\delta > 0$ such that for all $x \in A$ where $0 < |x - c| < \delta$, $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$. Note that c is a limit point of A , thus $v_\delta(c) \cap A - \{c\} \neq \emptyset$. Take one of the elements of this set $a \in v_\delta(c) \cap A - \{c\}$. Note that $a \neq c$. Note that $a \in A$. Note $|a - c| < \delta$. Thus $|f(a) - L| < \epsilon$ and so $L - \epsilon < f(a) < L + \epsilon = L/2 < 0$. A contradiction, we know that $f(a) \geq 0$ and now we have $f(a) < 0$. We now conclude $L \geq 0$. \square

Exercise 2: Let a_n be a sequence of numbers such that for some $M \in \mathbb{R}$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n M^n$ converges. Suppose that $|x| < M$. Show that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ converges absolutely. Give an example to show that divergence is possible if $|x| = |M|$. Hint: $(a_n M^n)$ converges to zero, and is hence bounded.

Proof. Let a_n be a sequence of numbers such that for some $M \in \mathbb{R}$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n M^n$ converges. Suppose that $|x| < M$.

Note that by our supposition $|x| < M$ we can conclude $0 < M$. Define $-1 < 0 \leq r = \frac{|x|}{M} < 1$. Note that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n M^n = 0$ since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n M^n$ converges. Note that a convergent sequence is bounded so we can define $N \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $|a_n M^n| < N$ for all n . Note $|r| < 1$, thus $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} N r^n$ converges let's call it's limit L . Noting that $0 \leq N$ and $0 \leq r$ we can conclude $0 \leq N r^n$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and thus $\sum_{n=1}^k N r^n$ is monotone increasing. Note $\sum_{n=1}^k N r^n \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} N r^n = L$. Define $S_k = \sum_{n=1}^k |a_n x^n|$. Note that $S_k \leq S_k + |a_{k+1} x^{k+1}| = S_{k+1}$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and thus S_k is monotone increasing. Note that $|a_n| < \frac{N}{M^n}$, recall $|a_n M^n| < N$ and $0 \leq M$. Note that $S_k = \sum_{n=1}^k |a_n x^n| < \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{N}{M^n} |x^n| = \sum_{n=1}^k N r^n \leq L$. By the MCT S_k converges and thus $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ converges absolutely. \square

For a example where $|x| = |M|$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ does not converges absolutely, consider the case $a_n = (-1)^n 1/n$, $M = 1$, $x = 1$. Note that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n M^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n 1/n$ converges. However $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n x^n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n$ does not converge.

Exercise 3: Suppose $f : (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is uniformly continuous. Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ exists.

Proof. Note that 0 is a limit point of $(0, 1]$. Take a arbitrary sequence $a_n \in A$ where $a_n \rightarrow 0$. Choose $\epsilon > 0$. Note that there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for all $x, y \in A$ if $|x - y| < \delta$ then $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon/2$ \square