

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  $v_a(b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : b - a < x < b + a\}$

**Exercise :** IVT

*Proof.* Suppose  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function with  $f(a) < f(b)$ . Choose  $v \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(a) < v < f(b)$ . Define for  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f^{-1}(Y) = \{a \in A : f(a) \in Y\}$ . Define  $A_v = f^{-1}((-\infty, v))$ . Note that  $f(a) < v$  and so  $a \in A_v$ . Note that for all  $x \in A_v$ ,  $x \in A$  and thus  $x \leq b$  and so  $b$  is an upper bound on  $A_v$ . Since  $A_v$  is bounded and non-empty it has a supremum. Define  $x = \sup(A_v)$ . We have previously proven there is a sequence  $A_v$  that converges to  $x$ , This can be easily proven since  $[\sup(S) - 1/n, \sup(S)] \cap S \neq \emptyset$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , call this sequence  $\{a_n\}$ . Note that  $f(a_n) \in (-\infty, v)$  since  $a_n \in A_v$ , thus  $f(a_n) < v$ .  $\square$