

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  $f(a) < 0$ .  $\square$