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MA2108 Advanced Calculus II

Tutorial 4

1. For each of the following sequences, determine whether the sequence converges or diverges, and find the limit if the sequence converges.

(i) $\left\{ \left| \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right| \right\}$.

(ii) $\left\{ \left| \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right| + \left| \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right| \right\}$.

(iii) $\left\{ \frac{n + n!}{4^n + n} \right\}$.

2. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers. Suppose that both of the two subsequences $\{a_{2k-1}\}$ and $\{a_{2k}\}$ converge and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_{2k-1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_{2k} = A$. Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = A$.

3. Find the \limsup and \liminf of the following sequences.

(a) $\left\{ 4 + \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right\}$.

(b) $\left\{ \frac{1 + (-1)^n}{n} \right\}$.

4. (a) Let $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ be two bounded sequences of real numbers. Prove that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + b_n) \geq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n + \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n.$$

[Suggestion: Let $c_n = \inf_{k \geq n} (a_k + b_k)$, $d_n = \inf_{k \geq n} a_k$ and $e_n = \inf_{k \geq n} b_k$. First show that $c_n \geq d_n + e_n$ for all n .

You may also use freely the following fact: If $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ are two convergent sequences such that $x_n \geq y_n$ for all $n \geq 1$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$.]

- (b) Construct an example of two bounded sequences of real numbers $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ such that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n + b_n) > \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n + \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n.$$

5. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a Cauchy sequence of real numbers. Prove that $\{a_n^2 + a_n\}$ is also a Cauchy sequence.

[Hint: You may use Cauchy's criterion.]