

MATH2050a Mathematical Analysis I

Exercise 6 suggested Solution

14. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let $c \in \mathbb{R}$ be a cluster point of A . If $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f$ exists, and if $|f|$ denotes the function defined for $x \in A$ by $|f|(x) := |f(x)|$, prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} |f| = |\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f|$.

Solution:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f$ exists, we put $a = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f$. Then, for each $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$, for any $x \in A \cap (c - \delta, c + \delta)$, $|f(x) - a| < \epsilon$.

Since $||f(x)| - |a|| < |f(x) - a|$, hence $||f(x)| - |a|| < \epsilon$.

15. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and let $c \in \mathbb{R}$ be a cluster point of A . In addition, suppose that $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in A$, and let \sqrt{f} be the function defined for $x \in A$ by $(\sqrt{f})(x) := \sqrt{f(x)}$. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f$ exists, prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sqrt{f} = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f}$.

Solution:

Using the above conclusion, if $a > 0$, $|(\sqrt{f})(x) - \sqrt{a}| = \frac{|f(x) - a|}{\sqrt{f(x) + \sqrt{a}}} \leq \frac{|f(x) - a|}{\sqrt{a}} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{a}}$, since ϵ is arbitrary, we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sqrt{f} = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f}$. If $a = 0$, $|(\sqrt{f})(x) - 0| < \sqrt{\epsilon}$. Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sqrt{f} = 0 = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f}$.

7. Suppose that f and g have limits in \mathbb{R} as $x \rightarrow \infty$ and that $f(x) \leq g(x)$ for all $x \in (a, \infty)$. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g$.

Solution:

Let $L_1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f$, $L_2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g$. For each $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $M > 0$, for any $x > M$, we have

$$|f(x) - L_1| < \epsilon, \quad |g(x) - L_2| < \epsilon$$

Hence, $L_2 + \epsilon > g(x) \geq f(x) > L_1 - \epsilon$. Let $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, we have $L_1 \leq L_2$.

8. Let f be defined on $(0, \infty)$ to \mathbb{R} . Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$ if and only if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = L.$$

Solution:

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$, then for each $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $M > 0$, for any $x > M$, we have $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$. Let $t = \frac{1}{x}$, hence, we have $\forall t < 1/M$, $|f(x) - L| = |f(\frac{1}{t}) - L| < \epsilon$, which implies $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(\frac{1}{t}) = L$.

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(\frac{1}{x}) = L$, then for each $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$, $\forall 0 < x < \delta$, $|f(\frac{1}{x}) - L| < \epsilon$. Let $t = \frac{1}{x}$, $\forall t > \frac{1}{\delta}$, $|f(t) - L| < \epsilon$, which implies $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = L$.