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**Suggested Solution of Homework 3**

- (1) For any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , for any  $n \geq k$ , by definition,  $x_n + y_n \leq \sup_{n \geq k} x_n + \sup_{n \geq k} y_n$ . Then  $\sup_{n \geq k} (x_n + y_n) \leq \sup_{n \geq k} x_n + \sup_{n \geq k} y_n$ . Taking the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , by the algebraic property of limit,  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + y_n) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$ .
- (2) Note that  $x_n - x_{n-1} = -\frac{3}{4}(x_{n-1} - x_{n-2})$  for any  $n > 2$ . By induction, one can show  $x_{k+1} - x_k = (-\frac{3}{4})^{k-1}(x_2 - x_1)$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $x_n = x_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (x_{k+1} - x_k) = x_1 + (x_2 - x_1) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-\frac{3}{4})^{k-1} = x_1 + \frac{4}{7}(x_2 - x_1)(1 - (-\frac{3}{4})^{n-1})$ . Hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_1 + \frac{4}{7}(x_2 - x_1) = \frac{4}{7}x_2 + \frac{3}{7}x_1$ .
- (3) Note that  $|x_n - x_m| = |\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} (x_{k+1} - x_k)| \leq \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} |x_{k+1} - x_k| \leq \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} r^k < \frac{r^m}{1-r}$  for any  $n > m$ . For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{r^N}{1-r} < \epsilon$ . Therefore,  $|x_n - x_m| < \epsilon$  for any  $n > m > N$ , i.e.,  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy. Hence,  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent.
- (4) Since  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy, there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $n > m > N$ ,  $|x_n - x_m| < 1$ . If  $x_n \neq x_m$ , then  $|x_n - x_m| \geq 1$ . Thus  $x_n = x_m$  for any  $n > m > N$ , i.e.,  $x_n$  is a constant for  $n > N$ .