## **OVERVIEW OF MTH5104**

- Supremum and infimum (least upper and greatest lower bounds). Completeness axiom.
- Sequences. Definition of convergence to 0. Demon game.
- Dominated convergence.
- Geometric sequences.
- Bounded sequences, convergent sequences are bounded, product of a sequence converging to 0 and a bounded sequence is a sequence converging to 0.
- Convergence of a sequence to  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Scaling a sequence by a constant; adding, multiplying and dividing two sequences.
- Suppose  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to x and  $(y_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to y, and that  $x_n \leq y_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $x \leq y$ .
- Monotonic sequences. Bounded monotonic sequences converge.
- Tending to  $\infty$ . An increasing sequence either converges or tends to  $\infty$ .
- Subsequences. Bolzano-Weierstrass: a bounded sequence contains a convergent subsequence.
- Accumulation point. Subsequence converging to  $x \iff x$  is an accumulation point.
- If  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges then  $(x_{n+1} x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to 0.
- Cauchy sequence. A sequence is Cauchy iff it is convergent.
- Series, definition of convergent series.
- If the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k$  converges, then the sequence  $(x_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  converges to 0.
- Cauchy condition for convergence of a series.

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- The sum of two convergent series is a convergent series. Scaling a convergent series by a constant yields a convergent series.
- Comparison test.
- Standard examples: Geometric series, harmonic series, alternating harmonic series,  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{-2}$ .
- Absolutely convergent series. Absolute convergence implies convergence.
- The terms of an absolutely convergent series may be reordered without changing its value.
- A series that is convergent but not absolutely convergent can be reordered to achieve any desired value.
- Power series. A power series either (i) converges everywhere, (ii) converges only at x = 0, or (iii) converges for all |x| < R and does not converge for all |x| > R (*R* is the radius of convergence). NB: the case |x| = R is undetermined.
- Definition of continuity for functions  $\mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ .
- Modified definition for functions defined on  $D \subset \mathbb{R}$ .
- Rules for combining continuous functions: scaling, adding, multiplying and dividing.
- The composition of continuous functions is continuous.
- Suppose  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence converging to a. If the function f is continuous at a then the sequence  $(f(x_n))_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to f(a).
- Definition of  $\lim_{x\to a} f(x)$ .
- Intermediate value theorem and its use in proving the existence of fixed points.
- Continuous functions on a closed interval. Suppose  $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. Then:
  - -f is bounded.
  - If  $m = \inf\{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$  and  $M = \sup\{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$  then there exist  $c, d \in [a, b]$  with f(c) = M and f(d) = m.
  - f([a,b]) = [m,M].