

## 6. MORE ABOUT SEQUENCES AND SUBSEQUENCES

**Exercise 6.1.** (a) Given any sequence of real numbers  $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  one defines two numbers, denoted  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  and called *limit inferior* and *limit superior*, respectively, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \sup_{n \geq 0} \left( \inf_{k \geq n} a_k \right) &= \sup \{ \inf \{ a_k | k \geq n \} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \} \\ & &= \sup \{ b_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}, \text{ where } b_n = \inf \{ a_k | k \geq n \}, \end{aligned}$$

(1) and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \inf_{n \geq 0} \left( \sup_{k \geq n} a_k \right).$$

Consider the sequence  $(a_n = (-1)^n)_n$ . Compute  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ . Do the same for the sequences:  $(a_n = 1/n)_n$ ,  $(a_n = n)_n$ ,  $(a_n = 2)_n$ .

(b) Show that  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ . When is the equality obtained?

**Exercise 6.2.** Prove:

**Bolzano-Weierstass Theorem.** *Every bounded sequence of real numbers has a convergent subsequence.*

**Exercise 6.3.** Show that every Cauchy sequence is bounded.

**Exercise 6.4.** Show that if a Cauchy sequence has a convergent subsequence then the entire sequence is convergent (to the same limit).

**Exercise 6.5.** Prove the following (it is the Completeness Theorem 2.7.4, in our text book):

**Cauchy's criterion for convergence.** *A sequence of real numbers is convergent if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence.*