

As $|K| < 1$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K^n = 0$, and so $\exists N_2$ s.t. if $n > N_2$ $|K^n| < \epsilon$

Taking $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$, if $m > n > N$, then

$$|a_n - a_m| < CK^n \left(\frac{1}{1-K}\right) < \frac{C}{1-K} \epsilon.$$

By the K - ϵ principle, this implies that $\{a_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

6.5.2. Let S be a non-empty bounded set of real numbers, and $\bar{m} = \sup(S)$. Prove that

$$\inf\{\bar{m} - x : x \in S\} = 0.$$

Proof:

From the definition of supremum, $\bar{m} \geq x$, for all $x \in S$, so in particular, $\bar{m} - x \geq 0$ for all $x \in S$. Therefore 0 is a lower bound to the set $\{\bar{m} - x : x \in S\}$, so the infimum exists. Call it b . As b is the greatest of the lower bounds, $b \geq 0$.

Further, $\bar{m} - x \geq b$ for all $x \in S$ implies that $\bar{m} - b \geq x$ for all $x \in S$, so that $\bar{m} - b$ is an upper bound for the set S . As \bar{m} is the supremum of S , it is the least of the upper bounds, so $\bar{m} \leq \bar{m} - b$. Since $b \geq 0$, $\bar{m} - b \leq \bar{m}$, so $\bar{m} \leq \bar{m} - b \leq \bar{m}$ implies that $b = \inf\{\bar{m} - x : x \in S\} = 0$, as desired.

6.5.4. Let S and T be non-empty subsets of \mathbb{R} , and suppose that for all $s \in S$ and $t \in T$, we have $s \leq t$. Prove that $\sup S \leq \inf T$.

Choose $t \in T$ arbitrary. We have that for all $s \in S$, $s \leq t$. This implies that t is an upper bound for S . Therefore $\sup(S)$ exists, and $\sup(S) \leq t$, as the supremum is the least of the upper bounds of S . Since t was arbitrary, for any $t \in T$, the inequality $\sup(S) \leq t$ holds and thus $\sup(S) \leq t$ for all $t \in T$, and $\sup(S)$ is a lower bound for T . Therefore $\inf(T)$ exists, and $\sup(S) \leq \inf(T)$, as the infimum of T is the largest of T 's lower bounds.