First-year Analysis Examination Part One May 2022

Answer FOUR questions in detail. State carefully any results used without proof.

1. Let $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ and $(b_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ be bounded real sequences. Prove that

 $\liminf(a_n + b_n) \ge \liminf a_n + \liminf b_n$

and show by example that the inequality can be strict.

2. Let the metric space M be compact; let $f: M \to M$ be distance-preserving and let $a \in M$. Prove that a is in the closure of the sequence $f(a), f(f(a)), \ldots$ that a generates by repeated application of f. Conclude that f is surjective.

3. Determine precisely all real numbers x for which the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{1+x^n}$$

is convergent.

4. Prove that no real-valued function on the unit square $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ can be simultaneously continuous and injective.

5. Let $f: (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable; let A and L be real numbers. (i) Define what is meant by the statement $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = A$. (ii) Prove that if $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = A$ and $\lim_{x\to\infty} f'(x) = L$ then L = 0.