

Question 8

Let \mathbf{N} denote the set of positive integers and let d be the metric on $\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}$ defined by

$$d((i, j), (i_1, j_1)) = |i - i_1| + \left| \frac{1}{j} - \frac{1}{j_1} \right|$$

for $(i, j), (i_1, j_1) \in \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}$.

[You need not verify that d is a metric.]

Put $M = \{\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}, d\}$ and let (x_n) be the sequence in the metric space M given by $x_n = (1, n)$ for each positive integer n .

(i) Prove that (x_n) is a Cauchy sequence in M . [3]

(ii) Show that if $y = (i, k)$ where $i \neq 1$, then (x_n) does not converge to y in M . [2]

(iii) Show that if $k \in \mathbf{N}$ then

$$d((1, k), x_n) \geq \frac{1}{2k}$$

for each integer n such that $n \geq 2k$. [3]

(iv) Deduce that the metric space M is not complete. [3]