

# HW 01 Some Solutions

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**VOTE** Which proof did you like better.

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Later, Rinse, Repeat to get  $x_1, x_2, \dots$

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This is a part of the proof of the Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem.  
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## Proof

Problem 4 yields that there is a subsequence in each coordinate that is either  $\downarrow$ ,  $\uparrow$ , or  $=$ . Lemma yields each coord converges.

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be an infinite sequence of points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Consider the following coloring of  $\binom{N}{2}$ .

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Apply Ramsey Theorem. What do you get?

### SOLUTION

**Thm** Given an infinite sequence of points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  there exists an infinite subset so that either (a) they are all within 1 of each other, or (b) they are all more than 1 apart.

## Problem 4 and 5 thoughts

The proofs of the theorems in Problem 4 and 5 are FAR EASIER with Ramsey Theory. The proofs without Ramsey end up doing Ramsey in context.

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