

# How to write Maths

- ① Use complete sentences.
- ② Don't start a sentence or clause in commas with a symbol.
- ③ Say what you are doing.

## Sample Solution to Question 1 on MA286 Sheet 2

Let  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of points in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , where  $d \geq 2$ .

Let  $a_n^{(k)}$  be the  $k^{\text{th}}$  coordinate of  $a_n$ . So  $a_n = (a_n^{(1)}, a_n^{(2)}, \dots, a_n^{(d)})$ .

First assume that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n^{(k)}$  exists for each  $k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq d$ ,

and let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. It follows that there exists  $N > 0$

and  $a^{(k)}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq d$  such that

$$|a_n^{(k)} - a^{(k)}| < \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{d}} \quad \text{for all } n \geq N.$$

With  $a = (a^{(1)}, \dots, a^{(d)})$  we then find that

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n - a| &= |(a_n^{(1)}, \dots, a_n^{(d)}) - (a^{(1)}, \dots, a^{(d)})| \\ &= \sqrt{(a_n^{(1)} - a^{(1)})^2 + \dots + (a_n^{(d)} - a^{(d)})^2} \\ &< \sqrt{\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{d}}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{d}}\right)^2} = \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = b = (b^{(1)}, \dots, b^{(d)})$ , and let  $\delta > 0$ . Then there exists  $M > 0$  such that

$$|a_n - b| < \delta \quad \text{for all } n \geq M.$$

$$\text{But } |a_n - b| = \sqrt{(a_n^{(1)} - b^{(1)})^2 + \dots + (a_n^{(d)} - b^{(d)})^2} \geq |a_n^{(k)} - b^{(k)}|,$$

and hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n^{(k)} = b^{(k)}$ , as required.