

# Real Analysis Problem 6

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**Problem 6.** Assume  $M$  is a point set such that if  $P$  is a point of  $M$ , there is a first point to the left of  $P$  in  $M$  and a first point to the right of  $P$  in  $M$ . Is it true that  $M$  cannot have a limit point?

*Proof:* By contradiction, suppose  $P$  is some limit point of  $M$ ,  $L$  is the first point to the left of  $P$  and  $R$  is the first point to the right of  $P$ . We can create with Ax. 3 a point between  $L$  and  $P$  ( $P - \frac{L+P}{2}$ ) and another point between  $P$  and  $R$  ( $P + \frac{P+R}{2}$ ) that doesn't belong to  $M$ . The open interval between ( $P - \frac{L+P}{2}$ ,  $P + \frac{P+R}{2}$ ) doesn't have any point in  $M$  so  $P$  cannot be a limit point of  $M$ . Same method can be applied to  $R$  and  $L$ . Thus,  $M$  doesn't have any limit point.

