

4. We proved the following theorem in the class: "If $a > 0$ and if a sequence $\langle b_n \rangle_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is convergent, then the sequence $\langle a^{b_n} \rangle_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is convergent." In proving this theorem, we proved that $\langle a^{b_n} \rangle_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is Cauchy instead of proving it converges directly. Why did we have to do that?

By definition,

A sequence is said to be Cauchy whenever it's convergent.
 Also, A sequence that is bounded & convergent are Cauchy.
 By def. of subsequence.

A subsequence $\langle a^{b_{n_k}} \rangle$ of Cauchy sequence $\langle a^{b_n} \rangle$ is convergent.
 Therefore, if we proved the sequence is Cauchy, then its subsequence will also be convergent.

$$|a_n - a_m| < \epsilon \quad \forall m, n > N$$

$$\langle a_{n_1}, a_{n_2}, \dots, a_{n_m}, \dots, a_{n_k}, \dots \rangle = \langle a_{n_1} + \dots + a_{n_k} \rangle = \langle a_{n_1} + \dots + a_{n_k} \rangle = \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} + \dots$$