

Homework 1

Due on April 15

1. Prove Proposition 1.1.

2. Let $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid x^2 < 2\}$. Show that A has no least upper bound in \mathbb{Q} . (You can use the fact that $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$.)

3. Prove the following:

For any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $m - 1 \leq x < m$.

4. Prove the following:

(1) $2^{-m} < \frac{1}{m}$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

(2) For $a > 0$, $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 2^{-m}a = 0$.

5. Prove the following:

(1) For sequences $\{x^m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ and $\{y^m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ in \mathbb{R} , if $x^m \leq y^m$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x^m = \alpha$, and $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} y^m = \beta$, then $\alpha \leq \beta$.

(2) For sequences $\{x^m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$, $\{y^m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$, and $\{z^m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ in \mathbb{R} , if $x^m \leq z^m \leq y^m$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x^m = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} y^m = \alpha$, then $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} z^m = \alpha$.

6. Let $\{x^m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ and $\{y^m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ be sequences in \mathbb{R} , and suppose that $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x^m = \alpha$ and $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} y^m = \beta$.

(1) Define $\{z^m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ by $z^m = x^m + y^m$ for $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Prove that $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} z^m = \alpha + \beta$.

(2) Define $\{w^m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ by $w^m = x^m y^m$ for $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Prove that $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} w^m = \alpha\beta$.

7. Prove the following:

(1) A convergent sequence $\{x^m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ in \mathbb{R} is a Cauchy sequence.

(2) A Cauchy sequence $\{x^m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ in \mathbb{R} is bounded (i.e., there exists $M \geq 0$ such that $|x^m| \leq M$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$).

8. Prove Proposition 1.7.

9. Show that the Archimedean Property and the Completeness of \mathbb{R} imply the Axiom of Real Numbers.

Hint. Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ be nonempty and bounded above, and consider the sets $B = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x \text{ for all } a \in A\}$ and $C = \mathbb{R} \setminus B$, both of which are nonempty (why?).

10. For $x = (x_1, \dots, x_N) \in \mathbb{R}^N$, let us denote

$$\|x\|_\infty = \max\{|x_1|, \dots, |x_N|\},$$

$$\|x\|_1 = |x_1| + \dots + |x_N|.$$

(1) Show that $\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\| \leq \|x\|_1 \leq N\|x\|_\infty$ for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$.

(2) Show that for a sequence $\{x^m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ in \mathbb{R}^N , the following conditions are equivalent:

(i) $x^m \rightarrow \bar{x}$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$ (i.e., $\|x^m - \bar{x}\| \rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$).

(ii) $\|x^m - \bar{x}\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.

(iii) For each $i = 1, \dots, N$, $x_i^m \rightarrow \bar{x}_i$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.

(iv) $\|x^m - \bar{x}\|_1 \rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.

11. Let $\{x^m\}$ be a sequence in \mathbb{R}^N , and $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$.

(1) Prove the following:

If there exist $\varepsilon > 0$ and $M \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|x^m - \bar{x}\| \geq \varepsilon$ for all $m \geq M$, then no subsequence of $\{x^m\}$ converges to \bar{x} .

(2) Prove that the following statements are equivalent:

(i) $\{x^m\}$ converges to \bar{x} .

(ii) Every subsequence of $\{x^m\}$ converges to \bar{x} .

(iii) Every subsequence of $\{x^m\}$ has a subsequence that converges to \bar{x} .

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(1) Prove Proposition 2.3.

(2) Prove Proposition 2.4.

13. Prove the following.

(1) For $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, $B_\varepsilon(x)$ is an open set.

(2) For $A \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, $B_\varepsilon(A) (= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N \mid \|y - x\| < \varepsilon \text{ for some } y \in A\})$ is an open set.

14. For $X \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ and $A \subset X$, prove the following:

(1) $\text{Cl}_X A = (\text{Cl } A) \cap X$.

(2) A is closed relative to X if and only if $\text{Bdry}_X A \subset A$.

15. What are the interior, the closure, and the boundary of $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ (relative to \mathbb{R})?