

Homework 1-a, for 9/24. Math 151A, fall 2010. Deadline 10/6
but you should work on these before next monday so that the TA will have
something to do.

(1) Consider the following set:

$$A := \{q \in \mathbb{Q} \mid q^2 > 2, q > 0\}$$

Show that smallest element in A does not exist.

(2) Show that for any distinct rational numbers $r < r'$, there is $r'' \in \mathbb{Q}$
so that $r < r'' < r'$.

(3) Let $E = \{1/n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}, n > 0\}$. Find $\inf E$ and $\sup E$ (with proof) in
 \mathbb{Q} .

Do the problems 2, 5 in page 22 of Rudin.

HW 1-a

① Consider the following set:

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Show that the smallest in A does not exist.

~~pf~~ Let $p \in \mathbb{Q}^+$. Associate to p the number

$$q = p - \frac{p^2 - 2}{p + 2} = \frac{2p + 2}{p + 2}. \quad (1)$$

Then

$$q^2 - 2 = \frac{2(p^2 - 2)}{(p + 2)^2}. \quad (2)$$

Then for $p \in A$ we have $p^2 > 2 \Rightarrow p^2 - 2 > 0$
and thus by (1) $q < p$ and by (2) $q^2 - 2 > 0$
 $\Rightarrow q^2 > 2$, thus $q \in A$.

$\therefore \forall p \in A \exists q \in A$ s.t. $q < p$. $\therefore \inf A \notin A$.



② Show that for any distinct rational numbers $r < r'$, there is $r'' \in \mathbb{Q}$ so that $r < r'' < r'$.

Pf Let $r, r' \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $r < r'$.

$$\text{Define } r'' = \frac{r+r'}{2}.$$

$$\text{Then } r' - r'' = r' - \frac{r+r'}{2} = \frac{2r'}{2} - \frac{r+r'}{2} = \frac{r'-r}{2} > 0$$

$$\text{since } r' > r. \quad \therefore r'' < r'$$

$$\text{Now } r'' - r = \frac{r+r'}{2} - r = \frac{r+r'}{2} - \frac{2r}{2} = \frac{r'-r}{2} > 0$$

$$\therefore r'' > r$$

$$\therefore r < r'' < r'$$

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③ Let $E = \{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Find $\inf E$ and $\sup E$ (with proof) in \mathbb{Q} .

PT Claim : $\sup E = 1$.

Clearly $1 \geq x \quad \forall x \in E$. Since $1 \in E$ we have $\sup E = 1$. ✓

Claim : $\inf E = 0$

Clearly $0 \leq x \quad \forall x \in E$. Suppose $\inf E \neq 0$.

Then it must be that $\inf E > 0$. Let $\inf E = \alpha$,

then $\alpha = \frac{m}{n}$ for $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. If $m > 1$ we have

that $0 < \frac{1}{n} < \alpha$ and if $m = 1$ we have that

$0 < \frac{1}{n+1} < \alpha$. Thus α is not the infimum of

E . Thus $\inf E = 0$.

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② Prove that there is no rational number whose square is 12.

~~pf~~ Suppose $\exists p \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $p^2 = 12$. Since $p \in \mathbb{Q}$

we have $p = \frac{m}{n}$ for some $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ($n \neq 0$)

where m and n have no common factors.

Then $\frac{m^2}{n^2} = 12 \Rightarrow m^2 = 12n^2$. Thus m^2 is divisible

by 3 and hence so is m . ($3|m^2 \Rightarrow 3|m$

since 3 is prime and m^2 is never prime).

$\Rightarrow m = 3a \Rightarrow 9a^2 = 12n^2 \Rightarrow 3a^2 = 4n^2 \Rightarrow 3|n^2 \Rightarrow 3|n$
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$\therefore \nexists p \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $p^2 = 12$.

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Ch. 1
⑤ Let A be a nonempty set of real numbers which is bounded below. Let $-A$ be the set of all numbers $-x$, where $x \in A$. Prove that $\inf(A) = -\sup(-A)$.

Pf/ By the greatest lower bound property $\inf A$ exists in \mathbb{R} . Let $\inf A = \alpha$. This means that $\forall x \in A$ $\alpha \leq x$ ^① and if $y > \alpha$ ^② ($y \in \mathbb{R}$) then $y \neq \inf A$.

WTS $\sup(-A) = -\alpha$.

Multiplying ① by -1 we get $-\alpha \geq -x \quad \forall x \in A$.

Thus $-\alpha \geq z \quad \forall z \in -A$. Suppose $\sup(-A) \neq -\alpha$.

Then $\exists \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $z \leq \beta < -\alpha \quad \forall z \in -A$.

$\Rightarrow -z \geq -\beta > \alpha$ ^③. Since any $x \in A$ has the form $-z$

for $z \in -A$. Thus we may write ③ as

$x \geq -\beta > \alpha$ ^④ which holds $\forall x \in A$. But ④ implies

that $\alpha \neq \inf A$. *

$\therefore \sup(-A) = -\alpha \Rightarrow \inf(A) = -\sup(-A)$.

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Homework 1-b, for 9/27. Math 151A, fall 2010. Deadline 10/6

(Try to start working on it before you see Edward.)

(1) Read 1.14, 1.15, 1.16. (nothing to submit.)

(2) do 8 in p22. (for now just using your knowledge on \mathbb{C} from old classes: just $\{a + bi | a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and products, sums, inverses are as you know.)

(3) Let $F = \{0, 1, 2\}$ be a set. We define operations $+$ and \cdot by the following table:

$+$	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	2	0
2	2	0	1

\cdot	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2
2	0	2	1

Show that F is a field but cannot be an ordered field.

HW 1-b

① 1.14 (a) $x+y = x+z \Rightarrow y=z$

(b) $x+y = x \Rightarrow y=0$

(c) $x+y = 0 \Rightarrow y = -x$

(d) $-(-x) = x$

pf/ (a) Suppose $x+y = x+z$. (*)

$$y \stackrel{(A4)}{=} 0 + y \stackrel{(A5)}{=} (-x+x) + y \stackrel{(A3)}{=} -x + (x+y) \stackrel{(A)}{=} -x + (x+z)$$

$$\stackrel{(A3)}{=} (-x+x) + z \stackrel{(A5)}{=} 0 + z \stackrel{(A4)}{=} z$$

$$\Rightarrow y=z$$

(b) Let $z=0$ in (a). $\Rightarrow y=z=0$.

(c) Let $z=-x$ in (a): $x+y = x+(-x) = 0$

$$(a) \Rightarrow y = -x.$$

(d) Replace x with $-x$ in (c) $\Rightarrow y = -(-x)$.

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1.15 (Exercise 3)

(a) $x \neq 0 \ \& \ xy = xz \Rightarrow y = z$

(b) $x \neq 0 \ \& \ xy = x \Rightarrow y = 1$

(c) $x \neq 0 \ \& \ xy = 1 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{x}$

(d) $x \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} = x$

pf/ (a) $y \stackrel{(M4)}{=} 1y \stackrel{(M5)}{=} \left(x \cdot \frac{1}{x}\right)y \stackrel{(M2)}{=} \left(\frac{1}{x} \cdot x\right)y \stackrel{(M3)}{=} \frac{1}{x}(xy)$
 $\stackrel{(\star)}{=} \frac{1}{x}(xz) \stackrel{(M3)}{=} \left(\frac{1}{x}x\right)z \stackrel{(M2)}{=} \left(x \cdot \frac{1}{x}\right)z \stackrel{(M5)}{=} 1 \cdot z \stackrel{(M4)}{=} z$

$\therefore y = z$

(b) Let $z = 1$ in (a) $\Rightarrow y = 1$.

(c) Let $z = \frac{1}{x}$ in (a): $xy = xz = x \cdot \frac{1}{x} = 1$

(a) $\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{x}$.

(d) Replace x with $\frac{1}{x}$ in (c) $\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}$.

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$$1.16 \quad \forall x, y, z \in F$$

$$(a) 0x = 0$$

$$(b) x \neq 0 \ \& \ y \neq 0 \Rightarrow xy \neq 0.$$

$$(c) (-x)y = -(xy) = x(-y).$$

$$(d) (-x)(-y) = xy.$$

$$\text{pf/ } (a) \quad 0x + 0x \stackrel{(D)}{=} (0+0)x = 0x.$$

$$1.14 \ b \Rightarrow 0x = 0.$$

$$(b) \text{ Assume } x \neq 0 \ \& \ y \neq 0 \text{ and } xy = 0.$$

$$1 = \left(\frac{1}{y} \cdot y\right) \left(\frac{1}{x} \cdot x\right) = \left(\frac{1}{y}\right) \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) xy = \left(\frac{1}{y}\right) \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot 0 \stackrel{1.16a}{=} 0 \quad *$$

$$\therefore xy \neq 0.$$

$$(c) \quad (-x)y + xy \stackrel{(D)}{=} (-x+x)y = 0y \stackrel{1.16a}{=} 0$$

$$\stackrel{1.14c}{\Rightarrow} (-x)y = -(xy).$$

$$x(-y) + xy = x(-y+y) = x \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\stackrel{1.14c}{\Rightarrow} x(-y) = -xy$$

$$\therefore (-x)y = -(xy) = x(-y).$$

$$(d) \quad (-x)(-y) \stackrel{1.16c}{=} -[x(-y)] \stackrel{1.16c}{=} -[-(xy)] \stackrel{1.14d}{=} xy.$$

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② Ch. 1 # 8

Prove that no order can be defined in the complex field that turns it into an ordered field.

pf Consider $i \in \mathbb{C}$. Since $i \neq 0$, by prop 1.18d, if \mathbb{C} is an ordered field, we need $i^2 > 0$.

However $i^2 = -1 < 0$. $\therefore \mathbb{C}$ cannot be an ordered field.

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③ Let $F = \{0, 1, 2\}$ be a set. We define $+$ & \cdot by:

$+$	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	2	0
2	2	0	3

\cdot	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2
2	0	2	1

Show $(F, +, \cdot)$ is a field, but cannot be an ordered field.

pf $F \cong \mathbb{Z}_3$. $B = \text{brute force}$, $T = \text{trivial}$. Since both tables are symmetric, $A2 \& M2$ follow.

A:

1	T
2	✓
3	B
4	T
5	✓

M:

1	T
2	✓
3	B
4	T
5	✓

$-0=0$
 $-1=2$
 $-2=1$ } $\Rightarrow A5$

$\frac{1}{(1)} = 1 : 1 \cdot \frac{1}{1} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$
 $\frac{1}{(2)} = 2 : 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 2 \cdot 2 = 1$ } $\Rightarrow M5$

$\therefore F$ is a field.

Suppose F could be made into an ordered field.

There are 6 possible orderings:

① $0 < 1 < 2$ ② $0 < 2 < 1$ ③ $1 < 0 < 2$ ④ $1 < 2 < 0$

⑤ $2 < 0 < 1$ ⑥ $2 < 1 < 0$.

①: Let $x=2=z$ and $y=1$, then 1.18b implies $xy < xz$, but $xy=2$ & $xz=1$ \neq

②: Let $x=2$ and $y=1$. $\frac{1}{x}=2$ & $\frac{1}{y}=1$. 1.18e implies $0 < \frac{1}{y} < \frac{1}{x}$, but $\frac{1}{x} < \frac{1}{y}$ \neq

③+④+⑥: Let $x=1 \neq 0$. 1.18d $\Rightarrow x^2 > 0$, but $x^2=1 \cdot 1=1 < 0$ \neq .

⑤: Let $x=1$, $y=2$, & $z=1$. 1.17ii $\Rightarrow x+y < x+z$.
But $x+y=0$ & $x+z=2 < 0$ \neq .

$\therefore F$ cannot be an ordered field.

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Homework 1-c, for 9/29. Math 151A, fall 2010. Deadline 10/6

- (1) Let $A \in \mathbb{R}$ (in the sense of "cuts".) let $-A := \{p \in \mathbb{Q} \mid \exists r \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0} \text{ so that } (-p-r) \notin A\}$. Show that $-A \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (2) Show that AB as defined in the class, for $A, B > 0^*$, is a cut.

HW 1-C

① Let $A \in \mathbb{R}$. Let $-A := \{p \in \mathbb{Q} \mid \exists r \in \mathbb{Q}_+ \text{ s.t. } -p-r \notin A\}$.

Show $-A \in \mathbb{R}$.

Pf ① Let $h \in \mathbb{Q}_+$. Let $p \notin A$, then $p+h \notin A$.

Claim: $-(p+h) \in -A$.

Since $-(-(p+h))-h = p+h-h = p \notin A$, $-(p+h) \in -A$.

$\therefore -A \neq \emptyset$.

Let $p \in A$. Claim: $-p \notin -A$. Let $r \in \mathbb{Q}_+$

Since $-(-p)-r = p-r \in A \forall r$, $-p \notin -A$.

$\therefore -A \neq \mathbb{Q}$.

② Let $p \in -A$, and let $g \in \mathbb{Q}$ be s.t. $g < p$.

$p \in -A \Rightarrow \exists r \in \mathbb{Q}_+$ s.t. $-p-r \notin A$. Since $g < p$
 $\Rightarrow -g > -p \Rightarrow -g-r > -p-r \Rightarrow -g-r \notin A \Rightarrow g \in -A$.

③ Let $p \in -A$. Then $-p-r \notin A$ for some $r \in \mathbb{Q}_+$.

Let $g := p + \frac{r}{2}$. Then choose $s = \frac{r}{2} \in \mathbb{Q}_+$, thus

$-g-s = -p - \frac{r}{2} - \frac{r}{2} = -p-r \notin A$. $\therefore g \in -A$ and $g > p$.

$\therefore -A \in \mathbb{R}$.

② Show that AB as defined in the class, for $A, B > 0^*$, is a cut.

Pf/ Let A, B be cuts with $A, B > 0^*$.

$AB := \{ p \in \mathbb{Q} \mid p \leq ab \text{ for some } a \in A, b \in B \text{ w/ } a, b > 0 \}$

① It is clear that $AB \neq \emptyset$ since $0 \in AB$.

Let $c \notin A$ and $d \notin B$, then $cd > ab \forall a \in A, b \in B$.

Thus $cd \notin AB \Rightarrow AB \neq \mathbb{Q}$. ✓

② Let $p \in AB$ & $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $q < p$. Then $p \leq ab$ for some $a \in A$ & $b \in B$. $q < p \Rightarrow q < p \leq ab$. $\therefore q \in AB$. ✓

③ Let $p \in AB$. $\Rightarrow p \leq ab$ for some $a \in A, b \in B$.

Since A & B are cuts $\exists a' \in A, b' \in B$ s.t. $a' > a$ &

$b' > b$. Let $c = \frac{a+a'}{2}$ & $d = \frac{b+b'}{2}$. Then $p < cd \leq a'b'$

Thus $cd \in AB$. ✓

$\therefore AB$ is a cut.