

Homework 5

- #1 Read "A Mathematician's Apology" by G.H. Hardy (online)
- #2 Read the first five pages of "Mathematics and the Metaphysicians" by Bertrand Russell (in "Mysticism and Logic") (also online)
- #3. Prove that the directrices of the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$
are $x = \pm \frac{a^2}{c}$
- #4 Prove that there are just as many fractions between 0 and 1 as fractions between 0 and 10.
- #5 True or False (and explain in a paragraph or two why we care)
 - a) The natural numbers \mathbb{N} are countably infinite
 - b) The angles in any triangle add up to 180°
 - c) The theorems of mathematics are just as true as the laws of physics
 - d) There is no transfinite number between \aleph_0 and 2^{\aleph_0}