

**MATH/MTHE 281**  
**Homework # 1**

Date Due: **Friday Jan. 16 at 11:59pm**, No late penalties until Wednesday Jan. 21st at 11:59pm

**E1.1:** Let  $[(j_1, k_1)], [(j_2, k_2)]$  be two elements of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Show that addition

$$[(j_1, k_1)] + [(j_2, k_2)] = [(j_1 + j_2, k_1 + k_2)]$$

is well defined, i.e., prove that for any  $(j'_1, k'_1) \in [(j_1, k_1)]$  and  $(j'_2, k'_2) \in [(j_2, k_2)]$ , we have that  $(j'_1 + j'_2, k'_1 + k'_2)$  is equivalent to  $(j_1 + j_2, k_1 + k_2)$ .

**E1.3:** Show that the relations  $<$  and  $\leq$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  have the following properties:

1.  $[(0, j)] < [(0, 0)]$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ;
2.  $[(0, j)] < [(k, 0)]$  for all  $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ;
5.  $[(j, 0)] < [(k, 0)]$ ,  $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , if and only if  $j < k$ ;

**E1.4:** Show that a subset  $A \subset \mathbb{Q}$  is bounded if and only if it has a lower bound and an upper bound.

**E1.5:** For each of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  find the least upper bound and greatest lower bound if they exist. You do not have to justify.

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| <p>(a) <math>\{1, 3\}</math></p> <p>(b) <math>[0, 4]</math></p> <p>(c) <math>\left\{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_{&gt;0}\right\}</math></p> | <p>(d) <math>\left\{\frac{n}{n+1} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_{&gt;0}\right\}</math></p> <p>(e) <math>\left\{n + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_{&gt;0}\right\}</math></p> <p>(f) <math>\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}, 1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)</math></p> |
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**E1.6:** Find the least upper bound and the greatest lower bound of the sets below. For any given  $\epsilon > 0$  find a number in the set that is greater than  $\sup A - \epsilon$  and a number in the set that is smaller than  $\inf A + \epsilon$ .

- (a)  $A = \left\{\frac{4+x}{x} \mid x \geq 1\right\}$
- (b)  $A = \left\{\frac{\sqrt{x-1}}{x} \mid x \geq 2\right\}$
- (c)  $A = \{x \mid x^2 - x < 6\}$

**E1.9:** Suppose  $A$  is a non-empty bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $-A$  denote the set  $\{-x \mid x \in A\}$ . Show that  $\sup(-A) = -\inf A$ .

**E1.11:** Prove that if a subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  has a maximal element  $s$  (that is, there exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $x \leq s$  for all  $x$  in  $S$ ) then  $s = \sup S$ .

**E1.13:** Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are two non-empty bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  and let

$$A + B = \{x + y \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}.$$

Show that

$$\sup(A + B) = \sup A + \sup B.$$