

Correction of TEST 1

1. **(1pt)** We have $B \subset A$ and $\forall x \in A, \exists y \in B$ such that $x \leq y$.

(a) Since $B \subset A$ then $\forall y \in B, y \in A \implies y \leq \sup A$ then B is upper bounded in \mathbb{R} hence $\sup B$ exists.

(b) From (a), $\sup A$ is an upper bound of B then $\sup B \leq \sup A$ since $\sup B$ is the least upper bound. Assume by contradiction that $\sup B < \sup A$, then by definition, there exists $x \in A$ such that

$$\sup B < x \leq \sup A$$

and by hypothesis on B , there exists $y \in B$ such that

$$\sup B < x \leq y$$

which yields a contradiction since $y \in B \implies y \leq \sup B$. Conclusion : $\sup B = \sup A$.

2. **(1pt)** Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, show that :

(a) One has

$$\begin{aligned} |x| &= |x - y + y| \leq |x - y| + |y| \implies |x| - |y| \leq |x - y| \\ |y| &= |y - x + x| \leq |x - y| + |x| \implies |y| - |x| \leq |x - y| \\ \implies ||x| - |y|| &\leq |x - y|. \end{aligned}$$

(b) One has

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{x, y\} &= \frac{x + y + |x - y|}{2} = \begin{cases} \frac{x + y + (x - y)}{2} = x & \text{if } x \geq y \\ \frac{x + y - (x - y)}{2} = y & \text{if } x < y \end{cases} : \text{True} \\ \min\{x, y\} &= \frac{x + y - |x - y|}{2} = \begin{cases} \frac{x + y - (x - y)}{2} = y & \text{if } x \geq y \\ \frac{x + y + (x - y)}{2} = x & \text{if } x < y \end{cases} : \text{True} \end{aligned}$$

(c) \implies) Evident. let us show that $x = y \iff |x - y| < \varepsilon, \forall \varepsilon > 0$. By contrapositive reasoning,

$$\exists \varepsilon > 0 : |x - y| \geq \varepsilon \implies |x - y| > 0 \implies x \neq y$$

thus the indirect implication is true too.

3. **(1pt)** A set $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ is an **interval** if and only if I contains at least 2 points and for all $a, c \in I$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a < b < c$, we have $b \in I$. Say (and justify) if the following sets are or are not intervals :

$$(0, 1], \{0, 1\}, (0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}.$$

(a) $(0, 1]$ contains $1/2$ and 1 and for all $a, c \in (0, 1]$ such that $a < c$, $(a, c) \subset (0, 1]$ thus $(0, 1]$ is an interval of \mathbb{R} .

(b) $\{0, 1\}$ is not an interval since it contains 0 and 1 but $0 < 1/2 < 1$ and $1/2 \notin \{0, 1\}$.

(c) $(0, 1)$ contains $1/4$ and $1/2$ and for all $a, c \in (0, 1)$ such that $a < c$, $(a, c) \subset (0, 1)$ thus $(0, 1)$ is an interval of \mathbb{R} .

(d) $(0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ is not an interval since it contains $1/4$ and $1/2$ but $1/4 < \sqrt{2} - 1 < 1/2$ and $\sqrt{2} - 1 \notin (0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$.

(e) $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ is not an interval since it contains $-\pi$ and π but $-\pi < 0 < \pi$ and $0 \notin \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$.

4. **(1pt)** For $a < b$ reals, let $f : (a, b] \rightarrow (0, 1]$ defined by $f(x) = \alpha x + \beta$ such that $f(x)$ tends to 0 as $x \rightarrow a$ and $f(b) = 1$. These two relations yield

$$\alpha a + \beta = 0 \text{ and } \alpha b + \beta = 1 \implies \alpha = \frac{1}{b - a} \text{ and } \beta = 1 - \alpha b = \frac{-a}{b - a}.$$

f is a bijection since for all $y \in (0, 1]$, there exists a unique $x \in (a, b]$ such that $f(x) = y$, in fact

$$x = \frac{y - \beta}{\alpha} = (b - a) \left(y + \frac{a}{b - a} \right) = a + y(b - a)$$

We have $x > a$ since $y > 0$ and $b - a > 0$, and on the other hand $x \leq b$ since $y \leq 1$ and $b - a > 0$, thus $x \in (a, b]$ is uniquely determined in $(a, b]$.

5. **(2pt)** The sets $(-1, 1)$ and \mathbb{R} have the same cardinality if one finds a bijection from \mathbb{R} to $(-1, 1)$. Many examples can be given : for example $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-1, 1)$

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{1 + |x|}$$

f is a bijection, in fact : for all $y \in (-1, 1)$,

- (a) if $y \in [0, 1)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{1 + |x|} = y \geq 0 &\implies x \geq 0 \\ \frac{x}{1 + x} = y &\implies x = \frac{y}{1 - y} \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) if $y \in (-1, 0)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{1 + |x|} = y \geq 0 &\implies x < 0 \\ \frac{x}{1 - x} = y &\implies x = \frac{y}{1 + y} \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

In both cases, $x = \frac{y}{1 - |y|}$ exists and is uniquely determined such that $f(x) = y$, hence f is a bijection.

Conclusion : $|(-1, 1)| = |\mathbb{R}|$.

6. **(1pt)** $\left\{ \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \right\}_{n \geq 1}$ is convergent and the limit is 0 by the **ST** theorem, since

$$0 \leftarrow -\frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$$

7. **(1pt)** $\left\{ x_n := \frac{n}{n+1} \right\}_{n \geq 0}$ is monotone strictly increasing because $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$x_{n+1} - x_n = \frac{n+1}{n+2} - \frac{n}{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+2} > 0$$

and is bounded since, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$0 < x_n = \frac{n}{n+1} < 1$$

Since $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ is increasing then

$$\inf\{x_n : n \geq 0\} = \min\{x_n : n \geq 0\} = x_0 = 0,$$

and since $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ is bounded then by **Bolzano-Weierstrass th.**

$$\sup\{x_n : n \geq 0\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n = 1.$$

Finally, since $n \neq n+1$ for all integer n , then $\max\{x_n : n \geq 0\}$ does not exist since for any integer n , $x_n \neq 1$.

8. **(1pt)** The sequence $\left\{ a_n := \frac{(-1)^n n}{n+1} \right\}_{n \geq 0}$ is not convergent because, there are two subsequences convergent to different limits :

$$\begin{cases} a_{2n} = \frac{2n}{2n+1} \rightarrow 1 \\ a_{2n+1} = -\frac{2n+1}{2n+3} \rightarrow -1 \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

9. **(1pt)** Let $\{x_n\}_n$ a sequence of reals :

- (a) True since $|x_n - 0| = |x_n| = ||x_n| - 0|$, in other words :

$$|x_n - 0| < \varepsilon \iff ||x_n| - 0| < \varepsilon$$

- (b) $x_n = (-1)^n$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} |x_n| = 1$ but $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n$ does not exist.
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10. **(2pt)** Let $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ a sequence of non zero reals (i.e. $x_n \neq 0, \forall n$) such that the limit

$$L := \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n}, \text{ exists.}$$

- (a) By contra positive reasoning, assume $x_n \rightarrow l \neq 0$. Then, $x_{n+1} \rightarrow l$ and since $x_n \neq 0, \forall n$, and $l \neq 0$ then $\frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \rightarrow 1$ thus $L = 1$ is not less than 1.
- (b) Assume $L > 1$ then and by contradiction suppose $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ is bounded. By assumption,

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \right|$$

Hence, for $\varepsilon = L - 1 > 0$, there exists an integer M such that for all $n \geq M$:

$$L - \varepsilon < \left| \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \right| < L + \varepsilon$$

that gives for all $n \geq M$:

$$\left| \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \right| > 1 \implies |x_{n+1}| > |x_n|$$

thus $\{|x_n|\}_{n \geq M}$ is monotone increasing. Since $\{|x_n|\}_{n \geq M}$ is bounded then there exists a convergent (monotone increasing) subsequence such that $|x_{n_k}| \rightarrow l = \sup_{k \geq M} |x_{n_k}| \geq 0$ and we have, since $x_n \neq 0, \forall n$,

$$l = \sup_{k \geq M} |x_{n_k}| \geq |x_{n_M}| > 0.$$

On the other hand, one has $L = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{x_{n_k+1}}{x_{n_k}} \right|$ exists, then by contra-positive reasoning as in (a) :

$$l \neq 0 \implies L = 1$$

which give a contradiction with the hypothesis $L > 1$.

11. **(1pt)** Let $c > 0$, prove that : (Hint : question 10.)

- (a) if $c < 1$ then

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{c^{n+1}}{c^n} \right| = c < 1$$

then $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} c^n = 0$.

- (b) if $c > 1$ then

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{c^{n+1}}{c^n} \right| = c > 1$$

hence the sequence $\{c^n\}_{n \geq 0}$ is unbounded.

12. **(1pt)** Let $n! := n(n-1)\dots 3.2.1$ and $0! = 1$. (Use question 10.)

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{\frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{2^n}{n!}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2}{n+1} = 0 < 1.$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!} = 0$$

13. **(1pt)** Let $x \geq 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$: By induction :

- (a) Initialization : for $n = 0$, $(1+x)^0 = 1 \geq 1+0x$, true.
- (b) Induction step : Assume the property true for n and let us show it for $n+1$.

$$\begin{aligned} (1+x)^{n+1} &= (1+x)^n(1+x) \geq (1+nx)(1+x) \\ &\geq 1 + (n+1)x + nx^2 \geq 1 + (n+1)x. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Conclusion step : for all $x \geq 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$: $(1+x)^n \geq 1+nx$.
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14. **(1pt)** Let $p > 0$. For any $\varepsilon > 0$, let $d = \varepsilon^{-1/p}$ then for all $n \geq d$:

$$|n^{-p}| \leq d^{-p} = \varepsilon$$

hence the inequality is true for all $n \geq M = [d] + 1$ and we conclude that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n^{-p} = 0$$

15. **(2pt)** Let $p > 1$: then $p^{\frac{1}{n}} > 1^{\frac{1}{n}} \implies p^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 > 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. On the other hand, one has by question 13 :

$$p = \left(1 + \left(p^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1\right)\right)^n \geq 1 + n \left(p^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1\right)$$

hence

$$0 < p^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \leq \frac{p-1}{n},$$

and we deduce by the ST theorem that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < p^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \leq \frac{p-1}{n} \rightarrow 0 &\implies p^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \rightarrow 0 \\ \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} p^{\frac{1}{n}} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

16. **(2pt)** Let $\{x_n\}_n, \{y_n\}_n$ two convergent sequences of reals such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} |x_n - y_n| = 0$. Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n = x$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} y_n = y$. Then for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists M_1, M_2, M_3 integers such that :

$$\forall n \geq M_1 : |x - x_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$$

$$\forall n \geq M_2 : |x_n - y_n| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$$

$$\forall n \geq M_3 : |y_n - y| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$$

hence, for $n = \max(M_1, M_2, M_3)$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq |x - y| = |x - x_n + x_n - y_n + y_n - y| \\ &\leq |x - x_n| + |x_n - y_n| + |y_n - y| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

henceforth

$$(\forall \varepsilon > 0 : |x - y| < \varepsilon) \implies |x - y| = 0 \implies x = y.$$