

Homework 2

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1 Ross 4.15

For this we first prove that $\frac{1}{n} > 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$. First we multiply both sides by n , since $n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 0$, the sign does not change.

We get $LHS = 1$ $RHS = 0$, since $1 > 0$ is an axiom, therefore we know that $1/n > 0$.

Now since we have proven $\frac{1}{n} \geq 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, by the ordered field axioms $a \leq b$.
Q.E.D.

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Let the set in question be denoted by S . We will prove the claim via contradiction. We break its negation down into two cases: $\sup S < a$ or $\sup S > a$. For the former, let $x = \sup S, x \in \mathbb{R}$. By the denseness of rationals we see that there exists $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $x < q \leq a$. By the definition of this set we have $q \in S$. Therefore we have just found a member of this set that is greater than the supremum. This is a contradiction so x cannot be less than a .

For the latter, we once again let $x = \sup S, x \in \mathbb{R}$. Consider a . $a < x$ and by definition of S , $\forall s \in S, s < a$. We have found an upperbound that is less than our supremum. That is a contradiction so x cannot be greater than a . $\sup S = a$ Q.E.D.

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3.1 a

Claim: $a_n \rightarrow 0$

Proof: $a_n = \frac{n}{n^2+1} \leq \frac{n+1/n}{n^2+1} = \frac{1}{n} \ (n \neq 0)$

Let $\epsilon > 0$, we select our $N = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$. $\forall n > N, |a_n - 0| < \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$, thus the sequence converges.

3.2 c

Claim: $c_n \rightarrow \frac{4}{7}$

Proof: $|c_n - \frac{4}{7}| = |\frac{28n+21}{49n-35} - \frac{4(7n-5)}{49n-35}|$

$$= \frac{28n + 21 - 28n + 20}{49n - 35}$$

$$= \frac{41}{49n - 35} \leq \frac{41}{49n}$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$, we select our $N = \frac{41}{49\epsilon}$. For all $n > N, |c_n - \frac{4}{7}| \leq \frac{41}{49n} < \epsilon$

3.3 e

Claim: $s_n \rightarrow 0$

Proof: $|s_n - 0| = |\frac{1}{n} \sin n| \leq \frac{1}{n}$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$, we select our $N = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$. For all $n > N, |s_n - 0| \leq \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$

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4.1 a