

Exercises - Calculus
Academic Year 2021-2022

Sheet 1

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10. Let

$$A = \left\{-1 - \frac{n}{n^2+1} : n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}.$$

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11. Let

$$A = \{x = |t^2 - 4t| : t \in (-1, 5)\}.$$

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12. Let

$$A = \left\{x = \frac{|t|}{1+|t|} : t \in \mathbb{R}\right\}.$$

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13. Let $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$. Can you establish whether the following numbers are rational numbers or not?

$$\alpha + \beta; \quad a + b; \quad a + \alpha; \quad \alpha \cdot \beta; \quad \alpha \cdot a; \quad -\alpha; \quad \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

14. Prove that there does not exist any rational number c such that $c^2 = n_0$ for any n_0 which is a prime natural number (in other words, show that $\sqrt{n_0} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ for any prime natural number n_0).

15. Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Prove that if $\sqrt{m} \notin \mathbb{Q}$, then $\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{m} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ as well.

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I) BASE CASE: PROVE FOR 1

$$n=1 \quad 1 < 10$$

II) INDUCTION: ASSUME TRUE FOR n

$$S(n): n < 10^n$$

$$S(n+1): n+1 < 10^{n+1}$$

$$n+1 < 10^n + 10$$

$$n+1 < 10(10^{n-1} + 1)$$

$$n+1 < 10 \cdot 10^n$$

$$n+1 < 10^{n+1}$$

(if $a < b$, $a + c < b + c$)
FOR ANY c

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X b) $2^{n-1} \leq n!$

$$n=1; 2^0 \leq 1! \quad 1 \leq 1$$

$$n+1: 2^{n+1-1} \leq (n+1)!$$

$$2^n < n! (n+1)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} b \quad \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 &= \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} \right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{n^2 + 3n + 2}{2} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{n^4 + 9n^2 + 4 + 4n^2 + 6n^3 + 12n}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\inf(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \text{ is even}\}) = 0$$

$$B: \sup(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \leq 12\}) = 12$$

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$$A \cap B (\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \text{ is even, } n \leq 12\})$$

$$\max A \cap B: 12$$

$$\min A \cap B: 0$$

$$A \cap C (\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \text{ is even, } n \leq 12\})$$

$$\max A \cap C: 12$$

$$\min A \cap C: 0$$

$$A \cup C (\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \text{ is even or } n \leq 12\})$$

$$\max A \cup C: \emptyset$$

$$\min A \cup C: 0$$

$$A \setminus C (\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \text{ is even not } n \leq 12\})$$

$$\max A \setminus C: \emptyset$$

$$\min A \setminus C: 12$$

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$$\sup A: 5$$

$$\max A: 8$$

$$\inf A: -3$$

$$\min A: -3$$

$$\sup B: \sqrt{2}$$

$$\max B: \sqrt{2}$$

$$\inf B: 0$$

$$\min B: \emptyset$$

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$$A: (1-x) > 0$$

$$x+2 \geq 0$$

$$x^2-3 > 0$$

$$x-5 \geq 0$$

$$-\sqrt{3} \quad 1 \quad \sqrt{3}$$

$$-2$$

$$5$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} - & + & + \\ - & - & + \end{array}$$

$$\sup A: 1$$

$$\inf A: -2$$

$$\max A: 5$$

$$\min A: -2$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} + & \cdot & - & \cdot & + & \cdot & - \\ (-\infty, -\sqrt{3}) \cup (1, \sqrt{3}) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} + & \cdot & - & \cdot & + \\ [-2, 5] \end{array}$$

$$B: |x-2| > 1 \quad |x+1| - 2 < 0$$

$$-1 > x - 2 > 1$$

$$|x+1| < 2$$

$$-2 < x+1 < 2$$

$$1 > x > 3$$

$$-3 < x < 1$$

$$(-\infty, 1) \cup (3, +\infty)$$

$$(-3, 1)$$

$$\sup B: 1$$

$$\inf B: 3$$

$$\max B: \emptyset$$

$$\min B: \emptyset$$

$$C: |x+1| > -1 \quad x^3 < 27$$

$$1 > x+1 > -1$$

$$x < 3$$

$$-1 < x+1 < 1$$

$$-2 < x < 0$$

$$(-2, 0)$$

$$(-\infty, 3)$$

$$\sup C: 3$$

$$\inf C: -2$$

$$\max C: 3$$

$$\min C: \emptyset$$

$$D: x^3 > -3 \quad x^2 \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

$$x > -\sqrt[3]{3} \quad -\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \quad -\sqrt[3]{3} \quad \frac{1}{2}$$



$$\sup D: \emptyset$$

$$\inf D: -1/2$$

$$\max D: \emptyset$$

$$\min D: -1/2$$

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A: $x^2 + 2x \geq 0$

$$x(x+2) \geq 0$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & -2 & & 0 \\ & \cdot & & \cdot \\ - & \cdot & - & \cdot & + \\ \hline & - & \cdot & + & + \\ + & \cdot & - & \cdot & + \end{array}$$

$$(0, +\infty)$$

$\sup A: \emptyset$

$\inf A: 0$

$\max A: \emptyset$

$\min A: 0$

B: $x = \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$x = 1^n \cdot n^{-1}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{n}$$

$\sup A: 1$

$\inf A: 0$

$\max A: 1$

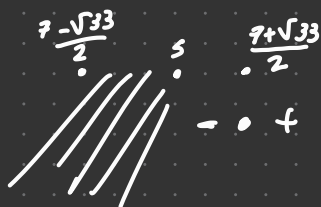
$\min A: \emptyset$

C: $\sqrt{x+5} > 3-x$

$x \geq 5$

$3-x \geq 0; x \leq 3 \Rightarrow x+5 > 9+x^2-6x; x^2-7x+4 < 0$

$3-x < 0: x > 3 \Rightarrow x \geq 5$



$\sup C: \emptyset$

$\inf C: 5$

$\max C: \emptyset$

$\min C: 5$

D: $\frac{x+1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \leq 1$

$-2 < x < 2$

$x+1 \leq \sqrt{4-x^2}$

$x+1 \geq 0; x \geq -1 \Rightarrow x^2+2x+1 \leq 4-x^2 \Rightarrow 2x^2+2x-3 \leq 0$

$x+1 < 0; x < -1 \Rightarrow -2 < x$

$\sup D: \frac{-1+\sqrt{7}}{2}$

$\inf D: \frac{-1-\sqrt{7}}{2}$

$\max D: 2$

$\min D: -2$

$\frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{28}}{4}$
 $\frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{7}}{4} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{7}}{2}$

7. Let

$$A = \left\{ n^2 + \frac{1}{n^2} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

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$$\frac{n^4 + 1}{n^2}$$

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