Discretionary Note

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Problem set 3 Due Thursday February 6 at 11pm

Exercise 3.1 (5 points). Prove that \mathbb{N} is not bounded above in \mathbb{R} .

Exercise 3.2 (10 points; Rudin 2.2+2.3, modified). A real number x is called *algebraic* if there exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a_0, \ldots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$, with $a_0 \neq 0$, such that

$$a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n = 0.$$

- (1) Prove that $\sqrt{5}$ and $\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}$ are algebraic.
- (2) Prove that the set of all algebraic real numbers is countable. (You may use without proof the fact that a polynomial of degree n has at most n roots.)
- (3) Prove that there exist real numbers which are not algebraic.

Exercise 3.3 (5 points). Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with a < b. Prove that there are uncountably many irrational numbers in the interval (a, b).

Exercise 3.4 (10 points). Are the following sets finite, countable or uncountable? Prove your answers.

- (1) The set of all finite subsets of \mathbb{N} .
- (2) The set of all subsets of \mathbb{N} .
- (3) The set of all functions $f : \mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{Q}$.

Exercise 3.5 (10 points). For each of the following, determine whether *X* with the distance function *d* is a metric space, and prove your answer.

(1)
$$X = \mathbb{R}, d(x, y) = |x^2 - y^2|$$

(2)
$$X = \mathbb{R}, d(x, y) = |x - 2y|$$

(3)
$$X = \mathbb{R}, d(x,y) = \frac{|x-y|}{1+|x-y|}$$

(4)
$$X = \mathbb{R}^2$$
, $d(x, y) = |x_1 - y_1| + |x_2 - y_2|$ [where $x = (x_1, x_2)$ and $y = (y_1, y_2)$]

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