$$\begin{cases}
\forall x \in (-A), x \leq \sup(-A) \\
\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists x_{\varepsilon} \in (-A), x_{\varepsilon} > \sup(-A) - \varepsilon
\end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall -x \in A, x \leq \sup(-A) \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists -x_{\varepsilon} \in A, x_{\varepsilon} > \sup(-A) - \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall x \in A, x \ge -\sup(-A) \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists x_{\varepsilon} \in A, x_{\varepsilon} < -\sup(-A) + \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

By Proposition 1.2.2,  $-\sup(-A) = \inf A$ .

$$\begin{cases}
\forall x \in (-A), x \ge \inf(-A) \\
\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists x_{\varepsilon} \in (-A), x_{\varepsilon} < \inf(-A) + \varepsilon
\end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall -x \in A, x \ge \inf(-A) \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists -x_{\varepsilon} \in A, x_{\varepsilon} < \inf(-A) + \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall x \in A, x \leq -\inf(-A) \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists x_{\varepsilon} \in A, x_{\varepsilon} > -\inf(-A) + \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

By Proposition 1.2.2,  $-\inf(-A) = \sup A$ .

# (2) Proof:

$$1^{\circ} \begin{cases} \forall z \in (A+B), z \leq \sup(A+B) \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists z_{\varepsilon} \in (A+B), z_{\varepsilon} > \sup(A+B) - \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

•If 
$$\sup(A+B) > \sup A + \sup B$$
,

let 
$$\varepsilon = \sup(A+B) - (\sup A + \sup B) > 0$$

then 
$$\exists z_{\varepsilon} \in (A+B), z_{\varepsilon} > \sup A + \sup B$$
,

$$z = x + y(x \in A, y \in B)$$
, thus  $z_{\varepsilon} \le \sup A + \sup B$ .

Contradiction!

• If 
$$\sup(A+B) < \sup A + \sup B$$
,

let 
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\left(\sup A + \sup B\right) - \sup\left(A + B\right)}{2} > 0$$

$$then \ \exists x_{\varepsilon} \in A, x_{\varepsilon} > \sup A - \frac{\left(\sup A + \sup B\right) - \sup\left(A + B\right)}{2},$$

$$\exists y_{\varepsilon} \in B, y_{\varepsilon} > \sup B - \frac{\left(\sup A + \sup B\right) - \sup\left(A + B\right)}{2}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0, s.t. z_c = x_c + y_c > \sup(A + B).$$

$$z_{\varepsilon} \in (A+B) \Rightarrow \sup(A+B) \ge z_{\varepsilon} > \sup(A+B).$$

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

$$2^{\circ} \begin{cases} \forall z \in (A+B), z \geq \inf(A+B) \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists z_{\varepsilon} \in (A+B), z_{\varepsilon} < \inf(A+B) + \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

• If 
$$\inf(A+B) < \inf A + \inf B$$
,

let 
$$\varepsilon = (\inf A + \inf B) - \inf (A + B) > 0$$

then 
$$\exists z_{\varepsilon} \in (A+B), z_{\varepsilon} < \inf A + \inf B$$

$$z = x + y (x \in A, y \in B)$$
, thus  $z \ge \inf A + \inf B$ .

• If 
$$\inf(A+B) > \inf A + \inf B$$
,

let 
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\inf(A+B) - (\inf A + \inf B)}{2} > 0$$

then 
$$\exists x_{\varepsilon} \in A, x_{\varepsilon} < \inf A - \frac{\inf (A+B) - (\inf A + \inf B)}{2},$$

$$\exists y_{\varepsilon} \in B, y_{\varepsilon} < \inf B - \frac{\inf \left(A + B\right) - \left(\inf A + \inf B\right)}{2}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0, s.t. z_{\varepsilon} = x_{\varepsilon} + y_{\varepsilon} < \inf(A + B).$$

$$z_{\varepsilon} \in (A+B) \Rightarrow \inf(A+B) > z_{\varepsilon} \ge \inf(A+B).$$

Hence, 
$$\inf(A+B) = \inf A + \inf B$$
.

(3): Proof: Since 
$$\forall x \in A, y \in B, x \ge 0, y \ge 0$$
.

$$1^{\circ} \begin{cases} \forall z \in (AB), z \leq \sup(AB) \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists z_{\varepsilon} \in (AB), z_{\varepsilon} > \sup(AB) - \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

•If 
$$\sup(AB) > \sup A \cdot \sup B$$
,

let 
$$\varepsilon = \sup(AB) - \sup A \cdot \sup B > 0$$

then 
$$\exists z_{\varepsilon} \in (AB), z_{\varepsilon} > \sup A \cdot \sup B$$
,

$$z = x \cdot y (x \in A, y \in B)$$
, thus  $z_{\varepsilon} \le \sup A \cdot \sup B$ .

•If 
$$\sup(AB) < \sup A \cdot \sup B$$
,

let 
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\sup A \cdot \sup B - \sup (AB)}{\sup A + \sup B} > 0$$

$$then \ \exists x_{\varepsilon} \in A, x_{\varepsilon} > \sup A - \frac{\sup A \cdot \sup B - \sup \left(AB\right)}{\sup A + \sup B},$$

$$\exists y_{\varepsilon} \in B, y_{\varepsilon} > \sup B - \frac{\sup A \cdot \sup B - \sup \left(AB\right)}{\sup A + \sup B}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0, s.t.$$

$$z_{\varepsilon} = x_{\varepsilon} \cdot y_{\varepsilon} > \left[ \sup A - \frac{\sup A \cdot \sup B - \sup (AB)}{\sup A + \sup B} \right] \cdot \left[ \sup B - \frac{\sup A \cdot \sup B - \sup (AB)}{\sup A + \sup B} \right]$$

$$> \sup(AB) + \left\lceil \frac{\sup A \cdot \sup B - \sup(AB)}{\sup A + \sup B} \right\rceil^2 > \sup(AB)$$

$$z_{\varepsilon} \in (AB) \Rightarrow \sup(AB) \ge z_{\varepsilon} > \sup(AB).$$

Hence, 
$$\sup(AB) = \sup A \cdot \sup B$$
.

$$2^{\circ} \begin{cases} \forall z \in (AB), z \ge \inf(AB) \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists z_{\varepsilon} \in (AB), z_{\varepsilon} < \inf(AB) + \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

• If 
$$\inf(AB) < \inf A \cdot \inf B$$
,

let 
$$\varepsilon = \inf A \cdot \inf B - \inf (AB) > 0$$

then 
$$\exists z_{\varepsilon} \in (AB), z_{\varepsilon} < \inf A \cdot \inf B$$
,

$$z = x \cdot y (x \in A, y \in B)$$
, thus  $z_{\varepsilon} \ge \inf A \cdot \inf B$ .

•If 
$$\inf(AB) > \inf A \cdot \inf B$$
,

let 
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\inf(AB) - \inf A \cdot \inf B}{\inf A + \inf B} > 0$$

$$then \ \exists x_{\varepsilon} \in A, x_{\varepsilon} < \inf A + \frac{\inf \left(AB\right) - \inf A \cdot \inf B}{\inf A + \inf B},$$

$$\exists y_{\varepsilon} \in B, y_{\varepsilon} < \inf B + \frac{\inf (AB) - \inf A \cdot \inf B}{\inf A + \inf B}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \varepsilon > 0, s.t.$$

$$z_{\varepsilon} = x_{\varepsilon} \cdot y_{\varepsilon} > \left[\inf A + \frac{\inf (AB) - \inf A \cdot \inf B}{\inf A + \inf B}\right] \cdot \left[\inf B + \frac{\inf (AB) - \inf A \cdot \inf B}{\inf A + \inf B}\right]$$

$$>\inf(AB)+\left\lceil\frac{\inf(AB)-\inf A\cdot\inf B}{\inf A+\inf B}\right\rceil^2>\inf(AB)$$

$$z_{\varepsilon} \in (AB) \Rightarrow \inf(AB) \ge z_{\varepsilon} > \inf(AB).$$

Hence, 
$$\inf(AB) = \inf A \cdot \inf B$$
.

# (4): Proof by contradiction:

Assume that  $\sup A > \sup B(A \subseteq B)$ 

then 
$$\begin{cases} \forall x \in A, x \leq \sup A \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists x_{\varepsilon} \in A, x_{\varepsilon} > \sup A - \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

Let  $\varepsilon = \sup A - \sup B > 0$ 

$$\exists x_{\varepsilon} \in A \subseteq B, x_{\varepsilon} > \sup A - (\sup A - \sup B) = \sup B$$

Contradiction!

*Hence*, sup  $A \le \sup B$ .

Assume that  $\inf A < \inf B(A \subseteq B)$ 

then 
$$\begin{cases} \forall x \in A, x \ge \inf A \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists x_{\varepsilon} \in A, x_{\varepsilon} < \inf A + \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

Let  $\varepsilon = \inf B - \inf A > 0$ 

$$\exists x_{\varepsilon} \in A \subseteq B, x_{\varepsilon} < \inf A + (\inf B - \inf A) = \inf B$$

Contradiction!

*Hence*, inf  $A \ge \inf B$ .

3.Proof:

Let 
$$S = \{x : x^3 + ax \le b\}, T = \{x : x^3 + ax > b\}$$

Since 
$$\left(-\left|\sqrt[3]{b}\right|\right)^3 + a\left(-\left|\sqrt[3]{b}\right|\right) \le \left(-\left|b\right|\right) \le b, -\left|\sqrt[3]{b}\right| \in S, thus \ S \ne \emptyset.$$

Since 
$$\left(\left|\sqrt[3]{b}\right|+1\right)^3+a\left(\left|\sqrt[3]{b}\right|+1\right)>\left(\left|\sqrt[3]{b}\right|\right)^3+a\left|\sqrt[3]{b}\right|\geq b, \left(\left|\sqrt[3]{b}\right|+1\right)\in T, thus \ T\neq\varnothing.$$

$$S \cup T = \left\{ x : x^3 + ax \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \mathbb{R},$$

$$\forall x \in S, y \in T, x^3 + ax \le b < y^3 + ay \Longrightarrow x < y.$$

Hence,(S,T) is a Dedeking cut of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

There exists only one  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , s.t.  $\forall x \in S, y \in T, x \le c \le y$ .

•If 
$$c^3 + ac < b$$
, let  $h = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{b - c^3 - ac}{1 + 3c + 3c^2 + a} \right\} > 0$ .

then 
$$(c+h)^3 + a(c+h) = c^3 + ac + 3h^2c + 3hc^2 + h^3 + ah$$

$$< c^3 + ac + 3hc + 3hc^2 + h + ah = c^3 + ac + (3c + 3c^2 + 1 + a)h$$

$$\leq c^3 + ac + (3c + 3c^2 + 1 + a) \cdot \frac{b - c^3 - ac}{1 + 3c + 3c^2 + a} = b.$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall x \in S, y \in T, x \le c < c + h < y \Rightarrow (c + h) \notin S \cup T \Rightarrow S \cup T \neq \mathbb{R}.$$

Contradiction!

Hence,  $c^3 + ac \ge b$ .

•If 
$$c^3 + ac > b$$
, let  $h = \min\left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{c^3 + ac - b}{1 + 3c^2 + a}\right\} > 0$ .

then 
$$(c-h)^3 + a(c-h) = c^3 + ac + 3h^2c - 3hc^2 - h^3 - ah$$

$$> c^3 + ac - 3hc^2 - h - ah > c^3 + ac + (-3c^2 - 1 - a)h$$

$$\geq c^3 + ac + (-3c^2 - 1 - a) \cdot \frac{c^3 + ac - b}{1 + 3c^2 + a} = b.$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall x \in S, \ y \in T, x < c - h < c \le y \Rightarrow (c - h) \notin S \cup T \Rightarrow S \cup T \ne \mathbb{R}.$$

Contradiction!

*Hence*, 
$$c^3 + ac \le b$$
.

 $\Rightarrow$  There exists only one  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , s.t.  $c^3 + ac = b$ .

#### 4.Proof:

 $\forall x \in A, x \leq \sup A.$ 

 $\forall \, \varepsilon > 0, \, \exists x_{\varepsilon} \in A, \, s.t. \, x_{\varepsilon} > \sup A - \varepsilon.$ 

 $\forall y \in \{a^x : x \in A\}, y \le \sup\{a^x : x \in A\}.$ 

 $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists y_{\varepsilon} \in \left\{ a^{x} : x \in A \right\}, s.t. \ y_{\varepsilon} > \sup \left\{ a^{x} : x \in A \right\} - \varepsilon.$ 

•If  $\sup \{a^x : x \in A\} < a^{\sup A}$ , let  $\varepsilon = \sup A - \log_a \{\sup \{a^x : x \in A\}\} > 0$ 

then  $x_{\varepsilon} \in A$ ,  $a^{x_{\varepsilon}} > a^{\sup A - \varepsilon} = a^{\log_a \left( \sup \left\{ a^x : x \in A \right\} \right)} = \sup \left\{ a^x : x \in A \right\} \ge a^{x_{\varepsilon}}$ .

## Contradiction!

•If 
$$\sup\{a^x: x \in A\} > a^{\sup A}$$
, let  $\varepsilon = \sup\{a^x: x \in A\} - a^{\sup A} > 0$ 

then  $y_{\varepsilon} \in \{a^x : x \in A\}, \log_a y_{\varepsilon} \in A, \ y_{\varepsilon} > \sup\{a^x : x \in A\} - \varepsilon = a^{\sup A} \ge a^{\log_a y_{\varepsilon}} = y_{\varepsilon}.$ 

### Contradiction!

Hence,  $\sup \{a^x : x \in A\} = a^{\sup A}$ .

6.(2)Proof:

Existence:

Since  $\cos 0 = 1$ ,  $\cos \pi = -1$ .

Let 
$$S = \{x \in (0, \pi) : \cos x \le a\}, a \in (-1, 1),$$

•NTS:  $S \neq \emptyset$ .

$$\cos(\pi - \varepsilon) \le a \Leftrightarrow \cos \varepsilon \ge -a \Leftrightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2 \ge -a \Leftrightarrow 1 + a \ge \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2 \Leftrightarrow 0 < \varepsilon \le \sqrt{2(1+a)}$$

$$let \ \varepsilon = \sqrt{2(1+a)} > 0 \Rightarrow \cos(\pi - \sqrt{2(1+a)}) \le a, (\pi - \sqrt{2(1+a)}) \in (0,\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\pi - \sqrt{2\left(1 + a\right)}\right) \in S \Rightarrow S \neq \emptyset.$$

And  $x \in (0, \pi)$ , thus there exists inf  $S \in (0, \pi)$ .

•NTS: inf  $S \in (0,\pi)$ 

Assume that : inf  $S = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \inf S = 1$ .

$$let \ \varepsilon = \min \left\{ \frac{\inf S - \cos a}{1 + \sin a}, \frac{\pi}{4} \right\} > 0, \cos a < \cos \left( a - \varepsilon \right) \le \inf S, a - \varepsilon \in \left( 0, \pi \right)$$

 $\cos(a-\varepsilon)$  < 1,  $a-\varepsilon$  is a lower bound of S  $\Rightarrow$  0 is not the infimum of S.

Contradiction!

Hence, inf  $S \in (0, \pi)$ 

Denote that  $x = \inf S \in (0, \pi)$ .

 $Claim : \cos x = a.$ 

•If 
$$\cos x < a$$
, let  $h = \min\left\{\frac{a - \cos x}{1 + \sin x}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right\} > 0$ 

 $\cos x < \cos(x - h) = \cos x \cosh + \sin x \sinh = (\cos x + 1)\cos h - \cos h + \sin x \sin h$ 

$$<(\cos x + 1) - \cos h + h \sin x, (\cos h > 1 - \frac{1}{2}h^2, 0 < h < \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$<(\cos x + 1) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}h^2\right) + h\sin x = \cos x + \frac{1}{2}h^2 + h\sin x$$

 $<\cos x + h + h\sin x \le a$ 

$$x - h < x, x - h \in S \Rightarrow x \neq \text{cos inf } S.$$

Contradiction!

•If 
$$\cos x > a$$
, let  $h = \min \left\{ \frac{\cos x - a}{1 + \cos x + \sin x}, \frac{\pi}{4} \right\} > 0. \left( 1 + \cos x + \sin x > 0 \text{ for } x \in (0, \pi) \right)$ 

 $\cos x > \cos(x+h) = \cos x \cos h - \sin x \sin h = (\cos x + 1)\cos h - \cos h - \sin x \sin h$ 

$$> (\cos x + 1) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}h^2\right) - \cos h - h\sin x > \cos x + (\cos x + 1)\left(-\frac{1}{2}h^2\right) - h\sin x$$

$$> \cos x - \left(\cos x + \sin x + 1\right)h \ge \cos x - \left(\cos x + \sin x + 1\right) \cdot \frac{\cos x - a}{1 + \cos x + \sin x} = a.$$

$$x + h > x$$
, but  $x + h \notin S \Rightarrow x \neq \inf S$ .

*Hence*,  $\cos x = a$ .

For  $x \in [0, \pi]$ ,  $a \in [-1, 1]$ , the formula " $\cos x = a$ " has a root.

Uniqueness:

If 
$$\cos x_1 = \cos x_2 = a$$
,  $x_1, x_2 \in [0, \pi]$ , then  $x_1 = x_2$ .

Hence:

For  $x \in [0, \pi]$ ,  $a \in [-1, 1]$ , the formula " $\cos x = a$ " has only one root!

6.(3) Proof:

Existence:

Let S=
$$\left\{x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) : \tan x \le a\right\}, a \in \mathbb{R},$$

•NTS (need to show):  $S \neq \emptyset$ .

$$Let \tan \left( -\frac{\pi}{2} + \varepsilon \right) < a \left( \varepsilon \to 0^+ \right) \Rightarrow -\cot \varepsilon < a \Rightarrow -\frac{\cos \varepsilon}{\sin \varepsilon} < a \Rightarrow \frac{\cos \varepsilon}{\sin \varepsilon} > -a$$

we know that : 
$$\cos \varepsilon > 1 - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2$$
,  $\sin \varepsilon < \varepsilon \Rightarrow \frac{\cos \varepsilon}{\sin \varepsilon} > \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2}{\varepsilon}$ 

need to show: 
$$\frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2}{\varepsilon} > -a$$
, i.e.  $1 - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2 > -a\varepsilon \Leftrightarrow 1 + a\varepsilon > \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2$ 

$$let \ \varepsilon = \frac{1}{2(1+|a|)} > 0, thus \ 1 + a\varepsilon > 1 + a\frac{1}{2(1+|a|)} \ge 1 - |a|\frac{1}{2(1+|a|)} > \frac{1}{2} > \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2(1+|a|)} \right]^2 = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2.$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan\left(-\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{2(1+|a|)}\right) < a \Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{2(1+|a|)} \in S \Rightarrow S \neq \emptyset.$$

•NTS: 
$$\sup S \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$
.

Assume that 
$$\sup S = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\tan a < \tan \left(a+h\right) \le \tan \left(\sup S - \varepsilon\right), h = \min \left\{\frac{\pi}{4} \left| \frac{\tan \left(\sup S - \varepsilon\right) - \tan a}{1 + \tan \left(\sup S - \varepsilon\right) \tan a} \right|, \frac{\pi}{4}, \left|\frac{\pi}{2} - a\right| \right\} > 0.$$

 $\tan a < \tan(a+h) \le \tan(\sup S - \varepsilon)$ ,  $\tan(a+h)$  is a upper bound of  $S \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$  is not the supremum of S.

*Denote that*  $x = \sup S$ .

 $Claim : \tan x = a.$ 

Lemma: 
$$x < \tan x < \frac{4}{\pi}x \left(0 < x < \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$
, the proof is trivial.

Step1: If  $\tan x < a$ ,

we know that : 
$$\tan(x+h) = \frac{\tan x + \tan h}{1 - \tan x \tan h} (h > 0)$$

$$a - \tan(x+h) = a - \frac{\tan x + \tan h}{1 - \tan x \tan h} = \frac{(a - \tan x) - a \tan x \tan h - \tan h}{1 - \tan x \tan h}$$

$$= (a - \tan x) + \frac{(a - \tan x)\tan x \tan h - a \tan x \tan h - \tan h}{1 - \tan x \tan h}$$

$$= (a - \tan x) - \frac{(\tan^2 x + 1)\tan h}{1 - \tan x \tan h}$$

$$Let \ h = \min \left\{ \frac{\pi}{4} \left| \frac{a - \tan x}{1 + a \tan x} \right|, \frac{\pi}{4}, \left| \frac{\pi}{2} - x \right| \right\} > 0.$$

$$0 < \tan h < \frac{4}{\pi} h = \frac{4}{\pi} \min \left\{ \frac{\pi}{4} \left| \frac{a - \tan x}{1 + a \tan x} \right|, \frac{\pi}{4}, \left| \frac{\pi}{2} - x \right| \right\} = \min \left\{ \left| \frac{a - \tan x}{1 + a \tan x} \right|, 1, \frac{4}{\pi} \left| \frac{\pi}{2} - x \right| \right\}$$
Since  $|\tan x \tan h| \le |\tan x \tan h| \le |\tan x \tan h| = 1, \tan (x + h) \in (\tan x, +\infty)$ 

$$\Rightarrow |\tan x \tan h| < 1, 1 - \tan x \tan h > 0.$$

$$(a - \tan x) - \frac{(\tan^2 x + 1) \tan h}{1 - \tan x \tan h} = \frac{(a - \tan x)(1 - \tan x \tan h) - (\tan^2 x + 1) \tan h}{1 - \tan x \tan h}$$

$$= \frac{(a - \tan x) - (1 + a \tan x) \tan h}{1 - \tan x \tan h}$$

$$\geq \frac{(a - \tan x) - |1 + a \tan x|}{1 - \tan x \tan h}$$

$$\geq \frac{(a - \tan x) - |1 + a \tan x|}{1 - \tan x \tan h} = 0$$

$$\exists h > 0, s.t. \tan x < \tan(x + h) \le a$$

$$x + h > 0, x + h \in S \Rightarrow x \neq \sup S.$$

$$Step 2: If \tan x > a$$
,

we know that : 
$$\tan(x-h) = \frac{\tan x - \tan h}{1 + \tan x \tan h} (h > 0)$$

$$\tan(x-h) - a = \frac{\tan x - \tan h}{1 + \tan x \tan h} - a = \frac{(\tan x - a) - a \tan x \tan h - \tan h}{1 + \tan x \tan h}$$

$$= \left(\tan x - a\right) + \frac{-\left(\tan x - a\right)\tan x \tan h - a \tan x \tan h - \tan h}{1 + \tan x \tan h}$$

$$= (\tan x - a) - \frac{(\tan^2 x + 1)\tan h}{1 + \tan x \tan h}.$$

Let 
$$h = \min \left\{ \frac{\pi}{4} \left| \frac{\tan x - a}{1 + a \tan x} \right|, \frac{\pi}{4}, \left| \frac{\pi}{2} - x \right| \right\} > 0.$$

$$0 < \tan h < \frac{4}{\pi}h = \frac{4}{\pi}\min\left\{\frac{\pi}{4}\left|\frac{\tan x - a}{1 + a\tan x}\right|, \frac{\pi}{4}, \left|\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right|\right\} = \min\left\{\left|\frac{\tan x - a}{1 + a\tan x}\right|, 1, \frac{4}{\pi}\left|\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right|\right\}$$

Since 
$$|\tan x \tan h| \le \left|\tan x \tan \left|\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right|\right| = 1, \tan(x+h) \in (\tan x, +\infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $|\tan x \tan h| < 1, 1 + \tan x \tan h > 0.$ 

$$(\tan x - a) - \frac{(\tan^2 x + 1)\tan h}{1 + \tan x \tan h} = \frac{(\tan x - a)(1 + \tan x \tan h) - (\tan^2 x + 1)\tan h}{1 + \tan x \tan h}$$

$$= \frac{(\tan x - a) - (1 + a \tan x) \tan h}{1 + \tan x \tan h} \ge \frac{(\tan x - a) - |1 + a \tan x| \tan h}{1 + \tan x \tan h}$$

$$\ge \frac{(\tan x - a) - |1 + a \tan x|}{1 + \tan x \tan h}$$

$$\ge \frac{(\tan x - a) - |1 + a \tan x|}{1 + \tan x \tan h} = 0$$

$$\geq \frac{\left(\tan x - a\right) - \left|1 + a\tan x\right| \frac{\tan x - a}{1 + a\tan x}\right|}{1 + \tan x \tan h} = 0$$

To sum  $up: \exists h > 0, s.t. \tan x > \tan(x-h) \ge a$ 

$$x - h < x, but \ x - h \notin S, \forall y \in S, \tan y \le a < \tan(x - h) \Rightarrow y < x - h$$

 $\Rightarrow$  x - h is an upper bound of S.

Contradiction!

Hence,  $\tan x = a$ .

For 
$$x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$
,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , the formula "tan  $x = a$ " has a root.

**Uniqueness:** 

If 
$$\tan x_1 = \tan x_2 = a$$
,  $x_1, x_2 \in [0, \pi]$ , then  $x_1 = x_2$ .

Hence:

For 
$$x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$
,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , the formula "tan  $x = a$ " has only one root!

8.Proof: 
$$\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$
,  $\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$ .

$$(1)\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x} + 2}{4} - \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x} - 2}{4} = 1.$$

(2) 
$$\sinh 2x - 2 \sinh x \cosh x = \frac{e^{2x} - e^{-2x}}{2} - \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \cdot \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow \sinh 2x = 2 \sinh x \cosh x.$$

$$(3)\cosh 2x - \sinh^2 x - \cosh^2 x = \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x}}{2} - \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x}}{2} - \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x} + 2}{4} - \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x} - 2}{4} = 0 \Rightarrow \cosh 2x = \sinh^2 x + \cosh^2 x$$

$$(4)\sinh(x+y) - (\sinh x \cosh y + \cosh x \sinh y)$$

$$=\frac{e^{x+y}-e^{-(x+y)}}{2}-\left(\frac{e^x-e^{-x}}{2}\frac{e^y+e^{-y}}{2}+\frac{e^x+e^{-x}}{2}\frac{e^y-e^{-y}}{2}\right)$$

$$=\frac{e^{x+y}-e^{-(x+y)}}{2}-\left(\frac{e^{x+y}-e^{y-x}+e^{x-y}-e^{-(x+y)}}{4}+\frac{e^{x+y}+e^{y-x}-e^{x-y}-e^{-(x+y)}}{4}\right)=0.$$

 $\Rightarrow$  sinh (x + y) = sinh x cosh y + cosh x sinh y.

 $\sinh(x-y) - (\sinh x \cosh y - \cosh x \sinh y)$ 

$$=\frac{e^{x-y}-e^{-(x-y)}}{2}-\left(\frac{e^x-e^{-x}}{2}\frac{e^y+e^{-y}}{2}-\frac{e^x+e^{-x}}{2}\frac{e^y-e^{-y}}{2}\right)$$

$$=\frac{e^{x-y}-e^{-(x-y)}}{2}-\left(\frac{e^{x+y}-e^{y-x}+e^{x-y}-e^{-(x+y)}}{4}-\frac{e^{x+y}+e^{y-x}-e^{x-y}-e^{-(x+y)}}{4}\right)=0.$$

 $\Rightarrow \sinh(x-y) = \sinh x \cosh y - \cosh x \sinh y.$ 

$$\cosh nx - \sinh nx = \frac{e^{nx} + e^{-nx}}{2} - \frac{e^{nx} - e^{-nx}}{2} = e^{-nx}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\cosh x - \sinh x)^n = \cosh nx - \sinh nx.$$

Hence,  $(\cosh x \pm \sinh x)^n = \cosh nx \pm \sinh nx$ .

$$(5)\cosh(x+y) - (\cosh x \cosh y + \sinh x \sinh y)$$

$$= \frac{e^{x+y} + e^{-(x+y)}}{2} - \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \frac{e^y + e^{-y}}{2} + \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{e^{x+y} + e^{-(x+y)}}{2} - \left(\frac{e^{x+y} + e^{y-x} + e^{x-y} + e^{-(x+y)}}{4} + \frac{e^{x+y} - e^{y-x} - e^{x-y} + e^{-(x+y)}}{4}\right) = 0.$$

 $\Rightarrow \cosh(x+y) = \cosh x \cosh y + \sinh x \sinh y$ .

 $\cosh(x-y) - (\cosh x \cosh y - \sinh x \sinh y)$ 

$$= \frac{e^{x-y} + e^{-(x-y)}}{2} - \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \frac{e^y + e^{-y}}{2} - \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{e^{x-y} + e^{-(x-y)}}{2} - \left(\frac{e^{x+y} + e^{y-x} + e^{x-y} + e^{-(x+y)}}{4} - \frac{e^{x+y} - e^{y-x} - e^{x-y} + e^{-(x+y)}}{4}\right) = 0.$$

 $\Rightarrow \cosh(x-y) = \cosh x \cosh y - \sinh x \sinh y$ .

$$(6)(\cosh x + \sinh x)^n = \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} + \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}\right)^n = e^{nx}$$

$$\cosh nx + \sinh nx = \frac{e^{nx} + e^{-nx}}{2} + \frac{e^{nx} - e^{-nx}}{2} = e^{nx}$$

 $\Rightarrow (\cosh x + \sinh x)^n = \cosh nx + \sinh nx.$ 

$$\left(\cosh x - \sinh x\right)^n = \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} - \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}\right)^n = e^{-nx}$$

Alternative proof of Definition 1.3.1 (by Dedeking cut):

*Definition* 1.3.1:  $\forall a > 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \ge 2$ , the formula " $x^n = a$ " has only one positive root.

Lemma:  $0 < b < c \text{ implies } b^n - c^n < (b-c)nb^{n-1}(trivial)$ 

Let 
$$S = \{x > 0 : x^n \le a\}, T = \{x > 0 : x^n > a\}.$$

Claim: (S,T) is a Dedeking cut of  $\mathbb{R}^+$ .

$$(1)$$
 let  $x = \frac{a}{1+a} \in (0,1), x^n < x = \frac{a}{1+a} < a \Rightarrow \frac{a}{1+a} \in S \Rightarrow S \neq \emptyset$ 

let 
$$x = a + 1 \in (1, +\infty), x^n > x = a + 1 > a \Rightarrow a + 1 \in T \Rightarrow T \neq \emptyset$$

$$(2)S \cup T = \{x > 0 : x^n \le a \lor x^n > a\} = \{x > 0 : x^n \in \mathbb{R}\} = \mathbb{R}^+.$$

$$(3) \forall x \in S, y \in T, 0 < x^n \le a < y^n \Longrightarrow 0 < x < y$$

Hence,(S,T) is a Dedeking cut of  $\mathbb{R}^+$ .

then there exists  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $s.t. \forall x \in S, y \in T, x \le c \le y$ .

we need to show:  $c^n = a$ 

•If 
$$c^n < a$$
, choose  $h \in (0,1)$ , which satisfies  $h < \frac{a - c^n}{n(c+1)^{n-1}}$ 

By lemma, 
$$(c+h)^n - c^n < hn(c+h)^{n-1} < a-c^n$$

$$\Rightarrow c^n < (c+h)^n < a \Rightarrow c+h \in S, but \ c+h \notin T \Rightarrow \forall x \in S, y \in T, x \le c < c+h \le y$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall x \in S, y \in T, x < c + \frac{h}{2} < y \left( c + \frac{h}{2} > c > 0 \right) \Rightarrow S \cup T \neq \mathbb{R}^+.$$

Contradiction!

•If 
$$c^n > a$$
, let  $\varepsilon = \frac{c^n - a}{nc^{n-1}}$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon < x$ ,

Claim:  $\forall y \in S, y < c - \varepsilon$ .

Otherwise,  $\exists y \in S, s.t. y \ge c - \varepsilon$ ,

thus 
$$c^n - y^n < c^n - (c - \varepsilon)^n < \varepsilon nc^{n-1} = c^n - a$$

$$\Rightarrow y^n > a \Rightarrow y \notin S.$$

Contradiction!

*Hence*, 
$$\forall y \in S, y < c - \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall x \in S, y \in T, x \leq c - \varepsilon < c \leq y$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall x \in S, y \in T, x < c - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < y \Rightarrow S \cup T \neq \mathbb{R}^+.$$

Contradiction!

Hence,  $c^n = a$ .

By exercise 1.2 # 5, we know that c is unique.

To sum up, for  $\forall a > 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \ge 2$ , the formula " $x^n = a$ " has only one positive root!

*Alternative proof of Theorem* 1.3.5 (by Dedeking cut):

Theorem 1.3.5:  $\forall a > 0, a \neq 1, \forall b > 0$ , the formula " $a^x = b$ " has only one real root.

Let 
$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a^x \le b\}, T = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a^x > b\}.$$

Step1: When a > 1,

*Lemma*: 
$$\forall a > 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \ge 2, a < \frac{a^n + n - 1}{n} (trivial)$$

Claim: (S,T) is a Dedeking cut of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(1) According to Archimedes principle:

$$\bullet \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, s.t. \ n(a+1) > b^{-1} - 1$$

then 
$$a^n > na + n - 1 > b^{-1} \Rightarrow a^{-n} < b \Rightarrow -n \in S \Rightarrow S \neq \emptyset$$
.

$$\bullet \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}, s.t. \ m(a+1) > b-1$$

then 
$$a^m > ma + m - 1 > b \Rightarrow m \in T \Rightarrow T \neq \emptyset$$
.

$$(2)S \cup T = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : a^x \le b \lor a^x > b \right\} = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : a^x \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \mathbb{R}.$$

$$(3) \forall x \in S, y \in T, 0 < a^x \le b < a^y \Rightarrow x < y$$

Hence,(S,T) is a Dedeking cut of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

then there exists  $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $s.t. \forall x \in S, y \in T, x \le c \le y$ .

we need to show:  $a^c = b$ 

note that 
$$a > 1 \Rightarrow a^{\frac{1}{n}} > 1 \Rightarrow a > n \left(a^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1\right) + 1$$
.

•If 
$$a^c < b$$
, then  $a^{-c}b > 1$ , thus  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n \ge 2$ , s.t.  $n > \frac{a-1}{a^{-c}b-1}$ .

$$n(a^{-c}b-1) > a-1 > n(a^{\frac{1}{n}}-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{c+\frac{1}{n}} < b \Rightarrow c + \frac{1}{n} \in S \Rightarrow \exists x \in S, x > c.$$

Contradiction!

•If 
$$a^c > b$$
, then  $a^c b^{-1} > 1$ , thus  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n \ge 2$ , s.t.  $n > \frac{a-1}{a^c b^{-1} - 1}$ .

$$n(a^cb^{-1}-1) > a-1 > n(a^{\frac{1}{n}}-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{c-\frac{1}{n}} > b \Rightarrow c - \frac{1}{n} \in T \Rightarrow \exists x \in T, x < c.$$

Hence, 
$$a^c = b$$
.

*Step* 2 : *When* 0 < a < 1,

*Lemma*: 
$$\forall a^{-1} > 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \ge 2, a^{-1} < \frac{a^{-n} + n - 1}{n} (trivial)$$

Claim: (T,S) is a Dedeking cut of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(1) According to Archimedes principle:

•
$$\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}, s.t. \ n(a^{-1}+1) > b^{-1}-1$$

then 
$$a^{-n} > na^{-1} + n - 1 > b^{-1} \Rightarrow a^n < b \Rightarrow n \in S \Rightarrow S \neq \emptyset$$
.

$$\bullet \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}, s.t. \ m(a^{-1}+1) > b-1$$

then 
$$a^{-m} > ma^{-1} + m - 1 > b \Longrightarrow -m \in T \Longrightarrow T \neq \emptyset$$
.

$$(2)S \cup T = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : a^x \le b \lor a^x > b \right\} = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : a^x \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \mathbb{R}.$$

$$(3) \forall x \in T, y \in S, 0 < a^y \le b < a^x \Rightarrow x < y$$

Hence,(T,S) is a Dedeking cut of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

then there exists  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $s.t. \forall x \in T, y \in S, x \le c \le y$ .

we need to show:  $a^c = b$ 

note that 
$$a^{-1} > 1 \Rightarrow a^{-\frac{1}{n}} > 1 \Rightarrow a^{-1} > n \left( a^{-\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right) + 1$$
.

•If  $a^c < b$ , then  $a^{-c}b > 1$ , thus  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n \ge 2$ , s.t.  $n > \frac{a^{-1} - 1}{a^{-c}b - 1}$ .

$$n(a^{-c}b-1) > a^{-1}-1 > n(a^{-\frac{1}{n}}-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{c-\frac{1}{n}} < b \Rightarrow c - \frac{1}{n} \in S \Rightarrow \exists y \in S, y < c.$$

Contradiction!

•If 
$$a^c > b$$
, then  $a^c b^{-1} > 1$ , thus  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n \ge 2$ , s.t.  $n > \frac{a^{-1} - 1}{a^c b^{-1} - 1}$ .

$$n(a^{c}b^{-1}-1) > a^{-1}-1 > n\left(a^{-\frac{1}{n}}-1\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{c+\frac{1}{n}} > b \Rightarrow c + \frac{1}{n} \in T \Rightarrow \exists x \in T, x > c.$$

Contradiction!

Hence,  $a^c = b$ .

By exercise 1.2#5, we know that c is unique.

To sum up, for  $\forall a > 0, a \neq 1, \forall b > 0$ , the formula " $a^x = b$ " has only one real root!