

- 3.2 (a) The proof of Thm 3.2(ii) uses axiom A3 that  $a + 0 = a$ . However, in order for it to be useful in the proof, axiom A2 must first be applied so that  $a+0 = 0+a = a$ . Only then can we apply the result of Thm 3.2(i) that  $a(0)+a(0) = 0+a(0)$  implies  $a(0) = 0$ .
- (b) In the proof of Thm 3.2(iii), the text reaches the equation that  $ab+(-a)b = ab+(-(ab))$ . In order to apply Thm 3.2(i), axiom A2 must be applied so that  $ab+(-a)b = (-a)b+ab$  and  $ab+(-(ab)) = -(ab)+ab$  and hence  $(-a)b = -(ab)$  as desired.
- 3.4 v *Proof.* We will use proof by contradiction. Suppose that  $0 \geq 1$ . Then, by Thm 3.2(iv) that  $0 \leq a^2$  for all  $a$ , it follows that  $1 \leq 0 \leq a^2$  for all  $a$  and hence  $1 \leq a^2$  for all  $a$ . However, if  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $a^2 = \frac{1}{4}$ , which is less than 1. Contradiction. Therefore,  $0 < 1$ .  $\square$
- vii *Proof.* If  $0 < a < b$ , then we have that  $0 < a$  and  $0 < b$ . From Thm 3.2(vi), we can conclude that  $0 < a^{-1}$  and  $0 < b^{-1}$ . Thus, we just need to show that  $b^{-1} < a^{-1}$ . We will use proof by contradiction. Suppose  $a < b$  and  $a^{-1} < b^{-1}$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  are both positive,  $ab > 0$ . Thus,  $a^{-1} < b^{-1}$  implies that  $a^{-1}(ab) < b^{-1}(ab)$  so  $b < a$ . Contradiction. Therefore,  $0 < b^{-1} < a^{-1}$ .  $\square$
- 3.6 (a) *Proof.* Let  $a, b, c$  be some real numbers. By axiom,  $|a + b + c| = |a + (b + c)|$ . By the triangle inequality, we then have that  $|a + (b + c)| \leq |a| + |b + c|$ . We can then apply the triangle inequality again to  $|b + c|$  to get that  $|b + c| \leq |b| + |c|$ . As a result, we have that  $|a| + |b + c| \leq |a| + |b| + |c|$  and so  $|a + b + c| \leq |a| + |b| + |c|$ . Since  $a, b$ , and  $c$  were arbitrary,  $|a + b + c| \leq |a| + |b| + |c|$  for all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$
- (b) *Proof.* We will prove by induction. Note that  $|a_1| = |a_1|$  so the claim holds for  $n = 1$ . Now suppose that claim holds for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $|a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n + a_{n+1}| = |(a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n) + a_{n+1}| \leq |a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n| + |a_{n+1}|$  by the triangle inequality. By the inductive hypothesis,  $|a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n| + |a_{n+1}| \leq |a_1| + |a_2| + \cdots + |a_n| + |a_{n+1}|$  so the claim holds for  $n+1$ . Since  $n$  was arbitrary, the claim holds for  $n+1$  whenever it holds for  $n$ . Therefore by induction, the claim holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\square$
- 3.8 *Proof.* We will use proof by contradiction. Suppose that  $a \leq b_1$  for every  $b_1 > b$  and  $a > b$ . Then,  $a - b > 0$  and  $b_1 - b > 0$  so  $a - b_1 > 0$ . Thus, we have that  $a > b_1$ . Contradiction. Therefore, if  $a \leq b_1$  for every  $b_1 > b$ , then  $a \leq b$ .  $\square$
- 4.8 (a) If  $s \leq t$  for all  $s \in S$  and  $t \in T$ , then clearly there is some  $s_0 \in T$  such that  $s \leq s_0$  for all  $s \in S$  and so  $S$  is bounded above. Likewise, there is some  $t_0 \in S$  such that  $t \geq t_0$  for all  $t \in T$  and so  $T$  is bounded below.
- (b) We will use proof by contradiction. Let  $s_0$  be  $\sup S$  and  $t_0$  be  $\inf T$ . Suppose  $s_0 > t_0$ . By the Denseness of  $\mathbb{R}$ , there is some  $s_1 \in S$  such that  $t_0 < s_1 < s_0$ . Likewise, there is some  $t_1 \in T$  such that  $t_0 < t_1 < s_1 < s_0$  and so  $t_1 < s_1$ . Contradiction. Therefore,  $s_0 \leq t_0$ .
- (c) If  $S = (0, 1]$  and  $T = [1, 2)$ , then  $S \cap T = \{1\}$ .
- (d) If  $S = (0, 1)$  and  $T = (1, 2)$ , then  $\sup S = \inf T$  and  $S \cap T$  is the empty set.
- 4.10 *Proof.*  $a > 0$  and  $1 > 0$ , so by Archimedean Principle, there is some natural number  $n$  such that  $na > 1$ . Thus,  $a > \frac{1}{n}$ . Likewise, since  $1 > 0$  and  $a > 0$ , so by Archimedean Principle there is some natural number  $n$  such that  $1(n) > a$ . Thus,  $n > a$ . Therefore, if  $a > 0$ , then there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} < a < n$ .  $\square$
- 4.16 *Proof.* Let  $S = \{r \in \mathbb{Q} \mid r < a\}$ . By definition,  $a$  is an upper bound for  $S$  since  $S$  is defined as the set of all rational numbers which are less than  $a$ . By the Completeness Axiom, we know that  $\sup S$  exists and is a real number. Thus, we want to show that  $a$  is a least upper bound for  $S$ . We will use proof by contradiction.
- Let  $s_0$  be an upper bound for  $S$  such that  $s_0 < a$ . By the denseness of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , there is some  $s_1 \in S$  such that  $s_0 < s_1 < a$  so  $s_0$  is not an upper bound. Contradiction. Since  $s_0$  was an arbitrary element less than  $a$ , we can conclude that  $a$  is the least upper bound.
- Since  $a$  was arbitrary,  $a = \sup S$  for each  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

5.6 *Proof.*  $S \subseteq T$  so every element in  $S$  is also an element in  $T$ .  $S$  and  $T$  are non-empty, so  $\inf S \leq \sup S$  and  $\inf T \leq \sup T$ . Let  $t_0 = \inf T$ . As  $t_0 \leq t$  for all  $t \in T$ , then clearly  $t_0 \leq s$  for all  $s \in S$  as well. Thus,  $t_0$  is a lower bound for  $S$  but  $t_0 \leq \inf S$  since  $\inf S$  is the greatest lower bound for  $S$ . Likewise, let  $t_1 = \sup T$ . As  $t_1 \geq t$  for all  $t \in T$ , then clearly  $t_1 \geq s$  for all  $s \in S$  as well. Thus,  $t_1$  is an upper bound for  $S$  but  $t_1 \geq \sup S$  since  $\sup S$  is the least upper bound for  $S$ . Therefore,  $\inf T \leq \inf S \leq \sup S \leq \sup T$ .  $\square$

- 7.2 (a) The terms of the sequence converge to 0 as  $n$  increases.  
(b) The terms of the sequence converge to  $\frac{3}{4}$  as  $n$  increases.  
(c) The terms of the sequence converge to 0 as  $n$  increases.  
(d) The terms of the sequence do not converge as  $n$  increases.
- 7.4 (a)  $\langle x_n \rangle = \langle \frac{\pi}{n} \rangle$  converges to 0 as  $n$  increases  
(b)  $\langle x_n \rangle = \langle (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n \rangle$  converges to  $e$  as  $n$  increases.