

Exercise 1. Let $n \geq 2$ and consider fractions of the form $\frac{1}{ab}$ where a and b are relatively prime integers such that

$$a < b \leq n, \quad \text{and} \quad a + b > n$$

Prove that for all n , the sum of these fractions is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$.

Exercise 2. Consider a set S of $2n - 1$ distinct irrational numbers for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Prove that there exist n distinct elements $x_1, \dots, x_n \in S$ such that for any a_1, \dots, a_n non-negative rational numbers with $a_1 + \dots + a_n > 0$, we have that $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n$ is irrational.

Exercise 3. Let (a_n) be a sequence of real numbers such that $a_{i+j} \leq a_i + a_j$ for all $i, j = 1, 2, \dots$. Prove that for all n we have

$$a_1 + \frac{a_2}{2} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{n} \geq a_n.$$

Exercise 4. Suppose $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is a strictly increasing function such that

$$\begin{cases} f(2) = 2, \\ f(mn) = f(m)f(n) \quad \text{when } m, n \text{ are relatively prime.} \end{cases}$$

Prove that $f(n) = n$ for all n .

Exercise 5. Consider the sequence (a_n) defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} a_1 = 1, \\ a_{2n} = 1 + a_n \\ a_{2n+1} = \frac{1}{a_{2n}} \end{cases}$$

Prove that every positive rational number appears on this sequence exactly once.

Exercise 6. Consider a_0, \dots, a_n positive real numbers such that $a_{k+1} - a_k \geq 1$ for all $k = 0, \dots, n - 1$. Prove that

$$1 - \frac{1}{a_0} \left(1 + \frac{1}{a_1 - a_0}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{a_n - a_0}\right) \leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{a_0}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{a_1}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{a_n}\right)$$

Exercise 7 (IMO77). Suppose $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ satisfies $f(n + 1) \geq f(f(n))$ for all natural numbers. Prove that $f(n) = n$ for all n .