

**Definition:** Let  $S$  be a set of real numbers. A number  $\ell$  is the *supremum* of  $S$  provided

- $\ell$  is an upper bound of  $S$  and
- if  $b$  is any upper bound of  $S$ , then  $\ell \leq b$ .

**Theorem 5.3:** For every real number  $r$ , there is a natural number  $n$  such that  $n > r$ .

**Corollary 5.4: (Archimedean Principle).** For every positive real number  $a$  and every real number  $b$ , there is some natural number  $n$  such that  $na > b$ .

**Theorem 5.5: (Density of rational numbers).** For any real numbers  $x, y$  with  $x < y$ , there is some rational number  $q$  such that  $x < q < y$ .

**Definition:** For a real number  $x$ , the *absolute value* of  $x$  is  $|x| := \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$ .

- (1) Let  $W$  be the set of real numbers  $x$  that satisfy the inequality  $x^3 + x < 10$ .
  - (a) Write  $W$  mathematically in set notation.
  - (b) Does  $W$  have a supremum? Why or why not?
  - (c) Is  $\sup(W) = 1$ ? Why or why not?
  - (d) Is  $\sup(W) = 4$ ? Why or why not?
- (2) Use the Archimedean Principle to show that for any positive number  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a natural number  $n$  such that  $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{n}$ .
- (3) Prove that the supremum of the set  $S = \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$  is 1.
- (4) Let  $S$  be a set of real numbers, and suppose that  $\sup(S) = \ell$ . Let  $T = \{s + 7 \mid s \in S\}$ . Prove that  $\sup(T) = \ell + 7$ .
- (5) Prove the following:

**Corollary 6.1: (Density of irrational numbers).** For any real numbers  $x, y$  with  $x < y$ , there is some irrational number  $z$  such that  $x < z < y$ .

- (6) True or false & justify<sup>1</sup>: There is a rational number  $x$  such that  $|x^2 - 2| = 0$ .
- (7) True or false & justify<sup>1</sup>: There is a rational number  $x$  such that  $|x^2 - 2| < \frac{1}{1000000}$ .

<sup>1</sup>You can use anything we've proven in class, but don't use things we haven't, like decimal expansions.