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**Score Summary (Examiner Only)**

Question No	Points	Scores
1	15	
2	25	
3	25	
4	35	
Total	100	

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1. (15 points) .

1.1 Negating the following statements.

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta \implies \left| \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} - L \right| < \epsilon$$

1.2 Find  $\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (0, \frac{1}{n})$  and justify your answer.

Solution:

1.1

$$\exists \epsilon > 0, \forall \delta > 0, \exists x, 0 < |x - x_0| < \delta, \left| \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} - L \right| \geq \epsilon$$

1.2

$$\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (0, \frac{1}{n}) = \emptyset.$$

For  $x \leq 0, x \geq 1, x \notin (0, \frac{1}{n}), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , thus  $x \notin \cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (0, \frac{1}{n})$  for  $x \leq 0$  and  $x \geq 1$ . For  $0 < x < 1$ , if  $n > [\frac{1}{x}] + 1$ , then  $x \notin (0, \frac{1}{n})$ . This implies  $x \notin \cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (0, \frac{1}{n})$ . Therefore,

$$\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (0, \frac{1}{n}) = \emptyset.$$

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2. (25 points) .

2.1 Write down the definition of infimum. State and prove the infimum property.

2.2 Determine if the following set  $A$  has an infimum. If it exists, find it and justify your answer.

$$A = \{x + y^2 : x \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}, y \in [0, 1] \setminus \mathbb{Q}\}$$

Solution:

2.1 Definition: An infimum of  $S$ , denoted by  $\inf S$  is a lower bound such that  $K \leq \inf S$  for all bounds  $K$  of  $S$ .

Theorem:(Infimum property)

$\inf S$  is an infimum of  $S$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  if and only if  $\inf S$  is a lower bound of  $S$  and

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists x \in S, \text{ s.t } \inf S \leq x \leq \inf S + \epsilon.$$

Proof “ $\implies$ ” If  $\inf S$  is an infimum of  $S$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , by definition of infimum, we have  $\inf S$  is a lower bound of  $S$ . Since  $\inf S$  is the largest lower bound of  $S$ , for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\inf S + \epsilon$  cannot be a lower bound of  $S$ . Hence, for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can find  $x \in S$  such that

$$\inf S \leq x \leq \inf S + \epsilon.$$

“ $\impliedby$ ” We only need to show  $\inf S$  is the largest bound. Otherwise, there is another lower bound  $m$  such that  $m > \inf S$ . Then  $\epsilon = m - \inf S > 0$ , for this  $\epsilon$ , we can find  $x \in S$  such that

$$x < \inf S + \epsilon = m.$$

This contradicts  $m$  is a lower bound of  $S$ . So  $\inf S$  is the largest lower bound and the infimum.

2.2 Since  $x \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}, y \in [0, 1] \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ , we can see  $0 \leq x + y$  and thus 0 is a lower bound of  $A$ . To show 0 is an infimum of  $A$ , we note that  $x_n = \frac{1}{n} \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}, y_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}n} \in [0, 1] \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = 0.$$

Hence, we find a sequence  $\{x_n + y_n^2\} \subset A$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + y_n^2 = 0.$$

By Infimum-limit theorem, we conclude that  $\inf A = 0$ .

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3. (25 points) .

3.1 Let  $C \geq 1$ , prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} C^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1.$$

3.2 Determine whether the sequence  $x_n$  defined by

$$x_1 = 3, x_{n+1} = 3 + \frac{4}{x_n} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1,$$

converges or not. If it converges, prove its convergence and find the limit.

Solution:

3.1  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ , take  $K = [\frac{C-1}{\epsilon}] + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ . We can see,  $\forall n > K, n \in \mathbb{N}, C < 1 + n\epsilon < (1 + \epsilon)^n$ . Therefore, for any  $\epsilon > 0, n > K, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$C^{\frac{1}{n}} < 1 + \epsilon.$$

On the other hand,  $C^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq 1^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$ . Then we have

$$|C^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1| < \epsilon, \forall n > K.$$

That is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$ .

3.2 The sequence converges. If  $3 \leq x_n \leq 5$ , then by  $x_{n+1} = 3 + \frac{4}{x_n}$ , we have

$$3 \leq 3 + \frac{4}{5} \leq x_{n+1} \leq 3 + \frac{4}{3} \leq 5.$$

By mathematical induction principle, we have

$$3 \leq x_n \leq 5, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then by

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+2} - x_n &= \frac{4}{x_{n+1}} - \frac{4}{x_{n-1}} \\ &= \frac{4}{x_{n+1}x_{n-1}}(x_{n-1} - x_{n+1}) \\ &= \frac{4}{x_{n+1}x_{n-1}}\left(\frac{4}{x_{n-2}} - \frac{4}{x_n}\right) \\ &= \frac{4}{x_{n+1}x_{n-1}} \frac{4}{x_n x_{n-2}}(x_n - x_{n-2}), \end{aligned}$$

because  $\frac{4}{x_{n+1}x_{n-1}} \frac{4}{x_n x_{n-2}} > 0$ , then

$$x_{n+2} > x_n \text{ if } x_n > x_{n-2}$$

and

$$x_{n+2} < x_n \text{ if } x_n < x_{n-2}.$$

Because  $x_1 = 3, x_2 = \frac{13}{3}, x_3 = \frac{51}{13}, x_4 = \frac{205}{51}$ , then

$$\{x_{2n+1}, n \in \mathbb{N}\} \text{ increasing}$$

and

$$\{x_{2n}, n \in \mathbb{N}\} \text{ decreasing.}$$

Suppose  $x_{2n+1} \rightarrow a$  and  $x_{2n} \rightarrow b$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then

$$a = 3 + \frac{4}{b} \quad b = 3 + \frac{4}{a}.$$

The solution and the constraint  $3 \leq a, b \leq 5$  gives

$$a = b = 4.$$

By interwining sequence theorem, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n = 4.$$

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4. (35 points) .

4.1 Write down the definition of Cauchy sequence.

4.2 Let  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$  be Cauchy sequence, show that  $\{x_n - y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

4.3 Let  $S$  be the set of all Cauchy sequences in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . More precisely,

$$S = \{\{x_n\} : \{x_n\} \text{ is a Cauchy sequence s.t } x_n \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Determine if  $S$  is countable and justify your answer.

4.4 Let  $S$  be defined above, let  $\{x_n\} \in S$ , we say that  $\{x_n\}$  is positive iff there exists  $\delta > 0, \delta \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t  $x_n > \delta$  for all  $n \geq k$ . We say that  $\{x_n\} < \{y_n\}$  iff  $\{y_n - x_n\}$  is positive. Show that

$$\forall \{x_n\}, \{y_n\}, \{z_n\} \in S,$$

if  $\{x_n\} < \{y_n\}$ , and  $\{z_n\}$  is positive, then

$$\{x_n z_n\} < \{y_n z_n\}.$$

Solution:

4.1 Definition: A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence iff  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists K \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m, n > K$ ,

$$|x_m - x_n| < \epsilon.$$

4.2 By definition,  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists K_1, K_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m, n > K_1, m', n' > K_2$

$$\begin{aligned} |x_m - x_n| &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ |y_{m'} - y_{n'}| &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, taking  $K = \max(K_1, K_2)$ , we have  $p, q > K$  implies

$$|(x_p - y_p) - (x_q - y_q)| \leq |x_p - x_q| + |y_p - y_q| < \epsilon$$

which means  $\{x_n - y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

4.3 We can construct a surjective mapping  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$f(\{x_n\}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n.$$

This mapping is well defined because  $\{x_n\} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  and by Cauchy theorem, the  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  exists in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Next, we show this map is surjective. For  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we can construct a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  as follow:

$$x_n \in (x - \frac{1}{n}, x + \frac{1}{n})$$

where  $x_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Clearly, it is a Cauchy sequence since  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists K = \lceil \frac{2}{\epsilon} \rceil + 1$ , for  $m, n > K$ ,

$$|x_m - x_n| \leq |x_m - x| + |x_n - x| \leq \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} < \epsilon.$$

Finally, by surjective theorem,  $S$  is uncountable since  $\mathbb{R}$  is uncountable.

4.4 Since  $\{x_n\} < \{y_n\}$ , there exist  $\delta_1 > 0, \delta_1 \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $K_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$y_n - x_n > \delta_1, \quad \forall n \geq K_1.$$

Similarly, since  $\{z_n\}$  positive, there exists  $\delta_2 > 0, \delta_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $K_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$z_n > \delta_2, \quad \forall n \geq K_2.$$

Take  $K = \max\{K_1, K_2\}, \delta = \delta_1 \delta_2 > 0, \delta \in \mathbb{Q}$  and for all  $n > K$ , we have

$$z_n y_n - z_n x_n = z_n (y_n - x_n) > \delta$$

which means

$$\{x_n z_n\} < \{y_n z_n\}.$$

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