

# Proofs and Problem Solving

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# 1 Upper bounds and Least upper bound

## 1.1 Upper and Lower Bounds

**Definition 5.1** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- An *upper bound* for  $A$  is a real number  $M$  such that for all  $x \in A$ , we have  $x \leq M$ . We say that  $A$  is *bounded above* if there exists an upper bound for  $A$ , and *unbounded above* otherwise.
- A *lower bound* for  $A$  is a real number  $m$  such that for all  $x \in A$ , we have  $m \leq x$ . We say that  $A$  is *bounded below* if there exists a lower bound for  $A$ , and *unbounded below* otherwise.
- We say  $A$  is *bounded* if it is both bounded above and bounded below.

## 1.2 Least Upper Bounds and Greatest Lower Bounds

### Definition 5.2

Given a subset  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , a number  $L$  is a **least upper bound (LUB)** or supremum for  $A$  if:

- (a)  $L$  is an upper bound for  $A$ , that is,  $x \leq L$  for all  $x \in A$ ;
- (b)  $L \leq M$  for every upper bound  $M$  of  $A$  **or**  
for all  $t < L$ , there exist  $x \in A$  such that  $x > t$ .

**Greatest lower bound (GLB)** or infimum for  $A$  is similar to LUB

## 1.3 Completeness Axiom for the real numbers

Every nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is bounded above has a *least upper bound*.

### Theorem 5.1

**The Archimedean property** holds. That is, for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $x, y > 0$ , there is some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $ny > x$ .

(Could be prove by contradiction)

## 2 Limits

### 2.1 The $\epsilon - \mathbb{N}$ definition of a limit.

Let  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of real numbers  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  and let  $L \in \mathbb{R}$ . We say that  $x_n$  **converge** to  $L$ , or  $L$  is the **limit** of the sequence  $(x_n)$ , if for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a natural number  $N$  such that for all  $n > N$ ,

$$|x_n - L| < \epsilon,$$

When  $x_n$  converges to  $L$ , we write  $x_n \rightarrow L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = L$ .

### 2.2 Bounded Sequence

We say that a sequence  $(a_n)$  is **bounded** if the set of values  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  is a bounded set.

i.e. there are  $m, M$  such that  $m \leq a_n \leq M$  for all  $n$ .

#### Proposition 6.1

Suppose the sequence  $(a_n)$  converges. Then it is bounded.

#### Proposition 6.3

Suppose that  $x_n \rightarrow L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and that  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $x_n^k \rightarrow L^k$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

### 2.3 Application: the existence of roots

#### Theorem 6.6

Let  $x > 0$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then there is a unique  $y > 0$  such that  $y^k = x$ .

### 2.4 Infinite limits

**Definition 6.4** Let  $x_n$  be a sequence of real numbers.

(a) We say  $(x_n)$  tends to  $\infty$  or **diverges** to  $\infty$ , and write  $x_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if for all  $M > 0$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n > N$  implies  $x_n \geq M$ .

(b) Similar for  $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$

### 3 The monotone Convergence Theorem

#### 3.1 Monotonic

A sequence  $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is **increasing** if  $a_{n+1} \geq a_n$  for all  $n$ . It is **decreasing** if  $a_{n+1} \leq a_n$  for all  $n$ . We say  $a_n$  is **monotonic** if it is either increasing or decreasing.

#### Monotone Convergence Theorem (MCT)

Let  $(a_n)$  be an **increasing** sequence of real numbers that is bounded above (i.e. there is  $M$  so that  $a_n \leq M$  for all  $n$ ). Then  $(a_n)$  converges to some limit. Similar to **decreasing** sequence.

#### 3.2 iteratively defined sequence

The value of  $x_{n+1}$  is specified in terms of previous values of the sequence  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , (usually  $x_n$ ).

## 4 Decimals and Series

Every real number has a decimal expansion, and conversely, every decimal expansion gives rise to a real number.

### 4.1 Decimals

#### Theorem 8.1

Given sequence  $(a_n)$  with  $a_n \in 0, 1, \dots, 9$  for all  $n$ , the decimal expansion  $x = 0.a_1a_2a_3a_4\dots a_n\dots$  given by the limit of the sequence

$$x_n = \frac{a_1}{10} + \frac{a_2}{100} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{10^n} \quad (1)$$

defines a real number  $x$  satisfying  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .

#### Theorem 8.3

Let  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and suppose that  $x = 0.a_1a_2\dots = 0.b_1b_2\dots$ . Let  $l$  be the smallest integer for which  $a_l \neq b_l$  and suppose that  $a_l < b_l$ . Then  $b_l = a_l + 1$ , and for all  $k > l$  we have  $b_k = 0$  and  $a_k = 9$ .

#### Corollary 8.5 - of the proof.

If  $p$  and  $q$  are positive integers, the rational number  $p/q$  has a decimal expansion with period at most  $q$ .

#### Theorem 8.7

A number  $x \geq 0$  is rational  $\Leftrightarrow$  it has periodic decimal expansion.

#### Corollary 8.8

A number  $x \geq 0$  is irrational  $\Leftrightarrow$  it has aperiodic decimal expansion

#### Definition 8.2

Given a sequence  $a_j$ , we say that the infinite series  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j$  *converges* if the sequence of partial sums

$$s_n = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \quad (2)$$

converges as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . When  $(s_n)$  converges we denote its limit by  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j$ .

### 4.2 The number $e$

$$e := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \quad (3)$$

## 5 Complex number

### 5.1 Definition 9.1 - Complex numbers definition

Define  $i$  to be a number such that  $i^2 = -1$

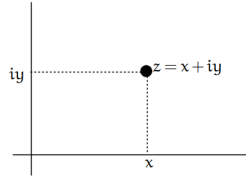
The **complex numbers** are any number of the form

$$z = x + iy \text{ where } x, y \in \mathbb{R} \quad (4)$$

The set of all complex numbers is denoted  $\mathbb{C}$

We define  $\text{Re}(z)=x$  and  $\text{Im}(z)=y$  to be the **real** and **imaginary** parts of  $z$ .

### 5.2 Argand diagram

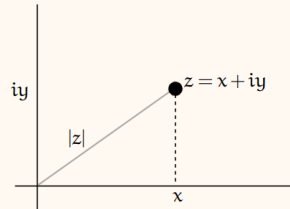


### 5.3 Definition 9.2 - Modulus

**Definition 9.2 — Modulus.** Given a complex number  $z = x + iy$ , the *modulus* of  $z$  is

$$|z| = |x + iy| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}.$$

Geometrically, the modulus of  $z$  is its distance from the origin, which is the length of the hypotenuse of a triangle of base  $x$  and height  $y$ , computed using the Pythagorean theorem.



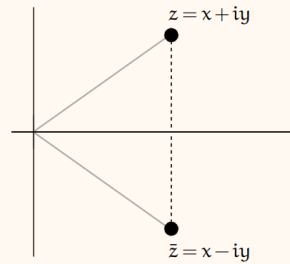
### 5.4 Definition 9.3 - Complex conjugate

**Definition 9.3 — Complex Conjugate.**

Given a complex number  $z = x + iy$ , its *complex conjugate* is defined to be

$$\bar{z} = x - yi.$$

Geometrically, this is the complex number obtained by reflecting  $z$  across the 'x-axis'.

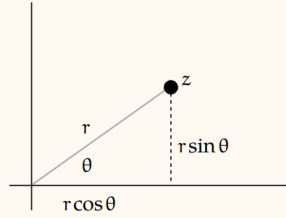


## 5.5 Definition 9.4 - Cartesian and Polar form

**Definition 9.4** Let  $z \neq 0$  be a complex number. Let  $r = |z|$  and define the *argument* of  $z$  be the angle  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$  between the line from 0 to  $z$  and the positive x-axis. We can then write

$$z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta).$$

This is the *polar form* of  $z$ .



## 5.6 multiplication of complex

Let  $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  and  $w = s(\cos \phi + i \sin \phi)$

$$\begin{aligned} zw &= r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \times s(\cos \phi + i \sin \phi) \\ &= rs(\cos(\theta + \phi) + i \sin(\theta + \phi)) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

### De Moivre's Theorem

If we let  $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ , and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} z^n &= r^n(\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta) \\ z^{-n} &= r^{-n}(\cos(-n\theta) + i \sin(-n\theta)) = \frac{1}{r^n}(\cos(n\theta) - i \sin(n\theta)) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

## 5.7 Exponential form: Euler's formula

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta) \quad (7)$$

**Special case 1:**

$$e^{i\pi} = -1$$

**Special case 2:**

$$z = re^{i\theta} = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

## 5.8 Theorem 9.4 - Roots of Unity

The solutions to  $z^n = 1$  are  $1, w, \dots, w^{n-1}$  where  $w = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$ . That is, they are  $e^{\frac{2\pi k i}{n}}$  for  $k=0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .



## 6 Polynomials

### 6.1 Definition 10.1

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $n$ -degree complex polynomial  $p$  is a function of the form

$$p(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 \quad (8)$$

where  $a_n \neq 0$  and  $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$  for all  $i$ .

$n$  is called the *degree* of the polynomial

A *root* of  $p$  is a complex number  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $p(\alpha) = 0$ .

### 6.2 Abel-Ruffini Theorem

There is no formula for the roots of a polynomial of degree  $\geq 5$ .

### 6.3 Theorem 10.2 - Fundamental Theorem of Algebra.

Any complex polynomial has at least one root in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

### 6.4 Theorem 10.3 - Factorization Theorem

If  $p$  is a degree  $n$  polynomial, then there are  $n$  roots  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in \mathbb{C}$  and a number  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  so that

$$p(z) = a(z - r_1)(z - r_2)\dots(z - r_n). \quad (9)$$

### 6.5 Theorem 10.4 - Real Polynomials

Real Polynomials have *conjugated roots*.

If  $p(x)$  has real coefficients and  $r$  is a root, so is  $\bar{r}$ .

### 6.6 Theorem 10.5 - Root-Coefficient Theorem

If  $p(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$ , has roots  $r_1, \dots, r_n$  (counting multiplicities), then

$$r_1 + \dots + r_n = -a_{n-1}, r_1 r_2 \dots r_n = (-1)^n a_0 \quad (10)$$

In general, if  $s_j$  denotes the sum of all products of  $j$ -tuples of the roots (e.g.  $s_2 = r_1 r_2 + r_1 r_3 + r_2 r_3 + \dots$ ), then

$$s_j = (-1)^j a_{n-j}. \quad (11)$$