

# 1 Exercises to (try to) do before tutorials.

1.1 Prove the following classical inequalities:

- $$(1) \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, (a+b)^2 \leq 2(a^2 + b^2), \quad (3) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, (1+x)^n \geq 1+nx,$$
- $$(2) \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, |ab| \leq \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}, \quad (4) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall a > 1, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, a^n \geq x.$$

1.2 Set upper and lower bounds:

- $$(1) \text{ Bound, for } x \in [0, 3], \text{ the value of this expression}^1: \frac{x-1}{e^x + 1},$$
- $$(2) \text{ Show that } \left\{ \frac{\sin(x) - 2\cos(x)}{e^{\sin x}} : x \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \text{ is a bounded set,}$$
- $$(3) \text{ Show}^2 \text{ that } \left\{ \sqrt{n^3 + n + 2} - \sqrt{n^3 + 1} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \text{ is a bounded set,}$$

1.3 Determine the biggest (resp. smallest) element, and an upper bound (resp. lower) of the following sets  $E$  (whenever they exist):

- $$(1) E = \left\{ \frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}^* \right\} \text{ (where } \mathbb{N} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{Z} \cap \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ is the set of non-negative integers number, and } \mathbb{N}^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} = \{n : n \geq 1\}),$$
- $$(2) E = A + B, \text{ with}^3 A \text{ and } B \text{ two close intervals of } \mathbb{R} \text{ (where } A + B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x + y, (x, y) \in A \times B\}),$$
- $$(3) E = A - B, \text{ with } A \text{ and } B \text{ two close intervals of } \mathbb{R} \text{ (where } A - B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x - y, (x, y) \in A \times B\}),$$
- $$(4) \text{ (Bonus) What can we say if } A \text{ and } B \text{ are both non-empty, bounded and open intervals? And what if they are just bounded and non-empty subsets of } \mathbb{R}?$$
- $$(5) E = A \cup B, \text{ with } A \text{ and } B \text{ two bounded sets of } \mathbb{R}?$$
- $$(6) \text{ (Bonus) } E = \left\{ (-1)^n a + \frac{b}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}^* \right\} \text{ with two parameters } a, b \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \text{ (where } \mathbb{R}_+^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}) \cap [0, +\infty] = \mathbb{R} \cap (0, +\infty] \text{ is the set of positive real numbers}).$$

1.4 Let  $A$  be a non-empty and upper bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , with  $\sup A > 0$ . Show that  $A$  contains a non-negative element.

1.5 Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , with  $a \geq b$ . Simplify the expression:  $\sqrt{a + 2\sqrt{a-b}\sqrt{b}} + \sqrt{a - 2\sqrt{a-b}\sqrt{b}}$ .

1.6 Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , here and now on,  $\mathbf{E}$  will be the **integer part function**<sup>4</sup> (also written  $\mathbf{E}(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$ ). Show the following statements:

- $$(1) a \leq b \Rightarrow \mathbf{E}(a) \leq \mathbf{E}(b) \text{ (E is a non-decreasing function),}$$
- $$(2) \mathbf{E}(a) + \mathbf{E}(b) \leq \mathbf{E}(a+b) \leq \mathbf{E}(a) + \mathbf{E}(b) + 1.$$

<sup>1</sup>Be sure to verify that it is well defined before using it!

<sup>2</sup>**Hint:** conjugate quantities like  $x - y = \frac{(x-y)(x+y)}{x+y} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x+y}$ , and  $x + y = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x-y}$  (if  $x \pm y \neq 0$ ).

<sup>3</sup>One could show that, if  $A = [a, b]$  and  $B = [c, d]$  are two close intervals, then  $A + B = [a + c, b + d]$ .

<sup>4</sup> $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{E}(x)$  is given by  $\mathbf{E}(x) \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbf{E}(x) \leq x < \mathbf{E}(x) + 1$ .

## 2 Exercises to (try to) do during or after tutorials.

2.1 Let  $B$  a bounded and non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $A \subset B$  is non-empty. Show that  $\sup A \leq \sup B$ .

2.2 Solve, in  $\mathbb{R}$ , the following equation:  $\sqrt{2-2x} + \sqrt{3+x} = 1$ .

2.3 Let  $f, g$  be bounded<sup>5</sup> functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove the following inequality:

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |(f+g)(x)| \leq \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f(x)| + \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |g(x)|.$$

2.4 For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , show this property:  $\mathbf{E}\left(\frac{\mathbf{E}(nx)}{n}\right) = \mathbf{E}(x)$ .

## 3 Bonus exercises.

You can try to solve them after the tutorials, or before exams to practice.

3.1 Prove these classical inequalities:

$$(1) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, |\sin(x)| \leq |x|, \quad (2) \quad \forall x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}], \frac{2}{\pi}x \leq \sin(x) \leq x,$$

3.2 Characterize the set of the functions  $f \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$  (*i.e.* the set of all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ) verifying:  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, |f(x) - f(y)| = |x - y|$  (such function is called an *isometry*).

3.3 Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , and  $(x_i)_{i \in [1, \dots, n]}$  be  $n$  non-negative real numbers. Prove the following:

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i}\right) \geq n^2.$$

3.4 (1) Prove:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} < \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} < \sqrt{n} - \sqrt{n-1}$ ,

(2) Compute the integer part (*i.e.*  $\mathbf{E}$  applied to) of  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$ , pour  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

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<sup>5</sup>  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *bounded* if there is a  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, |f(x)| \leq M$ .