

**Exercise 1.4.1:** Recall that  $\mathbb{I}$  stands for the set of irrational numbers.

- (a) Show that if  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$  then  $ab$  and  $a + b \in \mathbb{Q}$  as well.
- (b) Show that if  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{I}$  then  $a + t \in \mathbb{I}$  and if  $a \neq 0$  then  $at \in \mathbb{I}$  as well.
- (c) Part (a) says that the rational numbers are closed under multiplication and addition. What can be said about  $st$  and  $s + t$  when  $s, t \in \mathbb{I}$ ?

- (a) *Proof.* Select two arbitrary elements from the rational numbers, since they are rational we can represent them as  $i/j$  and  $m/n$  where  $j \neq 0$  and  $n \neq 0$ . Note that  $i/j * m/n = \frac{im}{jn}$  from the definition of multiplication of rational numbers. Since the multiple of any two non-zero numbers is non-zero and since the multiple of any two integers is a integer  $\frac{im}{jn} \in \mathbb{Q}$ . □

**Exercise 1.4.2:** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be nonempty and bounded above. Let  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  have the property that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $s + (1/n)$  is an upper bound for  $A$  but  $s - (1/n)$  is not an upper bound for  $A$ . Show that  $s = \sup A$ .

*Proof.* □

**Exercise 1.4.3:** Show that  $\cap_{n=1}^{\infty} (0, 1/n) = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* □

**Exercise 1.4.4:** **(W) (Hand this one in to David.)**

Let  $a < b$  be real numbers and let  $T = [a, b] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ . Show that  $\sup T = a$ .

*Proof.* □

**Exercise 1.4.5:** Use Exercise 1.4.1 to provide a proof of Corollary 1.4.4 by considering real numbers  $a - \sqrt{2}$  and  $b - \sqrt{2}$ .

*Proof.* □

**Exercise Supplemental 1:** Show that the sets  $[0, 1)$  and  $(0, 1)$  have the same cardinality.