

Selected exercises 02

1. Give the Dedekind cuts in $\mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ corresponding to the following. Your definition should not refer to the elements themselves.

(a) $\sqrt{7}$	(c) $2 + \sqrt[3]{5}$	(e) $\sqrt{2} + 1$	(g) $3 - \sqrt{2}$
(b) $\sqrt[3]{11}$	(d) $\sqrt[4]{8}$	(f) $4 - \sqrt{7}$	(h) $3 - \sqrt{3}$

2. Prove that the following are not rational numbers

(a) $\sqrt{7}$	(b) $\sqrt{3}$	(c) $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{17}$	(d) $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{13}$
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3. Prove that the square root of a positive integer is either an integer or an irrational.

4. Decide if following sets are bounded from above/below.

(a) $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$	(c) $S = \{0\} \cup \{x \mid x > 0\}$	(e) $S = \{x^3 \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
(b) $S = \{x \mid x \geq 5\}$	(d) $S = \{x^2 \mid x < -2\}$	(f) $S = \{x^2 - x \mid x \geq 1\}$

5. Let $F = \{a - b\sqrt{5} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$. Prove that F is a field. (*Hint*: use that \mathbb{R} is a field.)

6. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n > 0$. Prove that $\sqrt{n + \sqrt{n}}$ is irrational.

7. Prove that the set of remainders modulo 5 is a field.