

Due by 4pm on February 16. Do not forget to attach the honor code.

1. (5 points each) True or False. Provide a proof or counterexample for each assertion.

(a) If $\inf(A) < x < \sup(A)$, then $x \in A$.

(b) If $x > \sup(A)$, then $x \notin A$.

(c) If $x < \sup(A)$, then there exists $a \in A$ such that $x < a$.

(d) If $a < b$ for every $a \in A$ and every $b \in B$, then $\sup(A) < \inf(B)$.

2. (15 points) Let $A = \{\frac{2n+1}{n+3} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Find $\inf(A)$ and $\sup(A)$, and prove your assertions.

3. (10 points) Suppose A and B are nonempty subsets of \mathbb{R} that are bounded above and $A \subseteq B$. Show that

$$\sup(A) \leq \sup(B).$$

4. Let $B = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x(x-1)(x-2) < 10\}$.

(a) (10 points) Prove that B is nonempty and bounded above.

(b) (5 points) By part (a) and the completeness axiom, $\sup(B)$ exists. Estimate $\sup(B)$ to one decimal place.

5. (10 points) Prove that if A has a maximum element, then $\sup(A) = \max(A)$.

6. (10 points each)

(a) Let A and B be nonempty subsets of \mathbb{R} that are bounded above, and write

$$A + B = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

Prove that $A + B$ is bounded above and that $\sup(A + B) = \sup A + \sup B$.

(b) Let A and B be nonempty sets of positive real numbers that are bounded above, and write

$$AB = \{ab : a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

Prove that AB is bounded above and that $\sup(AB) = (\sup A)(\sup B)$.

7. (10 points) Let A be a nonempty subset of \mathbb{R} that is bounded below. Prove that $\inf(A)$ exists.

Hint: Let $B = \{-a : a \in A\}$ and show that B is bounded above.