

Answers to problems on Exam 1

① [5] Suppose $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. We say $u \in \mathbb{R}$ is a supremum of S if
(i) u is an ^②upper bound of S , and
(ii) for every upper bound v of S , $u \leq v$
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② [5] (a) ^②Yes; by the Completeness Axiom, since we know S is bounded above by 0 .
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[5] (b) ^②Yes; we know 0 is an upper bound for S , so by part (ii) of the definition of supremum, $\sup S \leq 0$.
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[5] (c) ^②No. For example, if $S = (-\infty, 0)$, then it is true that for all $x \in S$, $x < 0$. But in this case $\sup S = 0$ (as proved in class), so $\sup S < 0$ is false.
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③ [5] (a) Suppose (x_n) is a sequence and $L \in \mathbb{R}$. We say L is a limit of (x_n) if, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, if $n \geq K$ then $|x_n - L| < \varepsilon$.
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[20] (b) Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. There exists $K_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that if $n \geq K_1$, then $|x_n - x| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$; and there exists $K_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that if $n \geq K_2$, then $|y_n - y| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Define $K = \max\{K_1, K_2\}$.
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If $n \geq K$, then $n \geq K_1$ and $n \geq K_2$, so $|x_n - x| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and $|y_n - y| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$.
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Hence $|(x_n + y_n) - (x + y)| = |(x_n - x) + (y_n - y)| \leq |x_n - x| + |y_n - y| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$,
so $|(x_n + y_n) - (x + y)| < \varepsilon$.
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④ [10]. By Bernoulli's Inequality, if $a > -1$ then for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $(1+a)^n \geq 1 + na$. Taking $a=1$ we get that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $2^n \geq 1 + n$. By the Archimedean Property of \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{N} is not bounded above, so there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n > 10^{1,000,000} - 1$.
Hence $1 + n > 10^{1,000,000}$, so $2^n > 10^{1,000,000}$.
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5. [25] Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. ⁽²⁾

There exists ⁽²⁾ $K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $K > \left(\frac{7}{\varepsilon}\right) - 7$. ⁽²⁾

If $n \geq K$ then $n > \left(\frac{7}{\varepsilon}\right) - 7$, so $n+7 > \frac{7}{\varepsilon}$, so $\varepsilon > \frac{7}{n+7}$. ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁴⁾

Hence $\left| \frac{-7}{n+7} \right| < \varepsilon$, ⁽²⁾

so $\left| \left(\frac{n}{n+7}\right) - \left(\frac{n+7}{n+7}\right) \right| < \varepsilon$, ⁽²⁾

so $\left| \left(\frac{n}{n+7}\right) - 1 \right| < \varepsilon$. ⁽⁵⁾

6. [20] Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. ⁽²⁾

There exists $K \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $K > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$. ⁽²⁾

If $n \geq K$ then $n > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$, so $\frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$. ⁽²⁾

also, $\frac{n!}{n^n} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{n \cdot n \cdot n \dots n \cdot n \cdot n}$ ⁽²⁾ (where there are n factors of "n" in the denominator)

and $\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{n \cdot n \cdot n \dots n \cdot n \cdot n} \leq \frac{n \cdot n \cdot n \dots n \cdot n \cdot 1}{n \cdot n \cdot n \dots n \cdot n \cdot n}$ ⁽⁴⁾ (where there are $n-1$ factors of "n" in the numerator and n factors of "n" in the denominator)

so $\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{n \cdot n \cdot n \dots n \cdot n \cdot n} \leq \frac{1}{n}$, ⁽²⁾

and hence $\frac{n!}{n^n} \leq \frac{1}{n}$. ⁽²⁾

Therefore $\frac{n!}{n^n} < \varepsilon$, and so ⁽²⁾

$\left| \frac{n!}{n^n} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon$. ⁽²⁾