

Math 3000, Review for Exam 2, Solutions.

1. See book

2. Let $c \in C$. Since g is surjective, there exists $b \in B$ such that $g(b) = c$. And since f is surjective, there exists further an $a \in A$ such that $f(a) = b$. Thus $(g \circ f)(a) = g(f(a)) = g(b) = c$. It follows that for every $c \in C$ there exists $a \in A$ such that $(g \circ f)(a) = c$. Hence $g \circ f$ is surjective. \square

3. a) False, e.g. take $x = \sqrt{2}$, $y = -\sqrt{2}$, then x and y are both irrational, but $x+y=0$, which is rational.

b) True. Proof: let $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$. Suppose $x+y \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then $x = \frac{a}{b}$ and $x+y = \frac{c}{d}$ for certain integers a, b, c, d . But then $y = (x+y)-x = \frac{c}{d} - \frac{a}{b} = \frac{bc-ad}{bd}$, so $y \in \mathbb{Q}$, a contradiction. \square

4. Complete the following table. In each cell, enter a number or write "none", as appropriate.

S	$\max S$	$\min S$	$\sup S$	$\inf S$	
$(1, 5]$	5	None	5	1	
$\{e, \pi, 5/2\}$	π	$5/2$	π	$5/2$	$(e \approx 2.71)$
$\{(-1)^n/n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	-1	
$(0, 2) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}, 1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$	None	None	2	0	
$\{1\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}, 1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$	1	1	1	1	

5. See book, p. 115

6. a) See book, p. 124

b) See book, p. 126 below center

c) on back

6. c) First, $\sup S$ exists by the Completeness Axiom, say $m = \sup S$. Then $m \geq s$ for all $s \in S$, so if $x \in T$ we have $\frac{1}{x} \in S$ and hence $\frac{1}{x} \leq m$, so $x \geq \frac{1}{m}$. Thus $\frac{1}{m}$ is a lower bound for T . Now let $m' \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\frac{1}{m} < \frac{1}{m'}$ ($\Rightarrow m > m'$), and suppose $\frac{1}{m'}$ is a lower bound for T . Then $\frac{1}{m'} \leq \frac{1}{s}$ for all $s \in S$, and $m' \geq s$ for all $s \in S$, so m' is an upper bound for S . But $m' < m$, so this contradicts m being the least upper bound for S . Hence $\frac{1}{m} = \inf T$. \square

7. Let $C = \{(1, 5 - \frac{1}{n}) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Then C is an open cover for $[2, 5]$ since $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (1, 5 - \frac{1}{n}) = (1, 5) \supseteq [2, 5]$. But C does not have a finite subcover: if $C' = \{(1, 5 - \frac{1}{n_1}), \dots, (1, 5 - \frac{1}{n_k})\}$ is a finite subcover, then let $n = \min\{n_1, \dots, n_k\}$. Then $\bigcup_{i=1}^k (1, 5 - \frac{1}{n_i}) = (1, 5 - \frac{1}{n})$ so C' does not cover $[2, 5]$.

8. $f(-2) = (-2)^2 - 3 \cdot (-2) + 7 = 4 + 6 + 7 = 17$. Then $f(x) - f(-2) = x^2 - 3x - 10 = (x+2)(x-5)$. Let $\delta \leq 1$ initially. Then if $|x - (-2)| < \delta$, $-3 < x < -1$ so $|x-5| < | -3 - 5 | = 8$. Thus, take $\delta = \min\{1, \varepsilon/8\}$.

Proof: Given $\varepsilon > 0$, let $\delta = \min\{1, \varepsilon/8\}$. Suppose $|x - (-2)| < \delta$. Then $|x+2| < \delta$, and since $\delta \leq 1$, $|x-5| < 8$. Thus, $|f(x) - f(-2)| = |x+2||x-5| < \delta \cdot 8 \leq \varepsilon$. Hence, f is continuous at -2 . \square

9. Let $f(x) = e^x - x^2$. Then f is continuous, $f(-1) = e^{-1} - 1 < 0$, and $f(0) = 1 - 0 = 1 > 0$. So by the intermediate value theorem, there is a number $x \in (-1, 0)$ such that $f(x) = 0$, which means $e^x = x^2$.

10. a) $f([-4, 1]) = [-3, 13]$
 b) $f([-1, 1]) = [-3, -2]$
 c) $f^{-1}([-13, 13]) = [-4, 4]$
 d) $f^{-1}([0, 6]) = [-3, -\sqrt{3}] \cup [\sqrt{3}, 3]$
 e) $f^{-1}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$.