



Solution Quiz 1 : (8 a.m.) MAC3309 Mathematical Analysis

Topic	Ordered field axiom, Supremum & Infimum	Score	10 marks
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1. (5 marks) Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $0 < x < 1$. Prove that

$$x < \sqrt{x}.$$

Proof. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $0 < x < 1$. Then $x > 0$. By O3.1, we have

$$x^2 = x \cdot x < 1 \cdot x = x.$$

We obtain $x^2 - x < 0$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - (\sqrt{x})^2 &< 0 \\(x - \sqrt{x})(x + \sqrt{x}) &< 0.\end{aligned}$$

Since $x + \sqrt{x} > 0$, $(x + \sqrt{x})^{-1} > 0$. By O3.1 again,

$$\begin{aligned}(x - \sqrt{x})(x + \sqrt{x})(x + \sqrt{x})^{-1} &< 0 \cdot (x + \sqrt{x})^{-1} \\x - \sqrt{x} &< 0.\end{aligned}$$

We conclude that $x < \sqrt{x}$.

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2. (5 marks) Let $A = \left\{ \frac{2}{n+1} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$. Find $\inf A$ and prove it.

We see that $A = \left\{ 1, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{4}, \frac{2}{5}, \dots \right\}$. Claim that $\inf A = 0$.

Proof. We will prove that $\inf A = 0$

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $n \geq 1$. So, $n + 1 > 0$. We obtain

$$\frac{2}{n+1} > 0$$

Thus, 0 is a lower bound of A .

Finally, we will show that 0 is the greatest lower bound of A .

Assume that there is a lower bound ℓ_0 of A such that

$$\ell_0 > 0.$$

By definition,

$$\ell_0 \leq \frac{2}{n+1} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (*)$$

From $\frac{\ell_0}{2} > 0$. By Archimedeian property (2), there is an $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\frac{1}{n_0} < \frac{\ell_0}{2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{2}{n_0} < \ell_0$$

Since $n_0 + 1 > n_0$,

$$\frac{2}{n_0 + 1} < \frac{2}{n_0} < \ell_0$$

This is contradiction to (*). Therefore, $\inf A = 0$.

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1. (5 marks) Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Prove that

$$\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \geq 2.$$

Proof. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$. In the fact that $(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^2 \geq 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x - 2\sqrt{x}\sqrt{y} + y &\geq 0 \\ x + y &\geq 2\sqrt{x}\sqrt{y} \\ \frac{x}{\sqrt{x}\sqrt{y}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{x}\sqrt{y}} &\geq 2 \\ \sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} &\geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

□

2. (5 marks) Let $A = \left\{ \frac{2n}{n+1} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$. Find $\sup A$ and prove it.

We see that $A = \left\{ 1, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{6}{4}, \frac{8}{5}, \dots \right\}$. Claim that $\sup A = 2$.

Proof. We will prove that $\sup A = 2$

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $n \geq 1$. From $0 < 2$ So, $0 + 2n < 2 + 2n$. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2n &< 2(n+1) \\ \frac{2n}{n+1} &< 2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, 2 is an upper bound of A .

Finally, we will show that 2 is the least upper bound of A .

Assume that there is an upper bound u_0 of A such that

$$u_0 < 2.$$

By definition,

$$\frac{2n}{n+1} \leq u_0 \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (*)$$

From $\frac{2 - u_0}{2} > 0$. By Archimedian property (2), there is an $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\frac{1}{n_0} < \frac{2 - u_0}{2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{2}{n_0} < 2 - u_0$$

Since $n_0 + 1 > n_0$,

$$\frac{2}{n_0 + 1} < \frac{2}{n_0} < 2 - u_0$$
$$u_0 < 2 - \frac{2}{n_0 + 1} = \frac{2n_0}{n_0 + 1}.$$

This is contradiction to (*). Therefore, $\sup A = 2$.

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